

The Painswick Beacon

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Stroud isolated until March?

The A46 to Stroud will not re-open until mid-February at the earliest. The closure of the road following the July floods has had – and continues to have – a huge commercial and social impact on the working and living patterns of most Painswickians and has effectively cut Painswick off from its southern hinterland.

Clearly frustrated by the lack of authoritative information - beyond the fact that the A46 was apparently to be closed for six months - the Parish Council took the lead in bringing together the key actors for a focused discussion. Present at the meeting in Painswick, chaired by Terry Parker, on 19th September were the County Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Stan Waddington, senior officers from GCC Highways, Jason Humm and John Roberts, Stroud MP David Drew, other Councillors from neighbouring parishes, the District and County Council, the police, fire and rescue service, local businesses. The Beacon was also invited and a full report appears on page 4.

The key points to emerge from the meeting are:

1. Funding is not an issue in repairing the road: the A46 has the highest priority.
2. Under emergency procedures, three major contractors with the relevant expertise have been engaged to investigate and they were due to report back as we go to press.
3. The ground along much of the A46 is unstable and the winning proposal will need to provide a permanent solution. This will entail an extensive survey of land movement surrounding the site - parts of which are still moving - to a depth of at least 20 metres!
4. Price will not be the overriding factor when letting the contract: the specialist piling equipment required is in high demand currently and the ability to marshal these resources to assure completion on time will be a key criterion.

Contract preliminaries should be completed by mid-November and - weather conditions notwithstanding - mid-February appears to be the earliest possible completion date.



The many logistical problems resulting from alternative routes and 'rat runs' bearing inappropriate volumes of often totally unsuitable traffic were discussed and the officers took note of suggestions for improving diversion and 'slow down' signs, particularly along Wick Street and Wades Lane. It was also noted that restoring road surfaces and verges broken down by 'informal organic road widening' caused by high volume traffic should be a priority in the New Year.

The economic impact upon local businesses was, of course, raised – its seriousness being profound in the extreme – and the efforts of Gloucestershire First in this regard were noted.

It also became clear that a strategy for the whole of

the Cotswolds with regard to HGVs was under active consideration. Making the A46 an HGV free route may well now be in the offing.

Of course, every cloudburst has a silver lining: the A46 to Stroud must be the best footpath/ cycle path in the county!

And finally, an interesting perspective on official thinking about keeping the traffic flowing safely is provided by the correspondence between Painswick resident, Ralph Drew and John Roberts of Gloucestershire Highways. Ralph had written suggesting that while the A46 is closed, Greenhouse Lane and Stepping Stone should be made one way only, Mr Roberts replied, "One advantage of congested roads is that vehicles have to travel more slowly, and stationary vehicles are much safer than speeding ones". The logic is impeccable but somewhat reminiscent of Lewis Carroll, who as his alter ego, Oxford Mathematician and Logician, Charles Dodgson, once hypothesised that a stopped clock was superior to one that gained or lost a minute a day, on the basis that the former would be precisely right every 12 hours, whilst the latter would be right only once every couple of years!

Painswick wins prizes

In this year's Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year competition, Painswick has won the awards for both the Environment and Young People categories and we were runners up in the Information Technology, Healthy Village and Safer Village categories.



Pictured here is the team that put Painswick's bid together: (from left to right) Painswick entry organiser, Martin Slinger, Roy Balgobin, Mike Kerton and Gill Richards. The fifth team member, Ela-Pathak Sen was away at the time the photograph was taken.

Oh yes - we almost forgot - a certain local village newspaper also won the best Parish Magazine/Newsletter award.

Well done everybody! (Full story on page 3)

On other pages this month: Cross diners, Croft dinners, ring for the ring, woolly walkers, when is a vicarage not a vicarage? 7 dwarves, 19 new Crofties, 55 horticultural years and 104 naked ladies - all shot by Georgie!

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning White Paper

In our September issue we drew attention to the Parish Council having decided to accept the invitation to comment upon the White Paper 'Planning for a Sustainable Future' at a special meeting of its Planning Committee in August. Some of its observations upon changes to the system likely to affect the parish included:

- Renewable energy – supported the principle of micro generation of energy also on non-residential property such as agricultural and commercial, subject to permission being required where such involved listed buildings or larger visible schemes,
- Development of non domestic land and buildings – extending the impact approach to permitted development is opposed within SSSIs or AONBs unless Parish Council approval is also obtained,
- Neighbour agreements – obviating the necessity for full planning applications where developer and neighbours have a voluntary agreement was regarded as unworkable, although such might be achieved if agreements were between a developer and the Parish Council,
- Minor amendments of planning permission – where regarded as 'not material' was opposed in the absence of Parish Council agreement,
- Appeals, the fast tracking of householder written appeals by a special panel from the local authority was opposed if independent scrutiny is not assured.

Change of use – agricultural/equestrian

The committee expressed concern that changes in use of agricultural land to dominantly equestrian purposes was seemingly increasing and, indeed, not required if some sheep were occupying that land for even part of a year.

Dog kennel

The committee noted an instance in which a sizeable dog kennel had been deemed as requiring planning approval, had been refused by the District Council, and was now the subject of an appeal.

PARISH COUNCIL

Post Office

The Chairman reported receipt of a letter from Post Office Ltd indicating their intention to adhere to their policy of standard of opening for 5½ days each week, without lunchtime closure. He also pointed out that the withdrawal of a prospective purchaser

of Painswick post office was unconnected with this objective and that any request for variation of closure times would be reconsidered if requested.

Police matters

Officers from the Police attended the meeting and reported their recent activity:

- Pullens Road and the parking of vehicles partially on the pavement had received attention, and it was also pointed out that one larger vehicle was no longer parked in the road overnight. Traffic flow was now normally unobstructed, but any further feedback from the Council would be investigated.
- Illegal parking in the village was currently receiving zero tolerance attention and several 'tickets' had been issued in the last few days.
- Speeding checks were being carried out frequently, and note taken that at least 10% of vehicles approaching the village on Gloucester Road had exceeded regulated limits.
- Mobile Police Station timings of visits were the subject of review. This station would be on Edge Village Green on 7th and 21st October for about 30 minutes from about 9.15am. At the request of the Council a smaller vehicle would be considered for comparable monthly visits to both Slad and Sheepscombe.

Youth and local democracy

The Council reiterated their desire to involve young people in its affairs and welcomed the intention of the Head of Croft School, Janet Hoyle, to meet to discuss the matter. Approaches would be sought to involve the PSALMS project to arrange a meeting with their members.

Calor Village of the Year Competition

The Council received a report upon the excellent outcome of the 2007 competition (see separate report: page 3).

Flooding Crisis

The Council received a letter from the District Council expressing appreciation of the actions taken to assist support services during what had been a crisis period. The Chairman drew attention to the many services rendered by individuals and, exceptionally, particularly drew attention to those of Martin Slinger and the Police at Stamages car park and water distribution, and George Hodder who was 'released' for full-time duty with the Fire Service.

Emergency situations

The Council set up a Working Group to consider organisational matters applicable to any type of emergency, not least a conceivable situation where electric power might be cut off for a lengthy period.

A46 Closure

The severity of the impact of closure of the A46 above Salmon Springs for an indeterminate period, including the impact

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of such upon local businesses and traders was discussed, and the arrangement of a special meeting of interested agencies and councils on the following Wednesday was reported. (See separate report, page 4.) It was agreed to urge the County Council and others to restore this carriageway at the earliest possible date.

Wick Street – diverted traffic

The impact of the substantially increased flow of traffic on this route, consequent upon the closure of the A46, was noted, as was experience of the potential for accidents there and in Stamages and Stepping Stone Lanes when weather conditions worsened.

Pitchcombe junction – A46 and A4173

The Council was informed by Martin Slinger that he understood that the creation of a roundabout had now been approved for this junction.

Cotswold Way National Trail – in-village signage

The Council welcomed proposals for these long overdue signs to be erected using existing public posts through Gloucester Street and New Street, with the conventional yellow arrow motif.

