

The Painswick Beacon

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Don't bank on it!

Last month's item concerning the frustration caused by recent unscheduled closures of the LloydsTSB branch in Painswick and the threat that we might lose the branch for good evoked considerable response amongst Painswickians. A number of local LloydsTSB customers - both business and personal - have contacted us to express their concerns.

Speaking on behalf of a major Painswick businesses, the Rocco Garden, Paul Moir emphasised the importance he attached to being able to bank on a regular basis, twice a week, at the local branch and the serious inconvenience caused by the recent unannounced closures. "If the Painswick branch were to close permanently, we would change banks" he said, "The existence of a local branch is the only reason we are still with LloydsTSB."

A regular business and personal customer of the bank, Norman Rampton, commented "Thank goodness for the Painswick Beacon! Without this, local LloydsTSB customers would still be blissfully unaware of the review of the future of the Painswick branch. As a large and responsible organisation, I would hope that LloydsTSB would consider consulting their customers. Sadly this does not appear to have any place in, what is likely to be, a purely commercial decision based on usage and turnover."

He emphasised that the branch was much appreciated and valued for giving good personal service, something he considered lacking in much of today's commercialised and internet world. He strongly felt that closure of the branch would have repercussions on the village as a whole.

Another local LloydsTSB customer, Mrs H F Kilmister wrote to the Beacon to express her concern and annoyance at the recent repeated closures. "Nowadays you never know until you get there whether it will be open or not and you cannot ring them in advance as there is no longer a direct line to the branch. After one such closure I rang the call centre and was told it was due to a faulty alarm, but the staff in the branch said it was due to staff problems. The latest unheralded closure was on 29th July and as I left the premises in frustration I counted six people all wanting to use the branch."

She urges customers to complain about what she fears could be a back door method of closing the branch permanently, which she considers would be a devastating loss to the village. She wrote to the branch manager in Stroud responsible for Painswick expressing this fear but has received no response at all.

Sheer dogged persistence by yet another complaining customer, Phillip Oakley, eventually produced the somewhat underwhelming response from Sara Lilly, LloydsTSB Local Director, that the decision to close the branch on a few occasions recently "was made to overcome unforeseeable circumstances..." She went on to assure Mr Oakley that "we endeavour to meet



our customers' needs and on these occasional situations, consideration is made to ensure the availability of alternative ways of conducting their business." Sir Humphrey would be proud of Ms Lilly!

We approached LloydsTSB press office for an on-the-record comment. A spokesperson admitted that on a few occasions recently the branch had had to close 'for security reasons' because of staff shortages brought on by holidays and illness. However, he denied there were any plans to close the Painswick branch permanently. Further probing brought forth the comment that "the branch network in general was under constant review to maximise the efficiency of the service offered and that it was impossible to give cast iron guarantees about the future of any particular branch." He went on to say that 'co-locations' (ie branches close together like the two branches in Stroud) were being looked at particularly closely now that the merger between Lloyds and TSB service infrastructures had been completed. He refused to comment on whether Painswick was also considered to be a 'co-location' as far as Stroud was concerned.

Those of you not entirely reassured by the above comments might agree with Mrs Kilmister's parting shot in her letter to the Beacon...

"Don't sit back: if you want a Bank in Painswick make your voices heard!"

To help those of you who would like to make your voices heard, Ms Lilly can be contacted at:

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Remember this little ball of fluff?

Turn to page 7 to see what difference a couple of months can make.



Village centre shut for a month

Roadworks will close much of the centre of Painswick (Victoria Street, part of St.Mary's Street and Tibbiwell) for the month of September. What are described as "essential carriageway and footway works" start on Monday, 4th September and could last for up to four weeks. Further details are on page 2.

Inside, this month: clearing the scrub, Painswick on the tele, a taty saint, going wild at the Croft, tiny letters, Centre chic, big girls blouses appeal, Phoenix fluffy no more, Heyday, for baby boomers, couple celebrate 350 years together, cupola sparkles, time for tombs, hot time at WI and it's a woman's world.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

No meetings of the Parish Council took place during August.

Although there was no meeting of the Council in August, a 'trawl' through the Council's correspondence file, available for public inspection whenever their office is open, yielded some information which will interest quite a few readers.

Bledisloe Cup

Painswick did not get past the second round this year. The latest information is that our neighbours Upton St.Leonards and more distant Bourton-on-the-Water are through to the finalists' round.

Neighbourhood Wardens

Two Wardens have commenced 4-hour duties per week in the Painswick area as an experiment to see whether their operating hereabouts is as effective as they have proved to be elsewhere in the Stroud area. The District Council meets the expense of this 'free' trial, which will be evaluated towards the end of six months, with the Parish Council then needing to decide as to whether to contribute towards the expenses, and for how many hours a week, thereafter.

Road resurfacing/closure

Notices have been displayed in the village centre indicating that Victoria Street, part of St.Mary's Street and Tibbiwell, will be closed while "Essential carriageway and footway works" are carried out. The work is due to start next Monday, 4th September, and could last for up to four weeks. The Parish Council, and affected residents, have been advised that access to properties will be maintained as much as possible.

Gloucestershire Highways have awarded this contract to Hanson, who in turn will, residents are assured, 'keep inconvenience to a minimum'.

They go on to express their appreciation of the co-operation received and hope that the long-term benefits of a new sur-

face will outweigh any short-term delays. All residents and businesses whose property fronts the works have, it is stated, been notified personally.

Anyone wanting further information is asked to contact 08000.514514.

Public notice

Clearance of trees and scrub on highways land at A4173 end of Jenkins Lane

Please see map below for exact location of proposed works. The County Council Highways Department intends to clear the highlighted area of trees and scrub.

However, prior to the commencement of works, members of the public are invited to make comments to the undersigned. All comments are to be received by Friday 15 September 2006.

R Balgobin

Clerk to Painswick Parish Council

Town hall, Painswick GL6 6QA

Tel: 812722



Mea culpa

In the last issue I reported, using notes taken at the Council meeting, on the very brief discussion about the public meeting concerning resurfacing of the roadway in the centre of the village; part of St.Mary's Street, Victoria Street and Tibbiwell. Reference was made to two letters which had been received by the Council, and I attributed concerns about parking in Tibbiwell to that from David Gunton. My attention has been drawn to the fact that he made no mention of parking in that letter and I can only apologise for my seeming misunderstanding of the reading of those letters. While not of itself an excuse, the acoustics in the Town Hall are singularly unhelpful to reporters.

Leslie Brotherton

Did you see...




Painswick featured on the BBC TV 'Countrywide' programme last Sunday morning?

Here, Anne Bartlett is caught on camera being interviewed by John Craven in St Mary's churchyard.

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Crime

Crime figures for Painswick for the month of July:

- CRIMINAL DAMAGE 3
- BURGLARY DWELLING 1
- BURGLARY NON DWELLING 2
- THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE 3

Looking at these figures, I did note that two of the thefts from motor vehicles were from vehicles left at Edge Common and Painswick Beacon where people had left valuables in the car.



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Tel: 07734 068276



Our Summer Reading Mission for the children has gone well this year, with more children than ever registering to take part. For those who have completed the mission, certificates will be sent to schools for collection, or to the library if your child is not yet at primary school.

Storytimes will continue on a Friday afternoon from 3.15pm – 4.00pm for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you.

