

# The Painswick Beacon

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*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Gold Service

Painswick Country Market celebrated 50 years of trading on Friday the 17th August.

The market has an enviable reputation in our village, and this significant milestone in its history warranted being celebrated in style, and that is just what happened. Across all those years the highest standards of preparation of products has been sought, and achieved, with pride. In recognition of this occasion much extra trouble had been taken, the centrepiece being a special cake which was made by Patricia Davey to be cut by Joyce Smith and Edie Stockbridge (each



side of tasty cake in our picture) the longest serving bakers. Almost all items for sale were garlanded with gold ribbon, the balloons bore apt messages, gold napkins were tucked everywhere and all the tables were laden with home-produced wares from cakes to savouries, sunflowers to preserves and honey, free-range eggs to fresh vegetables, craft work to advance orders awaiting collection.

Terry Parker, Chairman of the Parish Council, attended as did many friends and customers old and new; all were served with cake and coffee.

The Market is a very busy social gathering on Friday mornings, blending the opportunity to buy the freshest and popular local produce, with morning coffee - all from ten o'clock, prompt. Orderly professionalism prevails under the jovial yet critical eye of Pamela Westcott, the Country Market Manager.

As with the regular weekly market, almost everything had been purchased and was on its way quicker than one could say "**The best of marketing for the next 50 years!**"

## A46 Road Closure

The County Council has informed the Parish Council that the rebuilding of the A46 at Salmon Springs is being given the highest priority.

Geological surveys are being carried out and once the tests have been completed and a solution agreed the work will be put in hand. An initial estimate is that the work could take six months but updates will be made available as the work progresses.

Concerns have been expressed by local businesses about the road closure's adverse effect on trade and the County Council is having new signs produced which confirm that Painswick continues to be open for business. These signs were scheduled to be in place at strategic points throughout the district by the early part of this week. County Council officers have agreed to meet with Parish Councillors, business representatives and the emergency services to discuss ways in which the problems caused by the A46 closure may possibly be alleviated. It is planned to hold the meeting once the effectiveness of the new signage has been assessed and more information is available about the road's condition.

## Water Crisis

The Parish Council wishes to thank the local community for the way in which residents responded to the crisis.

The assistance given to many less active parishioners by their neighbours in providing water showed a commendable community spirit. The role of the local churches in identifying those in need was very important. The disciplined manner in which bottles of water were collected from the car park at Stamages Lane received favourable comment, particularly from the police officers who were present there throughout the period.

The police have in turn expressed their considerable thanks to those parishioners who provided them with refreshments on a regular basis. One resident's action in providing an awning as protection for the police during a prolonged period of heavy rain was much appreciated.

The Parish Council has itself received a letter of thanks from the District Council's Chief Executive, David Hagg, for the Painswick Councillors' coordinating role during the crisis.

*Terry Parker Chairman*



*On other pages this month: slashers on the Beacon, parrot away, the Siverbacks next week, Gateway latest, coaching to Bath, tea parties, the dinner matters, your jewellery, this blooming Painswick, all that rain, art classes on, big tractors a go-go, choir from Russia.*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- by Leslie Brotherton

*There was no meeting of the full Parish Council in August.*

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### Planning White Paper

A Special Meeting was held to receive and consider any comments the Council might have upon this White Paper - 'Planning for a Sustainable Future' upon which the dateline for comment was 17th August, particularly the proposed changes most likely to affect this parish. The Chairman, David Hudson, had prepared observations to aid the committee's consideration of the matter.

The White Paper, from the Communities and Local Government and other Departments, states that it sets "out our detailed proposals for reform of the planning system, building on ..... recommendations for improving the speed, responsiveness and efficiency in land use planning, and taking forward ..... proposals for reform of major infrastructure planning".

Readers interested in the subject are referred to the web site setting out the full White Paper (ISBN: 978 0 10 170942 2 Priced at £32.50 for hard copy) and the eight points made by this committee as set out in their minutes.

This is important legislation, and the Parish Council takes it very seriously, not surprisingly retaining rights to continue to be directly involved in all planning decisions.

## Fired up for the Prince's Trust

Adam Beales, a rising young potter supported by the Prince's Trust, will be displaying his distinctive range of wood-fired tableware at a Coffee Morning in aid of the Prince's Trust.

The event will be hosted by Hamptons Estate Agents in their Bisley Street office on Thursday, September 27th, 10.00am – 12 noon with all proceeds going to the Prince's Trust.

Miranda Harding, who is organising the event, says 'Not only will you be able to enjoy the coffee, but you can actually buy the mug you drunk it in as well!'

For more details, contact Miranda on 812354.

## Your chance to join our heroes

Our local retained fire fighters were certainly gallant heroes during last month's floods. The Fire and Rescue Service is now looking to recruit more men and women to swell the numbers of this worthy group in order to fulfill our local station requirements and to that end you are invited to come along to a special evening on Tuesday, 4th September between 7.00 and 9.00pm at the station in Pullens Road.

This is an excellent opportunity if you are aged between 17 and 63 to become part of a volunteer team within the local community and to learn a wealth of valuable skills. "We all feel a great sense of satisfaction and fulfillment in the knowledge that we are helping someone in need," says Mike Powis, station manager. There is also an element of excitement because of the wide range of possible situations involved in a call out.

Full training is given and an important part of the commitment is the regular Monday evening training sessions to practise and



develop the range of skills required. Team members are paid a monthly retainer fee plus an hourly rate for training and an hourly incident rate.

There is a real sense of pride in being part of such a noble team and part of the bigger county group. Our team is very impressive and

you could be part of it. Recruitment is open to everyone, men and women and it needs to reflect the community. If you could be available at various times such as when the children are at school, are employed or unemployed, and like the idea of doing something worthwhile for your community then come along for a chat to find out more and try out the equipment. This is important and the possibility of saving someone's life – well, it doesn't get much more rewarding than that, does it?

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Our "new 1/2 Yew Tree"

Sadly, due to all the rain we had around 20th July one of the large yew trees near to the Stocks shifted badly and came to rest on one of the Table Tombstones and would have keeled over completely if the Tombstone hadn't been there.

Following consultation with Tree Maintenance (who are the company who look after the Yew Trees for their annual trimming) most of the tree was felled the following Tuesday afternoon because it had become dangerous, overhanging the path. The remaining part of the tree will be left until next Spring to see if it can recover and regrow. Further decisions will be made then as to its long term future.

Dennis French (the owner of Painswick Woodcrafts) was invited to select some branches from the fallen tree. So hopefully, in time, there will be some further beautiful articles made from our Painswick Yew available from Painswick Woodcrafts.

*Frankie Marsh Churchwarden St. Mary's Painswick*

## Olivas – our delightful new deli

Olivas, our new delicatessen in Friday Street, opened in splendid style on 23rd August.



The original target date for opening was delayed due to the floods but, undeterred, Brian and Ximena Nuñez have worked tirelessly to create for Painswick a truly delightful little shop. It is stocked with mouth-watering produce, all carefully selected and

of the very best quality. With its own brand of coffee, a large wine list to choose from, home-made meals to order and international speciality cuisines planned for every other week (much of it prepared by Ximena), Olivas definitely has a personal touch throughout. The décor and layout of the shop add to the feel-good factor with soft colours, attractive reclaimed wood shelving and temptingly displayed food.

Olivas is a very welcome addition to our existing set of shops and one which offers high quality goods in a lovely setting. If you haven't already been along do go and see for yourself and support this new venture. You will be pleasantly surprised.

*Carol Maxwell*

## E-mailing to the Beacon

Laying out copy of the Beacon is, with the advent of Internet and Broadband, a far cry from the days of cut-and-paste; getting original and hence accurate text into the page is much more likely when we receive it as a typed text message.

