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Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Painswick celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee with a range of events which included a service organised by Churches Together Around Painswick on Sunday 3rd June in St Mary's Church followed by a "Big Jubilee Lunch" which was held in the churchyard and attended by a large gathering. There had been doubt about the weather but the community was blessed with a dry period between the storms and Ian Sadler of Five Valleys Photography was able to create a similar photograph to the one he had taken to mark the Millennium when a large number of parishioners had assembled in the churchyard. Mr Sadler was grateful to Andy and Odel Harding for allowing the photograph to be taken from their window in Rossway House.

One of the features of the day was the Painswick Jubilee Crown Cake which was displayed in St Mary's Church until 1pm when it was cut and slices given to all those present in the churchyard. The design of the crown was based closely on the Imperial State crown which was worn by Her Majesty at the 1953 Coronation ceremony. The real crown was designed and made by Garrard & Co in 1937 and is made of gold, platinum, silver, diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, spinal, pearls, velvet and ermine. There are 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 269 pearls on it.

The cake was a Victoria sponge; the crown part was made with 18 eggs, the cushion with 18 eggs and the flag with 40 eggs! All parts and decorations were edible, apart from the silver cake drums and the supports. The Beacon has no doubt its readership would wish to congratulate Victoria Elvidge, Gillian Hancock and Samantha Twigg for making the magnificent cake which they donated to the Big Jubilee Lunch. Samantha and Victoria



(centre) are pictured watching Gillian about to cut the cake.

On Monday 4th June at approximately 10.00pm, beacons were lit across the nation to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed not to have a beacon on Painswick Beacon because of concerns by the various authorities about possible damage to the Old English Fort and the surrounding area which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. However, Mr Amaury Blow of the Painswick Manorship arranged to have a beacon set up on land in Sevenleaze Lane. The original beacon had been removed in the period leading up to the day and the Parish Council obtained a gas-fired beacon at short notice from a Birmingham company. Those who attended the event were impressed with the effectiveness of the beacon's gas flame and its superb location which overlooks the city of Gloucester, the Welsh mountains, the Malvern Hills and beyond.

There were a number of other events and these are pictured elsewhere in this issue. Of particular note were the 3-day flower festival in the Catholic Church, The Croft School Street Party, and the Country Market and Friday Club Jubilee Parties. Sadly the weather deteriorated in the latter part of the weekend and a number of street parties had to be relocated indoors or cancelled. There was, however, no doubt that the weekend had been an extremely enjoyable one and thanks are due to the many people who worked very hard to ensure it was so.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Mike Kerton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear.
The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

6th JUNE

The Parish Council Chairman, Martin Slinger, opened the meeting and sought nominations for the vacant Chairman of the Planning Committee. Rob Lewis was nominated and duly elected. Jason Bullingham was nominated and duly elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

As there were no questions from members of the public the Committee moved on to discuss the 10 planning applications received, including one from the Rococo Garden to build a new visitors centre. This was an experimental evening as it was the first occasion that all applications had been received online. The plans were clearly displayed on a large screen visible to both the Committee and then public. Jason Bullingham queried why the agenda differed to the one previously circulated to Councillors. The Chairman stated that a revised agenda, including an additional application, had been e-mailed to all Councillors. It was suggested that discussion on that application be deferred to the next meeting. The Chairman stated that it needed to be dealt with that evening to meet the District Council's deadline. The Council agreed to discuss the application, noting Jason Bullingham's objection to that procedure. The Council agreed to support 8 of the applications, including the Rococo Garden, object to one and check the original plans before deciding whether or not to support a revised application. A notice of appeal against an enforcement notice had been received from Slad Farm in Slad Lane. A Planning Inspector is to review the file. The Parish Council are to submit their objections to the application.

Ann Daniels raised the issue of Phoenix Cottage in Tibbiwell Lane where loose gravel was drifting on to the road. The

Council have been writing to the District Council but had not received a reply. The matter was to be referred to the County Highways and to our newly elected District Councillor, Nigel Cooper. Rob Lewis stressed the need for Councillors to study planning applications online before future Planning Committee meetings. Stroud District Council would no longer be forwarding hard copies of planning applications to parish councils.

PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – 6th JUNE

Chairman Martin Slinger, resplendent with his Chain of Office, welcomed Councillors and members of the public to a special meeting of the Council. The main order of business was to confer the title of 'Honorary Freeman' to Terence Eugene Parker, known to the local community as Terry Parker, in recognition of his eminent service to this Council and the wider community. Martin Slinger

presented Terry with his Certificate and commented that it had only been recently that town and parish Councils could confer this honour upon its citizens. Terry Parker spoke of his great pleasure in receiving the award which he regarded as a high point in his public life.

Co-options to the Council

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, confirmed that following the recent elections there were four vacancies for Councillors. Two for the Painswick Ward and one each for the Slad and Sheepscombe Wards. Two applications had been received for the Painswick Ward but none for either Slad or Sheepscombe. The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Ben Nichols and Mrs Jadwiga Dunn to represent the Painswick Ward.

The meeting concluded with a reception for Terry Parker and his wife Carol in recognition of their contribution to the local community.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th JUNE

A 15 minute period is set aside at the start of all Parish Council meetings for members of the public to raise questions. A member of the public, Miss Lorna Davis, said that she had been requested by several members of the local community to express their concern over the extensive work that had been carried out on the old Shetland Shop, a Grade II listed building, apparently without planning permission. Concern was then expressed by Miss Davis about Kingsley House, adjacent to the old Shetland Shop. Were alterations to this listed building to be carried out? Also why hadn't the Stroud District Council's Conservation Officer taken action? After some discussion the Council agreed that the Clerk would arrange

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The Art Couture Painswick Festival



The excitement is reaching fever pitch with only two weeks to go until this much anticipated event!

This year we have TWO events to look forward to:

Live@ACP
Saturday 14th July, 5.00pm - 9.30pm
in St Mary's Churchyard
Music & Dance night

For the first time, Art Couture Painswick is hosting an evening for the village and its visitors, on Saturday 14th July.

Live from the main stage in St Mary's Churchyard, we present a warm-up music event prior to the main Art Couture Festival the next day. Amazing local bands, dancers, musicians and school children will perform for your enjoyment. The event is free – please bring friends and family to enjoy the unique atmosphere of St Mary's Churchyard on a warm summer evening. Local businesses will be providing food and drink to buy from stalls around the churchyard. (NB Olivas require pre-bookings for food from their stall – please phone 01452.814774 or email olivas@btinternet.com for more details.) Look out for flyers locally about the bands and acts appearing and listen out for the church bells ringing on the evening of Saturday 14th, to call you to come to Live@ACP!

The Art Couture Painswick Festival
Sunday 15th July, 11.00am – 7.00pm
All around the village

The Festival promises to be more exciting than ever, with more creative Art Couture catwalk shows, more incredible street entertainers, more funky music, more sumptuous food & produce, more fabulous stalls and much more besides! The Festival is free to all. Come along, bring your friends and stay all day!

ACP Passports:

Your comprehensive guide to the Festival, the fabulous ACP Passport, is now available. Priced at £4 now (£5 on the day), the ACP Passport is packed with all the information you need, plus enticing discounts, offers and competitions, including chances to win Super Dry and Mondo Salon goodie bags, a Leigh & Young sponsored Village Trail for children with hundreds of ice cream prizes at the end and free tea and coffee at Cotswolds88 Hotel and the Painswick Centre!

Available for sale around the village, buy yours now and help support your flagship local event.

Road closures:

For the Art Couture Painswick Festival to happen, in order to get all the stalls in place, the stages and the entertainment, we have to get permission to close the smaller Painswick streets to all vehicles.

On Sunday 15th July, therefore, between 8.30am and 7.00pm, the following streets need to be free of vehicles and are closed to traffic: Victoria Square and Victoria Street, St Mary's Street, Bisley Street, Hale Lane, Vicarage Street and Friday Street, which is closed until 9.00pm.

We know that this can be inconvenient, but please, please show your support for our Festival by helping us with this; free parking is available in the Stamages Lane

car park after 5.00pm on Saturday evening and parking will also be available on the Recreation Ground from 8.00am Sunday 15th, as well as Broadham Fields and the Rococo Garden.

Help if you can help!

The Art Couture Painswick Festival would not happen without the local goodwill, help and support it attracts.

Every year we need more and more people to get involved, to help make the event run successfully and give our friends and visitors a day to remember. If you can give some of your time on Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th July, directing traffic, selling ACP Passports, clearing litter, helping Art Couture contestants etc, etc, please get in touch via The Chairman or at info@acpfestival.co.uk

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Torch Bearers

The Beacon was interested to receive a report from a local resident in response to the concerns expressed by a number of parishioners that for much of the route the Olympic Torch had been transported by vehicle rather than on foot. The EnduranceLife Real Relay (www.endurancelife.com/relay) is an organisation that has been set up in an attempt to follow the entire route of the official Olympic Torch around Britain in one continuous non-stop journey, running every step of the way. Started on Monday 28th May at Land's End the relay is seeking to involve hundreds of individuals running through the day and night on an 8000 mile mission with the objective of reaching London in time for the Olympic games opening ceremony. The organisers believe the achievement of the mission would be "one of the greatest Olympic endeavours of all time".

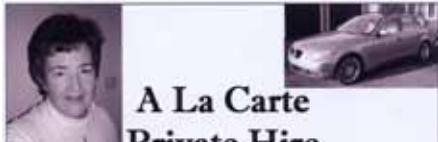
Allister Keating of Gyde House, responding to John Crouch's letter in the June edition of the Beacon in which he regrets the absence of a local Torch Bearer through the village, wishes to reassure him that "this did indeed happen in the early hours of 2nd June when he and Simon Barnes left Stroud at 0305 hours and completed the Stroud-Cheltenham leg of the 'Real Torch' relay passing through Painswick at 0340 hours. The group was made up of several fellow runners from the local 'Cotswold Allrunners' group and joined by others in Painswick making some 14 runners in total". He apologises if anyone was woken by the sound of the runners. Allister goes on to comment, "Not sure why the Olympic committee struggled to do this given the relative ease dedicated runners across the country have managed to achieve this with no funding and nothing other than the genuine belief it should be done once in a life time ... 'properly'....".

