

The Painswick Beacon

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The Black Horse trots away

The Beacon cannot help but feel that, despite our efforts to lay accurate facts regarding the future of the LloydsTSB before readers in our last issue, we were rather let down by the announcement that management had decided to announce closure for its Painswick branch immediately after we had gone to press. We can only regret that what could not have been a 'snap' decision was not formally announced through these regular columns or a notice in the bank itself - even as we go to press this month no such public notice has been displayed.

By way of explanation, a couple of days before our September copy deadline, we called the LloydsTSB press office to get an official, on-the-record response to the persistent rumours that the branch was being run down prior to its closure. The young lady to whom we spoke said that she was not aware of any closure plans for Painswick, but she promised to check the facts and get someone to call us back "in a couple of hours." A LloydsTSB spokesman called us back. He said that according to senior regional management sources in Cirencester, there were definitely no plans to close the Painswick office. Of course, he went on to qualify his comments by saying that, "the branch network is under constant review and it is impossible to give cast iron guarantees about the future of any particular branch."

The basis on which we ran last month's front page story was that, whilst the Painswick branch was far from safe (what is?), it had been confirmed that there were no immediate plans to close it. Less than a week later, and having gone to press, regular customers began to receive letters saying that the Painswick branch was to close on 28th November.

Many are the comments made by customers, not least by those who operate businesses, and elderly residents hereabouts, and received by the Beacon or overheard in conversations around the village; mostly disparaging about this sudden decision. These might be summarised by saying that credibility and trust, important qualities for a bank, have been badly damaged by the way the closure has been handled by the bank's regional management. As we pointed out last month, if you feel you want to be on record on the subject address your views to the Local Director, Ms Sara Lilly at LloydsTSB Group PLC, Local Director's Office, 1st Floor 14 Castle Street, Cirencester GL7 1QJ or telephone 01285.650495.

In another move, LloydsTSB accepted an invitation to address the Parish Council, and sent Ms Lilly and a colleague along. What little they had to say only repeated that which had already been written to its customers and that, while they regretted having to make their decision, it could not be reversed. It was asserted that the Painswick branch lacked the full technology expected of banks these days; further, such a lack also precluded the installation of an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) machine. LloydsTSB do not operate mobile banking, so that is not an option. They have, it was stated, decided to attach an extra member of staff to the Painswick branch on Thursday mornings until it closes so that anyone requiring advice or guidance regarding management of their account can receive first-hand information.

We decided to check out whether any of the other three 'big banks' had given thought to the possibility of stepping into the gap LloydsTSB were creating here. We gave each of the Stroud managerial folk a copy of the Beacon, and invited their observations after referring the matter to Head Offices. NatWest press people diligently told us they were "Well represented in the area with an extensive ATM and Branch network, and we don't operate a Branch closure programme". Barclays told us they had referred the matter to Head Office, from whom we have yet to hear, and no messages have come from HSBC.

It remains to be seen how customers respond and where they bank in future.

Post Office

Another worrying prospect is that the Post Office premises are up for auction on 11th October.

Readers may note that we said 'premises' intentionally, since the matter of whether the purchaser wishes to provide a Post Office service is a matter between him/her and the postal service - accreditation being required before such can be permitted.

So, the reality is that the building, the retail outlet and residential accommodation are to be auctioned on October 11th. The Parish Council sought clarification of the situation and it was reported that "The area representative of the Post Office has advised that the Postmistress has resigned but that the resignation is being regarded as provisional. This is because if the property is not sold at auction Mrs Littler will continue to operate the business. However to safeguard against the possibility that the sale is effected, the Post Office representative is seeking alternative accommodation to retain the postal services in Painswick and is advertising the Postmaster/Postmistress Painswick position."

Chairman Terry Parker reported that he had asked that the Parish Council be kept informed.

He also pointed out to the Council that the area which currently houses the shop and post office could not be used for residential purposes without a formal Change of Use. Both Painswick Parish and Stroud District Councils have a policy that such a change of use would only be considered if it could be proved that efforts to sell that premises as a retail outlet had been unsuccessful over a reasonable period.

The situation should become clearer on 12th October, or soon after.

It is stating the obvious, but there is very strong local support for the uninterrupted continuance of there being a Post Officer service in this village of ours, now assuming greater importance given the non-future of the bank!

'Library' report

Back in June, twelve weeks ago, a Core Group of four was launched by those who came together as 'Friends of Painswick Library', to study the overall situation and present a report upon their considered views as to a way ahead to maintain library services in premises in the village, and retention of the premises it occupies for future use by the village.

Much of their report, as conveyed to the Parish Council on 22nd September, is summarised inside on pages 8-9. Copies of the full report were deposited in the library and the Town Hall.

Elsewhere in this issue: Kate Winslet is appealing, news from the course, two trips to the metropolis, our cubs at camp, supporting the Legion, the day after tomorrow at Christ Church, blooming results, and main hort-soc winners, usual teasers, the shiny red box, news from the Croft, and much more.

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wider interest. The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available at the Council office and elsewhere.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Packhurst Farm, Edge

Mr Mitchell, owner of Packhurst Farm, addressed the committee to clarify why he was seeking planning approval for the storage of documents/records from his solicitor practice, as required by law. He was at pains to point out the very limited traffic movements such would cause, and the minimal alterations required to the exterior of the barn concerned.

2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act

District Councillor Barbara Tait responded to the invitation made by the committee to explain the changes being made by the District Council to meet the requirements of this Act. The Local Plan is being phased out and a Local Development Framework is being created involving the community - industry, commerce, statutory bodies and others.

Scheme of delegation

Mrs Tait also reported upon the considerable efforts being made by SDC to hit government targets - Best Planning Performance Indicators - which required turning round planning applications within tight time-scales; all minor submissions within 8 weeks. The effect of achieving such targets was to enable the Council to afford additional staff, and additional posts had already been created for enforcement and for assisting with the canal regeneration scheme.

Jenkins Lane - copse clearance

The committee noted the objections raised by the Parish Council to the proposals of the County Highways to clear much of the low growth in this copse (*p2 last issue*)

Broadham Field - floodlights

The committee received a report that the SDC officers had inspected this lighting consequent upon the angle of the lighting cowl having been adjusted and were now satisfied that they conformed with the planning consent. The Chairman, David Hudson, suggested that, on balance, the current situation is satisfactory.

PARISH COUNCIL

LloydsTSB

Representatives of the bank addressed the Council (*see front page*).

Post Office

(*See separate report on front page*)

Police report

The Council was attended by three police officers, one of whom was PC Forrester who had recently been appointed replacement beat officer for Painswick and neighbouring areas. He explained that he was still regarded as on the base strength of Stroud police station and was not yet able to visit Painswick very often.

Upon enquiry of members it was understood that the mobile telephone provided by the Council to whoever was the beat officer was rarely used, all calls being routed directly to the police control room. It was decided to withdraw this service.

Youth Club

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Mike Haddock, the Youth Officer responsible for this area, and found out that some 23 young people had expressed interest in joining a revitalised youth club based upon the Recreation Ground pavilion.

It was agreed that Mr Haddock be asked to make contact with all 23 in order to assess the depth of this interest before 11th October so that the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee could decide that day whether to continue inclusion of youth club expenses in its budget for 2007-08.

It was noted that the Christian youth group under the leadership of Tim Friend remained enthusiastic about use of these facilities, and the ground itself.

Hollyhock Lane - bench

The Council gave further consideration to the request made by Albert Grant that he donate a seat in memory of his late wife Queenie to be located in Hollyhock Lane.

The Clerk reported that no permitted or satisfactory location had been found to date in the straight section of the lane without possibly impeding even the few vehicles which needed to pass that way.

It was agreed to use a spare seat currently in the Council's workshop in the verge of the 'triangle' of land in the Council's ownership at the upper end of the lane as an experiment before communicating further with Mr Grant.

Austerity Lunches - hosting

The Council took note of an invitation to host one of the Austerity lunches in the current year and agreed to do so on 23rd October, with Terry Parker being its organiser.

Bledisloe Cup

The Chairman informed the Council that Painswick had achieved a Highly Commended award in 2006.

Allotments

A letter was received from Somerset Moore requesting the Council consider the introduction of allotments on part of the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to refer the idea to the Trustees for a future meeting, but meanwhile seek landowners who might be interested in offering land for such a purpose.

Interactive speed equipment

The Council considered a suggestion from the District Council that it join a partnership with other parishes to obtain and occasionally use an interactive speed warning sign which, in addition to its flashing a warning to motorists, recorded the speeds of vehicles as they passed.

It was agreed to support the proposal and contribute £200 towards the cost.

Painswick Centre - centenary event

The Council considered a request received from Painswick Players for financial support for the programme they were promoting in recognising the centenary of the Centre.

It was agreed to contribute £500 to this end.

Self regulation

The Council received the most recent drafts of revisions to its own Standing Orders and, after making minor amendments, agreed these for general Standing Orders, Financial Standing Orders and Code of Practice for Handling Complaints.

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PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Library Report

(See page 8)

Lay-by signs

Many residents from Sheepscombe attended the meeting at which the matter of recently erected 'Passing Places' signs in lay-bys on the road between the A46 at The Park and the village had been erected by the County Council's Highways Department.

Those attending, and many others, had made known their objection to these signs and the extent to which they were regarded as intrusive and unnecessary in the countryside. Many questions were put to the Council prior to the meeting, which was also attended by County Councillor Joan Nash who made known her aversion to them; questions included enquiry as to the cost of their erection and what was likely for their removal, the absence of any consultation before they were erected, whether the lay-bys had been 'adopted' by the County Council or were (any or all) still on private land, and so on.

