

The Painswick Beacon

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The Post Office – in your hands!

The future of small local post offices has become a worrying issue during the last few years, our own Painswick Post Office included. Following a recent visit, Post Office Ltd presented several possible options for consideration, the outcome of which is that Karen Judd has decided that our branch will not become a Post Office Local but will remain as it is. A Post Office Local would, amongst other things, mean a significant reduction in services and the loss of the secure area.

Although the high volume of mails processed here was acknowledged, we are still at the bottom of the scale for Financial Services eg ISAs, Premium Bonds, Growth Bonds, Children's Bonus Bonds etc. Services such as renewal of Road Tax have dropped considerably because of the internet and although Business Banking has seen a boost with two more local businesses coming on board, the overall position remains precarious. Needless to say, it is absolutely essential that everyone uses the whole range of services – and there are many – as much as possible.

One very good piece of news is that as from 23rd September banking transactions for all Royal Bank of Scotland group business and personal account holders became available specifically for cash withdrawals and balance enquiries (but not deposits). This covers Royal Bank of Scotland, NatWest Bank and Ulster Bank.

After many requests for a dry-cleaning service to be resumed the good news is that it is up and running with collections/delivery on Tuesdays and Fridays. The company involved comes highly recommended.

It's already time to think about the Christmas post. As soon as the posting dates are issued they will appear in the Beacon and will be displayed in the Post Office. Christmas stamps go on sale on 8th November and posting prices, dependent of course on size and weight, are outlined in a leaflet available in the Post Office.

Our local Post Office staff work very hard to provide the highly professional and excellent standard of service we have grown used to. It is very much in our own interest to make full use of all the services it provides if we want to keep it. Do show your support.

Carol Maxwell



NHS Changes - Painswick affected?

Over the past few years there have been various changes to the way the NHS operates and more changes are in the pipeline. Such changes can affect how treatment is made available. Page 12 contains a report on the presentation given by Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager at Painswick, in which she summarised the changes and possible impact at Painswick. In a lively question and answer session afterwards Nicola gave her personal views on various issues of potential concern raised by some of the forty or so attentive individuals present.

The Old Library

**- End of an era
No comment required!**



Clypping in the sun

See page 10



Presentation of speaker's gift

Percy wins again

For the third successive year Percy Franklin has won two classes in Stroud District Council's annual Tenant Garden Competition. He was judged to be first in both the Floral and best garden sections. At the award ceremony, held this year in Dursley, Mr Franklin was presented with a shield, two certificates and garden centre vouchers. Mrs Hanchet and Mr Durrant of Ashwell also won prizes. See page 20

On other pages this month: Directory 2012 - last call, Christmas cover, **War Memorial**, Village Quiz 2012, **Week of Prayer for World Peace**, Mencap Christmas Fayre, **Community lunches**, Jonas on a Mission, **Painswick Singers**, Painswick Centre, **Bird Club**, Local History Teaser & Society, **Music Appreciation Group**, Croft News, **Sue Ryder Christmas Fair**, Royal British Legion, **Help for Heroes coffee morning**, Richmond, **Big Apple Day**, Horticultural Show, **Police Report**, Community Choir, 101, Field Club, **Sports reports**, Village agents

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Catbrain Quarry

The concerns many expressed in recent weeks about the seeming continuance of works within the quarry led to a site visit by Neale Hall, Interim Development Control Manager with the County Council on 20th September. He informed the Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Parker, that his meeting with the operators of the site had been constructive, and that an agreement had been reached for materials stockpiled to be cleared within agreed timescales. As we go to press the crushing and screening of this substantial stockpile will be taking place. Thereafter ground works will be put in hand for the erection of a new storage building associated (it is presumed) with stone, hard standing and landscaping.

No further works to the quarry face are intended until its stability is assessed; it is then intended that only unstable material will receive attention.

Bisley Energy Project & Turbine

The Council received a report from member Caroline White who had made general enquiries regarding this initiative. As their own web site states "The Bisley Community Energy Project was set up in the summer of 2010. It is a sub-group of the Parish Council comprising parish councillors, energy professionals and interested members of the public. Its aims are to develop discussion and awareness of the problems surrounding energy production and security of supply, and to assess how our community can react to these issues. It reports regularly to the Parish Council on progress and any proposals that it makes for action in this area will be submitted to the Parish Council for discussion and approval".

Their local investigations have looked at a range of renewable energy sources and, indeed, at the possibility of any surplus generated being sold back to the National Grid in order to fund improvements in such as the village hall. (Their 'Bisley-with-Lypiatt Going Carbon Neutral' paper (downloadable from their web site) is invaluable reading.) Cranham and Chalford Parish Councils have 'consultee' status.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of representation, and that water power might be of interest for Painswick in particular.

Town Hall – toilets

In anticipation of upgrading of the toilets in the Town Hall, coincident with the works to convert the upper hall for library purposes, the committee was asked to approve the layout of facilities devised by the architect ready for a Listed Building planning submission. The overall costs

were expected to be in the order of £49k, inclusive of an element for the toilets. The layout, incorporating facilities for the disabled, were agreed.

Telephone exchange – Stroud Road

The committee supported the planning application for replacement of a section of glazing to the north and west elevations of the exchange with aluminium weather louvers. It was suggested that such might enhance cooling within the building in anticipation of installation of high speed Internet equipment. (Don't hold your breath!)

PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments

The Mop Tree site remains the intended location for allotments and bringing it into use is seemingly close to being secured.

Martin Slinger reported that a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use had been obtained, this effectively authorising from a planning standpoint the field being used for allotments. He also reported that Selina Blow had indicated she would not permit the Parish Council's vehicle to traverse the entrance to the field along the very short track hitherto used by the field's owner Richard Hinds; this prohibition being in addition to that applicable to any other vehicles used by or on behalf of allotment holders.

Mr Slinger and Council Chairman Terry Parker indicated that they were awaiting a response from Mr Hind's agent affirming that he would retain the right of access to service parts of the field not used by allotment holders and, thereby, enable allotment servicing requiring occasional transport to be achieved.

Assurances were expressed that consequent upon receipt of an affirmation that such could be assured the final legal matters necessary to bring the field into use for allotments would immediately be processed.

County Councillor's report

The Council received the monthly report from Joan Nash. Matters highlighted included:

Road Transport – New contracts proposed on 74 routes bringing savings of £700k, including operator reduction in fares. Some 2811 questionnaires had been returned by the public and 44 Parish Councils had also responded to the consultations. Community transport had benefited substantially from the savings. Rail – The redoubling of the main line between Swindon and Kemble, now scheduled for commencement in 2012 had been confirmed by the Minister for Railways and the consequence should be upgrading of speeds of trains to 110mph.

Care homes – Recent concerns for the welfare and future of 335 residents (132 funded by the County Council) in the six Southern Cross Care homes within the county were being monitored. Should circumstances necessitate it alternative accommodation could be found.

School meals – Some 21% more children are taking school meals this year, bringing the total to in excess of 9000. A sum of £420 is allocated to each school from HMG for each child qualifying for a free school meal, a significant boost towards reduction of class sizes and one-to-one tuition.

Big Community Offer – Town Hall and library

The Chairman read the following report to the Council:

"The County Council has today confirmed that approval has been given for the release of the funding to the Parish Council for the works to the Town Hall necessary to accommodate the Community Library. The works are already at the planning stage and the process for effecting the modifications to the Town Hall will be started immediately.

The signing of the agreement for the leasing of the Upper Hall to the Community Library in Painswick (CLIP) Group awaits the outcome of the Judicial Review being held later this month.

The County Council has also informed the Parish Council of the intention to market the former County Library building in the near future. It is to be hoped that it may be possible for an agreement to be reached with the purchaser for a footway to be created between the car park and the churchyard. If this is able to be achieved it will meet with universal approval as it will mean pedestrians will be able to avoid the hazardous lych-gate corner."

The funding for the modifications to the Town Hall was, the meeting was told, assured; this notwithstanding the outcome of the judicial review regarding future library services in the county. However, the £10k per annum support for each of the first four years of a community library is dependent upon that review.

The Council was unanimous in welcoming the news, declaring it a 'Good Day' for all, not least CLIP.

