

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Fun at Clypping

This year the annual Clypping Service had as a theme: "Think twice about foolishness" and "Can Christianity be fun" - and fun there was before, during and after the service. Although the day was overcast the rain held off and a great event was enjoyed by many locals and visitors from as far away as the USA and New Zealand. See page 14 for more details and photos.



## Normandy veteran accolade

Mr Percy Franklin's garden is an absolute joy. As a study in beautiful planting and positively cheerful colour it would be hard to beat – and therein lies the story.

On 3rd September Mr Franklin attended a ceremony at Stroud Leisure Centre organised by Stroud District Council for their annual Tenant Garden Competition. To his great delight his garden was judged to be first in both the floral and the overall best garden sections. This was in the face of some stiff opposition, probably about seventy other competitors. Naturally, he was thrilled and added modestly, "I won last year too."

The judging took place in July and at the announcement in September Mr Stuart Strathearn, Stroud's housing manager, said that Mr Franklin's display was the best colour scheme he'd ever seen. With carefully selected plants and well designed layout together with pots and hanging baskets, the garden is quite stunning – a cheerful and lovely space. The competition also took account of additional factors such as composting and rain-water retention and usage.

At the prize-giving ceremony Mr Franklin, a Normandy veteran in his eighty-sixth year, was presented with a shield and garden centre vouchers. A splendid wooden bird table had also been donated for the overall winner and it now has pride of place in this lovely Painswick garden. This award has certainly been well-deserved.



**On other pages this month - charity shop opening, Poppy appeal, community lunches, directory 2011 last call, community lunches change, yew appeal, school opportunities, the big knit, show results, bloom awards, clypping pictures, fright above Vancouver, Morgan Works opportunity, police tips, gardens open.**

Seven members of the public and our GCC Councillor Joan Nash attended the meeting.

## PLANNING

### Pre-application planning enquiries

Chairman David Hudson opened the discussion by summarising the SDCs current policy, namely to encourage applicants to discuss proposed planning applications with the District Council prior to formal submission and asking whether the Parish Council should do the same. Currently the Parish Council only comments on applications once they have been submitted to SDC and forwarded to the Parish Council for its view. Ann Daniels said that SDC was the planning authority and it was appropriate that applicants discussed the proposed works with that body before presenting their application. The Parish Council should not comment until it knew what it was commenting on, namely once the formal application had been made. Other councillors were of the same opinion and the meeting decided to continue with the present policy.

The meeting discussed more generally the role of the Parish Council in planning matters particularly when the Council had objections. These had to be supported with reference to the Local Plan and current rules and regulations all of which were difficult to use as they were open to varying interpretations. Terry Parker said that SDC were concerned with the costs it might incur if a refused application was appealed. He added that the Parish Council has no right of appeal. Members wondered whether SDC took any notice of Parish Council comments.

### Tree Officer

Ann Daniels proposed that her decisions on applications for work on trees would be left in the Town Hall for David Hudson and Martin Slinger to check and other councillors to look through and comment on rather than circulate to members. This is necessary because of the short time allowed for a response. The meeting agreed.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Allotments

Chairman Terry Parker started the discussion by explaining that both the access route and the parking area shown on the plan of the Mop Tree site were wrong. He apologised for this error by the Parish Council and called it a hiccup. He will meet with the owner of the site, Selina Blow, to resolve these and other legal matters. There will then have to be a formal planning application though it was not clear whether the Parish Council or the allotment holders would be the applicant. Three residents of the Clattergrove area adjacent to the Mop Field site stated that

they had not been informed of the intended allotments, that the consultation process was 'appalling', that they had 'no faith in the Parish Council', that they were 'not taken seriously', that they were 'concerned at the breakdown in communication' and finally a letter written to the Parish Council had not been replied to. They said that in the Land Agent's report the Mop Tree site was fifth. Ela Pathak-Sen responded that many other factors were considered in choosing a site, not just the Land Agent's opinion. Terry Parker said that the consultation process had been reported in *The Beacon* and notices placed in the notice board outside the Town Hall. He was prepared to meet with residents to discuss all the issues raised.

### Brookthorpe Service Area

David Hudson reported that the Secretary of State had not called in the application.

### The Library

GCC will announce the results of the consultation process on their web-site in the week starting the 20th September which is not the way the Parish Council was expecting to find out. Joan Nash, our GCC Councillor, told the meeting she had spent two days trying to find out the future of the library building and library services in Painswick. As far as library services are concerned, that will have to wait for the government review in October. However the library building has now been declared not fit for purpose and, as of the 14th September, has been transferred to Property Services. The library building, which is in need of considerable repair, could be used for other local government offices or sold. Any use of the building would have to comply with its current planning status and any repairs with its Grade II listed status. The meeting agreed to write again to Property Services reminding them that the Parish Council wishes to be kept informed of developments.

### Parish Plan

Ela Pathak-Sen made a rapid presentation of her draft report on the 'Framework for Delivering the Parish Work Plan'. She has identified 17 Headings and suggests which parish councillor should be the 'Lead' for each Heading. The Lead will set up a team of 5 to 7 people made up from groups, individuals and clubs or societies in the village. The group will establish objectives to achieve over a three year period which are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound). Objectives are to be set by the end of January 2011 followed by public consultation and recommendations to the Parish Council by April. The meeting (of only seven members) looked rather bemused and asked for only one change in the Plan. Heading 16 'Worship' to be changed to 'Religion'.

### Local Broadband speeds

Rob Lewis explained that high speed DSLAMS (Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), needed to receive high speed broadband, were already installed in our BT exchange but that BT had not enabled their use. He said that once enabled not only BT customers but all other ISP customers would benefit from high speed broadband. He reported that our MP, Neil Carmichael, had said it was inexcusable that rural areas continued to have such slow broadband speeds. Terry Parker read out a letter from Leslie Brotherton bemoaning the slowness of our broadband speeds and claiming that fast speeds were essential for people working from home. Rob Lewis also mentioned that BT was not the only provider of broadband services, Dark Fibre and Satellite being two of the others. The meeting agreed to write to OFCOM, the communications industry regulator, the Department of Rural Affairs, Neil Carmichael MP and, of course, BT complaining about and asking for immediate improvement of rural broadband services.

### Traffic matters

This information has been provided by John Kay of GCC Highways in August following a site meeting.

20 mph speed limit signs. Roundels are to be painted on the A46 Cheltenham Road and B4073 Gloucester Street. Temporary repeater signs will be installed in the 20 mph zone.

A46 Pedestrian Crossing. The Lychgate is assessed as unsuitable because 'of lack of width, closeness to an existing traffic light, low accident history and likelihood of failing the priority assessment process'. New Street would be a better location but funding is unavailable.

Vicarage Street parking. It is not viable to impose waiting restrictions. Any obstructions can be dealt with by the police.

Drainage at entrance to Croft School. This will be investigated and probably a new gully and kerb alterations should solve the problem.

Road repairs - provisional dates: Gloucester Street footways - 18th to 27th October, Churchill Way carriageway - 25th to 27th October and Gloucester Street Carriageway (when road closure will be required) - 28th to 29th October.

### Future parish council funding

Terry Parker reported that under government proposals how parish councils are funded will change. Two precepts may be applied for, the first for the normal activities of the council as at the moment and the second for specific projects. This second request should be set at a reasonable level or a referendum will have to be carried out on the projects listed. Selection will be by a straight majority. Ironically the funding of the referendum may cost more than the

precept requested.. The whole matter is complicated and in any case is subject to the government's spending review due to be announced on the 24th October.

### County Councillor's Report

Joan Nash told the meeting that GCC was seeking government confirmation that the Slad Brook flood alleviation scheme would proceed.

Winter salt. A salt dome of 11000 tonnes is to be built in Stroud.

Adult Social Care. A specialist team is reviewing care packages. Personal budgets and support plans are to be introduced so that people may lead more independent lives.

Library spending on books will be cut but not on DVDs and music CDs.

GCC will have to make cuts of £120 million. Do you want help them? Then go to [www.meetingthechallenge.org.uk](http://www.meetingthechallenge.org.uk) and choose what services you will axe! (It is a game Joan Nash says).

## POPPY APPEAL 2010 30th October to 14th November.



I am conscious that there are many demands on incomes in these straightened economic times, but as we now approach this year's Poppy Appeal it is important to remember that a great many former servicemen and women, and their families, continue to be dependent on support from the Royal British Legion.

The 2009 Appeal saw both Painswick individually, and Gloucestershire as a whole, achieve record returns and I would like to thank again all those who supported this cause last year. Such generosity helps the RBL continue both in its own work and also to assist and support ventures undertaken by other service charities. I am sure Beacon readers will be pleased to hear that the ongoing running costs of the new £20 million rehabilitation facilities at Headley Court in Surrey (provided by 'Help for Heroes') will be met by the Royal British Legion.

Making a success of collections to help dependent ex-servicemen/women and their families, both young and old, needs many willing volunteers and, as the local organiser, I would be delighted to hear from any Painswickians who are able to help.

If you would like to be part of the Poppy Collection this year please contact me on 813229 or e-mail: [sheephouse@hotmail.com](mailto:sheephouse@hotmail.com)

*Russell Herbert*

## Community Lunches

With the closure of Christ Church and its Hall, we now have a new venue for the Community Lunches. These will start on Monday October 4th at ASHWELL HOUSE, right in the heart of the village, off Churchill Way. The lunches of homemade vegetable soups, fresh bread, butter & cheese are run by different groups from the village – from Croft School to Richmond Care Village, and every age between! The Beacon Diary tells you which group is in charge, and you are assured of a warm and comfortable welcome at Ashwell.

