

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Save our Guides!!

For over five exciting and enjoyable years Julia Mundell, supported by Debra Pickin, has led the Painswick Guides. However, due to work and family commitments they can no longer continue. They both strongly believe that Guiding is an important part of Painswick village life and they are appealing - here - for someone to step in and 'Save the Guides'.

Activities can be as varied as a New Leader wishes to make them and there are opportunities each year to join other Guide packs on both local and regional events.

If you also feel strongly that Painswick should not lose its Guides and are interested to find out more please call Julia on 814748. She is very happy to support someone through a handover phase if required, but it is her intention that a new Leader will take over as from September this year.



Here we show them presenting a cheque to Acorn Children's Hospice for £138.



## A Cri de Coeur

### Ashwell Day Centre

It is the old story, but those who already do so much for this once-weekly day centre are increasingly aware, that they do need more help. Monica Ireland explained matters to the Beacon.

"As you probably know, the Day Centre is held every Wednesday from 10.00am until 3.00pm. During that time members have coffee, do some exercises, drink sherry, eat lunch, enjoy activities and, lastly, take tea about 2.45pm. The Centre offers an opportunity for members who live alone and are often housebound to get out and chat with friends.



The day is split into two sessions and helpers work on a rota basis. If you can spare a morning or afternoon once or twice a month, please seriously think of joining us. No experience is necessary. Why don't you come along on any Wednesday and see us in action for yourself? Please could you telephone first - either Anne Kenber on 813259 or myself on 813019 - and we will look out for you."

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## London Marathon

Last month we reported upon two local entrants for last Sunday's London Marathon. Both finished the gruelling course, among 35,747 who set off from Greenwich. As we went to press the official web site told us everything.

Grandmother Jennifer Price, from Edge, finished in a remarkable position, 7244th in 5 hours 8 minutes 5 seconds, a truly distinguished achievement four days short of her 60th birthday; in 176th place in her age group.

'Marathon man' Michael Stevenson, of Stockend - Edge - was running his third London Marathon, this time as a veteran, over 40. His time was 3 hours 30 minutes and 9 seconds, placing him 3659 in the field.

Many, the Beacon included, congratulate them and trust that by the time they read this, six days later, they have fully recovered!

**On other pages this month - traffic flow changes for the village, WW2 information request, yews sold out, exotic coach trips, the gas light flickered, ladies wanted at night, Christian Aid planning, music season ending, sign competition.**



**PLANNING**

**Planning applications**

Stroud District Councillor Barbara Tait opened the meeting with a question "What happens when the Parish Council opposes a planning officer's recommendation?" The answer is – the application passes to SDC's DCC (Development and Control Committee) which results in a time delay and often failure by SDC to meet government targets and, potentially, not receive government grants. Government targets require 60% of Major applications to be determined within 13 weeks, 65% of Minor ones within 8 weeks and 80% of householder and other applications within 8 weeks. The majority of applications passed to the DCC miss these targets. Both Terry Parker and Mike Kerton forcefully argued that the right to oppose was a fundamental part of democracy and that SDC should not be penalised for allowing people to have their say. SDC is looking at ways of speeding up the planning application process and is keen for input from residents.

**"Retrospective" Applications**

David Hudson reported that until recently planning applications which had been made retrospectively had the word "Retrospective" on the document. The word was missing on the most recent applications. SDC will restore its use.

**Planning Procedure**

Planning applications are circulated to Parish Councillors in sequence, this preventing councillors having the opportunity to consult amongst themselves. Terry Parker proposed that Councillors should meet once they had all seen the applications to discuss any issues. The Chairman, David Hudson, pointed out that PPC had 10 to 14 days to respond to applications. The meeting approved the new arrangement.

**Shetland Shop – change of use**

The Council has received a letter from the purchaser's solicitor indicating that an application of change of use to residential will be made. The Chairman said the Council would comment once it had seen the planning application but that, in general, the Council opposed any change of use, especially commercial/retail to

residential, not wanting to lose any more shops in the village.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Gyde Field Allotments**

A group of about 20 members of the public, who oppose the proposed Gyde field allotments, attended the meeting, pictured outside the Slad Church venue. They were welcomed by the Chairman and invited



to make their presentation. David Batty and Philip Rowlands presented a report on the reasons why Gyde field is not considered suitable. David Batty said that the allotments would detract visually and go against conservation guidelines. He passed round a photo of Gyde field taken from the A46 with Gyde House in the background and with allotments superimposed on the field. Philip Rowlands of Gyde Barn then spoke about the problem of flooding and drainage. Previous owners of his property had installed a gully and drainpipe to a well which just coped with surface water run off from the field. He argued the need for Flood Risk and Environmental Impact assessments and expressed his concern about possible soil erosion and chemical contamination. David Batty then said residents feared that Hoyland House Surgery's car park and toilets would be abused, the view from the surgery's waiting room would be adversely affected, access for emergency vehicles would be restricted, traffic flow, noise and pollution would increase, privacy and security would be reduced and access to Gyde field is by a blind entrance.

The presentation was followed by a vigorous discussion. The opponents to the allotments stated that whilst not against allotments in principle, they stressed

again that the Gyde field was an inappropriate location and that their main concern was for the long term protection of the field. The meeting was asked by Peter Drinkwater whether PPC had considered locations outside the parish and he feared that the PPC would ignore the strongly held views of the opponents, both present at the meeting and in the wider community, against locating allotments in Gyde field.

The Chairman, Terry Parker, responded that PPC had not yet decided on whether to proceed with the allotments in Gyde field. In thanking David Batty and Philip Rowlands, he assured them that the points made in the presentation and the ensuing discussion would be considered by the Council.

Most members of the public chose to leave at this point and the meeting moved to the first item of the Matters Arising agenda – allotments. The Chairman confirmed that no formal agreement had been reached with the Gyde trustees. He then read out a letter from Peter Bradshaw which discounted most of the objections in the presentation by David Batty and Philip Rowlands. Ann Daniels stressed that the Gyde field is agricultural land and any livestock normally found on such land could be placed in the field. Martin Slinger, David Hudson and Mike Kerton all supported a suggestion that the councillors needed more time to study the issues and that the Council should consider the scheme at a later date. This was agreed.

*(The allotments are proposed to be on land owned by Gyde Trust, and not the 'Gyde House Trust' on land around the house itself, as was inferred in last month's PC report. Ed.)*

**Gloucestershire Calor Village of the Year Competition**

Mike Kerton reported that one meeting had already been held which had been

well attended. More were planned and, he suggested, such meetings were a good way to greet newcomers to the village and get them involved in local activities.

**Painswick Road Signs**

Maurice Maggs of the Painswick and District Conservation Society made a short presentation to the meeting about the road signs which currently greet people approaching the village on the A46 and from Gloucester on the B4073. In his opinion the current signs were not good enough and suggested that PPC runs a competition for a new design. He reported that Gloucestershire Highways had no objection and the County Council would probably pay for them and erect the new signs. Terry Parker asked why the existing signs are unsuitable and Morris Maggs responded that they were insignificant and made little visual impact. It was agreed that Ann Burges Watson and David Hudson would meet with members of the Conservation Society to progress the matter. *(See P&DCS comment right.)*

**Three proposals from Gloucestershire Highways for Painswick**

*See report on page 6*

**Village Design Statement**

Terry Parker presented his report. The assumption that the VDS is part of the Parish Plan is incorrect. The new style VDS is a far broader document covering many issues similar to the Painswick Plan. He looked at the Nailsworth VDS which has been adopted by SDC. It contains 62 recommendations none of which conflict with local or national policies whereas the very first policy statement of the Painswick Parish Plan, the request for the right to make direct representation to SDC's Development Control Committee on significant planning matters, is conten-

tious. He proposed that PPC produces a new version of the Parish Plan in due course in preference to a VDS with which the meeting agreed.