Manorial land – upkeep

The Clerk reported that the Manorship had agreed to reinstate funding support for the (mainly) grass cutting of conspicuous plots in all four wards of the parish as carried out by the Parish Council's Handyman. £500 will be forthcoming for the current financial year, and a negotiated sum for subsequent years.

It is of note that the Manorship has no obligation upon it as to the manner in which it maintains its land, the desire for

grooming being that of the local residents and the Parish Council.

Car park charges

The Council had already made known its concerns regarding impending increases in charges for car parking, especially those for the first hour (30p) intended for Stamages Lane. It was acknowledged that the District Council cannot avoid serious consideration of its increasing revenues from such sources, but it was agreed to further represent that the charge for the first hour be retained at 10p, this being of considerable significance to those from such as outlying settlements needing short visits to the village for necessities.

Garden waste recycling

The Council was reminded that consideration had, in the past, been given to the concept of a local recycling scheme for garden waste – not least that which might be composted. Investigations into that operating in Bisley had previously been undertaken, and its advantages and disadvantages noted.

However, sales of garden refuse

bags through the Clerk had increased substantially and he was of the opinion that the subject was worthy of re-examination.

The Council set up a working party to examine the options and viability of such a scheme tailored to local needs.

Diamond Jubilee – HM The Queen

Although not until the weekend of 2-5th June 2012, the Council expressed the view that the possibility of a celebratory ‘beacon’ fire being lit atop Painswick Beacon was worthy of consideration; such having been undertaken on previous national occasions.

Although such cannot be located at the highest point, or within the area occupied by the ancient fort, a conflagration can be permitted close enough to the summit to attract considerable public interest and/or participation. There is, it is understood, no inclusion of Painswick among the 2012 beacons already contemplated for Monday 4th June, but such in no way prevents a local initiative.

Ela Pathak-Sen volunteered to investigate possibilities in this regard and report back in due course.

Town Hall – car parking

Considerable irritation, bordering upon downright anger, was manifest among Councillors regarding unauthorised parking by a neighbouring resident on land owned by the council as set aside and distinctively marked for ‘Town Hall users only’. Day-long parking was known to be more than marginally intrusive; indeed it was pointed out that some disabled patrons of functions in the Town Hall had been unable to park, and such was regarded as unacceptable. Many direct approaches to the owner of the vehicle had met with indifference and no action to correct the intrusion.

The Clerk was instructed to seek legal opinion in the matter in anticipation of action through a solicitor.

Missing plates

Ann Burges-Watson drew attention to the experience of one or two car owners in Gloucester Street; number plates had been removed, and some disappeared altogether. The police had been informed, and were taking action.

Business, club, society, service, agency DIRECTORY 2012 – LAST CALL

Each year the Beacon’s free copy of the Directory of Painswick’s businesses, services and societies has been delivered with every copy of the December Beacon; the next one will arrive with the January issue. A valuable source of information for all local residents and our visitors, it also benefits those businesses and organisations which are included. The information is also posted on the Beacon website.

If you provide a service or run a business or society it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant details are entered in the next edition. It is also important to check that the details of existing entries are correct and up-to-date. Please let us know about any changes to be made. Likewise, we need to know if you wish your entry to be removed.

We depend entirely on the information given to us by traders, club secretaries etc and we need those details urgently, and certainly by the end of October if you wish to be included. This is a free community resource and the information needs to be current, accurate and comprehensive.

Please send your details to either Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or the Beacon’s email address at beacon@painswick.net or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After the end of October will be too late.

Christmas cover

It has been our pleasure for some years now to carry a full colour front cover on our December issue, the one which carries copy of interest across the Christmas period.

We have been delighted to use a photograph or painting which captures that season and a scene which characterizes Painswick at that time of year. Humour, as was included last year, can add to the interest such a picture carries.

This is, by its very nature, an opportunity to share with others a view, a scene, a vision; and, in the case of one of the several art clubs which thrive hereabouts bring credit to that club by making known one’s membership if that chosen is published. The original, which needs of course to be of the right proportions to be scaled into our page, will be returned immediately after publication.

We select one on 22nd November this year, and hope to receive several from which to make that choice.

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The War Memorial

The maintenance of Painswick's War Memorial is the responsibility of the Parish Council even though it is situated in the Memorial Garden which is in the ownership of the Frederick Gyde Trust. The Trust has received a letter from a resident in which it is stated that "Other towns and villages take great pride in their war memorials. In Painswick ours is hidden behind a high hedge and is barely visible. The resident asks the Trust whether "it is possible for this hedge to be reduced to, say, about four feet high so that it can be seen that Painswick also honours those who have given their lives in the wars?"

The Trustees met recently to consider the suggestion. Differing opinions were expressed and it was decided that such was the importance of the War Memorial and its setting that parishioners should be invited to express their reaction to the suggestion, hence this article. The Trustees did agree that the entrance to the Memorial Garden opposite the Town Hall should be widened. Should you wish to comment on the suggestion to lower the hedge would you please contact me at the address below.

*Roy Balgobin, Clerk to the Frederick Gyde Trust, Town Hall, Victoria Street, Painswick GL6 6QA.
Tel: 812191. Email address: clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com*



Village Quiz 2012

Here at the Beacon we are very much aware that some clubs and societies do not have meetings of their committees very often. It follows that having notice of a date well into the future could, therefore, be helpful; if forward planning is to be effective.

The Village Quiz in 2012 will be on Saturday 10th March in the appropriately named Beacon Hall - Painswick Centre.

Further details will be 'leaked' in the coming months. Suffice to say at this point in time is that there really is a limit to how many teams can be squeezed into that much upgraded venue, and that is twenty-six. It was pleasing to note in the last couple of years that some were challenging others to their own sub plots; will we have the Music Appreciation Group challenging the Music Society, the History Society versus the St Mary's intelligentsia, Greenhouse Lane taunting Kingsmill Lane?

Do please issue your own challenges, and we can then announce outcomes on the night.

It is all meant to be fun - not possession of an Oxford degree.



Week of Prayer for World Peace: 16th – 23rd October

For many years Painswick has held a day of prayer on the Thursday of the Week of Prayer for World Peace. This year the intention is to participate in the week of prayer rather than on the one day. The week will begin on Sunday 16th October when the peace theme will be reflected in the St. Mary's Church morning service at 10am. Prayers for peace will then be said each day in the Catholic church of Our Lady and St Therese at 10am from Monday to Saturday. All people of any faith and none are very welcome to attend the Sunday service and the weekday prayers.



Rita Bishop

Stroud and District Mencap Christmas Fayre

After last year's successful event Stroud and District Mencap is once again holding their Christmas Fayre in the Centre on Saturday November 26th from 10am – 2.00pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls and Christmas treats. Father Christmas will be in attendance and a photographer will be there to commemorate the occasion if parents or grandparents so wish. Do come and support this happy occasion. Any enquiries to Andrea 812464 or Sue 813110

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Community Lunches

These will start on Monday October 3rd at ASHWELL HOUSE, right in the heart of the village, off Hyett Close – off Churchill Way. The lunches of home-made vegetable soups, fresh bread, butter & cheese are run by different groups from the village – from Croft School to Richmond Care Village, and every age between!. The Beacon Diary tells you which group is in charge, and you are assured of a warm and comfortable welcome at Ashwell.

The lunch is open from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday. We ask for a donation of £2.50 for lunch, and an extra 50p for tea or coffee. The money raised is to be divided this year between 2 local charities, Painswick Playgroup and Stroud & District Mencap Homes Foundation, as well as Christian Aid. It is nearly 40 years since the first Mencap home was opened in Stroud. There are now 4 homes – caring for 30 people, all of whom come from the Stroud district – with 4 who have come from Painswick. As the residents age, adaptations need to be made to help their decreasing mobility.

The lunches are a great place to meet friends old and new and enjoy a sustaining meal in warm and friendly surroundings as well as supporting these good causes.

Rita Bishop (814205) & David Linsell (812464)

A Painswick pot pourri

It's a musical one. The Painswick Singers' new Conductor, Andrew Hopwood, introduces himself to Painswick audiences with an 'Autumn Pot Pourri' concert. He dug into our library to find out what was there and came up with a selection of old, long forgotten choral favourites and some of fresher vintage to which he has added selections from two modern musicals, shaken up in his pot and, finally, tossed in a touch of Autumn flavouring. Abandoning the Gilbert & Sullivan versions of recent years, great 'let your hair down' fun though they are, we will be getting out tongues around the delights of 'West Side Story' and that longest running ever musical 'Les Miserables'. The Concert, to be held in The Painswick Centre on Saturday 22nd October at 7.30pm will be performed in aid of The Cotswold Hospice, tickets are £10 each or £9 if purchased in multiples.

