

The Painswick Beacon

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Snow came to Painswick



Included on other pages this month:

Removing snow, Sheep worrying & dog attack, Painswick back to life, Village Quiz, Fairtrade, Centre News, Zumba class, Suggestions for library, Marathon for fund raising, Resthaven Trustees needed, Cupcakes for carers, Lent courses, Painswick Players, Dance for fun, Rococo future, Future developments in Painswick, Wassail, El Contador and reports from clubs and societies

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th January by Terry Parker

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Public questions

A resident submitted several questions about the status of the work at Catbrain Quarry. The questions and answers were read out by Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Lewis who said that the storage facility building was being completed in accordance with the approved planning application. The increased height of the storage facility had been agreed by the Planning Authority and it was noted that the roof height was below that of the south west facing quarry face. Another question concerned the colour of the roof. Cllr Lewis said that the colour was to be grey/green but this would be confirmed with the Planning Authority. He added that Meister Masonry would be asked to submit a sample of the roofing material.

Applications.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the District Council its support for the following applications, the details of which were reported in the January Beacon. Kingsley Cottage, Victoria Street; Dynevor House, New Street; 2 Brookhouse Mill; Jays Hill, The Park. The committee also agreed to support the application at Jubilate, Blakewell Mead which related to tree work.

Other applications.

Richmond Village Centre. Clarification was to be sought regarding the application for two A46 roadside signs. **Gyde Barn.** Clarification was to be sought whether a Listed Building Application was required for the proposed new replacement grey metal flue. **Windyridge, Longridge.** There was to be a site visit. **The Old Library Building, Stroud Road.** Confirmation was to be obtained that the proposed footway between the car park and St Mary's Churchyard was for public use and not as stated in the application for the benefit of the St Mary's congregation. Members were advised that the possible designation of the footway as a Public Right of Way was not a matter for the Planning Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public questions. There were none.

Matters of urgency. The Clerk gave details of the recently announced changes in the calculation of Council Tax. The changes meant a very minor adjustment to the Parish Council's budgeted requirement.

Art Couture event. The parking issue was to be discussed at the Recreation Ground Trust meeting which was to be held later in the month.

Youth Club. The £20,000 Public Works

Loan had been agreed in principle. The County Council's £45,000 **Big Community Offer** grant money was expected to be released shortly.

Voluntary Speed Traffic checks. Cllr Lewis said that he was preparing an article for the Painswick Beacon in which there would be a request for volunteers to staff the equipment.

CCTV in Painswick. The proposed meeting was still to be arranged with Mark Gosland, the Police CCTV Advisor.

Highways. There had been a meeting with County Highways in which a number of issues had been discussed on site. There was a need for new drain in Damsells Lane. Highways would speak with the contractors about damage to the verges at Kemps/Kings Mill Lane.

Cllr Lewis said that he wished to see a condition included in planning applications which made the developer responsible for the reinstatement of highway damage.

County Councillor's report. Cllr Nash was unable to attend the meeting because of illness. In her written report she said that the County Council's budget would be debated at the full County Council meeting in February. The proposals were to keep the Council Tax at the present rate and to protect budgets for Adult Care and Care of the Vulnerable residents as in the previous year. Cllr Nash reported that the County Council and the NHS were redesigning the services to Carers and would be commissioning them later in 2013.

Information Boards. The Painswick History Society had written to the Parish Council requesting that the Council assume responsibility for the Information Boards. The Council agreed to the request.

Parish Plan. Cllr Caroline White told the Council that the Action Plan working draft had been circulated to the group and the feedback from Sheepscombe residents and The Croft School was being incorporated in the consultation document. When the document had been completed, a presentation event would be held to outline the background to the document, to explain the process to date, and to invite the public to review the comments which would have been split into suitable headings. The public would be asked to assist the Parish Council in prioritising the actions. The presentation event was to be held on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. It was then proposed to have a 3-4 week follow-up period for additional comments to be received ahead of finalising the document and putting to the Parish Council for

acceptance, probably in June 2013. The group agreed to speak with the District Council in regard to a grant towards the costs of the consultation exercise and the printing of the completed action plan. The group had discussed the "Painswick Back to Life" report and noted that it was being referred to Painswick Matters for their comments.

Emergency Plan.

Cllr Martin Slinger gave details of the Plan. He said that the Town Hall would be the main Evacuation Centre. He said that the Council Chairman and the Council Clerk would make the initial assessment of any situation. Jane Rowe said that Painswick Centre was an additional Emergency Centre. Cllr Slinger said that the Painswick Centre Trustees would be updated on the details of the Plan. The Broadham Pavilion was also designated as an Emergency Centre.

St Mary's Street toilets.

The members were advised that the public consultation regarding the future of the conveniences was underway and would end on 4th February.

Meeting with The Croft School.

Councillors had met with members of the School Council and had been impressed with the range of issues raised by the children. The list of issues had been passed to the Parish Plan Working Group with those relating to the Recreation Ground to be agenda items at the Trust's forthcoming meeting.

Ward reports.

It was agreed to pursue the replacement of the Tibbiwell post box and the waste collection bin outside the Best Buy shop. Anne Smith queried the status of the Shetland Shop. Cllr Lewis said that he understood there were outstanding planning issues in regard to the exterior of the building.

Police matters

Ann Daniels said that the County Council now had responsibility for policing on-street parking but that the Council would be "outsourcing" the responsibility.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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Removing snow from Painswick

I would like to thank all of the local snow team volunteers and members of the public who during the recent spell of snowy conditions ensured through tremendous efforts that the majority of footpaths around the village remained safe and accessible. The volunteers used over 50 bags of salt not to mention the grit in the bins. The team of volunteers were led by Carol Fuller. I would also like to thank Jason Bullingham for clearing Vicarage Street and Paul Cooke who worked very hard to keep Gyde Road clear and of course George Hodder our Handyman for ensuring that the grit bins were replenished. It was a pleasure to see such local support during such bad weather. Well done to you all. If you are interested in joining the volunteer snow team please contact the Clerk on 812722.