Sadly this month we say goodbye to Jessica, our Library Customer Assistant, who is off to Cardiff University to study marine geography. We wish her every success. We are going to miss her very much!

Please do let us know if we are not stocking the books and other items you like. There is no point the shelves being full of titles you don't read! There is never a problem swapping stock with other libraries to give you what you want.

Our Internet taster sessions are filled for the next two months, but do enquire if you need help. We can probably add a few extra sessions whether you are an absolute beginner or need a "refresher".

Your library staff – Kath, Jess, Anne and Janine

Appeal for information

Police are appealing for witnesses and information regarding two recent incidents in and around Painswick. The first incident concerned two girls - one aged 12, the other 13 - who were playing near Painswick Beacon around 3.15 pm on August 2nd. A man stopped his car on the Gloucester Road near the entrance to the golf course and asked if they wanted to play football. Initially they followed him to a nearby wood and when he made an improper suggestion they ran away. The man is thought to be in his 40s and is described as white, just over 5 feet tall, with blonde/brown hair and a "funny" left eye. He was wearing a scruffy blue top and dark blue jeans that were muddy, as if he had just come from work. His car was black and shiny as if brand new and was travelling from Painswick towards Gloucester.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information is asked to call Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 or the Crimestoppers Hotline anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting incident 347 of August 2nd

Also at about 1.20pm on August 9th, a resident of Stamages Lane saw a white lorry with a large cab leaving the lane at speed and heading in the general direction of Cheltenham. The driver had a moustache and was wearing a woolly hat. An ornamental tree in a large blue pot had been stolen from outside one house, but attempts to steal other trees failed because the owner had secured the pots to the ground. Please take measures to protect garden ornaments, especially ones outside the front of houses.

If you have any information to help the police concerning this incident, please call 0845 090 1234 quoting incident number 675 of August 9th.



Parish Council surprises

The Friday Club ended its summer season with a fascinating talk by Terry Parker on what it is like to be a Parish Councillor and, even more, to be its Chairman. The sheer range and variety of matters, some of much legal complexity, with which a Parish Council gets faced was truly surprising and we have to be truly grateful to them for working really hard on our behalf. They are undeservedly criticised too often.

The autumn season starts on September 8th with a talk and demonstration about Pilates exercises by Heidi Hardy, which Clubbers will find, perhaps to their surprise, is something that everybody able to stand or lie flat on their back will find themselves able to do without going red in the face with exertion – (Man Friday speaks from experience!).

On 22nd September the club go on an outing to the wonderful Bristol Zoo to which anyone (all welcome) wishing to join the trip is invited to book at the bargain price of £13 by phoning Jane Otway, 01452 812203.

Man Friday



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St Michaels: a tasty welcome...



Painswick welcomed a new restaurant last month. St Michael's, in Victoria Square, is the first business venture for chef-proprietor Matt Black and his partner and front-of-house manager, Magda Zavodna. Magda hails from the Czech Republic and has lived in Painswick for the last four years, working as a special needs teacher. The couple met in the Royal Oak, where - along with the Falcon - Matt was the resident chef. "He made me pancakes and that was it!" says Magda.



St Michael's will specialise in light lunches and bistro style evening meals, with the emphasis on local produce, much of it coming from Stroud Farmers' Market. "Even the Czech beer is local, at least to me!" jokes Magda. "And all Painswickians will be able to enjoy a 5% permanent discount along with an excellent meal."

...and welcome also to Marchella

Marchella De Angelis is the new owner of the Painswick Hotel. Clearly smitten with the beauty of the building itself and describing Painswick as "gorgeous", Marchella is brimming with ideas to revitalise the hotel. Her boundless enthusiasm and obvious energy bode well for the future and Painswick will be the beneficiary.

Marchella has been here for only a month so far and knows that the changes will take time to effect. Notwithstanding the size of the project she has taken on, she has already made an impressive start. Amongst other tasks, she has been employing local craftsmen and the garden walls are now in the process of being cleared of damaging weeds and ivy so that the beautiful stonework is rightly back in view.

Watch this space for details of her exciting plans and updates on her progress.



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Going wild at school

From Clare Haynes:

The place to see wild life in Painswick is the Croft School field in the early morning or in the evening. In one week in late June between 5 and 6 in the morning I saw 2 dear jump the fence from Philip Berry's field onto the school field where they played for some time before going off in the Hambutts direction. The next day at the same hour a fine white cat chased and caught a squirrel which seemed to be lame so could not climb the tree. It carried the squirrel off in the direction of Churchill Way.

The very next day the same cat was mobbed by the resident rooks and driven up a tree at the back of the school, where-upon a big brown fox came strolling across the field. I saw this fox a number of times morning and evening and it always went off in the Hambutts direction. There was also a family of 4 foxes that played on the field at dusk on a number of evenings, not to mention the rabbits. But where are our partridges that were so in evidence until a few months ago?

Keep it open

From Joan Truman:

I would like to add my support to that of Mr & Mrs Errock vis a vis the Post Office in the August edition.

For me too, the Post office is an important source of cash as my bank has no branch in Painswick. Not being in favour of having too many direct debits I also pay my Council Tax, utility bills etc there. It might be cheaper to pay by direct debit but I am anxious to keep the Post Office open.

Treated Royally

From Anne Leoni:

Contrary to other people's experiences, how very well I was treated during my ten days stay in the Gloucester Royal Hospital. I was slightly perturbed when the consultant insisted I went to the specialised ward instead of the private rooms on the 9th floor but with insight I totally agree with his decision. I was treated with courtesy, care and a great deal of attention, all given with a cheery attitude by the nurses who were working their socks off. Everyone from the doctors to the cleaners worked as a team: the night nurses (all two of them for 30 patients) sometime ended up with just a cup of tea! Even the food (the little I could have) was more than adequate and catered to my needs. We are very lucky that there are still young people so dedicated in the caring profession!

Painswick Club

From Mark Hammond,

Past President of the Painswick Club:

The recent 'DID YOU KNOW?' articles about the Painswick Centre seem to gloss over the real purpose and intent of Mrs Williams's generosity.

The 'Working Men's Club and Institute' was the intended main beneficiary. The Trustees were endowed with the care of the buildings and the trusteeship of the Club. They were to oversee the Club and the rules by which it operated.

To be kept independent, the Trustees were given at least three cottages in the village and the Central Stores, rents from which were used for the upkeep of the property.

Profits from the Club were invested in the Trustees to be used to maintain the structure of the buildings, any excess to be spent improving the Club facilities, eg purchase of billiard tables, soft furnishings, bar equipment etc.

Sometime about 1938, the Central Stores were sold off by the Trustees. The Club continued to occupy the premises and underwent gradual changes to the way it operated over the years, membership in its last few years being in excess of 400. It was forced by the actions of the Trustees to close in early 1999.

Tiny letters?

From Wally Walters:

The inclusion of the details of the Local Plan, in small font, in the latest edition, suggests a novel solution for dealing with long letters. Any letters with more than 150 words should be reproduced in progressively smaller fonts, to fit into the requisite space.

In this way, really long letters will appear in such small type as to be virtually unreadable by all but the most zealous readers!

Editor: Mr Walters, you may well have a point! But why stop at the Letters page? If we were to reduce the standard Beacon font (Times New Roman 10 point) to 6 point throughout, we could save eight pages per issue, a few acres of woodland and knock about £3,000 a year off our printing bill. More than enough to supply each of our subscribers with a free magnifying glass!