The lunch is open from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday. We ask for a donation of £2.50 for lunch, and an extra 50p for tea or coffee. The money raised is to be divided this year between 2 local charities, Marah & Cruse, and Christian Aid. Marah runs a drop-in centre in Stroud 3 days a week for the homeless, recovery, mentally ill etc – providing a cooked meal each day [a soup-kitchen for a soup kitchen?]. Cruse Bereavement Care (Gloucestershire) has several counsellors within the Painswick area.

We do hope you will support this village 'institution' – it is a chance to meet friends old and new as well as supporting charities.

*Rita Bishop tel: 814205  
and Anne Leoni tel: 812521*

## Business, club, society, service, agency?

### DIRECTORY 2011 – LAST CALL

Each year the Beacon's free copy of the Directory of Painswick's businesses, services and societies is delivered with every copy of the December Beacon. A valuable source of information for all local residents and our visitors, it also, of course, benefits those businesses and organisations which are included. The information is also posted on our web site.

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

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

Please send your details to either Carol Maxwell at [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net) or the Beacon's email address [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net), or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After the end of October will be too late.



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# Painswick Arts Festival 2011

The challenge now is to ensure that next year's Festival is as good, if not better, than this year's! To that end, I have convened a meeting of interested parties so that we can build on our success. We very much depend on the enthusiasm of our supporters and their willingness to offer their time and talents to the Festival. Without them the cultural life of Painswick would be so much the poorer.

The meeting, which is open to everyone, is to be held in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre on Tuesday 9th November beginning at 7.00 pm.

*Stephen Friar, Chairman*

## Painswick Singers

We were pleased to see some new faces among the 'House of Peers' at our first rehearsal of the autumn term on 13th September, when we began rehearsing for 'Iolanthe' to be performed on 6th November.

It has been decided to move our pre-Christmas concert on 18th December to Painswick Parish Church instead of Pitchcombe as previously advertised. This will make it more accessible in case of bad weather. New singers are always welcome on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

*Angela Newing*



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# Will Yew light up our lives this Christmas?

I have long had a dream of lighting up the wonderful yew trees in our beautiful churchyard at the heart of our village, over the Christmas period, to bring some light into our lives during the dark winter evenings.

With the help of local lighting guru, Phil Ion, and his company Core Lighting, we have come up with the technology to do this. The materials required, even at cost price, are not cheap and will cost £200 per tree. This one off cost will allow us to light the trees every year for the foreseeable future.

I therefore appeal to everyone who would like to see this project realised, to sponsor trees at £200 each. If we are to light trees this year then we need to act quickly, so please contact me on 01452 810820 or visit me at The Chairman in New Street.

*Chris Mercer*

## Another road closure

The Beacon has been informed that Gloucester Street will be closed from 27th October 2010 to 29th October to allow for resurfacing works by Gloucestershire Highways.

A temporary no parking order will also be in place from 11th October to 29th October. The temporary parking restriction will apply in Gloucester Street for the duration of the footway and carriageway works. The footway works are scheduled to be carried out prior to the carriageway works without a road closure but Gloucestershire Highways need the carriageway clear for their traffic and their plant. This is the reason for the difference between the closure dates and the no parking dates.

Due to road classification the official diversion route is via the A46 towards Cheltenham, then the Brockworth bypass and ring roads and back up the B4073! There are, of course, a number of other shorter routes which could be used, but these will not be signed or advertised and it will (as always) be down to the drivers discretion and knowledge of the area.

## More slippage on the landslip

Gloucester Highways are sorry to have to report that there has been some slippage to the initial programme for the A46 Coopers Hill Landslip. Progress to date is as follows, site investigation, design and contract documentation complete. Five national contractors were invited to tender for the works on 7th June and tenders were returned on 21st July. Gloucester Highways are at present evaluating the tenders and finalising licence agreements with adjacent landowners with a view to commencing the works on site before the end of October.



## Beacon subscribers

as at 21st September	2010 - 2011	This date last year
<b>New or renewed after lapsing</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Renewed from last year</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>492</b>
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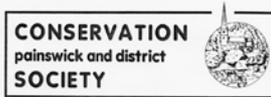
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# Painswick Beacon Conservation Group



A date for your diary: On Thursday, 21st October beginning at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall we will have our AGM. Plus a chance to enjoy an illustrated talk by Natural England's Anita Barratt. A year at North Meadow will tell of this National Nature Reserve near Cricklade which is famous for its superb displays of wild flowers including over 70% of the nation's Snake's-head Fritillaries. There are also butterflies, birds and bees. Another reason to attend is to learn more of the prospect for new money being available for increased care and maintenance of the Beacon. Do come and join us.

We have begun our Autumn to Spring working parties and have been delighted to be joined by some new volunteers. They say they enjoyed themselves helping with clearance work that makes a visible improvement. You, your family and friends are always welcome to join us. The October dates are Saturday 9th and 23rd, and later ones are in the Village Diary.

*David Allott, Chairman 812624*

## We need your jars

With so much lovely fruit and veg available right now, our Painswickians of the Year are taking the opportunity to make copious supplies of chutneys, jams and crab apple jelly. This can then be sold at various events to raise as much money as possible for the Cobalt Cancer Research unit. However, they have a desperate need for jars.

If you have any jars which you don't need – they should be 1lb or under (smaller are preferable for crab apple jelly) – please contact me.

*June Gardiner, tel. 812505*

# Supporting young people with disabilities

Some readers will remember that back in 2008 I joined a party trekking in the Himalayas, commencing at Dharamsala in India, to raise monies for the National Star College in Cheltenham. The college provides residential programmes of Education for young people with disabilities and I work at the College as Director of Studies. You may be aware from the local news that monies promised by the Government were withdrawn prior to commencement of the planned capital building programme, which meant the project was unable to go ahead at that time. However, the college has been determined to raise sufficient funds to go forward with a capital development programme. Building work is currently underway to provide new learning environments which are fit for purpose to meet the needs of disabled learners and facilitate education and training in a range of vocational subjects eg IT Business Administration, Creative & Performing Arts. New Therapy and Residential areas will better provide for the needs of students with more complex disabilities.

Another trek is planned for October and once again I have taken up the challenge, because I believe passionately in the work the College do with young people who require specialist education to achieve their full potential in adult life. On 23rd October I join a group of 15 to fly from London to Katmandu in Nepal. After a drive to Naya Pool along the graceful Modi Khola Valley we begin the panoramic Annapurna trek through lush forest leading to Birethanti. The trek continues for 5 days and some 50 Kms, climbing along terraced fields beneath the splendid panorama of awe-inspiring glaciated Himalayan mountain ranges arriving at the beautiful village of Ghandruk with views of Annapurna South, Annapurna, Machhapuchhare and Hiunchuli. Along the trail rich in rhododendron forests and gloriously cascading sparkling mountain streams on to Tadapani. More steep but stunning trails with majestic views of snow-capped mountain peaks, lush vegetation and rich plant life on route to Ghorepani. Finally ascending to and savouring the mesmerizing sight of Dhaulagiri, Tukucho Peak and other Himalayan giants from the vantage point of Poon Hill.

All trek expenses are self-funded so all monies raised from sponsorship will go directly to the National Star College Capital Development Programme. If you would like to sponsor me please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/pauline-bayliss> or contact me directly on 814809. Thank you,

*Pauline Bayliss*



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# Croft News

We have much news this month supplied by Janet Hoyle. The Beacon congratulates the school on its excellent Ofsted report.



## Ofsted visit

In the second to last week of the last school year, The Croft was inspected by Ofsted. The inspection report highlighted areas for the school for further development and outlined the many strengths of the school. I would like to thank the staff for their positive attitude towards the inspection, reflecting the hard work they do all year round, the governors for their support and commitment and the children for making the inspection team so welcome.

The report highlighted the following strengths of the school:

- 'an outstanding commitment to community by pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers'
- 'shared vision and strong teamwork'
- 'a rich curriculum' that supports pupil achievement and 'good opportunities for pupils to apply their key skills'
- 'good relationships between staff and pupils support a positive ethos for learning'
- 'good attention is given to all aspects of care, guidance and support'
- 'pupils feel safe, secure and valued'
- 'governors visit regularly and offer good challenge and support'
- 'senior leaders who 'consistently communicate high expectations' and who 'have a secure view of the progress of each pupil'

We are pleased to have so many positive aspects of the school highlighted. Staff and governors have recently had a very productive meeting to discuss the actions arising from the report, as well as other priorities that we have identified to improve the work of the school.

We were delighted that the school was deemed outstanding in the category 'the extent to which pupils contribute to the school and wider community.' This is a great credit to our pupils and staff, but also to the community of Painswick and all those of you who work with us and support us and get involved in the school. We are very grateful. Janet Hoyle

## Why not become a school governor?

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body of the school and we are looking for someone with educational, business or financial experience to join our successful and hard working group. This is a very rewarding way to work with the school to make a real difference to the life chances of the children of Painswick. This position is not suitable for staff or parents of the school, as these groups directly elect their own representatives. If you are interested in discussing this possibility, please contact Tony Urbani, Chair of Governors - tonyurbani@lineone.net

## Get Involved with the Friends of the Croft

From information supplied by Nicola Robinson, the new Chair of the Friends:

The PTA has been transformed into the 'Friends of the Croft' with the aim of involving the wider community in its activities. Are you interested in becoming a Friend? Do you have ideas or other support to offer?