**Painswick Beacon**

**Site Management Statement (SMS)**

The Chairman reported that PPC had now received the SMS from Natural England. He had been in touch with Paul Hackman and thanked him. One important point that was made is that it is not the tree's variety which determines whether it is felled or not but its situation in the landscape.

**The Yew Tree Appeal**

The Plantation Committee will organise the sponsorship of a yew tree by the PPC as close to the Town Hall as possible.

**Appointment of a Painswick Gateway Trustee**

The clerk reminded the meeting that the Gateway constitution required a member of PPC to be a trustee. As Ann Burgess Watson had resigned from the post for personal reasons, Terry Parker invited Mike Kerton, who is already a Gateway trustee, to take up the role. However Cllr Kerton responded that he had recently resigned from the Gateway trustees. He also pointed out that any Gateway trustee is also on the board of a limited company. Ann Daniels suggested a non-Painswickian for the position. Terry Parker will consult Edward Young, Chairman of the Trustees.

**Cotswold AONB**

**Lorry Management Zone Trial**

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from GCC stating that the trial came into force on the 14th April 2009. The ban applies to lorries over 7.5 tonnes unless they are delivering or collecting goods within the trial zone. If you feel a lorry is breaking the rules you can telephone 08000.514514 or email [lmz@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:lmz@gloucestershire.gov.uk). Further information is available from the same telephone number or at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lorry](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lorry). *(See also page 8)*

**Coach trips**

As many readers will be aware, the Society arranges a programme of coach trips for its members to truly stimulating gardens and properties set in glorious landscapes both near and far.

Some are full day trips, others are for just part of the day, and they are pleased to offer the opportunity for others to join those expeditions.

The Beacon understands that there are vacancies on their coaches for the following, with details of timing, price, and so on obtainable from Gus Gaugain on 812599.

- **Dyrham Park** near Bath on Tuesday 12th May
  - **Royal National Rose Society Garden**, near St Albans on 25th June
  - **Royal Botanic Garden at Kew** on 22nd July
- and
- **The RHS Gardens at Wisley** on 19th August.
- They all have restaurants worthy of patronage!

**Road signs**



Maurice Maggs, who made the presentation to the Parish Council on behalf of the Conservation Society

about the road signs at the entry points to the village has pointed out to the Beacon that there is a design competition for the design of new approach signs to Painswick with a prize award of £400.

That competition will run for two months commencing 1st May, and details for interested artists are obtainable from Maurice at [momaggs@btinternet.com](mailto:momaggs@btinternet.com)

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## Wanted! 2,000 women for the girls' event of the year

Girl power will be the order of the night when the Cotswold Midnight Walk sets off at midnight on Friday 26th June in Cirencester. Last year 1,200 women took part and raised £120,000 for Cotswold Care Hospice. This year the charity is aiming for 2,000 women to make it the biggest Midnight Walk Gloucestershire. Scores of men are also needed to act as volunteers and marshals on the night.

Entry is £10 and details are available from events manager Vicki Hayward on 01453.886868 or email [vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk](mailto:vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk) or log on to [www.fancygirlsnightout.com](http://www.fancygirlsnightout.com). Women must register in advance of the event.



## Can you help?

A couple of pleas on behalf of Resthaven?

- We are always in need of women's weekly style magazines for our residents, if you have any magazines you can donate please drop them off at the home. Many thanks Resthaven.
- Does anyone have a rabbit run they no longer need? The Resthaven bunny would love to go out and enjoy some fresh air now that the weather is warming up. If you can help please call Resthaven on 812682.



Sarah Office Administrator

## Art studios now open!

Painswick, and the many artists who live and work in the area, now have a truly remarkable new facility at their disposal.

The Painswick Centre Art Studios are now up and running with Angela Mullen Bryan, Adele Lambert and Claire Nayegon being in residence and open to the public on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

The artists have now settled into their Studios and are truly enjoying the freedom offered them by a dedicated space in which to work. Members of the public are welcomed and they have had many visitors interested in

the artist process and looking for inspiration for their own projects.

With a range of work on permanent display it is well worth a visit and you may even find that something special you were looking for to brighten up your home or give as a very special gift. For more information visit [www.artinpainswick.com](http://www.artinpainswick.com) or call 07900.606234



## Willow

It is not very often that a quiet calm descends when the ladies of Yew Trees WI get together, but that is precisely what happened at our March meeting when we watched entranced as Norah Kennedy sat on the floor, her lap board between her knees, demonstrating the age old skill of basket weaving. As a delightful willow basket quickly took shape under her skilled fingers, Norah explained that basket making has its own rich and strange vocabulary. To describe a reed that snaps as "unkind" sounds very restrained in today's world! Norah's tool kit was small and simple, just a few basic tools such as secateurs, bodkins and a cow's horn containing tallow. It was a real joy to watch someone who has no need of machines but uses only natural materials and traditional skills. Norah brought with her some fascinating samples of traditional baskets from all over the world, woven from a variety of materials, - even one from Western Australia incorporating emu feathers. Their uses were as varied as their materials and included baskets for carrying fish, cockerels to cock fights and one containing a clay pot for warm coals - it was a truly diverse sample.

In May we welcome Brian Bailey whose talk is entitled 'From Source to Sea' and is about The River Severn, all 220 miles of it. Female visitors are most welcome at 7.30pm in The Town Hall on Tuesday 26th May.

Celia Lougher 812624



## Beacon Clear-up - can you help?

The Painswick Beacon (the hill) provides a great deal of enjoyment for many in Painswick and beyond. Unfortunately a few visitors can't be bothered to take their rubbish home with them. And a few others use the Beacon to dump unwanted waste. Fortunately these people are the minority, but the impact of their anti-social activities gradually becomes a bit of an eyesore.

I think the Beacon is one of our great open spaces and want it to be enjoyed by as many as possible. I know a number of Beacon readers clear up rubbish when they see it, but it gradually builds up - particularly as it gets blown into the quarries. So once a year, under the aegis of the Parish Council, I am happy to organise a clear-up.

Will you come and help? There are usually about a dozen or so people willing to lend a hand. An hour or so of your time can really make a big difference. And I am told it will be a gloriously sunny afternoon....

This year the Beacon Clear-up will be from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Sunday 10th May. We meet in the car park on the road across the Beacon near Catbrain Quarry. Litter-pickers, gloves, bags etc are provided by the Parish Council. For more details please get in touch.

Peter Rowe 813228

## Hanging Baskets at Pound Farm

The Painswick Horticultural Society were treated to an entertaining and educational visit to Pound Farm Shop and Plant Centre, Whaddon on the 8th April. Mr Gerald Hyett taught us how to plant up flowering, hanging baskets and the intricacies of sowing and transplanting thousands of plants each year. We were then treated to tea, coffee and some delicious cakes.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on the 13th May at the Town Hall. We are very fortunate in being able to welcome Mr Perkins whose talk on herbaceous borders was cancelled due to inclement weather in February. This will follow our Annual General Meeting, when refreshments will be provided. If you are interested please come and join us.