Martin Slinger, Parish Council Chairman

Thank you to volunteers and neighbours

We would like to thank all the people who gritted or indeed dug snow in their area. This meant that those of a nervous disposition had safe walkways. Some of these were "official volunteers", some were considerate neighbours. What a great shame the side roads especially in the centre of the village (Victoria Street, Friday Street, Bisley Street and St Mary's Street) weren't dealt with by Gloucester County Council because they were treacherous. The side roads are not the responsibility of the Parish Council but Martin Slinger, the chairman, George Hodder and Irena went out and did what they could. Also a big thank you to the intrepid Tracy from Cotteswold Dairy who got through with her milk

Anne & Duccio Leoni



Our thanks to Jill Cantagrill from Hampton's International for sending us this photo

Beacon VILLAGE QUIZ of the Year - 9th March

We're pleased to be receiving entries for this year's battle of the wits, but the closing date looms - Tuesday 26th February. A closing date is important for a number of reasons, not least printing of the programme and preparing the interval refreshments.

We detailed our approach to the evening in the last issue of the Beacon, and hope you have triggered some action to enter. The trophy beckons, the accompanying bottles for the top teams, and appropriate timber fashioned for culinary purposes for the team forced into lowest score. With the tightest of gaps for the top five teams last year we look forward to their being truly challenged this time round.

Will you be in a team this year? Bookings are strictly on a first-come-first-allocated basis. Team entry fees are a little higher this year at £20, with the bar open all evening from 7.15, and a 'platter' of refreshments included and brought to each table in the interval. Carriages at 10.30pm, or thereabouts. Entries please by E-mail to mr@lesliebrotherton.com or post to his home, Longhope, Blakewell Mead GL6 6UR; cheques payable to The Painswick Beacon at £20 per team.

Don't forget, we also have a prize for the team judged to have brought the most apt and striking mascot. Do join in, it is regularly reported as 'Good fun!'.

Saturday 9th March at 7.15 for 7.30pm prompt in Painswick Centre.



The boards – more thanks

The information boards, now truly established around the centre of Painswick, would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship of Painswick businesses, organisations and individuals. Omitted erroneously from the list which appeared in last month's Beacon were Jim and Jane Hoyland and Dennis French, and, after reading about the shortfall, another who wishes to remain anonymous has very kindly donated what was still outstanding.

The Local History Society thanks all the sponsors for their wonderful support.

Carol Maxwell

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Fairtrade Fortnight Wine Tasting Event

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Tickets can be purchased in advance at £2.50 from Terry Parker 812191 or Frances Watson 812071. They can also be purchased from the Post office but only on Mondays, Thursdays am or Fridays pm. Tickets at the door £3.00 subject to availability



Terry Parker

February events

Attic Sale - Sunday 3rd 10.00am – 4.00pm

A sale for those wanting to de-clutter and make cash from their attics, cupboards or sheds or those just wanting to browse or buy. To book a table for £8 just download a booking form from the website and return it to us or contact jennie@thepainswickcentre.com or phone 07769182229.



Cracking Cryptics - Friday 8th at 7.30pm

Tony Long's amusing workshop is a must for everyone interested in mastering cryptic crosswords. Suitable for the complete novice to the more experienced. Tony, whose other passion is the stage, has been compiling crosswords for nearly 20 years and explains their mysteries in an entertaining evening with plenty of jokes and audience involvement. Tickets £10 on sale from Post Office or online.

Play in a Week – Half Term, 11th – 15th

Improvise, write and perform a play in a week, Groups will be led by Jarek Adams and Andy Thorn, professional dramatists, who have been writing plays for young audiences and running youth theatre projects for over 20 years. The project will run during half term with workshops for children (aged 7 – 11 years) from 10 am – 12 noon and workshops for young people (aged 12 – 16 years) from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. There will be a performance on the Beacon stage on the Friday evening for friends and family. The theme for the week will be "An Antidote to Romance" to counter-balance Valentine's Day which falls this week. The price per child is £50 for the week and places need to be booked in advance.



Fun With Fiction. Saturday 23rd 10.00am – 3.00pm

If you're bursting with creative writing ideas, but need help to focus them then this day is for you. Working with two local authors you'll be guided through a series of fun writing exercises towards creating a short story or poem from the hidden depths of your imagination. You don't need to have any experience of writing, but previous dabblers will also find the day fun and gently stimulating. Places cost £40 and must be booked in advance.

Devious Minds - Saturday 23rd at 7.30pm.

An evening of mind reading or trickery – you decide. Fresh from the Edinburgh Festival, Shoesmith and Maudsley, both members of the Magical Circle, will amaze and surprise you. But can they outwit you? For more information visit Devious Minds. Tickets cost £8.50.

All workshops can be booked by contacting kate@thepainswickcentre.com. All tickets can be purchased on our website www.thepainswickcentre.com

Gilly Hill

Zumba fitness class

Boogie, Shake & Shimmy your way to a happier and fitter you with Ally's Zumba Fitness class every Thursday at 7pm at the Painswick Centre £6. Zumba is a Latin inspired dance-aerobic work out that's easy to follow and gets results. You are invited to take it at your own pace and the only rules are to let loose, have fun and dance like no one's watching! It's such a fun way to exercise and targets the areas women want to improve, so don't be shy, come and join the party! For further details contact Ally on 07875227549 allyzumba@hotmail.com www.allyzumba.co.uk

Ally Bennett

Gloucestershire's Norman Churches

The Field Club welcomes back Dr Steve Blake to our next Lecture Meeting on Wednesday 6th February at 2:30pm in the Painswick Centre.



On this visit, Steve will show us that many Cotswold churches retain elements of their Norman origins. His illustrations will range from modest rural churches through to one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in Britain, Tewkesbury Abbey. This Lecture will set the scene for our first outing in April, when we tour the Abbey.

Members are also invited arrive early for a Special General Meeting at 2pm to consider an updated Constitution.