We must draw attention, though, to one particular irritation all Internet users experience from time to time and which has been known to affect our receiving copy for publication.

The best way to transfer a virus on to an unsuspecting computer is to 'infect' an attachment to an E-mail.

Like others, the Beacon receives unsolicited E-mails. However, if there is no explanatory text validating the authorship we never open the attachment. Better still, it is deleted forthwith; no fewer than sixteen have already gone that way this month alone.

So, please note our practice, and ensure that there is a 'Subject' and text in the message itself to satisfy us that the author is of the genuine 'Painswick' article!

*Ed.*

## Paté, Pimms and Puds

Last month we drew attention to this 6.00pm event, at a 'certain address' in The Croft (in aid of charities), and we are pleased to report it was most successful.



Brian Davies tells us "Meriel Middleton hosted a very successful evening on Friday

17th August and raised the magnificent sum of £717 for Christ Church Charities".

Needless to say he added, with some feeling, "Many thanks to everyone who supported the event".



  
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## Painswick in Bloom

The judges of this year's competition were Mrs Jean Butt, a flowering arrangement judge, and Martin Davis, a Gloucester nurseryman.

They thought that the quality was good, given the changeable weather, and particularly so in the higher placed entries.

They thought that the following were best:

### Private residencies

1st 11 Whitehorse Lane - Don Harding

2nd The Old Bakery - Reigh Sutton

3rd 1 Ashwell House - Grace Hanchet

### Business premises

1st Murrays Estate Agency

2nd Painswick Woodcrafts - Denis French

In addition they made special mention of the Golden Heart Cottage, and Meadowcote in Stroud Road. Also the Hairdressers who, being last year's winners, was not eligible this year.

However, they felt all should be congratulated on their displays.

*Pauline Berry*



## The 55th

The Annual Show of the Horticultural Society, the 55th, will be held next Saturday, the 8th September. It is open to the public at 2.30pm, with the presentation of prizes at about 4.30pm.

Teas and the customary wide variety of cakes will be available throughout the afternoon.

The Show comprises no fewer than 84 classes of vegetables, fruit, flowers and arrangements, handicraft and domestic entries. There are also classes for Junior entries. A plant and produce stall, raffle and competition will provide additional interest.

Competitors are reminded that the closing date for entries is today (1st September). Members may renew their subscriptions at the Show, and this is an opportunity for others to join the Society. Any enquiries may be made to Philip Berry on 813227.

## Coaches to Bath & London

Seats are still available on the coach to **Bath** on Wednesday 19th September. *Please book immediately* to ensure that the coach will run. Fare £10.

There will be a coach to **London** on Wednesday 17th October. It will leave Stamages Car Park at 8.30am and will hopefully reach Knightsbridge about 11.15am and then continue to Northumberland Avenue, Trafalgar Square. Everybody must board the coach in Northumberland Avenue at 6.30pm for the return journey. Fare £12.

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.



Today's language still reveals that in Roman times, birds flying to the left (L.sinistra) was a bad omen! But the continuing 9th year programme of the Painswick Bird Club should assure members and others, of bird flight very much on the right in coming months! The autumn dates show exciting diversity from village garden to Antarctica.

The first autumn meeting is in the Town Hall as usual, on 9th October at 7.30pm when we welcome back Chris Sperring MBE, (*pictured here*) naturalist and conservationist. As a radio/tv presenter, another excellent, illustrated talk can be anticipated on the "Natural History and Conservation of British Owls." Nobody should miss the next meeting on 13th November at 7.30pm when our very popular local speaker, Helen Williams ARPS, illustrates how she has developed her garden as a haven for wildlife. For those interested, her delightful photographs and cards will also be on sale. Then on 19th February at 2.15 in the afternoon, on return from Antarctica, Dr. Richard Sale will recount his travels!



It is worth repeating that the club title was chosen to emphasise an unassuming but nonetheless, enthusiastic interest in the recognition of birds, their behaviour and changing habitat. An extensive and expensive array of equipment is not necessary! After the summer recess, we look forward to meeting all our existing members and many others also interested in birds who are tempted to sample the programme. Visitors can always look forward to a very friendly welcome at meetings and the opportunity to go on to membership if desired. Further information may be obtained by phoning either 813094 or 813823.

*Martin and Wendy Addy*

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# Community (formerly Austerity) Lunches

Last year it was felt that the name "Austerity" did not truly reflect the nature of the lunches as they are today, so following the results of a questionnaire this has been changed to Community Lunches. The wide range of groups and individuals involved, which take it in turn to act as hosts, illustrates the diversity within our community and the willingness to help others.

As well as raising money for good causes, the lunches are also an excellent way to make new friends or meet up with old ones whilst enjoying a simple meal of home made soup, bread and cheese.

We will once again be supporting Christian Aid, and our local charity for this year will be PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Area Local Ministries).

The Autumn session will commence on Monday 1st October 12.00 – 1.15pm in Christ Church Hall and will run until the beginning of December.

*Gill Gyde*

## Silverback Blues



Late notice has been received to tell us that the Silverback Blues Band, complete with support, will be performing at Painswick Centre on Saturday 15th September at 8.00pm. Tickets, at £5.00 in advance are already available from the Royal Oak, or £7.00 on the door.

## Christian Aid Tea Party

On Saturday 29th September, a Christian Aid Tea party will be held at the Friends Meeting House (off Vicarage Street), from 3.00 to 5.00pm.

This event is being planned by some young Quakers, who will be there to talk about their experiences in the developing world, which may be of interest to any young people considering VSO or doing aid work during their gap year.

There will also be a small display of a project in Ghana which Painswick Meeting has supported.

*Joyce Taylor*

## A personal view

Our apologies to Cedric Nielsen, whose authoritative article we published last month (page 7), from which we inadvertently omitted the last six letters of its title. It should have read:

### Un-Natural History?

**The effects of this years weather on the natural history of Painswick, a personal view.**



This Group has told the Beacon about their concert outings in the 2007-08 Season. Provisional bookings have been made for three trips this season, for all of which a generous discount Group Booking is obtained. In the last year or two much interest has been expressed by non-members of PaMAG and this is welcomed as it sometimes increases the discount still further, and the individual's share of the cost of coach hire.

The first such outing will be to Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Tuesday 20th November. That evening concert starts at 7.30pm with the world renowned City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performing Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto and Mahler's Symphony No.1. For this circle tickets will cost about £25.00 and the coach from Stamages car park at 4.30pm only about £10.00.

Non-members who are interested in reserving a place may care to get in touch with Stewart Price on 814241 as the take-up of tickets must be completed this month. Stewart will also be pleased to arrange for the complete programme to be forwarded, this including two other major trips; Colston Hall in Bristol in January for the Philharmonia Orchestra to hear Verdi, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky, and the Welsh National Opera performing Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin at Bristol Hippodrome in April.

## Sheepscombe Bridge Club

This small friendly club meets on alternate Thursdays starting on 27th September. Everyone is welcome.

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*Joy Edwards*

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Is the Painswick Centre merely a large building in the centre of Painswick, or is it a community centre where the social, educational and recreational needs of the local residents can be satisfied? This question is most prominent when the Trustees

stage fundraising events in order to finance the maintenance and improvement of an ageing building.

It appears to be increasingly difficult to sell tickets for the events organised by the Trustees. Is this because the events we stage are uninteresting, or merely that the general public no longer feel that the Centre has a place in modern village life? I recall being told recently by a local resident who said that 'converting the Centre into a multi storey car park would best satisfy the needs of the community'. Could he be right?

So, to our future programme of events over the coming months. On Saturday 27th October we welcome Amorata, who are currently appearing at the Edinburgh Festival.