Do you just want to be kept informed of what's going on?

Please contact Nicola Robinson nicolaorobinson@gmail.com.

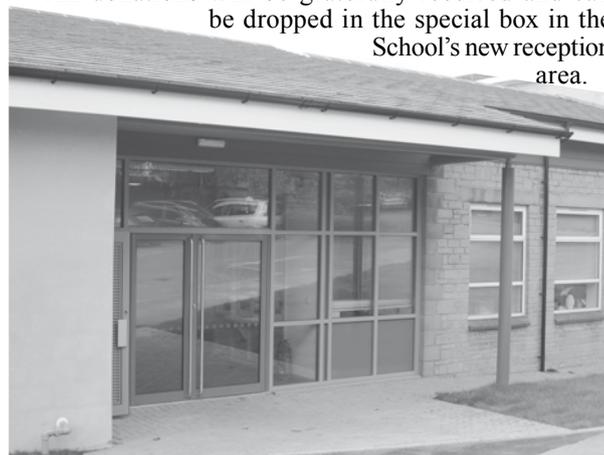
### Fireworks

Firework Night at The Croft will be on Friday 5th November. Gates open 6pm for fireworks at 6.45pm – Adults £3 & Children £2. Tickets will be available from the School Office or the Painswick Post Office. Hot food & drinks will be on sale.

### Book Donations

The Friends of The Croft are collecting any good quality children's books that your family may have grown out of. We will use these books to add to the library that all the pupils at the School can borrow as they wish.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be dropped in the special box in the School's new reception area.



*The new entrance to the school*

**Staffing:** Meal Time Supervisor needed from early November or as soon as possible, to work during term time: 4 days per week (Mondays and Wednesdays to Fridays), 1 ¼ hours per day. You will work in a great team responsible for the care and safety of our pupils during the lunch break, both in the dining hall and afterwards in the playground. Experience (paid or voluntary) with young children is an advantage, but not essential. An enhanced criminal records check will be required. Training will be provided. Please contact Mrs Hoyle by Thursday 7th October to find out more or for an application form.

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# A Week in the Life of The Painswick Centre



All the classes and clubs based at the Painswick Centre have resumed after the summer break, so it's timely to summarise all the activities available in the table below. If you want to discover more, please telephone the contact(s) below

Day	Time	Room	Class / Group	Contact	Contact Tel.
<b>Mondays</b>	9 – 10am & 10 – 11am	Cotswold Room	<b>Pilates (2 classes)</b>	Heidi Hardy	01453 731806
	4 – 5pm		<b>Children's Karate</b>	Jo Weatherall	813684
	7 – 8:30pm		<b>Community Choir</b>	Adrian Brett	07855.404147
	8 – 10pm		<b>Badminton</b>	John Wylde	814349
<b>Tuesdays</b>	2 – 4pm	Main Hall	<b>Ladies Badminton</b>	Liz Major & Margaret Wallace	813045 & 812461
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10:30 – 11:30am	Cotswold Room	<b>Pilates</b>	Catherine Gerrish	07747.466807
	7 – 10pm		<b>Bridge</b>	John Watts	813270
	7 – 9pm	Main Hall	<b>Table Tennis</b>	David Linsell	812464
<b>Thursdays</b>	9:30 – 11am	Cotswold Room	<b>Yoga</b>	Kim Brockett	812623
	6:30 – 7:30pm	Main Hall	<b>Junior Badminton</b>	Nicola Robinson	812563
	8 – 10pm		<b>Badminton</b>	John Wylde	814349
<b>Fridays</b>	10-11am	Cotswold Room	<b>Mothers &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	Caroline Edwards	07786.078386

Our other regular hirers are the local amateur dramatics group, the Painswick Players (contact Andrew Leach tel. 813609) and PADFAS (the Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society, contact Michael Rouse, 01242 680532). We also are hosts to two skittle teams – the Young Farmers and the Wickians – which meet regularly in the Painswick Centre's Skittle Alley.

One-off and regular bookings are now being taken for 2011; for information, please contact our Booking Secretary, Rose Smith on tel. 812369. The Painswick Centre also offers affiliated status to regular hirers, the benefits of which include significant discounts on room-hire and corkage rates. We also consider offering discounts for one-off special events booked by local charity groups.

## Christmas Fair & 'Goodwill Evening', Friday 10th December (2 – 9pm).

Over half the tables available in the Main Hall for the Painswick Centre's Christmas Fair have been booked, so please contact Sue Lendon (tel 813791) in good time if you would like further details and to book a stall. There will be demonstrations of Christmas Cake decorating during the day and an opportunity to practice new techniques with expert guidance from the professionals!

## The Painswick Centre's Front Lobby Appeal

The Trustees are very grateful to the donors who have responded to our appeal to raise the final £5,000 needed to complete the transformation of the front entrance and lobby of The Painswick Centre. If you would like to contribute, please send your cheque (made out to 'The Painswick Centre') to Mrs Rose Smith, Booking Secretary, Corner Cottage, Bisley Street, Painswick, GL6 6QQ. Thank you.

Jane Rowe

## Father Christmas at the Centre

Father Christmas will be in the Centre at the Stroud and District Mencap Fayre on Saturday 20th November between 10.00a.m. and 2.00p.m.

He will look forward to seeing everyone there young and old! Do come and join us, see our stalls and sample our refreshments.



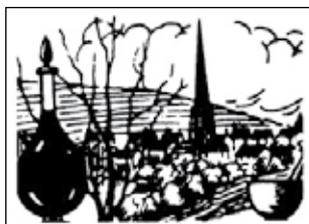
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# Cotswold Care Charity shop opens in Bisley Street



The Beacon is pleased to welcome to Painswick the Cotswold Care Charity shop which now occupies the premises of the old Lloyds Bank in Bisley Street. The Beacon has been informed that the shop will open in the week of 4th October, but initially will be low key.

The Beacon sends the new manager, supporters and volunteers its very best wishes. The manager will have a need for volunteers and, as advertised in its window, would welcome clothes, jewellery, books, shoes, bric-a-bac, CDs and DVDs - and, of course, donations.

Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.

## Ashwell Residents & Friends get Knitting



Michelle Elliott reports that residents & Friends of Ashwell have been busy knitting jenkins to keep the street children in India warm at night. Sue Matthews, County Commissioner for Guides attended the Ashwell Coffee Morning to collect the jenkins on behalf of the Guide Association and talked about the need for such articles. She explained that Guides International have a house, Sangam House, in Pune near Mumbai where a small local staff and international volunteers support local charities such as leprosy orphanages. There is still a great divide in India between great wealth and extreme poverty. They also help the children from the slums and the many street children. It is often cold at night and they help by providing warm clothes. An appeal went out for knitted jenkins to a prescribed pattern. Ashwell have provided 37 so far and these and other contributions have meant Sue has greatly exceeded her initial target. The Ashwell residents are keen to supply more knitted clothes - the only plea they had was please could they have a changed pattern - one resident said after knitting 7 jenkins it would be nice to have a different pattern!

## Coffee Morning at Ashwell House Day Centre

A special date for your diary is Wednesday, 13th October, at 10.30 am to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Day Centre. A warm welcome awaits you all.

Come with your friends to benefit from the Home Produce stall (especially the cakes), interesting Bric-a-Brac and we hope this year to make it a Bumper Raffle. Finally, with coffee, tea or hot chocolate and biscuits at £1 this has to be the best value in town!

Your support is really necessary to enable us to fund the various outings we like to give our members. We again thank Michelle Elliott, a great supporter of the Day Centre and Warden of Ashwell House, for the use of the cosy lounge to hold this special event.

*Anne Kenber and Ethelle James*



*Michelle and Sue*

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# 58th Annual Show

## Prizes at the Show on 11th September

### Horticultural Section

The Wally Brooks Challenge Trophy - potatoes  
 Challenge Cup - onions  
 The E.H. Chandler Plate - collection of vegetables  
 Special Prize - desert apples  
 Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture - cucumber  
 John Chandler Memorial Challenge Trophy  
 The JS Dent Challenge Cup - hybrid tea rose  
 The Felicity Sharwood-Smith Rose Bowl - multihead roses  
 The Bill Wear Challenge Cup - Michaelmas daisies  
 The Christine Arnold Memorial Prize - dahlias  
 Special Prize presented by G. Gaugin- one foliage pot plant  
 Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture - flowering plant  
 The Banksian Medal

### Decorative Section

The Painswick Horticultural Society Challenge Cup - flowers of Scotland  
 Challenge Cup - a hand tied posy  
 Certificate of merit for Floral Art

### Junior Section

Challenge Cup presented by F. Sharwood-Smith

### Domestic Section

Special Prize presented by Painswick Country Market - pot of soft fruit jam  
 Challenge Cup presented in memory of Mrs Hilda Musty Battenberg cake  
 Special Prize presented by Mrs B B Hunt - iced carrot cake

### Handicraft Section

Challenge Cup presented by Society for best in handicraft  
 The Women's Institute Cup for the WI member with the most prize money

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 Dylan Davies  
 Janet Crispin  
 Joyce Barrus  
 Janet Crispin  
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Brian Swinyard  
 Karin Bellshaw  
 Penny Eastwood

Hester Elvidge

Joyce Barrus

Cathy Butler  
 John Bailey

Jenny Gaugin

Kathleen Quant

# Painswick in Bloom awards

The awards for Painswick in Bloom 2010 were presented by Brenda Dunn, the President of the Horticultural Society, at the Annual Show on 11th September, 2010 at The Painswick Centre.