Garden waste and composting

A letter from Clare Haynes meticulously setting out aspects of collection and disposal of garden waste was received, and alternative arrangements which might be considered. The plight of those householders with very small gardens was particularly emphasised. The Clerk reported upon the community arrangements for voluntary composting in Bisley, and it was agreed to arrange to visit and ascertain whether such a scheme might be promoted in Painswick.

Edge – project grants

Requests were received for Parish Council financial support for two projects in Edge and it was agreed to equally split the precept budget of £500 to assist redecoration and works in Edge Village Hall and those arranged for Edge churchyard.

Public conveniences – St Mary’s Street

The considerable deterioration in these facilities was reported and the Council approved immediate measures for attention to door replacements in the ladies, and separate urinals and drainage flow traps in the men’s.

Parish Council Surgeries

The Parish Council will be holding a quarterly Surgery on Saturday 20th October 2007 between 10 am and 12 noon in the Town Hall. All Parishioners are invited to meet and have an informal discussion with Council Members.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Roy Balgobin, Clerk

Proud Painswick

This year’s Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year competition brought success to the local community in a range of categories that make up the competition. The event is organised by the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and supported by Gloucestershire First, the Gloucestershire Safer Stronger Communities Partnership, the Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust, The Citizen, Gloucestershire Echo and The Forester.

This year a new category was introduced for the best parish magazine/newsletter. The award was sponsored by the Cotswold Life magazine and the Beacon Committee was delighted to hear at the awards ceremony that the Painswick newspaper had won.

Painswick also won both the Environment and Young People categories. We were runners up in the Information Technology, Healthy Village and Safer Village categories.

The competition results reflect considerable credit on the members of the team that put together the entry: Martin Slinger with Roy Balgobin, Mike Kerton, Gill Richards and Ela-Pathak Sen. Each team member was responsible for a category and the results show the breadth of community life we have in Painswick. The team would wish to stress that their task was solely to report on the extent of the community’s involvement in the life of the village. Had the judges not been impressed by the extent of that involvement the team could not have been so successful.



Crime: August

(July figures in brackets)

Criminal damage	-	(2)
Theft from motor vehicle	2	(2)
Assault (minor)	-	(1)
Theft	1	(1)
Burglary	2	(2)
Burglary (non-dwelling)	1	(1)
Other	1	(-)
Total	7	(9)


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A46 closed...

The commercial and social significance of the fracture of the A46 on 20th July has not escaped anyone's attention; and there can be few, if any, topics closer to the top of the local agenda. Our Parish Council, clearly frustrated by the numerous rumours about how the restoration of the highway might proceed, initiated a meeting of directly interested parties in order to ensure that all relevant information was brought to a single point. The Beacon sought and was granted the opportunity of reporting this event on 19th September.

The County Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment, County Councillor Stan Waddington and senior officers from GCC Highways Jason Humm and John Roberts attended this meeting, as did Member of Parliament David Drew, other Councillors from neighbouring parishes, the District and County Council, the police, fire and rescue service, local businesses, and so on.

Chairman of the Parish Council Terry Parker, who patiently controlled the lengthy discussion, expressed his appreciation of the trouble taken by all concerned to respond to this important opportunity to bring clarity to the situation.

Stan Waddington was totally unambiguous in making clear that no delays in bringing about a resolution of the matter would be attributed to availability of funds; further, emergency procedures for immediate approval of contractual work had been invoked to respond to tenders. The workload of the County Council consequent upon the flooding in July and actual closure of the road on 10th August had increased from some 260 highway schemes to 650, but this on the A46 has the highest priority.

Jason Humm detailed the engineering considerations and action plan. The ground along considerable stretches of the A46 is unstable and any solution to the current slippage needed to assure no recurrence at this location. Three contractors with expertise in piling had been engaged to work on site and investigate the situation and offer proposals to undertake the work by the end of the following week (about the 28th September); one of these will be accepted. To this end the precise stability of all parts of the site, adjacent land and the extent of land movement to each side, some of which is still moving, had to be precisely ascertained, all to a



depth of at least 20 metres! The existence of high pressure water and gas services below the road together with a fibre-optic cable are factors to take into account. The competence of all three contractors now on site was not in question, but the availability of the specialist piling equipment already in high demand elsewhere in the country, and assurance of completion within an agreed time-scale would influence the decision as to which would be awarded the contract.

Current estimates are that all design, assembly of equipment and labour, and legal work will be completed within about 6 weeks (mid-November) and that the work itself could take about 12 weeks before reopening of the carriageway. The then prevailing weather conditions could not be readily factored into the timetable, but mid-February appears to be the earliest that can be anticipated for completion.

In the discussion the notion of introducing a Bailey Bridge for single direction traffic was raised. That this had been considered was confirmed but combinations of the span required to anchor it to stable carriageway at each end, and its interfering with rapid progress to restoration of two-direction traffic flow, mitigated against such an option.

Many of the widely known inconveniences to the public were aired, and the officers took note of suggestions for further improvements to signage throughout the extensive area of diversions. Not least among these were the urging of slowing traffic using alternative routes such as Wick Street and Wades Lane, and restoration of these surfaces and verges early in the New Year after damage by substantially increased traffic. The requirement for traffic signals in Edge at the junction with the Whiteshill Road, this to protect trees from such as double-decker buses using the one-way link from Gloucester Road was bemoaned, because this resulted in long tail-backs and vulnerability to accidents at the junction as well as the potential to obstruct emergency vehicles at times. The economic impact upon local businesses was, of course, raised – its seriousness being profound in the extreme – and the efforts of Gloucestershire First in this regard were noted.

It also became clearer that a strategy for the whole of the Cotswolds with regard to HGV was under active consideration, including discussions with the association representing hauliers. The possibility of denying the A46 as a through route for HGV was therefore in the offing. The implications of the A46 being a diversion should the M5 be closed at any time in the next few months were emphatically represented.

...so, what?

For those of a 'glass half full' disposition, the present little local difficulty regarding the A46 comes with a distinct bonus - at least, if you're a walker or a cyclist. As one smugly electrified Painswickian cyclist commented, "Nipping into Stroud from Painswick has never been better!"

Once past Pitchcombe, you have the road to Stroud to yourself; well, almost: there are still a few cars and the occasional foolish HGV about. As you pass the now completed first repair job on the A46, look down at all the work that has had to be done to undo the effects of 18 hours of heavy rain. Proceed on your merry way and as you come to the Gloucester turnoff; admire the artful layout of traffic cones to form a "temporary" round about and the confusion of signs directing all obedient cars and vans to Edge. However, as a lucky pedestrian or cyclist, you can continue towards Stroud, pausing only to have a chat with the curious horses in the field on the left.

Look carefully about you. There should be no moving motorised vehicles, unless they belong to the handful of houses by the site, are determinedly on their way to the beleaguered Painswick Valley Car Sales or simply can't believe that an A road can be closed. Observe the three point turns, the drivers shaking their heads in disbelief. Once well beyond the Wades Lane turning, walkers can step out into the road and enjoy a pleasant amble along the cat's eyes. Absorb the deep silence and peace of walking down the centre of an A road without any traffic. Look carefully at the hedges, at the lie of the land, the trees and the other odds and ends you never see when travelling in a car.

Continue in this leisurely fashion until you reach the actual site of the Great Landslip: it looks like the aftermath of an earthquake confined to a few square yards, with fault lines zig-zagging across the road. You can look through the mesh fencing to observe whatever work is taking place from the footpath which skirts the site. You can exchange a few words with the workmen and then off to the next section of the A46. Return to your position along the cat's eyes and off you go. Once you are around the next bend in the road the silence is total. Look around you. See the fence on the left side enveloped by the trees and then the corrugated iron sheeting fence. Continue in this doodling manner until you reach the entrance to Salmon Springs where the motorised world returns. Then turn round and walk (or cycle) back – and see everything from the other side.

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Dining at The Cross

At the very heart of the village we have a brand new and, it must be said, very impressive restaurant.