Refreshments will be served after the talk and visitors will be very welcome to join us (£3 charge). Details of membership can be obtained by contacting me or dropping into one of our meetings.

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Sheep worrying in Painswick

On the afternoon of 3rd January the sense of "Happy New Year" evaporated when I went to check a flock of 45 ewes in my field bordering Painswick Beacon. A scene of carnage greeted me with sheep lying on the ground covered in blood and heaps of wool all around the field. It was not an easy task to remove the petrified sheep from the field and take them back to the farmyard. I am most grateful to friends and neighbours who assisted me.

Eleven of the sheep were found to have been injured and were treated for their bites and also given antibiotics to prevent infection. I first thought that three of the ewes would die or have to be destroyed, but thankfully they have survived. However, all 45 in lamb ewes are still at risk of aborting, delivering still born lambs, or lambs that may be deformed.

On 4th January a neighbour and I found several examples of long black dog hair on the fence bordering Painswick Beacon. A Painswick resident who was passing at the time said that he had seen a very large black dog in the field at 10am the previous morning. I believe from further information received that the attack may have lasted for up to four hours.

Gloucestershire Police have been very much involved with this incident, taking many photographs and retaining the dog hair for possible future reference. They requested that I should make "The Painswick Beacon" aware of this matter in the hope that more information may be forthcoming and to warn dog owners that letting their pet loose can have very serious consequences.

This attack on my sheep has created a great deal of extra work for me, the injured sheep will have to be housed until well after lambing as their wounds would be worsened by birds such as magpies. I live with the fear that the dog may return and attack other sheep on my farm and that due to the worrying there will be a considerable financial loss.

Philip Berry, Highfold Farm

Appeal to dog walkers

Police have asked that anyone with any information about this particular incident to contact them as soon as possible by calling 101 and quoting incident number 318 of January 3. The Rural and Environmental Crime Officer for the county, PC Jon Palfrey, said: "We've made numerous appeals through the local media urging dog owners to be responsible hoping that, with their support, we could prevent these upsetting incidents. We're saddened that yet more animals have been needlessly injured." He also notes that "Whilst pet dogs are usually harmless and obedient their natural instinct is to chase other animals so owners need to take precautions when walking their pet through farmland" and that "Landowners have the right, as a last resort, to shoot any dog worrying their livestock". Apparently a total of 29 sheep have been killed by dogs in the county in the last couple of months



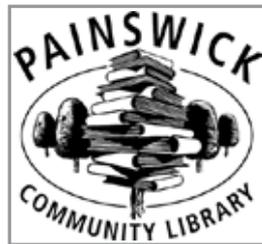
Your library needs your views and suggestions

The survey undertaken in June 2011 was the start of the process to provide our local community with a library related to their needs and wishes. Now we're up and running it would be good to have your suggestions on what else we can do.

You may have ideas on specific books you would like to see on the shelves, or an additional service or activity you would use that we could offer. It may be something a library service doesn't normally provide. Whatever your thoughts we would like to hear them – and will do our best to include. Why not call in and let us know (a suggestions book will be available) or just tell us on your next visit and maybe get a debate started with other users.

There are also ideas coming from our volunteers – one we are pursuing at the moment is a computer course for "nervous novices" but we need to know how many people would sign up for this. This initial course could lead to more specific ones and possible one-to-one support from a "computer buddy" If you would like to try this please add your name and contact details to the list in the library.

Through the four Netloan computers provided by the County Library service there is a wealth of information available. For those of you interested in family history you can use the library edition of Ancestry which includes census records



not only for the UK but for America and other parts of the world.

It's free to use the computers and borrow books although a charge is made for late returns and photocopying. All the revenue comes to the library. For both these activities you will need a current Gloucestershire County Council library card. If yours is lost or out-of-date it just takes a phone call to get you back in the system. Painswick Community Library is part of the county library

network so you can join the library, manage your account (including renewals) and order books via gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

The library is open to everyone. You don't need to be a member to use the reference section, browse through the local interest section, pick up a useful leaflet, use a photocopier or sit with a magazine or paper. Why not come and see for yourself?

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Painswick girl to run the London Marathon

According to a recent NSPCC study, 12% of under 11s have been exposed to domestic abuse between adults in their homes whilst 69% of children in the UK admit to having been bullied at some point in the last year. These are just two of the issues that West London Action for Children endeavours to tackle with its essential work. They connect with families (children in particular) who've been seriously affected by abuse, mental illness, bereavement, poverty and divorce, aiming to help children to become healthy and safe, through counselling and family focussed workshops.

This year I have (maybe foolishly) decided to run the London Marathon in aid of West London Action for Children. I've never been what my mother would describe as 'outdoorsy' or in the least bit sporty but I am determined to get round (however slowly) and make a difference to a fantastic cause. If you would like to donate to my marathon fund and help raise money for more essential counselling services and workshops for children please visit my Just Giving page on <http://www.justgiving.com/polly-aspinall>. Thank you so much for reading this – I will let you know (with the help of the Beacon) when I have completed this marathon task!

Polly Aspinall



Letters

The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Painswickian of the Year

Anne Kenber writes:

I would like to thank all those who voted for me to be given this great honour when there are so many others in Painswick equally deserving. Everyone had been so kind in congratulating me.

I enjoy all the things I do and the people I help or work with, everyone is so friendly and appreciative. I am very pleased to see that the work and time our young people give to our community and beyond is recognised. They do a great job and are not always fully appreciated.

Snow, snow, snow

A letter from Anne and Duccio Leoni thanking snow clearing volunteers is featured on page 3.

Snow and Dartmoor ponies.