During the ensuing debate it was clarified that the Council had requested of GCC that they consider erection of signs, and that it had been assumed that as is customary practice the Parish Council would have been consulted once the officers of GCC had produced a scheme.

No such consultation had taken place, the first that anyone had known of their erection being after the event. No communication had been received supportive of their being placed in position, although one had proposed that if such were required then an alternative could be one sign 'Single track road - with passing places' at the A46 end would suffice.

To reinforce their objection residents suggested that hundreds more such signs would be required throughout the area if there were to be consistency of strategy by the County Council.

The Parish Council had been advised by GCC that any decision to request their removal might, in the event of an accident attributable to there not being any such notices, require that there being a valid 'audit trail' so that responsibility for their withdrawal was attributable. Members asserted that the experts in such matters were those responsible to the County Council and that they must determine requests/recommendations from the Parish Council.

The Council resolved to request GCC carry out an urgent review of these signs in the light of widespread public objection and in the absence of consultation with the Parish Council about the size and locations of the signs.

Gloucester Road - 30mph speed limit

The Council received proposals for relocating the 30mph limit to a point above

the entrance to the Rococo Garden and resolved to concur with them

Bisley Street - parking restriction

The Council decided to endorse the proposal from County Highways that the stretch of road on the north side of Bisley Street opposite LloydsTSB, currently with no parking restriction, should be double-yellow lined as councillors believed the absence of the lines to be an oversight by the County Council.

Tibbiwell-Kemps Lane - parking

The Council discussed the proposals for the introduction of parking restrictions at the lower end of Tibbiwell and also in Kemps Lane opposite the Painswick Hotel.

Much of the debate centred upon the need to ensure that, while as many vehicles as possible should be able to park on-street, there should be assurance of free movement of emergency vehicles such as fire appliances at all times; such could be a life or death circumstance at any future date.

The desirability of preserving designated 'boxes' for small cars opposite the hotel was talked about in detail, although it was recognised that regulating that situation was unlikely to be satisfactory.

Upon the casting vote of the Chairman it was agreed to accept the suggestions of the GCC for both locations, while regretting the necessity to do so in Kemps Lane.

Kate Winslet contacts the Beacon

In her capacity as Patron of **The Family Haven** charity Kate has written to ask readers of The Painswick Beacon for their valuable support.

She said "On my initial visit to the charity I was so impressed with the vital work undertaken to change families' lives for the better.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge your readers to support the charity during The Family Haven Week 1st to 7th October 2006".

Kate suggests that readers might like to have a look at the charity's information stand in Eastgate Mall in Gloucester on 7th October. A street collection takes place on the same day in Gloucester. She is also urging companies and schools to get involved and hold fund-raising events that week.



This year the charity is celebrating its 18th year of helping vulnerable families to a better and brighter future. Since its inception The Family Haven has helped hundreds of families throughout the county of Gloucestershire. Last year the charity provided 3843 meals, 749 1:1 sessions for children with additional needs, 115 advice and counselling sessions for parents and lots more. In addition, The Family Haven runs the crèche at Gloucester prison, making the experience a little more pleasant for children, who along with their parents endure long waits and body searches.

Kate's letter concludes "We have much more work to do. There are hundreds of vulnerable families living in our county and we have to raise enough funds to ensure that they have access to a better and brighter future. Every child has the right to play and education opportunities.

Donations from the public really make a huge difference and we value your support. Anyone wishing to donate or sponsor a child at The Family Haven can contact Claire McGrath on 01452.528692.

During The Family Haven Week, October 1st to 7th, I hope that we can count on your readers' support to ensure that children and their parents always have The Family Haven to turn to".

The Beacon has run information about appeals for support of The Family Haven across the years, and is aware of the considerable contribution made to its continuance by many local people. See this month's Village Diary page for the latest. Ed.

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54th Annual Show of Painswick Horticultural Society



Following the retirement of two of our major exhibitors and absence of other regular prize-winners to holiday commitments and health problems, plus of course a very difficult growing season, show entries were predictably down this year. Standards, however, were definitely not, with many high quality exhibits on display and a very good level of presentation. Junior competitors should be congratulated for their flair and the imagination used in their work.

Many thanks to the Society's committee and the many additional helpers who so willingly came forward to assist and make an excellent contribution to a successful show.

Philip Berry

SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS

- Wally Brooks Trophy - Class 1 Best White Potatoes **DYLAN DAVIES**
- DT Brown Cup - Best Onions and Shallots **DYLAN DAVIES**
- EH Chandler Plate - Best collection of Vegetables **PHILIP BERRY**
- The Society's Special Prize - Best entry of Fruit **ANNE KENBER**
- Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture - Best exhibit of Vegetables and Fruit (tomatoes) **BETTY WOOD** *pictured receiving awards from Brenda Dunn*
- John Chandler Memorial Challenge Trophy - highest prize money for vegetables and fruit (exclusive of collections) joint **DYLAN DAVIES** and **PHILIP BERRY**
- JS Dent Challenge Cup - best single Hardy Tea Rose **CLARE HAYNES**
- The Felicity Sharwood-Smith Rose Bowl - Multiheaded Roses **BETTY WOOD**
- Cedric Nielson's Special Prize - best Foliage Pot Plant **BETTY WOOD**
- The Christine Arnold Memorial Prize - best exhibit of Decorative Trees or Shrubs **BETTY WOOD**
- Gus Gaugain's Special Prize - Penstemons **ADELE DENLEY**



- The Bill Wear Challenge Cup - Sweet Peas **PAULINE BERRY**
- Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture - best Floral Exhibit **GRAHAM LUKER**
- The Affiliated Societies Medal presented by RHS - highest amount of prize money in the Horticultural Section **DYLAN DAVIES**
- The PHS Challenge Cup - large Flower Arrangement 'Rhapsody in Blue' **KATHLEEN QUANT**
- Captain Mannering's Special Prize presented in memory of Mrs I Mannering - best Arrangement in a Wine Glass 'Cheers' **PAULINE BREEZE**
- The Society's Challenge Cup - best Miniature Arrangement **DULCIE BROTHERTON**
- Certificate of Merit for Floral Art - best entry in the Decorative Section **DULCIE BROTHERTON**
- Felicity Sharwood-Smith Challenge Cup - best entry Junior Section (miniature scarecrow) **ROSEMARY DAVIES**
- Special Prize presented by Painswick Country Markets - best entry of Preserves **BRENDA DUNN**
- Special Prize presented in memory of Dorothy Cox - best entry in Baking **JOYCE SMITH**
- Joyce Hunt's Special Prize - best 'Men Only' cooking **MICHAEL SHEPHERD**
- The Society's Challenge Cup - best entry of Handicraft **KATHLEEN QUANT**
- The Women's Institute Cup awarded to the WI member who obtains the largest amount of prize money **KATHLEEN QUANT** (Upton St Leonards)

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Our next event is Christmas Wreath and Table Decorations Workshop in the Church Rooms on 12th December.

Anne Smith



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Museum in the Park Events ... October – December

The Beacon cannot possibly carry all the information which comes our way, but we thought there would be some particular interest in some of the special events at The Museum in the Park in Stroud, not least those aimed at children. Please note that MUSEUM ADMISSION is FREE



SATURDAY 7th October 12.00–1.30pm

Unlocking the Reserve Collections

The Museum in the Park is home to just 13% of the Cowle (Museum) Trust's collections. The remaining 87% are in storage. This illustrated talk by David Mullin, Documentation & Collections Officer, will open the doors on some of these hidden treasures. Donations to the Friends of the Museum

14th–22nd October

Lawrence Hart Retrospective

This exhibition celebrates the work of Lawrence Wyvern Hart and features a mixture of his recent work: digitally generated, abstract paintings and collage as well as his previous water colour portraits and landscapes. FREE

SATURDAY 14th and SUNDAY 15th October

Buried Treasure

Sculpture making and interactive storytelling activities that unearth the secrets of archaeological wonders in the newly refurbished "And Then Came People" gallery. Have a go at digging for treasure too! Drop in fun for families with children aged 4 – 8 (older children welcome). Sculpture making by local artists Alison Cockcroft and Shelley Campbell. Storytelling by international storyteller Katrice Horsley. A national Big Draw and Family Learning Week event. FREE

WEDNESDAY 25th October

Magical Mystery Creations

Another chance to uncover the secrets of archaeological wonders that were once used by our ancestors. Sculpture making activities led by local artists Alison Cockcroft and Shelley Campbell. Drop in fantasy fun for families with children aged 4 – 8 (older children welcome). FREE

SATURDAY 2nd December 10.00am–4.00pm

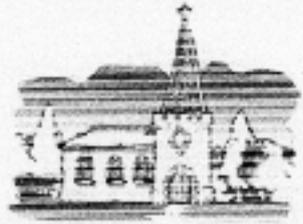
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The Friday Club into October

During the past month The Friday Club got to grips with 'Pilates', or at least to rotating the assembled ankles, wiggling the tethered toes and playing at windmills with arms rotating like the proverbial without body parts dropping off, (as we discovered when we swept up afterwards). This encouraged at least one male, braver than most, to decide it would be right for him. Heidi Hardy's account of the ins and outs of Pilates for flexing stiff spines and eliminating back pain was most interesting and reassuring and many a lady present must have been very impressed by her size 0 figure, (or was it 00) the men were too, but for different reasons. Anyway, it clearly works for all shapes and sizes.

We chose the wettest day of the month to visit Bristol Zoo. Still, the weather was warm and the rain did its worst when we were at lunch so it mattered little. Man Friday was last there 60 years ago (you know, Alfred's and Rosie's and steel bars days) and was very impressed with the changes time has brought. It was a very good trip and, what do you know, the sun came out as we were leaving!