Cardynham House Bistro Restaurant opened its doors last month and is already proving very popular. Venture in for a meal or simply a cup of tea and you quickly understand why it promises to be a great success. For a start, the dining area is lovely – simple, clean and fresh, and with a little touch of the romantic in the back room created by pretty lighting for the evenings. Thoughtful little touches such as the fresh flowers everywhere make for a welcoming atmosphere, a place where you can relax.

And then, of course, there is the food. Marin Petre is the chef and food and cooking are without doubt his passion. As far as Marin is concerned his sole aim is to make eating in his restaurant a wonderful and happy experience. He wants his customers to really enjoy his food. All the ingredients are fresh, no frozen, are locally sourced and bought daily. The menu is very tempting, consisting largely of good traditional English fare and it is very reasonably priced.

Marin also includes Rumanian sausages (mici), home-made, and which I can tell you are very good and already very popular.

Marin and his wife, Catalina, have taken over the premises, (formerly the Thai restaurant), at The Cross in partnership with Cardynham House. For them it is a wonderful opportunity to run their own restaurant and provide a truly excellent service in Painswick.

For two and a half years Marin was the head chef at The Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe where he deservedly built up a loyal customer base. He and Catalina have lived in Painswick for three years and they love life here.

Starting his professional career in 1987, Marin worked in four and five star hotels in Rumania and by 1990 was cooking for the government there. He has also had a year's experience in Germany. Catalina is the front of house person in the bistro and very professional and welcoming. As a child she attended a specialist music school and then studied architecture for four years. She then changed direction due to political circumstances and studied the restaurant business for a year. Marin and Catalina complement each other and make a very successful working team. They are both brimming over with enthusiasm about the restaurant and the customers are definitely the beneficiaries of this enthusiasm. They want to build a really good reputation for the business here in Painswick.

Cardynham House Bistro is closed on Sunday night and all day Monday. It is open for Sunday lunch from 12.00-5.00, and on Tuesday to Saturday at the following times: 12.00-3.00 for lunch, 3.00-5.00 for tea, 6.00-9.30 for dinner. It is also open for coffee in the mornings. Do go along and enjoy the experience.

Carol Maxwell

Clipping Service

Although the afternoon brought intermittent drizzle, the weather did not deter a considerable number of local people and visitors from attending the service which was held in the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Revd John Longuet-Higgins, assisted by Revd David Newell. The guest preacher was Methodist Minister Richards Atkins who, as a Radio Gloucestershire presenter, is particularly well known for his early Sunday morning programmes. He seemed especially pleased to receive his "fee" which comprised a basket of flowers and two buns. At the conclusion of the service the children, a number wearing garlands, were given the traditional bun and coin. In the first part of the service many joined hands to encircle the church so as to complete the act of embracing or clipping the church from which the service takes its name.

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55 and Counting

Despite initial fears that the appalling growing conditions throughout this year might result in a cancellation of the 55th Annual Show of Painswick Horticultural Society, entries 'poured in' at the last minute to give a respectable tally in excess of 300. Vegetables were understandably a little thin on the ground, but all other Sections were well supported.

Major prize winners are listed.

The Society now looks forward to two events in October. Sue Gibson will return to speak about 'The Low Maintenance Garden' at 7.30pm on the 10th October in the Town Hall. Tulip bulbs will be on sale at this meeting, together with the usual bring and buy plant sale. The Autumn Supper takes place on Saturday 20th October with a hot meal being served by our caterer Cheryl Browning.

Philip Berry

Annual Show Results

DICK PURDY	WALLY BROOKS TROPHY best white potatoes
DYLAN DAVIES	DT BROWN'S CUP best onions and shallots
BRENDA DUNN	EH CHANDLER PLATE best collection of vegetables
BRENDA DUNN	JOHN CHANDLER TROPHY most prize money in vegetables and fruit
VICTORIA ELVIDGE	DT BROWN'S CUP best culinary herbs
SUE SHEPHERD	THE SOCIETY'S PRIZE best fruit
SUE SHEPHERD	DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE best exhibit of vegetables and fruit
JANE PERCIVAL GERMAN	JS DENT CUP best hybrid tea rose
JANE PERCIVAL GERMAN	FELICITY SHARWOOD SMITH ROSE BOWL best multi-head roses
BETTY WOOD	C NIELSEN'S SPECIAL PRIZE best foliage pot plant
BETTY WOOD	BANKSIAN MEDAL most prize money in Horticultural Section
BETTY WOOD	DIPLOMA FOR EXCELLENCE for best floral exhibit
DULCIE BROTHERTON	CHRISTINE ARNOLD MEMORIAL PRIZE best decorative trees and shrubs
CLARE HAYNES	GUS GAUGAIN'S SPECIAL PRIZE best penstemons
FRANCIS OTWAY	BILL WEAR CUP best sweet peas
KARIN BELLSHAW	THE SOCIETY'S CUP best arrangement in Class 44 'Simply Red'
JENNIFER GAUGAIN	SPECIAL PRIZE IN MEMORY OF MRS ISOBEL MANNERING best arrangement in a wine glass
JENNIFER GAUGAIN	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR FLORAL ART best entry in Decorative Section
JOYCE SMITH	THE SOCIETY'S CUP for best miniature arrangement
THOMAS HENRY CARLILE	FELICITY SHARWOOD SMITH JUNIOR CUP best entry in Section
PAULINE LAMONT	PAINSWICK COUNTRY MARKET SPECIAL PRIZE best preserve entry
JANET CRISPIN	SPECIAL PRIZE IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY COX best baking
DAVID CRISPIN	JOYCE HUNT SPECIAL PRIZE best men's cookery
NINA HARRIS	SOCIETY'S CUP best handicraft
KATHLEEN QUANT	W.I. CUP most prize money gained by WI member in whole Show

Ring mystery

Ducio Leone has found a ring with an inscription on a country path below Lower Washwell, below Highgrove Barn. If you are the owner, please ring Ducio on 812521.

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The View from the Centre

The Beacon, in previous issues, has endeavoured to keep Painswickians up to date with the general progress of the Gateway project, and in the near future a decision will have to be made as to whether or not it will be viable.

It is not the role of the Centre Trustees to express a view on this, but it is very much their role, as custodians of a facility which belongs to the people of Painswick, to assess what they believe the impact of the Gateway on the Centre's viability might be.

Over the past few years the Centre has been much improved, and around £90,000 has been spent to achieve this. We have begun to plan the next phase, which will provide an entrance foyer, improved bar facilities, energy efficiency, enhanced lighting, and improved ventilation. These activities are funded partly from grants, (possibly from the same grantees as would be approached by the Gateway), but mainly from a surplus earned on the Centre's various activities. These include rental income from longer term tenants, such as the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, and from hire of the rooms and hall by local societies and individuals for sports, drama, arts, private parties and wedding receptions. An important fac-

ility is the bar, which not only encourages custom, but also provides an important source of income. These all combine to produce a small surplus, achievable only by many hours of voluntary input by Trustees and others. This surplus is used to keep the various rooms in good order, ensure essential maintenance and provide the means to make more improvements. Only in this way can we continue to have a village facility we can be proud of.

We have made great efforts to widen our appeal, to find new sources of income, such as a bistro, book shop, internet cafe, library, you name it, and in the main have been unsuccessful. It is a tight market.

We are concerned that the availability of a complementary venue is unlikely to create enough additional activity to enable both to be viable, and that as a consequence the Centre's surplus will be eroded, and quite probably removed altogether. It is not large anyway! Should that be the outcome it is unlikely that we will be able to make our planned improvements, or to continue to maintain the existing facilities in a satisfactory condition. We believe this would not be to the advantage of the village, and that we should make these concerns public.