Rehearsals have only just started, so now is a good time for anyone, Soprano, Contralto, Tenor or Bass wishing to join the Singers to come along to rehearsals at the Church Rooms on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and join in the general fun. There will be no charge for a trial run, just come along.

Maurice Maggs

Jonas on a Mission

Jonas Pollard is a very impressive young man. Twelve months ago his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and part of her treatment has involved the invaluable services of Macmillan Cancer nurses. Jonas, who was at the time in his GCSE year at Thomas Keble School, decided he wanted to do something to try to help raise money for the Macmillan charity. He broached the idea at school which, as he points out, has developed quite a tradition of raising funds for charitable causes.



The upshot was that after much preparation Jonas undertook to ride his bike from Cromer in Norfolk to Caernarvon in north Wales. This he did over three days in mid-August, riding from 8.00am to 6.00pm each day. The distance covered was about 320 miles through 12 counties, crossing a variety of terrains in all sorts of weather conditions. Jonas thoroughly enjoyed the scenery, much of which was new to him, saying that his goal was the mountains of Snowdonia. The worst section was the A17 through Lincolnshire; very flat, very windy and very busy – "it was me and lorries and the wind for 60 miles." It was, however, all worthwhile.

His target was £2000 for the charity. £500 was raised at Thomas Keble with a non-uniform day which was a great start. Jonas set up a website specially to encourage other people to raise money, he designed and made posters which brought in more sponsors and he has collected at steam fairs. During the summer he worked in the cafe at the Rococo Garden where an article about his endeavours is displayed on the counter and he is putting all his tips to the cause. A new student at Cirencester College, he is still working on Saturdays at the Rococo so tips can still be added. Already he has exceeded his target but wants to carry on collecting for this very worthwhile cause.

Jonas points out that without fundraising projects like his the charity could not function. "If you've been affected within the family, it drives you on to do something," he says, adding that it also takes a lot of organising as he discovered. Aged only 16, he has in fact organised everything himself and done so very efficiently. There is even a short film of his epic bike ride which can be viewed at www.justgiving.com/Jonas-Pollard.

In recognition of his achievement Thomas Keble nominated him for the Diana Award, the wording of which is '...for your outstanding, sustained and selfless contribution to your community', to be presented on 26th September at Canary Wharf in London. If you would like to support Jonas you can do so on-line as above or by contacting him directly by email at jonaspollard@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 814140 or 07575540786. And the future? Despite the fact that his bike is "worn out, literally" Jonas wants to do more for the charity and thereby for his mother. He's already considering the idea of another cycling expedition," but next time a much longer one". Watch this space.

Carol Maxwell

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We have recently installed a wireless network at the Centre, to enable hirers to connect their PC's, Smartphones, etc, to the Internet. The Trustees hope that this investment will enable the Centre's facilities to match the needs of businesses wishing to hire rooms for business meetings and seminars, as well as bookings from clubs and the community.



With the help of Claire Nayegon, the Painswick Centre's website is developing into a valuable source of information and can be accessed at www.thepainswickcentre.com. We are now able to receive enquiries and room bookings by email with our new email address painswickcentre@btinternet.com as well as by telephone (tel. 07769 182229).

'A Year in Painswick' Calendar for 2012

The Painswick Centre's 2012 Calendar 'A Year in Painswick' is selling out fast, with two-thirds already sold. A photo from the calendar (converted to black & white) is given below. If you plan to buy the calendars to send to family and friends overseas, you are encouraged to buy this month to catch the recommended deadlines for international surface mail. The price of the calendar is £6:00 (£6.50 with envelope for posting). The calendar is available in The Post Office, The Chairman, best-one, the Artists Studios, and Hamptons, or direct from Sue Lendon (tel. 813791) or Jane Rowe (813228). Profits from the sale of calendars will be put towards this year's projects: improved heating in the Cotswolds and Green Rooms, new flooring and furniture in the Green Room, and redecoration of the Beacon Hall.

Finally, the Trustees wish to thank all the volunteers who helped to run the Painswick Centre's Café during the Painswick Arts Festival and all the local residents who came to sample the cakes and refreshments. All the profits will be used for the above projects.

Jane Rowe, for the Trustees of the Painswick Centre

Photo Libby Graesser, libbygraesser@clara.co.uk



The Year - and Birds - fly by



By late August, swift high flyers were but gone.

Mid and low - flying martins and swallows may be too in September. The high-wire crowds signal their escape, with a fall in aerial insect density as rapid and premature as the emergence of this autumn's tints. But as avian migrants fly off to the warmer climes of Africa, sun-seeking humans fly back from the tropics - if they are wise, continuing their anti-malarials! But on return to realities of world ferment and financial fatigue, are they quite aware that malaria could return to the Fens? And even now, since 1990, malaria prevalence in our indigenous house sparrows has trebled to 30%, perhaps from a degree of global warming promoting the Culex mosquito? (Not the Anopheles of human malaria)

Whilst knowledge does not necessarily confer power, the first rousing meeting of the Michaelmas term should educate us on "Senses and Non - Senses of Birds." Our eminent speaker will be Dr Timothy Seller of the RSPB and latterly Lecturer in Zoology at Imperial College (Town Hall, 7.30pm, Thursday 6th October) This will be an important meeting held jointly with the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society. Visitors and prospective members will be enthusiastically received. Next month's issue should include an account of the joys of the club safari to Blenheim and the Thames (26-28th September).

Wendy and Martin Addy

Edible Open Gardens 2012

After the wonderful success of Edible Open Gardens in Stroud this year we are inviting gardeners in Painswick to join us and open their garden for one day during the weekends of 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd July.

If you grow anything edible and would like to open your garden or allotment please contact Helen Royall on 01453 755509 or email helenroyall@lineone.net

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Local History Teaser

This rather splendid vehicle was, it would seem, the property of the parish council – perhaps still in use? Can you identify and date it? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph showed the GWR Stroud to Painswick bus waiting outside the Falcon Hotel. The service started in 1905 and the bus carried 22 passengers. A year later the route was extended through to Cheltenham.

If you have a photograph which you think might challenge readers we'd be pleased to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell



... and the Local History Society David Mullin: 'The Stuff of History – the Cowle Museum and its Collections'

The Local History Society began its 2011 series of lectures in style with a witty and informative presentation by David Mullin, Documentation & Collections Officer for Stroud District Museums. Cramping a huge amount of history and anecdote into a short space of time David told us the story of the Stroud Museum; begun with a generous gift from William Cowle but opened rather half-heartedly in 1899, it was not until 1929 that the museum was properly staffed and regularly open to the public. The collections grew according to the personal interests of the curators; fossils (including very rare Megalosaurus bones), fine arts and social history formed the core of the collections, the latter being the speciality of Lionel Walrond, the much-loved and longest serving curator.

By the end of the 20th century the museum had outgrown its premises in Lansdown and the move to Stratford Park was completed by 2000, since when 300,000 visitors have passed through the doors to see the 5000 objects on display. Of those objects Painswick has yielded a fair proportion, including the famous church weathercock, the Adam & Eve inn sign, a Neolithic dog's jaw, objects from the Ifold Roman villa, an 18th-century parish constable's staff and a Norwich Union fire mark from the Post Office; all these and more were beautifully illustrated.

David concluded his account with a few words about the museum's aspirations for the future and a project called 'Unlocking the Collections', the ultimate aim of which is to create a single store with public research facilities and a searchable electronic database of the more than 55,000 objects the museum holds in storage.

It is not often that the lay public gets to hear about the detailed ins and outs of running a museum but David's talk gave us a real insight into the issues behind the scenes at Stratford Park.

Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th October when Josephine Janik will give a presentation on the Cotswolds hills archaeological aerial survey. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Mark Bowden

24th Season Underway

Painswick Music Appreciation Group's programme for the season again includes a number of concert outings, the first of these to the ever popular Birmingham Symphony Hall on 10th November. This features a performance of the Shostakovich Symphony No. 7 (The Leningrad), with an introductory talk about the work, including illustrations by the orchestra.