Painswick Luncheon Club

It is with regret that the Painswick United Charities learn of the closure of the Luncheon Club. We feel that we can speak for the community as a whole, as well as ourselves in appreciation of the service provided by the helpers of the Luncheon Club over a period of over 30 years to the elderly of Painswick. The Charity has had the pleasure of helping the Club financially the last few years.

The Luncheon Club was started by Audrey Timpson and Naomi MacLaurin-Jones and more recently the mantle was taken on by Helen Baker and Jane Robinson. Of course there were many other helpers but too numerous to mention here. They provided invaluable support to many elderly parishioners over the years.

*Rev. John Longuet-Higgins
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Washbrook revisited -the mills of Edge

Anyone interested in learning more about the local mills along the Washbrook and also the historic landscape of this tributary of the Painswick Stream, may like to book a place on a guided walk as part of the Council for British Archaeology's Festival of Archaeology.

This will take place on Sunday 29th July 2012 at 10.00am, starting from Stamages Lane car park. Booking (free) 814139, lasting about 2 hours.

*Carolyn Luke
Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust*

Richard of York gained

Vicar John –

"Wanted – Colourful plastic bags for the Clypping"

At the start of September the Croft School are making a colourful collage out of old plastic shopping bags for the St Mary's Clypping Service. The theme of this year's Clypping is "Saving the Earth".

We are wanting plastic bags in the colours of the rainbow – orange, red, yellow, green, purple etc. If you are out shopping and are given one, please save it, and hand it in at the school at the beginning of next term.

You will be amazed at what it becomes!

Ask not what you can do for
your country.
Ask what's for lunch.

Sad news

The Painswick Lunch Club has been in existence since 1964 providing friendship and a hot lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Ashwell House for any retired villager.

It has involved a huge number of volunteers over the years who have tirelessly and willingly provided this wonderful service. At one time in its earlier years about 30 people attended but sadly this has now steadily decreased to just three regular clients.

Therefore, with regret, the decision was taken to discontinue the club at a meeting of current helpers. It is hoped that something new might arise from the ashes, organised by the next generation of Painswickians, to benefit senior residents in the village.

Helen Baker and Jane Robinson

Wednesday Ashwell Group

At present this very proactive Seniors group has 9 members who meet every Wed 10.00-3.00pm at Ashwell House in Painswick. We are looking for more Voluntary helpers especially for the morning session 9.30 -12.45 but help in the afternoon 1.00-3.30pm would also be appreciated. Our present helpers give whatever time they can manage but more helpers would be very welcome albeit for an occasional session once a month.

No qualifications are needed except a friendly smile, some common sense and a willingness to join in with various activities.

Please contact Sandra Glass 01452.814186 for more information. A visit and cup of coffee can be arranged!



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The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee would like to say a big thank you to those in the communities of Cranham, Edge, Harescombe, Painswick, Pitchcombe and Sheepscombe who gave so generously, and those who supported the events. We would also like to thank the volunteers who went from door to door, devoted weeks to cultivating so many varieties of plants for the garden stall, prepared and served the delicious salmon supper, lunchtime meals and cream teas, staffed the CA shop, or donated cakes, gifts and produce. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Enjoy a Picnic in the Rococo Garden - All Are Welcome



The Friends have organised an event that they would like to share.

Date - Sat 11th August
Time - 6.15pm to 9.30pm

Price - Friends of Rococo Garden and their Guests £3 each; non members £5 each (all under 16's free)

Dogs - well behaved dogs on leads are welcome

Escape from the Olympics - you can always record it to watch later - and enjoy a unique opportunity to experience and explore the Rococo Garden for one evening during the "Art in the Garden" month of August. Some exhibitors will be joining us and will be more than happy to talk about their work.

Bring your own blankets, picnics and refreshments and invite your family and friends to join you for a very special evening in a magical setting.

A marquee will be in the Garden should the weather be a touch inclement - surely it can't still be raining in August!

We are hoping to secure the talents of a local classical musician to play subtle background music for part of the evening.

Come and join us - we look forward to seeing you on the 11th August.

We would appreciate bookings in advance to establish the number of visitors.

Any queries or to book, please contact Mrs Muriel Mann on 01452.813535.

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Painswick Singers

Painswick Singers held their AGM on Monday 21st May.

Maurice Maggs and Kevin Ashby were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary. The new Treasurer is David Rudd and the rest of the committee were re-elected.

The Singers will shortly have a website. Forthcoming concerts will be on 27th October, 22nd December and 29th March 2013.

Angela Newing

No blue . . but

A large group of CNFC Members met at the Daneway, Sapperton, on Monday 18th June for a walk led by The Two Sue's, Sue Dodd and Sue Smith. We followed a route round the warm sheltered grassland and delighted in watching Holly and Common



Blues, Small Heath, Marbled White, Meadow Browns and Skippers. But no sighting of a Large Blue butterfly: this species had been reintroduced and been seen flying last and this year.

The highlight of the day was coming across a shed snake skin some two feet long. This picture shows us admiring it!

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a meeting with the District Council's Conservation Officer to express both the Council's and local residents' concern over the situation. The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Rob Lewis, stressed the seriousness of the situation and requested that a report be available for the next Planning Committee Meeting.

Chairman Martin Slinger introduced Judie Hill and Dedra Drew who made a presentation to the Council about the forthcoming Painswick Art Couture Festival due to be held on the weekend of the 14th/15th July. The aims of the event were twofold, a platform for Artistic Creativity and to assist in putting local businesses on the map. Stages would be erected outside St Mary's Church, the Catholic Church and the Painswick Centre. On the 14th there would be a music festival in St Mary's Churchyard. The main events held on the 15th. Food and drink would be available with car parking on the Recreation Ground, the Rugby Ground and Rococo Garden. Visitors would be transported by rickshaws from the parking areas to the events. There would be a trail to visit interesting places around the village. Despite support from generous sponsors and entrance fees paid by competitors and stall holders there was still a shortfall in income to cover the running costs. All events would be free to visitors. The Council were asked if they would provide both financial support and advice for the event. It was unanimously agreed by the Council to consider the request for financial support. Councillor Rob Lewis stressed the need for a business plan to be submitted before the Council could determine its response to the request.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Jadwiga Dunn declared an interest in the Agenda item 9: "To receive a report on a recent meeting with the owner of the 'Bakery' and 'Kingsley House'"

Matters of Urgency

The Clerk reported that a new Code of Conduct for Councillors, effective from 1st July 2012, was being issued. This would be formally discussed at the July Meeting.

Allotments

Councillor Caroline White reported that the results of the soil analysis sample from the Recreation Ground had been received. The analysis showed an elevated PHH level and although it was only a minimal increase in risk the Recreation Ground would not be suitable for allotments. There was a unanimous vote by the Council not to proceed further with allotments being sited on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to form a further working party to reconsider using the Mop Tree site. Councillor Rob Lewis suggested that contact be made with the prospective allotment holders to update them on the current position and to seek a three year commitment from them when the allotments finally opened.

County Councillor's report

When introducing County Councillor Joan Nash, Martin Slinger offered his

and the Council's congratulations on her appointment as the Vice Chairman of the County Council. Joan Nash expressed her disappointment that so few people were willing to put themselves forward to serve as Parish Councillors. Nearly all Parish Councils were having to co-opt members to fill vacancies. Three of the four new Community Fire Stations at Cheltenham East, Cheltenham West and Gloucester North had opened in April and May. The fourth at Gloucester South, including a community life skills centre (SkillZone) is due to open this summer. The project is funded by £40m of Government funding through a PFI scheme. The cost to county taxpayers will be £21.5m over 25 years.

The SkillZone project is nearing completion and there are opportunities to become a volunteer guide to work with Fire Service Staff in taking visitors around the centre. SkillZone is a life size village designed to teach people of all ages how to recognise dangerous situations. The 16 scenarios cover road, rail and water safety as well as home and personal safety. Although it is anticipated that groups from schools, local groups and voluntary organisations will visit the centre it is open to all age groups. The County Council are appealing to drivers to heed the speed limit signs, particularly where a surface has been affected by hot weather. Some recent resurfaced roads have had issues with the surface not setting. The cooler weather should reduce the problems. The County Council have adopted a temporary new Code of Conduct and are working with all six districts to agree a common Code of Conduct. Martin Slinger made reference to the Community Fire Station in Painswick. The roll is 12 Firefighters but currently there are only 10. Two are due to retire in the near future. Volunteers are urgently needed to retain the Community Fire Station in Painswick.

Quality Parish Council

There is a need to apply to renew a Council's status as a "Quality Parish Council" every 5 years. Only 50% of parish councils in the County have achieved this status. The cost is £85 and the application requires a considerable input by the Clerk. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to seek renewal and to provide assistance to the Clerk in completing the task.

Parish Plan

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) has prepared a 30 minute presentation on Parish Plans and Design Statements. The newly elected Parish Council need to decide "the way forward" with their Parish Plan taking into account that the District Council have not yet agreed their "Core Strategy". This matter was deferred until the July meeting.

Report of the meeting with the owners of the Shetland Shop and Kingsley House

A meeting was held on May 30th. The Council was represented by the Chairman Martin Slinger and the Clerk Roy Balgobin. The owners stated:

- The Shetland Shop was to be called 'The Bakery'.

