

The Painswick Beacon

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Faster broadband now available to all in Painswick

Faster broadband is now available to all connected to the Painswick telephone exchange, and has been since July.

About 2,400 properties hereabouts are among 15,000 more homes and businesses in Gloucestershire able to receive up to 20Mbps. Such was announced by BT on 30th July; the upgrade probably being the maximum speed which can be delivered using existing copper lines.

The Beacon has been informed that, if your provider (including BT) is nudged, these download speeds of up to 20 megabits per second (Mbps), more than double the fastest speed previously available, can readily be provided. Fluctuations do occur during the working day, induced by the extent to which local users load the system; but as this article was written 14.37Mbps download was recorded, with 0.685 uploading. By next spring around 84 per cent of homes and businesses in the region will be served by an exchange which has been upgraded to deliver these higher speeds. The new service is available on what is described as 'an open, wholesale basis to all companies providing broadband'.

The next generation of connectivity will be using fibre-based broadband and the Beacon's enquiries indicate that such could impact on Painswick within the next two years. Such requires working with local authorities to reach the most challenging locations. The latest investment is in addition to BT's £2.5 billion roll-out of fibre-based broadband, which will bring even faster speeds to around two-thirds of UK premises by the end of 2014. We are informed that fibre-based broadband is already available in Cheltenham and Stroud, with Gloucester and Nailsworth to follow shortly and Barnwood, Cirencester and Tewkesbury to follow later this year.

As BT remind us, once an exchange area has been upgraded for next generation broadband some service providers automatically upgrade their customers to the enhanced broadband service. However, users should contact their chosen service provider for more information about the products and services they offer and individual upgrading. Using <http://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk/>

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Royal Oak update

Minded that there has been much speculation regarding the future of the Royal Oak the Beacon contacted the owners directly to obtain accurate facts.

At the time of writing we have been informed that contract work to refurbish the premises is nearing completion. Enterprise Inns hope to reopen in the near future and, indeed, an advertisement for a new tenant has been on their web site for a few weeks now.

This will encourage much hoped-for optimism, not least for previous 'regulars' and others appreciating a pub with food in this part of the village. We will keep you informed.

A future? is now possible

Across recent months the future of this Society has been in the balance.

For some 60 or so years many have enjoyed the services offered, including an annual show where examples of one's cultivation can be exhibited and judged, a series of talks of interest and value to all wishing to better their own gardens, visits to other gardens throughout the region to learn directly from the labours of others, bulk purchase of seeds to help keep costs down, and organising such as Painswick in Bloom (*pictures here, but see page 13 for the winners this year*), and so on.

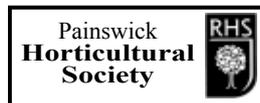
However, volunteers to fill vacancies on the committee of the Society were less and less forthcoming and after his own 35 years of service Chairman Philip Berry, not surprisingly or unreasonably, made known that the concept of his operating solo was not practical, and that he was resigning.

The annual meeting in early May still yielded no volunteers, and a further meeting last week was therefore convened to decide whether to wind up the Society. After the annual meeting a group of five members met and prepared a paper suggesting ways in which the Society might be restructured through dividing tasks between several small committees, and this was circulated to the membership.

The meeting on 22nd August was well attended and, after lengthy and sincere expressions of individual views, those present voted strongly in favour of continuance of the Society - even if this be at a reduced level of operation at first.

To secure the custody of residual funds, exceeding £3000, a Treasurer was appointed, as was a Membership Secretary. Together with the five members who wrote the paper and several others who offered their services that evening, consideration will be given to just what might be organised for 2013. They expect to meet in the autumn and will, of course, let their fellow members know the outcome in due course.

Meanwhile, there is no annual show this year. Heartfelt tributes were expressed by numerous members, and to much acclaim, to Philip Berry for his many years of dedicated service, and the support at all times of his mother, Pauline.



On other pages this month: witchcrafting, **musical lure**, wondrous car park, **community lunches**, brass rubbed, **apples galore**, alms house antics, **great macs**, clypping coming, **ravens abound**, light aisle, **picture appeal**, bridge not far, **serious scams**.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS by Terry Parker

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.



There were no Parish Council meetings held last month as it is the Council's practice not to hold meetings during August unless there are urgent matters to resolve.

There are two planning matters of particular interest to parishioners and these will be discussed at next Wednesday's meeting of the Planning Committee.

Former Library building

An application has been submitted for the "Change of use and conversion of the disused library building to form 4 dwellings and parking spaces, the demolition of existing outbuildings and the provision of a new pedestrian route between the church and the Stroud Road public car park".

There was considerable dismay when the County Library was closed in December 2009.

That said, events have moved on and the dismay voiced at the time has turned to the satisfaction of seeing the creation of the Community Library. The Tourist Information Office which

was forced to leave the former Library building has continued to operate with it and the Community Library housed in the Town Hall building.

Over the years the Parish Council has had many discussions with the County Highways department in an endeavour to solve the problem of the narrow pavement at the Lychgate corner. The discussions have brought no solution and the proposed pedestrian route between Stamages Lane car park and the churchyard, which forms part of the planning application, will be seen as an answer to this long-standing problem.

Catbrain Quarry

A new application has been submitted by Meister Masonry to increase the height of the proposed storage building within the former quarry. The increased height is necessary to house the gantry which is required to lift the stone blocks within the building.

The Beacon team - help sought

We need new members of the Beacon team. All existing members of the team have acquired their wide range of skills on the job, stimulating in itself; all are unpaid volunteers, but not out of pocket.

For 35 years this village newspaper has been published every month and carried news and information provided mainly by residents themselves, or sought by our mutually supportive team. Either way, the objective has always been to ensure that every household hereabouts is as well informed as the next as to what has happened or what is afoot.

Those who have joined the team have, we think without exception, greatly enjoyed sharing in the various tasks. These range from those identified on our back page through to the 40 or more who regularly deliver the finished product to homes near where they live.

Part of the evolution of the newspaper has been the introduction of the latest technology, whether in the communication of copy via E-mails, the use of digital photographs or advertising, or the final process of printing itself.

The most significant development has been increasing job-sharing. This has the benefit of lessening the work-load, and heightening job satisfaction.

With one or two 'staffing' changes impending, we would be very interested to hear from village residents in particular whether they would be interested in any aspect of the range of tasks, but drawing copy together in the editing function could be particularly valuable from the New Year. Just let any of the team know if you would like the detail of this task explained, and one of us will be calling pretty promptly.

To put it into some perspective, this is an earnest plea to help us continue this service into the future.

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Three Choirs

The Friends of Gloucester Three Choirs Festival are hosting an Evening Reception at Stowell Park, near Northleach, by courtesy of Lord Vestey, on Friday 14th September.

Gloucester Cathedral Choir will sing from the Ballroom Gallery.

Tickets will also include wine, canapés and viewing of the delightful gardens, and may be booked on-line at www.3Choirs.org or by telephoning 08456.521823.

Road closure A46 New Street



This road will be closed on Sunday 30th September to allow for the replacement of two sewer manhole covers (both covers are within the section of

road between the traffic lights) by contractors working on behalf of Severn Trent Water Ltd.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact the office on 08000.514514.

Caroline Cogran Gloucestershire County Council

Anonymity deplored

The Beacon always tries to ensure that copy received is attributable; we loathe anonymity and only very exceptionally accept such material.

We give notice that any un-sourced future notices of this sort will not, definitely not, be published in these columns.

Fireworks

We quote from a note in the Beacon box: "On Saturday 22nd September there will be a short fireworks display outside the centre of Painswick at approximately 9.30pm. The display will comply with the statutory decibel limits."