The Commercial Trophy was won by Painswick Parish Council, Town Hall. The award was accepted on behalf of the Parish Council by some of the children from The Croft School who did the planting, namely Miriam Szczukek, Laura Slinger and Lydia Ravenhill. The Judge, Austen Perkins, commented "The most colourful planters in a prominent position, but the miniature standard roses were out of place". Highly Commended were The Royal Oak "with its row of modest sized hanging baskets but most colour was at either end" and Murrays "Two good planters let down by the hanging baskets".

The Award for the Private Residence went to Jack and Rosie Smith of Corner Cottage, Bisley Street. The Judge commented that, "it is an eye catching display of quality plants, good colour co-ordination and in a prominent position". Highly commended was The Old Bakery, Cheltenham Road. The Judge commented, "A colour co-ordinated display of mixed containers with foliage plants. However, it is not strikingly obvious from the road for passers by". Also Highly Commended were Ashwell House Residents, particularly Nos. 1,3,4,6 and 26 who had all made a great effort to make a colourful area.

*Janet Crispin, Painswick in Bloom Secretary.*

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# Letter from El Contador

I was going to tell you about the Village Fiesta, the fun and laughter, the music and dancing in the square, then I thought no, you may like to read about what happens when the postman has his annual holiday and the village plumber takes over his duties for a month. However, I think that you would much prefer to read about our drains.

Geraldine had pulled the plug from the bath upstairs and the downstairs cloakroom quickly began filling up with soapy water accompanied by an ominous sewer pong. As luck would have it, Jose Maria the builder who had done the initial restorations to our house was working nearby and came straight around for an inspection and immediately called the plumber. Juan Pedro arrived about an hour later - sober. He has a frightening reputation of turning up dangerously tipsy whatever the time of day, wielding a hammer and a very large adjustable spanner. To his credit he identified the problem straight away, a blockage somewhere under the downstairs loo. Then he said "I can't fix it today, I'll be back mañana". We sighed. This word has a strangely elastic quality in rural Spain, not only does it mean tomorrow, but it can also translate into a week or even 3 months.

We resigned ourselves to a long wait, his usual operating



method is to call into the village bar on his way home and then arrive on our doorstep about 9 pm, somewhat worse for wear, carrying the aforementioned tools and leaving dirty foot and hand prints all over the house. After which he returns to the bar for a pre-nightcap snifter. Imagine our surprise when he arrived almost at first light the following morning, in a clean shirt, freshly shaved and smelling sweetly (unlike me by this time). He removed the loo from its mountings and

proceeded to rod the pipework with a length of old garden hose. After a few minutes he despatched Geraldine to purchase a mop from Maria Rosa's shop. Now these are not the splendid models with a squeeze device attached, they are of a type I guess rarely seen in the UK these days with a head made from lengths of a floppy stringy material but in rural Spain, the latest in technical innovation. This then duly disappeared into the pipework and suddenly there was a very loud gurgling sound and hey presto the blockage was cleared. He poured nearly 3 gallons of neat acid into the depths, re-fixed the loo and the job was done. We never discovered what became of the mop.

Juan Pedro took a 50 Euro note from me and said "I'll get change in the bar".....

*Christopher Piper-Short*

# Bird Club Flights

"That we live and talk history is clear. Was teacher reference to wunderkind's "hieroglyphics" even complimentary?! J.F. Champollion first deciphered the "sacred carvings" of Tutankhamen's tomb with their many bird symbols (1799) The mythological bennu bird flew over the waters, its cry breaking the primaeva silence. setting the content of Creation ~ the sun-god winging to heaven.

Aligning burial pyramids with sun and stars, the ancient Egyptians set the pharaohs' path to resurrection. Ancient Man's presumption of total dependence on and worship of the sun god, seems fair. Other civilisations held like precepts, the Incas' edifices ceremonially focussing the sun's rays! "Reach for the Sky" or "sky-high aspiration" or "flight of fancy" exemplify the symbolism and inspiration from sight and flight of birds.

And the district enjoys much bird fame! Dr Jenner of Berkeley was F.R.S., not for vaccination but in recognizing antisocial habits of the cuckoo! Arm-flapping was Man's first attempt at flight; soon he really took off! Our first raptor was the tiny Bristol Scout and Filtonians fancy bird-flight study to perfect wonderful flying machines. It was in the air that Slimbridge Scott 'saw' his Trust demesne, going on to perfectly paint bird flight and meticulously to show the individuality of Bewick swan-beak pattern. What of the Severn wildfowler soon to "crane" his neck, celebrating

return of that great bird. Even now, grey-cloaked keepers feed the young with beak prostheses - wisely lengthening arm rather than nose!

But what of Painswick's very own Bird Club? As the Editor receives this item, birds surely fly by right, not sinistra? Committee aspires to an ambitious programme with bird recognition and imaging of birds still important but with greater emphasis on habitat and bird behaviour. The illustrated winter talks will lead on to the summer field trips, no doubt culminating in another successful weekend safari. Arranging further joint meetings with other Painswick clubs should again be fruitful. Consequently, the November meeting at Richmond Village on the "Mysteries of Migration" will be open, as well as a joint meeting shared with the residents, also exemplifying the behavioural direction. The Club, in its second decade, opens the year's activity at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th October at 7.30pm, welcoming back Graham Wren ARPS, wildlife photographer, lecturer and guide, to discuss the nesting behaviour of the UK's 24 species of breeding, sea birds in their various island habitats." This should be a fascinating evening to which everyone is welcome."

*Martin and Wendy Addy,  
Secretaries of Painswick Bird Club*

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# A celebration of the life of Christ Church

The final service to be held at Christ Church - Harvest Festival and Commissioning Service - took place on Sunday, 26th September. The church was packed with past and present members of their congregation and many others from local churches. Three past ministers were also present.

The service was introduced by Maureen Kinear, the Church's secretary, and she asked that recollections of Christ Church be sent to her, noting that they will be collated for a future article in the Beacon.

The service was conducted by the Revd Dr. John Sutcliffe, interim Moderator at Christ Church and the Commissioning was performed by Revd Maz Allen, Area Minister of the URC. The organist was Alan Frost. The occasion might have been thought of as one of sadness only, but in his sermon Dr Sutcliffe saw it as a celebration of over 350 years of Ministry. He noted the impossibility of calculating the number of individuals influenced by the Church's work, the value of the friendships, contribution to family life and the generosity offered to the poor of the world. He compared the future of the church to how agriculture develops but with the continuing reliance upon the harvest. Both rely upon faith. There is now more of an ecumenical climate and work will be carried on elsewhere. What could have been seen as sadness was actually a path to the future.

After the service there was a reception in the hall when John Longuett-Higgins and Terry Parker thanked Christ Church for their hospitality and support to the community over the years.



Three past ministers: Revs Susan Nuttall, Jessie Clare, Heather Whyte

# A final get-together for Painswick Women's Fellowship



Painswick Women's Fellowship met for the last time on Wednesday, Sept 15th for a service of thanksgiving that was held in Christ Church and conducted by Canon Michael Irving. He reflected on the life, death, resurrection and ministry of Christ and the important role that women played throughout that journey. The organist was the Rev Alan Frost.

The group for young married women, was formed in 1944 by Mrs Jackson, wife of the vicar at St Mary's Parish Church and Mrs Morris, wife of the Minister at the Congregational Church and was known as "Young Wives". Later the name was changed to "Wives Fellowship" and more recently "Women's Fellowship".

The service was followed by a "get together" in the hall. The President, Lesley Wyld proposed a toast, Joyce Tranter, the longest serving member cut the cake and many memories from the past were remembered and shared.

*Gill Gyde*



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## The history of Catholicism in Painswick and the Church of Our Lady & St Thérèse - second edition

After some persuasion by someone close and some members of the congregation of Our Lady and St Thérèse church I have taken up the responsibility of updating the 1st edition booklet relating to the story of the church. In researching the subject I have discovered many more interesting related facts and photographs which I considered important to include in the new edition. I hope this will give a more accurate overview of the advent of Catholicism in Painswick, the founding of the church and hopes for its future within the Catholic community. Relatives, friends and old Painswickians acquainted with the founders and benefactors of the Church have contributed to the story and I would like to take the opportunity of this article to thank them all for their patience and observations.

The paperback is available for sale at the Post Office.