Yesterday we were treated to "Painting with Adele" and then later this month Susan Marshfield will be taking us "Barefoot to Buckingham Palace", which conjures up all sorts of scenarios. Both meetings will be a treat not to be missed.

Man Friday

Playgroup News



We have had an eventful summer, with some new heating units and smart new windows installed as well as internal and external decoration of the building - it looks fantastic and will be a much warmer place in the winter too. In July we said a fond farewell to the pre-school leavers, all of whom started school for the first time last week. We also said 'au revoir' to Deputy Play Leader Linsey Grant who has gone on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her new baby (due early November) and hopefully welcoming her back sometime next year. We have been lucky enough to have Sharron Andrews working with the children in place of Linsey, and we hope she will be very happy at Painswick Playgroup. Last but certainly not least we welcome back our existing playgroup children for a new term and also many new starters whom we are sure will settle in quickly and easily.

Beaty Bell would like to tell everyone who has been involved with playgroup in the past 16 years, that her dear friend Pamela Brough, once Play Leader, sadly passed away suddenly on August 11th 2006. Pam leaves her husband Patrick and children Joanne and Christopher. Beaty remained in contact with Pam and her family although she moved away to The Wirrell in Liverpool with her husband's work, and Pam was always asking about playgroup and will be greatly missed.

If you are interested in visiting the Playgroup, or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list for places, please contact Beaty on 813316.

Julia Murray

'I do like to be beside the

Sixty children aged 5-11 from around Painswick had 3 days at the seaside this summer!

Well not quite, the seaside instead came to Painswick for "Seaside Rock" a three day holiday club held in August. The club was run by PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Area Local Ministries) a charity supported by local churches. Kerstin Friend - Children and Schools Worker for the charity headed up the event. It was fully booked every day and a real hit with the children.

The Croft school hall was decorated with back drops and parasols to create the beach setting and the children engaged in songs, slap-stick drama, games and seaside crafts. The theme was centred on the story from the Bible of Peter the fisherman and his encounters with Jesus. It was great to see our local vicar John Longuet-Higgins getting stuck in, playing the role of a nutty building contractor in a drama much loved by the children. His efforts will not be quickly forgotten!

Many thanks to The Croft School and all the volunteer helpers.

Kerstin Friend

Family Service - 10th September

A surge of colour seemed to have washed over the front pews of St Mary's, trailing blue, green and yellow seaweed, paper shells and starfish, and other memories of a beach in summer. Voices praised God, and remembered all the fun and crazy things that children from the benefice had done on Scripture Union and other Christian camps over the holidays. By Galilee Jesus spoke to Peter about the building of his church - and Peter had a few questions! ("What, women too?"). And at the end we wrote our prayers on blocks and built them into a tower of thanksgiving and petition on the altar.

This was the first of the new monthly Family Worship services at St Mary's, and we were delighted that as many as seventy people attended. Family Worship hopes to suit a wide congregation of young and old; the order of service is still evolving and at the next service will include input from the older teenagers. The next services are scheduled for 11.15 am on 8th October and 10th December, with a Remembrance Service on 12th November. Come and sing a new song to the Lord!

Pippa Dickinson

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Beacon subscribers	THIS YEAR @ 25th September	LAST YEAR	2005-2006 TOTAL
New or renewing after lapsing	142	119	116
Renewed from last year	494	472	492
Total including postal	636	591	608
<i>Dwellings in Painswick village</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>1057</i>
<i>Subscribers in village</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>423</i>
	<i>= 53%</i>	<i>= 40%</i>	<i>= 40%</i>

Country Market Painswick

Our main Christmas Market will be on Friday 15th December; we will be holding a final small market on Friday 22nd December.

Orders are accepted now for Christmas produce: Christmas Cakes, iced and un-iced; Christmas Chocolate Logs, Mince Pies (including mini pies), Christmas Puddings; Christmas Plants and Bulbs, Crafts or any other item.

Why not call in at the Town Hall on a Friday morning soon, between 9.45am and 11.00am to discuss your

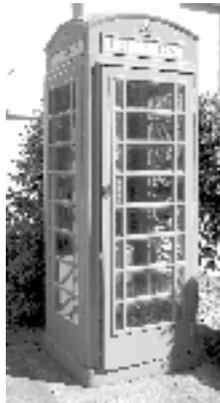
requirements in person, you will be welcomed and perhaps have the time for a coffee and a home made cake



Anne Leoni

I'm red at last

After years of waiting, the drab grey undercoat has gone. New Street has a restored telephone, all bright and shiny!



Changes to the Beacon

Sometimes one sets out to make changes to the way one does things, at other times change crashes in on the situation.

The Beacon has been using a desk top publishing programme, Adobe PageMaker, for several years now with some measure of success. However, all programmes have their limitations and although we had still not used every 'knob and whistle' it contained, it had certainly outrun its 'use by' date.

This has led us to upgrade into one called InDesign CS2 - and create a steep learning-curve for ourselves. One aspect of that transition has been to prompt all sorts of decisions about layout of the Beacon and the introduction of changes.

We thought we would let you know that there has been a background to any changes you may spot, but will as ever appreciate constructive criticism if you feel you would like to pass it on to us.

Our painswickbeacon@supanet.com is the ideal location for your observations.

In anticipation - Thank You.

Police Report

Crime figures for August

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Painswick Library and Public Meeting Rooms

A 'Core Group', formed from the meetings of the Friends of Painswick Library, reached a point in its enquiries and deliberations at which it felt that it should present its report to the Parish Council, the public, and those with whom it had been in contact since late June, and this it did on 22nd September.

Copies of that report were still available in the library as we went to press.

The Group has sought to ensure that those interested are as thoroughly informed as is possible at this stage, and has grouped its information under the following headings:

Events leading up to the current situation

Window of opportunity

Investigations to date

Starting point

Role of two churches

Matters which affected action planning, including potential capital funding source

Key points

In addition to a scale plan of the site, which we show opposite, the Core Group also set out its

Conclusions

Recommendations, and

Examples of possibilities - IF there is the strongest of support

and these three sections we reproduce in full here in full.

Recommendations

1 That Painswick Parish Council actively pursue Option B and set up an independent 'village trust' [1 each Parish Council, Christ Church and St.Mary's and 2 others] initially shadowing but rapidly assuming responsibility for the unified project and its evolution.

2 The Parish Council sponsor and partially fund, an application to the Small Project Investment Fund of the Gloucestershire Rural Renaissance Scheme. This would request as a matter of urgency, an independent appraisal of community space needs in Painswick to include usage, suitability for purpose, and any related economic benefits that might flow from the reunification of the former school buildings. A brief for an appraisal would need to be pre agreed as to its remit.

- an information technology and private study area
- upgrade one hall, in which comfortable seating is normally set out, and provide fixtures and fittings suitable for such as conferences, worship, cinematic presentations, exhibitions, audio events and other cultural and leisure activities.
- consider additional use for 'activity' events such as dancing and fitness groups
- committee meeting venues
- built in display facilities to carry artefacts drawn from local resources, including Local History Society, Stroud Museum, etc.; periodic exhibitions such as the 'tombstone' project already in hand
- storage for artefacts, etc.
- toilets for internal use to serve the whole of the premises, as well as generous storage spaces
- lock-up post office and bank cash point [if necessary]

4 The Parish Council to consider relocating its office services to this alternative location to reinforce the focus of information [one-stop-shop] for the community as a whole - all at ground floor level. The Council consider incorporating use of its two main rooms at the Town Hall to be under the aegis of the Village Trust.

5 Introduce realistic charges to ensure continuing high quality maintenance of the building.

6 To reinforce specific activities based in these premises, set in train the creation of, among other ideas:

- a Cotswold Way organisation which includes the key reference point for the trail being based here, and also offers tourist accommodation information for the whole of the trail
- a Cinema/Film Club
- an inter-arts exhibitors liaison group which harnesses and expands upon art and craft activity based upon Painswick, utilising space in these premises for exhibitions, as well as elsewhere in the village
- reconstruction and further upgrade of the Tourist/Information services to not only build upon the considerable voluntary input made by local residents, but which is reinforced by some remunerated staffing from the District Council and/or DEFRA per National Trail.

Group conclusions

1 The Group believe that the existing continuous trend of a reduction in village facilities, including the library, require a radical and pro-active approach as to how this might be arrested and reversed.

2 The one off chance to purchase and reunite the 'library building' with other former parts of Painswick School is seen as a special narrow "window of opportunity"! It could enable and trigger a substantial improvement in the facilities and services that Painswick offers to both its residents and the local economy. This potential is illustrated below - it is very substantial indeed!

3 We believe that further progress requires the active involvement of the Parish Council. We suggest they urgently consult the public, and determine what action to take e.g. one of the following options:

Option A - To take no further action.

Option B - To instigate the possible purchase and reunification of the former school buildings, subject to survey, for a wide range of community and other uses which would bring economic benefits to Painswick, through a village trust.

Examples of possibilities -

- IF there is the strongest of support

1 Creation of a Village Trust, possibly with charitable status, to 'hold' the complete old school site [GCC land/property and the Church Rooms] on behalf of the whole community.