Just where, by whom, and what 'short' or 'limits' means, we have not the faintest idea. Pets and livestock, beware.



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Musical Silver



PaMAG will commence its new Season of sixteen meetings in the Town Hall, and two concert outings to Birmingham and Bristol, on 20th of this month. This will be the group's Silver Jubilee year, and will be marked in appropriate manner in December.

Our reporter has had a sneak preview of the programme and it is brimming with exciting fortnightly evening meetings locally and trips to Symphony Hall and Colston Hall. An eclectic mix includes presentations by members themselves as well as by several new or regular guests. Compositions by the great composers feature, but the key to the popularity of PaMAG programmes has always been the diversity of subject matter. Operatic duets, yes, Berioz and Bax too. But what about British opera, Ella Fitzgerald, and the future of music in the home which feature in the mix.



The CBSO in Birmingham will perform Shostakovich's 'Leningrad', and the Russian State Symphony Orchestra will tantalise in Bristol. For these advance block bookings bring serious discounts and arch concert organiser Stewart Price (814241) is already open to applications for the limited number he

has been allocated for both superb concerts; members or non-members.

Without exception, members leave meetings uplifted by new insights into music matters, and increasingly 'appreciate' what they choose to hear between times. One thing is certain, no pre-knowledge or expertise is required - just attend, and relax,

Birmingham Symphony Hall Thursday 22nd November 2012 at 7.30pm	
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Conductor Olari Eltis	
Haydn Haydn Beethoven	Te Deum Symphony no. 104 (London) Mass in C
Tickets	Approx. £28 (Upper Stalls)
Coach	Depart Car Park 4.00pm Approx. £11/£12 inc. tip
Colston Hall, Bristol Thursday 7th February 2013 at 7.30pm	
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Conductor Karl-Heinz Steffens Piano John Lill	
Mendelssohn Beethoven Brahms	Hebrides Overture Piano Concerto no. 1 Symphony no. 1
Tickets	Approx. £27 (Balcony)
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away from the interruptions of daily life.

If you would like copy of the programme, or other information, do contact Chairman Alex Nichols on 01453.873396 or alex84610@aol.com.

Brass rubbed

There will be an exhibition and sale of brass rubbings by the late Joy French in Sheepscombe Village Hall between 1.00pm and 6.00pm on 29th and 30th September in aid of the Sheepscombe Church Repair Fund.

The rubbings are mostly from Gloucestershire churches, although there are some from other parts of the south of England, including four from Westminster Abbey.

Rubbings are now forbidden in most churches and the brasses, some of which date from the 12th century, are hidden under carpeting. This is an opportunity to obtain a brass-rubbing that can no longer be made. Prices will be from £25.00.

Kenneth French



Community lunches

The Community Lunches begin again on Monday 1st October at Ashwell Centre, from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday lunchtime for 10 weeks before Christmas – and 10 weeks in the New Year.

Last season – our second at this new venue after 42 years at Christ Church hall – proved equally successful. We raised £1275 which was distributed to the local charities, Stroud Mencap Homes Foundation and Painswick Playgroup, as well as Christian Aid.

This coming session the charities to be supported have not yet been finalised – but one local one will be Painswick Junior Football club. Please do contact us (telephone numbers below) with any other ideas for charities – preferably local.

Everyone is welcome to the lunches each Monday – when for £2.50 home-cooked vegetable soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese are provided and served by a local group or society – from Croft Primary School – to Richmond Painswick – and all ages between!

The Village Diary at the back of the Beacon gives the hosts for each week. Do come along & support this village institution – you will be warmly welcomed – especially by the hosts who have prepared the lunch!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) 814205
David Linsell (Treasurer) 812464

Passing of a Painswick Landmark

This Toyota has occupied Kemp's Lane since March. Calls to the police were ineffective. I now understand that 'Police Aware' means 'Please don't disturb'.

The contractor who took it away last week explained that they were newly appointed by the SDC, their predecessor not having been very interested in the job.

Richard Falconer



December issue

Seasonal cover picture

It has long been the policy of the Beacon to print the cover in full colour for the December issue. To this end we have received many remarkable offerings from readers, young and old, ranging from photographs to oil paintings.

We are looking for one to use this year, and earnestly hope that we can use a locally produced impression. There are few prerequisites, but our being able to scan within A4 size, or receive copy of a photograph in high definition, are obviously important. Essentially, a seasonal scene in a central part of the village is what we are after. We return the original, so can you help please?

Lepidoptera



The Gloucestershire Branch of the Butterfly Conservation Society led a walk on Painswick Beacon on Sunday, 19th August.

Butterfly records this year have been down on previous years due to the poor spring. Peacocks have been appearing in the last few weeks and we were pleased to see a Speckled Wood. There were more Common and Chalkhill Blues and Marbled Whites (pictured) have done relatively well.



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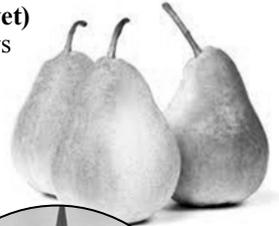
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The Big Apple Day

a plea for fruit and entries for our cooking competition!

Sunday 30th September, 12.30-4.00pm in St Mary's Churchyard, Painswick (or Church Rooms if wet)

We look forward to welcoming you at the Big Apple Day. Please do bring along as many apples and pears as you can carry! Due to the shortage of fruit this year we need as many people as possible to join in our communal pressing on our magnificent oak press (and remember to bring a container to take some juice home in).



If you can't come along on the day and have fruit you would like to donate then please ring Greg on 812879 for collection or queries about fruit picking.

Enjoy a delicious lunch of seasonal stews, apple fritters and calvados cream with Painswick apple and pear juice, cider, apple brandy and mead to drink. There will be live music to entertain you and fun for all the family (apple bobbing, apple carving and games) as well as lots of stalls. You will also have the opportunity to meet the experts: tree pruning, cider-making, beekeeping, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

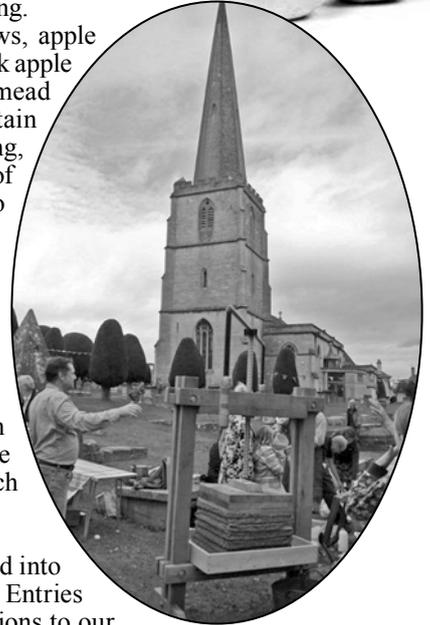
Perhaps you have a fruit tree in your garden you would like to have identified? If you bring

along 3 of your own apples or pears (ordinary rather than perfect specimens please) together with leaves and stem, one of our experts will do their best to identify it. We are also in the process of creating a map of all current fruit trees in Painswick. You can help us by pinpointing your own trees or any communal trees you know of. You can do this either on the Big Apple Day itself or at other times in the Painswick Library where the map will be held. This map is based on an original orchard survey of Painswick c.1839, copies of which will be on sale at the Big Apple Day.

Calling all cooking enthusiasts to enter our Autumn Fruit-Cooking Competition!