Proper winter weather, with snow and frosts, results in a picturesque countryside but creates problems too. It has put back the planned start of grazing two areas of the Beacon. Three Dartmoor ponies from Slad are keen to get to the ramparts of the Hill Fort to continue grazing where the Belted Galloways were a year ago. Similarly a hungry bunch of Gloucester cattle are eager to be munching away on the western slopes of the Hill Fort between the Beacon topograph and the road to Gloucester. How I know their feelings is a secret not even known to GCHQ, but I will share with you our need for helpers. Helpers to remove poisonous yew from the grazing areas and clear undergrowth from the route of the fencing. Helpers to install the fencing, the electric pulsters, and the water troughs. Helpers to be trained as 'checkers' so they know what to look for when they volunteer for some of the daily inspections of the grazers, their water and their fences. Could this be you? If so, please let me know.

We also continue with our Saturday morning working parties on February 9th and 23rd; March 9th and 23rd; April 6th and 20th.

There are also opportunities to join groups working on some Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays with The Beacon Conservation Group, The Cotswold Wardens and the Natural England team from Ebworth. Locations will include the Beacon, Bulls Cross, Juniper Hill and Buckholt Wood.



PAINSWICK BEACON
CONSERVATION GROUP

David Allott 812624

Chairman, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Guild of Master Craftsman accolade

The Beacon is pleased to report that Wizard Promotions Painswick has been granted membership of The Guild of Master Craftsmen. The organiser of Wizard Promotions, Terry Durrant of Painswick, organises and runs 'craft fayres' that "have the dual purpose of providing an outlet for local crafters at a reasonable price in a warm friendly atmosphere and providing income for local village halls and community centres. Anna Hayward of Sea Witch's Cavern runs the events web page. Details of all fayres are available on <http://www.seawitchscavernevents.co.uk>" or contact Terry Durrant on 813564 for more information.

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Croft News

The following are items from the 14th January Newsletter from Head Teacher Ceris Towler to parents.



Charity collection for Childline

Parents and carers are thanked for supporting the school charity Childline last term. £85.53 was raised from collections for the charity, which was chosen by the school council. You can find out more about the work the charity does at www.childline.org.uk.

School closure in the event of bad weather

To check whether the school is open, listen to the local radio stations or log on to the following web page www.glooucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools. Ceris Towler writes: "We have had to close the school in past years during snowy weather. It is always a difficult decision to make but one that has to take into account the safety of staff and children. I understand that it is very disruptive if the school closes, and we try not to do this unless absolutely necessary."

Trustee Vacancies at Resthaven

Resthaven is an established 35-bed nursing home and a registered charity situated in some 20 acres overlooking the Painswick valley. The Beacon understands that the Resthaven Board is looking to appoint two additional Trustees to assist with the direction and responsibility for the home. Management experience in care provision, fund raising, IT, or human resources will be of particular interest. The appointments are voluntary and unpaid but expenses will be reimbursed.

For further details please contact Michael Little, Chairman of Trustees, Resthaven Nursing Home Limited, Pitchcombe, Stroud, Glos. GL6 6LR, email: littlemj@btinternet.com, telephone: 01452-813604



Cup cakes for carers - Pull your socks up!!

When you come to our Carers' teaparty you have an opportunity to impart solutions to local folk who may be having problems looking after somebody at home. Andrea

in our picture, has a range of physical devices which aid people with dexterity and mobility difficulties, but you could share your own discoveries that could help others who are housebound and we would love to meet you.

By the way, Andrea, an occupational therapist, is here demonstrating a gadget for putting on socks, amazing to behold!! She has so many useful tricks up her sleeve (with discounts too!) so do call in if you feel she might have something to help you. The cupcakes are delicious and complimentary but we do not usually force anybody to eat them.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Painswick Centre in the Green Room between 1.30 and 4.30pm, next meeting being on February 5th. Phone me on 01452 813326 or Andrea Linsell on 01452 if you would like more information.

Patricia Burrows



The Painswick Singers

The Painswick Singers wish to thank the large audience for turning out on a wet and stormy night to come to their Christmas concert in St. Mary's Church and for contributing £450 to a collection for the Acorns Childrens' Hospices. The Singers have now started to rehearse for a concert on Good Friday evening, again in St. Mary's at 7.30pm

The main work for Good Friday will be Cherubini's Requiem in C minor. Cherubini (1760-1842) was born in Florence but lived in Paris from age 25. This, his first Requiem, is a grandiose work that has been compared by scholars with Mozart's Requiem, though it has no soloists. Indeed, it has been hailed as a great accomplishment by a number of major composers, including Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms and even Cherubini's arch-enemy, Berlioz.

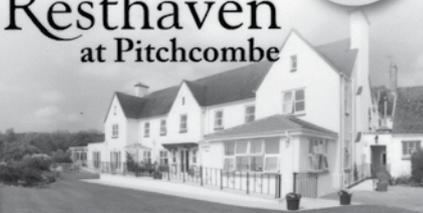
The Singers say now is a good time for anyone contemplating joining them, or a choir for the first time, to turn up on Monday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Church Rooms. Male voices would be especially welcomed. Ring me on 01452 814092.

Maurice Maggs



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Lent courses this year, 2013

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13th
Ecumenical courses have been organised in the area.

	Day and time	Leader	Venue	Contact name & telephone
<i>Groups in Painswick set up especially for Lent are: -</i>				
1	Monday 2.00 to 3.30 pm <i>starting Feb 18th</i>	Rev. Jeff James	Whitehall Cottages Stamages Lane, P'wick	Rita Bishop 01452 814205
2.	Wednesday 10.00-11.30am <i>starting Feb 20th</i>	Terry Parker	Our Lady & St. Thérèse Church, Painswick	Denise Magauran 01452 814570
3	Thursday 2.00-3.30pm <i>starting Jan 31st</i>	Rev. Canon Michael Irving <i>and missing Feb</i>	9 Canton Acre, Painswick <i>7th & 21st.</i>	Michael Irving 01452 814242 <i>for details of book</i>
4.	Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm <i>starting Jan 31st</i>	Rev. Canon Michael Irving <i>& missing Feb 7th</i>	9 Canton Acre. Painswick <i>& 21st</i>	Michael Irving 01452 814242 <i>for details of book</i>
<i>Jennifer Watts in CRANHAM would like to set up a group for Lent. Anyone interested, please phone her on 01452 616136</i>				
<i>In addition 2 existing House Groups in Painswick, would welcome extra visitors to join them for their Lent course</i>				
5.	Tuesday 3.00 to 4.30 pm <i>starting Feb 19th</i>	Lindsay Gardiner	Richmond Village P'wick - Café room by Reception.	Lindsay Gardiner 01452 814282
6.	Tuesday 7.30 – 9.00pm <i>starting Feb 19th</i>	Barbara Gay	"Little Orchard", Cotswold Mead, Painswick	Barbara Gay 01452 814110

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Of all the other existing House Groups, some are dispersing for Lent and several are following a Lent course but are full up and can offer no extra places.