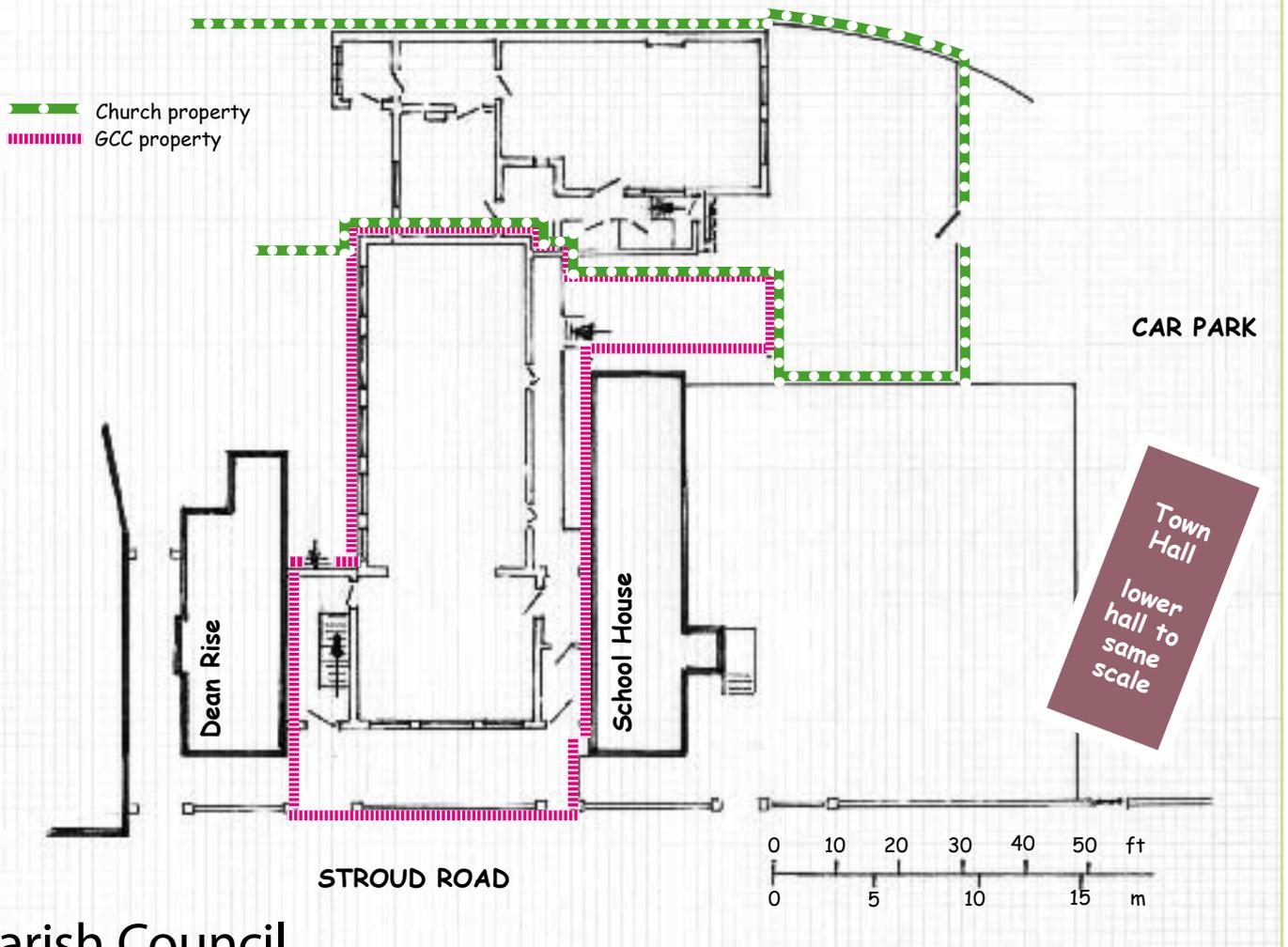
2 A combination of modifications to the church rooms and new build to the car park side in particular, including

- a through way between the car park to the churchyard and onwards into the village centre - this to be available during 'office' hours, and
- a major information resource combining paid and voluntary staff for tourists/visitors and villagers, including ticket office, etc. as well as the Cotswold Way National Trail primary reference point

3 Additionally

- an Internet cafe/rendezvous [and dispensing machines for when premises are lightly used]
- a library/loan service, possibly even run by the Trust on an agency basis for the County Council with their maintaining the current level of revenue expenditure, this requiring enhancement and promotion if best use is to be achieved

County Council and Church Rooms site - existing



Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 27th September, just five days after its receipt, to consider the report. Chairman, Terry Parker, expressed the Council's appreciation of the work undertaken by the Core Group who had undertaken the study and research.

The Council discussed the conclusions to which the Core Group had come, and their recommendations (*opposite*).

It was recognised that the time constraint for decision-making is short, bearing in mind the desire of the County Council to sell the present library premises by mid-2007. The Council recognised that the decisions of Christ Church and of St Mary's were critical in this situation and that, dependent upon the outcome of their deliberations (which are currently taking place), the next step would be to work up a business plan so that the realities of both capital and revenue implications could be clarified.

The Council resolved to

1 Adopt the report and its proposals as set out, in principle, subject only to examination of a report in due course upon a business plan for the enterprise.

2 Seek the preparation of a report incorporating a business plan which could be forwarded to the County Council as soon as possible, this from an 'embryo' village trust in the form of a working party comprising a Parish Councillor (David Hudson was deputed), representatives of both St Mary's and Christ Church, a District Councillor (if willing to serve), and a member of the business/commercial community.

St Mary's PCC

The Parochial Church Council met last Sunday and unanimously passed the following resolution:

'St Mary's endorses in principle the proposal of the Core Group Report of September 2006 to include the Church Rooms premises/land in the proposed project.'

They also appointed David Harley to be their member of the working party.

Window of opportunity

The Core Group are firmly of the opinion that the circumstances pertaining in the autumn of 2006 represent an exceptional opportunity to greatly improve the services offered within Painswick, to the advantage of residents in general, and the local economy in particular.

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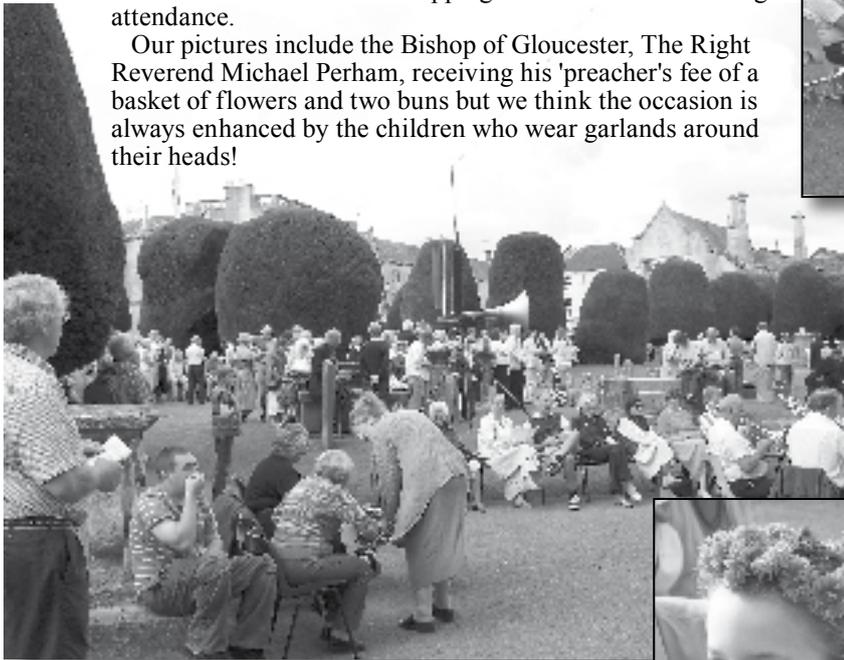
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The Core Group comprised Leslie Brotherton, Patricia Francis, David Harley and Norman Rampton, with later assistance from David Allott.

Clipping on the Sunday of, or after, 19th September every year

After heavy showers during the morning of 24th September the 'Painswick Feast' - the Clipping Service - attracted a large attendance.

Our pictures include the Bishop of Gloucester, The Right Reverend Michael Perham, receiving his 'preacher's fee' of a basket of flowers and two buns but we think the occasion is always enhanced by the children who wear garlands around their heads!



Edwardian fur

The Beacon carried an appeal last month from Painswick Players for 'Edwardian' type blouses which might be given or loaned for their production 7th-9th December. Among those kind enough to get in touch was one lady who went one better (by way of cover-up) and telephoned to offer a fur coat. (It will be December after all, by then, but we are confident that the recently upgraded heating system at Painswick Centre will keep the performers and audience warm enough!)

Ann Dorman, a Wardrobe Mistress with PP, promised to ring said lady back but calamity - has mislaid the name and telephone number.

A further call will be very welcome indeed - to 814548.

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The Club's autumn programme starts on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall with an illustrated talk on "From Russia with Love – Bewick's



Swans on the move" by Jenny Earle. Summer sightings have included Pheasants nests in gardens in Wick Street and Randalls Field, and a Serin in a village garden. The Serin is the smallest widespread European finch, yellowish-green, and in recent years a summer visitor to Southern England, including Gloucestershire, from the Mediterranean. If you cannot make the first meeting, there is another at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 7th November when "Voyage to St Kilda

– the island on the edge of the world" is our theme. Tickets for the Exe estuary bird watching cruises in early December are still available. For full details of the programme, please telephone 813094 or 813823.

Bill Boydell

Three Virgins on display

Would you like to learn about the production of a delicious range of local hand made cheeses? If so, do come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th October when Liz Godsell, Master Cheesemaker, will be talking about the loves of her life: cheese, cows and husband

Bryan (who is an integral part of the cheese team).