This is open to all with fabulous fruity prizes for adults and children under 12. It is divided into two categories: best fruit in a jar (jam/ pickle/chutney) and best fruit bake (cake/pie/tart). Entries on the (Big Apple) day please, £1 per entry. We would also be very grateful for any donations to our home-produce stall. Any enquiries please phone Iris on 812879. All proceeds raised go to World Vision Lideta (Ethiopia) and the Painswick Community Orchard Group.

The Painswick Community Orchard Group www.painswickcommunityorchard.co.uk



St. Mary's Church – internal lighting

For several years now the church council has been discussing a major refurbishment of the lighting for aesthetic, energy saving and safety reasons.

In recent weeks we have received permission to proceed with a scheme and contractors have now been appointed. The work is scheduled to start on Monday 1st October and last for 8 weeks. The chosen contractors are a small firm who are used to working in church premises.

Whilst the work is in progress access to the church will be restricted for safety reasons. During October and November on Mondays to Fridays between 9.00am and 5.00pm the church will normally be closed to visitors though it may be possible, depending on the work being done, for some limited access on occasions.

Mid-week services will be moved to other venues – so please check notice boards etc. for changes. The church will be available for mid-week funerals but it is inevitable that the

lighting may be temporary and that some equipment may be in the church. On Saturdays and Sundays normal services will take place and the church will be open to visitors as normal, though the lighting may be temporary.

The main feature of the new lighting scheme will be ten pendants (one for each arch) in the nave of the church. A sample pendant is already hung in the nave if you wish to view one, though it is not hung in its final position. The lighting levels throughout the church will be significantly improved particularly in the "stage" area at the chancel arch. This should make a big difference for concerts and similar. The new scheme will incorporate a significant amount of LED lighting and will have a computerised control scheme.

If you have any queries about the new scheme or the arrangements during installation please do not hesitate to contact David Bishop on 814205 or dc.bishop@btinternet.com.

David Bishop

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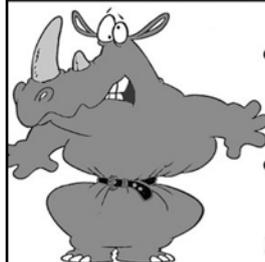
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If you run a business, service, society etc. it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2012 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing. If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details via the Beacon's email address – beaconpainswick.net – or to Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

Carol Maxwell

Stop !



Look !

before you click to order a library book from your home computer. Come and have a look at what's on the shelves in Painswick Community Library. There's a wide range of fiction from classics to crime plus large print books and spoken word cassettes both fiction and non-fiction. The non-fiction shelves include cookery, gardening, poetry and travel plus a wide range of biographies. The local interest section is also expanding although we would be delighted to receive any further donations for this area.

The children of Painswick have been leading the way in their use of the library over the summer holidays. Over 50 have joined the Summer Reading Challenge with most now well on the way to receiving their completion certificate and "gold" medal. Younger children have also been enjoying the picture books and board books especially provided for them. Teenagers are not neglected either – they have several shelves of books specially chosen for them.

The Library is not just about books. There are four computers ready and waiting for you to use. One of them is set up just for a quick drop-in and doesn't need to be booked. There are also two photocopiers available. All you need to borrow books or use the computers is a current Gloucestershire library card.

We're also getting involved in village activities. It was wonderful to be part of the incredible Art Couture Festival with a display of costumes round the library. Next will be your opportunity to help "populate" the map of the orchards round the village which will be available in the library up until the Big Apple Day at the end of September.

Our biggest asset is the friendly, helpful volunteers who are now providing the library service. We've had a few teething problems mainly with unco-operative computers, but the volunteers are still smiling and coming back for more.

Why not come and see for yourself?

Pat Francis, Librarian, Painswick Community Library

A wise old owl sat on an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
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Local History Teaser



A splendid choir indeed, and with an enviable number of young members. Do you have any idea of when the photograph was taken and, possibly even more challenging, are you able to identify any of the people who, incidentally, are noticeably all male? We'd be pleased to hear from you with any answers. Last month's photograph, which was of a house, presented a slight problem. The current resident recognised it immediately but would prefer us not to divulge its whereabouts. One other

reader was, however, able to identify it correctly.

If you have a photograph which you believe would present a challenge to readers we'd love to hear from you.

... and the Local History Society

The opening meeting of the Society's new season begins on Tuesday, 18th September, 7.30pm at the Croft School. Paul Barnett will give a presentation on the fascinating subject of the Purton ships graveyard. Everyone is very welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Scam Warning - Energy Saving Device

Gloucestershire County Council Trading Standards are warning people about a scam where they are offered a plug-in energy saving device.

A person was contacted by phone by a salesperson offering the device. The caller claimed: that the simple plug-in device would save the customer 40% on their electricity bill and said to be working with the electricity board and in connection with a number of energy providers, and claimed to have contacts to take payment with major banks and claimed this product was a special offer for pensioners.

If you receive an unsolicited call from someone offering you an energy saving device, do not enter into any discussions, do not give the caller any information and do not agree to buy the device. Anyone who has already bought one of these devices can contact Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454.040506.

Walking Cleeve Common

Jo Angseesing took Field Club members through the Jurassic series of rocks laid down between 205 and 165 million years ago. As the North Atlantic began to open, stretching created a local rift valley and subsequent faulting. Starting with the cliffs below Cleeve Cloud, south of Cleeve Hill Youth Hostel, on 21st August, Joe distinguished the Lower Freestone and Pea Grit.

Walking back towards the Golf Club we encountered the Cleeve Hill Oolite with the 3B's: Bivalves, Brachiopods and Bryzoa. Rolling Bank Quarry illustrated a fault and an unconformity. Further up Joe pointed out that all wasn't as it appeared: Two separate, but nearby exposures, showed one strata which would have been expected to have been above the other, not below. Out of order? No; one side had been lifted up on one side of a fault. RIGs, now the Gloucestershire Geological Trust, had exposed sections which enabled Geologists, including Joe, to more accurately record what had happened, including the location of two faults which crossed over in this area.

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Skittle Alley Refurbishment

With the help of Manager, Jennie Barber, and her husband, Pete, the Trustees have completed a major refurbishment of the Painswick Centre's Skittle Alley: almost half the alley's wooden floor has been replaced,

to summarise all the activities available in the table here. If you want to discover more, please telephone the named contact(s).

If you want to run a class or workshop or start a club, please contact our Manager, Jennie Barber on 07769.182229 to discuss your requirements. The Painswick Centre offers affiliated status to regular hirers, the benefits of which include significant discounts, currently 50%, on room hire rates. We also consider offering discounts for one-off special events booked by local charity and community groups.