The Painswick Centre Trustees



Amorata in concert

The next event at the Painswick Centre staged by the Trustees

will be a concert by Amorata. The proceeds from this event will go towards the maintenance and improvement of the Centre. Amorata is Bristol's highly acclaimed theatrical vocal ensemble, who come to us direct from the Edinburgh Festival. They will present an eclectic mixture of songs including popular classical pieces, swing, folk, pop and music theatre. Audiences have been charmed by their passion, effortless harmony and ability to tell stories with song. You can listen to their sound on:

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Tickets, priced £9.50, which includes a complementary glass of wine, can be obtained from The Chairman, New Street, or from 814070. The concert will begin at 7.30 pm.

Photographs of people who attended the Edwardian Evening in July will also be available, free of charge, that evening. The picture below shows the Chairman, Russ Herbert, arriving with his wife, Jackie. This shot, and all of the others, were taken by our globe trotting photographer Val Taylor who travelled all the way from Florida just to take your picture!

Ralph Drew

Centre AGM

The Trustees of the Painswick Centre invite all residents of Painswick to their Annual General Meeting at 8.00pm on Monday 15th October in the Cotswold Room. The agenda will include:

- a review of the business year;
- an exhibition of preliminary architects proposals for the improvement of the premises;
- consideration of the possible impact of the 'Gateway Project' on the operation of the Centre.

Russell Herbert, Chairman of the Trustees

Guide for woolly walkers

Members of Yew Trees Women's Institute have updated a small leaflet entitled 'Exploring Painswick – A short walk around an old Cotswold wool town'. It was originally designed and prepared by Painswick Women's Institute and when that closed Doreen Boon continued to produce it. In the past all profits have gone to benefit the local community, and Yew Trees members intend to continue this tradition. The WI hope that all local shops and hostellers will be offering it for sale at 30p a copy very shortly. If you want to purchase some copies (for example, for your B. & B.) either Maggie Drake (813841) or Celia Lougher (812624) can help.



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Croft school news

Over this summer we have had a big change around at The Croft! We have moved all the classes so that they are arranged in the opposite direction. Now the junior classes are all close together and all can easily access the ICT suite. The infant classes have moved too, with an extension built to make an extended improved space for our youngest class. They also have some new toilets and a new outside area accessible from the classroom. This is not a playground, but an outdoor extension to the classroom that will



enable a whole range of outside activities to take place throughout the year.

It's a very exciting change to the school and we are fortunate that the builders completed the work in time for the start of the school year, despite the dreadful weather and a week without water.

Janet Hoyle, Headteacher

End of Year Awards

In the last week of the summer term, the school held a special service for the children who were about to leave the school to move on to secondary school. Each was presented with a dictionary by the PTA and with a gift from the Churches Together Around Painswick. In addition, the following children were given special awards:

- The Broadham Cup for Sport
(donated by the Rugby club) Kate Davies & Douglas Fair
- The Lucy Hyett Cup for Drama
(donated by Painswick Players) Kit Kirby
- The Art Cup
(donated by PADFAS) Sophie Barnett & Joshua Jakeway
- The Music Cup
(donated by the Music Society) Harriet Green & Matthew Longuet-Higgins
- The Cow Shield (for achievement) Hamish MacKellar & Millie Stone
- Bernard Jones' trophy
(for service to the school) Michael Jones & Samantha Taylor



New to The Croft

Nineteen new children have joined The Croft School this term. On their first day at school they were each given a plant in a pot to take home and look after. With luck their plants will grow and thrive at home as the children grow and thrive at school!



Vacancy at The Croft

A Meal Time Supervisor - 1 ¼ hours per day – is needed as soon as possible, to work daily during term time.

You will work in a great team responsible for the care and safety of our super pupils during the lunch break, both in the dining hall and afterwards in the playground. Experience (paid or voluntary) with young children is an advantage, but not essential.

If you are interested to learn more about the job, please contact Mrs Hoyle (Headteacher) at the school on 812479.


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School Diary	
Dates for the Term Autumn 2007	
Term 1	
1st – 5th Oct	Cycle training, Yrs 5 and 6
Fri 12th Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon 16th Oct	Musical afternoon
Fri 19th Oct	End of Term 1 (3.15pm)
Term 2	
Mon 29th Oct	Term 2 begins
Wed 7th Nov	Open Evening 5.00 – 7.30pm
Thurs 8th Nov	Open Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Fri 9th Nov	Book Fair 3.30 – 6.00pm
Mon 12th Nov	Individual and family photographs
Tues 13th Nov	Book Fair 3.00 – 3.45pm
Wed 14th Nov	Book Fair 3.00 – 3.45pm
Fri 16th Nov	Class 2 presentation to parents 2.30pm
Wed 21st Nov	Children in Need
Fri 30th Nov	Class 1 Open Afternoon 2.30pm
Wed 12th Dec	Classes 3, 4 + 5 presentation to parents
Thurs 13th Dec	Infants' Christmas show
Mon 17th Dec	Infants' Christmas show
Tues 18th Dec	Juniors' Christmas concert (to be confirmed)
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thurs 20th Dec	Christmas parties
Fri 21st Dec	Dick Whittington, Everyman Theatre, 2.00pm
	End of Term 2 (2.00pm)



Playgroup is fine and Dandy

After a lovely, albeit eventful, summer holiday what with floods and water shortages, Painswick Playgroup opened its doors to a new term on 5th September. After waving a fond farewell to last year's pre-schoolers, who have moved on to school, there are many new little faces that have started at the Playgroup.

The new term has been welcomed by sun and warm weather, which made a recent gift of a water-cooler very much

appreciated. Thanks to John Dandy Motors Limited, the Playgroup now has filtered, chilled water which is easily accessible to all of the children and staff. Co-owner Mike Dandy, who lives in Painswick and has a daughter Emily who attends the Playgroup, was keen to donate the water-cooler. As he says "drinking water regularly has been proven to improve concentration". This fact has also been recognised by the Croft School, which has the same system available to the children there.

As Beaty Bell, the Playgroup Leader says; "We are looking forward to the forthcoming term and as always have plenty of fun activities for the children. We are also planning lots of improvements to the building this year plus the on-going renewing of toys. Donations are always welcome to assist with this".



"As ever, we have awaited the arrival of long months of summer with more hope than optimism! Al-

ready instead, signs in the trees indicate a premature autumn and suggest a more realistic interest in harvest festival ----or the latest exciting take-off of Painswick Bird Club for Michaelmas !!

We might not have the wisdom of Solomon but the birdly wise will be enthusing about the prospect of an epic return of Chris Sperring, MBE at 7.30pm on 9th October, his subject, "The Natural History and Conservation of British Owls."

All visitors can be assured of a very warm welcome."

Wendy and Martin Addy

Now for something different...



Autumn sees the start of a new academic year and is an excellent time to consider doing something different. So ladies why don't you come and join Yew Trees WI? The programme is full of interesting and varied topics from making orange pomanders and cinnamon candles for Christmas to learning about women's life in Arabia, The work of the British Red Cross, Pub Signs, and The Cotswold Perfumery.

We meet in The Town Hall at 7.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month and if you join now your subscription lasts right through to December 2008! On Tuesday 23 October Dr Gillian White is giving an illustrated talk on Bess of Hardwicke and Hardwicke Hall. Those who have heard this talk say it is really interesting, so ladies do come and join us. Visitors £2.

Celia Lougher

Cotswold Care Bridge

The Cotswold Care Support Group are holding a Bridge and Supper Evening in the Church rooms on Friday 9th November, to raise funds for the new building.

This is a Social Bridge (Chicago) Evening preceded by Supper, starting at 6.30pm. The cost is £15 to include a glass of wine. Tickets are available from Paula Woodcock Tel 812845.

Coach Outing

Seats are still available on the coach to London on Wednesday 17th October. It will leave Stamages Lane car park at 8.30am, setting down at Harrods at about 11.15am and Northumberland Avenue for Trafalgar Square at 11.30am. The return journey will be from Trafalgar Square only at 6.30pm. The fare is £12.

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Cricket

Seniors

In the final matches of the 2007 season Painswick first eleven lost to Rockhampton first eleven by 8 wickets. Painswick were dismissed for 116 runs with the visitors reaching 117 for 2.

