

The Painswick Beacon

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Food, Glorious Food from Olivas!

Olivas in Friday Street has been named Retailer of the Year in the sixth annual Cotswold Life Food and Drink Awards. The food 'Oscar' presentation took place in the grounds of the Beaufort Polo Club at Westonbirt on 21st July. Runners up were Green Spirit and Williams Fish Market and Food HaJI, both from Nailsworth.

Owners Brian and Ximena Nunez immediately took the opportunity to celebrate by taking a brief but well-earned holiday, leaving Olivas in the very capable hands of Holly Lynall, who is pictured here serving coffees in some gloriously continental sunshine.

Holly says that Brian and Ximena were overjoyed to win such a prestigious award in their first year, particularly in the illustrious company of the long established Williams Food Hall. "It really has been a fantastic twelve months! In the last couple of months in particular we have been very busy with coffees, homemade cakes, lunches and take-aways."



All change for Cotswolds88

Cotswolds88 Hotel - has changed hands once again. New owners, Philip and Val Harris claim to have fallen in love with it on their first visit and decided very quickly to make an offer which was described as "irresistible" by Marchella De Angelis, who has invested heavily in the spectacular refurbishment of the former Painswick Hotel over the past two years.

An astonishingly rapid changeover saw the Harrisses installed by mid-July and they say they are keen quickly to establish the hotel as Painswick's very own. The staff remain much the same with the addition of Simone, daughter of Philip and Val, who is now responsible for marketing. *Full story on page 6.*

Cherubs arrive in the Churchyard!

The largest single piece of sculpture for well over a hundred years has just been installed in St Mary's Churchyard. The sculpted panel, which features the heads of two winged cherubs, has been commissioned as part of an on-going two year repair programme in the Churchyard from Centreline Architectural Sculpture, a small local masonry company, specialising in the care and repair of churches and traditional buildings.

The new panel, pictured on the right above, has taken sculptor Ben Biltcliffe, two months to carve, and replaces the decayed



Centreline's Mark Hancock (left) and sculptor Ben Biltcliffe (right) with the newly installed panel.

and broken west panel (*above, left*) of the altar tomb of Elizabeth Palling, who was buried here in 1755. The Palling family were wealthy clothiers who lived at Kings Mill in Painswick.

Ben says he based the cherubs on his own "two little cherubs", Peter 5 and Grace 4, (*pictured here for comparison!*).



He went on to say: "The original panel lasted over 250 years so I expect this to last until at least 2250! It was important to me to match the high standard of the carving in the Churchyard."

Mark Hancock, owner of Centreline, who lives in Vicarage Street, commented: "There were many masons living in Painswick in the Eighteenth Century, as evidenced by the many fine tombs in this churchyard and the standard of carving is very high. I hope any descendants of Elizabeth Palling are pleased with our work"

The project to repair the listed monuments in the Churchyard was launched by Painswick PCC in 2006 when funding was secured from English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Funds have also been raised locally by two Summer Fetes at Painswick House.

On other pages this month: a 'rogues' gallery, doggerel, for cats, day for dogs, home for lambs, alert for bugs, Red Cross at the Palace, WI in pub crawl, benchmark for playgroup, a Chinese challenge, lifeboats for Stepping Stone and Painswick runs up...



Bus services

Derek Lucas from Gloucestershire County Council's Integrated Transport Unit made a short presentation about bus services for our area. The Council's annual grant of £2 million to bus operators is to be increased by 10% to help offset increased costs. The concerns of this Council regarding discontinuing of the evening bus service were addressed by Mr Lucas, and the action better understood when it was realised that a subsidy of £16 per person on a return trip to Cheltenham was unsustainable.

He reported that the main local operator Stagecoach had a national agreement for the supply of fuel and so had not been hit so hard by the rise in fuel rates though fares will have to increase eventually. He said that in neighbouring authorities new tenders are running between 60 and 290% higher than previously. No significant changes will be made to services in our area though he was pleased to report that Stagecoach are now acquiring new "low-floor" busses. The integration of services (bus to bus and bus to train) and the availability of school bus services to carry adult passengers were discussed and both found impractical.

Allotments

Peter Bradshaw presented a formal petition from 6 parishioners who wanted to apply for allotments and who are willing to help with manpower in their creation. Parish Councils have a statutory duty to provide allotments when 6 or more applications are received and until now no formal application had been made. No suitable land is immediately available. However Martin Slinger will investigate how take the application forward.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cotswold walls

Members agreed to tour their planning areas and look at the condition of dry stone walls and report back on any structures which they felt should be listed.

Richmond Painswick – Restaurant

The Richmond Care Centre have responded to the Council's communication (*page 2 last month*) and stated that their professional advice was that extending limited opening of their restaurant to the public was ancillary to its main purpose, and therefore did not require separate planning consent. They had asked for sight of correspondence between the Parish and District Councils on whether planning permission is required to open

the restaurant to the public. The documentation has been provided and it was agreed that Richmond should correspond directly with the Stroud District Council.

Three Gables Dental and Holistic Centre - Signage

It was agreed that the practitioner would be asked to contact the SDC direct to see whether planning permission is required.

**PARISH COUNCIL (Public session)
Cotswold Way National Trail Interpretation Centre**

The Chairman reported that 130 projects are locally bidding for funding. A total of £28 million is available for the South-West of which £4 million is potentially for Gloucestershire. He suggested that the Stroud and Tewkesbury bid should concentrate on fewer projects and give more detail. A response as to whether there would be any resource for this submission will be received after the 28th July.

The County Council - Charter

The Chairman, Terry Parker, reported that the Charter between the County Council and Parish and Town Councils has been revised to take into account the concerns of participants. The meeting agreed that the Charter had required re-appraisal and felt the previous practice was wrong for information from the County Council to be sent through the local County Councillor instead of directly to Parish Councils.

Town Hall - Chimney

Martin Slinger reported that SDC had confirmed that the chimney is part of the original structure of the Town Hall, and therefore needed to be retained even though it is redundant. Repairs to the chimney and also to a broken mullion window are now under way.

The Lamp House

The Council agreed that the owner/contractors will be asked to remove the skip outside the Lamp House by the end of July, thereby restoring the parking space.

Removal of Telephone Boxes

It was reported that BT were implementing a programme of removing unprofitable telephone kiosks. Listed telephone boxes cannot be removed by BT. The box in New Street is listed, while the one at the top of Gloucester Street is not. The box in Slad is required because of poor mobile coverage and its setting by the Woolsack Inn. Listing has been applied for the Sheepscombe box whilst the Council will support the local objection to the removal of the Edge box.

Bench in Hollyhock Lane

The Council felt it was a good idea to place a bench in Hollyhock Lane. Its precise location is yet to be decided taking into consideration other users of the lane, especially motor vehicles.

Heavy Goods Vehicles

A newsletter has been received by Terry Parker from Atkins Transport Planning and Management, the consultants carrying out the Cotswolds Lorry Management Study on behalf of GCC. The newsletter summarises the issues raised by local communities and freight operators, possible ways of resolving these issues, how the strategy will be put into action and what the key outcomes will be. Of most interest to residents of the parish, the newsletter anticipates a 30 to 40% drop in HGVs on the A46 through Painswick once the Freight Management Strategy is fully implemented.

Relocation of the village stocks

The Council is investigating moving the village stocks to outside the Town Hall. One benefit would be an extra parking place but Ann Daniels said that the present location draws visitors more into the centre of the village. Also visitors like to take photos of family members in the stocks which would be awkward if the stocks were outside the Town Hall.

Bus Shelters

The County Council has allocated the Parish Council funding for one bus shelter this year, four having been requested. Unfortunately such would only be sufficient for one of the steel/glass/plastic open-ended urban types (about £2000). A more appropriate rustic wooden type would cost £3500. It was agreed to request funding be rolled over to 2009-10 and increased for that year.

Street Lighting

The Council received two letters about lighting and agreed that the street lights in Gloucester Street are needed and should be kept turned on, but an additional one at the upper end of Butt Green was not required.

The Painswick Beacon article - "Who to vote for?"

There was a lengthy discussion on The Beacon's proposal that councillors provide some information about themselves for publication. Some members felt that The Beacon was "too political" and should have published and distributed a special issue before the election, and that there was no point now in publishing this

information, least of all aspirations each may have. Ann Daniels stressed that there was a risk that the public would consider a negative response to be arrogant, and she did not believe her colleagues felt that way. At the end of discussion it was agreed that each member would decide individually what information, if any, to submit for publication. Further, it was agreed that a letter for publication be drafted by the Chairman regarding any comparison by a correspondent to the Beacon with Westminster government.