PAINSWICK CENTRE: WEEKLY CLUBS AND CLASSES					
Day	Time	Room	Class/Group	Contact	Contact Tel.
Mondays	9 - 10am & 10 - 11am	Cotswold Room	Pilates (2 classes)	Heidi Hardy	01453.731806
	3.45 - 5pm	Beacon Hall	Children's Karate 7yrs+	Jo Weatherall	813684
	7 - 8:30pm	Cotswold Room	Community Choir	Sophie Sterckx	01453.298138
	8 - 10pm	Beacon Hall	Badminton	John Wylde	814349
Tuesdays	2 - 4pm	Beacon Hall	Ladies Badminton	Margaret Wallace	812461
	6 - 8pm	Cotswold Room	Yoga	Kim Brockett	812623
Wednesdays	9:30 - 11am	Cotswold Room	Yoga	Kim Brockett	812623
	7 - 10pm	Cotswold Room	Bridge	David Harley	813150
	7 - 9pm	Beacon Hall	Table Tennis	David Linsell	812464
Thursdays	9:30 - 11am	Cotswold Room	Yoga	Kim Brockett	812623
	6:30 - 7:30pm	Beacon Hall	Junior Badminton	Nicola Robinson	812563
	8 - 10pm	Beacon Hall	Badminton	John Wylde	814349
Fridays	7 - 9pm	Beacon Hall	Salsa	Thomas Melendez	07766.083454

PAINSWICK CENTRE: FORTNIGHTLY, MONTHLY AND SEASONAL CLUBS AND CLASSES					
Day	Time	Room	Class/Group	Contact	Contact Tel.
Tuesdays, Monthly	1 - 4pm	Cotswold Room	Cupcakes For Carers	Pat Burrows	813326
Wednesdays, Fortnightly	10:00 - 12noon	Beacon Hall	Painswick Probus	Ian Eastwood	813977
Wednesdays, Monthly	2 - 4pm	Beacon Hall	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lectures	Jane Rowe	813228
Thursdays, Monthly	9:30am - 1pm	Beacon Hall	Painswick Area Decorative & Fine Arts Society (PADFAS)	Janet Keenan	01242.604658
Monthly & Seasonal	7.30 - 9.30pm	Green Room & Beacon Hall	Painswick Players Playreadings and Productions	Jean Burgess	812167

the entire length professionally re-surfaced, new carpet laid and the lighting much improved.

We welcome bookings for the skittle alley with its own licensed bar from clubs and groups, and from family and friends wishing to hold social skittle matches. The room can also be used for small parties because we can cover the alley with carpet. Bring your own buffet or order a buffet supper from local suppliers including Olivas

and JFK's. If you would like to see the facilities, please contact Jennie Barber on 07769.182229.

Jane Rowe

Faster broadband - continued from page 1.

Painswick exchange were still receiving speeds of 1.77 or 2.99Mbps from BT. A 0.44Mbps with plusnet or 1.21 with Virgin is hardly encouraging. One can only urge direct action by users, and insisting upon the latest wireless modem; it can make all the difference.

We wholeheartedly share the view expressed by Suzanne Hall-Gibbins, Director of Gloucestershire Chamber at Business West, who said: "I welcome this latest development which makes faster broadband available to thousands more businesses and homes across the county. This kind of investment by BT is vital for the continued growth and prosperity of Gloucestershire. In a fast-changing, increasingly competitive world, faster broadband is tremendously important for local businesses and for individuals wanting to develop their skills and education." Jon Reynolds, BT's South West regional director, said: "Faster broadband is touching the lives of everyone -

from small businesses and home-workers, to internet shoppers, students, families and online gaming enthusiasts - and transforming the way we do things, for the better. BT is committed to making the technology available to as many homes and businesses as possible, as quickly as possible".

Leslie Brotherton

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Flowers in Cyprus

After weeks of soggy, gloomy weather, which certainly did not encourage venturing out into our own gardens, Rosemary Westgate's talk on 'Wild Flowers of Cyprus', was particularly welcome.

Rosemary, a popular speaker amongst local WIs, is not only knowledgeable about wild flowers, but also enthusiastic about the various places that she and her husband (whose photographs accompanied the talk) visit. They have visited Cyprus several times and acquired background information on the geology and weather patterns of the island, and how these, in turn, affect its flora and vegetation. Most of the native plants start flowering in November, with the arrival of the rains, when in certain terrain suddenly plants appear out of what was apparently inhospitable dry, rough stone and rock, in addition to the more fertile areas, such as coastal cliffs, mountainsides and alongside streams.

Cyprus boasts a vast array of flowers and plants that are mostly unknown in Britain, although some are related to our native plants. Its climate is ideal for dozens of varieties of orchids for example. Others include a plant named Hairy Heliotrope, otherwise known as the chicken wire plant on account of its extraordinary resemblance to same, and countless other species which thrive on the varying landscape and natural conditions, truly a botanist's paradise, as well as an interesting and varied place to visit.

The WI's next meeting will be on 25th September, when there will be a presentation by Waitrose.

Maggie Drake



The Ravens remain



Many a Painswick Valley resident must have looked skyward on hearing a very loud, deep croak – not a flying pig but a Raven



The Raven is the largest member of the crow family, similar in size to a Buzzard, and about half as big again as Carrion Crows and Rooks. It is distinguished from the latter not only by its size – but by its stout bill, large head and long neck, giving it something of a cross-like appearance in flight. Shaggy feathers around the throat give it a bearded appearance.

Ravens prefer open, hilly country with woods, as well as cliffs and crags. The Painswick Valley, close to the Cotswold scarp, is an ideal location for them. Ravens pair for life, are resident year round, usually in the same location. They nest in a tall tree or on a rocky ledge. They are remarkably agile fliers, glide and soar, and are capable of all sorts of aerobatic tumbles, especially in the springtime before breeding.

We are fortunate in having the company of this uncommon and largest of all black birds in the U.K.

Bill Boydell 813094

Glorious Gloucestershire

It seems impossible, on a hot sunny afternoon in the middle of August, that I need to write about the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club's autumn series of lectures! So soon? Yes, as a consequence of the Beacon's publication dates and tight deadlines!



By the time you read this column, 60 Field Club members will have just returned from the club's six-day Long Excursion based at the Holiday Inn in the centre of Lincoln, a short walk from the city's outstanding cathedral and historic churches. Their programme included visits to the internationally important National Nature Reserve at Gibraltar Point and the only surviving 8-sailed windmill in the country at Heckington Mill, together with the finest of Lincolnshire's historic houses and gardens, including the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton.

However, we can all be reminded of our own county's treasures on Wednesday 3rd October when Angela Panrucker will give an illustrated talk on 'Glorious Gloucestershire' at 2:30pm in the Beacon Hall, at The Painswick Centre.

Jane Rowe 813228

Don't go for looks, they can deceive. Don't go for wealth, even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.

The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Care Home's detailed planning application is approved. The next stage for Richmond Care will be the detailed architectural and engineering designs so that the building contract can be formulated.

A happy day for the Painswick Show. This year the show was being held again at Painswick House following last year's enforced cancellation. Despite heavy rain on the Friday the show went ahead but this year on the new one-day format instead of two.

20 years ago

"Down your way", the radio programme, recently visited the Rococo Garden and Painswick Abbey on their journey down the Cotswold Way.

Autumn recreational classes recommence with china restoration and china painting in the Library and Creative Dressmaking in the Church rooms.

30 years ago

Painswick had been awarded an "Ironwork Sculpture" following success in the Footpaths Heritage competition which the village had entered for the first time.

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Table art

Clare Harris, who is Managing Director of Talking Tables, contacted the Beacon with her 'take' on the Art Couture weekend. This out-village view may interest some readers.

"I live locally in Edge and also run a business that operates both in London and from our home-office in Edge. Our product is sold locally and nationwide by small and nation-wide stores.

We are in the creative field and were able to help support the Art Couture festival in a small way. I personally wanted to be involved because I was so impressed and inspired by visiting the 2011 event.

The ACP festival in Painswick is a rare gem. It shows the village in a uniquely creative and dynamic way. It turns a village, that could be viewed as a rather sleepy Cotswold village for the elderly and families, into something that is fit for anything that the UK can offer. It feels like a touch of creative London comes to the most pretty setting of Painswick. The backdrop of the church is particularly wonderful. The costumes and setting makes a truly magic mix.

Furthermore it showed the local businesses in a great light (e.g. Olivas Deli; The Falcon; Cotswold 88). They raised their game and offered extra hospitality. We were delighted to host guests at the mini music festival on the Saturday night.