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Every year on the first Friday of March – this year March 1st itself, Christian women all over the world meet to pray – following a service devised by a chosen country. This year, the country is much closer to home than usual – France – and their subject is “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”.

Here in Painswick, we invite you to join us at 11am in the church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse on Friday Street on 1st March for a short service followed by coffee and croissants!

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP

Beyond Reasonable Doubt



Auditions are like flying by the seat of your pants! We sit there, director and producer, watching the door, praying that potential actors will arrive in sufficient numbers for all the parts to be filled. Indeed, the viability of an entire production may depend on the late arrival of the ideal person for a particular role.

In the case of our next production, Jeffrey Archer's Beyond Reasonable Doubt, we need not have worried. All fourteen parts have been filled by actors of very real talent. This is a serious, challenging and often emotional play, a thought-provoking mix of laughter, tears and tension. The principal role, that of eminent QC Sir David Metcalfe, is extraordinarily demanding: he is on stage throughout the play!

Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Jeffrey Archer is to be performed at the Painswick Centre on the 9th, 10th and 11th of May. Tickets will be available from the Post Office and online via the Painswick Centre website.

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Painswick – Back to Life

David Batty reports that well over 50 people responded to the feedback questionnaire which asked for ideas and suggestions that might ensure Painswick, The Queen of the Cotswolds, became more attractive so that it had a vibrant future. In excess of 250 suggestions and comments were received. In his report, copies of which are available in the Tourist Information Office at the Town Hall, Mr Batty says that many people pointed out that a good Tea/Coffee Shop was necessary for Painswick to flourish. Likewise, a Butcher, Baker, Gift Shop and Greengrocer, whilst locally sourced goods and produce were frequently considered to be desirable. A significant number suggested the need for regular and specialist markets, held at times when working families could attend, i.e., at weekends.

Entertainment and facilities were also important with many suggestions for permanent Heritage and Art Couture exhibitions. The idea of a walking trail around the village was mentioned a number of times. Infrastructure ideas were varied but two significant issues in particular came up very frequently i.e., Parking and Empty Buildings. In terms of marketing Painswick, many had ideas for bettering the Traders' lot through an effective web site and the thought of a loyalty card/discount scheme between the shops. In answer to 'How often do you visit Painswick Shops?' 44% said they used them more than 3 times per week and 33% used them more than 4 times per week. About 17% used them every day. Mr Batty says this suggests that there is a significant market for traders to draw from.

Anne Smith wishes to express her considerable thanks to David Batty for compiling the report and to John Sidwell for launching the idea of the survey. She wishes them improved health as both are currently having medical treatment. Anne expresses her appreciation for the parishioners who put forward the many suggestions. After much deliberation the winner of the Three Course Lunch at The Falcon is Norman Snowden.

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Dance for Fun ... and more

Dance offers so much, especially for children. It is good to know therefore that children aged up to eleven will have the opportunity to enjoy, and indeed benefit from, Friday afternoon dance classes commencing in February in the Church Rooms.



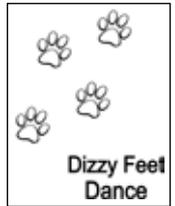
Linsey Filby spent eleven years as play leader at Painswick Playgroup. Painswick born and bred and with two children of her own, she attended the Croft and Stroud High Schools. A family bereavement plus leaving the playgroup led to Linsey considering her future and she decided that she would like to set up a creative activity for children. At present there is nothing comparable already in existence in Painswick and "especially for this age group" she says.

Linsey's plan is to organise the classes into three groups according to age and to run eight-week blocks. Each of these blocks will focus on a different dance style and will culminate in a performance, thus having a unique ultimate aim. The different age groups will work separately throughout the eight weeks but will join together for the performance. As much as possible, each group will choreograph its own work.

With a strong emphasis on the fun, structured and non-competitive aspects of the sessions, Linsey recognises that children can benefit so much in so many ways from dance. The skills gained from working as a group with a visible end goal have application on a broader basis. Social skills, team working, timing, focus and concentration, physical coordination, awareness and strength, musicality, creativity, self discipline and confidence building are all developed in a fun way. The sense of achievement which Linsey anticipates the children will feel at the end of each block will be the big bonus.

There will be ten places in each group – each to have its own colour-coded tee shirt – and advanced booking is essential. This new venture is called Dizzy Feet Dance and further information and booking forms can be obtained by contacting Linsey by telephone on 07917114488 or email at dizzy.feet@btinternet.com.

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Local History Teaser

An intriguing picture, only recently discovered. The view of Painswick is certainly interesting when compared with the same vista today. Can you place the view and recognise what is filling the gaps nowadays? Any idea when the picture was taken?

Last month's photograph showed the Senior Circle at their annual meal held in the Painswick Centre known formerly as the Painswick Institute. In the centre of the picture sit Mr and Mrs Monk, grandparents of Ann Daniels who kindly lent the photograph. Apologies to Ann for incorrectly identifying Mrs Monk as her mother in the December Beacon picture.

If you have a photograph which would present a challenge or be of interest to readers please do get in touch.



... and the Local History Society

A complete Victorian port is how Tony Conder described Gloucester docks when he gave a superbly illustrated explanation of the growth and evolution of this most important feature of the city. From the Middle Ages to the Industrial Revolution Gloucester had been an important trading town because of the river Severn which, however, had always presented problems because of the tides, the bore and its narrowness. The first custom house was built there in the reign of Elizabeth 1.