Letters to the Beacon

Letters to the Beacon are published according to the following guidelines:

- 1.) We will not reproduce letters that are unsigned or not properly authenticated.
- 2.) We will not print letters of more than 150 words. Longer letters will be referred back to the writers for revision and reduction.
- 3.) We will restrict readers' letters to no more than one page allowing room for an 8cm strip of advertisements at the bottom of the page.
- 4.) Where a letter seems to merit a response, the Beacon reserves the right to pass the letter to the appropriate person or authority for such response. Providing the response is less than 150 words, it will normally be printed at the same time as the original letter. Hopefully in many cases the response will be a brief message, probably written by the coordinating editor for the month.
- 5.) Where the topic warrants it, some letters may lead to the preparation of an editorial article.
- 6.) The Beacon accepts letters for publication, as with other articles, assuming in good faith that their content is accurate.

We hope that this more structured approach will help both us and our correspondents to produce a lively, informative and - at times - provocative letters page.

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Centre Chic

The next event to be staged by the Trustees is the Fashion Show to be held in the Hall on Tuesday 19th September, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £5.50, are available from the Shetland Shop and from Ralph Drew (814070). The ticket price includes a free glass of wine and some nibbles. As a special incentive we are offering a free ticket to anyone

buying four.

Clothes will be supplied by **Just-In** in association with **Nightingales** and it should be a great evening. We've recruited six gorgeous local models that will each model eight different outfits. Do come along, make up a party, bring your partner and let him treat you to a fabulous outfit. After all, you deserve it!

In last month's News from the Painswick Centre we reviewed the events staged by the Trustees over the last 12 months or so and invited readers to suggest other events which you might be willing to support. We had expected to have a long list of suggestions but regrettably, only one person responded. This was rather disappointing. However, you can be sure we will be following up that person's suggestions.

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Ralph Drew

That the Stroud Journal of 6th September 1907 wrote thus:

"Painswick, that picturesque township with its many historic associations, was full of excitement on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the opening of the well appointed Institute and Concert Hall, so generously presented to the inhabitants by Mrs. Frances Sarah Williams of Davenham, near Malvern, and Garden House, South Kensington. The Queen of the Cotswolds possesses many fine residences, and the church, with its far famed peel of bells, is the pride of the district, but for many years the need has been felt of a place where inhabitants could meet in comfort for a social evening or spend their leisure in healthy recreation. Hearing of the great want of the inhabitants, Mrs Frances Williams decided to present the town with a

building that would serve the purposes of a concert hall, library, baths and a place for recreation."

The Painswick Centre was born! Its first Trustees were Mr. L.W.E. Bicknell, Mr. E.T.W. Reed Jr. of Wick Street House, Mr. C.W.D. Perrins, Mr. F.A. Hyett (President), the Rev. W.H. Seddon and Mr. E. Reed. Perhaps we have a descendent of one of the original Trustees living in Painswick today?

The Painswick Centre is more than just a Hall, it also incorporates a skittle alley, two meeting rooms and a 'snug'. During the last war the skittle alley was used as a shooting gallery, using 2-2 rifles. Not, we hasten to add, while a skittles match was in progress! The two meeting rooms, the Cotswold Room and the Green Room, were both billiard rooms around that time, and what is now The Gloucestershire Guild Gallery was the old bar.



Big Girls Blouses Appeal to AGM

A recent Friday morning finds me standing, a little perplexed, in front of the decidedly not open door

of Lloyds Bank in Bisley Street. As I wonder whether the not open-ness has anything to do with my admittedly juvenile prank of trying to fool the automatic door mechanism by walking in backwards, I catch sight of a passing Painswick Play some er of standing. As the current Painswick Players chairman, I hail him thus: "Don't forget the AGM on Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30 pm in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre!"

"Ah... yes: the AGM..." replies the venerable PP looking a bit nostalgic. "Of course, AGMs aren't what they used to be. I remember - before your time as chairman - when AGMs were really fun. Chairmen chopped, treasurers trounced, secretaries sacked... whole committees being committed... Why I remember one back in..."

I quickly interject. "Well, this time there will be a new chairman and secretary: I'm standing down, as is Jackie Herbert."

He looks thoughtful. "Mmm.. two out of three's not bad, I suppose." He pauses a moment before, "So, at last you're being kicked out, are you?"

"Not exactly, kicked out," I reply hastily "More a case of letting someone else..."

"Yes... well," he interrupts, "I might pop along: it could be fun. You still drinking up that cheap Hungarian red?"

I was about to tell him that apart from voting in a new chairman and secretary, this year's AGM promises a lively debate led by Kevin Parker about the future of the Players and the types of production we should be putting on to attract new audiences here in Painswick. I was also going to tell him that Alistair Anderson would use the AGM to announce further details of our next production (7th, 8th, 9th December) celebrating the centenary of the Painswick Centre with a re-enactment of the Opening Ceremony followed by an Edwardian Music Hall. I was even prepared to reveal to him the curious yet vital roles played by Big Girls' Blouses and the mysterious Mr G Worgan in all this. (I shall reveal more of these fascinating riddles to you, dear reader, before the end of this article, so bear with me.) All of this I was going to share with him... but he had gone.

His comments did, however, set me thinking about AGMs past. I realised that it is now nearly ten years since we awoke PaDS (as it then was) from a three year slumber by means of an Extraordinary General Meeting. The following extract from the Beacon report at the time shows just how extraordinary it was:

The meeting began with a splendidly logical point of order to the effect that the AGM wasn't actually happening.

- *How do you mean?*
- *Because it's neither Annual nor General.*
- *Why not?*
- *Because (1) it's been more than a year since the last one and (2) there hasn't been a general notice to existing members*
- *What existing members?*
- *The existing members that existed when PaDS last existed.*
- *When was that?*
- *Three years ago*
- *How do you know they're still members?*
- *Because they've paid their subscriptions*
- *When?*
- *Three years ago*
- *How much are the subscriptions?*
- *Er... well... nothing.*
- *Why not?*
- *Because subscriptions were abolished.*
- *When?*
- *Three years ago.*

And so on...

Such is the stuff of which drama is made!

Now, back to the Big Girls Blouses and the mysterious Mr W. Our ever fastidious and couturially correct Mistresses of the Wardrobe, Ann Dorman and Pat Francis are appealing, indeed they are most appealing. And this time their appeal is for 'Edwardian' type blouses. If you have any you can give or lend us, please give Ann a call on 814548 or Pat on 813524.

Finally, to the mysterious Mr G Worgan. The really fascinating thing about Mr G Worgan is that...

(Sadly we have to cut the article at this point, as Mr Burgess has used up his monthly word allocation. It's not just the Letters page that we're tightening up on. Editor)



Big and Beautiful: from Aaah to Aargh!

Remember this fluffy baby? He appeared in the July edition of the Beacon. Well just look at how much a fellow can change in two months!

This is Phoenix, the goshawk which Gary Cope is rearing and which will join Gary's other birds of prey as part of his falconry business. In just two months Phoenix has changed from being a lolling bundle of fluff into a truly magnificent bird, beautiful and elegant. A stunning transformation. That said, he is, as Gary points out, still young, a bit of a teenager really. He is delightfully playful and quite attention-seeking. He is certainly very tame, comfortable with people and interested in everything that moves. He is also very noisy.