*Duccio Leoni*



Church of Our Lady & St Thérèse



## Painswick's Catholics celebrate the visit of the Pope

The visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom was an occasion of considerable happiness for the Painswick Catholic community. A number of parishioners attended the Vigil of Prayer on the Saturday evening in Hyde Park whilst others were present at the Cardinal John Henry Newman Beatification Mass at Cofton Park, Birmingham the next day, Sunday 19th September. Painswick resident Denise Magauran was at Hyde Park together with an estimated 70,000 other Catholics. They had been entertained by a variety of groups reflecting a rich diversity of styles and traditions which are all part of the Catholic community in England and Wales. There followed a procession of banners carried by representatives from the parishes of Scotland, England and Wales. Diocesan groups were met by their Bishops. Martin Murphy from Bisley carried the Stroud banner and met with the Bishop of Clifton, the Rt Revd Declan Lang. Denise says that it was "unbelievably moving" to have been one of the many Catholics from many nations with their banners and flags. The singing and clapping came to a crescendo when the Pope arrived in his Popemobile and was greeted with a great roar. Denise says that it was a wonderful service and that she had been so pleased to have been present at such a truly memorable and uplifting experience.

*Terry Parker*



*Pictured are Denise (left) with her sister Helen holding the Stroud banner*

## Churches Together Around Painswick

It is Quaker Week from Monday 4th October to Sunday the 10th. During that week Dr Jim Hoyland will be very pleased to show anyone around the Friends Meeting House on Vicarage Street – a most peaceful and prayerful building. Please contact Dr Jim directly on 812007.

The Week of Prayer for World Peace is being remembered in Painswick rather differently this year. The leaflet of daily prayers for the week 17th to 24th will be available before that week in different churches around Painswick, and on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30pm at Richmond Painswick there will be a short service of contemplation of these inter-faith prayers for peace, followed by refreshments. Richmond welcome us to the Auditorium there.

Churches Together Around Painswick have their Annual General Meeting on Monday 15th November at 7.00pm (note the earlier time) in The Upper Room at the Town Hall. After the "official" part of the meeting, we will have refreshments, then Mandy Baker will talk about her role as Chaplain of St. Peter's High School in Gloucester.

*Rita Bishop, Secretary*

## Quaker Awareness Week in Painswick

Many people in this day and age have a vague sense of some spiritual 'other', something bigger than themselves, but are not attached to any organised spiritual community. I was one of these people until I became Quaker. Quakers have been in Painswick and the FiveValleys for over 350 years, and yet most people I speak to – particularly younger people – do not know what a Quaker is. Quaker Awareness Week (2nd to 9th October) is designed to remedy this.

Quakers have 'Meetings for Worship' where people sit in a square or circle and 'wait in silence' for an experience with God or 'spirit' or 'light' as it may be known. Sometimes someone will feel inspired to stand and speak briefly in their own words, or to read from a spiritual text. Anyone may do this as all are considered equal. Quakers do not have priests or a hierarchy, as it is believed all people can have a direct relationship with God. I personally, love these Meetings as it is a weekly time slot of peace when I can let my busy mind settle a little, and allow greater spiritual ideas and experiences become present.

The other main aspect that draws me to Quakers is the lack of a fixed set of beliefs. The Quaker way has its roots in Christianity and finds inspiration in the Bible and the life and teachings of Jesus, but Quakers also find meaning and value in the teachings of other faiths and acknowledge that the Quaker way is not the only way.

There is much more to know about Quakers, such as the testimony to equality that welcomes all lesbian and gay people, or the long history of pacifist action which particularly rose to prominence in the Second World War, but is ongoing and highly active today, or the Quaker work to protect the environment. If you would like to find out more then you are welcome to attend a shared lunch that we are having on Sunday 10th October from 11:30 onwards, at Painswick Friends Meeting House, Withymead Lane, Vicarage Street.

For more information about other meetings in Gloucestershire and Quakers in general, just have a look at [www.glosquakers.org](http://www.glosquakers.org)

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## Tackling some of the big issues ... ?

In the past few weeks the churches in the Painswick and Stroud area have been trying to shed light on some of the bigger issues facing us – such as business ethics. As we get into October there are a couple of these "Think Twice" events still due.

**On Sunday October 10th at 7pm** in Painswick Church there will be a talk on **Climate Change** followed by a panel discussion. This will be chaired by the Bishop of Tewksbury. The main speaker will be Rodney Green who has received a number of awards for his climate change work. The panel includes 3 Gloucestershire experts: Kaye Welfare from Severn Wye Energy Agency; Barry Wyatt from Stroud District Council; and Ian Lander from the Cheltenham based Vision 21. Why not come along and find out more about climate change and ask questions of the panel? This event is free – tickets are not needed.

**On Friday October 15th at 7.30 pm** in Pitchcombe Church there will be a chance to find out more about **Assisted dying / Euthanasia**. The speakers will be the Rev. Professor Paul Badham and Dr Cath Blingham. A dialogue between Christians for and against assisted dying; two local Christians share their stories. Tickets for this talk cost £3 and may be obtained from Sally Goodman (Tel: 812990) or Ann Kennett (Tel: 812669).

*David Bishop*

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## The Clypping afternoon

The lively Gloucester Salvation Army Band led the procession around the church before the service. The address was given by the Revd Dr Sandra Millar in a very dramatic way as she challenged her audience to "Think Twice about Foolishness". Fun was provided before and after the service by seriously cool juggling. Members of the audience tried to copy it with various degrees of failure. The Revd Roly Bain, a professional Anglican clown entertained the children aged from 0+ to 90+ and brought smiles to their faces. It was a pleasure to hear spontaneous laughter ringing out across the churchyard!



*Hairdressing at the start*



*The choir leads the procession*



*The Croft School banner*



*Presenting the speaker's fee - a bun!*



*The clown entertains*

## Treasurer's delights

As, like most clubs in Painswick, Yew Trees WI held no meeting in August, seventeen members gathered at the home of our Treasurer to indulge in a delicious meal and meaningful chat. We would like to thank our Treasurer for her hospitality, and also her husband for his forbearance! This month we will be welcoming Jeff Ford who will be demonstrating the art of enamelling, so ladies, do come and join us for a fun evening at the Town Hall on 26th October, at 7.30. You will be assured of a warm welcome, and a fun evening. See you there!



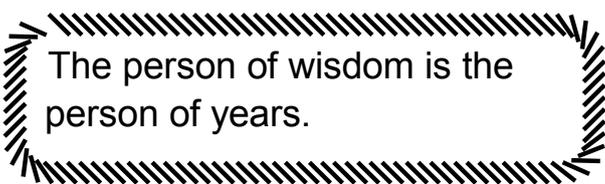
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## A great season awaits you

On 17th September, a well attended meeting, including several new faces, were treated to a fascinating selection of recordings, each relating to one of our forthcoming new season presentations and concert outings. As there were no fewer than 14, all interesting, suffice it to single out a few that particularly captivated your reviewer's taste: Gershwin's piano concerto, 3rd movement - great fun and most exciting; *Peter and the Wolf*, part of the *Music for Children* programme; violin music played by Antonio Bazzini; a tenor aria from *Il Trovatore*; tenor and baritone in the finale of *Lucia di Lammermoor*; and - a powerful summing-up - : the celebrated *Ride of the Valkyries* from Wagner's *Ring*.

New members and guests welcome as always.

Ralph Kenber



## Bird Damage

On Wednesday 8th September Painswick Probus Club reconvened after the summer break to hear a very lively and fascinating talk by Peter Roberts who stood in at very short notice in place of the scheduled speaker.



Peter is a retired British Airways senior captain who spent 34 years with the airline and its predecessor and he illustrated how many of the safety improvements to modern passenger aircraft and air traffic control stem from incidents in aircraft flights. For example, Peter was taking off just after dusk from Vancouver in 1996 on a Boeing 767, en route to London, when the plane unexpectedly ran into a huge flock of ducks. The vibration from one of its two aircraft engines was so severe that the effect could be felt throughout the aircraft. The inevitable decision was made to return to Vancouver airport after dumping fuel as the long flight to London was considered too risky to cover that distance with a damaged engine and possible damage to the wing flaps. On examination on the ground it was found that the engine fan blades had been severely bent by the impact and there was damage to the wing flaps. Peter was amused when one of the ground staff presented him with a large bag of duck parts collected from the runway.

The subsequent action taken at Vancouver airport because of this incident was to ensure bird scaring procedures were operational at all times instead of stopping at dusk as was the previous practice.

Painswick Probus Club meets every other week and we have around 22 meetings a year as well arranging a number of social events. The meetings are held in the Shires Room at The Falcon Inn. Details of upcoming talks and events can be found in the Beacon's Village diary. Our present membership is drawn from a wide variety of previous backgrounds and any newcomer will readily feel at home. Prospective new members are very welcome to attend a meeting. In the first instance please contact either our President, David Linsell (812464) or our Secretary, Geoff Archer (813557).

Ian Eastwood

## Fancy a visit to Morgan works?

and for public interest, Probus is arranging an outing to the Morgan Motor works in Malvern for 13th October. This trip is highly recommended by several Painswick people and a few places are available for non Probus people. Please phone Mike Hill on 812605 for further details and availability. You can also look at details on the interesting and excellent Painswick Probus website [www.painswickprobus.org.uk](http://www.painswickprobus.org.uk), where there is also an Outing application form which can be printed off. Please apply soon as places are very limited



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## Field Club lectures 2010/11

The Afternoon Lecture Series of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club starts again this month with an illustrated talk entitled 'A Taste of Iceland' by Tim Stemming on Wednesday 6th October at 2:30pm. The lectures are held in Painswick Town Hall, starting at 2:30pm, and are followed by light refreshments. Non-members are welcome at our lectures for which a charge of £2.00 is made. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd November, when Dr Joe Angseesing will talk about 'Different Islands in the Caribbean'.