I met lots of families (local, from Stroud, from Cheltenham) all who had a wonderful and enjoyable day on July 15th.

I spoke to a couple of young lads (from Marling school) who had created costumes for their sisters and who had clearly put masses of work into the costumes to beautiful effect. This reflected well on the kids but also the local community. I also spoke to primary school children from the local primary school who had made hats to join in and were clearly very proud.

I really hope, as a member of the community, that the event can grow and build.

It offers opportunity to put Painswick on the map at a local and national level. Many people enjoyed being sponsors or volunteers.

It also offers ways to build the event and build even greater ways to involve the community as part of the fashion show even more.

I am sure it may inspire some local youngsters to develop careers in the UK national strength of the creative industries.

It is the highlight of my local calendar."

Notes from the MP

Flooding

Many residents have been concerned about flooding and, with the 2007 floods still very much in focus, it is right that the agencies responsible for tidal, inland and surface water management are being robustly monitored by local people. Several aspects of flood risk are on the table. Obviously, the future of the Severn Estuary defences are subject to intense debate and I have already ensured that proper consultation of local residents and businesses takes place before any final decisions are made.

I would be interested to hear your views about the threat of flooding and the risks involved. The Stroud area has over 5000 houses within flood areas so we must be alert to the public policy issues behind strategies and apportionment of public money.

Neighbourhood Planning

I have been a strong proponent of local decision making in planning. The Coalition Government has paved the way for active and involved local people to shape their environment. The key tool is the neighbourhood plan and I hope many will be drawn up during the next few years.

As a contribution to this process, I established a "Canal Forum" as a body to provoke and support debate about the development issues of the areas alongside the soon to be restored canal. The latest step has been to establish a Neighbourhood Planning mechanism to give local people a voice and, crucially, to be a catalyst for the generation of a vision for the canal's future.

Broadband

As many of you already know, I have been campaigning for improved broadband provision across the District. To my mind, easy access to the internet means improved connectivity for elderly people, better prospects for business especially 'work at home' small businesses and increased utilisation of traditional buildings and village infrastructure.

Already, several parts of the District have benefitted from increased investment in broadband connections but, to achieve more comprehensive coverage, we need to demonstrate the demand for the services.

If you would like to discuss the issues raised above, please contact me on 01453.751572 or visit my website – www.neilcarmichael.co.uk.

Neil Carmichael

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Karen would like to thank all who completed the campaign post card on this subject and which she has now delivered personally to the local MP.

One service which is very much in the balance is travel insurance. Unfortunately, due to poor sales at our Post Office this insurance is now under review and we may lose it and the potential revenue. There will be an update with any developments.

However, all is not doom and gloom. The dry cleaning service has taken off well, and in the next few weeks Painswick Post Office will be providing the

Lottery. It is to be hoped that both will prove to be very successful.

Finally, we have a new face behind the counter. Helen Gardner has joined Karen and Jillie in the Post Office and Karen wishes to thank you the customers for your patience during the training period. As she points out, there is a great deal involved but Helen has grasped the many and various aspects of services and products in a relatively short space of time.

Our Post Office provides so many useful services and products right here on the doorstep so to speak, and with the added bonus of a very professional and personable post mistress together with her excellent assistants. We are indeed fortunate but your custom is critical – do please continue to support our Post Office.

Carol Maxwell

Ever helpful. Ever polite. Seemingly a firm fixture on the Painswick scene.

But, the reality is that the future of post offices such as ours is far from secure. This while the solution lies in our own hands.

Be assured, if it is not used, and used to the maximum, it is highly likely to be uneconomic to prosper, and close sooner rather than later. Ed.

Guest speakers available

Marie Curie Cancer Care in Gloucestershire has speakers available who are eager to come and talk about the work of the charity and local Marie Curie Nurses.

If you are a member of a club, group or society please mention at your next meeting that we would be delighted to come and visit.

We understand that spaces at meetings for speakers are booked up quickly but do please contact us if you have a cancellation or for the following year's agenda.

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Painswick Arts Festival Exhibitions

As autumn creeps in, and the seasonal change of activity in Painswick resumes its seasonal activity, mostly indoors, one cannot help but reflect upon the wealth of dazzling exhibitions our visitors could appreciate, alongside ourselves in this talented village in 2012.

The Beacon played its part in publishing those which effectively overwhelmed the village such as the Art Couture, but omitted none to which our attention was drawn back in July (*page 16*).

While the weather has done little to lift our spirits, exhibitors have. We regret that we cannot reprise them all, but selected but one to typify placement of talent before the public - an essential component if art is to have any relevance. Here Alan Shearer stands before one of his paintings, just hung with obvious and justifiable pride.



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Clypping

Jayne Knowles Smith, from Pullens Road, suggests:

It was nice to see so many people turn out for recent events such as the Olympic Torch and the Arts Festival. Painswick came alive.

In September there is another event. Painswick Clypping that has been going on for many years, however the numbers have dropped drastically. How about this year people show just what the town means to them other than a school for their child, or some elaborate festival. It would be fantastic if the Clypping had as much support from locals. Families over the years have returned to take part.

Lets show Painswick what we can do and bring this much loved day back to life.

Lunatics?

Stephen Friar enquires:

CCTV cameras following our every move?
Vigilantes hounding us with speed guns?
Firework displays in the churchyard?
Recycling centres in residential areas?

The lunatics appear to be taking over the Painswick asylum!

(The Beacon would, of course, welcome responses of similar brevity to publish here. How else might one catch drivers at 60mph jumping the traffic lights? And so on. Ed.)

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Jubilee in Gyde Road

They may not have been in the public eye, or brought to the Beacon's attention in advance, but the Jubilee was celebrated fairly calmly in the almshouse community none the less.

As Joan Scraysbrook, the Warden, tells us, they set about things in their own way. "I arranged a party for my Almshouse residents to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June.



It was a very wet weekend so determined not to let the weather beat us we erected three gazebos and decorated them with bunting, flags and balloons. As it happened we chose the best day of the weekend - fine and sunny.

We collected garden chairs and tables from all our cottages. I made a buffet lunch for us all which was kindly funded by our Parish Council. Wine and soft drinks were supplied by neighbours, as was a huge dish of strawberries.

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and cannot wait for our next get together."

Police reports

A message from PCSO C Drewett to a Neighbourhood Watch contact reads, almost verbatim: "On Monday 23rd July, a member of public was rang at home, with the caller asking about their illness, and was informed that someone would visit them the following day. On Wednesday 25th July the person suffering an illness was visited at their home by a male reporting to be from a medical company, wearing an ID Card but refused to show it. The person calling knew the home owners name and was aware of their illness and was allowed entry into their property accompanied - it is believed no items were taken. The person calling at the house left in a black car, parked in Gloucester Road - no further detail of car known. It is requested that members of the public should remain vigilant when giving information on the telephone or when somebody calls at their property. Any suspicious persons/vehicles seen should be reported to the Police on 101, preferably quoting incident 303:25:07:12"



Another reads: "During the morning of Friday 20th July a burglary took place at Stamages Lane, this by breaking glass in a front door and entering the property. Unknown persons gained entry to the dwelling and took items of jewellery. It is requested that any suspicious persons/vehicles seen or noise heard in Stamages Lane during this period be reported quoting incident 192:20:07:12

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Emerging Church

Some 14 months ago Rev Roger Leigh began a new project in Painswick on behalf the West of England Baptist Association (WEBA). Roger, previously on the staff of a local Baptist church but now the Missional Director for a Christian charity called Cutting Edge Ministries, was commissioned to initiate a church similar to those elsewhere which have become known as "Emerging Churches" or "Fresh Expressions". With many years' experience in developing bridges between churches and their neighbours within several parts of the UK, he gladly accepted the challenge.