Elizabeth Gardam 813337



## Events in Week 10-16 May

- Christian Aid Service: Christ Church, Painswick, 6.30 pm Sun May 10th
- Christian Aid Shop: Christ Church Hall, Painswick, 10am-3pm Wed 13th to Fri 15th
  - o Morning coffee
  - o Home cooked lunches
  - o Garden shop
  - o Fancy goods
  - o Cakes & Preserves
  - o no bric-a-brac, antiques or books in the shop this year
- Bell Tower Tours: St. Mary's Painswick, Tues 12th - Sat 16th afternoons & evenings on the hour .... see the views
- House-to-house collection: throughout the week, please give generously (with Gift Aid if possible)



For more information on any of the above, please call 812966

Dylan Davies

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## Concerts - two and three reviewed

St Mary's Church was packed on 4th April for the young violinist **Chloe Hanslip** and pianist **Ashley Wass**, and a great time we had.



We opened with Brahms' Sonatensatz, a single movement in tribute to the violinist Joachim. Both players gave us a foretaste of what was to come: opening sound and fury, tenderness midway, then a resounding instrumental duel to finish. Like all the works they gave us this was not just for violin with piano accompaniment but a true partnership and great listening too.

Another dedication, Beethoven's Kreutzer sonata. A striking beginning with peaceful intervals, then a set of variations with quietly beautiful passages before the third movement, introduced by a crashing piano chord, took us to an exuberant ending.

Then Prokofiev, regarded as avant-garde in his day and still avant-garde, some would say. His sonata in F minor was written during the Second World War when foreign troops were rampaging all over Russia so it is not surprising that it is shot through with gloom, pessimism and ferocious energy all finely depicted by the players all the way to a finale full of jaw-dropping technical wizardry: we wondered at the sheer physical effort of playing it. The piano survived: just.

Finally a complete change: three caprices by the Polish-Ukrainian Szymanowski, each an air and variations giving the players chances to show what they could do with it. One tune has been used by Andrew Lloyd-Webber so not surprising it was all nice and jolly with some acrobatic pizzicato from the violin. Great fun.

We didn't want to let them go so they gave us another virtuoso piece by the nineteenth century virtuoso Bazzini to send us off very happy.

The third concert of the 2009 Season brought the Scottish-based **da Vinci trio** to St Mary's Church on 18th April for a most entertaining programme.

We opened with Mozart's piano trio in C K548, a simple work but full of good tunes played with clarity and expression which extracted every ounce from it. Just the thing to make the young people in the audience sit up and listen to a polished and exciting performance ending with a riotous finale full of impressive runs from the piano and great playing by the strings over it.

Then more serious stuff: Ravel's trio in A minor written during the 1914-18 war and showing its influence. The first movement opened mysteriously, then came some passages of great energy, an alternating pattern continued with fine expression throughout the movement. A verse-based 'pantom' melody followed, then a passacaglia with quiet passages passed around the instruments and a grand finale with strings trilling in the background and the piano taking the strain before it all just got bigger. And bigger. And bigger, with an amazing roof-raising sound from its demanding passages. A virtuoso piece played by real virtuosi who made the most of it.

Some more familiar ground to finish with, Schubert's B flat trio. It opens with one of those tunes we're sure we've heard before and then we had a fine time picking out one nice tune after another, until the finale when some of it almost sounds like fairground music, given the full treatment by the players and all the better for that.

And also thanks to the trio for their amusing and helpful introductions and giving us 'cheek to cheek' as a scripted send-off. Thanks, chaps. Do come again.

On coming again the final concert brings the **Barbirolli string quartet**, today.  
*John Parfitt*

## Wilhelm Furtwangler

One of the greatest conductors of all time, conducting his favourite Berlin Philharmonic playing some of the greatest music of all time – what a wonderful prospect! And so it proved on 2nd April. To whet our appetites, Max Waller started with a recording of the first movement of Bruckner's awesome ninth symphony – outstanding tempo, clarity and precision – followed with the thrilling “Ode to Joy” last movement of Beethoven's Ninth, where chorus and soloists joined the orchestra for the first time in a symphony.



Wagner was a “must” then in Germany and what better than “Die Meistersinger”, his great comedy masterpiece from which we heard splendid tenor, baritone and choral singing. To end, back to Beethoven's Ninth, this time with the Vienna Philharmonic, entrancing us with the third movement, his most sublime adagio. A joyous evening.

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## Singers heard in live performance

It was our Chairman's turn on 16th April – and it couldn't have been more typically Alex Nichols! He is the one with the mammoth collection of music recordings, starting with several thousand 78s, proverbial musical experience, outstanding memory and a special obsession with opera. This he has been listening to and recording for going on for some 60 years, hearing the world's finest singers of different nationalities in many different opera houses – and even keeping the programmes!

So he regaled us with recordings going back to 1947 (Walter Midgeley, great English tenor, in “La Boheme”) right up to Emma Kirkby in duet with James Bowman in “Stabat Mater” by Pergolesi some 50 years later, with commentaries on them all. A wonderful and memorable evening.

*Ralph Kenber*



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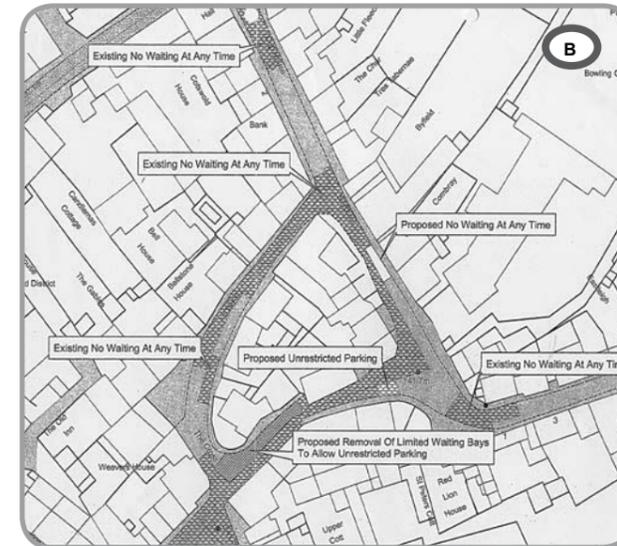


## Gloucestershire Highways proposals for Painswick

Gloucestershire Highways have sent PPC three proposals concerning parking/waiting, a new one way system, and loading restrictions, all of which required a response by the 24th April and so were considered at this meeting rather than by the Traffic Committee.

### 1. Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Changes are suggested in three parts of the village. Firstly reclassify the current unrestricted parking on the A46 outside Stamages Lane car park as Limited Waiting, One Hour in Two, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday. Also a short section of Stamages Lane outside Whitehall cottages would be classified as No Waiting at Any Time. Jason Bullingham stated that Painswick Matters would object to the first part of this proposal. Ann Burgess Watson suggested that a line should be painted on the road to show the maximum width of any vehicle using the parking bay on the A46.



### 3. Proposed Restriction Markers on the A46, New Street

The final proposal was for restriction markings (restricting loading times) to be painted along New Street where there are double yellow lines. Signs would indicate the restrictions. Members agreed that these markings were inappropriate.

With so much to consider, the meeting decided to ask Highways for a time scale for additions or changes to the proposals. Members appreciated the hard work put in by Highways and wanted to respond appropriately. The public can see paper copies of the proposals at the Town Hall.