Liz and Bryan are the fifth generation of dairy farmers; using milk from their Leonard Stanley herd of Friesians they now produce Double Gloucester, Single Gloucester, Cheddar, Smoked Cheese and Cotswold soft cream Cheese. Come and learn how the Flavours Expert chooses which herbs and spices to add flavour to some cheeses, and perhaps discover how cheeses such as Three Virgins and Scary Mary got their name? With luck you will be able to taste a cheese or two and enjoy a glass of wine.

Although the evening is organised by Yew Trees WI it is open to all, so do come along - whatever your gender! Cost £2.50.

Members of Yew Trees WI please note that due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to alter the published programme for October and November.

Celia Lougher

All that glitters

A glittering selection of jewellery ranging from beautifully hand crafted gold and silver pieces to colourful enamelled and painted pendants and earrings, glass beads, semi-precious stones, fabrics and glass all used to create jewellery for both special occasions and every day will be the basis for a new exhibition at the Fiery Beacon at the end of the month.

Why not visit to learn more about some of the artists and the techniques they use - and look out for a special gift for a birthday or Christmas?

As part of the "all that glitters" theme they are also displaying other work by artists working in metal, including clocks, boxes, wire sculptures and much more, and of course you can still find our ever changing selection of pottery, cards, scarves and so on.

The exhibition opens on Friday 27th October and runs until Christmas Eve. The gallery opens as usual Friday and Saturday 10.00-6.00 and Sunday 12.00-5.00.

Concert tribute to Douglas Smith

On Saturday 11th November the Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra will be performing a concert in tribute to their founder Douglas Smith. The concert will include the Beethoven Overture: Coriolan, Mozart Piano concerto in A Major K488 (soloist Kerry Beaumont) and Beethoven's Symphony No.2.

The concert venue is The Priory in Leonard Stanley and it starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Stroud Tourist Centre, Subscription Rooms, or Anne Smith 812427, or Horsfall House itself on 01453.731227.

and a Fashion Show

Additionally, on November 16th also in support of Horsfall House, a Fashion Show is to be held at Painswick Mill (by kind invitation of Mrs Joan Wells) by the outstanding "Blue" (shops in Cheltenham, Nailsworth and Bath) with a Champagne Reception 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available from Joan Wells or Anne Smith 912427.

All proceeds from the concert and the fashion show will go to Horsfall House in Minchinhampton where Douglas is now a resident.

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Bingo Ashwell House

Off to a modest start, two residents have put some energy into starting a Tuesday early evening Bingo Club, seen here when they first came together last week.

They plan to run the BC fortnightly, so their next one is only days away on Tuesday 10th October 6.30pm for 'eyes down' in the Community Room.

Entrance is not limited to those living on site - so show your support and ability to recognise any number up to "all the nines - 99" and enjoy convivial company. Admission is £2.00 per book, and there will be prizes, a raffle, and coffee for 30p. Why not?



Letters

Institute - Centre

Paul Moir writes from Painswick Rococo Garden

I was a Trustee at the Painswick Institute during the very difficult years at the end of the 1990's. Whilst I think it serves little purpose to drag up old issues, I feel I must take Mark Hammond to task for one comment he made in his letter in last month's edition.

Mark is quite wrong, as he is well aware, to blame the Trustees for the closure of the Painswick Club. As examination of the facts clearly shows, the Trustees acted as legally required by charity law in their dealings with the Club. The Club was closed when their own committee realised they could no longer operate and remain financially viable.

Stone paving

Hilary Kilby wrote on 22nd September: There has just been a report on Radio 4 about the wonders of the French trains and how fast, sleek and efficient they are and why Britain is not able to emulate them.

This coincides with my return from France where I marvelled at how attractively the small towns/large villages have laid out their pavements and roads. Modern (smooth) cobble stones, beautifully constructed, and often in patterns, or some suitably sympathetic stone paving has been used to compliment the character of the houses.

And then I came back to Painswick with its new black Tarmac pavements and roads and bright yellow lines, all totally out of keeping with our Cotswold stone village. Why do we lack so much imagination? Is it the fault of the Parish Council, the District or the County?

Bank v Post Office

Peggy Bradshaw writes:

What a lot of fuss about the bank closing in Painswick. I would much prefer the Post Office to remain.

After all one can do most of the banking business at the Post Office and surely most people who have businesses to run have access to computers etc? Let's support our Post Office and also the few shops we still have otherwise I can foresee Painswick will soon become completely dead.

Thank heavens for the Falcon and the Royal Oak!

Bank

Dick Jarrett wrote on 31st August:

As you may be aware the mismanagement of Lloyds Bank in Stroud are proposing to close our branch in Bisley Street in November.

This will cause inconvenience to businesses and many local people (especially the elderly) in Painswick.

Could the Beacon lead a campaign to persuade Lloyds Bank in Stroud of the error of its ways?

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Painswick Centre

News

What a fabulous Fashion Show on 19th September! "Just-In with Nightingales" produced a great set of outfits which the eight models displayed to maximum

effect. Even the accompanying music was absolutely perfect. The Trustees set themselves the target of selling 60 tickets but, on the night, we had more than 80 people in the Hall. This was entirely due to the fact that a number of people took it upon themselves to make up parties with friends and neighbours. Thank you for your support and for a really great evening.

The picture shows all of the models as they appeared on stage for the finale. For those gentlemen that decided to stay at home I have to tell you that



the night attire was modelled to perfection! This is one event that we'll certainly try to repeat at some time in the future.

During the last few weeks the Painswick Centre has been used for a wedding and a 21st birthday party. The Hall is ideal for such events, with a fully fitted kitchen adjacent. A full bar service is also available when required. In addition, our hire charges for these facilities are as good or better than other venues in the locality. We can also offer, for smaller gatherings, the Cotswold Room and the Green Room. Hiring any of the facilities means that you will also be helping the Trustees to maintain the Centre and to carry out essential maintenance work on the building itself. So, if you're planning a wedding, a party or a gathering of any size, then give Rose a ring on 812369 and discuss your requirements with her.

Those people who regularly visit the Centre will know that we have allocated a space in the car park for disabled visitors. This is to reduce the amount of walking these visitors have to do in order to enter the Hall. We would like to request that people visiting the Centre leave this one space clear for those who really need it.

Last, but certainly by no means least, we can inform readers that the Trustees have arranged for the Hall to be re-decorated during the second half of November. "At long last", I hear you say! Wayne Lee will undertake the work and he has promised to work around those groups using the Hall at the time. However, please be considerate if you experience a hiccup or two while the work is being carried out.

The next event to be organised by the Trustees is the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 17th December, which is part of the Centenary celebrations. More about that in the next issue of the Beacon.

Ralph Drew

Did you know? No.5

That during the War, the Painswick Centre was used as a public canteen, and also for school meals for the children.

The Painswick Centre has no investment income of its own and relies on income derived from letting out the Hall and other space within the Centre. The maintenance of the Centre is financed by income from the various clubs and associations using the facilities, plus improvement grants from local authorities and other charities.

The Painswick Centre would be pleased to hear from local residents who wish to follow Mrs Frances Williams by making a donation or by arranging a legacy in favour of the Centre. Those of you who visit the Hall regularly will have noticed the brass plaques on the end wall. If you would like to have a plaque for yourself or in memorial for a loved one we will be happy to arrange this.

The Trustees have recently spent more than £50,000 improving the facilities for disabled and other users of the Painswick Centre. The car park has been re-surfaced and a new boiler installed, but there is still much to do. We therefore need your support for the various events, celebrating the Centenary of the Centre, which we will be staging over the next few months.

If you can add any other information on the history of the Painswick Centre please contact: Jackie Herbert on 813229 or myself on 814070.

Ralph Drew

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Jottings from the Croft

Art Week

The school is holding an Art Week this term, 16th to 19th October. The focus will be on developing skill in painting.

If you can help in any way during this week, or know anyone else who may be prepared to help, please get in touch.

The summer fayre

They were still counting the proceeds as the Beacon went to press for August, but we did carry some pictures of the PTA Fayre (page 13).

A great deal of effort, on a VERY hot afternoon, raised £1,014.

Helping in school

We are always very grateful for help in school, either to work with the children or to help with administrative tasks. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you are able to carry out this important role for the school.



School diary dates

There must be many who live in the village who see children making their way to or from the school, clutching paper and all sorts of materials, who wonder what features in the school programme these days. Leaving aside our own memories of learning 'times tables' by rote, and wondering where one's 'daps' were when it was time for PE, many of us have limited knowledge of just what now happens in lesson time, let alone those activities which broaden the mind through extended activities.

Parents receive information about up-coming events and activities which will be engaging their children, and we believe readers will be interested in being aware of some of the range of truly stimulating experiences offered at the Croft School.

In listing most of those for the remainder of the current calendar year one can not only begin to appreciate significant differences when compared with our school days, but recognise the energy which needs to be put in by dedicated school staff and voluntary helpers to help shape the next generation.

Wednesday 11th October

Thursday 12th October

Friday 13th October

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th October

Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October

Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th October

21st October – 29th October

Friday 3rd November

Friday 10th November

Tuesday 14th–Thursday 16th November

Wednesday 15th November

Thursday 16th November

Friday 17th November

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 13th December

Thursday 14th December

Friday 15th December

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Years 1, 2, 3 visit Cheltenham

Literature Festival

Years 4, 5, 6 visit Cheltenham

Literature Festival

Harvest Festival led by Class 4
2.30pm

ART WEEK

Tudor Day Years 3 and 4

Tudor Day Years 5 and 6

Art week assembly 2.30pm

Staff training day

School closed

Individual and family photographs

Class 3 assembly 2.30pm

Church service at St Mary's Church

with Cranham and Sheepscombe

Schools

Book Fair

Open evening 5.00 – 7.30pm

Open evening 3.30 – 6.00pm

'Children in Need'

Achievement assembly 2.30pm

K-Nex challenge Year 5

Trip to see 'Twelfth Night' Year 6

Infants' Christmas show 1.45pm

Juniors' Christmas Carol concert,

Christ Church, 7.00pm

Infants' Christmas show 1.45pm

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties

Panto trip (morning), school closes

2.00pm

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Local History Teaser

Having invited you to submit photographs which you think might present a challenge to other readers, Lord Dickinson has provided this splendid if rather unusual view of New Street. The questions are: when was the photograph taken and what was the occasion? If you think you know the answers, please contact us.