Roger's vision for Church has always been more about relationships and community rather than performance of religious practices. He reminds us that Jesus' example and teaching directed his followers to function on two fronts. Not only should their words lead to greater spiritual understanding, but there should be



a practical outworking within meaningful relationships with others. The challenge for today's Church is to adopt ways of fulfilling this dual mandate which are culturally relevant, both revealing Christian truth and giving sacrificial service. Roger believes this is best achieved through small groups of no more than twelve people, meeting fairly regularly in local homes for about two hours at a time.

During the past year, under the WEBA banner, a group from Painswick has been meeting every two weeks on a Monday evening between 7.30 and 9.30pm. It is still very much in the development stage but Roger is very encouraged by the response he has received from the Painswick community.

If you would like to experience or have further information concerning this initiative, then simply phone Roger on 01452.536325. He would be glad to speak with you.

Painswick in Bloom

The judging for Painswick in Bloom has now taken place. As last year, our judge was Jayne Morriss, an exhibitor at Chelsea Flower Show.

In spite of the poor weather this year, there were some excellent floral displays around the village.

The results are as follows, with pictures of presentations by Philip Berry on page 1:

Private Section

- 1st *The Corner Cottage*
- 2nd *Golden Heart Cottage, Tibbiwell*
- 3rd *2, The Bungalows, Ashwell*

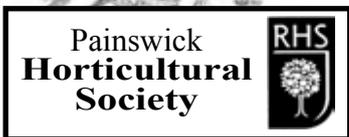
Special mention goes to The Old Bakery and Troy House, Bed and Breakfast.

Rosie and Jack Smith were presented with the Horticultural Society Silver Tray.

Business Section

- 1st *The Hairdressers*
- 2nd *Murrays Estate Agency*
- 3rd *The Town Hall*

David Winstone-Ursell was presented with the Horticultural Society Silver Tray.



Witchcraft novel

The Beacon has received this plea from the States:

"Hello,

I am writing from Rhode Island, USA, as the author of a recently published book of historical fiction based on an ancestor of mine who was accused of witchcraft in 1674. I am looking for ways to publicize the book in Painswick, the probable ancestral home of my characters who migrated from Painswick to New England in the 1630s. 'My Enemy's Tears: The Witch of Northampton' opens in 17th century Painswick and locals may enjoy knowing about the book.

My problem is that I don't know if the book is available to UK readers yet. I am going to try and find out if it can be ordered on UK Amazon.com. If so, I would like to advertise the book in your newsletter/paper. I would also be happy to send a copy of the book to someone on your staff."

Karen Vorbeck Williams karenvw@verizon.net

We are pleased to assure Karen that the book is indeed on Amazon in both Kindle and hard copy.

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David Linsell 812464

Rugby

The Mini and Junior rugby season officially kicks off this weekend on the 2nd September. This promises to be a very successful year with increased numbers across all ages following the success in the junior county cups and festivals last year. There are RFU qualified coaches at all age groups (U6 – U17) with either training or fixtures organised against local sides each week. This year Painswick has been chosen as the host for the Gloucestershire U7's FunDay on September 23rd when all clubs in the county will send their U7's for an introduction to the game and some light competition.

If you would like to give the game a try then just turn up on the 2nd September for an introduction and a bacon butty. There is further information on the website, www.painswickrfc.co.uk or you can phone Chris Hall on 07977.176606.

Golf Club

The last month saw the completion of the Seniors' (over 55) Centenary Cup. This competition is over three rounds, with the aggregate score for the best two rounds counting. The eventual winner was Nigel Barnett, who had an excellent third round score of 64 (net) to win the competition with a total score of 131. And in early August, the seniors' Deva Cup competition was held. This is a greensome competition – played in teams of two with each team member taking alternate shots. The winners with an aggregate score of 44 were Roy Henderson and Phil Taylor. Congratulations to all the winners.

In addition, there have been four Seniors' matches – friendly games against other clubs. These were most enjoyable occasions when one plays in pairs (with typically six or seven pairs each side) in a relaxed atmosphere followed by drinks and a meal afterwards. This month recorded only one win, but the challenges of other courses were much enjoyed!

Painswick Golf Club welcomes new members or people looking to play the course. If you would like to try the course, please get in touch with our professional - Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) - or Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.

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Tennis

The summer Gloucestershire league is just finishing with a struggle to get the matches completed owing to the rain.

The ladies had a successful season with the A team coming second in the Premier division and the B team staying in the Premier for another year. The C, E, and F teams all remain in their respective divisions of 1st, 3rd and 5th divisions.

Unfortunately the D team will go down to the 3rd division after a battle to stay in division 2 where they have been for many years.

The men's teams had mixed fortunes, with the A team relegated down from the premier to the first division for the first time in many years, and the B team relegated from the first to the second division. The remaining 4 teams all remain in their respective divisions for next season.

The annual handicap tournament was due to be completed at the end of August to be followed by the main club tournament in September.

A few tickets are still available for the **Anniversary Ball** on 15th September in a marquee at Broadham fields....tickets from Joan Griffiths 812804.

Cricket

The wet summer has continued to frustrate cricket teams across the county. Saturday 18th August brought another blank day with none of the Painswick teams being able to play. The season reaches its conclusion today when the first eleven are at home to Cheltenham. Painswick will be hoping to repeat their early achievement in the league programme when on May 5th they defeated the Cheltenham first eleven at the Spa Town's ground. On the same day the second eleven are away to Cinderford St John. We hope to carry a full report of the league season in the October edition.

August results

Sat 4th. Swindon (Wilts) 1st XI 163-9 Painswick 1st XI 165-6.
Painswick 2nd XI 200 all out (B Neville 95) Tewkesbury 2nd XI 111-7 (Painswick won in a reduced overs match).

Sat 11th. Trowbridge 1st XI 276-5 Painswick 1st XI 270-9 (E Evans 44).
Lechlade 2nd XI 108 all out Painswick 2nd XI 109-0 (N Marment 49* G Ayland 38*).

Leonard Stanley 1st XI 122 all out (S Hewitt 5-19) Painswick 3rd XI 124-4 (S Hewitt 57).

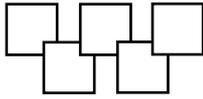
Painswick 4th XI 169-6 (O Hall 44 A Bebbler 48*) Woodchester 2nd XI 173-8.

Sun 19th. Painswick 164-8 Ampney Crucis 141 all out.

The thunderstorms that hit the county on the afternoon of Saturday 25th August meant that Painswick's three matches had to be abandoned with only one innings possible in each match. However in Painswick third eleven's game against Uley first eleven there was time for leg spinner Noel French to record the exceptional figures of 5 wickets for just six runs.

Olympic impact

Without exception, reports upon the Olympics throughout Painswick have exuded the highest praise for the athletes, the organisers and the vast number of volunteers who made the 2012 spectacle so uplifting and memorable. It was quite extraordinary that village streets were, at times, completely deserted whilst televisions were attentively the focus of just about everyone for two whole weeks.



- and local planning

The Beacon understands that a number of options are under active consideration (somewhere) for additions to the range of sporting skills which may be tested first in a Painswick trial next February, prior to inclusion for worldwide competition in the 2024 Olympics in Clacton.