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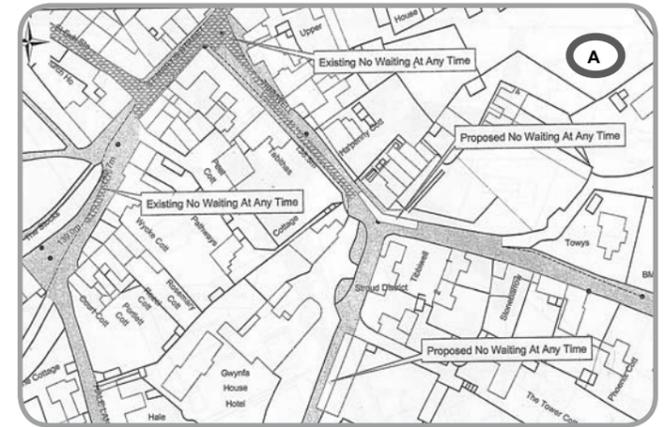
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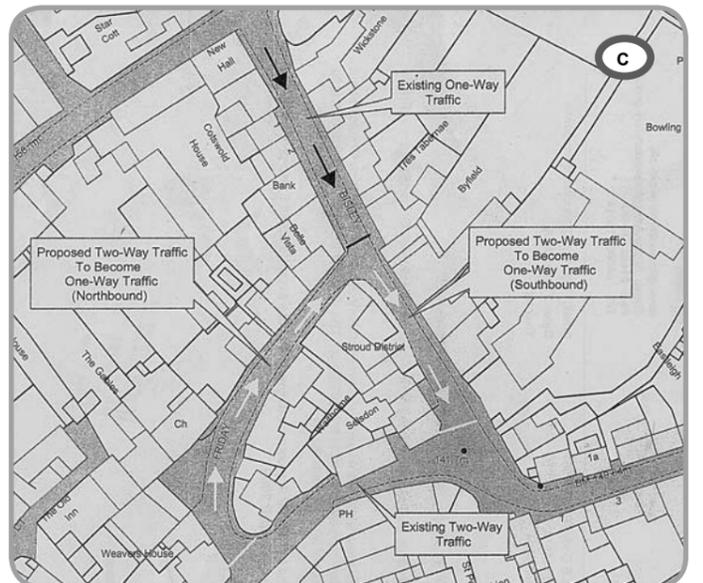
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The second is for the parking area at the top of Kemps Lane opposite Cotswold 88 Hotel and also at the top of Tibbiwell at the junction with Kemps Lane both to become No Waiting at Any Time zones.

The third area is St Mary's and Bisley Streets. The proposal is to make the area outside Londis Unrestricted Parking and to create a No Waiting at Any Time zone outside Cambray in Bisley Street. The meeting opposed unrestricted parking outside Londis and suggested a loading bay might be appropriate.

### 2. Proposed One Way Bisley Street/Friday Street

The proposal is to make Friday Street One Way from St. Mary's Street round to Bisley Street which in turn would be One Way down to the Painswick Centre entrance. The meeting discussed this proposal at length and decided not to support it mainly because when vehicles are delivering to Londis and The Royal Oak the centre of the village would be closed.



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## Bird sound

The latest club topic of 'Bird Song Identification' on 9th April much aroused everyone's anticipation but also secretary solicitude as to how it could possibly be properly reported?

Audience deflation was almost audible with news of car boot closure having severed a sound system lead - but Chris Sperring, MBE just as rapidly evoked admiration with his attack, pitch and volley of enthusiastic account - and some quite brilliant mimicry of much bird song. He did not dwell on the effects of feeding and sunlight, hormonal and seasonal factors, instinct and learning but on the species - specific character of song, varying from the off key and simple to the operatic virtuosity as of the skylark, the recognition of dialects and the starling's tendency to tease. We left feeling that the car boot incident was almost serendipitous - Chris Sperring's naturalist and conservationist credentials and media panache entirely confirmed!

And so to our May field trips, on the 5th at 9.30am meeting at Stamages Lane car park, to be led by Jane Rowe along Kingsmill Lane and the Painswick stream to view both spring migrants and residents. On the 30th, at 9.45am, we meet at Tramway Cottage car park, Daisy Bank Road, just off the B4070, Leckhampton Hill, (SO 950189) to be led by Frances Meredith of Cheltenham Bird Club around Daisy Bank Fields and Charlton Kings Common, hopefully to detect songsters such as whitethroat, goldcrest and tree pipit, shown here.

Late applicants to join the weekend visit to the Mendip Hills and Avalon Marshes, Friday-Sunday 12-14th June, would be welcome to contact Joy (813823) or Bill (813094).

Wendy and Martin Addy

## World War II and Painswick - I need your help

I am currently researching the effect of World War II on Painswick with the intention of writing an article for the next Painswick Chronicle. Last year I did the same for the Great War and, though some details were a little difficult to unearth, there was sufficient information available from various sources. World War II is proving to be far more elusive with regard to accessible information.

Local newspapers from the time reveal very little as broadcasting any details was considered potentially dangerous. The Ministry of Defence does not issue detailed or personal information, there is almost nothing in those Parish Magazines still extant (several are missing) and the school log books from those years also say very little.

At least seventeen men from Painswick were killed whilst on active service and at least one woman. There were also many evacuees, both children and adults, living temporarily in Painswick, land army girls worked here, a number of American troops were stationed in the vicinity and some prisoners of war were put to work locally. All of these factors plus all of those who served in the various forces must have had a tremendous impact on the life of the village.

My problem is that I can not find any details, for example how many local people went to war, how many evacuees were sent and from where did they come, how many American troops were there and how long were they here, what about the land army girls, the ARP and the prisoners of war etc?

I feel it is important to record this period in Painswick's history whilst people still remember. I should be very grateful indeed if anyone can help with detailed information about any of these issues and particularly about those who died - so far I have information about only two of them. I should be especially pleased if anyone has any photographs which I could use. If you can help, please contact me on 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net.

Carol Maxwell



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## Village Agent 077.. Lou Kemp

Some, but by no means all, of our readers will have heard of the Village Agent scheme, one which is unique to Gloucestershire but being envied by many elsewhere.

Among some 30 part-time Agents, Lou Kemp - married, with children and living in Cranham - has recently extended the number of villages to include Painswick and Sheepscombe. She and the others in the County have been given a group of villages to look after. They are there to help anyone over 50 access information about services and organisations available to them, and to offer support in the process. They work for Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) and are funded by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Gloucestershire County Council (GCC).

Lou can visit you in your home, share information which she hopes will be of interest, and contribute information through monthly articles, here and elsewhere; so do make a note of her number **07776.245767**. We are pleased to reproduce her article for May.



"This month my article is about agencies which rely heavily on the work done by volunteers, and follows a chat the other day with a lady who is approaching retirement and feels frustrated at the thought of all her vast experience and skills going to waste. I assured her that there is an absolute plethora of local organisations which rely either totally or partially on the wonderful work done by their volunteers. I thought that this month I would let you know about some of them so that you can contact them should you be considering doing volunteer work, or have need of their services.

**Age Concern Gloucestershire:** "It is a really exciting time to join our team of volunteers as we have lots of brand new projects to get involved with. Visiting somebody in their home, helping people in hospitals, lending a hand in day centres or supporting us with administrative duties in the office in Gloucester are just a few of the opportunities. And, if you have skills in fund-raising, event planning or IT we would love to hear from you! There are always lots of ways to get involved and support the work we do with older people in the county".

**VCA Stroud** can give you details about local volunteering schemes which they run and also more national led schemes. They are always looking for people to drive for their **Volunteer Car Service** which is a vital service for our area. An excellent national volunteering web site is [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org). You can put in the area you live in and it will bring up a huge range of volunteer vacancies.

Are you a good organiser? **Stroud Macular Disease Society** is looking for someone to organise trips and outings for its members.

Advocacy is a very rewarding role, representing the needs and wishes of a person who is unable to do that for themselves. **GOPA** and **ATGLOS** rely on volunteers to act as advocates; GOPA's focus is a service for older people, ATGLOS cares for people with learning difficulties.