Parish Plan

The Chairman reminded Members that all aspects of the 2001 plan and its 108 recommendations had been achieved, barring a small number outside this Council's control. At the suggestion of Mike Kerton it was decided to set up a working group to proactively identify 3 projects each year.

Painswick Gateway

A written report was received from Ann Burges Watson. She said that steady progress was being made. The Constitution for a Community Association and the Memorandum and the Articles of Association were with the Charity Commissioners for registration and approval. The updated Memorandum and Articles were being registered with Companies House. Consultations to appoint architects have begun. They were still negotiating with the County Council regarding operating a library service and were at the final stages of design of a logo.

Bledisloe Cup

Painswick has reached the second round of the Bledisloe Cup competition. Judging has been taking place during the 13th – 27th July period and we should know very shortly whether we have been short listed for the final stages. In the past the competition has been for the Best Kept Village but this year the competition has been broadened with four categories under consideration by the judges. The categories are: (1) the condition of the built environment, (2) the condition of the 'green elements' of the village, (3) specific environmental activities and projects, and (4) community effort involved in achievements.

Whereas the village itself is a credit to the local residents there are parts further afield where litter continues to be a problem. The Painswick Beacon is the subject of regular clearances. Ralph Drew has written to the Beacon to report that along 'The Heights' above Greenhouse Lane and Stepping Stone Lane on a recent stroll he collected the following haul: 17 Strongbow cans, 8 sweet packets, 5 tobacco pouches, 4 crisp packets, 3 plastic bottles, 2 wine bottles, 2 mud flaps, 2 cigarette packets and an antiperspirant container.



Letters

The inclusion of a letter not imply that the Beacon endorses the views expressed.

Who to vote for?

From Terry Parker, Chairman Painswick Parish Council:

Richard Burges Watson is quite right that candidates at parish council elections should provide parishioners with their personal details. However, to provide information about personal policies can be inappropriate as, whilst Members are elected and act as individuals, the Parish Council reaches its decisions as a corporate body and must react to changed situations. The Parish Council is politically independent and for that reason cannot be compared with county and district councils, much less with Westminster where political parties publish manifestos with stated policies to which they can be held accountable. The Parish Plan, with inputs from the local community, is the council's collective policy statement.

From Rod Moulton, xxxxx:

I read with interest your correspondent's remarks regarding local election candidates declaring their policy interests, although his suggestion of Westminster being a suitable model for local councillors I assume was intended to be humorous!

Now that the local elections are behind us it is a little late in the day to propose (and to adopt Ed!) the suggestion that Councillors publish 100 word essays on what they want to do for the local community always bearing in mind that if elected they should not be acting individually but as a group, at least at PC level. If it really is considered to be in the local interest to publish prospective councillors mini manifestos the best time would be ahead of the election.

Should your correspondent wish to know what each councillor stands for may I suggest that he either attends the regular council meetings or talks with them himself - they all live locally after all.

Doggerel for cats

From Terry Durrant, Ashwell:

I read, with great amusement, your article on cats eyes and agree that our local felines must have felt great trepidation at the prospect of such invasive surgery. I'm sure that when Percy Shaw invented cats eyes, originally called reflecting roadstuds, he did not intend to cause such anxiety. I hope that the following may help to soothe feline nerves.

To cause our felines such a scare
Really just cannot be fair,

So must we become pc
Change the name "cats eyes" maybe?
Should it be: feline inspired reflective
marking?

To call them that we would be barking!

So dear cats just let it be
It's not for you, this surgery,
Be assured you Painswick pets
You'll not be heading for the vets.

Dining at the Club

From Anthony Fisher, Blakewell Mead:

The number of local eating establishments listed in last months Beacon was so lengthy that I was surprised to realise that one had been omitted. The Painswick Golf Club has now thrown open its doors to the general public and whether you would like tea and toasted tea cakes after a walk on the Beacon or take the family for a full meal all are welcome. Those who wish to become social members will find that they receive discounts off the already very reasonable prices.

My personal favourite is Wednesday curry night when for a modest payment there is the choice of three different flavours plus a starter.

Steve Luckett the new lessee also reports that his Sunday carvery is proving very popular.

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Your Parish Council

Inspired by the lively correspondence this month and last concerning the lack of details available to the public in advance of the recent Parish Council elections, and an equally lively debate at the last Parish Council meeting on the same topic (*see page 3*), we invited our Parish councillors to provide a short summary of themselves, their interests and goals as the new Council begins its four year term. The responses are set out below, along with contact details for each councillor.

PAINSWICK WARD

BULLINGHAM, Jason O

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I have been a Parish Councillor for 4 years. I was born in Painswick, and attended Archway school and Stroud College; although I did live in Weston-super-mare for a period of time. I am a local builder and believe that my knowledge of Painswick and the surrounding area are invaluable assets for my work on the Council. I am a member of the Planning, F&GP, Plantation and Traffic committees, and I am a trustee of the Frederick Gyde and Recreation Ground Trusts, and I am the Council representative for the Gyde Charity and the Affordable Housing body.



BURGES WATSON, Ann R (Mrs)

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Born 1939. Married 1966. 5 children. Widely travelled. Hobbies walking, tennis, bridge. Relevant experience. Several part-time administrative jobs. Four years as Parish Councillor, Chairman Traffic Committee. Aspirations: making footpaths and crossing places easier for aged, disabled, pram-users, wheelchairs. Press for adequate road maintenance and more parking facilities, particularly for the inhabitants of the village centre. Discourage anti-social parking, speeding, unnecessary lorry traffic. Generally, facilitate establishment of new enterprises like Richmond (our biggest employer) and Gateway, applications for change of use, more facilities for the young. Press for easier planning regulations, especially to encourage energy-saving measures.



COX, Robert F

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I originate from and was educated in the City of Gloucester, I studied for and gained a Diploma in Hotel and Catering Administration. Most of my Professional life was spent in London. I have a working background in General Management with experience gained whilst employed in several major London Teaching Hospitals. I latterly operated at Director Level within the Private Sector providing services to Hospitals and Healthcare Premises. I moved to Painswick in 1996 and have run several businesses in the Village. For the last five years I have operated a retail business situated between Cirencester and Burford. I hope my background, experience and local knowledge will be of benefit to the Parish Council.

DANIELS, Ann (Mrs)

3 Pullens Road, Painswick, GL6 6QZ Tel 812651

I am Painswick born and bred, have two children and three grandchildren. I appreciated being voted back for another four years. A Parish Councillor since 1991 I am Chairman of the Plantation Committee. I am Council Representative on the Almshouse and Education Trust Committees. I believe Parish Councils should be non-political and collectively we should consider what is best for the Parish as a whole. As a Parish Council we support the concept of the Gateway Project, But I have reservations as to its viability. Only time will tell. I hope it succeeds.



HUDSON, David L (Maj)

Hillcrest, Gloucester Street, Painswick, GL6 6QR Tel 813250

Served in the army for 35 years then ten years in Civil Service retiring at age of 65. Moved to Painswick in January 1967 and lived here ever since, less six years serving overseas.

Joined Parish Council in 1994 to work on behalf of the community; ten years chairman of Traffic Committee and four years chairman of Planning Committee.

Support in principle Gateway Project though reservations concerning viability and retention of library. Would support pedestrianisation in village centre, no pavement parking encouraging use of Stamages Car Park. Opposed to permanent parking on Recreation Ground and would welcome more affordable housing in village.



KERTON, Mike C H

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I was born and educated in Birmingham. For 34 years I worked in the general insurance industry, rising to general management of a PLC Company. For 10 years I ran my own insurance intermediary business. I moved to Painswick 2 years ago from a small rural village near Chesterfield. Whilst there I had many years experience as a School Governor of both primary and comprehensive schools. I was Chair of Governors at a large Comprehensive school of over 2000 pupils. I was also a Parish Councillor for 5 years, Vice Chairman for the last 2 years. My wife and I are delighted to live in Painswick and I firmly believe that one of the roles of the Parish Council is to listen to and understand the needs of both the business community and residents. I am especially interested in the financial management of the Council.



PARKER, Terence E

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Terry Parker came to Painswick in 1969. Born in Enfield, Middlesex, he has lived in Gloucestershire for most of his life. He has been a member of the Parish Council since 1979 and Chairman for the past eight years. He represents the council at the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils' County Committee and is a Gloucestershire Rural Community Council Trustee. A founder member of the Painswick Beacon he continues to serve as a member of the editorial committee. Married to Carol, they have lived at Red Roofs since 1980, He is a retired civil servant.