The last of this year's Field Excursions took place on a Thursday morning, 16th September when a small group of members and guests took a leisurely walk around Stony Furlong and the Lower Chedworth valley to examine the landscape, geology and the use of local stones in the village buildings.

For more information about the Field Club and its activities, please contact Jane Rowe on tel. 813228. For new members joining on or after 1st October, we are waiving the subscription charge for the remainder of 2010; but they will be very welcome to attend our Afternoon Lectures.

*Jane Rowe, Membership Secretary*

## Your Post Office Services ... that time is looming

Is it too soon to be thinking about Christmas? As far as your post is concerned, it couldn't be a better time.

In particular, the savings on sending parcels is especially significant. Sending by surface mail is almost half the cost of sending by airmail but needs to be considered soon. Some timescales for parcels by surface mail are: New Zealand 12 weeks, South Africa 8 weeks, Hong Kong 8 weeks, USA 6 weeks, Canada 6 weeks.

Christmas stamps go on sale on 2nd November and the next collection, which features children's books, is out on 12th October, this being the last before the Christmas stamps.

If you are planning to travel over the Christmas period don't forget your mail keepsafe, forms available at the Post Office. This simple system certainly makes for peace of mind whilst you are away. Furthermore, the Post Office Credit Card offers 0% commission on overseas purchases and no cash advance fee when purchasing Post Office travel money.

If you need more information or advice Karen and Jillie are always available to help.

*Carol Maxwell*



## Police Report

This month we have **one outstandingly mean crime** to report, advice for careless parkers and the need to be vigilant regarding counterfeit money.

At approximately 5.55pm on Tuesday 7/9 a man entered the Londis Supermarket on St. Mary's Street in Painswick and stole a charity box containing between £300 and £400 of cash raised for the recent floods in Pakistan. Police Spokeswoman Alexa Collicott said: "It's very upsetting that someone would take money so kindly donated to a good cause by the community. The local policing team are investigating the theft in order to bring the offender to justice and appeal for any witnesses to contact us on 0845 090 1234 quoting incident number 430 of September 7. You can also give information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

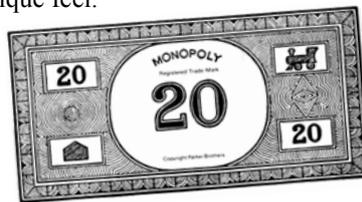
Alexa Collicott also reports that police officers received a number of reports of drivers parking on double yellow lines preventing residents from leaving their homes. Officers contacted the vehicles'

owners who moved their cars a short while later. The drivers were also given words of advice to always park considerately and responsibly.

Police are urging Painswickians to be on their guard for counterfeit £20 notes that might be in circulation. This follows an incident in Painswick in which two women attempted to exchange what is believed to be fraudulent £20 notes for other denominations at the Post Office.

Fake notes can be very convincing but there is always some flaw that the counterfeiters cannot produce, usually in the watermark, so to protect yourself take a closer look at your cash. The security features on a £20 note are:

- Feel of the paper - bank notes are printed on special paper that gives them their unique feel.



*Not a genuine £20 note*

- Raised print - you can feel raised print in some areas, such as the words "Bank of England" and in the bottom right corner, around the figure 20.

- Metallic thread - the thread is embedded in the paper in every bank note. This appears as silver dashes on the back of the new-style £20 note. If you hold the note up to the light, the metallic thread appears as a continuous dark line.

- Watermark - hold the note up to the light and in the clear area on the left, you will see an image of the Queen's portrait together with a bright £20. This can also be viewed from the back of the note.

- Quality of the printing - the printed lines and colours on bank notes are sharp, clear and free from smudges or blurred edges.

Police advise that customers should check any notes they receive before leaving the store and if they believe it to be fake then to point it out to a member of staff immediately. Counterfeit notes are completely worthless.

Retailers or customers who receive currency they believe to be fake are asked to call police on 0845 090 1234 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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# Local History Teaser

This fine group of men was part of Painswick's sporting past. Can you name any of them and date the photograph? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph was sent in by Ann Reeves who was keen to know who the ladies were. The only gentleman featured was Thomas Tuck who lived at Ashcroft in Stroud Road in the 1930s and 40s. His wife, Annie, stands behind him. They had retired to Painswick to be near relatives. Unfortunately, no-one seems to recognise the other ladies so their identities remain a mystery.



## ... and the Local History Society

At the opening meeting of the new season in September Mr Phil Moss gave an excellent presentation on the priories and friaries of Gloucester. It's all too easy to dismiss Gloucester these days but it does have some truly wonderful sites in connection with its rich history. Mr Moss's talk was packed with information and interspersed with anecdotes, some of them quite saucy!

By the 13th century the town was full of ecclesiastical establishments, being strategically important and a very bustling centre. St Oswald's priory is the oldest extant, built by order of Alfred the Great's daughter who moved the centre of Mercia to Gloucester. It was later converted to a shrine. Under the Normans it became an Augustinian priory. Sadly, during the Siege of Gloucester in 1643 it was ruined and much of the stone taken. However, much of what we see today was saved when the site was turned into a farm in 1658.

Llanthony Secunda, also an Augustinian priory, was a large establishment with glorious gardens. The remains tend generally to be 15th century. There is a unique and fascinating red brick wall alongside and some very early brickwork inside the huge tithe barn. The canon's lodge has some amazing internal timber frames.

Speed's map shows that Whitefriars covered a large area, the friars being the last to come to Gloucester. Speed's map also shows Greyfriars covering a large area. A later re-build resulted in a uniquely wide nave. The Franciscans here were self-sufficient and there was great rivalry, occasionally turning violent, between them and the Benedictines at St Peters. Excavations here have revealed a rich mix of medieval and Roman remains.

Blackfriars is the best preserved Dominican priory in the country. It was bought by Thomas Bell who used it as his factory and thus ensured its preservation. The wonderful scissor-brace timbers are the best examples in Britain and much of the 13th century structure still exists. It has now been classified as of international importance. The hope is that it may eventually become a public venue so everyone can enjoy this remarkable site right in the heart of Gloucester.

At next month's meeting Jackie Perry will give a presentation on Brickmaking in the Meadows. Croft School, 19th October, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

## BEACO-DOKU

A reader suggested we stay with a seasonal theme of fruit picking last month, so we invited you to fit **B-A-S-K-E-T** into the frame.

B	A	T	K	S	E
E	S	K	T	A	B
A	T	E	B	K	S
K	B	S	A	E	T
S	K	B	E	T	A
T	E	A	S	B	K

How did you get on?

We stay with fruit and suggest **O-R-A-N-G-E** be fitted, along each row in each direction, and in each of the six boxes.

	R			A	
G					O
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					E
A		O	G		R

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## Cricket

Another successful season for the club in terms of results. Our new 4th team and Ladies sides have proved to be successful new initiatives and the club now looks forward to 2011. The main project for 2011 is to develop new training facilities at Broadham. We aim to combine the new facility with top quality coaching as well. We want to build practice net bays at the club. This project is where we need your help. The club cannot stress enough its importance, it is critical for us to provide the right quality facilities to develop and improve our ever growing junior section and senior players. To do the latter we need to raise money - perhaps as much as £15,000. I would like to seek your help with this, we are asking for donations large or small. We are busy raising money of course within the club but your help may allow us to speed up this work and deliver for 2011. We are also seeking sponsors for our new shirts and kit for next season (we feature regularly in the local press and radio, offering good publicity for our sponsors). Please if you believe you can help in any way, do not hesitate to get in touch. Your help will provide an opportunity to influence both the players future and the clubs future for many years ahead. Please email me: s.pegam158@btinternet.com or telephone 07960654610.

*Steve Pegram Chairman Painswick CC*

## Painswick cricketer hits a million

Peter Gregory writes: A Painswick cricketer has become the first cricketer in history to hit one shot worth a million runs. James Harber was playing for The Sharks in the Hatherley and Reddings CliMAX-Sixes tournament on Sunday 5th September. In this new format of cricket, launched at Ebrington CC this year, hitting the ball out of the park brings big rewards, especially when done from consecutive deliveries. Harber produced a MAXimum from each delivery of the second over of the match and with the sixth scored a million and won the Champagne Moment.

Until 5th September no batsman had gone beyond three consecutive MAXimums, though Nathaniel Gregory of Hatherley & Reddings surpassed his own record with five moments before Harber. In the CliMAX community, Harber is now known as a MegaMAX batter, but his feat was not enough to secure victory for The Sharks, which included another Painswick star Ali Bressinton. The Sharks lost to The Marrows, a team from Chipping Campden School that had previous experience of CliMAX and the advantage of batting first in final played in the dark.

## Rugby

Painswick first fifteen opened the league season on 11th September with a 25 points to 15 victory over Ashley Down Old Boys at Broadham Fields. The ten point margin victory brought the Cherry and Whites a bonus point under the new league points system. The following week Painswick were away to another Bristol club, Bishopston, but with several key players again unavailable the home side proved too strong and won the game by 16 points to nil. Training continues every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Broadham Fields commencing at 7pm. Players of any standard will be made welcome by the coach Roger Fowke, 1st XV skipper Aussie Smith and United skipper Greg Beard. More information can be obtained from Ian Hogg on 07972405209 or Martin Hayward on 07792911292.