Basically if you have an interest in something specific, there will be an organisation out there who would love to hear from you. If you would like to explore volunteering in more detail or would like to find out information on any other issue, call me."

Contact details

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## Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 27th May  
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## DASH Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

Marah is very grateful to all the people who have responded so generously to the appeals for help and particular thanks go to the donor of the secondhand fridge.

Because of Christian Aid Week, we are not making any specific appeals during May but will resume in June so look out for a notice saying what is most needed during the summer months.

Alison Robinson 812286

## Women's Fellowship . . the "Fun of Gardening"

Our speaker for the meeting on Wednesday 20th May will be Chris Evans from Dundry Nurseries and we would welcome any visitors who would care to join us. The meeting will be held at 7.30pm in Christ Church Hall, admission £2.00.

Gill Gyde

## Yew tree sponsorship St Mary's Church Painswick

The Yew Tree Sponsorship for the famous church grounds of St Mary's Painswick has received widespread support from villagers and organisations. Within three weeks all the trees have been sponsored raising in excess of £12,000.

The scheme had a flying start when ITV heard of the sponsorship plans and asked if they could broadcast the weather forecast from the church grounds. The filming immediately attracted the attention of Cotswold 88 Hotel and before the scheme was officially launched tree number 88 had found a sponsor.

Other organisations sponsoring trees include Probus, Painswick Parish Council, Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (Bellringers), Church of Our Lady and Saint Therese, Richmond Painswick, Radio Gloucestershire and Painswick and District Conservation Society.

The bulk of the sponsors and donations have come from residents who have demonstrated the value they put on the village's prized asset. Groups of people have combined to sponsor a single tree. One of the first groups was the residents of Churchill Way.

The pictures show Paula Errock of Churchill Way receiving the tree's certificate from Church Warden David Bishop, and other residents who have made donations towards tree number 18.

The Vicar and Church Wardens wish to express their deep appreciation of the support from the community. Although all the trees have been sponsored donations are still welcome and will be used to further enhance the appeal of the church grounds.

For further information please contact Nigel Burt 810935.



## Letters

### Conservation Land v Allotments

*P Rowlands, D Batty, P Drinkwater, M Shute, J Sidwell write:*

Gyde Field, the relaxing view from Hoyland House Surgery and the foreground for the magnificent Gyde House, is part of the Gyde House Conservation Area.

*Carolyn Luke has written, on behalf of the Conservation Society:*

The Conservation Society prepared a draft policy statement for Gyde House Conservation Area in 2004. The Parish Council was consulted and endorsed its contents. The use of the Gyde Field for allotments conflicts with its status as a conservation area, defined as "an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance" (SDC Local Plan 7.4.2).

The Gyde Field affords views towards Gyde House, a prominent listed building, situated on an elevated site, within the AONB, on the A46 approach to Painswick from Cheltenham. Our Conservation Area Statement recommended guidelines for its preservation and enhancement including "any development which obscures, limits or detracts from the view of Gyde House from the A46, Longridge or Gyde Road will not be permitted".

We ask that a systematic search for any other sites be undertaken and the results be presented to the Parish Council.

*While Pete Bradshaw has written:*

Allotments are wonderful places, giving people the opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables in times of rising food costs. They were also once part of every day life for many people in Painswick before they were built on! Nowadays, we have plenty of food, but little control over what supermarkets sell and how they grow them. There is nothing better or healthier than growing your own food, picking it and eating it straight away. An allotment provides education for children, fresh air and exercise and the opportunity to meet like minded people.

There is no more fitting a place than in the Gyde field, after all that the Gyde family have gifted to the people of Painswick, the institute, almshouses, providing an education fund and now the opportunity to bring back allotments for those villagers less fortunate with the size of their estate!

If you value Painswick's green assets, please email [protectgydefield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:protectgydefield@yahoo.co.uk) with your comments.

It's a unique asset to be preserved and enhanced.

Someone had the forethought years ago to protect this land by designating it a Conservation Area. It now seems that the Parish Council wish to ignore what it once endorsed and use the Gyde Field for allotments.

Local residents & businesses don't believe that the Parish Council has considered this carefully enough and have presented them with a report detailing the serious problems with their recent decision.

Painswick should not have to choose between conservation and allotments. Gyde Field should remain a positive image for the Queen of the Cotswolds.

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The lights flicker as the curtain rises on a full house for the 'Painswick Players' adaptation of this creaky Victorian thriller.

Patrick Hamilton's writing emerged from within his own dark life of drink and night life indulgences. His characters take on a vampiric theme, Jack disappearing into the night wearing a cloak not dissimilar to that of Dracula, while his frail wife Bella is convinced she is

losing her mind as familiar objects are lost; and footsteps are heard at night as the living room gas lights flicker and die. This is a ghastly tale, a Bluebeard horror story in which Bella walks, too fearful to ask questions about the room upstairs.

George Krasker's adaptation of this classic plays to an efficient cut; the dialogue moves the plot forward avoiding many of the originals repetitions. The pace of the play, from the well drawn out scenes between Bella and Rough, to the denouement, keeps our interest fixed. The set design profiling a stuffy yet comfortable life, contrasts well with this chilling tale.

Bella's pale frailty, her joy at the possibility of a trip to the theatre dashed by her cruel husband were well drawn and a credit to Jean Burgess acting ability. Her dialogue (reminiscent of an unreliable narrator) allowed us to be one step ahead

– we know something is very wrong.

Jack Burgess's solid portrayal of Jack Manningham as a bumptious bum-pincher who has the potential for murder most horrid, mixed the normal with the dark in a well styled performance.

Rough's paternal concern for Bella, his thought-through speeches (and that delightful comic moment in the cupboard) were well performed by David James portraying a man who will do what it takes in order to get justice.

Elizabeth's gentle persistence, her repeated plea that her mistress 'see the gentleman at once' created a stylish performance by Sue Leighton-Boyce. Nancy the wayward maid,

played by Cathy Munday, worked to a lively performance highlighting the frustrations and very limited possibilities available to the servants.

This is a dark jewel of a play well delivered and well received.



Anne Lauppe-Dunbar

Creative Writing Tutor - PhD research student - University of Wales, Swansea

## So what now?

So what now? As is customary, the actors rest until the Autumn, that is the seniors do. The Yippies are putting on a production of the Wizard of Oz so keep those diaries clear for the 12th and 13th of June.

To keep the rest of the Players happy, the play reading evenings will start again in May and anyone may come along and have a go without the pressure of audience, learning of lines or rehearsing. If you are an old hand then you know that playreading is a good way to have the pleasure of acting without the aforementioned hassles; if a newcomer, then what better way to test the water and see if you have the talent and interest to be part of future productions. The PPs need more actors, more backstage crew, in fact more of anything connected with producing plays. Come along on 12th May to the Green Room at the Painswick Centre at 7.30 pm with no obligation and meet some new people and enjoy a couple of hours with 'When we are Married', a Yorkshire farce by JB Priestley (better know for rather darker works).

Charles Dorman

# PAINSWICK SPORT *assembled by Terry Parker*

## Cricket

### Youth presentation evening

On Friday 3rd April there was an enjoyable evening at the Broadham Pavilion when presentations were made to the Painswick club's young cricketers. Club Chairman Steve Pegram spoke of the great strides being made in terms of development and performance. He said that as always the club was pledged to provide opportunities for young cricketers and that the youth section would be fielding 3 sides this season. He thanked the club's Head of Youth Cricket, Wayne Lee, for the commitment he continued



*Jake Tyrrel Most Improved Young Player of 2008 (left) with Wayne Lee, Painswick's Head of Youth Cricket*

to make in promoting the youth and invited him to make the presentations. Steve gave special thanks to the retiring Chairman John Hogg for the contribution he had made in helping to foster the club's youth section over the years.