Not ranked in (our) order of seriousness we can exclusively reveal that the following are already before the IOC:

- Banking
- Bottle opening (cork)
- Cheese rolling
- Commentating
- Darning
- Dog walking
- Draughts (or Ludo)
- Editing local newspapers
- Eye makeup
- Finger printing
- Handwriting
- Knitting
- Lawn edging
- Lopping
- Marbles
- Mousing
- Nail painting
- Needle threading
- Origami
- Pencil sharpening

- Police beat spotting
- Recycling
- Rotavating
- Stamp collecting
- Synchronised hairdressing
- Texting
- Tiddly-winks
- Tree felling
- Tin opening
- Train spotting
- Watching (gloss) paint dry
- Winking

All Members of a local council over the age of 31 have formed a working party designated International Decathlon Inter-Organisation Test Sampling to prepare the Recreation Field and what's left of the Stamages car park for this major experiment. Expectations are that media attention could exceed that of Art Couture, and that dogs will be denied access to the field if not as participants.

Additions to this list unwelcome.

Ed.

Learning Bridge

by playing in Sheepscombe

I ran a basic introduction to bridge in February and March at the Butcher's Arms. Eight people turned up and the 'taster' became a short course. Some people would like to continue bridge in September, initially by playing and consolidating the basics covered so far. I think we could ideally add a few more people so I wonder if you or friends may be interested. This will be supervised play with tutoring so there will be a charge.

The sessions could be suitable for anyone who knows a little bridge and wants practice with discussion. Whist players who can pick things up fast may also want to give it a go (I can do a separate 'catch-up' session), my target is to see people able to enjoy playing 7-8 hands (or more) in 2 hours. We start mid-September with two options on timing, either Monday evening at pub 7.30-9.15 or a morning or afternoon session in Sheepscombe village hall, to include a cuppa/biscuit as long as I don't wash up.

Please get in touch to know more. If Sheepscombe does not suit then there are several other courses running locally and if interested I have details.

Hugh Tarran 814081 h.tarran@tiscali.co.uk

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

The new season starts on Thursday 13th September and then on alternate Thursdays starting promptly at 7.10pm in the Village Hall.

We are always pleased to see new players so if you need to know more do telephone Hugh Tarran (see above) or myself on 01452.812588.

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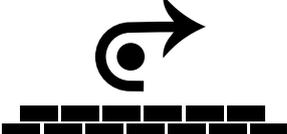
Last year £10,079,153 was raised nationwide by people holding Macmillan Coffee Mornings, giving support to people who are affected by cancer, their families and carers.

Here in Painswick we held one such coffee morning in the Church Rooms and raised £435 through the generosity of villagers and visitors.

Encouraged by this we are holding another coffee morning, this year on Friday 28th September 10.30 - 1.00pm.

After you have visited the Country Market do stroll across and enjoy a coffee and cake and company with us in the Church Rooms.

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Painswick Arts Festival Exhibitions

We usually associate exhibitions with indoors; whether these be halls or skittle alleys. But in recent times Painswick has been the location for sculpture to be viewed outside, set in parts of our wonderful environment.

As our second example of such initiative we focus here on but some of the moving pieces of artistry displayed in that gem of a place, the Rococo Garden. For those who missed this opportunity, or yielded to inertia, we can only say you missed a truly remarkable display, sensitively laid out to exploit that wonderful place, and you will have to wait until 2013 for the next chance.



PROPERTY REPORT for August from Murrays

Despite the wet summer and the excitement of the Olympics there has still been a buzz within the property market over the past couple of months.

The summer months are usually a very quiet period in the year for selling houses as people are on holiday and busy doing other things rather than thinking of buying and selling, however we have maintained the momentum both in sales and rentals and are positive that come September there will be a big surge in the property market. Historically this is always a good time of year to both put your house on the market and also to look for new properties as everyone is back to work, the kids are back at school and if you are looking to buy then this is the time to do it if you want to be in by Christmas! We are continually

on the look out for more property so if you are looking to move this year then please do not hesitate to contact us for a free valuation on 01452814655.

We have continued to take on many more properties including Dial Tryst a beautifully renovated 3 bed cottage in Vicarage Street with lovely views, Flax Cottage a very well presented 3 bed cottage also in Vicarage Street, 18 Gyde House, a very smart 2 bed with its own courtyard in a converted chapel within Gyde House, 8 White Horse lane a 3 bed end of terrace with panoramic views, Byways a detached 4 bed family house set high up on Coppers Hill with panoramic views as far as Wales, Greyholme a very smart detached 4 bed family house in Pitchcombe (already under offer) Tythe

End a well presented 3 bed converted barn in Bisley, 2 George Street a lovely 4 bed terraced house also in the centre of Bisley and 1 Springfield Cottages a beautifully presented 2 bed cottage in Birdlip.

Properties and land that we now have under offer in and around Painswick are Holcombe Farm and land in Holcombe near Painswick, Tilling on Kingsmill Lane, 16.5 acres of equestrian land off Yokehouse Lane in Painswick, Pheasant Field in Cranham, 7 Church Close also in Cranham, 4 Vatch Cottages in The Vatch Slad, 4 Ashgrove Cottages in Ruscombe and Greyholme in Pitchcombe. Properties that have now sold are The Old Star on New Street in Painswick, 2 Foxbury Cottages in Sheepscombe and Turnpike House in Slad.

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SEPTEMBER

Mon	3	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138) Painswick Singers rehearsals start: New members welcome	Painswick Centre Church Rooms	7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30pm
Tue	4	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139 Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Garden Rosemoor, Devon	Ashwell House Stamages Car Park	6.30 to 9.00pm 9.00am
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Silent Listener - An Authorised Account of The Falklands War - David Thorp	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
Thu	6	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - coffee available - Fridays Salsa Classes - Fridays. Info. Tel: 01242 708067	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am 8.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	13	Painswick Players AGM	Cotswold Rm, P. Centre	7.30pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: Painting on Silk - Gill Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: Purton ships' graveyard - Paul Barnett	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Table Tennis Re-starts - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Probus: Club Outing to Black Country Museum Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall	7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	20	Music Appreciation: Introduction to 25th Season	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	22	Copy Date for October Beacon Theatre Club outing to Stratford	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sun	23	Charity event for the Lymphoma Association to support people with Lymph Cancer: All welcome Clypping Service	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St Mary's Churchyard	2.00 to 5.00pm 3.00pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees W.I.: Presentation by Waitrose	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	28	Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning Friday Club: Through the Decades - David Archard Rod Stewart Tribute Night Salsa: Live and Latin - Band & Latin American Supper: £10 in advance or £12 at door (Tel: 01242 708067)	Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Golf Club Painswick Centre	10.30am to 1.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm to 1.00am
Sun	30	Big Apple Day: communal apple pressing, music, food, drinks. Enq. 812879 outside Church Rooms (inside if wet)	St Mary's Churchyard	12.30 to 4.00pm

OCTOBER

Mon	1	Community Lunch - Hosts: Country Market	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Probus: Two French Engineers & Me: Early Motor Cars - Trevor Picken Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Glorious Gloucestershire - Angela Panrucker	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	4	Music Appreciation: Record collection of an eccentric	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	6	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Painswick Music Society AGM: Recital & Social Evening	Church Rooms Church Rooms	7.00pm 10.30 for 11.00am
Mon	8	Women's Probus Inaugural Meeting Community Lunch - Hosts: St Mary's Church	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Fri	12	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Dobbies & Cirencester Museum		
Mon	15	Community Lunch - Hosts: Croft Primary School	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: History of English Bellingring - Steve Coleman	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: History of the English Torpedo - David Brand	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Mon	22	Community Lunch - Hosts: Probus Ladies	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
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 Mad Hatter's Charity Tea Party - hosted by Joanna Longuet-Higgins in aid of a hospital in Zaria, Nigeria	Town Hall Painswick Rugby Club	2.30pm