The second eleven ended the season with a victory over Rockhampton second eleven by 4 wickets. Paul Morris scored an excellent 82 runs in Painswick's total of 204 for 6 in reply to the home team's 201 for 7. Adam Wager took 4 Rockhampton wickets for 50 runs.

Both Painswick sides finished the season in respectable league positions. Painswick first eleven were fifth in the West of England Gloucester First Eleven Division with the second eleven in third place in the Second Eleven Division.



BBC Radio Gloucestershire

The local radio station "adopted" the Painswick Club this season and provided time each Monday morning for reports of the Club's weekend games. As a thank you to presenter Mark Cummings and his colleagues Painswick arranged to play a team from the radio station at the end of the season.

The game was a great success with everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable occasion. Painswick won the match but the result was not really important.

Juniors

Congratulations to Millie Stone aged 11 and Reece Morris, 9 who played for the Stroud District Under 11 team. Paul Morris and John Hogg would like to thank all the children who played in the Under 11 Painswick Cricket team.

Golf

Painswick Golf Club have reached the quarter-finals of The Mail on Sunday Golf Club Classic. They reached the last eight by beating Ilfracombe on the Painswick Course at the beginning of September. They were scheduled to play the quarter-final round at Worsley Park Hotel in Manchester on Monday of this week (1st October).



If they are successful at Manchester the Painswick team will have qualified for the Grand Final to be played at the end of November on the El Rampido course which lies on the Spanish/Portuguese border.

The format of the competition is five individual match play games. Painswick have a squad of six players: Paul Gobey (Captain), Carl Gyde, Pete Jelf, Brendan Nunan, Jon Slim and Ron Anthony.

Rugby

Painswick had a convincing victory against Old Bristolians in their first home match of the Gloucestershire Division One league season on 15th September when they scored 30 points to the visitors 7. On the same day Painswick United also had an excellent result when they beat the Old Centralians second fifteen by 27 points to nil. The following Saturday's match against Ross on Wye therefore brought a surprise defeat for the first fifteen by 15 points to 6. Painswick United however carried on their good start to the season with a Merit Table victory over the Old Cryptians second fifteen by 68 points to nil.



October fixtures *{(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table}*

6th (L) 1st XV v Bristol Saracens (Away). (M) United v Dursley 2nd XV (Home).
13th. 1st XV. EDF Junior Vase 1st round. United v Longlevens 2nd XV (Home).
20th. (L) 1st XV v Chipping Sodbury 1st XV (Home). (M) United v Cainscross 2nd XV (Away).
27th. (L) 1st XV v Longlevens 1st XV (Away). (M) United v Cheltenham Saracens 2nd XV (Home)

November

3rd. (L) 1st XV v Bishopston 1st XV (Away). (M) United v Bream 2nd XV (Home).
10th. (L) 1st XV v Southmead 1st XV (Home). (M) United v Westbury 2nd XV (Away).

Latest results

Sat 29th Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 9 Tewkesbury 1st XV 33
(M) Stow on the Wold 2nd XV 5 Painswick United 22.

Hockey

Painswick Ladies had a convincing victory over an East Gloucestershire eleven by three goals to nil.

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Tennis



Juniors

Club successes

Over thirty Painswick LTC young players took part in this year's Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society Gloucestershire Junior County Closed Tournament in the last week of August and, once again, came away with a host of titles, trophies and medals. In the Under 19 event, Lara Fair was narrowly beaten in a three-set final in the girls' singles, and in the Under 10 girls' doubles, Pippa Speed and her partner finished as runners-up. Hugo Strenard-Greed also won a runners-up medal in the boys' Under 12 consolation competition. Alicia Barnett took the Under 14 girls' title as well as the girls' doubles with partner Chelsea Warrington. Laura Bevan was runner-up in the consolation singles event. The Under 14 boys' competition was, as usual, dominated by players from the Painswick Club. Dan Omnes won the singles beating Jake Roberts in the final. Dan and Robert Sidwell overcame Jake and Alex Duncliffe in a thrilling boys' doubles final. Jake Roberts was also awarded the Edney Shield for achievement which was well deserved.

In the Under 16 age group, Sarah Thomas was beaten into second place in the girls' singles, while Bella Haycraft-Mee and Alice Stuart-Grumbar won the girls' doubles event. David Reid was a runner-up in the boys' doubles and Freddie Speed won the Under 16 boys' consolation event. Sarah Thomas finished runner-up again in the Under 18 girls' singles but won the doubles with Lucy Moir (finally beating her opponent of both singles finals). James Morrow and partner beat James Barnett and partner in the Under 18 boys' doubles final. It was an exciting week (if a little tense for some of the parents) and it is a credit to the coaches and the hard work of the children that so many of our players took part and enjoyed themselves. Well done to all our players and their coaches.

Fair Play

Two of our up-an-coming juniors entered the Sandilands Tennis Tournament while staying in Lincolnshire over the summer holidays. Doug Fair won the Under 12 boys' singles while his sister Lara, who is only eight, was runner-up in the Under 12 girls' singles. Lara also won a prize for being the best Under 10 girl player.

Seniors

Success in the Summer League

Painswick Lawn Tennis Club has had one of its most successful set of results in the summer league. The men's A team won the Premier Division of the Gloucestershire League for the first time



ever which is a fantastic achievement – hearty congratulations to the players. The ladies' teams have had an exceptional season. The B team were the clear winners of Division 1A, the D and E teams also won their divisions and were promoted, as are the F team who came second. With four teams achieving promotion and all other teams retaining their positions in their respective divisions it has been a very good season's tennis. Well done to all involved.

August Tournament

The Club Annual Handicap mixed doubles tournament was again well supported with thirty members entering. The competition was run in three separate pools within the first two pairs of each pool reaching the final which was held on 3rd September. This year the final was closely fought with Gill Willoughby and Stuart Hall winning by one game from Philippa James and Malcolm Andrew.

Jillie Speed

Club Finals

The Club's annual tournament finals took place on Sunday 23rd September in spite of the inclement weather.

The tournament saw some exciting tennis played to a high standard with James Barnett beating Rob Ruggles 6-3, 6-4 in the men's final and Alicia Barnett beating Lucy Moir 5-7, 6-3, 6-0 in the ladies' final. In the men's doubles final, Andy Golding and Kirk Plane overcame Stuart Hall and Adrian McDowell taking both sets by 6 games to 4. The ladies' doubles final was won by Sarah Thomas and Lucy Moir who defeated Alicia Barnett and Megan Horder 6-4, 6-0. There was further success for Lucy in the mixed doubles event when she and her partner Craig Stock achieved victory over Mary and Dan Omnes in a very exciting three setter where the scores were 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

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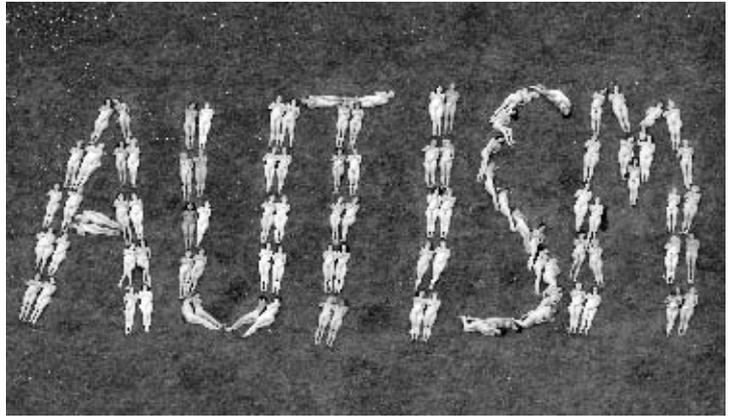
September saw a hand full of Painswick women going back to nature in a mass strip off in Stroud- all in aid of a very good cause...