*Steve Pegram (left) Painswick Cricket Club's new Chairman with his predecessor John Hogg*

## Senior cricket

The league season starts today with the first eleven away at Dumbleton and the second eleven at home also against Dumbleton. Painswick's third eleven are playing Slimbridge at the Marling School which is their ground for home fixtures.

## Tennis



*Nigel Barnett (left), Philippa James and Rob Ruggles*

At long last we can report that the 2008 Junior Finals have been played. The U14 Girls was won by Flora McFarlane who beat Megan Butterworth. Megan also reached the final of the U18 Girls, playing against Alicia Barnett. The first set saw Megan playing exceptionally well being only narrowly beaten in a tie break. Alicia then found her form to take the second set and the match

The Club Over 50s Tournament finals heralded the start of the new season on Sunday 19th April with players and spectators alike enjoying the glorious sunshine. For the third year running Rob Ruggles won the Men's Singles, beating Nigel Barnett comfortably 6-0, 6-1. The Mixed Doubles was played with Gill Willoughby and John Crowther against Philippa James and Nigel Barnett. Philippa and Nigel won 6-0, 6-1. The most hotly contested match of the day was the Men's Doubles Final with Nigel Barnett and Rob Ruggles playing against John Barrus and Malcolm Andrew. Rob and Nigel took the first set 6-4 and then, with the sun beating down, John and Malcolm fought back very strongly to win a tight second set 6-4. However, managing to lift their game, Rob and Nigel took the third set 6-3 to maintain their title for a third year.

The start of the new season and the lengthening evenings serve as a reminder that subscriptions are now due. If any Beacon readers are not already members and would be interested in joining our thriving club, please contact either the Club Secretary on 813693 or the Membership Secretary on 812758.

*Jillie Speed and Jennifer Barnett*



*Megan Butterworth (left) and Alicia Barnett*

## Painswick & Stroud Area Local Ministries (PSALMS) evening

On Monday 6th April there was considerable activity at the Painswick Youth Centre when PSALMS Strategic Youth & Sports Minister Andy Harding welcomed everyone to a sports and social evening designed to show the range of activities available to young people. There was an excellent barbeque organised by Mike and Chris Campbell and everyone agreed that it had been a very worthwhile event.



*PSALMS Strategic Youth & Sports Minister Andy Harding watches Olive Freeman erecting the column of bricks at the Social Evening held on the Recreation Ground*



*Volley Ball at the PSALMS social evening*

## Football

### Painswick Under 12s are champions

Bream U12s 0 Painswick U12s 2

Painswick were in control of a game that got physical at times and being away from home the Dragons were never given any decisions. The game was won in the first half and in fact inside a five minute spell that tore Bream apart with classy football. Tom Davis made space down the left and lifted a cross to Harry Churchley on the far post who flicked it into the net. The second goal was created from a precision pass by Tom through the defence to the feet of Jake Godwin who still with a lot to do ran in on goal and slotted across the goal in the far corner. Painswick created good chances but no more goals. Any sniff of a chance for Bream and their attack was shut down very quickly by Adam Foulkes and Sam White. Adam's man marking of one player totally neutralised his opponent's attacking options. The game was played well and a win sealed the league for Painswick. In their first season of football they are champions. Well done to all the players and coaching staff. A proud day for Manager Dave Bullingham. Star Players: Harry Churchley & Adam Foulkes.

*Howard Davies*

## Reports

Many are the readers of the Beacon who gain pleasure in reading reports of sporting efforts and achievements by the young, and the no-so-young, in these columns.

Please don't hide your light under a bushel, or that of your fellow competitors, and tell us what is happening, and in what else we can share the pride.

*Ed.*



## Procession of Witness

The Good Friday Procession of Witness was very well attended. The procession began at the Catholic Church in Friday Street. Revd Heather Whyte held a brief service at the Cross erected each year close to the Lychgate. The procession then moved on to Christ Church hall where hot cross buns were provided.



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## Local History Teaser

This month's picture is obviously very old and presumably no-one now can remember the occasion. It is also a mystery, so if anyone has any knowledge about it we would love to hear from you.



Last month's photograph was also something of an unknown. However, David Rogers, who lent the picture, suspects that it probably shows the cast of *The Mikado* posing in front of the Institute. He is sure that the man second from right on the third row back is his grandfather, Edward Rogers, in which case the time in question would possibly be shortly after the Great War.



Our school photograph shown in the March issue continues to rouse interest. Jane Parsons nee Ellis emailed from Canada to say that the picture brought back many memories for her of time spent at Painswick School. She says it was a tough school, the cane being the focus of discipline. Unused to physical punishment, Jane recalls the shock of witnessing a boy having his trousers pulled down, being laid across a table and caned until he cried. This was the first of many similar punishments she was to observe. She does go on to say that nevertheless the children who survived Painswick School did turn out to be the very best citizens!

If you have an interesting picture which would pose a challenge to readers we would love to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell

## Painswick Library News

### Never a dull moment in the library!

April was an interesting month in Painswick Library. A radiator had been leaking for some time, the floor rotted and a member of staff fell through! (All repaired now, floor and member of staff!) A group of children spent a happy afternoon, making environmentally friendly kites – all you need is hazel rods and newspaper – and we have been processing yet more new books.

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 Bookstart Treasure Chest 36 – 48 months. Again you may be given a voucher but come into the library even if not.  
 Every child is entitled to these book packs as part of a national initiative so do come and visit us.  
 Baby Bounce now includes a short story as well as Nursery Rhymes, songs and percussion instruments.  
 Story Time on 19th May will be about "Percy the Park Keeper" and we will be planting seeds.

If you are going on holiday, the library service has a wide selection of travel guides and language tapes. Even if they are not in Painswick Library they can be reserved from another library for just 50p.

Kath, Lesley and Sheila

## ArchiTecs



We used the long focus last month, but did you associate with the parapet of the Cloth House?

This month (*below*) is a challenge to identify the exceptionally rare bird, and where it has come to rest.



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## May Day Bank Holiday Crafts Fair

The Painswick Centre is again hosting a Crafts Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Entrance is free. Refreshments will be available throughout, including tea/coffee, snacks and home-made cakes. Please come in and look around.

Proceeds from the Fair (and from the Pamper and Shopping event on 1st May) will be used to fund improvements to the Centre, including renovation of the front entrance, modernisation of the toilets and better access for disabled users.

Centre AGM, 1st April: Jackie Herbert, Chairman since last October, reported that the Painswick Centre had just held its own financially in the 12 months to December 2008. However, utility bills had increased sharply to over £1,000 per month and bookings had dropped, especially for private parties and weddings. Even events organised by the Trustees were proving to be financially more risky. Whether this was simply a reflection of a difficult year for many in Painswick, especially small businesses, following the extended closure of the A46 in 2007 or early signs of the 'credit crunch', was not clear.

Competition amongst meetings room providers is tough in Painswick, so the Trustees are looking more closely at the occupation of all the rooms available and how they can increase



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NEWS

read an article on the front page of the February 2009 edition of the Beacon which implied that there were no community centres other than the Gateway project.

After the Trustees took questions from the audience ranging across such diverse subjects as the cost of insurance and water utilities, and audit policy, Jackie Herbert concluded by thanking all the users and supporters of the Centre.