So far, he hasn't been entered i.e. he hasn't caught and killed anything. This month Gary will start Phoenix's training for hunting and this will bring about more changes. As Phoenix matures and starts to hunt properly he will quieten down. At present he has very lovely soft markings and colouring and over the next



year or so these will change and deepen more dramatically. Gary is amazed at his size – the biggest male goshawk he has known in his long experience. Phoenix weighs 2lb 7oz whereas the standard size is between 2lb and 2lb 4oz. His life expectancy is 20-25 years.

Phoenix will join Gary's team of birds which are all part of his falconry experience for anyone wishing to know the thrill of spending time with these dignified creatures. The activities range from walks organised to fly the birds to hunting with them. More information about what Gary offers in the way of these rather special activities can be found on his website www.garycopefalconry.co.uk or by contacting him on 07816152630.

Gary has also bred ferrets for the purpose of hunting and finds he has an excess. If anyone would like a young ferret or two please get in touch with him.



Carol Maxwell

Flowers, tombs but no bells

A huge thank you to all who so kindly supported in so many ways, the fund raising coffee Morning on the 12th August at the home of Andy and Arthur Lock. £355 was raised to buy Oasis for the 2007 Flower Festival to raise funds for the tombstones. A most enjoyable event. Thank you Andy and Arthur.

Sincere apologies to all who enjoy the bell practice on a Tuesday evening, and all members of the Painswick Tower. In my search for anything happening on Tuesday 12th September, I found nothing written down in diaries etc and completely forgot the bell ringers practice night. Hence, I accepted an offer by James Coles and Edith Fellmann to give a concert to raise funds to buy flowers for the 2007 Flower Festival. I hadn't realised the bell ringing practice was written in tablets of stone. So no bells on Tuesday 12th September, but a concert at 7.30pm and my apologies to all concerned.

Anne Smith

Heyday for Baby Boomers

We have been asked to publicise the activities of Heyday, a not-for-profit membership organization, set up last May, with a mission to help people prepare for and make the most of retirement. To this end Heyday publishes a bi-monthly glossy lifestyle magazine of the same name.

It is also in the process of conducting what it claims is the biggest ever consultation exercise of people in their fifties and sixties on a range of issues, including work and retirement. To date, over 60,000 'baby boomers' have responded to a survey called *Have your say* and apparently two thirds say they don't want to retire at 65.

Partly as a result and supported by Age Concern, Heyday is currently taking the government to court under the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations (2006) over employment rights for people over 65. More details from www.heyday.org.uk or the local organizer, Maureen Paul, on 01452 506640.



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350 years of Christ Church and the Quakers in Painswick...

The weekend of 5th/6th August brought celebrations to mark the 350th anniversaries of Quakerism in Painswick as well as continuous non conformist worship at Christ Church throughout that period. Christ Church was formerly the Cornelius Winter Memorial Church.

Writing in his book "350 years of Quakerism in Painswick" Doctor Jim Hoyland says that not only is 2006 the 350th anniversary of Quakerism (The Society of Friends) in Painswick but also the tercentenary of the Friends Meeting House in Vicarage Street. He further comments that the double celebration with Christ Church "is no coincidence, as many radical, non conformist sects emerged out of the political and religious turmoil of the 1650's, the time of Cromwell's Commonwealth, when they were often persecuted".

To mark the joint anniversaries, Christ Church and The Friends held joint celebrations. An exhibition of Quaker work and worship was on display in the Friends Meeting House on Saturday and, with the usual Meeting for Worship taking place on the Sunday, there was a further opportunity to view the exhibition.

Our picture (below) shows Christopher



Barclay reading about his great-great-great-great-grandfather, Robert Barclay, one of the founding fathers of the Quaker movement.

Another exhibition reflecting the 350 years of worship was held in the Christ Church hall on the Saturday with cream teas served.

In the evening, a concert, *Seasons and*



Senses, given by Chor@ was held in Christ Church with strawberries and champagne served during the interval.

The concert was a great success comprising an exciting and eclectic mix of choral and solo performances, including Gaudete, the 23rd Psalm, Misty, the Hallelujah Chorus, Londonderry Air, Sweet Adeline and a rousing South African anthem, Freedom is coming!



During the afternoon of Sunday 6th August, a service was held in Christ Church to commemorate the 350 years of worship. During the service the history of the church was read in four parts and there was the reading of the Roll of Ministers.


In addition, Paul Castle of The Friends, designed a walk which linked Christ Church in Gloucester Street, the Friends Meeting House in Vicarage Street, via a new sign at the junction of Vicarage Street and St Mary's Street, and the Friends Burial Ground at Dell Farm.



Our picture shows Dr Jim Hoyland (left) with Mr Brian Kirk, who kindly agreed to the placing of the sign on the wall of the Red Lion House in St Mary's Street.

Fiona Fletcher

Last Friday evening, members of the Christ Church congregation met to say farewell to Fiona Fletcher, who is moving to Devon. The Revd Heather Whyte paid tribute to the exceptional service Fiona had given to the Christ Church community over many years.



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Clypping

The Clypping Service will be held on Sunday, September 24th at 3.00pm. The preacher this year will be the Bishop of Gloucester, who will receive the usual fee of a basket of buns. The collection will be aid of the Door, a Stroud Youth Project.

All are welcome to come and share in this annual Painswick celebration which will be in the Churchyard so long as the weather permits but in the Church if it does not.

Alison Robinson

Praying for Peace

The World Day Prayer for Peace this year will take place on Thursday 26th October at the Church of Our Lady & St Therese from 9.00 am until 7.30 pm.



Conserving the Tombs

Centreline, a local firm of architectural stonemasons, has just started a conservation programme of work to restore the tombstones in St Mary's Churchyard.

The collection of tombs and monuments in the beautiful setting of our famous churchyard is considered by many experts to be of national importance, and is often quoted as 'the finest collection of table tombs in the country'. It forms part of our national heritage.

A lot of fine carving detail has already been lost from the monuments due to erosion and poor conservation methods in the past. More structural damage will occur if the corrosion damage, from the iron cramps holding the monuments together, is not arrested and corrected. Out of the total of over 320 monuments, work has now begun on the 98 tombstones in the worst condition.

Our heritage is not just the stonework, but also the vast amount of material contained in the tombstone inscriptions, about our local and national history during the 16th to 19th centuries. This is partly recorded within archive materials collected by the late Roy Truman. It is now being collated and researched. By means of publications, education packs, displays and exhibitions, the knowledge and interest in the tombstones will be secured and available for current and future generations. All of this takes time and costs money.

The stonework conservation work is planned over a five year period, with breaks during the severest of the cold weather. The publication and display materials should become available over the next twelve months.



Family Worship: a new family service

A new service is about to be launched at St Mary's. The new Family Worship plans to be a lively and informal service, aimed primarily at young people and children whilst still containing valuable teaching for the more mature among us. Starting on 10th September, the service will take place on the second Sunday of each month at 11.15 am.

This exciting development reflects the growing number of young Christians and Christian families in our village, but you do not need to be young or a family to come – everyone is very welcome. So why not join us on 10th September and be part of something new?

NB There will be no Family Worship in November due to Remembrance Sunday.