As always, there is an open invitation for anyone to subscribe for this outing. The coach (approx. charge £11) will depart Stamages Car Park at 4.00pm, with good circle seats at approx. £15 (unusually good value). For further details and to book, telephone Stewart Price 814241.



A sizable audience, with quite a number of new faces among them, were rewarded with a rich variety of recordings played by Alex Nichols on 15th September. Each was to focus on the type of music in some of the presentations this coming season by members and outside speakers, not forgetting the 3 symphony concerts in Birmingham and Bristol, arranged by Stewart Price.

Space precludes full details but there was the overture *Adelaide e Comingio* by Pacini, fascinating piano miniatures by Dyson, a great aria from *Candide* by Bernstein and the tremendous overture to *Light Cavalry* by Suppe. And then a special impressive selection to show the enhanced role of our modern loudspeakers: excerpts from Litolff's 4th piano concerto, Vierne's organ symphony, Verdi's Requiem and Shostakovich's *Gadfly*. Quite an earful!

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Croft news



September's Newsletter to parents from Ceris Towler recorded that the sponsored swim held last

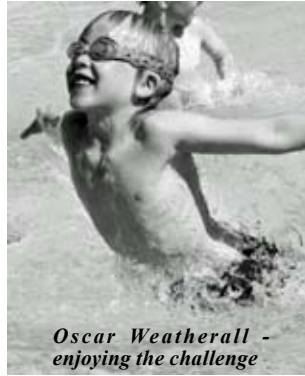
July raised a massive £2,300.41! and she thanked Barclays and Renishaw who donated £1050 between them and to Jo Weatherall and her team for organising it.

The idea was that all willing participants will cumulatively swim the equivalent of Loch Ness in one school day! (and with no travel involved!)

Jo Weatherall also says that Hamptons did a great job of producing all the sponsor forms and certificates for the children after they had completed their lengths in an allotted time for each group, in each class, panning out through the whole day. They completed the distance of 24 miles by 3.15pm. Parents and teachers cheered them on while enjoying a cup of tea and piece of cake, and amazingly a bit of sunshine (on that day!!).



Counters - keeping count of the lengths completed



Oscar Weatherall - enjoying the challenge

Letters



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Painswick Gateway

Edward Young writes:

The lengthy formalities of winding up were completed by the Trustees on 8th September. We remained indebted to scores of individuals who gave unstinting support to our endeavours since January 2007 to secure community ownership of the GCC premises in Stroud Road. Although we secured strong support from the District Council, sadly it was never so from either County or Parish Councils.

We applaud CLIP and their endeavour to provide library services. Gateway was about so much more, not only a safe passage into the village but socio-economic benefit for the whole community.

The Parish Council's espousal of powers of "wellbeing" would be entirely consistent with its grasping the opportunity that still exists. As we witness the foreshadowed closure of yet another shop ("Chairman"), and maybe more, let us pray that our elected representatives accept that commitment is sometimes necessary to harness manifest popular support for new initiatives in future.

Car lift to Cheltenham

Mike writes:

Hello Painswick, I'm looking for someone who commutes into Cheltenham by car that would be able to offer a lift in the morning and after work during the week. I'm flexible on times and will obviously offer money to contribute to the journey and the car's well-being. Go on boost your green credentials, you know it makes sense. Phone me on 813918.

Painswick People pick up your mops

John Sidell writes:

It is appropriate that Moptree Field should become the allotment site. In the 12th century peasants met there with symbols of their trade to offer their services to the land owners. If they had no skill they would carry a mop head.

The Parish Council has reported that the Manorship will not allow allotment holder's cars to access the field. Nor will the Parish Council pickup be allowed access to keep the area tidy.

As the peasants' representative on the Allotment Working Group, I would ask the Manorship to allow the village access to the Field as in bygone days. Let them 'Dig for Britain' in these difficult times and feed their families.

Christmas Fair

Town Hall 5th November from 9.45am to 12 noon

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We make no charge for our services however we need to raise £1 million a year in voluntary donations to run the hospice so we therefore rely on the support of our local community through donations and our own fundraising to continue to provide local people with such exceptional care.

It will have been open for 31 years this year, so please come and support our only fund raising in Painswick. Donations of money, raffle prizes, gifts or cakes will be gratefully received, collection possible. Items may be left with: Ann Williams, Milton Cottage, Vicarage Street (in the garage), tel. 812344 or Anne Leoni, 2 Hyett Close, tel. 812521 or Helen Baker, 12 Berry Close, tel. 813091 or Morna Holliday, tel. 813063

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The Royal British Legion 90th Anniversary

2011 marks the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion and the annual Poppy Appeal. Originally the RBL was created to support the injured soldiers from WW1 and the families of those killed in action. To this day the focus remains the same and to mark this special anniversary four new Rehabilitation Centres will commence operation in the UK. Construction of these facilities has been made possible by 'Help for Heroes', but the RBL has committed all of the £50 million required to fund the running costs for the next 10 years.



Of the service personnel expected to benefit, 2600 will come from the Army, 150 from the Royal Marines, and 50 from the RAF. These men and women will be treated and supported either for a return to operational duty or re-skilled for entry back into civilian life. In addition the RBL will continue to support all ex-service men and women and dependent families who call for their help.

Last year's Poppy Appeal raised £36 million with Gloucestershire contributing £722,236 and Painswick £4358 towards this. Please give generously again this year. If you would like to help with the collection in any way please call me on 01452 813229

Russ Herbert

Help for Heroes from Mea's coffee morning

In July this year I had the idea of a coffee morning in my house in aid of Help for Heroes. I chose this charity because my Mum knows a lot about the charity and my great, great uncle was killed on D-Day in 1944. I also saw lots of injured servicemen on television returning to the hospital in Selly Oak and it was very sad.



Mea and her Nan

I hoped to raise £100, but after I had written my invitations to friends and family we had 38 people attend and they were very generous so I made £215. Thank you to all the people who came and to the three people who gave money afterwards, including one who I don't know as they left money in our letterbox. I would like to say a very special thank you to my Nan (Jenny Oakley) who gave all her help with the baking of the cakes and biscuits. And also thank you to John Griffiths, Joyce Tranter and my sister Alice for bringing in so much support to the day but I can't forget to say thank you to my special Mum (Susie Oakley) for helping me bring it all together on the day.

Mea Bradley, Age 9

Chase away the autumn blues at Richmond

Having raised £300 for Help for Heroes at their Spring Fayre Richmond Village is hoping to build on that success with their Autumn Fayre on Wednesday 19 October. Stalls will include Cosyfeet selling its wide range of comfortable footwear, Nightie Night with its finest quality soft cotton night dresses, dressing gowns and cotton pyjamas, and Penny will be here with fair-trade wooden gifts and her hand made greetings cards. There will also be a refreshment stall and raffle with all proceeds again going to their Charity, Help for Heroes. The Fayre will kick off at 2.30pm and Richmond would love you to come along.



Richmond Village Painswick are also hosting a Charity Dinner in the evening of 19th October. The event is again being held in support of Help for Heroes and will feature guest speaker Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, former Chair of the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust, along with a three-course gourmet dinner and some surprise entertainment. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 6pm and dinner at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £25 and are available from reception at Richmond Village or by calling Catherine Moore on 01452 813 903.



There is also a Border Fashions there on 25th October from 2.30pm. Border Fashions are a family-run business that sells quality, reasonably priced clothing for men and women. With a wide range of clothing styles, traditional and modern, designed with comfort in mind there is sure to be something for everyone. So, here is your chance to re-vamp of your winter wardrobe.

Then on 26th October at 7pm, cruise ship singer Sadie will be taking us on a trip down memory lane with famous songs from, Nat King Cole, Doris Day, Shirley Bassey and Vera Lynn. This musical extravaganza is not to be missed. Tickets at £5 are available from reception at Richmond Painswick. For further information on any of these events can be obtained from Catherine or Jay Dexter on 01452 813902

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Clypping escapes the rain

The weather was kind for the Annual Clypping Service at St. Mary's Church. Heavy rain in the morning gave way to sunshine breaking through the clouds. Before the Service we were treated to some spirited bell ringing from the ringers of Wirksworth in Derbyshire as well as our own bell ringers. The Gloucester Band of the Salvation Army gave superb support to the singing and also accompanied the procession around the church at the start of the service.