- Delays over planning will defer the opening of the shop until July.
- They confirmed they wished to retain the history of the shop.
- They would like Council support regarding replacement windows and doors.
- They will be writing an article for the Beacon explaining what is taking place.
- Kingsley House. Ideas were being sought for shop use. Possibly tearoom/art gallery. It is hoped to open in October.
- They promised to tidy up the premises in time for Jubilee events.
- They wish to work with the local community.

This matter would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Ward reports

Councillor Caroline White reported that a road sign in Slad had been knocked down and subsequently taken away by the District Council. It needed to be replaced. Chairman Martin Slinger advised the Council of the problems there had been providing a Beacon for the Jubilee celebrations. A week before the event it was discovered that the original brazier had been scrapped. Previous Chairman Terry Parker had spent a considerable amount of time locating a new gas brazier that arrived on the Saturday before the event and was then tested and erected. The evening was a success. A letter of appreciation for his hard work will be sent to Terry Parker. Initially the Blow family offered to contribute 50% towards the cost of the new brazier. They have now changed their minds and have agreed to buy the brazier from the Council at cost. The Council will be able to use the brazier as and when required. The first round of verge cutting, trimming road junctions and road sides has now been completed.

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Children from The Croft School presented Midge Leney with a posy. Ninety-six visitors came to the library on the first day. We were particularly pleased to welcome parents and children. A big thank you to all those who have helped to bring the new library into being. An inauguration ceremony is planned for later in the year.

The library is open on:

- Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 1.00pm and from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.



- Saturdays from 10.00am to 1.00pm.
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- Books can be ordered online through the Gloucestershire Library website free of charge. In line with County Library practice a charge is made for books reserved at the library issue desk.

- Loans can be renewed online through the Gloucestershire Library website or by telephone on 01452 814744. If the library is closed please leave a message on the answer machine but be sure to leave your library card number. Four people's Network computers are available for use free of charge.

- Sessions of up to two hours (within library opening hours) can be booked in advance through the Gloucestershire County Library website, or at the Painswick library issue desk. One computer is available without prior booking for sessions of 20 minutes at time.

- A printer/photocopier is connected to the computers. There is a charge of 10p per copy in black & white or 80p per copy in colour. Automatic two-sided (duplex) printing is available. Details of charges are available at the issue desk.

We are developing a website which will give details of library services and events. The website address is painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk. The site is temporary at present. Please add the address to your list of Favourite Websites!

Art Couture Painswick (ACP) display

The library will be open on Sunday 15th July for an exhibition linked to ACP. At the same time children aged from four to twelve can register at the library for the Summer Reading Challenge which runs through the school holidays. Charitable Status

We are applying for charitable status and when this has been obtained we will start fundraising. Our grant from the County Council will come to an end in April 2015, but we will need additional funds to maintain and improve our services and keep our stock of books up to date.

Painswick Chronicle

We are grateful for a donation of back numbers of the Painswick Chronicle (nos. 3 to 13). We are planning to have these bound but would like to include nos. 1 and 2 if possible. Does anyone have copies which they would be prepared to donate? If so please contact us on 01452 814744. Book donations

The response to our appeal has been so generous that we now have sufficient for the time being. Thank you for this important contribution. We are however still interested in receiving donations of books with a local interest.

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Know your Beacon better?

A free guided walk on Painswick Beacon will take place on Sunday 8th July at 2 p.m. starting from the car park by the cemetery. Its principal aim is to explain and illustrate why the area is special and important, what changes are planned for the new ten year plan and who will be making it happen.

Our guide will be Ellie Phillips who has been our mentor this last year and who has assembled the detailed plans that will steer future action. She knows the features of the Beacon very well and is an accomplished naturalist well able to identify interesting flora and fauna. So it will be informative and fun to appreciate the challenges the area faces and see its partly hidden treasures. Do come and join us, there is probably more to our local landmark than you think. We hope some of you may be sufficiently intrigued to want to join with some of the work programme.



Sports reports see page 19-20

Cricket

Painswick's Cricket Week is being held from 22nd to 27th July and a warm welcome is extended by the Club to parishioners to visit the Broadham ground where the matches should provide entertaining cricket.

June 1st and 2nd XI results

Sat 2nd. Poterne 1st XI 210 all out Painswick 1st XI 169 all out.

Woodmancote 2nd XI 205-8 Painswick 2nd XI 130 all out.

Sat 9th. Painswick 1st XI 225-9 (A Antoine 68, A Bressington 46)

Swindon (Wilts) 1st XI 193 all out (E Evans 6-56).

Painswick 2nd XI 138 all out (P Morris 46) Tewkesbury 2nd XI 139-2.

Sat 16th. All matches cancelled – rain.

Sat 23rd. Rockhampton 1st XI 119 all out (M King 6-12)

Painswick 1st XI 124-6 (E Bressington 41*).

Painswick
2nd XI 169-8
Lydney 2nd XI
133 all out.

July fixtures (1st and 2nd XI)

Sun 1st. Ampney Crucis v Painswick.

Sat 7th. Winsley 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v Charlton Kings 2nd XI.

Sun 8th. Painswick v Birdlip & Brimspfield.

Sat 14th. Painswick 1st XI v Stroud 1st XI.

Bourton Vale 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun 15th. Painswick v Slimbridge.

Sat 21st. Biddlestone 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v Apperley 2nd XI.

Sun 22nd. 20 X 20 Day.

Mon 23rd. Painswick v Sheepscombe 20 Over match at 6pm.

Tue 24th. Painswick v Buxton Park.

Wed 25th. Painswick v Chairman's Eleven.

Thu 26th. Painswick v Preston.

Frid 27th. Painswick v Wallington

Sat 28th. Painswick 1st XI v Poterne 1st XI.

Woodmancote 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

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The Big Picture Jubilee Village photograph

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Proposed Waste Incinerator at Javelin Park

There will be a free public presentation at Cranham Village Hall on Friday 13th July; 7.30pm to 9.00pm (doors open at 7.10pm for teas and coffees).

The presentation will include the consideration of environmentally friendly alternatives to the incinerator.

If you never lose then you can never appreciate the victories.



Liam's Golden Opportunity

Liam Franklin can hardly believe his luck. At the tender age of 13 he has been picked for the England cricket mld (moderate learning difficulties) development squad to train with the England coach in Bristol. This is a wonderful opportunity with the possibility in the future of accompanying the England team on their tours abroad. The idea will be that the newly trained young team can play against an equivalent team from the country visited.

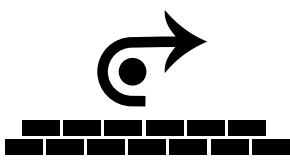
Liam, who formerly attended the Croft School but has been a student at the Shrubberies School for the past three years, was spotted by the England coaches a few weeks ago whilst playing in Cheltenham. He had no idea they were there but they contacted his school which broke the news to mum, Angela, by telephone. "I was dubious at first because I didn't think it could be right," she says. And Liam adds, "I was pretty shocked because I didn't realise he was the England coach." However, after spending two weeks at the county cricket ground and being described as having "raw natural talent" Liam is now justifiably excited and very focussed.

Training is on Saturdays in Bristol and Liam has been taken on for two years. At 13 he is one of the youngest as most of the others are 15 or 16 years old. The aim is for this team to be ready in two years time, ready to travel with the England team. "I enjoy the whole experience of training," he says. On a more poignant note, Liam's father sadly died three years ago and he had loved cricket. "It is a bitter/sweet time," says Angela, "because his Dad would have been so proud." She adds that it has been a wonderful boost for his confidence. His Uncle David usually takes him to the training sessions, and indeed the whole family is very supportive.

Liam is a delightful young man who considers himself to be a true Painswickian and also enjoys football and music. Seen here proudly wearing his England shirt, he is to be congratulated on his considerable achievement and we wish him every success for the future.

Carol Maxwell

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The Croft School



Olympic Events

The 23rd May saw the Olympic torch visit Painswick. In order to mark this event we staged a whole school activity day linked to the Olympics. 4 different activities were planned: Olympic values, athletic activities, flag and bunting design and making and clay medal workshop. The children worked in their house teams and it was lovely to see all different ages of children helping and supporting each other.

The next week the local Psalms group organised an Olympic Activity morning for all the juniors. This involved a range of activities related to the Olympics and a large group of volunteers to help make the morning run smoothly. On 30th May we were lucky to have Andy Hart one of the torch bearers visiting the school. He brought the torch to assembly and many children were able to hold it and talk to Andy about his experience. Some of Class 3 had written to him recently about his role and this prompted his visit.

Soccer success

As well as their success in the Stroud District football league, some of the Year 3/4 boys have also triumphed in the Mid Gloucestershire mini-Soccer league, coming out as champions! Will Loftus, Joe Hill, Thomas Ticehurst, Finlay Davies, Alfie Bradshaw and Walter Lovell were all involved, well done to them.

Piano

It has been an extra successful time for Joe Hill as he won silver in the Piano Solo grade one at the Cheltenham festival on 20th May. He was only one point behind the winner of gold. It was a great achievement as it was only the first time he had performed at a festival and there were 30 other competitors. Well done Joe, maybe you will play for us one day.

Road safety

I have recently received several comments from residents in Churchill Way and the neighbouring roads about the parking and driving of parents. They are concerned about theirs and the children's safety, due to the speed at which some cars are driven

Festival of Games

Congratulations to Andy Harding, PSALMS Sports Youth Minister and his team for staging the Festival of Games on the Recreation Ground to coincide with the visit of the Olympic Torch on 23rd May. The event, attended by a considerable number of parishioners and visitors, was a great success. Those present were able to time their visit to the nearby A46 to see the Torch pass by and return to the ground for refreshments.

Winners of the various competitions were:

Guess the Sweets: Jonty Ravenhill

Festival Quiz: Lucy Richardson

Festival Activity Prize Draw: Tara Harris

and the places in which they are parked. I have confirmed to them that we will do our utmost to make sure that drop off and pick up times will be as safe as possible.

Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our Jubilee party on 1st June. We were lucky with the weather unlike many parties that took place over the weekend! Thank you also to the Parish Council who gave every child a bookmark to mark the occasion of the Jubilee.

Friends of the Croft (FOTC).

Many thanks to those who attended this year's safari supper, especially those that hosted and gave up their food and homes for the evening. It was great to see lots of new faces as well as the old familiar ones. With 10 host destinations this was the largest in memory, hence the profits of £782 which is also a new record. Special thanks must go to Chris and Suzanne Mercer who have generously and courageously hosted the end of evening coffee/party for the last 6 years, your hospitality will be missed!

Ceris Towler, Head Teacher

Art Couture Café

The Croft School is joining forces with the Painswick Fairtrade group for a fantastic Café in the Painswick Centre on Sunday 15th July – Art Couture Day. Friends of the Croft School will be preparing delicious bacon rolls for the hardworking stallholders in the morning with lots of hot and delicious Fairtrade coffee and tea. Veronika and Ian Dutfield (Michael class 3) have created a sensational lunch with kebabs, chips and locally made sausage hot dogs – all for a very reasonable price.

Later in the afternoon there will be homemade cakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee to keep you all going through a whole day of festival action.

There will be a free Fairtrade tea/coffee voucher with every Art Couture programme so come on over and join us in the Painswick Centre. All proceeds go to support the school.

Iris McCormick

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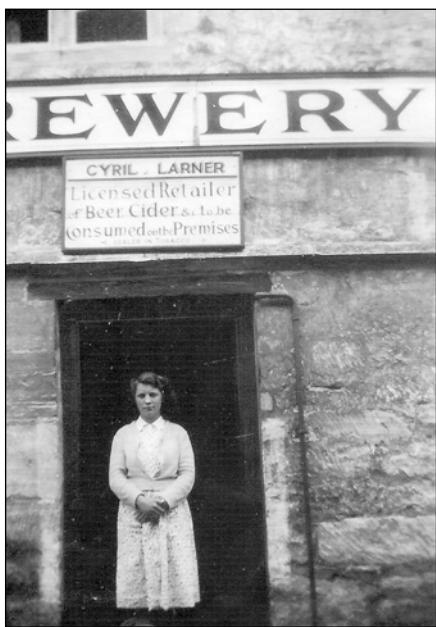
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Local History Teaser



Licensed premises in Painswick. But are you able to name the establishment, say where it was, when it ceased to trade and who the lady in the picture was? Answer in next month's Beacon.
Last month's photograph showed Kings Mill when it was a factory engaged in the manufacture of pins. It was taken probably in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century when pin making was a very important industry in Painswick. Many thanks to John Beard for providing such an interesting photograph.
If you have a photograph which you think might present a challenge to readers please do get in touch.



... and the Local History Society

At the June meeting David Drew gave a fascinating presentation on Stroud's former MPs. A Stroud seat has existed since 1832 and has always included Painswick. The long list of members who have served the constituency includes two from Painswick, Sir Francis Hyett and Sebastian Dickinson. On a broader, not to say notorious, note, the first reported case of bribery and corruption over an election involved the Stroud seat in 1874. David singled out for particular attention four past members each of whom has made a significant impact nationally and internationally. Perhaps the most important, indeed illustrious, was Lord John Russell who held the seat in 1835. He was later to become Prime Minister twice, but not whilst MP for Stroud. Sir Frank Nelson won the seat in both the 1924 and 1929 elections. From 1940 to 1942 he was Head of Special Operations Europe and, as David emphasised, was "a true war hero" being responsible for much of the critical intelligence operations which eventually led to victory. Ben Parkin was voted Stroud's MP

in 1945 and it was he who exposed Rachmanism when he held the seat for Paddington 1953-1969. Finally, Sir Anthony Kershaw, who was MP for Stroud for an astonishing 32 years from 1955 to 1987, was PPS to Sir Edward Heath. His main interest was foreign affairs and he made many TV and notable public appearances.

Lively, informative and at times entertaining, this presentation brought forth many interesting questions and comments from the audience. The Society does not meet in July and August but meetings will resume on 18th September for the new season.

Carol Maxwell

Last Tango in Painswick

Scenes of a daring sexual nature! No-holds-barred erotic drama! Unrestrained language to peel paint!
Voluptuous scantily-clad actors!

You must be joking! This is Painswick for heaven's sake! Painswickians just don't do 'erotic', 'voluptuous' or even 'daring'...! They're more into counting yew trees, swinging on bell ropes and painting watercolours in the Rococo Garden. But it got you reading this – didn't it?

Last Tango in Painswick comprises two hilariously funny David Tristram plays: Last Tango in Little Grimly and Last Panto in Little Grimley. Each tells the story of a village amateur dramatic group who are rapidly running out of money and



members and who need to do something drastic to save them from finally going under. The result of their deliberations is startling to say the least!

The Painswick Players have acquired a reputation for innovation and this production is no exception. The same four characters appear in both plays but are played by different actors in each, providing a very real challenge for the cast and a thoroughly entertaining evening for the audience.

The plays are to be performed as part of the Painswick Arts Festival on 19th, 20th and 21st July, at the Painswick Centre, beginning at 7.30pm.

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Silence

A somewhat eerie phenomenon, but no neat 150-word mail received for publication this month.

A strange place, Painswick!

Royal Jubilee



There have been very few Golden and even fewer Diamond Jubilees in British history.

Henry III was king from 1216 (though only 9 years old and therefore with regents ruling initially) until 1272, Edward III from 1327-1377. James VI of Scotland and I of England became King of Scotland in 1567 (aged only 13 months) and died in 1625. George III reigned from 1760-1820 but died just before reaching his Diamond Jubilee.

However, it would seem, as far as is known, that jubilees were celebrated in a truly significant way only from Queen Victoria's reign. She came to the throne in 1837, aged 18 years old, and died in 1901, thus enjoying both a Golden and a Diamond Jubilee in magnificent style.

Queen Elizabeth II is therefore only the second monarch in our history to have reigned for sixty years.

Carol Maxwell



This Jubilee year has seen or earlier and is based on lowering a sword (and the came to be seen as marks

Gun salutes have emerged where a defeated warship firing their guns to signifi

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In London such matters Artillery Company at HM 41 guns. At the Tower of L a royal salute at the Tower royal salutes at the Tower added to the 41 guns alrea



in more than the usual number of royal salutes with guns – but how did these originate? The custom of saluting goes back to the Middle Ages showing that an individual or a military unit is unarmed and therefore not a threat, typically by a hand salute (showing an empty palm), by lowering one's guard, by presenting arms (symbolically handing them over), or by emptying cannon or firearms of ammunition. Such actions show respect and thus of honouring the recipient.

Salutes haphazardly over centuries and there is no clearly defined history but they are generally believed to have originated as a naval practice. A ship was compelled to expend its ammunition and so render itself helpless. This practice was taken up by warships visiting foreign ports and if they were disarmed and so without hostile intent. It then became customary for the foreign port to reply to this gesture. British warships typically had seven guns as standard on each side but, as only one side at a time would be safely fired out to sea, seven became the traditional salute. Samuel Pepys, as Secretary of the Admiralty, formally decreed in the late 1600s that a naval royal salute would consist of three guns, increasing to twenty one in total. This number remains the royal salute today for naval vessels and, over time, was adopted by British Army units. They adopted this number for saluting monarchs and heads of state but lesser numbers may be fired for royal birthdays, a state opening of parliament or a visit. In 1901, when Cameron's earlier visit to Washington he was accorded a 19 gun salute – 2 guns less than for a monarch or head of state – but correct for a Field Marshal or an ambassador.

Salutes are not so simple. Here salutes are fired by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery in the three principal public parks and by the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) at the Tower of London. As these three parks are deemed to be royal grounds a further 20 guns are added to a royal salute of 21 guns, thus totalling 41 guns. In London the HAC would also be expected to fire a matching 41 guns. However there is a long lapsed entitlement of certain individuals to join the HAC and their practice was to fire 21 smooth bore "chambers of ordnance" from various turrets under the command of Yeoman Warders. Thus the Yeomen were once ordered as "41 guns and 21 chambers" but when this entitlement was discontinued for safety reasons these 21 chambers were no longer authorised. Thus the numerous salutes in recent weeks (using blank cartridges) include royal salutes of 62 guns at the Tower saluting base.

Douglas Robinson

Afon Dyfi

After some stormy trials on day trips, the Club enjoyed rich rewards on safari to the Dovey Estuary, 25th-28th May, as the sun waxed joyously! The majestic red kite surveying our arrival at the Penhelig Arms, proved a happy omen.

The field trip commenced on Saturday morning with a visit to the Osprey Project at Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve where a pair of these fish-eating raptors, incubating three eggs, were seen under



continuous camera viewing at 0.5 miles distance. After this huge thrill, a pair of feeding siskins obligingly lingered below the first hide, near the hulking black forms of two water buffaloes, the wetland improvers, later seen happily wallowing in the noonday heat. So on to Ynyshir RSPB's 1,000 acre-reserve, warden-led, at first downhill through the oaks, the domain of the pied flycatcher where the greater spotted woodpecker made frequent in-flights with larvae to feed a chick, repeatedly appearing at the neatly circular hole in the bole. Several dozen species were sighted during that day from the many denizens of wood and reed bed, as well as little egret, oyster catcher, even Canada goose and goslings at water's edge. We heard the blackcap, the cuckoo's classic call, the chiffchaff, the pheasant's squawk, the sedge warbler's

hectic grumble, even the wood warbler.

The Sunday walk was expertly led by club member, Jane Rowe at Broadwater, a rare tidal lagoon with its shingle spit the site of a rare breeding colony of little terns. Long species counts again, included ring plovers, shelduck and sand martins – high spots being the amazing red-breasted merganser with six young, then a pink

haze of thrift, interspersed with white sea campion. A short visit followed to "Bird Rock" with its numerous cormorants.