Last Saturday's results

Painswick 1st XV 12 Bream 1st XV 33.  
Painswick United 20 Longlevens 2nd XV41.

### October Fixtures

Sat 2nd. Cheltenham Civil Service 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

Painswick United v Old Centralians 2nd XV.

Sat 9th. Painswick 1st XV v Cotham Park 1st

## Badminton



*Eleanor Pickin being presented with the Diana Radway Cup for the most improved junior Badminton player for the 2009/2010 season by Tim Bircher, the Badminton coach.*

XV. Stroud Nomads v Painswick United. Sat 16th. To be advised (Cup match day)..  
Sat 23rd. Dursley 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick United v Cirencester 2nd XV.  
Sat 30th. Painswick 1st XV v Hucclecote 1st XV. Dursley United v Painswick United.

## Tennis

### The Road to Wimbledon

Sophie Barnett as the girls runner-up in the Gloucestershire Road to Wimbledon Finals was invited to go to Wimbledon to take part in a training session with Tim Henman and top coach Dan Bloxham. The junior players spent two and a half hours working alongside the English tennis hero doing training drills and playing tennis with him. Sophie was then able to watch the Road to Wimbledon Final which saw an ex-Painswick Performance player, Chris Morrow, win 6-4 6-1 after a very exciting match. He is the first Gloucestershire player to win this Under14 tournament and ensure his name is added to the Roll of Honour at Wimbledon.

### August Tournament

The conclusion of the August tournament was held on a fine Friday evening with six mixed doubles pairs battling it out. With only one round left, five of the pairs were in contention. Playing incredibly well in her last two matches, the young Sophie Barnett was the motivating force which pushed her veteran father Nigel into playing well enough for them to win the tournament by one point.

### Gloucestershire County Closed Results

Girls Under10 Singles: Runner-up: Nina Perry.

Girls Under16 Doubles: Runners-up: Sophie Hall and Sophie Barnett.

Girls Under18 Singles: Winner: Alicia Barnett.

Girls Under18 Doubles: Winners: Alicia Barnett and partner.

Girls Under16 Consolation: Winner: Sophie Barnett.

Following a successful summer of competition, Alicia Barnett is now ranked 12th nationally at Under18.

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*The 4 girls from Painswick who had success at the Gloucestershire County Closed:  
Back row L to R: Sophie Hall, Alicia Barnett, Sophie Barnett.  
Front row: Nina Perry.*



*Sophie Barnett with Tim Henman.*

## PROPERTY REPORT for August from Murrays

There can be no doubt that we are experiencing slightly cautious and unpredictable trading conditions and that we appear to be adjusting to a “new normal” in the market in the post-credit-crunch era. Having said this, there are positive figures from a number of quarters: GDP figures above expectations at 1.2% in Q2; mortgage lending volumes are continuing to increase; and research by the Nationwide Building Society in the last couple of weeks reports increased optimism about the economic recovery for the first time since the General Election.

Overall, the summer has been very positive for Hamptons’ sales division with performance up in most areas and a real “post-election bounce” in evidence. In Painswick, July was our best month ever for volume of sales agreed proving that, despite what the media may wish us

to believe, there is life and activity in the market. This carried on through August but, as you would expect in such a family-oriented area, the volume of activity was lower as many take a break from the housing market in the peak holiday season to enjoy time with their families. September has been another busy month for us and our “mantra” has been that reasonably-priced properties are seeing good activity levels and selling well.

We have taken on many new instructions recently but of note would be: Cotswold Villa, a charming 3 bed stone house with private garden; Bank Flat, a 2 bedroom first floor flat in Bisley Street; Byways, a delightfully extended cottage in Cockshoot; Cud Hill House, a substantial Victorian house offering the most stunning panoramic views; and Edge House, a handsome and imposing

house with superb gardens and scope for renovation. Further afield in Upton we have taken instructions to market several properties including: Tudor Cottage, a gorgeous semi detached house with generous gardens; Hillview, a family house with country-views front and rear; 15 Churchfield Road, a 1930’s semi-detached house with permission to extend; and 11 Woodland Green, a modern family house in a secluded cul-de-sac location.

Properties to have gone under offer amongst others include: Hillview Cottage in Sneedhams Green; a plot of land with permission for a new house in Edge Road; and Byways in Cockshoot; whilst those to have sold are: Highfield on the Longridge, Whyte wall End in Stamages Lane, Roseleigh in Cheltenham Road, Sunnyside in Stockend; Bay Tree Lodge at Gyde House.

*Guy Tabony, Branch Manager*



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I'd like to start with an apology: the information in last month's article in regards to Scottish Power was out of date and I am very grateful to the gentlemen who called me to let me know. I am also very happy to say that one of them managed to get a substantial reduction in his bill which was back dated, so it's always worth investigating if you think you might have suitable circumstances to meet the criteria required by your energy company provider. Scottish Power run a scheme called "Fresh Start" for people over 60 and on certain benefits, which can give a reduction of up to 15% off standard charges and 5% off a direct debit account. The telephone number for Fresh Start through the Care Free department, is 01415 686182.

Last month we looked at the different schemes some of the energy suppliers run to help with the reduction of our ever increasing fuel bills and I thought it might be helpful to continue with the theme of how to reduce those costs. Winter Fuel Payments are paid to those over 60 and can be between £125 and £400 depending on your circumstances. If the temperature drops below 0°C for 7 consecutive days then a cold weather payment is also available for those who qualify for a winter fuel payment. To check for eligibility, call the Winter Fuel Payments Helpline.

Bills can be reduced and the home made warmer by improving on the insulation. There are a number of schemes which can provide grants or partial grants toward insulation and heating measures. Warm Front is a Government funded grant scheme. If you own your own home or rent it from a private landlord, you may be eligible for a grant of up to £3,500 (or £6,000 where oil, low carbon or renewable technologies are recommended) under the Warm Front Scheme. Gloucestershire's very own energy efficiency grant scheme is called "Warm and Well". The scheme has been running for 9 years and has helped over 27,000 households. Clients who are not eligible for Warm Front grants may be eligible for free or partial grants toward loft and/or cavity wall insulation and/ or

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heating system replacement.

For more details about either of these grant schemes or to be referred for a free no obligation survey contact the Energy Saving

Trust Advice Centre.

What about the actual costs of running all those appliances we have in our home? Learning how much our energy use costs is key to understanding how to use less and to saving money. You can make these calculations yourself if you know how much a unit (kilowatt hour- kWh) of electricity costs you. This information will be displayed on your bill or as an option on your prepayment card/ key meter. You may need a calculator and you will also need to know what the power rating of your appliance is. This will usually be displayed on a label on the appliance itself (on the back or underside)

If the label says 2kW then it would use 2 kWh if it was left on for an hour. N.b sometimes the power rating is displayed as Watts. In this case it is easier to convert this to kW. This is simple as there are 1000 Watts in a kW. Here is a formula below.  

$$\text{Watts} \div 1000 (\text{to get kW}) \times \text{Minutes} \div 60 = \text{Consumption then} \times \text{Unit Cost (e.g. 14p)}$$
 So for a 2000Watts (2kW) oil radiator running for 1.5 hours the sum would be:  

$$2000 \div 1000 \times 90 \div 60 = 3 \times 14 = 42p.$$
 So running this radiator for 1.5hrs will cost 42p! Over a week then this would cost £2.94 and a month £11.76

Useful contact numbers

The Winter fuel payments helpline 0845 915 1515 .

Energy Saving Trust

Contact your local Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre for referrals into grant schemes for insulation and heating measures, energy saving advice and impartial advice about renewable energy choices. 0800 512 012

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Lou Kemp, Tel: 07776245767

## Open Gardens Event needs you!

The British Red Cross  annually holds an Open Garden Event in Painswick. Each June a select number of Painswick Residents charitably open their beautiful gardens to the paying public, in aid of the local British Red Cross. In the last 5 years alone, the garden openings in Painswick have raised over £8,000 for the charity. In 2011, local British Red Cross Community Fundraiser, Lucy England, is looking to include several new gardens to this programme to give some of the other dedicated garden owners who currently take part, a break for a year.

Lucy said 'We are looking for gardens of interest, not necessarily scale and grandeur. Small cottage gardens work well as part of a village event and we would welcome everyone to take part. We are looking for people who want to feel part of the community and get involved in a really worthwhile event'.