Sat	27	Painswick Singers Diamond Jubilee Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	29	Community Lunch - Hosts: Dog Training Group	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	30	Painswick Players Playreading "The Mousetrap" - new faces especially welcome	P. Centre, Green Room	7.30pm
Wed	31	Probus: Behind the scenes with a TV. Caterer - Richard Kendrick	Painswick Centre	10.00am

NOVEMBER

Thu	1	Music Appreciation: Arnold Bax	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	3	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12noon
Mon	5	Women's Probus Talk Community Lunch - Hosts: Puffins	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.30 for 11.00am 12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Bletchley Park - Sir Francis Richards. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club AGM (1.45pm) followed by talk: Birds & Wildfowl at Dowdeswell Reservoir - Arthur Bell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	12	Community Lunch - Hosts: Conservation Society	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	14	Probus: Peoples of the Stroud Valleys 100 years ago - Howard Beard	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	15	Music Appreciation: Juxtapositions in music	Town Hall	7.30pm
Mon	19	Community Lunch - Hosts: Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Roman Medicus - J. Putley	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	22	Joint meeting with Glos. Naturalists' Soc. & Bird Club - 'Beneath the Dark Canopy' - Michael Leach	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: Ideas for Christmas Cakes - Chris West	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	26	Women's Probus: Christmas Theme Cookery Demonstration Community Lunch - Hosts: Christian Aid	Waitrose, Cheltenham Ashwell Centre	11.00am 12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI: Heavenly Light - A Look at Stained Glass Richard Cann (followed by AGM)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Royal Flying Corps. - James Tabor	Painswick Centre	10.00am

DECEMBER

Sat	1	Fairgame Productions present Hansel & Gretel - Musical Theatre for the family. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.00pm
Mon	3	Community Lunch - Hosts: Terry & John Rohrbeck	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Norway & Lofoten Islands - Dr Tim Stenning Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Tue	11	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Club Christmas Dinner		

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DOWNTON HOUSE, 16 Gloucester Street. Yew Tree – trim the underskirt to leave it level.
THE COACH HOUSE, Tocknells House Minor amendments to Listed Building Consents S.11/0803/LBC & S.12/0485/LBC
RECREATION COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad. Alteration to existing bedroom to form en-suite shower room and installation of waste pipes to external drain.
CAROUSEL, Slad Road. Replacement dwelling and associated works.
2 FOXBURY COTTAGES, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Fell 2 conifer trees and prune back apple tree.
DOVER HOUSE, Vicarage Street. New external door and minor internal alterations to provide study, kitchen and dining area.
CROFT HOUSE, Gloucester Street. Fell 4 trees and remove braches etc from 4 other trees.
RICHMOND HOUSE, Stroud Road. Erection of sign Board to promote the care home and provide information.
WASHWELL FARM, Cheltenham Road. Extensions to existing agricultural barn.

CONSENT

ROCOCO GARDEN, Painswick House, Gloucester Road. Construction of new

News from Chloe

Chloe McCarthy's beauty business, Revive, which is based at the Three Gables practice in Painswick, has for many years now been very well supported by its Painswick clients. Chloe's latest news is that she is expecting a baby, due on Christmas Day. Naturally she is excited about this but she is also keen to explain that she will be taking maternity leave in December and returning at the beginning of April. Her hours at Three Gables will be Tuesdays 9.00am-5.00pm, Thursdays 9.30am-7.00pm and one Saturday per month.

Chloe is also anxious to point out that a new hair and limited treatment beauty salon has recently opened in Stroud, trading under the name Revive and this seems to have caused some confusion amongst many of her clients. Chloe has not moved premises, she is still running her business in Painswick and this new Stroud salon is a separate enterprise from hers.

Carol Maxwell

visitor centre and associated landscape works, re-siting of machinery store, construction of new staff building and replacement glasshouse.
KINGSMILL LANE COTTAGE, Kings Mill Lane. Demolition of existing rear porch and construction of new rear porch.
THE LAURELS, Sheepscombe. Erection of extension to property, replacement porch and garage.
THE MALT HOUSE, Wick Street. Reinstatement of fire damage, making safe beams, lintels and general arrangements.
MELROSE COTTAGE, Cheltenham Road. Single storey rear extension.
DOWNTON HOUSE, 16 Gloucester Street. Yew Tree – trim the underskirt to leave it level.

REFUSAL

WHYTEWALL END, Stamages Lane. Insertion of 4no. dormer windows to replace 4no approved rooflights.

APEALS

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street. Proposed extension to existing balcony and remove existing flat roof canopy area.
TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane. Strip plain concrete tiles and recover with reconstituted stone slates to the main house and outbuildings.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of BARBARA ELSTON who died peacefully at Richmond on 27th July. Barbara was diagnosed with Mesothelioma, a lung cancer caused by asbestos, probably resulting from her early years in Leeds where she lived near an asbestos factory. Her family would like to thank the nursing team at Richmond and all her lovely friends and neighbours who visited her during her illness and to all who attended her funeral on 6th August at St Mary's Church. She leaves a son Christopher, his wife Linda and their two daughters Claire and Rachel;

also to the family and friends of STAN MILES, previously of Hillfoot Cottage, and widely known and respected for his gardening help to many before his retirement to Scotland;

and to the family and friends of FRANCES WARREN of 11 Hyett Orchard who died on 16th August.

Farewell

We say farewell to CHARLES and ANNE DORMAN who are leaving Painswick and moving to Lancashire. Charles was for several years a stalwart on the Beacon Team especially helping to organize the yearly Quiz.

Also to Rev PETER MINALL and JEAN who have moved to 29 Queen Ann's Court, Bristol Road, Quedgely.

Welcome Back

A group of her friends met for drinks at the Falcon to welcome JENNIFER OSBORNE (formerly Jennifer Young) back to Painswick on a visit from her home in Adelaide, Australia. Jennifer who is the cousin of David Archard lived in

David Nott and 'The Falcon'

Through your publication The Falcon would like to thank Painswick for their support during a very difficult period for everyone connected with the Hotel, the messages of condolence to Vivienne and Family and those to the staff have been well received and is a measure of how well liked David had become in the town in such a short period of time.

On a personal note I would like to thank the staff who have continued to give their all to The Falcon, to continue with the work ethic and ideals that David set, we will continue as a team to provide the best hospitality we possibly can at The Falcon for all locals and visitors to Painswick.

With the final goodbye being said on Friday 3rd August it was such a pleasure to see so many at The Falcon, I am sure David would have been so proud, and yet disappointed that he missed a great party.

I and the Team look forward to welcoming you all to The Falcon. Kind regards

Neil John

Animal service

The St.Mary's "Grapevine" weekly news sheet reports that on Sunday 9th September at 4.00pm, the Annual Animal Service will take place at St. Laurence Church, Stroud. Guest Speaker Revd. Michael Noah.

All welcome, people and animals!

Painswick for many years. David and his sister Daphne, David Ryland, Kay Smith and Jenny Gaugain all spent an enjoyable hour reminiscing about old Painswick!

Congratulations

Congratulations to FELIX GILDING a pupil at Marling School and Jenny Gaugain's grandson who has gained two A's and an A* in his A levels and is off to Merton College, Oxford to read History in October;

also to MEGAN BOWEN (granddaughter of Ann Daniels); Megan has qualified as a Social Worker and is now working in Cheltenham General Hospital.

Personal messages

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The family of FRANCES WARREN express their many thanks to the District Nursing Staff, friends and neighbours for their concern and kindness before her death at home on 16th August.

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

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