Monday saw a change of plan to enable free passage of the Olympic torch, the choice being to scale the hillside or, for us, very much the Happy Valley, to observe again the scenic magnificence of Wales in (transient) summer and enjoy the Club's great fortune ~ underlined by the next week's hasty but temporary retreat of Springwatch from the Ynyshir Reserve in flood. Meanwhile during the Cors Dyfi rains, an heroic period of hand feeding of the only osprey chick surviving, seems to have enabled it to take fish again from the adult birds. Great times!

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A Taste of Korea

We knew little about Korea except the Korean war and the ongoing cold war between North and South until we welcomed a native speaker Hang-jin. His talk revealed some astonishing examples of their rich heritage and also looked at the remarkable recovery of South Korea following their disastrous war. One of the objects we learned about was a printed book intriguingly called Tripitaka Koreana which was completed in 1251. Over 52 million Chinese characters were engraved on woodblocks, all still in excellent, useable condition. It is estimated that this book would take 30 years, 7 days a week for anyone to read.



Another object was a reliquary from the 7th Century AD. This object included artistic details which were so minute that they could not be seen with the human eye. It is not known how or why details not visible with the naked eye were made. A further example was a 1200 year old grotto constructed from granite to a level of precision which could not be matched even with high tech instruments and tools available today. Finally we learned about the extraordinary level of scientific, social, technical and engineering development that has been achieved in South Korea since the war.

Glynn Nixon

The Big Apple Day Sunday 30th September

Come and join us for another mellow autumn day pressing apples and enjoying a glass of cider in St Mary's Churchyard on Sunday 30th September.

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The first hint that Fiesta is imminent is a man draping the trees in the square with fairy lights - at this point may I say, not as grand as the lights on the churchyard yews that I had great pleasure in seeing over Christmas last year. Next, plastic tables and chairs are set out, plus a stage area and a paella dish that is at least 8 feet in diameter, balancing on a pile of firewood. We had been living here for about two weeks and were still feeling rather unsure, so neighbours invited us to join them at their table.

We also noticed that the village population had been swelled by visiting younger relations and friends. It was a scorching hot day and everyone made a beeline for the tables beneath the

trees. The fire had been lit and the paella was being served. Bowls of a powerful punch were on all the tables and every family supplemented the paella by bringing extra bread, salads, cheeses and hams. Geraldine made two of her signature dishes, a Mexican salad which, as Slad garden party-goers will testify, is exquisite, and a sherry trifle that was devoured before I had chance to try it. Lunch was accompanied by music from a small band.

By five o'clock we took our leave, replete and tipsy. We decided that this was an agreeable way to have a village get together, something to look forward to every year. At 11.30 we were blasted from our bed by a rock band of Led Zeppelin proportions. The fairy lights, youngsters and stage should have given us a clue. The racket lasted until 6.30 am, and remember, I did say two days.....

If you have been, thanks for reading, have a good Summer.
Christopher Piper-Short

Arts and Crafts at the Painswick Centre

The Painswick Centre will be hosting two months of events during Painswick's summer Festival of Arts and Crafts, starting with Art Couture on Sunday 15th July. Alongside many stalls, the Beacon Hall Bar will be open from 11.00am serving nibbles, soft drinks, wine, beer and lager to help fill the gap left by the closure of the Royal Oak.



Exhibitions of book binding, calligraphy and botanical art, photography and contemporary art will run throughout July and August at the Painswick Centre in the Cotswolds and Green Rooms and in the Skittle Alley. The Centre's own resident artists together with the Gloucestershire Guild Summer Exhibition (6th – 27th August) and a Guest Craftmaker in the Guild's Showroom, will add to the rich variety of art and craft for browsing and buying. Pick up a guide to the Painswick Arts Festival, from the Centre's foyer.

Also in July the Painswick Players will be staging "Last Tango in Painswick" on 19th, 20th and 21st July at 7.30 in the Beacon Hall which they promise, will entertain and make us laugh.

The Festival Café

The Trustees and Friends of the Painswick Centre will again be opening 'the Festival Café' in the Skittle Alley with tables outside (weather permitting). The Café will serve light snacks, cake, coffee and tea and cream teas and will be open from 8th – 27th August on Wednesday to Sunday - 10.00am – 5.00pm. Soft drinks, beer, lager and wine will also be available. The Festival Café is becoming an important fund-raising operation to raise money for further improvements. If anyone is willing to offer a few hours to help serve in the Festival Café alongside Trustees and Friends, please contact Sue Lendon on 01452.813791 who will be delighted to hear from you.

The Skittle Alley

There is growing interest in the Skittle Alley from local league teams, 4 of whom plan to use the Skittle Alley for matches throughout the autumn and winter season. Repairs to the alley floor are scheduled in the next few weeks ready for this increased use.

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Painswick Arts Festival 2012

This summer, Painswick is once again hosting a whole range of artistic endeavour, with a full programme of cultural activities to entertain and engage visitors and local residents.

The festival opens with the celebrated Art Couture Painswick event. The churchyard will host the Live@ACP! Music Night on the evening of 14th July, followed by the main event on Sunday 15th July featuring fabulous wearable works of art on parade around the village, for which there is separate publicity.

For the thespians amongst us, The Painswick Players will be treading the boards with their summer production 'Last Tango in Painswick' and The Oliver Troupe will celebrate the 200 year anniversary of Dickens' birth with words from 'Oliver Twist' and music from the acclaimed musical, 'Oliver!'

During August, the Rococo Garden will stage its third annual Art in The Garden Exhibition, organised separately from the Painswick Festival it is an award winning art exhibition attracting many renowned artists.

The Beacon urges all, even with the slightest interest, to seize upon a copy of the leaflet publishing details of this Festival. We attempted to carry all the information, but found it covered no less than five pages; way beyond our resources and not beginning to match the efforts of the organisers themselves. We then tried to precis the information, and still covered more than two pages. So, we can only repeat - get hold of a copy, it will surprise you.

Live@ACP! Music Night 14th July, 17.00 – 21.30 in St Mary's Churchyard. Live from the main stage a warm-up music event for Art Couture Painswick the following day.

Art Couture Painswick Wearable Art Festival 15th July, 10.00 – 19.30 Followers of art and fashion will be thronging to Painswick to take part in this innovative art show.

Painswick Players 'Last Tango in Painswick', 19th, 20th and 21st July, 7.30pm. **The Oliver Troupe** An Evening with Oliver and Friends 17th August, doors 6.45 for 7.15pm start. Rococo Garden Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Dickens' birth through songs and words.

Newman Fine Art Exhibition of Victorian Watercolours 20th – 22nd July, 10.00 – 6.00pm Bell Cottage, Friday Street Specialising in watercolours from the 18th – 20th centuries. **Art in the Garden. Embarkation for Dangerous Liaisons** 1st – 31st August, 11.00 – 5.00pm daily, Rococo Garden. This major event is now in its third year and is attracting both local and internationally renowned artists. **New Brewery Arts** will be running a series of art workshops throughout Art in the Garden 2012.

WORKSHOPS for which a fee is payable **Wood Carving**. Natasha Houseago 1st & 2nd August

Hollow Wire Sculpture Helen Burgess 14th & 15th August

Natural Forms & Textures, Stone Carvings. Ann-Margreth Bohl 18th & 19th August

Drawing al Fresco. Celestino Valenti 3rd August

Watercolour Landscape Painting. 7th & 8th August

Watercolour Flower Painting 11th & 28th August

Drawing Sculptural Form Within Landscape 20th & 21st August

EVENTS

Randall Photography. Painswick Artist Studios Wednesday – Sunday, throughout August, 11.00 – 17.00 The Painswick Centre is home to the studios of five local artists, including Adele Lambert, Ange Mullen-Bryan, Barbara Swindin, Sue Cridland and Rupert Aker.

The Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen have been holding their annual exhibition in the town since 1937. This year's show at the Painswick Centre from 4th – 26th August will include work by nationally recognised designer makers as well as up-and-coming new members.

Local artists, both amateur and professional, will be holding individual and group exhibitions throughout the festival, and the Artist Studios in the Painswick Centre will be open every Wednesday – Sunday in August. Newman Fine Art will also be opening their doors for an exclusive exhibition on Victorian Watercolours.

The Arts Festival will culminate with a Bank Holiday weekend Art Trail enabling visits to the studios and homes of over a dozen artists working in the village.

We would like to especially thank Rococo Garden, Moulton Haus, the Falcon Inn and Creative Picture Framing of Cirencester, together with all the participating artists, for their generous support. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Rupert Aker and Jackie Herbert

Festival Cafe Wednesday – Sunday, 8th – 27th August, 10.00 – 17.00. Painswick Centre Skittle Alley.

Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Summer Show 4th – 26th August, 10.00 – 17.00, The Painswick Centre For those seeking high quality contemporary British designer crafts.

WORKSHOPS

Pattern Power 1 – An Introduction to Hand Block Printing Sophie Blackwell 11th August

Make a Basket in a Day Susan Early 12th August

Nuno Felted Scarves Anne Rogers 13th August

Knitting Masterclass Jan McMillan 14th August

Mixed Metal Earrings and Pendants. Tim Blades 15th August

Pattern Power 2 – Lino Block Cutting and Design Development Sophie Blackwell 16th August

An Introduction to Tapestry Weaving Sarah Beadsmoore 17th August

Introduction to Glass Fusing and Enamelling. Amanda Lawrence 18th August

Ceramics – An Introduction to Hand Building. Emily-Kristie Wilcox 19th August

EXHIBITIONS

Anne-Marie Randall and Shaun Crawford. Photography and Painting Monday – Saturday, 16th July – 26th August, 10.00 – 17.00, Moulton Haus, Hoyland House, Gyde Road

Anne Weare. Bookbinding 30th July – 5th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Green Room, The Painswick Centre Selling exhibition, bookbinding demonstrations.