Amorata are Bristol's highly acclaimed theatrical vocal ensemble. Formed in 2003, they provide a polished and exciting interpretation of a wide range of music, from Cole Porter to George Gershwin and beyond. Tickets available soon from The Shetland Shop or from Ralph Drew (814070) priced £9.50, including a glass of wine. The photographs taken by Val at the Edwardian Evening will be available that evening, free of charge of course.

Then, on Friday 1st December the Gloucester Salvation Army Brass Band will be performing a Seasonal Concert. They are considered to be one of the best brass bands in the area, and should get us all in the Christmas spirit. Looking to next year, on Saturday 16th February we will be staging a Valentine's 'Too Hot to Handle' evening, when Penny Lyon and her group will be performing on stage in aid of the Painswick Centre. This event is followed on Friday 25th April by the Gloucester Police Choir which, in the past, has always been a sell out. Then on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May we'll be repeating the Crafts & Antiques Fair which was such a success earlier in this year. So hopefully there is something for everyone in the programme of events, but if not, do let us know what you would like.

Ralph Drew

## Chris and his passion

We are told that laughter is the best medicine. After the doom and gloom resulting from the rain and floods, and then the prospect of no fresh water, Chris Evans certainly proved a wonderful and much needed tonic. When he came to talk to Yew Trees WI on the 24th July, as well as being thoroughly entertained, we learnt how Chris has become the third generation of his family to run Dundry Nurseries. Amidst much mirth we gleaned many useful horticultural tips and were left in no doubt about his passion for growing plants. His enthusiasm was so infectious that I am sure the gardens of Painswick will soon be sprouting an amazing variety of potatoes interspersed with sweet scented Siberian wall flowers!

Are you interested in learning more about Victorian Stroud? If so do come along to the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25th September. Local historian, Howard Beard - well known for his superb collection of old photographs - is giving an illustrated talk on this subject at our September meeting. As we know his talks are very popular we have made it one of our 'open' meetings, when we welcome both male and female guests. Cost £2 each. We hope to see you there.

Celia Lougher 812624



## CALOR Village of the Year

We had hoped to carry the results of this competition this month, the declaration of results for Gloucestershire having been postponed at the last minute because of the floods last month.

Maybe there will be interesting news to convey in the next edition, the announcement coming next week, on 7th September.

## Sociable and satisfying Sunday slashing!

Scrub clearance with The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

The Autumn approaches, and with it a new season of working parties. We work in the morning on the first and the last Sunday of each month beginning 30th September. Tools, training and guidance are all provided. Volunteers are advised to wear stout footwear and to bring gloves as well as a drink and



a snack for our essential half-time rest when we have a good chinwag too.

We usually meet beside the cemetery car park at 10.00am and finish at 1.00pm, oxygenated, slightly weary, but proud of what we have done.

Come and join in. Further details are available from our 'Ganger' John Rhodes Tel: 812709. The dates are in the Village Diary.

David Allott, Chairman

## Strawberry Tea

On Saturday 4th August, around 40 people enjoyed a delicious Strawberry Tea, hosted by Mary Krill and Barbara Elston, in the garden of Mary's home in The Highlands.

The weather was good, and a very pleasant afternoon resulted in £551 being raised for Christ Church charities of the year – The County Air Ambulance; Stroud & District MENCAP; and Fonselisco (Foundation for new life for street children in Mwanza).

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Renewed from last year	482	491
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Painswick village dwellings	1057	1057
Subscribing households	422	556
Percentage subscribing	40%	53%

## Guild Exhibition

The annual drawing together of many of the most outstanding creations of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, here in Painswick Centre across the month of August, has yet again proven for all to see the excellence of their endeavours.

That such craftsmanship continues, with obvious pride in its achievement, has to be applauded unreservedly. Painswick is a better place for their principal exhibition being here.

This year, however, more than a little conspired to 'hit' all their meticulous organisation; floods, water shortage and then the closure of the A46 has meant the most dramatic reduction in attendances - a very serious blow indeed.

We wish them well for the future, and a full 'recovery'.



## The floods and tourism

South West Tourism is working in conjunction the Regional Development Agency to offer assistance to Tourism businesses in flood affected areas.

As part of the flood recovery programme tourism/hospitality businesses in Stroud postcodes are offered Tourism Marketing membership to South West Tourism until the 28th February 2008. This will be fully subsidised by the Regional Development Agency and will therefore be completely free to these businesses. All tourism and hospitality businesses may accept this offer regardless of the size of the business or the extent of direct or indirect adverse affects on their business caused by the recent floods. The only stipulation is that accommodation providers must have current grading from either VisitBritain or the AA.

The RDA and SWT urge businesses to fully utilise all the benefits membership offers. This includes a full entry on the official consumer website [www.visitsouthwest.co.uk](http://www.visitsouthwest.co.uk). This site is promoted extensively and received over 1.6 million visits in the last year and over 250,000 in the last month. It also includes access to the late availability section on the site which will be invaluable in the coming months.

Other benefits include MASSIVE discounts on your quality assessment with VisitBritain –

- up to 15% discount on quality assurance fees in the next 6 months.
- A further 50% is being subsidised for those businesses who pay their rates to Stroud District Council. (This applies only to new accommodation providers or those accommodation providers which have not entered quality assessment schemes before).

There will also be access to specially negotiated and exclusive members discount schemes including

- Streamline credit card processing preferential rates
- npower utilities discount scheme
- access to [www.southwesttourism.co.uk](http://www.southwesttourism.co.uk) which contains industry and research information.

Further access to information and assistance is available via members help lines covering legal and marketing advice and information on sustainable tourism, (with discounted entry to the Green Tourism business scheme).

South West Tourism also updates its members regularly via email and newsletters keeping them abreast of changes, news and industry information both by email and newsletters .

All businesses taking up the RDA funded membership will receive a membership pack which details all the above and we urge all new members to read this fully in order to gain maximum benefit for their business.

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## Short matters

There are two sides to Painswick's Short Mat membership - applying the widest range of skill to sending bowls down the mat in the Town Hall on Monday mornings or evenings, and socialising on those occasions and once a year for a meal.

The 9th August was that 'club dinner' night this year, and our picture captures the setting and most of the members and their partners gathered in the truly delightful village centre garden of Marguerite and Colin Treglown (*on the right here*). If every picture tells a story, little needs to be said about the standard of the meal to come, or the companionship of the bowlers themselves.

What all have discovered is that age, physique or latent skill are no bar to playing this game; the only bar being attitude of mind. They are pretty booked up but lots of opportunity to try the game out on Monday afternoons - if you care to telephone 813627, 812378 or 372326. Just about all kit provided too!



## Lifting the lid preparatory to conserving the tombstones

A new guidebook on the tombstones in St Mary's Churchyard entitled "God's Acre" has recently been published. It is supplemented by 5 information sheets, which explore related topics in more detail. The documents were researched for the Painswick Tombstones Conservation Project by Carolyn Heighway, and who has had input from a number of members of the Painswick Local History Society.

The guidebook is packed with colour photographs and fascinating information about the tombstones, their history, the stone, etc. No guide would be complete without reference to the yews. And the Stocks and the Lamp also get a mention. The churchyard has seen many changes over the last hundred years and these are demonstrated with three old photographs. A plan, at the centre of this 16-page A5 booklet shows the location of the tombstones specifically mentioned in the text.

The five information sheets provide more detailed information and illustrations on separate topics. These are: Painswick Tombs and Tombstones, Painswick Stone and Stonemasons, The Pallings of Painswick, The Packers of Painswick, and The Clothiers of Painswick. Each information sheet is a page of A4, printed in colour on both sides. The five sheets are provided in a card folder.

The guidebook and information sheets were produced as part of the Painswick Tombstone Conservation Project. The main aim of the project is to protect the tombstones from rapid further decay - for the most part by replacing the rusting iron cramps (like giant staples) that hold the tombstones together and by filling in cracks and holes that allow water to get inside. The first phase of the project - in which some 36 listed tombstones are being conserved - is on track for completion by the end of the summer. The second phase will start next year.