Pippa Dickinson

The costs are currently estimated at over £110,000. Fund raising was started with a legacy of £20,000 from Roy Truman's estate. Further funding has been obtained with £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £10,000 from the Pilgrim Trust. Generous donations and fund-raising events within our Painswick community include the very 'wet' Fete at Painswick House, the fantastic abseiling event down the church tower, Painswick & District Conservation Society;

an Italian Gourmet evening at Painswick Hotel, Thameshead Singers Concert, Gloucester Diocese Tombstone Fund, several collections from funerals at St Mary's and many sponsors, friends, patrons and benefactors.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported the project so far. However, there will be further fund-raising appeals over the next few years! Additionally there will be appeals for volunteers to help with the project in a variety of ways: if you are interested please let me know or contact our website at www.painswicktombs.org.uk.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that the responsibility for looking after the tombstones and monuments in a churchyard does not lie with the Parochial Church Council, but with the descendants of the families interred in the graves. Those people have mostly long gone, which is why I have tried to make this a Painswick project for Painswick people to look after the heritage of Painswick. However we are also spreading our net wider, and have already had enquiries from people in Australia researching their ancestors and donating to our appeal.

Thank you for your support.

David Harley, Churchwarden and Project Leader



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**Painswick
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Local History Teaser

You may or may not have noticed the absence of a teaser in the last couple of issues of the Beacon. However, resuming where we left off, the answers to the questions posed with the last printed photograph are as follows. The well-known man walking down New Street

was Roland Smith who ran his butcher's shop in Bisley Street where Little Fleece bookshop is now situated. The pole protruding from the premises behind was, of course, a barber's pole, indicating Mr Luker's shop prior to moving to Bisley Street.

Our photograph this month presents quite a challenge as we are rather in the dark ourselves. We know it is the Church choir from several decades ago but cannot date it very accurately. As the gentlemen appear to be dressed in their best we think it may be a special occasion, but again, we do not know. If you can enlighten us with any information e.g. the occasion, the date (even approximately), the location, the people etc, we would love to hear from you.

Incidentally, if you have any old photographs you consider might set readers thinking, do let us know.

Painswick Local History Society's new season of talks begins on Tuesday, 19 September when Mr Jim Hodge will give a presentation on the hot topic of Christ Church's anniversary. This will be the first of a series of varied and interesting monthly presentations. The meeting will start at 7.30pm at the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



A wonderful day at Highgrove

The Sue Ryder Care Group spent a day in the gardens of Highgrove House, the private residence of The Prince of Wales since 1980, on Monday 21st August.

The house near Tetbury had been the home of Maurice Macmillan, Conservative MP for Farnham and son of the former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, for 14 years. Prince Charles chose Gloucestershire for his new home because of its easy access to London and other parts of Britain, including the western counties where the Duchy of Cornwall has most of its properties.

The weather was perfect for the visit and thoroughly enjoyed by all, as can be gathered from comments received afterwards:

- Would not have missed it. Super!
- A wonderful experience, lots of ideas to go home with.
- A different approach to a garden: not all flowers and similar colours.
- A lovely experience in a perfect setting.
- A garden of surprises, something exiting around each corner.
- A wonderful experience made really enjoyable by Lyn our guide. Well worth the visit.
- What an experience!
- A magical experience, wonderful design plants and colour

mixes, a lovely guide. I spent too much!

· Perfect weather for a visit to a wonderful and varied garden. Lyn Hemsted gave us an excellent tour including much information about plants and sculpture. We were welcomed by the police, then chickens, a cockerel crowing, together with sheep and lovely horses, and beautiful sounds; a very special day.

· A most enjoyable visit; our guide was very well informed and gave us a very well organised tour of the garden. It all made for a relaxed and yet stimulating three hours. Many thanks

· A huge privilege to be able to walk around the gardens and to go right up to the house itself and not to be kept at arm's length, despite to-days climate of "terror and security". An excellent guide both charming and informative. Thanks for organising the visit.

Don't forget our coffee-morning on the 11th November: all donations gratefully received!

Anne Leoni



Hot time for the WI with the Beeb

'To Inform, Educate and Entertain' is what the British Broadcasting Corporation aims to do, and this is exactly what Chris Brierley from BBC Radio Gloucestershire did when he came to talk to Yew Trees WI at their July meeting. Chris told us about his life before he came to Gloucester and what he does now as a reporter covering news from Stroud and The Cotswolds – an area of some 450 square miles - as well as his ambitions for the future. He talked about news now being 'instant' and how earlier in the day he had interviewed Patricia Hewitt, the Health Minister, when she visited Cirencester.

He explained the day-to-day organisation of the Radio Station and demonstrated the wonders of modern recording equipment. Finally he patiently and good-humouredly answered our many questions. Chris kept his audience entertained and interested during a hot and humid evening; quite an achievement -and as a result I think several radios in Painswick are now tuned to 104.7 fm!

At our September meeting we hope some ladies will come forward to join our Committee to prevent Yew Trees WI folding at the end of the year. We are also looking forward to hearing local artist Peter Jenkins talk about 'Travel that has inspired my paintings'. Ladies, do come and join us; visitors are always most welcome (£2). See you at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26th September in the Town Hall.

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My Fair Lady Comes to Painswick

The Painswick Singers bring a *My Fair Lady* Experience to the Painswick Centre on November 4th that will be a novel and delightful event and a rare treat for Painswick audiences. Brian Ethridge, their conductor, and Penelope Martin-Smith, both international concert artists, have devised and perform a pocket version of the show's most loved and hilarious moments that brings the essence of the show within the compass of an evening concert. This will also include a programme of madrigals, part songs and songs from the shows.

The concert is being given in association with The Family Haven Charity. Readers of the Beacon will be familiar with the work of the charity in supporting young Gloucestershire families with children of under 5 years who are in distress. With support from the Charity these families are helped to address their difficulties and face a brighter future. We are sure Beacon readers will give continuing support to those families and have a good night out at the same time by joining the concert audience. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from The Chairman Antiques, New St Painswick, tel: 810820, The Family Haven, tel:01452-422971, members of The Painswick Singers or Janet Jenkins, tel: 812724.

Rehearsals start on 11th September and anyone wishing to join The Singers for this event should contact Maurice Maggs tel: 814092.



Blues at the Centre

Painswick Blues starts its fifth year with the amazing Sherman Robertson from Texas performing with his band on September 16th from 8.00pm at the Painswick Centre. Contact Paul Gray on 814482 or look on www.painswickblues.co.uk for more details.

The future schedule for Blues Nights at Painswick Centre is:

- September 16th Sherman Robertson
- September 30th Thomas Brothers, History of the Blues: acoustic vintage blues show with films
- October 21st Michael Roach Big Band
- November 18th Big Joe Lewis
- December 16th The Eddie Martin Band

Fine Art at the Town Hall



Valerie Dugan and Ian Shearman will be holding a Fine Art Exhibition at the Painswick Town Hall showing their latest works. Valerie will be showing her award winning botanical water colour paintings and calligraphy, and Ian his acrylic paintings of Cotswold landscapes and Cornish seas and also his superb Raku pottery.

The exhibition will be at the Painswick Town Hall from Friday 8th September from 2.00pm until 8.00pm, and then Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th from 10.00am until 4.30pm.



Learn to Paint and Draw

Jane Garbett's Painting and Drawing Courses resume in Painswick in the first week of September. The courses are suitable for beginners and more experienced artists. Over the months all aspects of art practice are covered, including landscape, portrait, still life, life drawing, and abstract. The courses of six weeks are taught in small friendly groups, usually six, which allows for lots of individual support.