Many visitors joined parishioners in embracing or clypping the church for the traditional Clypping Hymn. Tim Hastie-Smith from The Scripture Union held the attention of the congregation with his thoughtful address.



The Big Apple Day on Saturday 8th October

12.30 – 6pm in St Mary's Churchyard



Over the past few weeks some of you may have noticed strange things happening at the back of St Mary's church rooms. As our Apple Day approaches we have been collecting apples from many kind people around Painswick and pressing over 300 bottles of pasteurised juice to sell on The Big Day which is fast approaching. There will be Harvest Food with delicious hot casseroles and apple fritters served all afternoon with homemade Painswick apple juice, warming mulled cider, crunchy toffee apples and other goodies.

We'll have the fabulous Painswick Apple Press (designed, made and

very generously donated by Ben Staines who has crafted it from green oak) in action all day. Bring some fruit if you have a tree and a container to take it home in. Pete and Emma Bradshaw from The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust will give talks and information on orchard wildlife, there will be a live hive of bees, honey for sale and advice for potential bee keepers. We'll be promoting the planting of old varieties of fruit trees and there will be advice about caring for trees and buying old varieties of fruit tree.

All proceeds from the day will be shared between the The Painswick Orchard Group and Lideta – our Ethiopian charity which supports education, business start ups and health projects in Addis Ababa. Tel 812879 with any questions and look out for the posters!



A Grand Show

Prizewinners were:

Horticultural Section

The Wally Brooks Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in class 1 *David Crispin*
Challenge cup presented by DT Brown Seeds for the best exhibit in classes 6-9: *Dylan Davies*

The E.H. Chandler plate presented by Mrs KM Quant for the best exhibit in class 22: *Dylan Davies*

Special prize presented by the Society for the best in classes 25 to 30: *Patrick Daly*

Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners (classes 1-30): *Dylan Davies*

John Chandler Memorial Challenge Trophy: *Betty Wood*

The JS Dent challenge cup (class 31): *Beryl Bailey*

The Felicity Sharwood-Smith Rose Bowl (class 32): *Jill Cound*

The Bill Wear Challenge Cup (class 37): *Jill Cound*

The Christine Arnold Memorial Prize (class 38): *Betty Harris*

Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners (classes 31-43): *Betty Harris*

The Banksian Medal presented by the RHS: *Jill Cound*

Decorative section

The Painswick Horticultural Society Challenge Cup (class 44): *Karin Bellshaw*

The JP Lamont (new) Trophy for Flower Arranging (class 45): *Kathleen Quant*

Challenge cup presented by the society for the best entry in class 49: *Kathleen Quant*

Certificate of merit for Floral Art awarded by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners (best entry in decorative section): *Karin Bellshaw*

Junior Section

Challenge cup presented by Felicity Sharwood-Smith (best in section): *Hester Elvidge*

Domestic Section

Special Prize presented by Painswick Country Market (classes 57-64): *Pat Francis*

Challenge Cup presented in memory of Mrs Hilda Musty (classes 55 to 71): *Penny Eastwood*

Special Prize presented by Mrs.BB Hunt for best in class 72: *Ian Eastwood*

Handicraft Section

Challenge Cup presented by Society for best in classes 73-84: *Jane Robinson*

The Women's Institute Cup for the WI member with the most prize money: *Janet Crispin*

If there is one event which marks the change of season on Painswick, it must surely be the Horticultural Society Show in mid September; summertime events are ending and those for the winter are getting under way. Its 59th was no exception.

Assessing trends across annual events is not the easiest of tasks, and best avoided. However, even though more entries for judging have been known in the past, the quality and variety this year were certainly in evidence, as was the number of new exhibitors and new varieties of exhibit. Without a doubt there are many still cultivating their patches, taking pride in their flowers, or preparing jars of jam, chutney or curd, or creating craft objects or photographs. Entries in the Junior Section were particularly pleasing, and ingenious. Further, as Chairman Philip Berry pointed out before prizes were presented, 2011 was a particularly good year for yields of fruit, and among them apples were especially bountiful.

The Society takes pride in arranging the Painswick in Bloom challenge, the judge this year being Jayne Morriss, herself exhibitor at Chelsea Flower Show. As PiB Secretary Janet Crispin told us, the winner in the 'Business' category was Kate Rich in Tibbiwell, (pictured right) proudly holding the engraved plate, with the dental surgery in Cheltenham Road 'Highly Commended'. Reigh Sutton, pictured left, won the 'Private' category; not for the first time. For those considering entering next year the judges comments may be helpful, 'In some cases, a good feed would work wonders as well as more dead heading. Corner Cottage, Bisley Street is a good example of how to colour co-ordinate and keep pots looking good. Golden Heart Cottage, Tibbiwell was very close to a Highly Commended and 1 Ashwell Bungalows and the Falcon Inn both warranted a mention'.



These, and all other exhibits around the village bring much pleasure to us all.

The brand new, and much admired, Lamont Trophy for flower arranging is seen here (above right) being presented by Society President Brenda Dunn to Kathleen Quant.



Penny and Ian Eastwood (on the left) each won prizes in the Domestic Section, so no arguments there.

Show Secretary Philip Berry was caught on camera, together with a lady of his acquaintance, Karin Bellshaw, each alongside

their outstanding flower arrangements - a pretty picture.

An exhibit which particularly caught our eye, for its simplicity but impact, was that from Helen Briggs 'Raindrops' in a small watering can using Honesty as her medium.

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NHS changes and the possible impact at Painswick

About 40 attentive individuals attended a talk at the Town Hall on 13th September by Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager at Painswick Surgery, on recent changes to the NHS, followed by a lively question and answer session.

Nicola summarised the major changes to the way the NHS works since 1990, when prior to this, you simply saw your GP, got a prescription and got better! In 2004, the Government introduced changes to the GP Contract and this requires GPs to operate a 'Quality and Outcomes' system of working in addition to seeing patients as they always have done. If there is an element of the contract which our GPs think is not clinically in the best interests of their patients then they will decline to pursue it.

The biggest change as far as patients are concerned was to the referral process. The patient is now given the apparent privilege of choosing a hospital via the Choose and Book system. Whilst this may have some advantages it does mean the doctor can no longer, in most cases, send a patient to a particular consultant or surgeon. Also, the hospital may refine the options available to ensure their 18 week-waiting time target is met.

And now Primary Care Trusts are to be abolished by March 2013 – instead GPs will have to manage their own budgets and these changes are currently underway with GPs meeting locally to discuss commissioning services. For practicality reasons, Painswick have joined with a cluster of other doctors in Stroud as our nearest locality. But the concern is who will manage it all? Who will be responsible for the budget? How will decisions be made with so many "bosses"? However, it is possible this Commissioning System may enable our doctors to remove the drawbacks of the Choose and Book system - this is still a matter for discussion

Nicola referred to the recent public meeting in Stroud which raised the issue of Stroud Hospitals Estates and possible take-over of Stroud General Hospital by a social enterprise. No proper plans have been developed and the scheme is due to start 1st October. Her worry was about where the NHS is going and whether within 5 years there may be a 2-tier health service. She finished by mentioning her intention to get a Patient Participation Group going. This group will hopefully determine how it can service the community with improved healthcare services and facilities.

Nicola then gave the following responses to some of the many questions from the audience. The only way to guarantee being seen by a particular surgeon at present unfortunately is to go private. Under the NHS system, even if you are referred to a named consultant, you may still only see a member of his/her team. Nicola was asked if she could assure the audience that a GP practice will remain in Painswick. Nicola said she could not give that assurance. However, it is unlikely that a population of our size would not be served by a medical practice, but who knows what the future will bring. Nicola noted that the reason why it is often necessary to wait 8 days or longer to see a particular doctor is because lots of patients are under regular review for long-term conditions and this can result in certain doctors being booked up in advance. Patients are also very loyal and want to see the same doctor for continuity. However, if it is urgent for a patient to be seen that day there is the emergency triage system. Concern was expressed regarding confidentiality. Nicola noted that PCT and hospital Trust employees have to work to the same standard as doctors and every employee must sign a confidentiality clause in their contract, but accepted that the more electronic the system, the greater the risk of information leaking. Painswick GPs do not undertake as many bereavement or postnatal visits as in the past. Pressures on the GP's day means that at least half of the working day is filled with paperwork and bureaucracy. Finally, she asked anyone with concerns about the Painswick practice to not be hesitant in contacting her.