Last month we posed some difficult questions because we did not know the answer ourselves and hoped you could enlighten us. Apparently, the names of the church choir members in our picture were: (back row from the left) Briton (the organist), W.Radcliffe, T.Kimberley, John Warner, Fryer, (front from left) Billy Moretti, J.Russell, Tim Peters. As Tim Peters was the headmaster of Painswick School in the 1930s we can date the photograph to that decade. Derek Hodges informs us that Tim Peters was very very keen on bowls and was frequently to be found indulging his



passion in the afternoons during school time at the Falcon Bowling Green. How things have changed!

Do you have a photograph from the past which you think might puzzle readers?

...and the Local History Society

At the opening meeting of this year's programme the members were treated to a very comprehensive and informative presentation by Mr Jim Hodge on the history of Christ Church, or Painswick's Independent Chapel, in this, its 350th anniversary year. He took us from its uncertain beginnings in a climate of early disapproval, through various periods of fluctuating congregations to the amalgamation with the Baptist church in the 1980s. Mr Hodge explained the way in which the building had evolved over time, a beautifully balanced design but now showing signs of some structural problems. He talked also of the pulpit being the central feature, of the Burne-Jones window, of the selling of the seats to provide an income, of the gas lights and the hand-pumped organ. Many of the ministers had left their mark by ensuring the life of the church was active and interesting and some local families had been largely responsible for ensuring im-

provements were ongoing. Since 1972 all but one of the ministers have been female and many joint activities are organised with other denominations. This beautiful and interesting church certainly has a rich history.

The next meeting of the Local History Society will take place on Tuesday, 17 October at 7.30pm in the Croft School when Caroline Swash will give a presentation on her father, Edward Payne, a local stained glass window artist. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Day Centre at Ashwell House

Its that time of year when we start thinking of approaching Christmas time and bazaars and coffee mornings and the like. Ashwell Day Centre are holding their annual Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 1st November 2006 between 10.30am and 12.00 noon, in the lounge of Ashwell House. We are indebted to Michelle Elliott, the Ashwell House Warden, for allowing us to use this lovely venue. .

As always there will be our excellent Home Produce stall with delicious cakes and preserves; good quality bric-a-brac; our excellent raffle, and much more! Please make a note of the date in your diary and do come along - the members and helpers of the Day Centre look forward to meeting you again and enjoying a cup of coffee with you.

The money we raise helps keep the Day Centre going. Over the years many folk have benefited from having a regular day each week away from their normal surroundings, to meet and talk with friends - to have a 'gentle workout' ending with a welcome glass of sherry, and then a pleasant lunch. Afternoons are 'wait-and-see' - we make our own entertainment, a discussion, a game or an entertainer, or a speaker on a topic of interest. There is always an outing to look forward to. All this would not be possible without our loyal band of helpers at the Centre, and drivers who fetch and carry members to and from their homes to the Ashwell Centre.

We are always looking for more help. Call in if you feel you would like to join us. We work a rota system either the morning session, over lunch time, or the afternoon session, or all day Helpers come on a regular once a fortnight or once a month basis, and when necessary we can swop duties with each other. Interested - call in any Wednesday to the Day Centre at Ashwell House or telephone Anne Kenber 813259 or me on 813503.

Do come along on Wednesday the 1st November and support our Coffee Morning, you will be made very welcome..

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Painswick in Bloom 2006



Another lovely summer when hanging baskets and containers enhanced the beauty of the village.

The competition, which was organised by Painswick Horticultural Society, was judged this year by Robin Stevens of Tetbury

The winners of the **Business Section** were

1st The Painswick Hairdressers (*David Winstone Ursell receiving the trophy in this picture*)

2nd The Thai Restaurant

3rd The Painswick Woodcraft

Private Section winners were

1st 6 Whitehorse Lane - Mrs Lorraine Watson

2nd Yulestone - Mr Mrs Wilce

3rd 12 Whitehorse Lane - Don Hayward

Special mention Troy House, 'Highfield' in Edge Lane, and Stonewyck.

Two new names on the trophies!

Congratulations to the winners and to all who give pleasure to residents and visitors with their lovely floral displays.

Pauline Berry - Secretary Painswick-in-Bloom

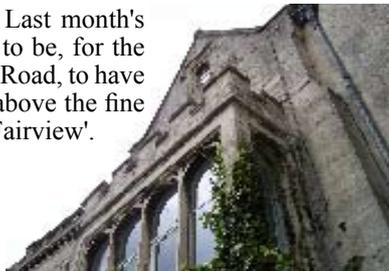
Queen's College Cambridge

Jim Hoyland has asked the Beacon to pass on the information that if any reader was at Queen's College, or knows someone who was, he has a beautifully embroidered crest of the college - 19inches by 19inches - looking for a new home.

If interested, please contact Jim on 812007

ArchiTecs

Last month's architectural poser turned out to be, for the observant travelling up Stroud Road, to have been the castellated roof line above the fine window on the south side of 'Fairview'.



This month the challenge is to identify a somewhat more modern architectural feature. If you need a clue - there is a c.n.e.t.n just about all of us have with this.

Coaches to London



Seats are still available on the coach on Wednesday 18th October. It leaves Stamages Lane at 8.30am and the return journey is from Northumberland Avenue, Trafalgar Square at 6.00pm. Fare £12 cash or cheque payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings'.

A coach has also been arranged for

Wednesday 6th December.

Bookings should be made with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH.

Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227

Cubs at Camp

Painswick Cub Pack attended the celebratory District Cub Camp at Wotton-under-Edge from 1st to 3rd September as part of the cub movement's 90-year celebrations. Five cubs from the Painswick pack were among the 104 cubs from the Stroud District who attended what was a action-packed camp. This started on the Friday evening with an opening ceremony in the style of the 1916 era, following this a wide game before drinks and supper.

Saturday morning started in the normal way with breakfast, then flag break. The cubs, then in groups, walked from camp to the North Nibley Tyndale Monument following a trail. At the monument every one had an opportunity to go to the top of the tower and view the Severn Vale from the bridges to the south to May Hill and the Forest of Dean to the north.

After lunch break at the camp the cubs formed smaller groups and rotated around project bases ranging from obstacle course, knotting, orienteering, craft tent, fire lighting, communications, first aid to nature study. Saturday evening was taken up with an old fashioned camp fire, stunts and sing-along, finishing with drinks and supper before bed.

After breakfast on Sunday the cubs continued with the project bases. The camp finished mid-afternoon with a Scouts' own service led by the Vicar from Whiteshill, and one of the Painswick cubs lowered the camp flag to close the camp.

The five cubs and myself who attended had an action-packed and fun time, with good memories and new friendships.

Painswick cub pack is holding a recruitment evening on 9th November from 6.30 until 8.00pm in St Mary's Church Rooms. Watch this space in the November Beacon for more details, or contact me on 812240.

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Voskresenije (Resurrection) Vocal Ensemble

Following their highly successful concert in St Mary's Church last year the Voskresenije Russian Choir from St. Petersburg will be making a return visit on Sunday 22nd October at 7.30pm.

The vicar of St Mary's described last year's concert as one of the highlights of the Church Year: 'The choir seemed to make the stones of our church come alive'. An unsolicited review in the Painswick Beacon commented: 'This choir brought to us an evening of quite exceptional merit. Nine choristers blended the qualities of the human voice, with no accompaniment, ranging from soprano to basso profundo, and exhibiting a style and calibre of presentation rarely witnessed anywhere in the world.' The picture shows the choir at St Mary's last year.



This unique choir consists of nine male and female vocalists who have been trained at St Petersburg Conservatoire. The founder and leader is Jurig Maruk who was formerly the choir master of the St Petersburg Radio and Television Choir.

This year will be their fifth tour of the UK. The choir has sung in Rochester, Hereford and Salisbury Cathedrals. Last year the choir were also scheduled to appear on the morning service on Radio 4. Unfortunately they became stuck in a traffic jam instead!

Funds raised from the concert will be used to help maintain the historic church grounds. Tickets at £10 are available from: 'The Chairman' in New Street, the Stroud Information Centre, by post from me on 810935, or at the door subject to availability

Nigel Burt

Don't mess with Grandma!

The following article came our way, from a Florida newspaper.

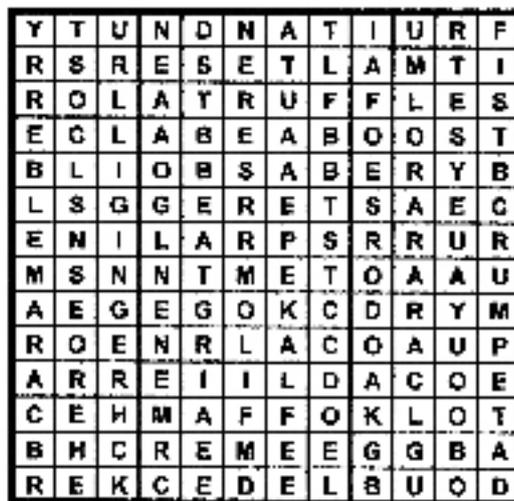
An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!!!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it a memorable one!