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Wordsearch

Straightforward this month with you being able to check your own results. Can you find all twelve of the 'stops' listed on the A46 bus route through Painswick?

Answers to last month's M-S of dances in Wordsearch:

- MAMBO MAYPOLE MEXICAN HAT POLKA
- QUADRILLE QUICKSTEP REEL ROCK AND ROLL
- RUMBA SALSA SARABANDE SCHOTTISCHE
- SCOTTISH SEGUIDILLA SEQUENCE SHIMMY
- SHUFFLE SLOW FOXTROT SQUARE

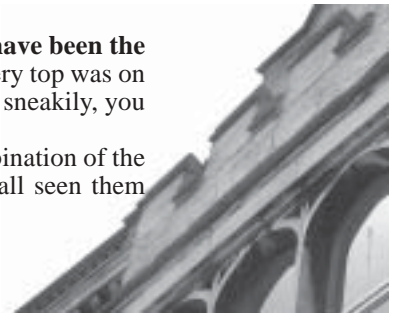
The SARABANDE appeared twice, just to annoy you!



Architects

Last month's architectural poser turns out to have been the **finger sign (left)** in Victoria Square. Only the very top was on display and even that had been turned (somewhat sneakily, you may think) through 90 degrees.

This month the challenge is to identify the combination of the architectural features displayed right. You have all seen them hundreds of times, we suspect.



633 subscribers in six months

By mid-August, still less than half way through the Beacon year, we were well ahead of last year's full year total.

With 633 subscribers, including 142 new subscriptions, we hope we may well be heading for a record year. Not that we're getting complacent!

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Total including postal	<u>633</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>608</u>
<i>Dwellings in Painswick village</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>
<i>Subscribers in village</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>397</i>	<i>423</i>
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Cricket

Double promotion for Painswick

This has been a very successful season for the club. Both the first and second elevens are to be promoted and next season they will play in the newly formed Gloucestershire Premier league which has first and second eleven divisions. This is the third consecutive year that the first eleven will have been promoted. Last Saturday, 26th August, the first eleven travelled to Tewkesbury for the final league match of the season and restricted the home side to the modest total of 158 for the loss of eight wickets, Dan Cave taking 3 for 28. Painswick began well in their reply and reached 93 for the loss of one wicket, with Wayne Neville scoring 33 and David Boon 31 but were dismissed for 144. However, given the number of victories earlier in the season, the defeat did not affect the team's promotion. Club Secretary, Ian Hogg, told the Beacon that club members were delighted with the teams' performances but had been disappointed to learn that their high scoring wicketkeeper/batsman Simon Savides would not be available next season as he is moving to the north of England. On Monday 21st August Painswick had an interesting fixture, playing against the British Officers (Philadelphia) team from the United States. Replying to the visitors' total of 230 runs, Painswick were all out for 128.

Last Sunday, 27th August, the Painswick club hosted a six-a-side tournament which was held as one of a series of fund-raising events organised by former Stroud High School pupil, Jade Maxwell, aged 25, who is seeking to raise some £3,000, all of which sum will go to the Amani children's home in the north east of Tanzania. The Amani charity gives shelter, food, care and education to children, many of whom have been abandoned or orphaned through AIDS. Jade who is to visit the home next March told the Beacon that in return for her fund-raising efforts she has been offered the opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. She expressed her considerable appreciation to the players and to everyone who contributed and supported the event which Jade said had raised the "fantastic" total of £503.51. Donations can be made online at www.justgiving.co.uk/kili4cash or by email to Jade at kili4cash@yahoo.com

August league results (*indicates not out).

Sat 5th. Birdlip 1st XI 141 all out Painswick 1st XI 250 all out (S Savides 50).

Painswick 2nd XI 120 Hatherley & Reddings 174-9.

Sat 12th. Painswick 1st XI 196 all out (D Boon 66 R Hopkins 68)

Fairford 1st XI 127 all out.

Cheltenham Civil Service 2nd XI 125 Painswick 2nd XI 308-2 (W Neville 50* T Cocks 65 W Lee 55

P Edgington 53*).

Sat 19th. Cinderford St.John 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Match cancelled.

Sat 26th. Tewkesbury 1st XI 158-8 Painswick 1st XI 144 all out.

Rugby

With the hot days of summer fading in the memory thoughts now turn to winter sports and, in particular, the start of the rugby season. Painswick first fifteen have retained their place in the Premier Division because, although they finished in a relegation position, the restructuring of the league has meant that they will stay in the senior division. The club is confident that the young side can maintain their league status in the forthcoming season. Improvements have been made to the Broadham sports club facility with a new carpet having been laid and the interior lighting replaced. There are plans for the refurbishment of the small bar area with new more comfortable furniture. The club will be delighted to see Beacon readers at the matches when their support will be appreciated.

Fixtures [(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table]

Sat 2 Sep. Painswick 1st XV. Match to be confirmed.

Sat 9 Sep. (L) Frampton Cotterell 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

Sat 16. (L). Painswick 1st XV v Matson 1st XV.

(M) Drybrook 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 23 Sep. (L) Old Richians 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

(M) Hucclecote OB 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 30 Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Whitehall 1st XV.

(M) Painswick United v Cinderford 3rd XV.

Sat 7 Oct. (L) Avonmouth 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV

Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV.

Sat 14 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Drybrook 1st XV.

(M) Coney Hill 3rd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 21 Oct. (L) Longlevens 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

(M) Painswick United v Cheltenham Sabres.

Sat 28 Oct. Powergen Cup fixture. To be arranged.

Painswick United v Tewkesbury 2nd XV.

Vice Presidents' Day

Saturday 16th September is the day of the first Vice Presidents' meeting of the season. A warm welcome is extended to all VPs prior to the match with local rivals Matson RFC. The meeting time is 1.00pm.

Tennis

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

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Painswick Youth Club

Fun Day 6th August

The Fun Day was a success in different ways. It served to raise the profile of the Youth Centre with the community, as those people using the recreation ground such as parents with their young children on the play area, those exercising their dogs and others simply walking through, came to see what was taking place. The day also gained the attention of some young people with and without parents. Certainly the bouncy castle had such an enthusiastic response that for a time it seemed its presence might be counter productive to the main aim of the event. As the time wore on and these families drifted away the youth workers and committee members were able to see more clearly the young people who were showing an interest in the Fun Day's intended purpose which was to increase the membership of the Youth Club. The organisers were delighted that a total of 23 young people completed forms with a declaration of interest in the club. The club meets each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the former rugby club pavilion on the recreation field. Anyone with an interest who missed the Fun Day will be most welcome.

Jenny Broadbank, Youth Leader

Painswick Bowling Club

The Painswick Bowling Club annual Ladies v Gents match held on Friday 11th August was won for the second year running by the Ladies by 69 to 65. It was played on a bright but breezy afternoon and the conditions would have been perfect but for a revolting bonfire blowing a foul smoke from the Cheltenham Road direction across the adjoining tennis courts and the bowling green.

There were the usual car parking problems at the Painswick Centre as the event clashed with the Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen's Exhibition. Bowling equipment is quite heavy and it is not practical to expect players to carry it from the Stamages Lane Car Park. In spite of a notice at the entrance to the Painswick Centre car park, drivers still get blocked in and the game is disrupted if cars have to be moved during play.

The day finished with an enjoyable dinner at the Castle, Moreton Valence, where we were made very welcome by Mr. & Mrs. King.