SLINGER, Martin S is Parish Council Vice-Chairman and Edge Ward representative.

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Born and bred in Edge. Farmed all my life. To school in Painswick and Stroud, College at Hartpury. Joined Parish Council in 1995 on Edge Ward. Looking after all aspects of Parish Council work in Edge. Doing my best in what is put in front of me, to push the Council forward to keep it in front, and sort the problems of the community by looking after the countryside and all its parts, youth and children (a school governor) The land and buildings including Cemetery and the Finance including finding funding/housing for young and old.



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Cotswolds88 changes hands

Cotswolds88 Hotel is without doubt a stunning building, both inside and out. It is this very fact, say Philip and Val Harris, that made them fall in love with it on their first visit. They decided very quickly that this was the place for them and so asked about the possibility of buying it. Marchella De Angelis, the owner of the hotel, says that she was somewhat taken aback, but when they made her an offer she couldn't resist, she decided that it would be foolish to refuse.

Cotswolds88 is very much the creation of Marchella. Her vision, extraordinary flair and attention to detail have brought the hotel well into the 21st century. Every room is different, each with its own sense of harmony, each immaculate in its design. Marchella put her heart and soul into the transformation and this is what so impressed Philip and Val. The hotel has now won several important awards for hospitality and design, in particular the highest accolade in the industry – Travel and Leisure 'It List' – which goes to only one hotel, the best new hotel, in the country. It also entered the Conde Nast top 65 hotels of the world in 2008.

Marchella says that parting with the hotel has been quite a wrench because she loves the building. However, she is sure that the new owners, who also own a hotel in France, will cherish it as much as she has and will continue to take it forward. As a result of her work here she has been invited to be a judge for the 10th FX International Design awards, the largest design accolade for the commercial world of design. She has also recently launched the De Angelis and Garner wallpaper collection, a range of unusual wallpapers archived at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Marchella will no doubt be much in demand in the world of design, and this largely due to her achievements at the hotel.

The transaction was effected remarkably quickly and Philip and Val took over immediately in mid-July. They too love the building and want it to be a great success. To this end they say they are keen to encourage everyone locally to see this as Painswick's very own and hope that as many residents as possible will call in. Plans are already being drawn up which will be of great interest to everyone in Painswick. The staff remain much the same with the addition of Simone (pictured), daughter of Philip and Val, who is now responsible for marketing.

Carol Maxwell

The A46 petition

Following the article in July's Beacon, we can confirm that a public meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th September. Councillors Stan Waddington and Joan Nash have both said they can attend. We have also invited officials from the County Council to be present on the platform to answer your questions and Terry Parker has kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

The Parish Council have received a newsletter from Atkins Transport Planning and Management which is carrying out the Cotswolds Lorry Management Study on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council. This newsletter summarises the issues which have been raised so far, how they can be addressed, how to implement the strategy, what will the key outcomes be and when will it be put in place. If you would like to read the newsletter, it can be found on the Beacon website at: [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk/Latest/A46 petition](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk/Latest/A46%20petition)

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OR 'Without lawful authority driving a motor vehicle onto or upon any common land, moorland or land of any description, not being land forming part of a road, or on any road being a footpath or bridleway.'

Stroud Safer Community Team are currently addressing the problem of Off Road Bikes being ridden unlawfully as one of their priorities. Any offenders WILL be dealt with accordingly.



PCSO Linda Dey

WI show signs of a pub crawl!



At the June meeting of Yew Trees WI, Angela Panrucker gave us a fascinating talk on pub signs. In 1393 the King passed an Act making it compulsory for landlords to exhibit a sign in order to identify their inns to the official Ale Taster. As the majority of the population could not read or write; along with pub names, pub signs came into being. Ever since then Britain's history and the people who made it have been depicted on its Inn signs. Angela's colourful slides proved a wonderful testament to this, they included: battles, inventions, transport, statesman, royalty, sportsmen, heroes, wildlife etc. Every aspect of British life appeared to be included. So if you encounter members of the WI on a pub-crawl don't be surprised when they explain they are studying British history and folk art!

There will be no formal meeting of the WI in August although members are planning a social get-together - in a hostelry of course.

Celia Lougher

Red Cross at the Palace

Kay Smith was the Painswick representative when some 40 Red Cross volunteers from Gloucestershire branches were invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 9th July.

The garden party, which celebrated the centenary of the Royal Charter granted to the Red Cross by King Edward VII, was hosted by the President, HRH The Prince of Wales. He was accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall and the Deputy President, Princess Alexandra.

Although there was non-stop rain all day, Kay, who has been a volunteer for over 40 years, was delighted to have been introduced to Prince Charles. She commented, "I wouldn't have missed the day for anything. It will be remembered - if for nothing else - for the umbrellas and plastic macs!"

Runners up

The CALOR Gloucestershire Village of the Year 2008 awards were presented at an evening reception on Friday, 18th July at Highnam Court. Painswick were runners-up in four of the eight categories. Those categories were, Community Life, Business, Young People and Older People. The other categories were: Environment, Information Technology, Healthy Village and Safer Village.

The runners-up awards each attract £100 prize money. The overall winners of the competition were Fairford. Sheepscombe was given an award as a competition finalist.

Parish Council Vice-Chairman Martin Slinger, who coordinated Painswick's entry, received the runners-up certificates on behalf of the village at the awards ceremony.

Lifeboats!



This sign was spotted in Stepping Stone Lane during the heavy rain early last month.

Clearly, someone has learned from last July's watery experience!

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Most readers of the Beacon do not have children, or even grandchildren, at the Croft School - but we are very much aware of a keen community interest in what happens there. The number of residents who once attended the school, their parents, friends, helpers and a great many more appreciate the sheer dynamism of the place and the leadership shown by Janet Hoyle and her staff. There is so much which could be reported here from recent newsletters to parents that we cannot do justice to that task; these few random quotations from one may catch your eye. Ed.

Croft School News

End of Year Report

What a busy year it has been! The junior children helped the last couple of weeks of the term go with a swing, with their energetic performances of 'A Big Green Adventure'. Congratulations to them and thanks to everyone who helped in any way. A choir group with Mrs Skinner have also been entertaining residents at Richmond Painswick.

Dorset Trip

I haven't written to you since we returned with the Year 6 children from Dorset. I would like to record my thanks to them for being such a great group to take away, for being such good company and for being really pretty good at sleeping!

Teaching Appointment

As some of you will know already, we have appointed a new teacher to replace Mr Lewis. Miss Gorman will join us officially in September, but her new class will have the chance to have a lesson time with her tomorrow morning. She has recently completed her PGCE from the University of Gloucestershire. She has curricular strengths in ICT and PE, comes with excellent references from her placement schools and the university and she was the unanimous choice of the appointment panel. Some members of years 3 and 4 were also taught by her on the interview day, so they have a bit of advanced knowledge.

I know that you will join us in welcoming her to The Croft and we hope that she will be very happy working here.

The Croft Summer Fair

A warm and sunny afternoon encouraged children, parents and local residents to come along and enjoy the Croft School summer fair. Tents decked out with bunting and music from local jazz band 'On the Edge' contributed to the jolly atmosphere.

Everyone connected with the school got involved, with children helping parents to run stalls, the school council were our 'Human fruit machine', and year six girls ran a very popular beauty parlour. School governors kindly ran the barbeque and kept the real ale flowing in the beer tent. The Croft staff had record takings on their fantastic bottle tombola. The Playgroup Mums had an impressive line up of face painters and also organised a play area to keep the toddlers safe and happy.

Rococo Garden and Olivas generously supported our raffle with prizes. Pony rides, skittles, splat the rat, snail racing and coconut shy were just a few of the other attractions. When MC Will Fair announced that the tug of war competition was coming up, teams squared up thick and fast with the girls especially keen to show their muscle!

The Painswick firemen were kept on full alert with dozens of children exploring the fire engine and trying on safety helmets. We all enjoyed a spectacular finale to the afternoon with the fire hose spraying high in the air to the delight of all the children who ran, danced and strutted in the spray as the sun went down on another lovely day in Painswick.

Julia Churchley

Summer Play Schemes

We are delighted to see the high take up for these activities and pleased that most Croft children returned their slips in time to get the places they wanted. There are a very small number of places left on the following days:

- 4th August Cricket and golf at The Croft School
- 13th August Singing at Cranham School

Please contact me immediately if you would like a place for your child on one of these days.