The Country Studio Painting 3rd, 4th and 5th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Church Rooms, Painswick.

Anne Weare and Valerie Dugan. Bookbinding and Calligraphy 6th – 12th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Cotswold Room, The Painswick Centre. Another chance to see Anne's bookbinding. Valerie Dugan is a calligrapher and botanical watercolour artist specialising in orchids and butterflies.

Rupert Aker. Painting 8th – 12th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Festival Cafe, Painswick Centre An exhibition of local landscapes in oil by Painswick artist, Rupert Aker. The artist will be in residence on Saturday and Sunday.

Mel Cross. Painting 11th – 12th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Town Hall, Painswick. An exhibition of vibrant, lively portraits and spiritually inspired paintings.

Portway Group. Painting and Printmaking 14th – 19th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Cotswold Room, The Painswick Centre. Colourful paintings and original prints by Keith Gage, Sue Gage, Audrey Howell, David Hunt and Barbara Swindin.

Jackie Herbert. Painting 15th – 19th August, 10.00 – 17.00 Festival Cafe, Painswick Centre. The artist's favourite people and places in oils.

Woodchester Photography Group. Annual Exhibition – Patterns in Nature 21st – 27th August, 10.30 – 16.30 Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre

Alan Shearer Painting 22nd – 26th August, 10.30 – 17.00 Festival Cafe, Painswick Centre. Landscapes and more in oils.

OPEN HOUSES AND STUDIOS
Over a dozen homes and studios dotted around the village are opening their doors to show and share their individual work. Start or finish at the Falcon Inn where there will be a taster exhibition.

ARTS TRAIL

Jackie Herbert A selection of the artists oil paintings inspired by her garden and local walks. Sheephouse Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane, GL6 6R (Parking is available at Barn Studio)

Brenda Dunn Watercolour landscapes from Painswick and around the world. Stepping Stone Cottage, Kingsmill Lane.

Jennifer Shonk A textiles artist working with fabrics and threads, who also draws, paints and uses mixed media. Stamages, Stamages Lane.

Adele Lambert Paintings inspired by exotic images from opera and ballet. Memories of exotic landscapes. Painswick Centre Open Studios

Ange Mu Llen-Bryan Fearsome Nordic forests, Scandinavian landscapes in oil. Painswick Centre Open Studios.

Barbara Swindin Textural mixed media landscapes. Watercolour flower paintings. Painswick Centre Open Studios

Rupert Aker Landscape paintings in oil with palette knife, aiming to capture the light on the land. Painswick Centre Open Studios.

Jane Garbett New work in watercolour exploring quirky collective objects and abstract oils. The Studio, Dover Mews, Vicarage Street

Sara Kirby A selection of paintings, drawings, sculptures and prints on paper and wood using a variety of media. Mayfield, Vicarage Street

Galina Gardiner Paintings, prints, ceramics: portraits, family life, and abstract compositions. Mayfield, Vicarage Street

Andy Lovell Landscape explored through gestural printmaking, silkscreen and lithography. Ashleigh, Gloucester Street

Anne-Marie Randall Exhibition of portraits and personal work. Children, families and corporate portraits a speciality. Moulton Haus, Hoyland House, Gyde Road

Shaun Crawford Shaun is an advertising creative director living in Painswick. This exhibition is a mixture of his favourite landscape paintings along with some earlier work. Moulton Haus

Calling all young singers!

St Mary's Church is starting a Youth Choir in September open to children and young people over 8, and Chris Swain, the organist, would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested.

12 choristerships are on offer involving singing in the 10.00am Sunday service and attending a choir practice at 5.00pm on the preceding Friday for roughly 30 weeks of the year. Pocket money starting at £3 a week (£1.50 per practice and service) will be paid plus wedding fees of approximately £5 per wedding.

Apart from being highly enjoyable and an opportunity to make new friends, the confidence, focus and concentration developed by singing in a choir also benefits learning in the classroom, and is therefore an extremely worthwhile activity for young people to take up.

Please contact Chris Swain by email cgsawain@btinternet.com or phone 01453.822998 for further details, if possible before the end of July.

**Singers
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Presentation to Councillors

Members of the Parish Council met recently with parishioners to thank the four retiring Parish Councillors for their contribution to the work of the Council over many years.



Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Slinger made presentations to the former Councillors, David Hudson, Terry Parker, Ann Burges Watson and Jackie Woof.

DASH - Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

In the hope that the weather will eventually be warmer, DASH is currently appealing for light clothing and for men's underwear, also for squeezy bottles of salad cream or mayonnaise. Please put any donations in one of the collecting boxes, which can be found at the back of St Mary's Church, in Murrays' Estate Agency or in Sheepscombe and Cranham Churches. Anything you can spare will be gratefully received. And the small change collection continues - in the past 3 years, we have collected over £800 in 5ps, 2ps and 1ps - money which goes towards providing for small necessities in times of emergencies.

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Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

Olympian and TeamGB Snowboarder leaves Painswick



Kate Foster has been in touch with the Beacon, wanting to express "Thanks to Painswick for 6 great years and support from the local community as my family and I have recently moved to Sussex".

While living in Painswick Kate competed in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin for Team GB in the snowboard halfpipe competition, finishing in 20th place - the highest placing in the team, and won the British HP Championship 5 times including 2012.

She says "I will miss the walks with my dog around the valley as I loved being a resident of the Queen of Cotswolds.

Even though my nomination to be a Painswick 2012 Olympic torchbearer was not successful I have been enrolled by the BOA as Olympic ambassador and will be escorting school children and potential Olympians to events during the games.

I am now focusing on coaching the younger team riders and spend most of the winters in the alps at snowboarding camps and during the summer I am running a Wakesurfing camp in France, ironically in the part of France known as the 'Cotswolds of France', check us out on www.whyaityouwakesurfing.com".

Rugby

Painswick RFC have appointed Alastair Bressington as their player/coach for the coming 2012-13 season. 32 year-old Bressington, who has been playing at National Division One side Stourbridge for the past seven seasons, has been given the task to lead Painswick as they compete in the Gloucestershire Premier Division in their 140th Anniversary year.

Bressington who is the record points scorer at Stourbridge has always expressed a desire to coach, and with work commitments preventing him from continuing to play at National level, he has gone back to Painswick where he started his career as a



Painswick Tennis Academy

Summer Holiday Tennis Camps

Painswick Tennis Academy will be once again running its popular holiday tennis camps over the summer. For the weeks commencing 30th July, 6th and 13th August all day camps (10.00am-4.00pm) will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are open to all standards (8-16yrs) and provide coaching through fun drills and competition. On the Mondays and Thursdays of these weeks there will be mini tennis camps for children aged 5-9. Running for two hours from 2.00pm, these courses concentrate on agility, balance, co-ordination and speed, as well as the all important technical work essential to develop at this age to maximise tennis playing potential. Tennis rackets may be provided if required.

The all day camps are £20 for members, £25 for non-members, and the mini camps are £10 for members, £12 for non members. For booking or further information contact Sharon Hall 07766.732392, or Lorraine Ristic 07775.606399.

Sharon Hall

youngster to coach the club.

Chairman Pete Haines said "We welcome Alastair back to the fold, and consider ourselves fortunate to have secured his services. I'm sure that his vast knowledge of the game and his teaching experience will be of great value to the club as we face the challenges of life at this higher level."

Bressington himself says "I am delighted to be back at the club where I started my career. I am looking forward to helping Painswick play open and attractive rugby in its 140th year."

Painswick who were Glos Division One Champions last season will be relishing the prospect of challenging different sides, especially local rivals Stroud when the new league season commences in September.

Pre-season training started on Tuesday 3rd July from 7.00pm at Broadham Fields, Painswick, and every Thursday and Tuesday evenings thereafter. Bressington welcomes all old and new players to attend. If you are interested in joining the club just come along on a Tuesday or Thursday at 7.00pm or you can contact Martin Hayward on 07792911292 for more information.

Golf

Painswick Golf Club

The summer season is a particularly busy time, and this year has been a little more interrupted by bad weather than usual. The Seniors' Championship – held over two rounds in late May – was won by David Walker. A mixed (Seniors and Ladies) Texas scramble competition was held on 22nd May and won by Sylvia Walker, Martin Taylor, David Thomas and Peter Rowe. The Mid-summer Madness competition, held on 19th June, involved starting at 7.00am (madness!) and after a round of golf being revived with a breakfast at the clubhouse. The winners were Ann Smith, Ian Pringle and John Weston with a score of 90 points. The Seniors' Captain's day was 21st June and the competition – the Organ Niblick – was delayed by low cloud at the start and curtailed to twelve holes by very heavy rain. In this competition, one is limited to three clubs and a putter (and this sometimes causes one to wonder why one carries a full set of clubs). The winner was Alan Fisher with a score of 29 points from the 12 holes. Congratulations to all the winners. There have also been three friendly seniors' matches with other clubs – with one win (at home), one loss (away), and one cancelled because of heavy rain.

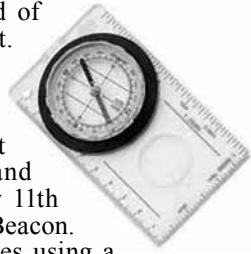
The club is delighted to welcome new members and visitors. If you would like to try out the course, you will be most welcome – please contact the professional Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) for details. If you are over 55, you will be most welcome to join the seniors section – please contact Peter Rowe (813228) for more details.



Orienteering

The North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club is holding a series of taster events in Gloucestershire which is running from the end of June until late August.

2 events are being held very close to Painswick. One is on Saturday 4th August at Cranham Woods and the other on Saturday 11th August on Painswick Beacon.