Jane Otway

Cupola restored



Our picture shows the cupola at the Church of Our Lady & St Therese in Friday Street, which has been recently renovated by local firm, Centreline. A number of Painswickians have remarked on how beautiful it now looks with the pillars now restored.

The church was originally built in 1934 but, following bomb damage in 1941, it was not fully refurbished until 1956, when the cupola was added. The Journal of the Gloucestershire and North Avon History Society records that "Externally the main body of the old structure with its slate roof was retained. Entirely new work was largely confined to the belfry over the main doorway and the new south wall. The classical style belfry incorporated a lead-covered dome, supported by eight white pillars, and was surmounted by an orb and gilt cross. Carved limestone blocks were used to face the building and the standard of work was considered to be of the highest order. The niche over the doorway was designed to house a statue."

It is the rounded dome, called a cupola, which forms part of the recently completed restoration work.



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There will be a coach to London on Wednesday 18th 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.



Rambling

The South Cotswold Rambling group have just published a book of eighteen short (average five miles) walks in the beautiful Cotswold area. The walks have been carefully mapped and each has been walked over about three times to check the accuracy of the maps and their accompanying written descriptions. The books are currently in stock at Painswick Tourist Office and Londis Stores at £3.05 each. They would make an attractive stocking filler for any walks lover.

HR Wood, Cotswold Way Warden

Austerity Lunches 2006-07

As summer comes to a close it will soon be time for the autumn session of the Austerity Lunches to begin. The first lunch will be held on Monday Oct 9th at 12 noon in Christ Church Hall, and the committee has agreed that this year we will be supporting Painswick Playgroup along with our ongoing commitment to Christian Aid.

The lunches were started almost forty years ago in order to raise awareness and money for those in need. Those original aims remain, and the benefits of this project within the community have also been recognised; the opportunity to meet with friends, to make new ones and the importance of helping one another.

We are always looking for new groups to reflect the diversity of life here in Painswick and this year we welcome the Croft School onto our rota of helpers. Sadly we say goodbye and thank you to some who have hosted lunches over many years.

As we look toward the future the committee has been considering whether the name "Austerity" is somewhat outdated and truly reflects what we are about. Over the first few weeks of the lunches those attending will be invited to express their views so if you have any ideas or opinions please do come along and voice them.

Gill Gyde

Volunteers for Lunch at Ashwell

The Ashwell House Luncheon Club has been ably run by volunteers for thirty years. The Luncheon Club provides a meal and social interaction and is enjoyed by all those who attend. Due to ill health and a move out of Painswick, we have recently lost two valued volunteers, who we need to replace. Could you give an hour of your time once a month? If you think you could, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact either Helen Baker or Michelle Elliott on 812726.

PROPERTY REPORT for September by Murrays Estate Agents

Another summer draws to a close, holiday season over, kids back to school, nights drawing in and still time to move house before Christmas. September is a very important month in the property market; more people make the decision to move over the next six weeks or so than virtually any other time of the year. This year in particular, with more buyers around than sellers is proving to be more active than ever. However, the recent rise in interest rates, increase in unemployment figures coupled with the troubles around the world are all worrying factors, but none seem to have influenced the UK property market yet. The maxim "make hay while the sun shines" comes to mind, the coming year, I don't believe will be as certain as we are experiencing today. All the same, property still remains the investors safe haven, even if it goes down, historically it has always bounced back better than ever before. Here in Painswick and other Cotswold villages we continue to be pretty safe, people will always want to live here and supply will probably never fully satisfy demand.

Since my last report we have had a very busy time, some of our best results for many years. New instructions have been steady

but not enough to keep up with the increased sales and demand. These include a really attractive four bedroomed house in Woodborough Close, a two bedroomed apartment near The Falcon, one of Painswick's fine Georgian houses in the centre, a three bedroomed cottage in Vicarage Street, two properties in Edge, a nearly new five bedroomed house and an individual detached bungalow in large walled garden. In Slad two more properties, a charming four bedroomed detached cottage and spacious four bedroomed detached bungalow with superb views and in Sheepscombe a really attractive detached period cottage. Several sales have been agreed and contracts exchanged, we found a buyer for the Lamp House which proceeded to completion quickly, also 1 Court Cottage in Butt Green, both Woodbury and Angels Roost in Vicarage Street, 6 Berry Close, 14 Gloucester Road, Edge Cottage at Edge, Rose Cottage at Cranham, Calfway House at The Camp, Hornbeams at Slad and Woodlands Farm at Churchdown.

Murrays Office celebrates seven years in Painswick this month, thirteen years in Stroud and involvement in property sales in the village dating back some 25 years.

Clive Murray

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Sat	2	Country Studio Exhibition of Paintings daily until	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm
Tue	5	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	6	Women's Fellowship, Opening Service	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Thu	7	Tea Dances – Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays		12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club: Pilates - Heidi Hardy	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Horticultural Society: Annual Show	Painswick Centre Hall	2.30 to 5.30pm
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Recital Coles and Fellman	St.Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	13	Probus: The Silk Road – Mr P Covey-Crump	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Coach to Bath. Enquiries – 813965/813227	Stamages Lane Car Park	10.00am
		Painswick Players AGM	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sat	16	Painswick Blues: Sherman Robertson	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Tue	19	Fashion Show: £5.50 incl. glass of wine & nibbles	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
		Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	20	Parish Council	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation 1st night 19th Season	Cotswold Room, P Centre	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Outing to Bristol Zoo		
Sat	23	Copy dateline for August Beacon		
		Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon	1.30pm
Sun	24	Clipping Sunday	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Travel that has inspired my paintings - Peter Jenkins	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus:20 years as a holiday guide - Hamish Dawson	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: AGM	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	29	Biggest Coffee Morning in the world – MacMillan	Cloth Hall, New Street	10.30am to 12.30
Sat	30	Painswick Blues: Thomas Brothers, History of Blues	Painswick Centre	8.00pm

OCTOBER

Thu	5	Music Appreciation: Edward Elgar	P. Centre, Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club: Painting with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	October issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	9	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Bird Club: From Russia with love – Bewick Swans on the move – Jenny Earle	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Women's Fellowship: join with Bird Club	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: RNLI - Mr Chris Edwards	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Horticultural Society: The magic of the Outer Hebrides	Town Hall	7.30pm
Mon	16	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	18	Coach to London	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Thu	19	Music Appreciation: The Organ	P. Centre, Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Susan Marshfield - "Bare foot to Buckingham Palace".	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Music Society AGM, Recital & Buffet	Church Rooms	7.00pm
		Painswick Blues: Michael Roach Big Band	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Sun	22	Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble from St.Petersburg	St.Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	23	Austerity Lunch: Hosts, Parish Council	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: Cookery demonstration - Robert Rees	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Writing for change (creative) – Judy Clinton	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Members' Evening, bring & buy	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM	Town Hall	7.30 pm
Mon	30	Austerity Lunch: Host – Dog Training Group	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Tennis Club AGM	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
		Coffee Morning for Age Concern Day Centre at	Ashwell House	10.30am to 12.00