Admin Assistant Required

We have a vacancy for an admin assistant to work in the school office for three afternoons per week, term time only, Tuesdays to Thursdays. This involves welcoming visitors, answering the phone and basic admin duties for the school office or for teachers. A personable manner, understanding of confidentiality issues, flexibility and some ICT skills are required (ability to send emails, use word and excel).

Summer break

Finally, I hope that you all have a very good summer break, and I wish all the children leaving us the very best for the future. And don't forget the children return on Wednesday 3rd September.

Janet Hoyle



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End of Year Awards

The awards were given at the school's leavers' service on Monday 21st July at St Mary's Church.

Back row (left to right) :

Catriona Cookson and Pippa Speed, who shared the Lucy Hyett Cup for Drama, Chloe Needham and Louise Davies Boulton, who shared the Broadham Cup for Sport, Edward Gamble and Eleanor Pickin, who shared the Painswick Music Society Cup

Front row (left to right)

Thomas Carlile, winner of the PADFAS Art Cup, Tom Davis and Caitlin Workman, who shared Mr Jones' trophy for service to the school, George Dickinson and Ashleigh Evans, who were awarded the 'Cow Shield' for outstanding achievement

This is the history of the 'Cow Shield' for those who wonder at the strange name! During the great war of 1914 - 1918, a voluntary committee of ladies concerned with the Child Welfare Clinic in Painswick purchased a cow so that needy mothers and children could have free milk. When living conditions later improved, the cow was sold and the proceeds put into a fund which itself became known as 'The Cow'. In 1987 the fund assets were realised and the cash used to purchase the shield, to be presented each year to a child at The Croft School as a special award. In recent years it has been awarded jointly to a boy and girl each year.

Mr Jones' trophy was given to the school in 2000 by Bernard Jones, headmaster of The Croft, upon his retirement.



Playgroup

End of term saw plenty of activity at Painswick Playgroup. First there was the pre-school party, when we waved goodbye to all the children who will be starting school in September. Then there was the teddy bears picnic, held to celebrate the last day of term. The playgroup also organised a coach trip to Bristol Zoo, which was enjoyed by all who came along.

From September, Painswick Playgroup has a record number of new starters, so Beaty Bell and the girls will have their work cut out settling them all in. The playgroup admits children from the age of 2 years and 9 months. An admissions meeting is held at the end of March each year to allocate places for children starting from the following September. If you would like to register your child before March, please call Painswick Playgroup on 01452 813316 or call in any morning during term time and pick up a registration form and a copy of the prospectus.

Further details about Painswick Playgroup are also available on the internet. Visit www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk.



The staff and children were happy to recently receive an outside bench, donated in memory of Pam Gough, a former playgroup leader. Pictured is Beaty Bell (playgroup leader) with Patrick Gough and the children.

... not to mention the bench!



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The Trustees have decided to try something new for a change, and only you can determine whether or not it will be a success or a failure! On 7th September we are going to try 'Jazz on a Sunday'. This will run from noon until 3pm, there will be a full bar service and a Ploughman's Lunch will also be available for purchase.

The entry charge will be £4 for tickets bought in advance from The Chairman, or £5 at the door. For the first event we are very pleased to have Jeanne Marlow. Jeanne will sing the wonderful swing era standards of Gershwin, Cole Porter and Rodgers & Hart. She will be accompanied by the internationally acclaimed keyboards/arranger Paul Buck and the beautiful smooth saxophone, clarinet and flute renderings by Trevor Emeny. This is not to be missed!

Stroud College will be running two language courses at the Painswick Centre in the Autumn. Both of these are leisure courses and no qualifications are required. The first is a 10 week French Intermediate course which starts on Wednesday 24th September from 10.00-12.00. The second is a Spanish Intermediate course, also starting on Wednesday 24th September, from 1pm-3pm, also running for 10 weeks. The cost of each course is £84. These courses are ideal for those people holidaying in France or Spain. Bookings can be made by telephoning Stroud College on 01453 761126 or Debbie on 01453 542060. Places are limited so we suggest you book your place as soon as possible.

The Glos. Guild of Craftsmen are again holding their annual exhibition at the Painswick Centre between 26th July and 25th August. For the first time this year there will also be an Art Exhibition in the Cotswold Room throughout this period. Jo Casling has organised a group of local artists to participate in this exhibition. Our thought is that those people who visit the Craft Exhibition will also visit the Art Exhibition and vice versa. That way both parties should benefit. We are most grateful for the work done by Jo in arranging this. The other exhibitors include Georgie Brocklehurst, Claire Nayegon, Jennifer Shonk, Adele Lambert, Valerie Dugan, Jane Garbett and Dave Morris. Exhibits will include photographs, paintings, prints, stained glass and lots more.

Ralph Drew, Trustee

The Players Meet

A date for your diary, or indeed, another date for your diary.

Painswick Players is holding its AGM on Wednesday evening 24th September. Everyone is welcome. Before the business of the evening there will be a chance to look round the stage, see our sound and lighting set-up, have a look at some of the costumes and hear brief talks on the various aspects of putting on a play. These items will be followed by the business part of the evening and we welcome all comers to attend.

Further details in September's Beacon.



Yoga Classes

This is just a reminder that classes are starting back on the week beginning September 8th. There will be the same four classes on the timetable, which are as follows:

- Monday two classes in Sheepscombe village hall 6.30 pm – 8pm & 8.15 – 9.45 pm
- Wednesday morning also in Sheepscombe village hall 9.30 – 11 am
- Thursday class at the Painswick Centre 9.30 – 11 am.

All classes need to be booked onto apart from the class on Wednesday, which is a drop in class. All are welcome: please phone Kim on 812623 to book your place.



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1. Physically disconnect from the internet – pull out the plug for broadband, dial-up or any other network connection you may have.

2. Contact a computer professional to have the risk removed.

3. DO NOT under any circumstances link to the sites that will appear (your browser will have already been hijacked) claiming to have a free 'solution' for you. They are all bogus and are programmes masquerading as help but are in fact more infections.

The results of the free 'solutions' are particularly malicious, modifying and deleting system files, taking control of your computer, preventing 'real' disinfection.

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Relaxing Classics at St Mary's

Have you bought your ticket yet for the concert in aid of St Mary's Church and Wotton Lawn Hospital on Saturday 6th September 2008 at 7.30pm?

The concert programme of light classics is varied and hopefully, will appeal to a wide audience. Performers include Shimmering Flutes, some of whom are semi-professional, having played in concerts and in the band at several Everyman Theatre productions. Additionally, they have played at parties, weddings and at local homes for the elderly. They have recently performed concerts at Newark Park and in the churches at Leckhampton and Nailsworth, raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Meningitis Trust. They have been invited to take part in the Christmas Concert in Gloucester Cathedral on 11 December where they will once again be helping raise money for the National Meningitis Trust.

Vicky Phillips (Cello) - Vicky was educated at Bournside School in Cheltenham and had cello lessons with Denise Ham. She studied music at Huddersfield University and graduated in 2001. She is now a peripatetic cello teacher in Gloucestershire.

Douglas Barnes (Baritone) - Douglas was educated at the Bristol Royal School for the Blind. He studied singing with Glyn Eastman and has given recitals in Manchester and London and for various Music Clubs in the Cotswolds. He is accompanied on the piano by his daughter Suzanne.

Also playing will be the Phoenix String Quartet and a Wind Quintet, who have much experience playing in local orchestras and at social events.

Pieces will include The Cachucha from the Gondliers, The Circus March, Panus Angelicus, The Entertainer by Scott Joplin, Elegie, Faure, The Vagabond, Vaughn Williams plus many more!

Tickets are £8 (including light refreshments during the interval) from St Mary's Lychgate Office Tel 814795 or on the door.

Please make cheques payable to Painswick PCC (Classics). Thank you for your interest and support. The funds raised will be used to provide additional facilities for patients at Wotton Lawn and St Mary's Church for outreach work in the community.. We hope you will wish to support the concert and will have a really enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you!

Roy Welbourn

Clypping Service

Advanced notice...

The Clypping Service is at 3pm on Sunday 21st September with special guests Canon Paul and Revd Catherine Williams from Tewkesbury Abbey. Their theme will be faith and dance, and we hope to do some folk dancing as well as the traditional service. Some additional post service fun activities are being planned for children.