When the Beacon last reported on the Morris family, who lived on St Marys Street back in 2001, they were holding a charity art auction in the town hall. They needed raise £17,000 to send their severely autistic daughter Rosie to America for some special therapy. Two years and several thousand pounds worth of fundraising later Rosie is doing fantastically- against all the odds. But the fundraising never stops for Andy and Kara (Rosie's parents) because they have to raise this huge amount of money every year for Rosie to be able to continue making this kind of progress.

So they came up with some headline grabbing ways of coming up with the readies. Their story has circled the globe, been printed in five languages and even ended up in the lap of a Hollywood film director!! In 2005 Kara formed The Full Monty Girls and with 4 friends toured the country with their daring burlesque full monty routine.

So when they came up with the idea of a naked charity Calendar, it seemed like a natural progression! Their next stunt was to persuade 100 other local women to join them, posing naked in a field to form the word AUTISM which was to be on the front cover of the calendar.

Several brave Painswickians signed up and a great time was had by all. Not only did the photo shoot make the front page of the Stroud News and Journal, but it was also named picture of the week in the British Medical Journal and was featured on Channel 5 News. The rest of the calendar features



Kara and her Full monty Girl group, with photos taken by award winning photographer Georgie Brocklehurst, of Vicarage street. The result is a beautiful artistic Calendar which, as Kara said, "will no doubt become the must have Christmas pressie of the year. We have had 3000 calendars printed and if we sell them all we will make £26,000 for Rosie which would pay for nearly 2 years of treatment and lift a huge burden from us as a family. We're hoping that everybody who has been touched by our story will buy a calendar and help us to help our little girl?"



And who knows, you might spot those cheeky Painswick residents on the front cover!!!

The calendar can be bought in:- the Shetland shop, Painswick, the Made in Stroud shop, Moonflower, and Stroud Bookshop. You can also buy online on Rosie's website: www.chanceforrosie.org.uk where you can also read more about her story.



Georgie's in the frame

Georgie Brocklehurst has been nominated for the Stroud District Arts Award 2007 for photography.

The overall winners will be announced in November. However those shortlisted will be exhibiting their work up in the Museum in the Park and it is the public who have a vote as to who should win.

Running alongside this photographic exhibition is the Stroud Photo Festival Monday 15th October to Saturday 27th October. There will be exhibitions in and around Stroud along with workshops and talks from internationally known photographers.

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Local History Teaser

Here are two good old Painswick men, but can you name them and have you any idea where the photograph was taken? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's picture was taken in 1977 on the Town Hall steps on the occasion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Our three illustrious gentlemen were Derek Hodges, Jack Hinds and George Brotherton (father of Leslie).

Please do contact us if you have a photograph you think would pose a challenge to readers.



...and the Local History Society

At the next meeting of Painswick Local History Society on Tuesday, 16 October, Deborah Porter from English Heritage will talk about the implications of the new legislation for heritage protection, a significant topic for Painswick. The meeting will be held at the Croft School and starts at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



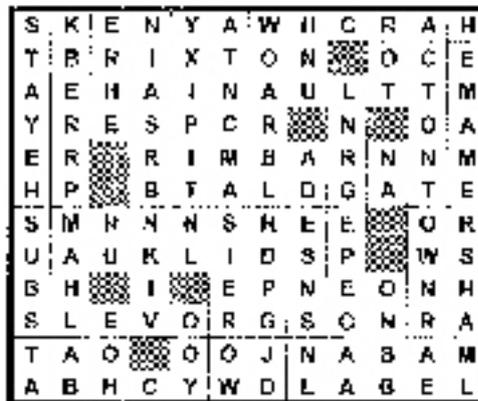
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You've seen it many times, but just where is the Grade I parapet pictured right?

Last month's illuminating puzzle featured the fine lantern on Loveday's House, shown below.



Many readers will have connections with 'The Smoke', so this month Brother Leslie has gone underground to hide 16 London Tube stations here, all with names commencing A-H.



Last month, we invited you to name all sixteen elected representatives for this area, one of which was included twice. Here they are:

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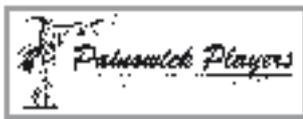
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Headway Charity Ball

Following on from Trevor Smith's London Marathon run that raised £9,500 for Headway, and thank you again to all those who supported him, the next fund raising event will be a Charity Ball. This Black Tie event will be held at the Hatton Court Hotel on Friday 7th March 2008 with food, live music and a disco.

A maximum of 200 can be seated at tables of 10. The ticket price is yet to be decided but in the meantime bookings for tables or by individuals may be made by contacting Ruth Smith on 813693.



Dwarves wanted

At the Painswick Players AGM held on 13th September, there was a lively discussion about how best to re-energise the talents and enthusiasm of Painswick's thespians (or any other nationality). The result was a decision to try

to engage the whole village with a pantomime to be staged in late January or early February next year.

The proposed panto - a unique slant on *Snow White* with seven politically correct Not Particularly Tall People in place of the usual dwarves, comes from the shaky pen of Jack Burgess, who wrote the previous highly acclaimed (by him, anyway) *Dragon's Tale* panto in 2003. Like the 2003 production, it will be directed by Lesley Wolowiec and also feature our lively bunch of YIPPIes.

Snow White and the 7 NPTPs is now more or less written: more, according to Jack, less according to Lesley, who is even now in the tricky process of trying to cast it. Call her on 813295 if you would like to be involved in anyway. Singers - male or female - are particularly in demand. Not to mention seven not particularly tall people.

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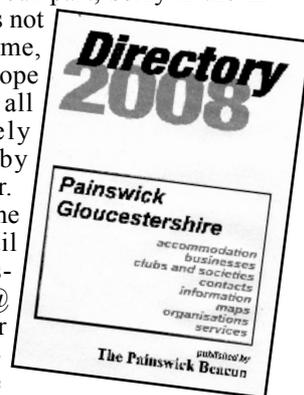
Directory 2008

The Beacon's free copy of the Directory of enterprises, clubs and societies, is prepared early in November each year, and enclosed as an early Christmas present to all our readers with the December issue. Feedback we receive is that this annual publication is appreciated, and of considerable use to readers. High on this list are those moving into the area and requiring services from such as builders, access times for the surgery, finding out where badminton can be played, or trying to locate a dentist.

The information we draw together depends entirely upon readers, especially traders and club secretaries, ensuring that we are given the data no later than Monday 12th November. Some years, and last November was one example, we receive a telephone call along the lines of "Whoops! I saw your reminder, but did nothing about it straight away. Pleeese - am I too late to let you know about new opening times of our shop?"

We are, for our part, sorry if the information does not reach us in time, but sincerely hope that this year all will be safely gathered in by 12th November.

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Letters

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Support the Beacon!

From Ann Dorman, Kingsmill Lane:

Our Beacon local magazine/newspaper is produced by a team of hard working volunteers and, as I understand it, funded by the subscriptions it receives. I wonder if the people of Painswick realise this. It saddens me to see that such a relatively small portion of our village population make a firm commitment to the production of The Beacon through a regular annual subscription.

Most people who choose to live in Painswick do so because they enjoy the village life rather than city or big town dwelling. The Beacon is one way of showing a commitment to this village. I do hope that those who have not thought of giving the annual subscription will do so.

(We couldn't have put it better ourselves - Editor)

Sparkling deposits

From Audrey Timpson, Hambutts Drive:

The residents of Hambutts Drive would be obliged if the owner of the dogs) who visit at night would bring poop scoops with them to remove the deposits their pets leave. We too have to walk on our drive.

(We understand from our Canine Affairs Correspondent that a fluorescent dietary additive is now available which passes through to produce luminescent deposits, thereby making discovery and collection (or avoidance) that much easier at night. Remember also, that the Parish Council supplies plastic poop scoop bags, available from the Town Hall - Editor)

Deli-cious!

From Nina Akram, Canton Acre:

Olivas - what an amazing little find! I popped into this awesome deli to find some fab olives filled with feta, stuffed vine leaves and a petite fresh bread baked with black olives and sun dried tomatoes. So off I went with my little bag of treasure and satisfied my stomach with much delight. So much so, I thought I would tell you about it, so you too can enjoy a touch of the med right here in the heart of our beautiful Cotswolds.