It is expected that at least another £20,000 is needed to complete the works planned for the second phase. The project has raised £92,943 to date, including support of £50,000 from the Lottery Fund. If you would like to support the project, please get in touch with David Harley or Peter Rowe. Donations of any size will be most welcome; you will be recognised as a "Friend" if you can give £10, or as a "Patron" if you can give £100.

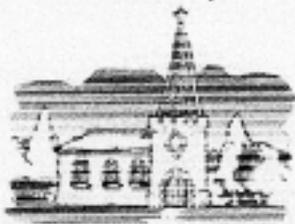
The Guidebooks and Information Sheets can be purchased from David Harley (813150) or Peter Rowe (813228), and all proceeds will go towards the Tombstones Conservation Project. It is hoped that they will also be available in the Library. The guidebook costs £3, and the five information sheets in a folder cost £2. A total of £5 for both.

*Peter Rowe*



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The 'shadow' Trustees have been extremely busy across these summer months. We had hoped to now be in a position to offer a two-stage opportunity for public comment upon a Prospectus and Business Plan, but have needed to vary that arrangement in the light of negotiations with the County Council's Library and Estates Departments; negotiations which are proceeding well at this point in time, but are unlikely to be concluded for a month or more. Among others, we are deeply indebted to the District Council who have not only funded critical expenditure upon our costs at this stage, but offered a five-figure sum towards the purchase of the GCC facility.

Aware of the considerable public interest in our multi-tasking exercise, we have decided to publish (helpfully through these columns) a précis of the draft of the preface pages of what may form our Prospectus in due course. As soon as we can we will publish a full Prospectus of our proposals for public consideration.

*Edward Young Chairman*

## The key factors

*bearing most heavily upon evolving a strategy include:*

The substantial **range of activities available**, mostly but not exclusively through some 70 or so clubs and societies, is remarkable for a village population of about 2000.

The village has an **excess of meeting halls** – to a greater or lesser degree they are substantially under-used and operating at a financial loss. We see the exception is Painswick Centre which has the largest hall in the village and which has achieved significant modernizing improvements to its premises and marketing in recent years.

The servicing of **essentials of daily life** in the community through such as access to food, banking, post office services, medical care, pharmacy, library, butchers, hairdressing, public transport, etc. has been subject to considerable stress/reduction in recent times. There are strong indicators and/or evidence of a further lessening or irreversible withdrawal of such services, with particularly adverse consequences if a countering stimulus is not introduced as a matter of urgency.

Other **general trading**, such as hostelrys, craft shops, bed and breakfast providers, tea shops, and so on find it increasingly difficult to sustain their services within a 'small village' environment; this for a range of reasons, but the attraction of tourists must be the most significant.

The village is faced with a **once-only opportunity** to acquire the prominent and important premises in Stroud Road.

The decision of the County Council to dispose of its **library premises**, comprising over half of what was once the village school, and probably downgrade the range of services offered to the village to a weekly visit by a mobile book loan only. The Parish Council has backed a process, by which the premises be acquired for the community and continue to provide most if not all of what has traditionally been on offer and, if possible, stimulate the local economy.

**Two of our churches**, Christ Church and St Mary's, have immediately taken stock of their meeting rooms and extent of the active use they directly make of them. Christ Church members have made it known, that they are willing to directly join with others in advancing a 'village' project by investing in the new project. St Mary's, has made it known that they are willing to facilitate re-unifying of their Church Rooms, thereby combining to the original school premises. Some significant backlog of maintenance exists throughout these premises.

Our **visitors/tourists** are very much aware that Painswick is located at the **mid-point of the recently upgraded major national trail**. They have high levels of expectation as to what they will find upon arrival in such a location, and significant spending power which can be influential upon the local economy.

The village is set in a prominent position within **countryside of enviable distinction**, it has a modest history and architectural form which is conserved for posterity and admired by people from all over the world.

## The key proposals

*A provisional summary of our main findings and intentions.*

**We are convinced that a 'community association/enterprise' model for the operation of the site and its premises can, subject to the outcome of further research/negotiations, be achieved. Our final recommendations may need to be placed before the public in the knowledge that the timetable for attracting major capital funding cannot be determined at that time.**

The proposals seek to incorporate a **slightly reduced stock library service** but with more frequent 'refreshing', and **extended opening hours** backed up by the resources of the County Council's library department, but **operated directly by the trustees** through a Local Service Agreement.

The trustees regard the **creation of a bistro/cafe rendezvous** at the earliest possible date as vital to the success of this enterprise. The idea is that it be located (at least for the time being) in the area currently used for book issuing and public access computers. This is envisaged as self-financing with a remunerated supervisor, opened from (say) 10.00am until 4.00pm daily and other times by arrangement/need. The service offered would, it is hoped, seek to be attractive at all times to customers from all walks of life.

Creation of a **safe pedestrian route** between Stamages Lane car park and, via the churchyard, access directly to the village centre during most 'opening hours'. The car park, adjacent to the premises, contributes to better accessibility than is available elsewhere in the village.

That there has, for many years, been an excess of meeting rooms has contributed to their under-use and, hence, uneconomic circumstances. As is widely known, the facilities operated by Christ Church are expected, if the project goes ahead, to be reduced. Such will **reduce the number of key venues**.

**The shadow Trustees are pleased to share their current proposals with the village. They are not finalised. In the hope that it will be helpful, we will be in the Town Hall on Tuesday 2nd October from 2.00pm until 4.00pm and anyone wanting to raise questions with us or share observations will be most welcome to come along at any time that afternoon. We do not have in mind making a presentation, only dealing with questions in an 'open session'.**

The trustees wish to develop the closest **partnership/collaboration with Painswick Centre**, which has itself made substantial progress towards modernisation and outreach, and whose accommodation we believe we can complement.

The proposals set out here represent a completely **different way of operating public premises** in the village, and validating of usage/need must be seen in that context.

The premises would incorporate an **information desk and Internet access** open for extended hours, of value to villagers and visitors alike, and seek a national trail interpretation point.

New opportunities for **voluntary service** within and on behalf of the enterprise will, it is hoped, attract support from all sectors of the community and, not least, the two directly supporting churches.

The creation of **new activities**, including some which represent 'excellence' in the Stroud valleys, could occur, reinforced by there being attractive catering services on site.

The introduction of new-build lock-up **retail and other trading units/enterprises** within or to the south of the existing buildings.

## Cricket

The second half of the season has not been as successful as the first for Painswick First Eleven and defeat against Bredon has meant that promotion is now not a realistic objective.

That said there have been some very good results not least in the match against Stroud when they dismissed their close rivals for the surprisingly low total of 75 runs with Alastair Bressington taking six of his former club's wickets for just 21 runs. It was a double success for Painswick as the second eleven dismissed their Stroud opposites for 181, Painswick having scored 202. Josh Tooth took 5 wickets for 51 runs.

Last Saturday Painswick's first and second elevens had victories over the Kingsholm club's elevens.

Painswick's final league matches of the season are against Rockhampton today (1st September) with the first eleven at home and the second eleven away.

Results (All Saturday matches are league games. \*indicates not out).

Sat 4 Aug. Stroud 1st XI 75 Painswick 1st XI 79-4. Painswick 2nd XI 202 Stroud 2nd XI 181.

Painswick 3rd XI 136-9 Woodchester 2nd XI 106 (J Morgan 4-25).

Sun 4 Aug. Cheltenham Civil Service 254-9 Painswick 163.

Sat 11 Aug. Painswick 1st XI 229-8 Bredon 1st XI 232-4. Bredon 2nd XI 245-5 (S Golding 4-46) Painswick 2nd XI 187-4.