Jane Rowe 813228 Wendy Workman 814022

## The Croft School Summer Fayre

A date to note, now. This year's Fayre will be on Sunday 28th June at 2.00pm

## BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, Beaco-doku replaces the numbers with letters. Last month's answer used the letters from SHOWER - as you can see, top right.

This month we thought we would follow the April shower with a poetically rhyming May-FLOWER.

See if you can fill the blank squares in the grid on the right so that each column, each row and each block of six squares contains each of the six letters, F-L-O-W-E-R, without repetition.

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## Pan, Pleasure and Crime in One Evening

Painswick Local History Society's research evening at the April meeting offered three very different but well investigated presentations.

Barbara Blatchley gave some interesting background information on the ancient images of Pan as represented in various art forms. She then brought the subject into the heart of Painswick via the exquisite plasterwork in Beacon House of which Pan is a feature. The relationship of Pan to Painswick is one of mystery and intrigue which has exercised many people for a long time. It is known from a quote from 1730 that riotous parties were held in the villa (long gone) in Frith Wood, Pan apparently cavorting with ladies, overlooking Painswick. Then there was the statue of Pan taken from the Church and buried in 1950, its whereabouts known only to a handful of local people. Barbara left us questioning whether Pan was a villain or simply a naughty figure of pleasure.

Carolyn Luke's research into Coombe House at Edge has been painstaking and detailed. She explained that it had been in the ownership of Llanthony Priory and would have been rented out for farming. The 1820 map shows its existence but probably not in its original medieval form. At the time of the Dis-solution the Gardner family were farming there, and continued for several generations, but evidence shows that the estate had been broken up somewhat. There are no useful records from then until the 19th century when it belonged to a Stroud man – probably as an investment property. A survey was carried out in 2006 which showed limited information, mainly the garden boundaries.

Finally, Kate Searle amazed us by showing just a fraction of the information she has collected over many years and which she has carefully collated under relevant headings both in hard copy folders and on disk. This work is the result of comprehensive and detailed reading of newspapers and court records mainly kept at the Record Office and the Public Library. Kate started by looking up crime reports for Cranham but quickly realised that the crime scene in Painswick far outstripped that in Cranham when it came to numbers. Starting in about 1400 she has assembled many folders for Painswick as opposed to just one for Cranham. There are also files on many other subjects which Kate has graciously now given to the Society. This tremendous collection will doubtless prove an invaluable source of information for research in the future.

The May meeting is the annual outing, this year to Blackfriars in Gloucester.

Carol Maxwell



## Wine tasting

That, with a meal, in aid of Cotswold Care is planned for Thursday 4th June, 7.00 for 7.30pm start in St Mary's Church Rooms.

There will be the added amusement of a Bluff together course meal and all at a cost £15.

Tickets available from 812845 or 812141

## Cuckoo 09



"Loud and clear in Kingsmill Lane 0555 hours" last Sunday, 26th April, Harold Wood reported.

## PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

It would seem that in the last month or so people are finally starting to get fed up with all the doom and gloom on the news and in the newspapers and are starting to get on with their own lives. We have seen a large increase in properties coming to the market recently and have seen both the number of people registering for property and also viewing property more than double, the effects of this are of course a marked increase in sales.

The property market is historically the first to see the effects of a recession and it is clear from the state of the economy that we are by no means out of the woods yet, with announcements every day of yet more businesses suffering and further redundancies being made. Yet throughout Gloucestershire agents are beginning to see a small light at the end of the tunnel in terms of more activity and buzz but it will still be a long while before we see any rise in property prices. As long as the new properties coming on to the market are realistically priced then there are enough people out there to buy them. There is no shortage of people in rented accommodation with money in the bank who are waiting for the perfect property to invest their money in, where, especially at the moment they feel their money is safer. Buyers are still remaining very cautious however and are continuing to make "cheeky" offers, which can slow up the

negotiation process, but with a bit of sensible advice from the agent there is usually a satisfactory conclusion for both buyer and vendor.

The more positive outlook in the market has produced a wealth of new instructions for us including Croome House a beautiful town house in the centre of Painswick which is already under offer, 2 Churchill Way a well presented 3 bedroom house in a popular location, Moonrakers a four bedroom house on New Street with garage and parking, Woodside a good family house on Kingsmill Lane, Numbers 11 and 15 Hyett Orchard which are both well presented retirement homes with garages, 3 Juniper Cottages a fascinating development project on Wick Street, Prospect House a prominent Victorian family home on Bulls Cross, Laburnam a detached 3 bedroom bungalow with large garden in Upton-St-Leonards and The Laurels a 3 bedroom house with panoramic views in Slad.

The properties that are currently under offer are Jubilate in Blakewell Mead, Croome House on Bisley Street and The Barn in Upton-St-Leonards and the properties that have now completed are The New House in Stamages Lane and Nightingale Cottage in Ruscombe.

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## The Painswick Beacon detailed as far as space permits

# THE VILLAGE DIARY

MAY				
Sat	2	Painswick Music Soc. Concert - The Barbirolli Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	4	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	5	Bird Club field trip - Morning stroll with Jane Rowe along Kingsmill Lane & Painswick Stream (see page 8)	Stamages Car Park	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Town Hall	7.00pm
		Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Town Hall	8.00pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Probus: A Tour on the Swiss Railways - Leslie Dalton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		The nature reserves of the Slad Valley - Pete Bradshaw (Stroud area Reserves manager, Glos. Wildlife Trust)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
		Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072	Town Hall	9.30am
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Tea Dance - Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
		Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		Music Appreciation Group: Members Night & AGM	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market - Coffee available - Every Friday	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club outing to Coventry Cathedral		
Sat	9	Horticultural Society Outing to Kiftsgate Court, nr Chipping Campden	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Sun	10	Painswick Beacon Clear-up (see page 5)	Catbrain quarry car park	2.00pm
		Christian Aid Service	Christ Church	6.30pm
Tue	12	Horticultural Society Outing to Dyrham Park (see page 3)	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
		Painswick Players playreading "When we are married" - J B Priestley (see page 11)	Green Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	13	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Horticultural Society AGM followed by Tea/Coffee & Quiz	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	14	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Fri	15	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Tue	19	Local History Society Annual Outing to Blackfriars Priory.	Gloucester	6.00pm
Wed	20	Probus: Climbing Mount Everest - Bronco Lane	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Fun of Gardening - Chris Evans - Visitors welcome - £2 (see page 9)	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Parish Council	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: "Inca trail" - Janet Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	<b>Copy dateline for June Beacon</b> Friday Club Car Boot Sale. (see page 1)	Recreation Field	10.00am to 12.30pm
Mon	25	Crafts Fair. Enquiries to 813228	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI.: The River Severn from Source to Sea	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Annual Parish Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	30	Bird Club field trip with Frances Meredith, Chelt. Bird Club (Daisy Bank Road, Leckhampton Hill - SO 950189)	Tramway Car Park	9.45am
<b>JUNE</b>				
Wed	3	Probus summer outing to the National Memorial Arboretum		
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group: Wine Tasting & Meal	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Fri	5	Friday Club: The Rococo Gardens with Paul Moir	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	6	<b>June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Fri	12	Bird Club Field Trip to Mendip Hills & Avalon Marshes. Tel: 813094 or 813823		
Sat	13	YIPPIES (Young Painswick Players) production "The Wizard of Oz" (also Sunday 14th)	Painswick Centre	
Sun	14	Teddy Bear Parachuting in aid of Lideta, Ethiopia	St Mary's Churchyard	12.00noon
Tue	16	Local History Society - AGM	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Bonaparte's Disaster 1812 - John Falcon	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Scrap Booking - Jane Peterson / Lorna Freeman	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm

Fri	19	Friday Club: Life on the Roof of the World - John Aldis	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I.: Early Postal Services in Painswick	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	25	Horticultural Society Outing to Royal National Rose Society Garden, St Albans (see page 3)	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
Fri	26	Fundraising Flower Demonstration with Katherine Kear. Tickets £10	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	28	Croft School Summer Fayre	Croft School	2.00pm
<b>JULY</b>				
Wed	1	Probus: Members Talk	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	2	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Thu	9	Victorian Ball Workshop	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 9.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club Outing to Weston Super Mare		
Sat	11	Painswick Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel: 01453 883150	Recreation Field Painswick Centre	11.00am 8.00 to 11.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: I K Brunel - Links of Iron; Eric Williams Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchetts	Shires Room, Falcon Kingsmead	10.00am 7.00pm
Wed	22	Horticultural Society Outing to Royal Botanic Garden, Kew Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon	Stamages Lane The Hill, Stroud	dep. 9.00am
Fri	24	Friday Club Presidents Day: Talk by Pat Daly followed by Afternoon Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Razzamatazz Robots: Children's Holiday Club (also Wed. 29th & Thur. 30th) Yew Trees W.I.: Hatching a Novel - Jane Bayley	Croft School Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 7.30pm
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Wed	19	Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Gardens - Wisley, Surrey (see page 3)	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Wed	9	Probus: Schubert - the young genius: Anne Dunn	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	11	Friday Club: Orchard Flower Craft with Yvonne Mort	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Wild Flowers of Cyprus	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Pioneer Emigrants to South Australia - Neil Curven	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	25	Friday Club: Bletchley Park - Kitty Floyd-Smithies	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	27	Harvest Lunch	Painswick Centre	
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Wed	7	Probus: The Archers at Poitiers 1356 - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	9	Friday Club: "Mazes & Labyrinths" - Angela Newing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Friday Club Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am
Tue	13	Bird Club: The Wildlife & Beauty of Working Quarries - David Boag	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society: Autumn colour & Interest in the garden	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: The History of Cheltenham - Susan Newton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	23	Friday Club Outing to The Cotswold Perfumery, Bourton on the Water		
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Nature in Art - Simon Trapnell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	31	Halloween Haunted Walk	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Wed	4	Probus: Growing up in Norway during the German occupation - Tore Fauske	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	6	Friday Club: Guests of Richmond Painswick	Richmond Painswick	2.30pm
Wed	11	Bird Club: A Calendar of British Wildlife - Andy Purcell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Kids' Winter Ball (enquiries to 814022)	Painswick Centre	6.30 for 7.00pm
Sat	14	Winter Dance (enquiries to 814022)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: Evolutionary Pessimisms - HG and Other Wells - Roger Hennessey	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	20	Friday Club AGM followed by "Handbell Ringing" with Steve Colman	Town Hall	1.45pm (AGM)
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Annual Meeting and Talk on Traidcraft	Town Hall	7.30pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Fri	4	Friday Club Outing to Bath Christmas Market Salvation Army Brass Band Seasonal Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

## PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

### NEW APPLICATIONS

PAINSWICK COMMUNITY FIRE & RESCUE STATION, PULLENS ROAD. Creation of vehicular access to A46.  
DAMSELLS COTTAGE. Erection of detached garage with home office above.  
BEADS COTTAGE, THE PARK. Single storey extension for new kitchen.  
CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD. Single storey extension and erection of 3 bay garage.  
PAINSWICK MILL, TICKLESTONE LANE. Installation of new external door.  
THE SCHOOL HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of fencing.  
HYETT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE. Works to lime trees (T1 & T2).

### REVISED PLANS

WOODY STEEPS, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Extensions and alterations. Main changes: Delete ground floor window and reduce size and reposition first floor window on south east elevation.  
BELLSTONE HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET. Erection of ground floor extension. Main changes: Amenity area provided within site.

### CONSENT

BETH SHAN, KINGS MEAD. Erection of extension.  
CHARTWELL, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Erection of a garden shed.  
OLIVERS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Installation of secondary glazing across front and side windows of main house.  
HAZELBURY HOUSE, NEW STREET. Internal and external alterations.

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### PLAN WITHDRAWN

BEACONSTONES, BEACON CLOSE. Proposed extension and alterations.

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'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'*

## BEACON Accounts

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# The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

## Babies

Congratulations to HELEN and ALAN CROCKETT of Upper Washwell whose baby daughter, Amelia was born in December;

also to LIZZIE and DAVID SMITH of 6 Stroud Road, on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Elizabeth on 7th April (a sister for Harry) and to KAKULI and HANNAN on the birth of their daughter Molly Lucy, also on 7th April.

## Weddings

Best wishes to LYNDALL SPEAR and HAMISH McLEAN who are to be married on May 23rd at St John's Pitchcombe;

also to DEBORAH GAY and CHRISTOPHER GOODFIELD who will be married at St Mary's, Painswick on 23rd May;

also to RACHEL HERBERT and EDWARD TALLENTS, getting married on May 29th at St Mary's, Painswick;

and to ALEXANDRA MARRIOT and ANDREW COXON who are to be married at St John's Pitchcombe on May 30th.

## 99th Birthday

Our congratulations to PHYLLIS CATHCART who had her 99th birthday on April 13th

## Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to CORRY and JAMES SPENCER who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on March 22nd, having lived in Hale Lane, they moved to Winchester a year ago.

## Farewell

Farewell to PAUL GRAY and VALERIE DUGAN who have moved to Rodborough.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to BARBARA HULME, EDIE STOCKBRIDGE, MAVIS MANDEL and MO WALTERS who have been in hospital recently; and JANE OTWAY and JEAN SHELDRAKE, who have both been indisposed.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of CIS CAWSON and GEORGE MORRIS who died recently.

## Personal

Shirley Owen apologises for a "very belated 'thank you' to everyone who sent cards and good wishes following my brain tumour operation. I felt really well afterwards but am now struggling with the daily chemo and radio therapies. I was very touched by everyone's kindness and am only sorry that I couldn't reply to each one, as I have had to learn to write and spell again! Again, my grateful thanks."

Paul Gray said recently that he was expecting to move to Rye. He tells the Beacon, "At the last moment the three of us decided to stay in the area for a while so we have moved to Rodborough. Not quite Painswick, but almost as good. I'm continuing with my picture framing so if I can be of service please get in touch, we will also be having Rock and Fossil shows locally. Valerie is still painting and her calligraphy, and Rosa with her new cafe in the Green Room at Painswick Centre."

## St Mary's

St Mary's mid-morning service will be half a hour later, starting this month. The 10.00am start (replacing the previous 9.30am start) has become possible with sufficient Anglican priests in the team for one to stay in Painswick without needing to rush off to do the 11.00am service at Sheepscombe or Cranham. The later has a widespread appeal, particularly for our more senior citizens and teenagers. Do let friends know about the change of time.

In May there are several special services at St Mary's Church.

On Sunday 15th May 5.00pm in the Church Rooms, Canon Mike Parsons, the head of the local Anglican theological college, will be giving a critique of the famous humanist Richard Dawkins, "We are all alone in an empty universe, there is probably no God...?"

And on Sunday 31st May at the 10.00am Pentecost Service the "Capitio Singers" (previously singing that week at Gloucester Cathedral) will be in church, with Revd Mark Russell, the head of the "Church Army" (Anglican equivalent to the Salvation Army) preaching.

The Vicar and Church Wardens would like to thank all those who have sponsored a Yew Tree. Almost all the trees have a sponsor - a really magnificent show of support from the people of Painswick.

John Longuet Higgins

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