Police report

Alexa Collicott, Media and Communications Officer for Gloucestershire Constabulary has supplied details of the following incidents relevant to Painswick.



A blue Vauxhall Tigra was stolen from Millbrook Street, Gloucester some time after 7.10pm on Saturday, September 17. It was later reported as being ablaze at Painswick Beacon shortly before 10.15pm the same night. The fire service attended and extinguished the fire but the car was completely burnt out. Police would like to hear from anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area of Millbrook Street or who saw the car being driven between the times given. Anyone with information should call the new non-emergency number 101 quoting incident 567 of 17th September

Police in Painswick are appealing for anyone who saw any suspicious activity in The Croft area between 11.30am and 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th September to get in touch. An offender or offenders damaged the door of the conservatory of a home in The Croft before attempting to gain entry to the main house. The attempt was unsuccessful and nothing has been reported as stolen from the property but officers investigating the burglary would like to hear from any local residents that may have seen anyone acting suspiciously in the area. You can report information about this incident to Gloucestershire Police on 0845 0901234 quoting incident number 208 of 7th September.

Police are investigating after five hundred pounds worth of damage was caused to a memorial bench in Painswick. At around 7.25pm on Tuesday, 6th September officers received a report from a member of the public that the bench on the corner of Gloucester Street and Churchill Way had been damaged. The bench has been removed so that the two side arms and one of the back legs, all of which are hard wood, that were damaged can be fixed. Police are asking anyone that may have seen this damaged being caused, that hasn't yet spoken to police, to get in touch by calling 0845 0901234 and quoting incident number 446 of 6th September.

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Singing is good for the heart and soul and can leave you feeling uplifted and energised. Being part of a choir is a hugely rewarding and fun social experience so come along and join our song. No experience needed - just enthusiasm to sing. No music reading skills are necessary - songs are generally taught by ear with words and sheet music provided when needed. We meet upstairs in The Painswick Centre on Monday's 7pm - 8.30pm. Sessions cost £5 and are payable in advance in half termly blocks. For more information please contact me.

Sophie Sterckx: Tel: 01453 298138
sophiecreatorex@hotmail.com

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We offered more garden or wild flowers last month, and **T-U-L-I-P-S** was the challenge.

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With comparable letters to those used last month, why not try **L-U-P-I-N-S** this time round.

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Gloucestershire Constabulary Launches 101

As from 19th September Gloucestershire Constabulary was scheduled to join the rest of the South West region with the introduction of 101 the new national police non-emergency telephone number. The message from Andy Fogden, Gloucestershire police stated that "the current non-emergency number 0845 090 1234 will be phased out. Calls to the new number will still be received by call handlers in our Contact Centre based at Quedgeley, Gloucester. While 999 is a well-recognised number to report emergencies, the introduction of the 101 number will help communities by giving them one easy-to-remember telephone number to call if they want to speak to their local police about general policing matters, non-urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues. The number is already in use in a number of areas across the country and will be rolled out across the rest of the UK by the end of this year. Calls to 101 will cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long that call may last. In an emergency, the public will still be able to continue to call 999, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened." Ivor Twydell, Assistant Chief Constable, Local Policing also reports that the Constabulary's text relay service for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired will also be changed to reflect the 101 number. The new number will be 18001 101. The Constabulary also continues to provide non emergency SMS text service which is free to register. Registration can be done online at www.gloucestershire.police.uk The Constabulary also continues to provide non emergency SMS text service which is free to register. Registration can be done online at www.gloucestershire.police.uk

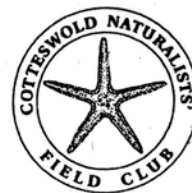


Field Club's Northumbria Excursion Voted a Huge Success

Over 50 members of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club have returned from a week-long excursion to Northumbria where they stayed in a comfortable and welcoming hotel. Each day, they enjoyed visits to a wide range of historical and cultural venues, ranging from forts on Hadrian's Wall, a bracing boat trip around the Farne Islands for wildlife, the best of the county's stately homes, cathedrals and gardens, as well as sampling the Yorkshire Sculpture Park en route. For many members, the Club's annual excursion cements friendships made at the lectures, walks and day trips organised throughout the year by the Field Club.

The first of our monthly afternoon meetings takes place in the Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre, at 2.30pm, 5th October, when archaeologist and local historian, Amy Woolcott, will give an illustrated lecture on 'Windmills in Art and Design'. Amy will show how the importance of windmills to communities for drainage and preparing food, has been reflected in writing and art throughout history. The talk, to which visitors are very welcome, will be followed by light refreshments.

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Tennis

Wimbledon Success for Lorraine

Lorraine Ristic, Head Coach of Painswick Tennis Academy and former professional tennis player, competed at Wimbledon in the Veterans' National Tennis Championships, where she emerged the winner of both the Over 45's singles and the Over 35's doubles. In the singles final Lorraine was up against Lorraine Saffurhudin, the British number 2. A tough first set was eventually won by Lorraine Ristic 7-5. However in a very competitive 2nd set her opponent pulled a hamstring and was forced to retire. In the doubles Lorraine partnered Jenny Hughes from Sussex and beat Sue Wiltshire and Pippa Britten 7-5, 6-2. Congratulations to Lorraine for her double victory at Wimbledon!



Beginners Tennis Coaching for adults

Coaching for beginners will be on Wednesdays 10.00 – 11.30 starting Wednesday 5th October at the Broadham courts. Contact Lorraine for details on 07775 606399. No previous experience is necessary. Men and women all ages welcome.

Cricket - Memorable season for Painswick Cricket Club

The 2011 season will be remembered as one of considerable achievement for the Painswick club, not least because the first eleven in winning Gloucester Division One of the West of England Cricket League, attained the highest league position in the history of the club. Next season Painswick will be travelling to new grounds such as Trowbridge as they have been promoted to the Gloucestershire/Wiltshire Division. The last match of the season saw South African Neville Talbot fall just short of a double century when he was out for a superb 195. Long standing club member Ian Hogg also played a major part in the first eleven's defeat of Charlton Kings when he took five wickets for 82 runs. Our photograph of the first eleven, taken earlier this season, was kindly provided by the Stroud News & Journal. Painswick's third eleven has also had an excellent season having achieved promotion to the Stroud Premier league. The mid-week side won their division. The club's dinner and presentations took place last Friday at the Painswick Golf Club. During the evening Chairman Steve Pegram thanked everyone involved with the club for all their efforts and wished the club every success for 2012. He said that next year would provide a challenge but that an exciting season lay ahead. Presentations were made to the following. Players of the Year. Neville Talbot (1st eleven), Julian Telling (2nd eleven), James Coates (3rd eleven), Noel French (4th eleven). Young Player of the Year was Ben Neville and Most Improved Young Player of the Year, Sam Andrews. Clubmen of the Year were Simon Base and Dominic Barnard. September results
Sat 3rd. Painswick 1st XI 383 Charlton Kings
1st XI 230-7. Painswick 2nd XI 159
Charlton Kings 2nd XI 160-4. Painswick 3rd XI 139 Leonard Stanley 1st XI 117.



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Rugby Football

Sad loss of Ted O'Neil

Rugby Club President Ted O'Neil sadly passed away during the summer after decades of work for the club he loved. Ted will be best remembered for his vision and effort in purchasing back in 1982 the Broadham Fields site for a new improved home for the club and in due course for other Painswick Sports clubs. Together with Andrew Morgan they applied and got lottery funding and Ted then acted as project manager for the site's development.

Ted was Chairman of the Rugby club for many years before becoming President. He will be sorely missed but, as often happens in the rugby fraternity, the family name will not be forgotten as Ted's Grandson Nick has recently joined the club and looks a very promising scrum half!

At the club AGM held in August Andrew Morgan was unanimously elected as the new Club President.

Training in full swing

Training started in mid July, coached once again by ex Matson RFC scrum half Tony Bebbler who, though he is a bit of a task-master has proved popular with the players, and also last season appeared to be one of the main driving forces in the 1st XV on a Saturday - lets just say he is somewhat vocal, has a sound knowledge of the game and is very able when it comes to letting his 'troops' know what he requires! Training numbers through the summer have been good, I would say averaging 25 twice a week (7.00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays) and its been pleasing to see one or two new faces, especially some very promising youngsters.