Revd John Longuet-Higgins

Songs of Praise

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join the Unity Sunday event being held on the Recreation Field on 10th August. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day which starts at 12 noon. There will be refreshments available to augment your lunch and activities and games for all the family. The afternoon will finish with a Songs of Praise at 3.15pm when we will be singing the hymns and songs CHOSEN BY YOU! If the afternoon is very wet we will hold the Songs of Praise in the Town Hall at 3.15pm. Any queries to Rita Bishop on 814205 or to any local church.

Harvest Lunch

Come to the Harvest Lunch at the Painswick Centre on Sunday 5th October. Delicious harvest fayre, bring your families and have a great Harvest Festival Sunday celebration. £10 per person and tickets will be available shortly.

Iris McCormick

Fairtrade, Christian Aid and Cutting the Carbon Christian Aid

Nigel Quarrell is Christian Aid Co-ordinator for Gloucestershire. He has set himself an ambitious challenge to visit all eight of the Fairtrade Towns and villages in his area within three days using only public transport (and without the aid of a safety net!). At each venue he will be inviting local civic and church leaders, Christian Aid and Fairtrade supporters to join him in drinking Fairtrade tea. In this way he is hoping to raise money for Christian Aid and to promote the "Cut the Carbon" campaign and Fairtrade products at the same time.

Remembering the success of the book and film "Around the World in 80 days", Nigel has called his project "Around the Wolds in 8 tea graze" and hopes that it will help to highlight ways of helping both the world's poorest communities and the challenge of climate change.

You can sponsor Nigel at www.justgiving.com/8tgraze and/or by coming along to welcome him at the Church Rooms at 11.00am on Thursday September 18th where we shall be serving tea, coffee and Fairtrade biscuits etc. We also hope to have a display of all the Fairtrade produce that is now available in Painswick and other Fairtrade attractions.

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Summer Tournaments - the story so far...

Tournament season is upon the club once more with several events already having been played. The Mixed American tournament and barbecue on 10th June had a good entry and took place on a warm and sunny afternoon and was enjoyed by all competing and watching. The eventual men's winner was John Crowther whilst the ladies' winners were Delyth Allen and Sandra Glass. On Tuesday 8th July Mike Sanderson arranged another great tournament and barbecue evening. The eventual winners were Rod Gordon and Lyndall Spear. Joan Griffiths held her popular Ladies Charity Tournament and lunch on Friday 11th July which was won by Angela Follows.

The numbers were down this year for the Parent Child Tournament which was held on Sunday 13th July as it clashed with the Croft School Fair. However all the families who did take part had a really fun afternoon with lots of tennis and barbecue after. Tom and Freddie Speed came out on top with the pairing of Nigel and Sophie Barnett coming a close second.

Congratulations to the finalists in the Painswick leg of the 'Road to Wimbledon' competition. Megan Butterworth, Robert Sidwell and Alex Duncliffe were all invited to the county stage of the competition, with Rob reaching the final.

Top Five Club

Painswick Tennis club has received another accolade to add to recent successes. The club carried the hopes of Midlands' tennis in the 'UK Club of the Year' competition and finished in the 'Top Five'. Painswick was nominated from all the tennis clubs in the Midlands representing nine counties and districts as the 'number one' selection to go forward to the national finals. Only five clubs were taken to the final assessment which was considered by the heads of the Lawn Tennis Association. Although 'pipped at the post' for the top award by Cambridge LTC, it was a great achievement to be in the 'Top Five' in the country. The judging panel was impressed by the way the club had self-financed an extensive programme of development and put in place quality coaching structures for both juniors and adults. Results are showing through and more young people are being encouraged to take up the sport.

Rob Dearing, Tennis Development Manager for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire said "Painswick is a superb example of a well managed, forward thinking tennis club and the committee members are some of the most dedicated tennis people in the whole of the UK". John Courts, President of Painswick LTC, added "Members of the Club are delighted at this recognition which encourages and endorses our action in planning to provide two additional floodlit courts at the Broadham site with assistance from the LTA".

Painswick Badminton Club

The new season for club members will start on Monday 1st September and Thursday 4th September. Juniors will also start on 4th September. Congratulations to Freddie Speed, Pippa Speed, William Moir and Kit Kirby who represented the County last season.

Friday evening Badminton will start on Friday 19th September. Anybody who would like a game of Badminton please come along to the Painswick Centre at 8 pm. Any queries please ring David Linsell on 812464.



Parent Child Tournament Entrants

Painswick Bowling Club



Painswick Bowling Club members pictured during a recent match



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Cricket

The annual Chairman's match day was one of the most enjoyable events of the Painswick Club's season. The glorious weather was only matched by the splendid tea for which the players thanks were accorded to the Painswick ladies who prepared the food. The match between a Painswick Friendly eleven and a team selected by Chairman John Hogg brought some excellent cricket. Batting first the Friendly eleven were dismissed for 148 runs in the thirty overs game. The Chairman's eleven made light of the target total with opening batsman Sean Bowyer hitting a fine 82 before being bowled by Rob Linsell. Some lusty blows from Adrian Bradley saw the Chairman's eleven reach the necessary 149 runs for the loss of four wickets.

In the evening there was a quiz at the Broadham Clubhouse. Teams of five sought to answer the questions set by the Chairman on a range of subjects. In the interval a raffle took place for a number of excellent prizes given by friends and players. Considerable thanks were expressed to June Gardiner who had organised the raffle which brought a profit to the club of over £200.

Last Saturday (26th July) saw Painswick 2nd XI lose by one run to Stone in a thrilling 45 overs match.

On the same day Painswick 1st XI beat Stone 1st XI by two wickets whilst the 3rd eleven had a resounding victory over Frampton with Chris Loveridge hitting a magnificent undefeated 143 with Richard Coates also undefeated on 57.

July Results [(L) indicates league match: * not out]

Sat 5th. (L) Painswick 2nd XI 211-8 (P Wilkie 57 P Morris 61) Fairford 2nd XI 202-8 (M Wilkins 5-67)..

Sat 12th. (L) Painswick 2nd XI 150 all out Hatherley & Reddings 2nd XI 151-1.

Sun 13th. Painswick friendly XI 205 all out Slimbridge Friendly XI 114 all out.

Sat 19th. (L) Stroud 1st XI 258-4 Painswick 1st XI 218-8 (W Neville 57).

Painswick 2nd XI 185-9 Stroud 2nd XI 147 all out.

Painswick 3rd XI 142 all out Uley 2nd XI 131 all out.

Tue 22nd. Painswick Friendly XI 270-9 (D Cave 85 W Neville 107) Towcestrians CC 262-9 (B Laycock 108 J Edwards 58) Match Drawn.

Fri 25th. Painswick Friendly XI 148-8 Chairman's XI 150-4 (S Powyer 82)

Sat 26th. (L) Stone 1st XI 217-8 Painswick 1st XI 218-8 (S Powyer 86 A Bressington 57).

(L) Stone 2nd XI 189-9 (M Taylor 4-39) Painswick 2nd XI 188-8 (P Morris 45).

(L) Painswick 3rd XI 249-3 (C Loveridge 143* R Coates 57*) Frampton 3rd XI 161 all out.

August Fixtures

Sat 2nd (L) Painswick 1st XI v Kingsholm 1st XI.

(L) Kingsholm 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun 3rd. Painswick Friendly XI v Cheltenham Civil Service Friendly XI.

Sat 9th. (L) Bredon 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

(L) Painswick 2nd XI v Bredon 2nd XI.

(L) Stroud 4th XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Sun 10th. Painswick Friendly XI v Frocester Friendly XI.

Sat 16th (L) Painswick 1st XI v Woodmancote 1st XI.

(L) Woodmancote 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sat 23rd (L) Redmarley 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

(L) Painswick 2nd XI v Redmarley 2nd XI.

(L) Cam 3rd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.

Sun 24th. Randwick Friendly XI v Painswick Friendly XI.

Sat 30th (L) Painswick 1st XI v Dumbleton 1st XI.

(L) Dumbleton 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

(L) Painswick 3rd XI v Woodchester 2nd XI.

Sun 31st. Painswick Friendly XI v Gloucester Badgers XI.



Chairman's Eleven

Sitting (left to right): Bruce Creswell, Jim Parks, John Hogg (Captain), Steve Pegram and Steve Luckett.

Standing (left to right): Terry Parker, Sean Bowyer, Ian Hogg, David Simpson, James Mortimore, Adrian Bradley and Gordon Hogg.