	2	Music Appreciation: Franz Schubert	P. Centre, Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club AGM: followed by ... "Age Concern"	Town Hall	1.45pm & 2.30pm
Sat	4	Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid	Town Hall	10.00am to
		12.00noon		
		Knitwear sale and coffee – Conservative event	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 3.00pm
		A concert by The Painswick Singers in aid of The Haven Family Trust	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	6	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	7	Bird Club: Voyage to St Kilda – Helen Williams ARPS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	8	Probus: Talks by Members	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Arabian Jewellery - Maria Gladstone	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Broadham Fields	7.30pm
Sat	11	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12 noon
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Mr & Mrs A Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Sun	12	Remembrance Sunday Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
Wed	15	CTAP AGM	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	16	Theatre Club Outing to Cardiff	The Falcon	12.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club Outing to Cribbs Causeway		tba
		Music Appreciation: La Bohème)	Bristol Hippodrome	dep: about 5.30pm
Sat	18	Painswick Blues: Big Joe Lewis	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Mon	20	Austerity Lunch: Hostess – June Tuffnell	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	22	Probus: M&S - the first 100 years - Mr Peter Iliffe	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Hatched, matched & Dispatched – Michael Campbell	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Sat	25	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	27	Austerity Lunch: Hostess – Margaret Hodge	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: AGM & talk on Local Cheeses by Liz Godsell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus Annual Dinner		
Thu	30	Music Appreciation: Wolfgang Mozart	P. Centre, Cotswold Room	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Fri	1	Friday Club: Flowers for Christmas - Anne Smith	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	2	The Painswick Singers Carol Concert, in aid of Church funds	Christ Church	7.30pm
Mon	4	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Christ Church Advent Agape – bring a plate of food and a reading or other Advent contribution	Christ Church Hall Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	6	Probus	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	7	until 9th Painswick Players: <i>The 1906 Music Hall</i>	Painswick Centre	tba
Mon	11	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Wreath and table decoration workshop Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	14	Women's Fellowship: Christmas Lunch Music Appreciation: Christmas Social	Golf Club P. Centre, Cotswold Room	12.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	tba	tba
Sat	16	Painswick Blues: The Eddie Martin Band	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Sun	17	Children's Party - including magician	Painswick Centre	tba
Wed	20	Women's Fellowship Carol Service	Ashwell House	7.30pm

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FEBRUARY

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

Sat	24	Music Society Concert: Felicity Lott & Graham Jones	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	27	Bird Club: The Wildlife of Trinidad & Tobago - Bob Axworthy	Town Hall	7.30pm

APRIL

Wed	4	Flower Guild: Cookery demonstration by Rob Rees		
Sat	14	Music Society Concert: Daniel de Borah	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sat	28	Music Society Concert: Kungsbacka Trio	St Mary's Church	3.00pm



PLANNING MATTERS A summary of information from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

GORSELANDS, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE Resubmission of 06/1161/FUL for extension to dwelling

THE PAINSWICK HOTEL, KEMPS LANE Retrospective application for repairs to stone boundary wall facing Kemps Lane and replacement of defective softwood gate panel

PAINSWICK HEIGHTS, YOKEHOUSE LANE Renewal of planning permission 01/873 for the erection of 5 garages and 2 garden stores to service 7 new houses known as Painswick Heights. (Revised application following permission 00/406.)

8 HYETT CLOSE Alterations and extensions

3 CLATTERGROVE Installation of a dormer window in west elevation

PACKHURST FARM, EDGE Change of use from farm building to storage/office

MANZANAS, ORCHARD MEAD Alterations to dwelling

GREENBANK, THE GREEN, EDGE Erection of an extension

PACKHURST FARM, EDGE Conversion of farm buildings to holiday flat/storage

TOWER COTTAGE, KEMPS LANE Reinstatement of suspended timber floor, replacement of timber windows, installation of flue, lifting, damp proofing & relaying stone flag

COURT HOUSE, HALE LANE Thinning and remedial work to 3 beech trees

REVISED PLANS

THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD Erection of new garage building & alterations to existing outbuildings Main changes: Redesign of garage to incorporate a standard ridged roof & stone

PYLL HOUSE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of detached car port and workshop block. Main changes: Reduction in size of footprint of building & height of roof. Replacement of dormer windows with rooflights.

CONSENT

THE BULL, WICK STREET Change of use of existing agricultural access to provide residential access and closure of existing vehicle access.

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

HIGHCROFT, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Conversion of loft to provide 2 bedrooms & bathroom. Single storey extensions to side and rear.

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

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

QUIETWAYS, THE HIGHLANDS Erection of an extension & alterations

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

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

STORAGE CABIN, JENKINS BANK, JENKINS LANE, EDGE Erection of wooden shed/cabin

WASHWELL FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD Erection of general storage barn

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Sir Thomas Rich's School If anyone is interested in sharing a mini-bus or taxi run to Sir Thomas Rich's School, please contact Kay Richardson on 813874 or 07966 024104

Garage Sale! 9th -10th September - Wheatleys, Cotswold Mead, 10.00am - 4.00pm Downsizing panic = lots of stuff at interesting prices! Garden tools, furniture, domestic appliances, quality bric-a-brac, boys toys etc etc.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to RACHAEL and DAVID HALL on the birth of their daughter, CAITLIN LOUISE on July 19th (a sister for Matthew and a second grandchild for Margaret and Anthony Phillips)

80th Birthday

Belated congratulations to VALERIE WESTWOOD who celebrated her eightieth birthday on August 7th.

Engagement

Congratulations to PATRICK HARRIS, son of Mrs R M Harris of Brookhouse Mill, Greenhouse Lane, and ERIN DUNKIN of Sydney, Australia who announced their engagement recently. The couple plan to wed next April in Australia.

Wedding

Best wishes for their future happiness to EMMA WILSON-COPP and MARTIN FALSHAW who were married at St. Mary's church on August 12th.

also to CHRISTOPHER HALL and JULIA BRACKNELL who were married at St Mary's on 26th August

Golden weddings

Congratulations to JIM and JANE HOYLAND who have a golden wedding to celebrate on September 15th,

also to LESLIE and DULCIE BROTHERTON who were married fifty years ago on September 15th 1956,

also to MALCOLM and PATRICIA MONK who were married in St. Mary's church, Painswick on August 13th 1956 and came back with their family from America to join the 9.30 service on Sunday 13th this year.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to TED BURGE, RENEE HILL, JOHN LUKER, JOHN WEIR, GILL MOHIN, JOHN STANGROOM, JANE PERCIVAL-GERMAIN and JOAN TRUMAN, who have all been unwell recently,

and also to 22 month old HARRIET CHANCE, granddaughter of Ken and Jane Hemming of The Park who twice underwent surgery at London's Cromwell Hospital during August.

Condolences

Our sympathies to the family and friends of JUDY EMRYS-ROBERTS and JOHN BRAZIER, both of whom have died recently.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs MATTHEWS, who have come to live in Mill View, Kingsmill Lane,

and also SUE and MIKE KERTON, who have moved to Englewood, Cotswold Mead from Heath Village, near Chesterfield

and also Mrs KATHLEEN LARGE who has moved into Apartment 16 at Richmond Painswick.

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

Personal Messages

• GILL MOHIN would like to thank all her friends in Painswick for the help and support they have given after her recent accident.

• ANNE and DUCCIO LEONI would like to say thank you for all the cards and good wishes during her recent stay in the Gloucester Royal. We are very pleased to be able to say that, having received the results, no further treatment will be necessary.

• JOHN BAILEY would like to thank friends and neighbours for their prayers and good wishes and would like to add that the 'damage' is healing exceedingly well.

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