Sat 18 Aug. All matches cancelled – rain.

Sat 25 Aug. Painswick 1st XI 227-9 (S Savides 83 W von Mollendorf 50\*) Kingsholm 1st XI 185 (I Hogg 5-50)

Painswick 2nd XI 199 (A Wise 38 J Telling 39) Kingsholm 2nd XI 163.

## Golf

Painswick Golf Club has reached the last 16 of the Mail on Sunday Golf Club Classic.

The local club has been drawn at home in the next round against the Ilfracombe Club in a match to be played tomorrow, Sunday 2nd September. The first game has a 9.30 am start and spectators are welcomed. 2,933 clubs entered the competition which is open to all clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

On route to the last 16 Painswick have beaten Brickhampton, Tewkesbury Park, Evesham and in the previous round the Southampton club, Wellow. If Painswick beat Ilfracombe they will go on to the quarter finals. The winners of that match will then qualify for the Grand Final at the El Rampido golf course which lies on the Spanish/Portugese border during the period November 28th to December 2nd. 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 Rob Anthony.

## Self help . . .

"My name is Emily Tarbuck, I am 15 years old and I live in Pitchcombe."

*With a message opening like this, one immediately begins to feel that we just have to read on, even if the young lady lives just outside Painswick.*

"In July 2008 I will be embarking on a two week, World Challenge hiking expedition to Poland. World Challenge is an organisation that takes students to different destinations around the world. I have been given the opportunity, along with 11 other students from my school, to experience one of their expeditions. I will be trekking across the Tatra Mountains and involved in local charity projects. On the Expedition I will be camping and staying in mountain huts."

"I am currently trying to raise £1300 to be able to take part in this challenge. I would be very grateful for any jobs you could offer me such as babysitting, lawn mowing, shopping, car washing, dog-walking etc.

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## Tennis - and juniors

August has been a busy month at the tennis club.

As well as the highly successful summer camps there have been a number of ongoing tournaments to complete from the adults' summer league and the national junior league matches to the club's own junior and senior competitions. With the winter league season now around the corner, let's hope the rain stays off long enough to complete the summer matches!

Many of the juniors have been competing in tournaments around the country. At the recent Cirencester Junior Open, Painswick's David Reid won the U16 boys' competition, and Megan Butterworth the U12 girls singles and doubles. Well done to them both.

*Jillie Speed*



## Rugby

Martin Hayward reports that Painswick's preparations for the new season include two trial games. These are the traditional opening first fifteen fixture against Gloucestershire Police (29th August) and a second fifteen fixture today (Saturday 1st September) away against Tetbury.

Anyone interested in playing for Painswick should come to the Broadham ground with kit at 1.30pm today. Alternatively they can telephone Ben Pollard, the first fifteen captain, on 07932.389235 or Martin on 07792.911292.

The first fifteen's first league match is an away fixture against Dursley on Saturday 8th September. The first home league match is on Saturday 15th September against Old Bristolians. Both games start at 3.00pm.

Painswick United under the captaincy of Ian Maller begin their season with two consecutive home Saturday fixtures against Old Centralians and then Old Cryptians.

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm. All old and new players are welcome.

## Autumn colour at Westonbirt is ranked one of the 'greatest shows on Earth'

The Beacon rarely carries information concerning out-Painswick events, but one or two comments last year reminds us of the autumn colour spectacle at the National Arboretum, Westonbirt. It has been ranked alongside the Northern Lights and the Pyramids at night as one of the greatest shows on Earth by the Sunday Times Travel Magazine.

Director of Arboreta John Weir said: "It's fantastic to be ranked alongside some of the most awesome tourist sights in the world and to be reminded just how amazing this tree collection is. We can never forecast when autumn will arrive - but we can always guarantee that it will be amazing when it does!"

It was established in 1829 by wealthy landowner Robert Holford, and later developed by his son, George Holford. Much of Westonbirt's renowned autumn colour is often credited to Sir George's plantings of Japanese maples between 1875 and 1900, many of which are still alive today.

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# Victorian Jewellery

## ... an art form .. discuss your pieces

A quite exceptional event is being held in the Cotswold Room at Painswick Centre on Wednesday 3rd October, when Miss Judy Rudoe, FSA (Curator, British Museum), will be the Tutor for a PADFAS study day.

Miss Rudoe has worked at the British Museum since 1974, specialising in jewellery, together with 19th and 20th century decorative arts. She is co-author of the two-volume Catalogue of the Hull Grundy Gift of Jewellery to the British Museum (1984) and has written widely on 19th century jewellery. Her most recent publication is the catalogue of the exhibition Cartier 1900-1939, which she organised at the British Museum in 1997. She is a Freeman of the Goldsmith's Company, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and was for many years Secretary of the Society of Jewellery Historians. She is coming to this study day to identify and discuss members' pieces, rather like the Antiques Roadshow, but without the valuations, and entirely non-selective. So please bring your own pieces, of any period, with you. She is looking at jewellery not as mere personal ornament, but as an art form in its own right that reflects both contemporary preoccupations and changing tastes in other branches of the decorative arts.

The day will extend from coffee at 10.30am (for 11.00) to 3.00pm, commencing with a lecture and followed by questions and discussion of pieces which are brought by those attending. Places must be reserved well in advance at £20.00 (excluding lunch) and be by using a form obtainable from Mrs. Antoinette Bowesman, 62 Hawk Close, Abbeydale, Gloucester GL4 4WE.

# Local History Teaser

Three elegant gentlemen absorbed by a rather significant event. Can you name any of them and say what and when the occasion was?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's picture was not quite what it seemed regarding time. It showed a scene being filmed for the BBC production of Poldark, first broadcast in 1975. This shot was taken outside The Gables with the stars, Angharad Rees and Robin Ellis.

If you have a photograph which you think would pose a challenge to readers we would be very pleased to hear from you.

## ... and the Local History Society

...  
The Society's new season starts on Tuesday 18th September at the Croft School. Mr Ian Mackintosh will give a presentation with the intriguing title, Men Behaving Badly. It promises to be very interesting. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Art Classes restart

Jane Garbett's art classes resume the week beginning the 10th September. They take place in the village on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Classes are fun and social, small groups (max 6) allow for lots of individual support as well as structured group teaching. They are suitable for beginners as well as more experienced artists.

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*Jane Garbett*

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## Return Visit of Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir from St Petersburg

The Resurrection choir Voskresenije from St Petersburg (pictured here at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral) will be giving another concert at St Mary's on Sunday the 7th October at 7.30pm. This will be their third visit to Painswick. Last year despite heavy rain the concert attracted a near capacity audience. This year we hope to go one better and fill the church completely.

The choir has attracted outstanding reviews across Europe. Proceeds from the concert, which should be in excess of £1000, will be donated towards the cost of maintaining St Mary's beautiful church grounds. From last year's concert the profit on wine and programme sales also enabled the organisers to make a donation of £200 to other charities.

This year we know there will be one or two changes in the choir's composition. One member of the choir is now singing for a leading Russian operatic company.

Jurig Maruk, the leader and conductor, recruits new members from the St Petersburg Conservatoire. As the former leader of the St Petersburg Radio and Television choir he is very well regarded by the Conservatoire. He says the competition for places in his choir is intense. The outcome is that we have the opportunity to hear some outstanding new young talent. The choir is a combination of older long established members and new young talent which creates a freshness that makes the choir so exciting.

Economic conditions in Russia are harsh for aspiring musicians. At last year's concert an unscheduled interval appeal raised £600 for a charity which supports students of outstanding talent who without help would not be able to attend the St Petersburg Conservatoire. I think this gives a clear indication of how well the concert was received.

Tickets priced £12 (£8 under 16) are available from The Chairman New Street Painswick, The Benefice Office, by post from Nigel Burt 810935 or at the door (subject to availability).