Gwynfa was a vicarage

From Carol Maxwell:

I would like to respond briefly to Ralph Drew's letter in the August Beacon concerning the article on Cotswold88 (once known as Gwynfa) and whether or not the building was the vicarage. As the author of the article, I should like to point out that the Oxford English Dictionary defines a vicarage as 'the house or residence of a vicar.' As Rev. Seddon was the vicar at the time he was living in Gwynfa it would seem ergo that Gwynfa was the vicarage.

According to the Somerset and Avon Catholic History Society, his wife converted to Catholicism only when Rev. Seddon gave up the benefice in 1918, she previously having been a High Anglican.

Beacon subscribers

24th September 2007	2007-08	2006-07
New or renewed after lapsing	119	142
Renewed from last year	483	494
Total including postal	602	636
Painswick village dwellings	1057	1057
Subscribing households	423	556
Percentage subscribing	40%	53%

Remember, remember...

From Jean Hall, Cheltenham Road

Autumn is upon us and the darker evenings are on the way, which brings us to November 5th. We all enjoy the fun of Bonfire Night and the excitement of the fireworks especially the children and that's as it should be.

However, there are many animals that are terrified by the bangs and flashes and don't understand it at all. Would it be possible, I wonder, if your neighbours have animals in their house or fields to let them know, in advance, that a firework party is planned and then the animals can be got in and kept in safety?

A quick call or note or visit, before the party would make it a lot less fraught for "les animaux" and also their owners, throughout the firework season.

Thank you all, in advance, and here's to some good 2007 bonfire parties.

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For those who don't fancy the down or up the hill, a Richmond Painswick car will be operating a shuttle service from outside the Town Hall to Richmond Painswick and back again at 10.00, 10.30, 11.00 and 11.30, and again at 2.30, 3.00, 3.30 and 4.00 pm

For further information, please contact Richard Davis on 813902

Cobalt (Breast Clinic) Appeal

Since I retired, we have raised £45,000 with cakes, pastries, jams and chutneys, coffee mornings, garden parties, bingo, and now we are winding down slightly.

At Rendcombe College during half term, the Cobalt Appeal Fund is launching a wonderful Cookery Book. Now some of the goodies we have become known for will be included, so that hopefully you will be making your own scones and pies or chutney. Anyone interested in a copy (all proceeds to the above charity) please contact myself or Sue on 812505.

At the Kemble Steam and Vintage show in August, we raised £1,800.

On October 13th, there will be a coffee morning in the Town Hall from 10.00am - 12.30pm with a raffle, cakes, books and a white elephant. Money raised is sponsorship for our three friends entering the Stroud Half Marathon. Again all proceeds to the above Charity. As always, we look forward to your support.

June Gardiner, Sue Coates

Phyllis Barron – can you help?

Jenny Grant is currently researching Phyllis Barron and her work for an MA degree and would be very grateful if anyone in Painswick is able to provide any information or personal memories of her. If you are able to help please telephone Jenny on 01329 830056 or Carol Maxwell on 813387.

PROPERTY REPORT for October from Hamptons International

The summer proved to be a quieter than normal period but despite this in August we agreed seven sales mainly as a result of chains finally coming together. There are a number of factors which have slowed down the property market causing a drop in average asking prices by 2.6% in September according to Rightmoves House Price Index, these being increased mortgage rates, the floods, Home Information Packs (HIPS), unstable financial markets and the Northern Rock Fiasco. These have all contributed to buyers losing confidence in the market however don't be scared off because there are still many buyers out there who need to buy over the coming months, many of these have now found a buyer on their own property so can proceed quickly. Home Information Packs (HIPS) have distorted the market, with the average price drop exacerbated by a 41% slump in properties coming to the market with four or more bedrooms. Therefore demand still outweighs supply which has been the same throughout 2007. HIPS should not have had such a big effect because Hamptons are paying (a saving of between £300-500) for all our clients who instruct us on a sole agency basis. However, I think it has frightened off the speculative vendor who would otherwise have tested the market to see if they could get the price they desire to move.

October brings a busy month for us with our London Property Exhibition taking place on October 11th in our Head office in Grosvenor Square which was very successful in March this year and enables us to take all our properties direct to the London market. A number of targeted and motivated London buyers, sourced from our wide network of over 70 offices including 20 London offices, have been invited to attend the event.

After the success of the i-click photographic competition in the Spring, Hamptons have just launched the Kite festival with the aim of designing a kite. This is open to any children under the age of 14 with the competition held in London on 20th September. All your children need to do is visit our office and donate £3 to the Princes Trust and they will receive their Kite kit.

New instructions : Brookhouse Mill Cottage, a lovely period family home, Kingsmill End: a family house (under offer), Damsells Cottage: a period house in grounds of 0.83 acres, Cotswold Villa, Hambutts cottage and Star Cottage: three classic period cottages in the village, Plots 1 / 2 Millbrook House (under offer), Marlowe in Edge: a split level family house (under offer), The old chapel in Slad: a converted chapel with fabulous views, Pear Tree cottage in Brookthorpe: a 3 bed cottage, Sylvan in Cranham: a large bungalow with potential in 0.7 acres, and 15 Hyett Orchard in Painswick: a 2 bed maisonette with garage in this retirement complex.

Sold Properties: 4 Painswick Heights, 9 Hyett Orchard, Ridgewood in Queensmead, Robinswood Cottage in Brookthorpe and Little Cob in Edge, Chandos in Cranham, 2 Vicarage Street, The Cloth Hall, Wynstowe on Upper Washwell lane and Cockshoot house in Cockshoot.

Miranda Harding, Branch Manager



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OCTOBER

Fri	5	Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir concert in aid of Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Concert by Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir, St Petersburg - return visit	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Yoga: Beginners welcome – Tuesdays - contact Emma 01453 840395	Town Hall	10.00 to 1.15am
		Bird Club: Illustrated talk: Natural history & conservation of British Owls - Chris Sperring MBE - TV presenter	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10	Bingo: Wednesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 10.00pm
		Horticultural Society: The Low Maintenance Garden - Sue Gibson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	11	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners – Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Tea Dances – Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market with coffee available	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	13	Coffee Morning in aid of Cobalt Breast Clinic Appeal	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
		Painswick Music Society AGM & Social Evening: Recitalist Edgar Bailey - violin	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Mon	15	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Parish Council	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
		Painswick Centre AGM	Cotswold Room,	8.00pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Heritage Protection – the effects of new legislation – Deborah Porter, English Heritage	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Coach to London £12. Enquiries 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
		Probus: Roman Woodchester – Rev John Cull	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship Lunch	Painswick Golf Club	12.30pm
		Theatre Club outing to Malvern	The Falcon	1.00pm
Thu	18	Music Appreciation - Sun Moon & Stars	Cotswold Room,	7.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: World Authority on Handcuffs – Alex Nicholls	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Copy dateline for November Beacon		
Mon	22	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees WI: Bess of Hardwicke – Gillian White	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus trip to SS Great Britain		tba
Thu	25	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm
Sat	27	Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Concert by Amorata	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sun	28	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	29	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Margaret Hodge	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	31	Probus: Robbie Burns & Tam O'Shanter – Mr I Willox	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
		Breast Cancer Awareness Fund-raising Day	Richmond Painswick	10.00am to 12noon & 2.30 to 4.30pm
		Women's Fellowship: Whiteway Colony – Joy Thacker	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		Music Appreciation - "Bang, Clang & Crash"	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	2	Friday Club: AGM and Talk - Experiences of a Town Crier - Ken Brightwell	Town Hall	1.45pm