If you are interested in opening your garden as part of the Painswick Village Open Garden event, please get in touch with Lucy England. Telephone 01452 726664,

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Sat	2	Annual flu vaccinations by appointment Painswick Music Society AGM: followed by Social Evening and Recital	Church Rooms Town Hall	7.00pm 10.30am
Mon	4	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Ashwell House Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	12noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	5	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Birds & a Lancaster Pilot - Peter Roberts Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: A Taste of Iceland - Tim Stenning (enq. 813228) Parish Council Planning and F&GP Committee Meeting Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Theatre Club Outing to Bath Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Stamages Car Park Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 10.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: Laughter is a daily exercise - Patrick Graham Stuart Singers Concert in aid of Sue Ryder Care	Town Hall Richmond, Painswick St Mary's Church	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709 Painswick Conservatives Bridge Drive: Tickets £10 from Mrs M Drake 813841 / Cllr B Tait 812743 Autumn Afternoon Teas (Cream Teas, Cakes, Stalls) for Christian Aid	Painswick Beacon Town Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 1.00pm 2.30 to 6.30pm 3.00 to 5.30pm
Sun	10	Think Twice about Climate Change: talk & discussion panel chaired by Bishop of Tewkesbury	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Mon	11	Community Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	12	Bird Club: Britain's Breeding Seabirds: Graham Wren APRS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	13	Ashwell House Day Centre: 25th Anniversary Coffee Morning Probus: Visit to the Morgan Car Works, Malvern	Ashwell House	10.30am
Fri	15	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Benjamin Britten	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft School	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Brickmaking in the meadows from the Civil War to the Victorian Period - Jackie Perry	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Hidden Meanings - Peter Petrie World Day of Prayer for Peace - Service & Refreshments Parish Council Meeting	Shires Room, Falcon Richmond Painswick Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	21	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & illustrated talk "A tear in the life of North Meadow"	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Autumn trip to Slimbridge		
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709 <b>Copy dateline for November Beacon</b>	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W I: Demonstration of Enamelling - Jeff Ford	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	29	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Beethoven	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	30	Art Exhibition - Landscapes & Wildlife - Gemma Waters (also Sunday 31st)	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm
Sun	31	Closing date for 2011 Directory entries		

## NOVEMBER

Mon	1	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Probus: Fylingdales - We are Watching: Mike Speed Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Different Islands of the Caribbean - Dr J Angseesing (enq. 813228) Parish Council Planning & Land, Buildings & Footpath Committee Meeting	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm



Fri	5	Friday Club A.G.M. - Followed by a talk on Stained Glass - Clare Nayegon at 2.30pm Firework Night at Croft School: Adults £3, Children £2. Doors open 6.00pm	Town Hall Croft School	1.45pm Fireworks 6.45pm
Sat	6	<b>November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Annual flu vaccinations by appointment Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre	9.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	8	Painswick Singers perform 'Iolanthe' by Gilbert & Sullivan Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	7.30pm 12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Bird club: Mysteries of migration - Charles Martin Painswick Arts Festival Meeting Green Rm,	Richmond, Village P'wick Centre	7.30pm 7.00pm
Fri	12	Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Felix Mendelssohn	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	15	Community Lunch: Churches Together around Painswick AGM & Talk	Ashwell House Town Hall upper room	12noon to 1.15pm 7.00pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Blackfriars, Gloucester - recent archaeological work - Lisa Donel	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Who'd be a Rugby Referee - Mike Wallace Parish Council Meeting	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Food for Christmas - Gillian Hancock	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Town Hall Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre	9.45am to 12noon 10.00am to 1.00pm 10.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	22	Stroud & District Mencap Christmas Fayre Fairgame Theatre Co.: Cinderella. Contact 814139 Community Lunch:	Edge Village Hall Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W I: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Tracey Stevens. Followed by AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24	Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Birmingham Parish Council Traffic Committee Meeting	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.30am 7.30pm
Sat	27	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford Playhouse	Stamages Car Park	12 noon
Mon	29	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Wed	1	Probus: Carry on up the Khyber - Railways in Pakistan: Michael Burdge Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Life in the Darkness - J. Jones (enq. 813228)	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club Christmas Lunch Croft School Christmas Fayre	Sheepscombe V. Hall Croft School	3.30 to 6.00pm
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	6	Community Lunch:	Ashwell House	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	8	Probus: Christmas Dinner Parish Council Meeting	The Hill, Stroud Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Christmas Fair & Goodwill Evening. Enquiries 813791	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 9.00pm
Tue	14	Yew Trees W I: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: Falkland Islands - Paul Stevenson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	17	Friday Club: The Art of Belly Dancing - Ann Blagdon Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Christmas Social	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	18	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709 Painswick Singers Christmas Concert - Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine in the Church Rooms	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am to 1.00pm 7.30pm
Mon	20	Carol singing around Painswick: Contact Iris McCormick 812879		6.00pm



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## NEW APPLICATIONS

**BUTCHERS ARMS**, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Provision of static caravan for temporary period of 3 years.  
**WESTMORLAND HOUSE**, Kingsmead. Proposed new dwelling.  
**BROOK HOUSE**, Greenhouse Lane. Erection of greenhouse.  
**THE GRANGE**, Sheepscombe. Application to renew extant permission S.07/2335/FUL for the conversion of Coach House to create ancillary staff accommodation.  
**PROSPECT HOUSE**, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Erection of extensions.  
**GAZEBO AND BLOW FAMILY MEMORIALS**, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge. Erection of metal entrance gates.  
**LITTLE ACRE**, Cheltenham Road. Loft conversion to include dormer windows.

## CONSENT

**DOWN FARM**, Slad. Part retrospective application for a Pole Barn.  
**CHURCH HOUSE**, St Marys Street. Proposed enlargement to entrance & replacement gates.  
**SEVENACRES**, The Camp, Sheepscombe. Raising roof height and introduction of windows, doors and roof windows.  
**AMBLESIDE**, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge. Revised application following permission S.09/1626/HOLD for the erection of an extension.  
**FLAX COTTAGE**, Vicarage Street. Fell Cotoneaster to leave a 1m stem. Reduce height of the Cherry tree.  
**VERLANDS**, Vicarage Street. Oak – remove the low branch which is touching the wall. Limes x2 remove epicormic growth on the trunks. Cop-

per Beech – remove dead branches.  
Cedar and Wellingtonia – remove dead wood.  
**THE BULL**, Wick Street. Works to demolish a single storey extension to the side of the property and build a new two storey side extension with attic room.  
**BELL YARD**, New Street. Alterations in connection with conversion of office/studio to additional residential accommodation.  
**RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE**. Extension of existing covered walkway and new access doors into existing terrace area.  
**ELM COTTAGE**, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of first floor extension and replacement dormer.  
**16 GLOUCESTER STREET**. Crown lift Yew Tree.  
**COCKSHOOT COTTAGE**, Cockshoot Quarry, Sheepscombe. Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension to replace conservatory.  
**2 ROSEBANK COTTAGES**, Slad. Repair of chimney and addition of windows to attic.  
**HAMFIELD**, Edge Road. Single storey extension to existing outbuilding to form annexe.  
**CARDYNHAM HOUSE**, Tibbiwell. Fell cherry tree x1. Replant with silver birch.

## Police telephone numbers

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## Retirement homes in the offing?

Many residents will know the open piece of land which lies adjacent to New Drive (running between Stamages Lane and Kemps Lane). New Drive itself is a throughway belonging to the Parish and there is a well-used footpath running from midway along its length on the north side of the field diagonally across the field to the mid-point of the eastern boundary.

Blue Cedar Homes, a company which builds retirement homes and which is based in Bristol, is currently carrying out exploratory required investigations with a view to applying for permission to develop this piece of land. Their plan, if it goes ahead, is to build about twenty retirement homes on the plot.

At this stage exact details have not been announced but people whose properties are in the immediate vicinity have been notified by the company of its intentions. Concerns have now been raised locally about various issues including land subsidence, road access, the footpaths, the age profile and the number of houses planned.

Blue Cedar Homes have already completed much of the necessary investigatory work on the field and intend to negotiate with the planners within the foreseeable future.

*Carol Maxwell*

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### Information wanted:

My house, Woodborough (formerly The Knapp), Knapp Lane, is a hundred years old this year. Has anyone any photos, information about who has lived there, etc? Contact Peter Harris 812382

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# The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

## Golden Weddings

Belated congratulations to ANGELA and BERNARD DAY, married 50 years on September 17th, who had a Thanksgiving Service in Gloucester Cathedral.

Congratulations to ANNE and BERNARD HAMILL who celebrated their golden wedding on October 1st.

also congratulations to ANDY and ARTHUR LOCK who will have been married for 50 years on October 18th.

## Birthday

Congratulations to RICHARD BURGESS WATSON who celebrated his 80th birthday on 23rd September.

## Condolences

to the family and friends of PROF. JOHN WEBB who died on September 2nd;

and to the family and friends of ANTHONY TRUDE of Cranham who died on Friday, September 3rd;

and to the family and friends of JOHN EVERTON, of Sheepscombe, who died on Thursday, September 9th

and to the family and friends of COLIN TREGLOWN who died on September 9th

and belated condolences to the family and friends of PATSY MERRYWEATHER who died in August.

## PERSONAL MESSAGES

**Marguerite Treglown** and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness who sent cards and letters following Colin's sad death.

**Don and Gladys Harding** wish to thank neighbours and friends for cards presents and kind wishes for their diamond wedding.

**Richard Barr** says: 'how much I enjoyed my short time in Painswick whilst travelling through as part of walking the Cotswold Way in early July. It was my favourite town because of the friendliness of everyone who I came into contact with and because of its sheer beauty. I am particularly grateful to Arthur and Andrena at Meadowcote for their munificence in transporting my mobile phone onto my next location (Cheltenham) when this silly idiot left it behind! Best wishes to all.'

## Wedding

KATHRYN WARRINER married MATTHEW HODGSON at Bowden Hall on 7th August. Kathryn is the daughter of Les and Lesley Warriner (of Painswick) and she has recently qualified as a teacher. However, currently Kathryn is working in the Painswick Pharmacy while she awaits a teaching position. Matthew is the son of John and Wendy Hodgson (of Painswick) and is working locally as a kitchen consultant and designer. Kathryn and Matt are currently living in Stroud but hope to return to the village one day.



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