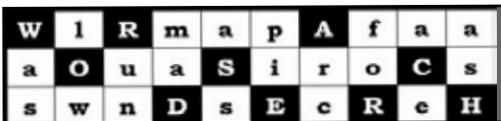
*Nigel Burt*

## Museum in the Park

Our attention has been drawn to the publicity being given to the reliance this very interesting museum has upon volunteers. They say "It's no exaggeration to say that without their help we would not be able to open to the public.

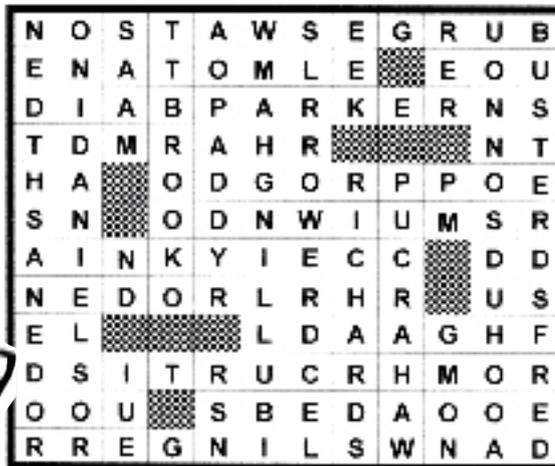
We need warm friendly people who will make our visitors feel welcome, give them assistance if needed and occasionally help with special events. No experience or specialist knowledge is necessary, just enthusiasm and a smile! The rewards of volunteering are many – it's an opportunity to work in pleasant surroundings with a great team, to get to know more about Stroud's history and a worthwhile addition to your CV. If you can spare a couple of hours a week or a fortnight why not give us a call today, you have nothing to lose!"

Contact details are: The Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud GL5 4AF 01453.763394 museum@stroud.gov.uk www.stroud.gov.uk/museum



A 'democratic' approach this month.

We have sixteen elected representatives, comprising 12 Parish Councillors, 2 District Councillors, 1 County Councillor, and our Member of Parliament. Can you find all sixteen and, if you can, which one has their name printed twice.



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# Charity Tractor Drive

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who have sponsored me and wished me luck and the rest of the group on our tractor Drive from John O'Groats to Lands End in aid of the Cardiomyopathy Association Charity.

We had all sorts of weather from the first few days we got sun burnt then the rest of the days we had heavy rain, gales, thunder storms and some sun. We took 12 days to drive the journey and had a lot of support on the way. Some photographic evidence here, with a call at Berkeley Show en route.

I personally raised over £3,000 and together with the rest of the group we raised over £10,000.

If anyone else would like to make a donation they can do so by sending a cheque made payable to the Cardiomyopathy Association Charity, and send it to me at 7 Acres, The Camp, Stroud, Glos, GL6 7EU.

So once again a thank you for the donations and support.

*Richard Twinning*



## set £10 000 target

The Painswick Unrunners have a full schedule of training and organised runs planned for September as they get closer to their goal: to run The Stroud Half Marathon on October 21st. Not only are they planning to run 13.1 miles (or 21.1kilometres!), but they are also planning to raise £10 000 for The Croft School and The Williams Syndrome Foundation through sponsorship and a musical fundraising evening. Our photograph shows Rob and Mandy Green in action near Bulls Cross.

The Painswick Unrunners all have a connection with The Croft Primary School as parents, former parents and supporters. Many started training in January, having never done any running before and others have joined as word of this fun loving, 'have a go' group has spread.

### The Williams Syndrome Foundation

Mike Adlam, a well known resident of Edge and former Chairman of Governors of The Croft School, is Chairman of The Williams Syndrome Foundation. He and his family, wife Valerie, daughters, Charlotte, Melissa and son Sam (WS member and former Croft School pupil) have run, cycled and inspired people in this area to raise funds for the Foundation and for the 7th year are inviting people of all abilities to run The Stroud Half Marathon as part of Team Williams Syndrome.

Williams Syndrome is a rare disorder. Like Down's Syndrome it is caused by an abnormality in chromosomes, and shows a wide variation in ability from person to person. It is a non-hereditary syndrome which occurs at random and can effect brain development in varying degrees, combined with some physical effects or physical problems. These range from lack of co-ordination, slight muscle weakness, possible heart defects and occasional kidney damage. Hypercalcaemia - a high calcium level - is often discovered in infancy, and normal development is generally delayed. The incidence is approximately 1 in 25,000. The Foundation hears of over 75 cases a year - and this figure is rising as publicity spreads. By 2002 over 1300 cases were known in the UK.

The Williams Syndrome Foundation is run for parents by parents. There are no paid fund-raisers and funds go directly to research and welfare, apart from minimal administrative expenses. The Foundation is supported by a panel of eminent medical and professional advisers.

### The Croft School

The Croft School PTA run a regular programme of fundraising to supply items of equipment and outings for the children to enhance their welfare and education. It is hoped that the money raised by the Painswick Unrunners will go to a new shaded, outdoor area for the children to use at break and lunch times and for parents to use as a waiting area. (The Croft School are currently reorganising the siting of the classes and adding an outdoor extension to the room that was formerly used by Class 5).

*Rosemary Sanderson*



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## Pilates in Painswick

Since September 2005, amongst the varied activities held in Painswick have been evening classes in Pilates run by Julia Currie, a local teacher. She says that Pilates can be adapted for all sorts of bodies, levels of fitness and to create a varied class. Many people find that their all round well-being improves from doing Pilates, and for others, aches and pains disappear or sports performance improves.

At the Town Hall, Julia now run a class on Thursday evenings. Although she is unable to start a beginners class this Autumn, if anyone has done some Pilates and would like to try it again, you are invited to get in touch with her on 01453.764376.

Classes will be starting again later in September, so when you call she can give you more details. Alternatively, she suggests you keep your eyes on the Parish notice boards in late August.

## Consultation opportunity regarding the recent floods

The House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has decided that it will hold an inquiry into flooding. Evidence sessions are likely to begin on 10th October and the Committee's work is intended to contribute to the conclusions of the independently-led 'lessons learned' exercise that the Secretary of State announced on 12th July. The Committee is appointing Members to gather information from some of those directly involved in order to help inform its inquiry.

The Committee invites written memoranda from interested parties on the issues raised by recent flooding in England and Wales and what steps public authorities should take to address them; these should reach the Committee by 13th September.

In addition, while memories are fresh, the Committee would welcome brief e-mails to [efracom@parliament.uk](mailto:efracom@parliament.uk) from people and organisations directly affected by the recent flooding, with suggestions about the issues the Committee should examine during its inquiry.

## The M5

Such was the chaos and danger in and around Painswick, and our neighbours of Pitchcombe and Whiteshill, on Friday 24th August consequent upon the prolonged closure of the M5, and the widespread muttering of villagers as they made their way on foot or by car in this area, that we enquired of the Parish Council whether they had made comment to the police. A substantial number of huge lorries chose to re-route themselves via the A46 even though they cannot have failed to see the 'road closed' notices; so, where were the police to manage such foolhardy action?

While we would be among the first to condemn the use of firearms by anyone, anywhere, there seems to have been no explanation given for the closing of both the north and southbound carriageways of the M5 for several hours when the alleged shooting seemingly only related to the one carriageway.

Chairman of the Parish Council Terry Parker told the Beacon that both he and the Clerk to the Council Roy Balgobin had made unsuccessful requests to the police for their assistance to prevent heavy lorries from using the A46 Stroud road beyond the road closed sign at the Brockworth roundabout.

For a change, we show you the whole of this illuminating feature - but do you know the name or location of the property?

Last month we focused upon a silhouette, well just one part of it. The fine fellow keeps an eye on the churchyard from his lofty perch in Victoria Square.