Sat	3	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	4	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	5	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	7	Tennis Club AGM	Broadham Pavilion	7.30pm
Sat	10	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair "The Tiler of Gloucester" - The Fargame Theatre Company - Tickets £5. Tel: 814139	Town Hall Edge Village Hall	9.45am to 12 noon 7.30pm
Mon	12	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Puffins	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	13	Bird Club: Gardening for Wildlife – Helen Williams ARPS- Cards and pictures for sale.	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Early Ships – Mr Bill Cowie Women's Fellowship: Scrap Booking – Lindsey Davis CTAP AGM	Shire Rooms, Falcon Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	15	Music Appreciation - Janacek	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: outing Filkins Cloth Mill and Burford Garden Centre		tba
Sat	17	Christian Aid Coffee Morning Trial by Jury (G & S Operetta) and other musical items by the Painswick Singers	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12noon 7.30pm
Mon	19	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Music Appreciation Concert Outing to CBSO Local History Society: Aviation history in the Cotswolds - Graham Pitchfork	Stamages Car Park Croft School	4.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	23	Tennis Club Quiz	Broadham Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat	24	St Mary's Church Annual Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	25	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	26	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mr & Mrs A Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI: Annual Meeting and talk on Rococo Gardens – Paul Moir	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Christmas Lunch Women's Fellowship social evening, bring & share supper	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	Friday Club: 100 years of life in Painswick; David Archard	Town Hall	2.30pm
DECEMBER				
Sat	1	Salvation Army Brass Band - Seasonal Concert	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sun	2	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	3	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	5	Coach to London £12. Enquiries 813965/813227 Theatre Club outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park The Falcon	8.30am 10.30am
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Christmas Dinner	Painswick Golf Club	7.00pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Handbell Ringing – Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Music Appreciation Outing to Messiah	Tewkesbury Abbey	tba
Tue	11	Yew Trees WI: Spicecraft – Katherine Kear	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Malvern Chase & Battle of Tewkesbury - Mr Bill Gregory Women's Fellowship Carol Service	Shire Rooms, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	13	Music Appreciation - Christmas Social	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Sun	16	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.30pm
Sun	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
JANUARY 2008				
Wed	9	Probus: Cotswold Canals – Bruce Hall	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am

Please help us help you by letting us have copy of complete programmes of meetings, or single events, as soon as they are known. In this way our forward listing of them all can be of maximum assistance to organisers anxious to avoid clashes of dates. Thank you.



PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

TANGIER COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of an extension
TPO 15, PARADISE. Remedial works to beech tree.
NUTGROVE HOUSE, NEW STREET. Renovation of railings and erection of dwarf wall.
JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE. Erection of an extension.
Land to rear of EDGE COTTAGE, EDGE ROAD. Erection of a greenhouse.
Garden at BUTTS COTTAGE, HAMBUTTS, OFF EDGE ROAD. Erection of a dwelling and conservatory.
DETCOMBE HOUSE, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE. Reconstruction of existing garage/ workshop/storage shed
DOWN FARM, SLAD. Erection of a timber dwelling for staff accommodation.
FAIRINGS, CASTLE CLOSE. Erection of extensions and alterations.
ROCO GARDEN, PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Structural repairs to vault and masonry; change of roof covering.
1 CANTON ACRE. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation
CAPP MILL, KINGS MILL LANE. Internal alterations.
3 ST MARY'S MEAD. Works to 2 ash trees.
STONELEIGH, GLOUCESTER STREET. Internal alterations and replacement of garage window with doors.
YEW TREE HOUSE, NEW STREET. Variation of 06/1023/LBC so as to agree with planning permission 06/2959/FUL – delete windows on the north east side of roof. Substitute conservation velux to south west side of roof.

CONSENT

ROCO GARDEN, PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of single storey garden machinery store.
MADISON HOUSE, NEW STREET. Retrospective application for the erection of a garden shed.
FOURWAYS, QUEEN'S MEAD. 2 storey side and rear extension, garage, conservatory & swimming pool.
5 CLATTERGROVE COTTAGES, CLATTERGROVE. Erection of a 2 storey extension.
RED LION HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET. Erection of extension
1 WORDINGS MOUNT, SHEEPSCOMBE. Kitchen extension to dwelling & pitched roof to garden shed.
HAZEL MILL, SLAD ROAD, STROUD. (SLAD WARD). Alterations to single storey utility wing to form kitchen, and alterations to bathroom.
APRIL COTTAGE, CLATTERGROVE. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic.
HILLVIEW, VICARAGE STREET. Proposed demolition of retaining wall within an existing outbuilding and alterations to form a home office & loft store.

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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to BEN CHRISTMAS and CAROLINE MOORE on the birth of their daughter Lauren Anne on August 13th (a first grandchild for Sharon and Andrew Christmas).

Engagement

Congratulations to MIRANDA HARDING of Hamptons Painswick and ALEX HAYNES of Bibury, who announced their engagement recently.

Weddings

Congratulations to PAUL JONES-PARRY and VICTORIA BAKER, who were married at St James, Cranham on 7th September.

Also to CHRISTOPHER FREEMAN and MADELINE CURRAN, who were married at Edge Church on 1st September.

Also to KARA WESTERMAN and ANDREW MORRIS, who were married in Harescombe Church on 8th September.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs JONATHAN LEE, who have moved into Cloth Hall, New Street (Jonathan's aunt Lucy Lee used to live in Cranham and was a history teacher at Stroud High School).

Also to Mr and Mrs DARREN SMITH, who have moved into Tythe Barn, Painswick Court.

Also to MORNA and MARK HOLLIDAY, who have moved to Windrush, Beacon Close.

Also to Mr and Mrs ROBERT GARRATT and family, who have moved into Witches Tump, Cranham.

Also to Mr and Mrs CHRIS OAKEY, who have moved into Roseleigh, Cheltenham Road.

Also to Mrs McLEAN, who has moved to 12A Hyett Orchard.

And welcome to the new residents in Richmond Village: Mrs BISHOP, Dr and Mrs BOYDELL, Mrs REEVE, Mrs WHITHAM, Mrs FAWCUS, Mr and Mrs VINES, Miss HODGSON-NICHOLL, Mrs SPEED and JEFF and JAN CLARKE.

And a belated welcome to DIANA and MICHAEL HARRIS and their children Caleb and Emily, who moved into Upper Cottage Tibbiwell nearly three years ago from Colorado USA (!)

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr and Mrs COOK, who have moved to Cheltenham from Painswick Court.

Also to Lady ELIZABETH FINSBERG, who has moved from Cloth Hall to Fairford.

Also to the RICHARDSON family (Julia, David, Ben, Laura and Lucy) who have moved to Munich, Germany for three years from Church House, St Mary's Street.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to CHRIS WEST, SUSAN ROBINSON, PAM WESTCOTT, FRANCES HALLIDAY and JOAN LAMONT, who have all been in hospital recently.

Nonagenarian birthday wishes

Congratulations to JOAN LAMONT, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 27th September.

Deaths

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MAIR DALY, DES EDWARDS, JOHN SHARWOOD-SMITH, GERTRUDE DAVIES, HARRY GARDAM, BARRY GARDNER-ROBERTS, SHIRLEY PURDY and PATRICIA GERRISH who have all died recently.

Personal Messages

PAT DALY and family have been overwhelmed by the sympathy and kindness Mair's friends have shown during her last days. "There are no words which express our heartbroken thanks in the way we would wish. As Mair's husband, I ask that God bless us all and keep us in His merciful care. Thank you all so much."

FELICITY SHARWOOD-SMITH has asked that her thanks go to "everyone who has been so kind in sending cards and so helpful with lifts and dog walks" while John was in hospital. It made "a great difference to both Daisy and myself to have such wonderful support, from so many friends".

PAULINE RUDGE and family wish to thank their friends in Painswick for their care and concern on the death of her husband, Bernie, with special thanks to her neighbours, Lisa and Sally, and Pauline's work colleagues at the Winfield.

OWEN and DENISE GERRISH would like to thank their kind friends and neighbours for all their letters and cards and the help they gave to Owen's mother, Patricia, during her long illness.

ELIZABETH FINSBERG would like to thank Painswick for giving her "a great welcome, many laughs, amazing kindness and grand friendships. You will come with me in thought as I settle into Fairford life. God bless you all".

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