New season results

The Gloucestershire Division 1 programme opened on 10th September with Painswick fielding slightly weakened teams leading to the 1st XV losing away to Brockworth 24:17 and the United team losing at home to Brockworth 24:0. However on the 17th September Painswick had success at both fixtures, the 1st XV winning 30:6 against Cheltenham Saracens and United won 13:5 against Berry Hill.

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Painswick Golf Club

Juniors win North Gloucestershire junior league

Painswick Juniors have had some great success. First, congratulations to Kenny Overthrow, Ross Hannaford, Jacob Lee, Jack Dalby, Sam Turl and Niall Macklin for winning the North Gloucestershire Junior League Alliance with a fantastic score of 316. And also to Kenny Overthrow, Ross Hannaford, Jacob Lee and Sam Turl who won the North Gloucestershire Team Championship at South Herefordshire against twenty other clubs with a combined score of 243 points.



Painswick A team

Congratulations also go to the Painswick A Team for coming top of the second division of the North Gloucestershire Foursomes League. This is only the second time the team has achieved this, the first being in 1986. They look forward to a challenging season next year in division one.

Seniors

The last month or so has been a particularly busy time for the Seniors. No fewer than eight matches were held in August. As only two of these were played at home in Painswick, the result of three wins, one draw and four losses was very creditable. The Seniors Millennium Trophy competition was held on 1st September. The scoring was on the stableford basis - with two points for a net par, three points for a birdie, etc. Congratulations go to Roy Henderson, who won the competition with 40 points.

In the Ladies Section, the last two matches against Thornbury and Cotswold Edge resulted in excellent wins.

Apart from all these competitions and matches, there is always time for meeting up with friends and enjoying a round of golf. Less glamorous perhaps, but just as enjoyable. If you would like to give Painswick golf a try, please phone Peter Rowe (813228) who would be happy to provide further information. Or if you would like a lesson or book a tee time, please call the club's professional, Marc Cottrell (812615).

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Good to be back and as usual it's great to hear from so many of you. I thought it might be helpful to give you an idea of the sort of work carried out by myself and my colleagues in the last couple of weeks. My role is to offer help and supportive information to anyone over 50 in my area.

VILLAGE
Agents

“walker “ which gave her more confidence going out on her own since a bad fall last year. I spoke to her local pharmacy to arrange delivery of her huge list of medication which she had struggled to collect each week.

In my first week back at work, I had arranged to revisit an elderly, independent lady who is a widow and has no children or any form of support. So far I have helped her to get Attendance Allowance (which is a benefit to help you if you could do with help with personal care). The forms are really complicated so I asked Age UK to visit the lady to do the assessment for her. That way even if the claim isn't successful initially, they can put in an appeal if that's appropriate. I also organised Care and Repair to give her some extra help with someone to come in and change her bed linen and do her laundry through their “Helping Hands Scheme”. Her back door needed replacing and they organised the appropriate tradesman to undertake the work. They also installed a “key safe” by her back door. That was linked to her needing a “Care Line”. If you don't know what these personal alarms are; they are alarms worn around the neck or on an armband which can be pressed and help is sent either through the 3 named response people or by the emergency service if that is deemed necessary. Because this lady couldn't give 3 named responders, she had a key safe fitted outside her door instead. This box has a specific code which will open it to give access to the door key and the emergency services/ carers/friends given the code can open the door without having to break in.

I followed up some initial contact already made with the Community Physiotherapy team and asked for her to have a

I had been asked initially to make contact with this lady because she struggled with very chronic anxiety which stopped her being able to think clearly and do the day to day tasks that we all need to do to run our homes. With no one there as family or friend to offer her support, she was really struggling. After many visits and talks over pints of tea, I was able to offer my support visiting the lady's GP with her and arranged for her to have an assessment with “Weavers Croft” which deals with mental health for the older people in the Stroud district. The word “mental health” still holds barriers and fears for so many of us, but there is no difference with needing support for this as there is for needing help from our GP. This lady now has a CPN (Community Psychiatric Nurse) to help her try and deal with the problems which had been so overwhelming.

Sometimes the Village Agent role is far more straightforward than this and might simply entail giving the telephone number of the appropriate organisation that can help with the problem/ issue the caller is facing. Don't forget that I am also a “Specialist Village Agent” which means that I can offer similar help and support to anyone over 18 affected by cancer; that can be the person themselves with cancer or surviving cancer, of friends or family.

Please call the number below to contact me to arrange a home visit or to discuss any issue giving you concern

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for September from Hamptons International

There is no denying that the housing market has faced considerable headwinds this year in the form of a challenging economic backdrop yet the marketplace is showing strong levels of activity. The summer months are traditionally a quieter time in residential sales but this year we also had to contend with a shake-up of global equity markets and riots in London and further afield. However, I am pleased to report that this double whammy failed to derail the housing market and we have had a surprisingly productive summer.

Across the expanding Hamptons network, new instructions and sales agreed are up on last year whilst applicant levels are a pleasing 50% up on the more troubled environment of 2008. Over recent months, Hamptons have opened five new offices to ensure our network remains second to none. In addition, we are delighted to have launched Capital Private Finance to offer a dedicated broker service to meet all mortgage financing, protection and insurance needs.

On a local level, so far in 2011 Hamptons' Painswick Office have sold a staggering 51% more properties than we had at the same point in time in 2010 which illustrates the underlying strength and confidence in the local market. I believe that this success also illustrates the importance of our continuing focus and emphasis on pricing properties realistically to reflect the

competitive conditions and economic environment.

New properties on our books include: Woodbury, a detached 5-bedroom period house in Vicarage Street; Owlcote, a modern house in Stamages Lane that has just undergone a significant refurbishment; Oakleigh, a 3-bedroom period house in Vicarage Street which has already gone under offer; Old House in Slad, a handsome and substantial period home with delightful views and stabling; Turnpike House in Slad, a 3-bedroom detached house with scope for improvement; Cranbrook House in Cranham, a detached house nestled in the heart of Cranham; Airedale in Upton St Leonards, a detached chalet bungalow and 37 Mill Lane in Brockworth, a recently constructed family house.

Properties to have gone under offer since last writing include: Brotheridge Farm House in Cranham, Vatch Cottage and Slad Valley House in the Slad Valley, Pitchcombe Mill in Pitchcombe, Lynton on the Longridge and Shepperds Patch in Edge in addition to Oakleigh.

Properties that have now sold include: Blakewell House in Edge Road, Lower House in Kemps Lane, 12A The Croft, Mayfield in Vicarage Street, Cherry Tree Cottage in Brookthorpe, Shepperds Patch and Slad Valley House.