The October search will attract those with a sweet tooth. Can you find seventeen words associated with chocolate - one of which is repeated?

We suggested that it was straightforward last month with you being able to check your own results. Did you find all twelve of the 'stops' listed on the A46 bus route through Painswick?

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Golf Club

Promotion for A. Team

Painswick A Team were last year promoted to 2nd Division of the North Gloucestershire County Foursomes League. The Club Captain Brendan Nunan and the A Team have had a very successful year and have now been promoted to 1st Division.

Golf course

The new Head Green Keeper, Duncan Smith, and his staff have kept the course in good condition in spite of the earlier dry weather. The green keepers work within the English Nature guidelines and leave certain areas of the course uncut until the orchids have finished flowering. Once this has happened the cutting of those areas helps these rare species to survive and flourish in future.

Matches and Competitions

As well as the A Team matches there have been many friendly matches played at home and away by the B. Team, Seniors and Ladies Sections. All members with handicaps are actively encouraged to play these matches. Throughout the Summer a large number of Trophy Competitions have been played by all sectors.

The Club Champion this year (Gross and Nett) was Pete Jelf 136(69 and 67) Nett 128

The runner up was Carl Gyde 137(67,70) Nett 131

The Lady's Club Champion; (Gross) Angela Woodward (Nett) June Davis

The Seniors Champion: (Gross) Mick McGarr (Nett) David Heyes

In both the Ladies and Seniors Sections there had to be a play off for the Gross Position.

The Junior Open went well this year with some amazing scores. The overall winner was Matthew Jones from Gloucester with 51 Stableford points.

Junior Membership

In an effort to encourage Junior Golf, Painswick G.C. have decided to give free membership to those Juniors who are brought along by adult members to play, once they have shown that they can conduct themselves appropriately. For Juniors who already belong another club and hold a handicap they may join for £20.

Social Events etc.

The successful tribute Music Nights are still being held regularly. There is a Beach Boys Tribute Night on Friday 27th October, open to all Golf and Social Members and their guests.

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 24th November.

On New Years Eve a superb singer/comedian has been booked.

Regretfully the Steward and Stewardess, Les and Carolyn Jones are moving on to another position, but new Stewards will be appointed soon and members should have no concern whatsoever over any bookings which they have for meals etc as these will all be honoured.

Sylvia Walker

Badminton

New Season

The new season for the Painswick Badminton Club has now started on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with the usual Junior sessions in the early evening on Thursdays. Friday evening sessions are open to non-members from Painswick who have experience of the game and those interested should please contact the secretary, Hilary Simpson on 812771.

Tennis

The new pavilion at Broadham Fields was officially opened last Sunday followed by the club's annual tournament finals. A report of the opening ceremony and the tournament results will be published in the Beacon's November issue.

There has been considerable activity in recent weeks, not the least of which has been the re-laying of the courts at the Recreation Ground as well as courts 3 and 4 at Broadham.

The summer league season matches have been completed and the players are looking forward to the winter with teams entered in several competitions.

Summer Ball

Chris Hall has written to the Beacon with advance notice details of the 2007 "Broadham Ball". The Ball will take place at Broadham Fields on the night of 29th June. The format will be as that for the 2005 event which was widely seen as a great success. Chris will be pleased to provide further information. His telephone number is 814504.



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Rugby

Painswick first fifteen are still seeking their first victory in the Premier Division of the Gloucestershire League. Last Saturday they were hosts to the Bristol club, Whitehall Old Boys. It was a disappointing game for the Cherry and Whites who lost by 24 points to 10. Wing-threequarter James Wynn scored Painswick's try which was converted by Dominic Barnard. Wynn also kicked a penalty goal. On Saturday 23rd September Painswick were away against Old Richians. Although they played well, Painswick found the Gloucester side, who prior to the match were heading the premier Division table, in good form and eventually the Old Richians were victorious by 38 points to 17. The Cherry and Whites were understandably disappointed with the result as whereas the score line suggested a clear cut victory for Old Richians, in fact the two teams had been evenly matched. On Saturday 16th September Painswick were at home to Matson. Prior to the start of the match, the club's vice-presidents and sponsors were invited to lunch and asked to nominate their man of the match. The game proved to be one in which, playing with the slope in the first forty minutes, Painswick dominated the game territorially but Matson's defensive skills proved to be decisive with the home side unable to get over the visitors' try-line. The game progressed well into the second half before the stalemate was broken by the Matson captain and scrum-half when he wrong footed the Painswick cover and scored an excellent converted try. The only other score came from a Matson penalty. The Painswick RFC guests' man of the match was the number 8, Russell Thornton. This Saturday sees the opening round of the Powergen Vase competition when Painswick travel to Oxford. The Cherry and Whites have done well in the competition over the years and they will hope to maintain that record today.

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

Sat 9th. (L) Frampton Cotterell 1st XV 34 Painswick 1st XV 7.

Sat 16th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 0 Matson 1st XV 10.

Sat 23rd. (L) Old Richians 1st XV 38 Painswick 1st XV 17.

Sat 30th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 10 Whitehall OB 1st XV 24.

(M) Painswick United 10 Cinderford 3rd XV 15.

Fixtures

Sat 7 Oct. Oxford v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV.

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

Stroud Junior Combination Cup. Painswick United v Cainscross 1st XV.

Sat 4 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Old Colstonians 1st XV.

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

Sat 11 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Aretians 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Stow 2nd XV.

Sat 18 Nov. Painswick 1st XV v Old Centralians 1st XV.

Old Centralians 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 25. (L) Widden OB 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Old Patesians 3rd XV v Painswick United.



Russell Thornton leaps high at the line-out.

Painswick and Matson scrums wait to "engage".



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Strimming with champagne?

Walkers on the Beacon's Hill Fort ramparts on Sunday 28th August were amazed to find over 20 people with trimmers and rakes removing the excess grass that hinders the growth of orchids and other flowers. As the afternoon turned into evening the noise of strimming was replaced by that of chatter, laughter and the popping of champagne corks. Members of The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group joined by helpers from Upton St Leonards and the Painswick Golf Club were being rewarded for a job well done. While being revived with food and drink the working party listened with interest as the Group's founder, Bill Darling, expressed his delight at the work being done and explained in detail how the strimming would help the many different plants that were being smothered.



John Rhodes, the working party leader, announced that working parties will hopefully take place on The Beacon throughout the winter, on the first and last Sunday morning in the month, beginning at the end of September. Volunteers are always welcome but don't expect champagne, that is reserved for special treats! Anyone interested ring 812709.

We promise some spirited discussions after the brisk business of our AGM on Wednesday 25th October at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall. We hope to have several short talks on various topics such as tree clearance and views, flowers and butterflies, cyclists and ramblers, grazing or burning. Then the speakers will become a Brains Trust group to answer questions. If you are interested in the future preservation of The Beacon why not come and join us? Join us as a member to. Membership is only £4for one more year....

David Allott



PROPERTY REPORT for October by Hamptons International

As predicted in my last report August turned out to be the busiest summer holiday period I have known with many buyers chasing too few properties. September is proving to be a better month for house hunters with people deciding to take advantage of the lack of supply and putting their property on the market. It is still crucial that vendors market their properties at the correct price level because with the internet being so powerful these days, buyers will not even view the property if it is priced too high.

Last week, as widely expected the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee kept the base rate on hold at 4.75%, after increasing it by 0.25% in August. However many analysts are predicting another increase before the end of the year which together with the Sellers Pack in June could have an impact on the market next year.

New properties on the market include: The Cloth Hall - a magnificent family home in the heart of Painswick, Beamsley - a four bedroom detached house with large garden and 3 acre paddock, Green Farm, Hardwicke - a contemporary redeveloped farmhouse, Three Gables - a 3/4-bed chalet bungalow, The Staddles, Hucclecote- an Edwardian house with large garden, South Gables and Orchard House - both four bedroom detached houses with

large gardens in Cotswold mead, Honeysuckle Lodge- A family house with fabulous views, Hobbs Barton in Orchard Mead and Gravell House, Cranham - both houses with great views in need of updating, 9 Brookhouse Mill - a four bedroom house in the mill complex with lovely garden, Yewricks in Cranham-a 3 bed semi-detached cottage in need of updating, Little Cob - a detached house with magnificent views in Edge, 4 Painswick Heights - a spacious contemporary property, 3 St Mary's Mead - a contemporary 4/5 bedroom house in Painswick, Mermagen and Old Forge Cottage - charming Cotswold stone cottages, Ambleside - a bungalow in a large walled garden in Edge and The Stone - a bungalow in Cranham with lovely views which requires updating.

Properties now sold are: The Granary at Bidfield Barns, 3 and 14 Churchill Way, Wheatleys in Cotswold Mead, Cromwell House at Haresfield Beacon, Woodside in Cranham, Wychwood in the Highlands, Towens in Tibbiwell Lane, Court Barn on Stroud Road, 2 Painswick Heights, Abbey Barn in the Vatch and Yeomans Cottage on Upton Hill.