The ship canal began to be constructed from Berkeley in 1793, the widest and deepest in the world at the time. Before completion the money ran out and it was only when Cheltenham started to develop and needed coal that the tramway arrived in 1811 in Gloucester and the basin which had been created was opened to

make money. After 1815 with a big potential workforce because so many military and naval men were suddenly available the government decided to invest in the canal which was eventually finished in 1827.

Trade developed quickly and at its height in the 1840s the basin was always packed with ships and barges. It became the granary centre for the Midlands and warehouses were built for storage. Corn was brought in loose and bagged up in the docks. Connection with the railway was vital and the second basin opened in the 1850s. The Mariners' Chapel was also built in that decade, a translation and information point for the many incoming workers. Bigger docks were constructed at Sharpness in the 1860s so that cargos could be unloaded there and brought up to Gloucester on smaller barges. Petrol tankers started coming up too in the 1930s. Problems have been mainly centred around infestations of rats and mice but also fire which, when it has happened, has been difficult to control. Fortunately most warehouses have survived.

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Rococo future & Philip Berry retires

Members beat a path to the afternoon meeting in January in glorious sunshine and, again, packed the Church Rooms.

Chairman's retirement

The proceedings were opened with a presentation to Philip Berry, and his mother Pauline, as tokens of appreciation for their dedicated and considerable service to the Society over many years - not least those in which he had been Chairman. His love of the Hardy Country was recognised with a tankard to be christened with ale from that region, and his achievements in leading the Society likened to the quotation from Tess of the d'Urbervilles, 'Beauty lay not in the thing - but in what the thing symbolised'. Resounding applause accompanied this presentation, and again upon his acceptance of the gifts

The Rococo future

Paul Moir, Garden Director of the trust which oversees the Rococo Garden, expressed delight and (maybe) a little surprise when he obtained a 100% affirmative response upon enquiring as to how many present had visited the garden.

Indeed, as he said, considerable numbers present at talks he gave in locations as far afield as Derbyshire had already visited and shared the opinion, voiced when he was introduced, that these gardens surely were not only a jewel in the crown of what is on offer to the wider public in Painswick, but are now irreversibly established as being of both regional and national significance.

Paul reminded us of the truly strange manner in which these gardens had found their way since their creation by Benjamin, son of Charles Hyett, in the 1740s and the absence of heirs to subsequent owners to Lord Dickinson, himself a descendant of Charles Hyett, who had the vision to begin an ambitious programme of work upon their restoration. In 1988 he handed control of that programme to Painswick Rococo Garden Trust and granted them a 99-year lease of the Garden, and Paul was to lead that daunting programme.

Fascinated though we were to be reminded of the role of Rococo gardens among minor landowners of that period, whether to exhibit their wealth through intricate yet delightful design and the beginnings of use of areas outside their properties for 'outdoor living' (with much cavorting too), we were to be the first to hear of exciting plans for the future.

That very day, 9th January, Paul had received the news that the Trust would be permitted by the Charity Commissioners

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to hold the gardens in perpetuity as freeholders. Such was of great significance in securing a development programme, and he went on to share the thinking put into plans approved last year by the District Council extending into the next ten or so years. The existing 'Coach House block' which currently houses the restaurant, shop and administration is to be returned to its owners

and a new entrance formed from the northern corner of the car park into a new and extremely exciting centre worthy of the services desirable for a garden of this import. Partially sunk into the slope at that point the premises will include a fine restaurant, an interpretation area and a function room - all of the highest calibre and attraction for the many thousands of visitors expected to the garden itself, for weddings and other functions, and so on. More of this information will doubtless be shared as time passes, and as raising of the £2.5m required nears fruition.

Vicky Aspinall, Chair of the 'Friends of the Rococo Garden', spoke of the concepts the 'friends' have of relating the Society to the garden and invited us to consider aspects of association - which we undoubtedly will.

Exciting news, to say the very least; and our very best wished to all associated with this huge project and the prospect of such a profoundly important facility in our midst.

Are you joining us for an insight into the 'Royal Gardens' on 13th February? You would be very welcome that day at 2.30pm.

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The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Painswick Beacon is to benefit from a grant from the Cotswold AONB Partnership "Caring for the Cotswolds" project towards the purchase of grass maintenance equipment for use by the Painswick Conservation Group. Contractors will also be carrying out some tree work to open up some of the grassland areas.

20 years ago

Free fitness check ups are to be made available at the Town Hall on 16th February provided by Stroud District Council. Tests will include flexibility, lung efficiency and body fat, weight and height measurements, as well as blood tests and exercise and recovery times.

30 years ago

Painswick Parish Council has agreed to a County Council proposal that they should appoint a Civil Defence Adviser. The duties of the Adviser will be to prepare a survival plan and train other volunteers for civil defence duties in the event of war. It was made clear after a lively debate that the concern was a potential nuclear war not a rerun of WW2.

Fieldfares from Scandinavia

Berries on holly, pyracantha and cotoneaster shrubs and hedges in our gardens can suddenly disappear on a winter's day. A flock of fieldfares may have descended and remained until the food supply is exhausted.

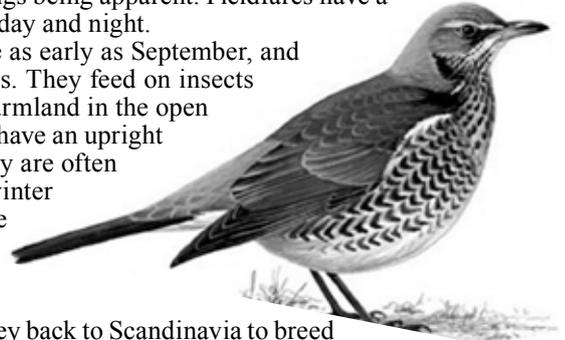
Fieldfares are winter visitors from Scandinavia. They are the most colourful members of the thrush family, distinguished by a blue-grey head, chestnut brown back, grey rump and black tail. The breast is heavily spotted. In flight they resemble Mistle Thrushes, the white underwings being apparent. Fieldfares have a distinctive 'cha-chack' call in flight, day and night.