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OCTOBER

Sat	1	Painswick Music Society AGM followed by Recital	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Mon	3	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Ashwell House Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 12 noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries Adrian 07855404147)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	4	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: National Parks - Anne Saunders Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Windmills in Art & Design - Amy Woolcott. Enq. 813228	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 2.30pm
		Parish Council Planning and F & GP Committee meeting Table Tennis (Wednesdays) - Enq. 812464	Town Hall Painswick Centre	7.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Painswick Bird Club / Glos Naturalist Soc. "Sense & Non-senses of Birds - Dr Timothy Seller	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	12	Horticultural Society: The Shrub Border - Austen Perkins	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	13	Music Appreciation Group: William Walton	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Keeping the Lights On - Stewart Price	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	15	Autumn Afternoon Cream Teas, with Book & Gift Stalls	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Mon	17	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft Primary School	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: The Cotswold Hills Archaeological Aerial Survey - Josephine Janik	Croft School	7.30pm
		Clothes Sale for 4 Days	Patchwork Mouse	10.00am to 4.00pm daily
Wed	19	Probus: A Career in Policing - Tim Brain October Fayre Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Richmond Painswick Town Hall	10.00am 2.30 to 5.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	22	Copy dateline for November Beacon Painswick Singers' Autumn Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	24	Community Lunch: Hosts - Our Lady & St. Therese R.C. Church	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	25	Stroke Club Border Fashion Sale Yew Trees W.I.: A Year in Nepal - Bob Price Painswick Players Playreading	Richmond Painswick Richmond Painswick Town Hall P.Centre, Green Room	10.30am to 12.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	26	Sadie: Singer from the Cruise Ships	Richmond Painswick	7.00pm
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Music of World War 1	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: Sue Ryder - Duncan Willoughby	Richmond Painswick	2.30pm
Sat	29	Conservatives knitwear sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.30pm
		Horticultural Society Autumn Supper & Social	Painswick Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon	31	Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Freemasonry & its Secrets Part 2 - Ray Pearson	Painswick Centre	10.00am
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		Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: The Cotswolds, A Literary Journey - Gordon Ottewell.	Painswick Centre Enq. 813228	2.30pm
Sat	5	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Sue Ryder Christmas Fair	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Mon	7	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	12.45pm
Wed	9	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins Horticultural Society: Re-creation of Hanbury Hall Gardens - Neil Cook	Ashwell House Centre Town Hall	12 noon to 1.15pm 7.30pm
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Birmingham Symphony Hall	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm
Fri	11	CTAP (Churches together around Painswick) AGM Friday Club AGM followed at 2.30 pm by Pat Daly's African Memories	Church Rooms Town Hall	7.00pm 1.45pm
Sat	12	Concert by St. Cecilia Singers	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	14	Community Lunch: hosts - Painswick Conservation Society	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Domestic Servants in the 19th Century - Dr Christine Seal	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus:History & development of helicopters - Mark Wilkins	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	17	Painswick Bird Club: At Home with the Robin - Mike Read, Wildlife Photographer	Richmond Village	7.30pm
Sat	19	Conservatives Luncheon - guest speaker, Mark Harper MP	Painswick Golf Club	12noon for 12.30pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: hosts - Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: The Joys of Running a Charity Shop - Adele Lang (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	24	Music Appreciation Group: Birmingham	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: Deafness - Wendy Wildman, Glos. Deaf Association	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Voskresenije Choir (St. Petersburg) concert of Russian Sacred & Folk Music	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sat	26	Stroud & District Mencap Christmas Fayre	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	28	Community Lunch: hosts - Christian Aid	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	29	Painswick Players Playreading	P. Centre, Green Room	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Field Gun Battery in WW2 - Norman Snowden	Painswick Centre	10.00am

DECEMBER

Mon	5	Community Lunch: hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Probus Club Christmas Dinner	Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud	2.30pm
Thu	8	Horticultural Society Christmas Social & talk - D. Coombs	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	9	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	13	Friday Club: Croft School Christmas Concert	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	14	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16	Probus: Old Tyme Music Hall - Mike Wallace	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sat	17	Friday Club Christmas Lunch	Rococo Gardens	
		Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

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JANUARY

Tue	17	Local History Society: The Birdlip Grave Group - Malcolm J Watkins	Croft School	7.30pm
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FEBRUARY

Thu	16	Painswick Bird Club: "Urban Dwelling Peregrines" - Edward Drewitt, Broadcaster & Wildlife detective	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: The Inns & Outs of Painswick - David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm

MARCH

Thu	8	Painswick Bird Club: "The Wildlife of West Wales" - Mike Robinson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: The Development of Georgian Gloucester - Dr Nicholas Herbert	Croft School	7.30pm

JULY

Sun	15	Wearable Art Painswick	Village	
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NEW APPLICATIONS

ROSE COTTAGE, Damsell Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Trees in a Conservation Area

VERLANDS, Vicarage Street. Wellingtonia – Reduce all lateral branches and remove weight, major deadwood and hung-up material. Cooper Beech – reduce height by 4-5m and spread by 3-4m and shape crown.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Stroud Road. Replace one section of glazing on north and west elevations with aluminum weather louver.

THE OLD VICARAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Installation of stand alone photovoltaic panels.

GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road. Rebuild chimney stack.

LAND AT WOODBOROUGH, Knapp Lane. Erection of dwelling. (Revised application from S.09/0150/OUT).

HORNBEAMS, Slad. Application to replace extant planning permission S.08/1783/FUL for the erection of an extension and alterations.

CONSENT

PAINSWICK LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY, Information Boards. Erection of information boards at Stamages Lane, Victoria Square, St Mary's Street, Friday Street, New Street and Bisley Street.

BUTT HOUSE, Butt Green. Demolition of existing garage and greenhouse, erection of new garage and attached garden room with associated landscaping.

WASHBROOK FARM, Edge Road. Change of use of existing annexe from workshop space into a space into a 3 bedroom holiday-let cottage. Minimal alterations to building exterior with some changes to existing windows and doors, repointing of stonework and reproofing.

LLOYDSTONE, Stamages Lane. Installations of ground fixed Phot-Voltaic Cells, increased height of boundary fence and erection of two storey extension on northern elevation.

SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, Vicarage Street. Erection of a greenhouse.

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street. Rendering of front wall (to terminate below natural stone string course), installation of new door/surround into existing surround, new windows into new store tripartite surround with a lowered cill.

HIGHFIELD, Longridge, Sheepscombe. General refurbishment of the building internally and externally (including all new windows and doors plus re-rendering. Erection of two extensions.

FOREST VIEW, Far End, Sheepscombe. Single storey oak and stone extension, new dormer to east elevation and minor alterations to porch.

BARBERS, Friday Street. Replace existing porch entrance with minor alterations.

ROSE COTTAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Trees in a Conservation Area

REFUSED PLANS

LAND AT WADES FARM, Vatch View, Uplands. Erection of 48 dwellings with associated car parking, access, allotments, landscaping and public consultation responses are contained on associated reference S.11/0899/MISC (revised plans 28.7.11).

REVISED PLANS

KANTANTA, Lower Washwell Lane. Main changes to proposal are; Garage removed from the application; Addition of garden shed.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Wedding

Congratulations to ALEXANDER MEARNS and WULAN YULIANTI who are to be married in Jakarta, Indonesia on 8th October.

Baby

Congratulations to RICHARD and LAURA WOOF on the birth of their daughter ISABELLA RACHEL on 11th September in Scotland. First grandchild for Mike and Jackie Woof.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Dr JOCK BOYDELL of Richmond who has died recently.

Welcome

Welcome to KENDALL BROADBANK who has moved to Berry Close from Abergavenny

Thank You

EDIE STOCKBRIDGE and Family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the get well cards, messages and phone calls for JIM after his knee operation in Cheltenham and his heart operation in Bristol. Many thanks to you all.

JUNE, BRIAN, CINDY and ADAM STANGROOM would like to thank all friends and associates of JOHN STANGROOM who attended his funeral and thanksgiving service on 24th August. Also many thanks to those all who helped and supported the family through his illness. June continues to reside at Resthaven, Pitchcombe and welcomes any visitors.

You could help Jenny Gaugain, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Percy Does It Again

For the third successive year Percy Franklin of Upper Washwell has won two classes in Stroud District Council's annual Tenant Garden Competition. He was judged to be first in both the Floral and best garden sections. At the award ceremony, held this year in Dursley, Mr Franklin was presented with a shield, two certificates and garden centre vouchers.

As well as Mr Franklin's award this year, Mrs Hanchet won second prize for her patio garden and Mr Durrant of Ashwell was given a special award for his alternative 'model' garden.



For anyone privileged enough to spend time in Mr Franklin's garden it comes as no surprise to understand why he has beaten all the competition. A carefully planned series of colour schemes using a range of plants lovingly tended results in a stunning display which evokes instant joy and cheer. Begonias, pelargoniums, surfinias, dahlias and an amazing range of exquisite fuschias are just some of the varieties on show. The layout of the garden is interesting and unpredictable. Here and there a little arbour with a seat is to be found, a place of tranquillity and peace, or a small water feature, or a bird table. It is indeed both a peaceful and cheerful space.

A Normandy veteran now in his eighty-seventh year, Mr Franklin does all the necessary work himself. "It gives a real purpose to life," he says adding that he has enjoyed gardening all his life. In addition to the wonderful floral displays, a splendid show of tomatoes and cucumbers fill the greenhouse. A great deal of thought and attention to detail is evident throughout the garden and the continuing array of magnificent colours and abundant flowering is due to diligent daily care.

A recent visitor who has been a judge in similar competitions for several years in a large south coast town commented that she has never had the pleasure of assessing such a lovely display. Locally, the competition covers a wide area including the five valleys. Mr Franklin's success is therefore no small achievement. The award for this delightful Painswick garden is certainly well-deserved and a truly great source of pride.

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