ArchiTecs

Answer to last month's tester was, of course, the label signifying the generous gift by Painswick WI of the notice board outside the Town Hall, below



This month, not so straightforward, nor at quite the same level. Do you recognise the fragment of craft work in timber and local stone, pictured below?



A note for your diary.

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Painswick goes to the dogs...

Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day held 12th July on the Recreation Field in Lower Washwell Lane Painswick. The day proved to be a showery one, but hardy Painswick dog folk were undeterred and we had a good entry for our judge Stuart Keay from Bussage

Judging of the Show classes began at 11.00a.m and the Best in Show came from the Sporting class, Debbie Langley's Irish Setter Harley. Reserve Best In Show was Sandra Saunders with her Australian Shepherd Dog, Ice and Best Puppy was Jane Paradise's Lhasa Apso, Gigi.

The Novelty Classes began after a short lunch break, with a good entry in most classes, particularly the Most Handsome Dog and Prettiest Bitch. The overall winner of the Novelty classes was Molly Apperley with her Australian Shepherd Dog, Sydney.

The Obedience Classes were judged by Mandy Beardshaw. Our Obedience winner was Diane Gorton with her Parson Jack Russell terrier, Bertie.

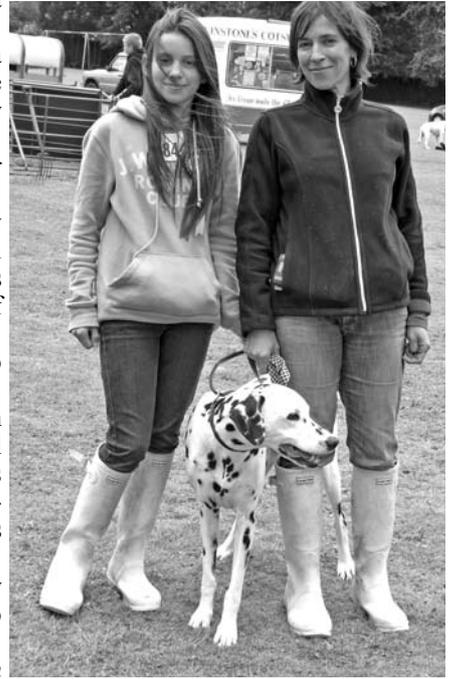
We would like to thank everyone who helped the show to run smoothly, particularly members of Painswick Dog Training Club. We had some excellent Raffle prizes from local businesses and so thank you to The Patchwork Mouse, Oliva's Delicatessen, Cotswolds 88 Hotel, Cardynham Bistro, Richmond Spa, Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick Golf Club, and Joan Duffield. Apologies if I have omitted anyone!

Thanks to the Trustees of the Recreation Field for allowing us to use the field and to George the groundsman for preparing the field for us.

Our chosen charity this year is Rapid-UK, an organization which provides experienced disaster response personnel anywhere in the world. They use highly trained search dogs to look for survivors following earthquakes and similar disasters and we were pleased that local volunteer Andy Harris could join us at the show with his search dog.

The show raised £663 for Rapid-UK which is a very good result so thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Fiona Chapman



The Quiet Garden

When did you last give yourself permission to sit down and be quiet and do nothing for an hour or so? Most of us live busy lives, not allowing ourselves many idle moments. If this is you, consider coming along to The Quiet Garden at Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street, Painswick, on Thursday afternoons during August from 2.30 to 6.00 p.m.

There is no need to book - simply come along for as short or long a time as you wish. Everyone is welcome. If you have small children and would like some time on your own, please phone 813177 beforehand and we shall aim to look after the children for you, in the house. Yew Tree House has strong Quaker connections; George Fox (1624—91), a Quaker, wrote "Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit."

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Local History Teaser

An illustrious array of gentlemen, but can you name any of them? If you can, we would be pleased to hear from you as some, but not all, are known to us. Who were they as a group and do you know on what occasion this photograph was taken?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph showed the hard-working officers and committee members of the Painswick Show Society taken at the Edgemoor Inn, where meetings were held, in 1993/4. Mr Gerald Emrys Roberts was happy to name some of the people as he himself was the gentleman standing on the left of the picture. Ann Daniels was able to name several of them. The lady on the front row, second left is Lady Dickinson and to her right is Mr Pyle then Sam Pyle. The lady standing on the right is the late Kit Fox, next to her is Percy Franklin, then Carol Parker, Bob Rumble and Sue Pyle. We had no name for the next gentleman but to his left are Jean Ryland, David Archard and the late Vince Daniels.

We would be very pleased to hear from you if you have any photographs which you think would pose a challenge to readers.

Carol Maxwell

Mary Newill

Do you remember a lady named Mary Newill? She lived in Painswick from 1920 until her death in 1947 and her address was The Cross.

We have been contacted by someone who is studying Mary Newill for an MA degree and who is anxious to discover more about her life in Painswick. She was a very accomplished artist, particularly in stained glass, embroidery and illustration. Nothing is known about her during her time in Painswick.

If you can provide any information at all about her and which house at The Cross she lived in please contact Carol Maxwell on 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net. It would be much appreciated.

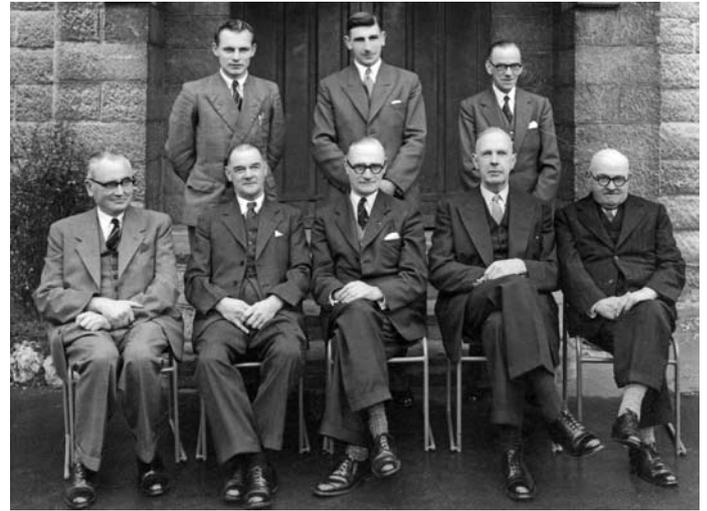
Richmond art classes

Art Course being held at Richmond Painswick by Mark Kelland. The six week course commences on Wednesday 1st October 9.30am - 12.30pm and will be held every Wednesday morning until 5th November.

The classes will be open to non residents at a cost of £60.00 for the complete course of six lessons. The course is for individuals of all abilities and will cover various aspects including watercolours, drawing and pastels. All materials will be provided. For more details and booking please contact Richmond Painswick Reception on 01452 813902.

Mark will also be holding one off classes at Richmond Painswick on the 7th and 27th August 9.30-12.30. He will cover drawing and watercolour respectively, these classes are open to non residents at a cost of £10 per session.

For more details and booking please contact Richmond Painswick Reception on 813902.



Do You Know ...?

This year Painswick Local History Society is entering the annual GRCC competition for best information display, and your help is sought.

The theme is poets and writers and we are anxious to include all of any note. To date we know of a small but worthy number and have even been promised the loan of one or two first editions. We would like to include all genres, or as many as possible, both fiction and non fiction. Anon would also be welcome as in the doggerel legend of longevity in Painswick.

If you can help by suggesting any local authors or works and/or provide any information about them we would be very grateful. The competition will be held at Sir Thomas Richs School in Gloucester on Saturday, 4 October and, of course, we would like to win! Please contact Carol Maxwell on 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net, or any History Society committee members.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will be meeting again in early September to consider applications from local young people for funding. We can help with grants towards education, apprenticeships, training and/or equipment and books. To find out more or for an application form contact Michael James on 812646 or myself on 812588.

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Challenge in China!

Delyth Allen is going to China at the beginning of October to take part in a trek on the Great Wall of China in aid of Leukaemia Research. She has paid the full cost of the expedition, which includes a £100 donation to the charity so all the sponsorship she hopes to get will go directly to Leukaemia Research.



Delyth has chosen this charity as she lost her brother, Peter, to leukaemia just after his 50th birthday.

Over the next couple of months, she will have her sponsorship form at the ready so look out for her as she gets in practice on the hilly terrain of Painswick!

Who said "Mint sauce?"

Do you remember the quad lambs born in April? Impressive and rare and they're still progressing.

The two smallest are seen here with two other small survivors of multiple births at Skinners Mill Farm. They're friendly and endearing but for farmer, Ian Maddocks, they're hard work because he still has to keep them in the barn and take their feed to them every day.