The birds normally begin to arrive as early as September, and numbers build up as winter advances. They feed on insects and hedgerow berries in flocks on farmland in the open countryside. Like all thrushes, they have an upright stance and hopping movements. They are often seen with Redwings, another of our winter visitors. Very cold weather will drive Fieldfares into gardens where rotting fruit windfalls as well as berries provide vital food.

Fieldfares usually begin their journey back to Scandinavia to breed in March, but they are amongst the latest winter migrants to return and some may stay well into April.

Tell us about any Fieldfares you have observed at the next meeting of the Painswick Bird Club, on Tuesday 5th February in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm, when Graham Maples is our speaker on "World Wildfowl and their Conservation".

Bill Boydell



Ella delights!

A full house welcomed Leslie Brotherton on 10th January for his excellent presentation of famous jazz singing. Among the many visitors - some of whom we hope may become members - was Robert Crockford, Chairman of Stroud Valleys Music Club with which we intend to maintain a friendly relationship.

We enjoyed listening to some 28 tracks starring Ella Fitzgerald, also known as the "First Lady of Song", "Queen of Jazz" and Lady Ella, the American Jazz and song vocalist. Her purity of tone, impeccable diction, phrasing and intonation and improvisational ability stood out.

Recordings showed the influence of Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby and the Boswell Sisters and then followed the course of her award winning 59-year recording career, starting with her singing debut aged 17. Difficult to single out recordings when all were so good, but the 1945 'Flying Home', regarded as the supreme scat record, then no fewer than nine tracks, 1956 to 1964, from the Cole Porter collection and finally 'Mack the Knife', regarded by some as the supreme recording from her thousands of public performances, top the list.

Ralph Kenber



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A Splendid Response

Janice Benning is delighted at the response in Painswick to a great fund-raising event held shortly before Christmas at The Falcon. Akin to a raffle, 100 squares on a sheet of paper were offered at £2 each for a Christmas hamper and, happily, all were sold raising the maximum amount of £200 which doesn't always happen apparently.

All monies will be shared by Cotswold Care Hospice, Air Ambulance and Shelter Box which provides survival kits for disaster areas. These three are this year's charities chosen for support by the Rotary Club. Janice, who teaches neuro-linguistic programming (a therapy for those recovering from certain illnesses), joined Rotary and is heavily involved in the fund-raising side of the organisation. Living right in the middle of Painswick, she decided it would be a good idea to do something locally and approached The Falcon. "All the staff were fantastic, really helpful," she says. They became really involved after she had spoken to them about the aims of the activity. The customers were enthusiastic in their support too.

Janice's hope is to expand this area of fund-raising in Painswick and to this end she hopes that there are other businesses which would like to become involved. Neil at The Falcon was only too pleased to help, explaining that he and the staff are always ready to



support such worthy causes. He looks forward to similar events happening both at The Falcon and elsewhere in Painswick. Janice is seen here presenting a special certificate of thanks to Neil and staff member, Sue, at The Falcon.

Carol Maxwell

Developments afoot - updates

Two big changes which affect us all are definitely underway. These concern the Patchwork Mouse and the former library building.

As readers will be aware, Dawn Mallinson ceased trading at the Patchwork Mouse in December. The new proprietors have exciting plans to re-open as a tea house serving teas, coffees and cakes, a venture which they regard as both continuing the long and interesting retail and business history of the building and providing Painswick with a wonderful tea shop.

The premises are currently undergoing considerable refurbishment in order to present the best possible accommodation for the purpose. The new owners have embarked on the complicated planning process necessary for change of use, building regulations and listed building consent. As all of these tasks and procedures take time it is difficult to give an exact opening date. However, the intention and indeed the hope is that this will happen in the Spring/summer. In the meantime, bulletins on developments will be posted in the windows of the shop or you can check at the Mouse's social media pages:- www.thepatchworkmouse.co.uk, www.facebook.com/patchworkmousepainswick, www.twitter.com/@PainswickMouse.

Work to convert the former library in Stroud Road and the creation of a walkway from the car park is definitely in the offing. The apparent delay is simply due to the fact that Stroud District Council has many projects to deal with at any one time and the timescale required to complete the somewhat complicated application process is therefore rather protracted. There are, it would appear, no planning problems and it is now a question of waiting for the relevant reports to be completed.

Carol Maxwell

Wassail report

A big Thank You from the "Apple Corp" to everyone who turned out for our second Wassail in Painswick. A huge procession of pot banging, fur clad, torch bearing revellers and others stomped out of the churchyard and down through the darkening streets to wake up the sleeping winter orchard in Beech Lane. John Rhodes led the procession with Nick Simonin. The King Tree was lit with Christmas lights and toasted with last year's cider. John Rhodes read out the Wassail Ceremonial Poem, a Wicker Man was sacrificed, and for a moment we were reminded of a long forgotten "Merry Olde England". Afterwards the revellers returned and packed the Church Rooms for a jar (or two) of local cider, hot soup and delicious fresh bread kindly donated by Painswick's fabulous new baker, Ori, and we enjoyed some music by "Out to Lunch." We hope the merrymaking will ensure a good harvest this year and look forward to seeing you all again for the Apple Day in September. Keep up to date with News from the Orchard Group at www.painswickcommunityorchard.co.uk.

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Football

A successful New Year start for Painswick teams.

Quedgeley U11's 2 Painswick U11's 3

On Saturday, 5th January Painswick got off to a flying start and were the dominant force in the first half with well-worked goals from Joey Gill, Charlie Murray and Sam McCormack. The second half saw Quedgeley come out a different team and it wasn't long before they caught Painswick asleep at the back and scored. They kept up the pressure and were rewarded with another. This seemed to be the wake up call that Painswick needed and they were unlucky not to score a fourth. After a lack-lustre start to the New Year Painswick came away with a hard fought win.