Orienteering involves using a map to navigate round a course and find control points that are marked on the ground by a red and white flag. Orienteering can take place anywhere from schools and parks to forests and remote countryside. It's a great sport for runners, joggers and walkers who want to improve their navigation skills or for anyone who loves outdoors.

Registration for both events is from 12noon until 1.00pm. Entry fee is £2 for adults, £1 for children. In addition, adults pay £1 to hire an electronic timing device to record the controls visited, although this is free for children. At both events there will be a choice of 3 courses: Easy or Medium are suitable for beginners, whilst Hard is for the more experienced. Help will be available to get newcomers started. Expect a course to take around an hour to complete. There is no need to pre-book, so just turn up on the day. However, if you will come as part of a group please do contact us in advance as we need to make sure we have enough maps available.

Parking for the Painswick event will be on the minor road next to the Beacon itself, and will be signposted from the A46. The Cranham event will be clearly signposted from the crossroads on the B4070 which leads to Cranham village.

Greg Best,

North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club, 01242 516053

You may be a master of the arts but can you master the darts?

Darts

It's a double for the ladies darts, having been promoted to Division 1 last season. Not only did we finish 2nd in the league but also runners up in the 'Bennett Cup'

We would like to say thanks to all our friends who came to support us on the finals night.

On a sad note due to circumstances beyond the team control we are no longer viable at the Falcon Hotel as a darts team.

Finally good luck to the summer league teams in your new quest.

Linda Cooke 813921

Photograph of the ladies in 'darts mode' on opposite page.

Soccer

Painswick are Mid Glos Mini-Soccer Champions

In a dramatic end to the season Painswick U-9's did a Chelsea and beat a strong Rodborough Lions team on penalties to win the (Mid Glos) Champions League at Frampton.

A kindly draw pitched us initially against the other leagues' runners up Kings Stanley and Cam Saxons. The first game against Kings Stanley was eventually well played by the boys who after a wobbly start settled and produced a fine 2nd half performance. Great passing by Walter Lovell and Findlay Davies set up the chances and in particular a fine goal from Alfie. The second match pitched Painswick against the tough Cam team who had dumped us unceremoniously out of the Cup earlier in the season. This time the boys were not intimidated and played really well to run out 1 - 0 winners. Jake Cratchely in particular capped an excellent game with a fine solo goal.

And so to the final to meet Rodborough Lions. Not surprisingly this was a tense affair and although both sides shared plenty of possession Rodborough played the better football keeping Painswick on the back foot for much of the game. As the game wore on Painswick gained composure and pushed forward with Walter Lovell and Thomas Ticehurst in particular, both having a great tournament, created chances which Painswick couldn't finish with enough venom. Into extra time and the coaches' nerves



began to shred as the chances came and went for both teams. Inevitably a penalty shoot-out loomed so the boys were lined up in true Champions League Final fashion to watch each player take the long walk to the penalty spot. An early miss by both teams ratcheted up the tension and eventually 7 Painswick players took a spot kick before a final save by the magnificent Lawrence Ryan in goal snatched a victory from the Lions. A tough way to lose, but all credit to the Painswick players for their bravery (all volunteers for the penalties) in the final and their classy and determined performances on their way there.

A great end to an excellent season.

Tennis

Success for Painswick Junior Tennis

Painswick entered junior teams at most age groups in the National Junior Club League. The U18 girls' team won their league, which was secured following a very exciting match against Oxtalls. The team of Megan Butterworth, Sophie Barnett, Sophie Hall, and Hannah Scott all contributed to the win. Following wins by Megan Butterworth and Sophie Barnett the match was all square and so a shoot-out tie-break was played. At 9-8 to Painswick Sophie Hall hit a great forehand to win the match and the league.

Our U16 boys' team of Jamie Gordon, Hugo Stengard-Green, Ajay Dhaliwal, Henry Scott and Adam Cox have had a great season winning every match they played and ending up as Division 1 champions. Victories were achieved over Frampton and Beckford while the matches against Lydney and Oxtalls were extremely close affairs with Painswick winning each in a shoot-out tie-break.

The U18 boys' team of Jamie Gordon, Henry Scott, Joe McCrirkick, Callum Roberts, Luke Cox, Dan Jollans and Alex Coates had a tougher time but battled well throughout the season. Even though Painswick were an inexperienced group of players with a lot of younger players the team spirit was fantastic, the enthusiasm magnificent - everybody pulled together and supported each other which is what sport is all about after all!

Road to Wimbledon Competition

Painswick played in the National Under 14 Road to Wimbledon club tournament. The finals were very competitive with quality tennis played by the finalists. For the girls Lara Fair beat Grace Ruddy and for the boys Ajay Dhaliwal beat Adam Cox. All four finalists will be invited to compete in the County finals.

Well done to all the players who played in the NJCL and Road to Wimbledon.

up now and am no longer on the “wanted and dangerous” list.

The main topic I’d like to focus on this month is the subject of hearing loss and the use of hearing aids. Did you know that one in six of the population have some form of hearing loss and from a total of 3.7 million, two thirds of those are over retirement age? Predictably, more than 70% of over 70 year olds have some form of hearing loss and yet even those who have a hearing aid often use them infrequently. Severe hearing loss which requires daily support can be a criterion to receive Attendance Allowance or DLA Disability Living allowance.

Having been to the Hearing Service at Gloucester Royal Hospital recently I was surprised to learn that in order to get the best use from your hearing aid, ***you should use it all the time*** (yes, I AM shouting!), that means putting it in as soon as you get up and leaving it in until you take it out to clean it and to go to bed. The reason being, the auditory processing of sound takes time to adjust and using the aid as much as possible helps the brain make that adjustment. The hearing aid does the work of the “inner” ear. It can make sounds louder, make conversations easier, help you to hear on the telephone and some can reduce certain background noises. If you likened its use to a pacemaker for your heart, you wouldn’t take that out because “I’m only staying at home watching TV”, would you?

If you think that you might be experiencing some level of hearing loss; lets face it, it can’t always be because “people don’t speak clearly” these days, then go to see your GP in the first instant. The GP will need to check that there aren’t other issues causing the loss. Some medications, a build up of wax, and an infection can affect hearing, which needs to be checked out first. You will then be referred either to an ENT doctor and

/or audiologist depending on the initial findings.

In Gloucestershire the NHS hearing aids are all digital, with 12 channels to be used to accommodate the individual’s needs. If you lose or damage your hearing aid, the NHS will replace or repair it. But you might have to pay a charge (£70) if they think you have been careless with it or if it happens more than once. If you wish to buy privately, make sure the supplier is registered and qualified with the Health Professions Council (HPC). Changing subject but continuing with a nag from me. Regular readers will know that I often promote and encourage the use of personal alarms (Care line etc). I have recently received the very sad news that a gentleman who I supported as a Specialist Agent while his wife was dying with cancer, was found dead a few weeks after she had died. What has been particularly upsetting is that he was not found for some time. Perhaps if he’d had a Care line, he could have received help and this tragedy might have been avoided.

Contact Information

Gloucestershire Deaf Association (GDA) Colin Rd, Barnwood. 01452 372999. Their open equipment morning is held there every Wednesday 10.00am - 2.00pm. Additionally they run an advice and maintenance clinic at The Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Thursday 5th July, 10am - 1pm in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind.

Action on Hearing Loss (new name for the RNID) FREE 0808 808 0123.

To take a Telephone Hearing Check, call 0844 800 3838 (calls from a BT landline cost up to 5p per minute. Other providers' charges may vary. Call set up charge may apply).

The Sensory Services Team is a team of social service professionals to support profoundly deaf, deaf / blind and visually impaired people throughout the county. They provide support, advice, advocacy, raise awareness of support available and allot environmental aids. Referral is through the Adult Helpdesk 01452 426868.

Care Line 01453 754149.

Please call the number at the top of this article if you have any queries or wish to arrange a home visit.

Lou Kemp 07776.245767

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Murrays

Despite the miserable summer that we seem to be having sales throughout Murrays have been on the up. The adverse weather conditions have however not helped with viewings being cancelled as a result of the rain and winds. Despite this though we have been very busy with a good increase in sales and new properties coming to the market.

The nationwide have reported that property prices rose slightly in May by 0.3% and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have reported that house prices have risen by 1.4%, their biggest annual increase since 2010 defying the “double dip recession” which is a definitely a step in the right direction. The Bank of England however have reported that the amount of first time buyers has dropped by an amazing 50% since the governments reintroduction of stamp duty for them so there is still a very mixed overview of what the market is actually

doing. Despite all these reports and the struggling economic crisis the market in Painswick and Gloucestershire as a whole still remains strong.

Murrays are also delighted to be sponsoring the Art Couture Festival in Painswick on the 15th July which promises to be a fantastic event and even more popular than last years bringing lots of new people to the village so we look forward to seeing you all there!

We have continued to take on a lot of lovely new properties recently including Orchard House a substantial modern family house on Court Orchard right in the centre of the village with a beautifully landscaped garden, Hillworth Cottage a 4 bedroom town house on Gloucester Street, Dynevor House, a handsome listed 4 bedroom town house on New Street, Woodbury a lovely character Cotswold Stone 5 bedroom house on Vicarage Street, Dumbledore, a chalet bungalow with a beautiful garden

on Beacon Close, Pheasant Field a large bungalow in a large plot in Cranham (already under offer), Holcombe Cottage a detached Cotswold stone house with stables and paddocks in Bisley, 2 Farm Cottages a beautifully presented 3 bed cottage in the heart of Haresfield and No 1 Maitlands a modern detached 4 bedroom house in Brookthorpe.