Although growing steadily they're smaller than the others and would not survive well in the field because they would over-eat. They've definitely become pet lambs.

Carol Maxwell



Coaches to Bath and London

A provisional booking has been made for a 16seater coach to Bath on Wednesday 17th September. The outward journey is 10.00am from Stamages Car Park, and homeward from Bath at 5.00pm. Fare £12.50. Seats should be booked by cash, or cheque payable to "Painswick L & B Outings" with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.

If there is sufficient interest, a coach to London will be organised for Wednesday 15th October. Further details will be given in the September issue of The Beacon. The fare would have to be £15. The increases in the fares are of course due to the rise in the cost of fuel. Sorry!

Joan Truman

PROPERTY REPORT for August from Hamptons International

The good news is that the number of new properties (across the UK) coming onto the market is slowing and this is likely to relieve some downward pressure on prices. Those looking to buy have an excellent selection of properties to choose from with amenable vendors acceptant of a new price realism some 5 -15% below the market peak of last year. The current market is most suitable for buyers looking for a property to live in for the mid to long term (5-10years). Here in Painswick we are exceptionally lucky as 98% of our applicants are doing just that and therefore it is a great time for them to buy as the value of the house they purchase will undoubtedly go up during this time. Also the excellent selection of properties we currently have on the market won't be available next year especially in the cottage market. The wise ones are purchasing now, as for some they will wait just too long.

If you want to sell your home, choose your agent wisely as the first 4-6 weeks of launching a property is crucial and they need to be able to pull in buyers from as far and wide as possible, and set your asking price at a realistic level. For those vendors whose property has been on the market awhile, they are still receiving offers but maybe at a lower level than hoped but when they hunt around to see what they can buy they realise they can get more for their money now than they expected. Others are lucky and are receiving close to the asking price but this usually happens within the first few weeks of marketing a property hence it is crucial to get the right agent on board. The key thing to remember is that if you are buying and selling in the same market it is all relative. We are leaving no stone unturned to find buyers which is why the Painswick office is one of the most successful Hamptons offices in the Cotswolds and April/May was a record month for properties sold. Its not all doom and gloom.....don't believe all you read in the press, property is still selling! If you really want to know what is happening in the market pop in for a chat with us or ask us in for a free market appraisal.

August 2nd/3rd is the Festival of British Evening held at Gatcombe Park which Hamptons have been involved in for a number of years as one of the main sponsors. It is a great day out for all the family with fabulous shops, face painting, Shetland Pony Grand National, Devils Horseman Cossack Riders, cross country riding and show jumping as well as a falconry display so if you do go please come and have a drink on our stand by the main arena and we will be running a competition in aid of the Princes Trust with prizes each day.

Start digging your antiques out as in late October the Painswick office will be hosting an Antiques road show in aid of the Princes trust with Richard Madley(the man who values the goods behind the scenes on Deal or No Deal!).....details to follow in the October issue.

New Instructions: Rockleigh in Kingsmill Lane - a beautifully refurbished 3/4 bed house with large garden; The Watch House, New Street- a refurbished two bedroom townhouse; Goldcrest in Slad - a 4 bed modern house with large garden and views; Letchers Knapp in Elcombe - a striking farmhouse with attached converted barn, one acre paddock and stables;and Lantern Cottage in Stockend, Edge- a rural 4 bed cottage situated in a large garden with stunning views.

Properties sold, ie completed: in Painswick, Hambutts Cottage in Churchill Way, Woody steeps and Greenaway in Lower Washwell; Greycot and Weavers Cottage in Sheepscombe; The Old Sunday School in Slad and The Bungalow in Caudle Green.

Miranda Heynes



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AUGUST

Sat 2	Country Studio annual Exhibition of art works. Admission free. Daily until Monday 4th August	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm
Mon 4	Short Mat Bowls (Mondays) contact 813627 Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am & 6.30pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue 5	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed 6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Bingo: Wednesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139 Thai Night with Ian & Jai from March Hare	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu 7	T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Quiz & Chips: all welcome to the monthly pub quiz	Royal Oak Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Royal Oak	8.00pm 9.30am 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri 8	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays) Friday Club outing: Giffords Circus Portway Group of Painters (daily until 13th August) Fish Night (also 15th, 22nd, & 29th)	Town Hall Minchinhampton Town Hall Royal Oak	10.00am 10.00am to 5.30pm
Sat 9	Dan Maslen's Singing & Open Mike Night	Royal Oak	8.00pm
Sun 10	Unity Sunday CTAP plus Songs of Praise	Recreation Ground	12noon to 4.00pm
Thu 14	Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome	Christ Church Hall	2.00pm
Sat 16	Theatre Club Outing to Newbury SoCo' singing and bring your own instrument	The Falcon Royal Oak	10.00am
Sat23	Copy dateline for September Beacon		
Sat 30	Dan Maslen's Singing & Open Mike Night	Royal Oak	8.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Thu 4	Tea Dances re-start	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri 5	Friday Club: Working Life on the River Severn	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat6	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Relaxing Classics: Concert Conservatives Summer Lunch Party Tickets £10 - tel: 812156 / 81325	St Mary's Church Damsell's Cross Shires Room, Falcon	7.30pm 12.30 to 3.00pm 10.00am
Wed 10	Probus: The people who built Birmingham - Malcolm Lewis	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sat 13	Horticultural Society Annual Show Painswick Centre 2.30 to 5.30pm	Church Rooms	11.00am
Wed 17	Coach to Bath: £12.50. Tel: 813965 / 813227	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thu 18	Fairtrade Cut the Carbon Event	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 11.00pm
Fri 19	Friday Club: Life and Times in Gibraltar - Gill Richards	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sat 20	Best of British Dinner Dance	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun 21	Clypping Service	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue 23	Yew Trees WI: The work of the British Red Cross	Richmond Painswick	10.30am to 4.30pm
Wed 24	Probus: Story of the Hampton Car - Trevor Picken Victorian Garden & Tea Party Painswick Players AGM	Painswick Centre Town Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu 25	A46 public meeting	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Fri 26	Stuart Singers concert in aid of Mission to Seafarers	The Falcon	1.00pm
Sat 27	Theatre Club outing to Malvern		

OCTOBER

Wed 1	6 week Art Course (Wednesdays) by Mark Kelland starts	Richmond Painswick	9.30am to 12.30pm
Fri 3	Friday Club outing: 'The Mail Box'	BBC Birmingham	
Sun 5	Harvest Lunch	Painswick Centre	
Wed 8	Probus: Arenas of sport - Aylwin Sampson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu 9	Bird Club: Breeding birds of southern Britain - Graham Wren	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed 15	Coach to London. £15. Tel: 813965 / 813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Fri 17	Friday Club: A Painting Experience with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed 22	Probus: Humour & songs from the wars - Mike Wallace	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat 25	Knitwear Sale: Great labels at even greater prices. Painswick Singers concert version of Oklahoma and other music	Town Hall Painswick Centre	from 10.30am 7.30pm
Tue 28	Yew Trees WI: Fancy a Joint? - Robert Linsell Return visit: Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir from St Petersburg	Town Hall St Mary's Church	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed 29	Theatre Club outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon	6.30pm
Fri 31	Friday Club: Halloween Event Richmond Painswick		

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	Conservatives Wine Tasting. Tickets £12 Tel: 813259 / 812743	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Tue 4	Bird Club: Finland - winter to spring: Helen Williams	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed 5	Probus: The Archers at Crecy 1346 - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am



Sat 8 Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair
 Fri 14 Friday Club outing: A Day at the Races
 Sat 15 Christian Aid Coffee Morning
 Wed 19 Probus: Life upon the wicked stage - Diane Hayman
 Sat 22 Conservatives Bridge Drive: tickets £6 Tel 813259
 Tue 25 Yew Trees WI: AGM & 19th century evening - David Bayley
 Fri 28 Friday Club: AGM followed by 'Preparing for Christmas'

Town Hall 9.45am to 12noon
 Town Hall 10.00am to 12.00noon
 Shires Room, Falcon 10.00am
 Church Rooms 2.30 to 5.00pm
 Town Hall 7.30pm
 Town Hall 2.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed 3 Probus: Memoirs of Japan - Marion Begley
 Sat 6 Conservatives Christmas Mince Pies Party. Tickets £6. Tel: 812156
 Mon 8 Bird Club: field trip - Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
 Tue 9 Yew Trees WI: Puds & Puzzles
 Fri 12 Friday Club: Christmas Lunch

Shires Room, Falcon 10.00am
 Church Rooms 7.00pm
 Slimbridge 10.45am
 Town Hall 7.30pm

Art upstairs, History downstairs at the Town Hall...