## ArchiTecs



One or two extra advertisements this month. We have intentionally exceeded our 20% space limit for good reasons - new enterprises deserve to be welcomed.

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# Letters

## Cotswolds88

*Ralph Drew informs us:*

In your article on Cotswolds88 (originally known as Gwynfa House) it is suggested that it was once the vicarage. This may well be a popular misconception. Frances Isabel Perrins (eldest daughter of Frances Sarah Williams, who gifted us the Painswick Centre), married Rev William Herbert Seddon on 15th September 1881. At the time Rev Seddon was Vicar of Little Aston.

When he became Vicar of Painswick, Frances Isabel decided that the vicarage was too small for their family and purchased Gwynfa House as the family home. She was a Roman Catholic and mass was regularly said in Gwynfa, not likely in a vicarage! A picture of the family hangs in the Green Room of the Painswick Centre.

Source: 'Perrins', Transcript of a scrap book compiled by Ellen Mary Dixey between 1864 and 1910. James Dyson Perrins was the first husband of Frances Sarah Williams, and father of Frances Isabel.

## Police phenomenon

*Alan Hudson writes from Butt Green:*

The lack of water in Painswick last month was annoying and frustrating. However there was one bright spot amongst the trials and tribulations. I refer to the presence of the police on Stamages Lane car park - such a surprise!

The lady constable in particular was polite, cheerful and extremely kind, helping to load the various cars with bottled water.

Like a lot of my fellow Painswickians I had not seen the police in the village before, so I took the opportunity to take a number of photographs for posterity. I was particularly impressed with how the uniforms have changed; very smart indeed.

I am so glad they have got rid of those helmets.

## Pluvial postscript

*David Allott saw the figures and wrote:*

Your readers might tolerate yet more rainfall data. The July total in Painswick had reached 159mm when the August Beacon went to press on Saturday 21st. The last dollop on Sunday 29th took the month's total, in Ted Fellows' Orchard Mead gauge, to 197mm (about

7 3/4 inches in old money), more than FIVE times the Stroud 30 year average of 35mm. Only 8 of the month's 31 days were rain free.

In August the heavy rain on Tuesday 14th produced another inch-in-a-day.

## The A46 closure

*Jackie Herbert has observations:*

With the A46 closed for some months please may I offer a few words of caution to those who are now using our beautiful but narrow, steep and slippery lanes.

If you are not confident in reversing (be honest!) avoid them by taking the A46 to Pitchcombe, turn right towards Gloucester then left by Edge Church to the Stroud, Paganshill roundabout.

If you can reverse still drive cautiously and be willing to move into suitable passing places whenever possible. If leaving an uphill passing place, reverse out of the space before progressing forward, you won't spin your wheels and may keep your car cleaner! Also stop for walkers or riders and let them move past you if they have no wide verges to escape to.

Thanks to the local taxi driver who is always most considerate. I am sure you know who you are - a good example to all!

## PROPERTY REPORT for September from Murrays

### OLD HOUSE OR NEW

A dilemma that faces so many of our buyers and now even more so with the introduction of the EPC (energy performance certificate) which rates, on a points system, the economic efficiency of your property. The Murray family have been selling houses in the Stroud Valleys since the early seventies and nearly every buyer coming through the door is looking for the perfect Cotswold stone cottage or period character house, which you might expect when you move to or live in the Cotswolds. Older properties, by the nature of what they are and what planning and listed building regulations will allow, are going to have a less appealing rating than the modern or new house with its latest insulation standards, double glazing and sophisticated heating systems. Our business is this type of property and we don't believe, that once the dust has settled, buyer's views of buying older will change. It's like buying a classic car, if you want it and you can afford it, you will buy it even if it does do 12 to the gallon and costs a fortune to maintain. Likewise if you want to live in a house that looks fabulous, has history, charm, character and lots of period features you won't mind paying a little more for your heating and maintenance in order to enjoy looking after something that gives you and your family a great deal of pleasure and that you can cherish and admire. To a lot of buyers however, who come to us looking for old, they

frequently end up buying modern or new. One mustn't forget that location is often the buyers highest priority and when you live in as special and beautiful an area as ours, if you can find the right location, a modern or new home can often do, as well, of course, as not having the worries of the damp, woodworm infested, drafty period dream home you originally had in mind. I must say I would always go for the challenge, but we sell them all, old, modern and new, and pride ourselves in guiding our buyers to the properties that best suit their needs.

New Instructions for Murrays include The Old Star on Gloucester Street which has some very interesting original features, Fair Hills in Lower Washwell commanding stunning views, Brockley House and Westholme both right in the centre of the village, Braemar a charming Cotswold cottage in Edge, Bondend Farm which is a classic Farmhouse retaining all of its original features, 1 Springfield Cottages a lovely end of terrace cottage in Birdlip and Well Cottage in The Camp.

Properties that have now sold or are currently under offer are Court Cottage, Mermagen House, The Former Lloyds TSB, Windrush Beacon Close, Roseleigh, 9 Berry Close, 7 Churchill Way, 4 Clattergrove Cottages, 12a Hyett Orchard, Elmbank in Pitchcombe, Allanhay in Edge, Witches Tump and Winding Waters in Cranham and Harefield Farm in Bird in Hand.

*James Murray*



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## SEPTEMBER

Sun	2	Resthaven Nursing Home Fete Knock out your local 'Locals'	Resthaven, Pitchcombe Broadham Field	From 2.00pm From 12 noon
Tue	4	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Yoga: Beginners welcome – Tuesdays - contact Emma 01453 840395	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00 noon
Wed	5	Fire Station - special evening (see p.2) Probus: The Silent Service - Mr J Yates Women's Fellowship: Opening service Bingo: Wednesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/ Liz, 813139	Town Hall Fire Station Shire Rooms, Falcon Friends Meeting House	10.00 to 1.15am 7.00 to 9.00pm 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	6	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners – Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall	7.30 to 10.00pm 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market with coffee available Friday Club: Canine Partners	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	8	Horticultural Society Annual Show Youthful Jazz (see p 19)	Painswick Centre Sir Thomas Rich's School	2.30pm to 5.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	10	Art Classes restart (see p 12)	tba	tba
Wed	12	Painswick Players AGM (Cotswold Room)	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Thu	13	Tea Dances – Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Sat	15	Silverback Blues Band plus Support	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: Men Behaving Badly – Ian Mackintosh	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: Tying the knot – Life in a Register Office – Mr R Nott Coach to Bath, £10. Enq.813965 / 813227 Women's Fellowship: AGM	Shire Rooms, Falcon Stamages Car Park Christ Church Hall Cotswold Room	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	20	Music Appreciation - Opening 20th Season	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	21	Friday Club: Let's start at Gloucester Docks - Jane Otway Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon	6.30pm
Sat	22	<b>Copy dateline for October Beacon</b>		
Sun	23	Clipping Service	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Victorian Stroud – Howard Beard	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Sheepscombe Bridge Club: season start (see p 5)	Village Hall	7.15pm
Sat	29	Christian Aid Tea Party	Friends Meeting House	3.00 to 5.00pm
Sun	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm