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OCTOBER

Mon	9	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – St Mary’s Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Bingo Club	Ashwell House	6.30pm
		Bird Club: From Russia with love – Bewick’s 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 - Barbara Drake. Plant sale & discounted tulip bulbs	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	12	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners –	Thursdays	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Tea Dances – Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Mon	16	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm
		Film Night: ‘The Day After Tomorrow’	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Painswick Centre AGM	Cotswold Room	8.00pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: Edward Payne, Stained Glass Artist - Caroline Swash	Croft School	7.30pm
		Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	18	Coach to London	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	19	Music Appreciation: The Organ	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Susan Marshfield - “Barefoot to Buckingham Palace”.	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Copy dateline for November Beacon		
		Music Society AGM, Recital & Buffet	Church Rooms	7.00pm
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	Clothes Sale (for 4 days)	The Patchwork Mouse	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Yew Trees WI: Talk on local cheeses – Liz Godsell	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	7.30pm
Thu	26	World Day of Prayer for Peace		
Sat	28	Horticultural Society: Autumn Supper		7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon	30	Austerity Lunch: Hosts – Dog Training Group	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Coffee Morning for Age Concern Day Centre	Ashwell House	10.30am to 12 noon
		Tennis Club AGM	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
Thu	2	Cotswold Care Support Group meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		Music Appreciation: Franz Schubert	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club AGM: followed by ... “Age Concern”	Town Hall	1.45pm & 2.30pm
Sat	4	November issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
		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 Family Haven charity	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
		Horticultural Society: The Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury – Barbara Pollard. Raffle & plant sale	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
Sat	11	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12 noon
		Concert tribute to Douglas Smith (<i>see page 11</i>)	Leonard Stanley	7.30pm
Sun	12	Service of Remembrance	St Mary’s Church	10.50am
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 (note amended time)	The Falcon	10.30am
		Fashion Show supporting Horsfall House (<i>page 11</i>)	Painswick Mill	7.00pm
Fri	17	Friday Club Outing to Cribbs Causeway		tba
		Music Appreciation: La Bohème	Bristol Hippodrome	dep: about 5.30pm
Mon	20	Austerity Lunch: Hostess – June Tuffnell	Christ Church Hall	12.00 to 1.15pm



Tue	21	Local History Society: Social Life around Stroud Circa 1910 – Howard Beard	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: M&S - the first 100 years - Mr Peter Iliffe Women's Fellowship: Hatched, matched & dispatched – Michael Campbell	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 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 Aluminium Foil Sculptures – Rosemary Stammers	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus Annual Dinner		
Thu	30	Music Appreciation: Wolfgang Mozart	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	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227 Probus	Stamages Car Park Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30am 10.00am
Thu	7	until 9th Painswick Players – the 1906 Music Hall Cotswold Care Support Group Christmas Dinner	Painswick Centre	tba 7.00pm
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	Church Rooms Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	13	Horticultural Society: Quiz Nite with refreshments	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	14	Women's Fellowship: Christmas Lunch Music Appreciation: Christmas Social	Golf Club Cotswold Room	12.30pm 7.15 for 7.30pm
Fri	15	Country Market: main Christmas market Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	Town Hall tba	10.00am tba
Sun	17	Children's Party - including magician	Painswick Centre	tba
Wed	20	Women's Fellowship Carol Service	Ashwell House	7.30pm
Fri	22	Country Market: small pre-Christmas market	Town Hall	10.00am

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JANUARY

Tue	16	Local History Society: The poor are always with us	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	10	Horticultural Society: English Garden History	Town Hall	2.30pm

FEBRUARY

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	9	Tennis Club/Badminton Club Barn Dance with The Downfielders	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society: RHS Garden at Harlow Carr	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	20	Bird Club: Birds & other wild life of the Forest of Dean, Lesbos and the Galapagos – Terry Wall Local History Society: A David Archard/ Helen Briggs Production	Town Hall Croft School	2.00pm 7.30pm

MARCH

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society: Pruning – Sue Gibson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Hugh Conway-Jones – Gloucester Docks	Croft School	7.30pm
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
Wed	28	Horticultural Society: Outings booking morning	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12 noon

APRIL

Wed	4	Flower Guild: Cookery demonstration by Rob Rees		
Thu	5	Cotswold Care Support Group meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Wed	11	Horticultural Society: British poisonous plants -	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	14	Music Society Concert: Daniel de Borah	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Sat	28	Music Society Concert: Kungsbacka Trio	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

MAY

Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society: AGM – followed by Painswick in Bloom – Philip Berry (plant sale)	Town Hall	7.30pm 8.15pm
Sat	12	Music Society Concert: Rasumovsky Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Outing	Croft School	7.30pm



NEW APPLICATIONS

WORGANS BARN, FOLLY LANE, STROUD Use of dwelling for purposes not relating to agriculture
 MIRADOR, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replacement dwelling
 THREE GABLES, CHELTENHAM ROAD Change of use from residential dwelling to Dental Surgery with staff living accommodation
 FLAT 18, GYDE HOUSE, GYDE ROAD Installation of french doors
 PACKHURST FARM, EDGE Change of use from barn to document & record storage
 ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CHURCH HILL, SHEEPSCOMBE Conversion of an existing coal store to form a disabled toilet & to provide small mower shed
 HAMBUTTS COTTAGE, CHURCHILL WAY Erection of 2 storey side extension & garage
 LITTLE COB, CUD LANE, EDGE Removal of condition 5 from application S.03/1482 (80/03)
 2 ROSEBANK COTTAGES, SLAD Installation of an oil fired boiler, conversion of a bedroom to a shower room & bathroom, addition of waste pipes from bathroom to external drain.
 COURT HOUSE, HALE LANE Fell beech tree.
 TOWYS, TIBBIWELL LANE Erection of extension and internal alterations.

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

YEW TREE HOUSE, NEW STREET Conversion of guest annexe to self contained flat. N.B. Full Planning Permission refused June 2006

CONSENT

ST MICHAEL'S COTTAGE, VICTORIA STREET Internal alterations
 SHEEPSCOMBE C.P. SCHOOL, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE Extension and retention of Pratten classroom
 GREENAWAY HOUSE, LOWER

WASHWELL LANE Erection of a chalet bungalow.
 FOREST VIEW, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE Renewal of permission 01/939 for the erection of 1st floor extension
 THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD Erection of new garage building & alterations to existing outbuildings
 PAINSWICK PHARMACY, NEW STREET Restoration of sundial on SE façade
 SEVEN LEAZE, SEVENLEAZE LANE, EDGE Erection of conservatory
 PARADISE HOUSE, PARADISE Erection of 2 polytunnels
 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of extension

DAMSELLS FARM Landscaping works to form raised beds, paved walkways and terracing to house. (Retrospective)
 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
 MANZANAS, ORCHARD MEAD Alterations to dwelling

REFUSAL

COURT COTTAGE, HALE LANE Retrospective application for replacement ground floor kitchen windows with double glazing and lock fastenings

PLANS WITHDRAWN

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

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

**Week of Prayer
for
World Peace**

Painswick's Day of Prayer for World Peace will be held in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street on Thursday 26th October. The day starts at 9.00am and ends at 7.30pm.

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Babies

Congratulations to HELEN and HARVEY GARDNER on the birth of their son Sebastian George Warner on 4th September, a brother for Ella and a fourth grandchild for Kay and George Bragg,

also to EMMA and NICK WATKINS of Rosemullion, Lower Washwell Lane on the birth of their daughter Hannah May on 17th September, a first grandchild for Paul and Ann Blakey

and to CHARLOTTE (née WALKER) and GIL ATTAR, a son Jack on 16th August, a brother to Natan and Daniel.

Engagement

Congratulations to MARK ASHMORE of Sheffield and CARLOTTA (Lottie) MULLER, daughter of Charles and Mary Muller who used to live in Painswick and are now in Bath.

Weddings

Congratulations to JOHN DAVIS and GEORGIA UYS who were married on 2nd September at Wycliffe College Chapel,

and to JAMES FISHER and TAMMY ASHCROFT who were married in the Conservatory Garden in Central Park, New York, on 7th September,

and to LUCY GRAYSON and SAM HEART who were married at St Mary's Church in Painswick on 2nd September.

Congratulations

Well done to MICHELLE PHILLIPS, daughter of Tony and Margaret Phillips, who has achieved a place at the Royal Veterinary College in London University,

also to HANNAH BUCKLEY from Holcombe, ex-Croft and Stroud High Schools, who has gained a place at St.Catherine's College in Oxford for a Master's Degree in Chemistry,

and to PHILIP LONGUET-HIGGINS who will be paid by Harlequins, the London rugby club, to train with their team when he goes up to Oxford Brooke's University to read Economics and Business Studies,

and congratulations to MATTHEW LONGUET-HIGGINS who has been chosen by Gloucester Football Association to play for their 'A' squad in the forthcoming season.

Comings and goings

We are sorry to say goodbye to WYNNE and HELEN ROBERTS from Hyett Orchard to Leeds to be nearer their daughter,

Welcome to Mr and Mrs LYNELL to 14 Gloucester Road, Mr and Mrs KAYE into Edge Cottage at Edge, Mr and Mrs

MACAULAY to Calfswood House at The Camp, and Mr and Mrs SCHROEDER to Ivy Cottage in Slad.

Best wishes to JEAN and JACK BURGESS who have moved up the hill from Cotswold Mead to 7 Gyde House in Gyde Road.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to JUNE CRANE and FELICITY SHARWOOD-SMITH.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JOHN LUKER, MARGARET BOWMAN, HELEN GOLDSMITH (funeral at St Mary's on Friday 13th October at 2.00pm) and DENYS HILL who have died recently.

Personal messages

John Stangroom says 'Thank you for all your cards, good wishes, and prayers while I was in the Royal Hospital recently'.

Jim and Jane Hoyland thank everyone for their cards and good wishes for their Golden Wedding contributing to a very happy occasion.

Dulcie and Leslie Brotherton enjoyed celebrating their Golden Wedding knowing that so many had sent kind and encouraging messages.

Mary Luker and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and flowers after John's sudden death. Also a big thank you to my neighbour Dawn.

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