On Saturday 26th July, the Town Hall was busy with the Country Studio annual Exhibition of members' art works upstairs, whilst downstairs the Local History Society held, what they described as, 'a history afternoon'.

Two of the Country Studio artists, Peggy Ward and Peter Jenkins are pictured (*below, left*) critically admiring some of the paintings on display. The right hand picture shows the impressive, interesting and deservedly well attended exhibition displaying Painswick's rich history. On behalf of the Society, Carol Maxwell commented, "This year was something of an experiment as we had no idea whether people would be interested. We shall definitely do another one next year with more publicity and staying open for longer."



... and Guild of Craftsmen at the Painswick Centre

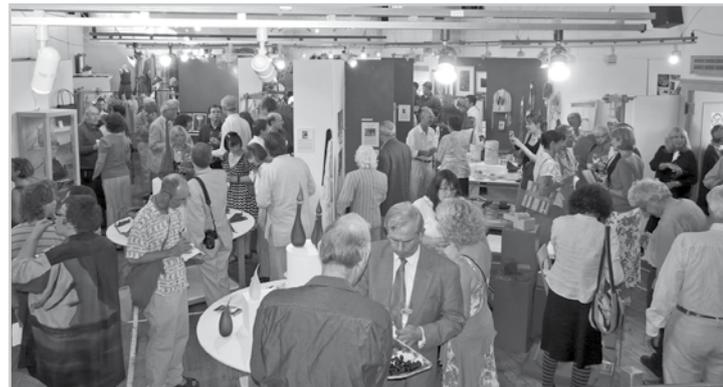
Meanwhile, the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen has opened its 75th exhibition in a transformed Painswick Centre.

This is, as many will be well aware, one of the truly outstanding exhibitions of its kind in the country, presenting the highest quality of craftsmanship. The materials and skills on display this year compare with any ever shown, a true Aladdin's Cave of quality and pride in achievements throughout. They will be delighted to welcome local visitors as much as those coming from around the world - to Painswick.



The exhibition continues until 25th August.

LWB



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A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Installation of French doors. **KNAPP FARM, THE VATCH, CATSWOOD LANE, SLAD WARD.** Conversion of barn and ancillary buildings into a live-work unit.

3 THE CROFT. Proposed Conservatory/sunroom

21 CHURCHILL WAY. Resubmission following refusal S.07/2744/FUL. Erection of extension to enlarge kitchen and provide cloakroom and porch.

MERRILLS, FRIDAY STREET. Remove window and replace with door, remove existing SVP re-site and replace with either aluminium or cast iron SVP in black. Replace damaged mullion to first floor window, install Megaflo heating system, install boiler flue, repair timber downstand beam to cellar, form new bathroom and en-suite facility to first floor, provide ground floor cloakroom, block up door opening, revise some window openings, replace some external doors and windows. Redecoration to external timber work and general repair to windows and stone work.

JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Reduce height of cedar by up to 20 ft. Thin upper canopy and reduce the lateral branches to keep shape.

PYLL HOUSE BARN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of single storey extension. **ELM COTTAGE, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Extension to existing dwelling.

CONSENT

LABURNUM COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Alterations to existing buildings.

THE STABLES, PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Removal of chimney.

KINGSMILL END, QUEENS MEAD. 2 storey extensions to front and side, enclose porch and internal alterations.

THE COVERT, SLAD. Extension to form kitchen dining room.

OLDEBORTH CENTRE, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal partitioning and improved installation to 1st floor. Installation of 3 perspex sheets to the roof. Re-hanging of door / installation of secondary glazed door. Internal re-wiring.

REFUSAL

DOWN FARM, SLAD. Erection of a timber dwelling for staff accommodation.

WEST HAYES, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Installation of solar panels.

PLAN WITHDRAWN

BEECH VIEW, THE PARK. The replacement of existing dwelling to allow for new family home.

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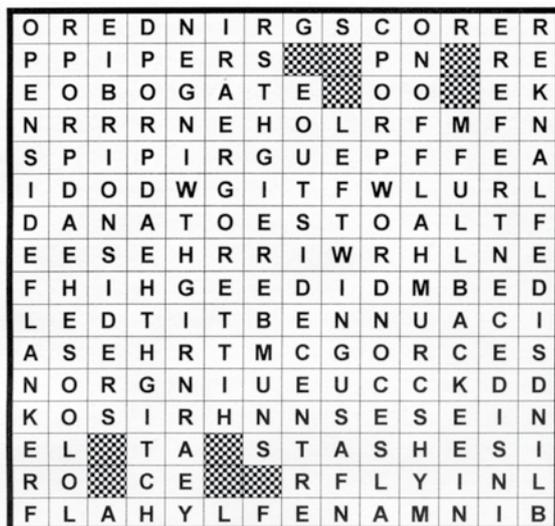
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Answers to last month's invitation to identify 20 fielding positions in cricket:

COVER, COVER POINT, DEEP EXTRA COVER, DEEP MID WICKET, DEEP SQUARE LEG EXTRA COVER, FINE LEG GULLY, LONG ON MID OFF, MID ON SHORT FINE LEG, SHORT LEG SILLY MID OFF, SILLY MID ON SLIP, SQUARE LEG SWEEPER, THIRD MAN WICKET KEEPER

After the cricket frustration of last month, we're preparing readers for the rugby season ahead. Can you find all 15 field positions in the game, one (of course) being repeated?



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The Personal Column

Engagements

Congratulations to REBECCA HEAL (Canon Heal's granddaughter) on her engagement to RHYS JONES of Brecon, Wales;

also to JENNIFER HARVEY of Sheepscombe and ADAM HOGG of Weybridge, Surrey.

Weddings

Congratulations to JAMES WHEELEY and SUSANNA MOORE who are to be married at St John's, Sheepscombe on 2nd August;

also to THOMAS RADCLIFFE and SOPHIE HODGSON who are to be married at St Mary's, Painswick on 9th August;

also to PETER MASSEY EMILY LENDON who are to be married at St James, Cranham on 16th August;

and to to STUART and JODY NAYEGON who were married at St Mary's on 28th June. Many of you will know Stuart who worked in Londis Painswick for several years. The couple will shortly be moving to Cheltenham. (picture, right, supplied by Clare Nayegon)

Babies

Congratulations to CHARLOTTE and WILL SMITH on the birth of their son, Arthur, on 14th July, a brother for Madeleine and Rosie, and a grandson for David and the late Angela Hudson;

also to CAROLINE (nee Hemming) and MARTIN TAYLOR on the birth of their son, Raphael Seymour, on 4th July at the Portland Hospital, London, a brother for Nathaniel. Caroline is the daughter of Ken and Jane Hemming.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to ANN and DEREK SAUNDERS, who live at Edge and who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 28th June.

Diamond Wedding

Congratulations and apologies to PHYLIS and FRED RUSSELL who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 31st July and not the mere 55th (Emerald) anniversary as reported in last month's Beacon.

Birthdays

Congratulations to MARCIA PRICE of Richmond Painswick who will celebrate her 104th birthday on 26th July;

and belated congratulations to JUNE PRIVETT, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st June.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of OLIVIA CROWTHER and DICK PURDY, who have both died recently.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to MARJORIE BARNSFIELD who has recently fallen and broken her hip.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Revd and Mrs MICHAEL IRVING, who have come to live in Canton Acre from Minchinhampton;

also to SCOTT and CLAIRE HIGGINS and their two children to Hambutt's Cottage;

also to Mrs MARGARET LESLIE who moved into Richmond Painswick in June; and welcome back to SUSAN ROBINSON who has returned to Richmond Painswick after a lengthy stay in Hospital.



Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to CEDRIC NIELSEN and GRAHAM LUKER, who are going to live at Lower Parkstone, Poole, Dorset,

Congratulations

To JAMES GRESWELL who has graduated with a 1st Class Honours BA in International Relations from Birmingham University. His dissertation covered the political economy of the Civil Wars. He has been accepted at the London School of Economics for a Masters Degree in Comparative Politics. James also won his heat rowing at Henley Royal Regatta in the 1st VIII for the fourth consecutive year, having been selected for the Great Britain World Class Start Programme in 2008. James's mother, Louise Lisle, lived in Painswick until her marriage, taught in St Mary's Sunday School and was a bell ringer.

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