## OCTOBER

Mon	1	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	2	Painswick Gateway: open session (see p 9)	Town Hall	2.00 to 4.00pm
Wed	3	Probus: Changes in China – Mr M Gemmil Victorian Jewellery (see p 12) Women's Fellowship: Recipe Ideas – Heather Whyte	Shire Rooms, Falcon Cotswold Room Christ Church Hall Cotswold Room	10.00am 10.30am for 11.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	4	Music Appreciation - Gloucestershire Connection	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Friday Club: outing 'Autumn Colours – apple shopping'	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sat	6	<b>October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709) Concert by Voskreseniye (Resurrection) Choir, St Petersburg - return visit	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm 7.30pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Bird Club: Natural history & conservation of British Owls - Chris Sperring MBE - TV presenter	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10	Horticultural Society: The Low Maintenance Garden - Sue Gibson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	13	Coffee Morning in aid of Cobalt Breast Clinic Appeal Painswick Music Society AGM: Recitalist Edgar Bailey - violin	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
Mon	15	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Parish Council	Church Rooms Christ Church Hall	7.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Heritage Protection – the effects of new legislation – Deborah Porter	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Coach to London £12. Enquiries 813965/813227 Probus: Roman Woodchester – Rev John Cull Women's Fellowship Lunch Theatre Club outing to Malvern	Stamages Car Park Shire Rooms, Falcon Painswick Golf Club The Falcon	8.30am 10.00am 12.30pm 1.00pm
Thu	18	Music Appreciation - Sun, Moon and Stars	Cotswold Room	7.30pm



Fri	19	Friday Club: World Authority on Handcuffs – Alex Nicholls	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	22	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00 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 (note amended date)	tba	
Thu	25	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm
Sat	27	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	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	31	Probus: Robbie Burns & Tam O'Shanter– Mr I Willox Women's Fellowship: Whiteway Colony– Joy Thacker	Shire Rooms, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm

## NOVEMBER

Thu	1	Music Appreciation - 'Bang, Clang and Crash'	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	2	Friday Club: AGM and Talk - Experiences of a Town Crier - Ken Brightwell	Town Hall	1.45pm
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	12.00 to 1.15pm
Sat	10	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12 noon
Mon	12	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Puffins	Christ Church Hall	12.00 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 - Janaček	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: outing Filkins Cloth Mill and Burford Garden Centre	tba	
Sat	17	Christian Aid Coffee Morning (note amended date) 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	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Aviation history in the Cotswolds - Graham Pitchfork Music Appreciation - Concert outing	Croft School Symphony Hall	7.30pm 4.30pm
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	12.00 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	12.00 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
Fri	7	Friday Club: Handbell Ringing – Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Music Appreciation - 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	30	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - Scrub Clearance (location check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm

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### JANUARY

Wed	9	Probus: Cotswold Canals – Bruce Hall	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	10	Music Appreciation - Chopin	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: A Briggs / Archard production!	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Building a Medieval Cathedral - Peter Petrie	Shire Rooms, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	24	Music Appreciation - Concert Outing	Colston Hall - Bristol	5.00pm

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

THE DOREYS, EDGE ROAD, EDGE  
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9 CANTON ACRE New access, exten-  
sions and alterations.

DAMSELLS FARM Additional roof-  
light.

HAZELBURY HOUSE, NEW STREET  
Rebuilding of stone entrance pillars.

OLIVERS FARM COTTAGE, CHEL-  
TENHAM ROAD Retrospective  
application for change of use of exist-  
ing barn to indoor arena, construction  
of stable block and erection of a horse  
walker.

CHAPEL COTTAGE, THE GREEN,  
EDGE External alterations.

WASHWELL FARM, CHELTENHAM  
ROAD Erection of an agricultural stor-  
age barn.

## CONSENT

TOCKNELLS COURT, CHELTEN-  
HAM ROAD Re-roofing & inserting  
insulation at Tocknells Court and Court  
Cottage. Installation of satellite dish.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, NEW  
STREET Repairs to monument 244 (f).  
CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD Erection of  
an extension and internal alterations.  
LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD  
New garage with games room over and  
enclosure. Removal of disused outbuild-  
ing.

OVERDALE, SLAD Extensions to  
existing dwelling and garage.

KEMPS ORCHARD, KEMPS LANE  
Erection of a shed.

PEN Y BRYN, SLAD Erection of an  
extension.

1 WOODBINE COTTAGE, SLAD  
ROAD, SLAD Single storey extension  
to provide a porch.

GATTAMORA, FRIDAY STREET  
Erection of an extension.

BEAMSLEY, CHELTENHAM ROAD  
Revised application for a single sto-  
rey stable block following permission  
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GLEBE END, LOWER WASHWELL  
LANE 2 storey rear extension and  
single storey extension to provide utility  
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## Youthful Jazz

Do you like listening to good music whilst enjoying fine wines and raising money for charity? 'An Evening of Jazz' is a chance to listen to young Musicians of the highest standard coming together for a relaxing evening of fantastic music to raise money for charity before they leave Gloucestershire to further their careers in music.

Jessica Pywell, long-time resident of Kingsmill Lane, a local singer who is making a name for herself, has teamed up with a friend to organise this concert on Saturday 8th September at 7.30pm in Sir Thomas Rich's School Hall. Tickets, including a glass of wine on arrival, are £8 for adults, £5 for concessions (students included). This is a black tie or smart dress event with a licensed bar.

So, who are the performers? Take Five - a lively, young close harmony group of pupils from Kings School Gloucester, who are making a name for themselves in the surround-  
ing area. Pete Martin Quartet - professional jazz musicians who have played as part of the Cheltenham Jazz festival.

And the charity? The Shewula Mountain Trust, in Swaziland. Shewula Mountain is on the northern border of Swaziland in Southern Africa. This mountain homes over 10,000 people and over 1,500 of these are orphans to the AIDS virus.

Tickets can be obtained from Jessi Pywell, Wheat Leaze, Kingsmill Lane, Painswick GL6 6RZ; cheques payable to Ayibuy'imbeleko Orphan Care.

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to CATHERINE and GARETH ROBINSON on the birth of their daughter, Lois Elizabeth, on 13th July,

also to HELEN and PETER GEORGE on the birth of their son, Benjamin Luke on 16th August,

these the first grandchildren for Hilary and David Simpson.

## Nonagenarian birthday wishes

Congratulations to HUGH McGREGOR ROSS on his 90th birthday on the 31st August, yesterday.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to SHIRLEY PURDY, JOHN SHARWOOD-SMITH, JOHN DANDY, DEREK and IRENE HODGES and MARG SHEA who has suffered a serious accident in France.

## Weddings

Congratulations to JAMES STUART and FIONA TAIT who were married at St James the Great Church in Cranham on 4th August,

also to ROZ FISHER of Painswick and PERRY LOVEDAY of Oxford who were married at Cotgrove Wood, Nottingham, on 3rd August,

and to ALEXANDER PETTIFER and LAURA ELGAR who were married at St Mary's Church in Painswick on 25th August.

## Deaths

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of TONY COOKE who once lived in Painswick, but died in Vancouver, Canada,

also ANN HOLBURN whose funeral was held in Cranham on 31st July, and ESTHER DANGERFIELD who died in hospital aged 90 on 15th August, with the funeral in Painswick on 5th September,

also ROSEMARY MERMAGEN and BERNARD RUDGE.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome CHRISTINE and MIKE CAMPBELL to Avonlea, Hollyhock Lane, and JOYCE and GORDON ENTWISLE to an apartment at Richmond Painswick.

## Personal Messages

Shirley and Dick Purdy thank everyone in Painswick for their kind messages, cards, letters and enquiries following Shirley's admission to hospital with a severe stroke.

She is very confused but seems to be making some progress.

*Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column. Space limitations permit only a small amount of text and your assistance in this regard is helpful.*

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### Educational Trust

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Please apply to Michael James on 812646 or Joy Edwards on 812588 for an application form.

### 1987 vintage -

### Croft School Reunion

*We apologise for the transposing of a digit in the telephone number in an item last month. The item should have read:*

**BEN HINES** would be glad to hear from pupils of Croft School who left in 1987, interested in a reunion. Call on **07989.982642**



## Crime figures

**JUNE 2007**

Criminal damage	2
Theft from motor vehicle	2
Assault (minor)	1
Thrift	1
Burglary	2
Burglary (non-dwelling)	1

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