Properties and land that we currently have under offer in and around Painswick are Tilling on Kingsmill Lane, The Old Star on Gloucester Street, 7 Church Close in Cranham, Pheasant Field on The Knoll in Cranham, 2 Foxbury Cottages in Sheepscombe, Turnpike House in Slad and 16.5 acres of land off Yokehouse Lane in Painswick. Properties that have now sold are No 3 Hambutts Cottages and Woodham Cottage on Tibbiwell.

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Painswick Arts Festival

The number of events and locations are considerable and space constraints prohibit repetition of them all in this month's Diary. The attention of readers seeking listings is drawn to page 16 of this issue and the free publicity leaflet.

Fri	6	Friday Club Summer Outing to Weston-Super-Mare G.S.A. Summer Exhibition daily until 9th	Church Rooms	
Sat	7	Painswick Companion Dog Show & Charity fun Day (Lower Washwell Lane)	Recreation Ground	11.00am to 4.00pm
Sun	8	Free Guided Walk on Painswick Beacon - open to all	Cemetery Car Park	2.00 to 4.00pm
Mon	9	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Botany & Conservation Walk, Painswick Beacon. Enq 812942 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Cemetery Car Park	10.30am
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Town Hall	10.30am
			Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
			Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	10	Cupcakes for Carers Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	P. Centre, Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	11	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Thu	12	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am	
		Town Hall	9.30am	
		Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon	
		Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm	
		Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm	
Fri	13	Country Market - coffee available - Fridays Salsa Classes - Fridays. Info. Tel: 01242 708067	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	14	Art Couture Painswick (Wearable Art): Opening Event - Music Night Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 10.00pm
Sun	15	Art Couture Painswick (Wearable Art)	St. Mary's Churchyard	5.00 to 9.30pm
Tue	17	Horticultural Society Outing to Hanbury Hall, Droitwich Spa The Oliver Troupe: An Evening with Oliver & Friends	Throughout Village	7.30 to 11.00pm
Wed	18	Probus: Ladies Summer Lunch Parish Council Meeting	Stamages Car Park	10.00am to 7.30pm
Thu	19	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford Painswick Players present 'Last Tango in Painswick' - also 20th & 21st	Rococo Garden	10.00am
		The Hill, Stroud	6.45 for 7.15pm	
		Edge Village Hall	12.30 for 1.00pm	
		Stamages Car Park	7.30pm	
		Painswick Centre	11.30am	
			7.30pm	
Fri	20	Friday Club: A Presentation by Waitrose Exhibition of Victorian Watercolours (daily until 22nd) at Bell Cottage	Town Hall	2.30pm
			Friday Street	10.00am to 6.00pm
Sat	21	Copy Date for July Beacon		
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: Wild Flowers of Cyprus - Rosemary Westgate	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Coach Trip: Caldicot Castle & Dewstow Gardens. Enq. 812692	Stamages Car Park	9.20am
Sun	29	Guided Walk (approx. 2 hr.) along the Washbrook, as part of the Council for British Archaeology Festival of Archaeology. Info / booking tel: Carolyn Luke 814139	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Mon	30	Selling Exhibition of work by Anne Weare, Bookbinder (daily until 5th August)	P. Centre, Green Room	10.00am to 5.00pm

AUGUST

Wed	1	Art in the Garden (Daily until 31st August)	Rococo Garden	11.00am to 5.00pm
Fri	3	Country Studio Art Exhibition	Church Rooms	10.00am to 5.00pm
Sat	4	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen - Summer show: Daily until 26th August	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 5.00pm
Mon	6	Selling Exhibition of work by Anne Weare, Bookbinder & Valerie Duggan, Calligrapher & Botanical Artist (daily until 12th August)	P. Centre, Cotswold Rm	10.00am to 5.00pm



Tue	7	Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club Coach Trip to Highclere Castle. Enq. 01453 872243	Stamages Car Park	10.10am
Wed	8	Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Garden Rosemoor, Devon	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
Sat	11	Friends of Rococo: Picnic in the Garden	Rococo Garden	6.15 to 9.30pm
Tue	21	Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club Geology & Landscape Walk, Cleeve Hill. Enq. 812942	Cleeve Hill Quarry C.P.	10.30am

SEPTEMBER

Wed	5	Probus: The Silent Listener - An Authorised Account of The Falklands War - David Thorp	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	14	Friday Club: Painting on Silk - Gill Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	19	Table Tennis Re-starts - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Probus: Club Outing to Black Country Museum	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	22	Theatre Club outing to Stratford	Stamages car park	10.00am
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Presentation by Waitrose	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: Through the Decades - David Archard	Town Hall	2.30pm

OCTOBER

Wed	3	Probus: Two French Engineers & Me: Early Motor Cars - Trevor Picken	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Glorious Gloucestershire - Angela Panrucker	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	12	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Dobbies & Cirencester Museum		
Wed	17	Probus: History of the English Torpedo - David Brand	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Tue	23	Joint Meeting - Yew Trees WI / Painswick Bird Club: Birds Behaving Badly - Dominic Cousins	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	26	Friday Club: Handbell Ringing - Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	31	Probus: Behind the scenes with a TV. Caterer - Richard Kendrick	Painswick Centre	10.00am

NOVEMBER

Sat	3	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12noon
Wed	7	Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Bletchley Park - Sir Francis Richards. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm

Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey at: em-m.buttry@virgin.net**

Police Report - Lead Thefts



While we are only too pleased to publish dates of forthcoming events as far into the future as organisers wish, and space permits, we may in future delete those which refer to recurrent weekly meetings at the start of the next month if such prevents us from including periodic events many months hence.

We urge those organising weekly events/meetings to use our other columns to make short reports and highlight their having frequent events.

On 27th June the Beacon received notice from the police urging residents of Painswick to report anybody or any vehicles acting suspiciously in the area to the police following a number of thefts of lead.

The (then) recent incidents were:

- Approximately one metre square of lead was stolen from a home on New Street between 10.00pm on 20th June and 9.00am on 21st June.
- 5ft x 2ft of lead flashing was stolen from the bay window of a home on Cheltenham Road between 11am and 5.30pm on 22nd June.
- Lead was stolen from the porch roof of a home in Bisley Street between 9.00pm on 23rd June and 8.10am on 24th June.
- An attempt was made to steal the lead flashing on the roof of a home in New Street between 6.00pm on 21st June and 6.00pm on 24th June.
- Between June 20th and June 21st an attempt was made to steal lead flashing from a home on St Mary's Street.

Officers from the Local Policing Team are asking local residents to ensure if they see or hear any suspicious activity in the area to contact Gloucestershire Police at the time by dialling 101, or 999 if you are witnessing a crime taking place.

You can also give information anonymously by contacting the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/> and you may receive a reward if someone is arrested and charged.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Birth

Congratulations to EDWARD ANDREW and LUCY WESTERN on the birth of their daughter POPPY MAY on 26th May: a first grandchild for Pat and Malcolm Andrew and Mandy and Colin Western: a first great grandchild for Carol and Brian Peters (Mandy's parents) and a first cousin for Dylan Breeze.

Congratulations also to ALEX and SIAN BREEZE on the birth of their son DYLAN PATRICK on 29th May: a first grandchild for Mike and Pauline Breeze and first grandson for Mandy and Colin Weston.

Congratulations

Congratulations to TOM PRICE grandson of Helen Baker of Berry Close and Alan and Audrey Price of Kingsmill Lane who has been awarded a first class Honours Degree in Natural Sciences by Cambridge University.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MARY FRANCIS, KATHLEEN DICKS, ANNE FORD and EILEEN COTTLE who have all died recently.

Personal messages

PAULINE FOREMAN would like to bid a fond farewell to all her many friends in Painswick. She is now living in Emworth in Hampshire.

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Sixth former requires lift to Pates School in Cheltenham For school year 2012-13, starting September. Please phone Sanderson 01452 813210

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Kathleen Dicks - tribute

Sadly my Mum died very suddenly on 8th June. It was a huge shock to us all. Mum lived in the village for almost 60 years at Belle Vue Cottage in Vicarage Street next door to her parents Phyllis and Fred Arthur. Mum and Dad (Ivor Dicks) cleaned St Mary's Church together and were very much part of village life. Due to Mum's poor mobility they moved out of the village to Tuffley in 2011. Mum worked at The Croft School for 24 years and was loved by everyone who knew her. My Dad, my Mum's brother Brian, my sisters Sandi and Debbie and me, our children Lauren, Georgia, Cameron, Phoebe and Millie are devastated and heartbroken at our loss.

However we will remember Mum (Nan) with affection and much love. She was a wonderful person who left us all far too soon. I am sure that everyone who reads this tribute will agree that Kath Dicks was a true trooper, positive, happy and full of love. Always looking for the good in people and never complaining. God bless Mum, rest in peace. We all love you and we will miss you every day..

Caroline Stone

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Richmond Painswick seeks:-

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BUSINESS

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PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

EDGE FARM, Edge. Revised scheme to re-use the barn and cow byre as leisure facilities including a pool in the cow byre and play area in the area in the barn following from listed building consent S.09/0971/LBC and Planning Permission S.09/0951/FUL

FAIR FAX, Vicarage Street. Cupressocyparis leylandii, now overlarge and cutting out light - fell and replant Irish Yew.

LAND AT WOODBOROUGH, Knapp Lane. Revised scheme for the erection of a dwelling, conversion of the approved garage to form habitable room and erection of a detached garage.

CONSENT

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

BAY TREE HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscome. Reduce height of Alder tree by 10' and allow to grow as screen.

GRAYS, Far End, Sheepscome. Willow – Re-pollard. Sycamore trees – Cut remaining poles to ground level.

HAMBUTTS END, Edge Road. Single storey extension and replacement garage structure.

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street. Variation of condition 3 from planning permission S.11/0370/HHOLD to allow an openable window in bathroom.

CHAPEL COTTAGE, Gloucester Street Replacement windows and replacement front porch.

GLENMORE, 7 Gloucester Road. Single storey extension and alterations to rear elevation.

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