Painswick U/10's 11 Cam Saxons U/10's 2

On the 12th January Painswick U/10's dominated the early game and went 2 nil up inside the first 10 minutes with goals from Walter Lovell. There was no change in the score until the second half when Painswick played some fantastic team football resulting in Walter Lovell completing his hatrick and Logan Hudson added two further goals. The goal rush continued with a hat-trick by Kane Snell and additional goals by Thomas Ticehurst, Alfie Bradshaw, and Callum Radford. Great Credit to Cam Saxons for their endless battling rewarding them with 2 Goals in the 2nd Half. MoM went to Kane Snell.

Also our Under 10s won their first game of the year against Quedgeley 4 - 3.

Cashes Green U/13's 4 Painswick U/13's 6

Painswick came out on top after a 10-goal thriller against Cashes Green.

Cashes Green opened with an early lead but Painswick soon levelled the score, however the home side was quicker on the counter attack and put three goals past Painswick in the first 20 minutes.

Painswick began their comeback when Teyte Rudman capitalised on a Sol Farrer through ball to score followed by two more goals by Fergal O'Kane bringing the half time score level.

Good team work by Painswick in the second half was rewarded by two more goals, one by Ben Minnican the other by Rudman.

Rugby

Glos Reserve Div 2

Stow 0 Painswick United 50

The United produced an excellent team performance away at Stow in the Glos Reserve Div 2 on Saturday, 12th January to keep up their unbeaten run.

Centre Tom Fox led the way with four tries showing pace and strength throughout. However it was the forwards that laid the platform with a dominant display against a much bigger eight.

Chad Williams-Lomberg also scored a brace of tries with wingers Jack Reeves and Sam Andrews also scoring tries, skipper Craig Mayo completed the scoring with five conversions.

Glos Premier

Painswick 3 Stroud 27

This was a very entertaining match in which Painswick played well and came close to scoring on several occasions only to meet with an excellent defensive performance by the Stroud side.

The weather took its toll on some of the later matches in January.



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Tennis

The two main winter inter-club tournaments have now reached the halfway stage.

In the Stroud Winter League division one, the Painswick A team is top and Painswick B second.

In division 2, Painswick C is 2nd and in division 3 Painswick D is 5th.

In the Gloucestershire Winter League division one Painswick A is 4th and Painswick B is 7th.

In division 3 Painswick C is 2nd and in division 4 Painswick D is 4th.

Between Christmas and New Year the club held its Christmas Tournament which was on a mixed American format with Ruth Smith the eventual winner. The Club's President Joan Griffiths fortified players with a welcomed supply of mulled wine and mince pies.

Golf Club

The winter is normally a quiet time for competitions, but this year, the Seniors' competitions' organiser, Duncan Toase, has organised a series of informal social competitions. These have added extra interest and enjoyment to the Thursday roll-ups. The winners of the first of these friendly games in 2013 – a stableford pairs competition with partners drawn after completing the round – were Duncan Toase and Peter Rowe with 76 points.

The Seniors' Christmas competition was a bowmaker. Playing in teams of three, with all players scoring on the par 3 holes, the best two scores counting on the par 4 holes and the best one on the par 5 holes, the winners were Mike Hoey, Peter Sibley and Peter Rowe with a great score of 100 points.

Over the last month or so, Painswick Golf Club has welcomed a number of visitors from other local clubs because their courses have suffered with the enormous amount of rain that we have had. If you would like to try the course, you will be most welcome - please get in touch with our professional, Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) or Seniors' captain Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.



New player observed approaching second green on 25th January still carrying a No. 3 iron

The Painswick Singers' Christmas Concert

The Painswick Singers must have been disappointed with the wet and windy weather landed on them for the evening of their Christmas concert at St. Mary's Church because it would surely deter folk from turning out to hear them. They must have been pleurably surprised when they filed out in the newly lighted St. Mary's to find it packed full, which confirms their growing reputation for interesting programmes and standards of performance.

In an enjoyable evening of festive delights, we were treated to familiar Christmas carols that audiences love to hear and to sing year on year, then Angela Newing read her email from G K Wenceslas which drew much laughter from the listeners, and Celia McCabe, accompanied by Roger Merryweather, sang the lovely Ave Maria by Caccini.

But there was one big surprise this year - John Rutter's Gloria. Most of us are familiar with Rutter's Little Donkey & Shepherd's Pipe style of carol writing, so were not prepared for his more big time stuff. But there it was - all sorts of frantic rhythms, dissonances and discords that provided Julian Elloway with some difficulty, and fun shaking timbres at the organ that he and The Singers, driven at hectic tempi by Andrew Hopwood's baton, ably surmounted. A rattling fine concert that came with a glass of wine or softie at the interval and the appreciative audience contributed £450 in a collection for The Acorns Children's Hospices.

Ralph Kenber

Richmond news

On Wednesday 27th February, between 10 am and 4pm, Richmond Painswick will once again be opening its doors to members of the public who are interested in finding out more about the range of facilities and services available at the award-winning retirement village. Although many residents of Painswick parish "know of" Richmond Painswick, not everybody is aware of all that is on offer.

As well as having the opportunity to view the facilities available, visitors will be able to obtain advice from outside organisations on care fees planning and investments as well as the legal aspect of property conveyancing and "How to make it Easy". For those who wish to banish the winter blues, the Wellness Spa are also offering ½ hour taster sessions including mini manicure, facial and back/shoulder massage at £15 per session (booking essential).

Not only does Richmond Painswick have 24 en-suite nursing beds for both permanent nursing care as well as respite and convalescent care, it also has "assisted living units" which provide an excellent alternative to residential care. Each apartment has its own sitting room, kitchenette and en-suite bedroom with the benefit of all meals being provided and housekeeping and laundry being taken care of. Personal care can also be provided through the on-site domiciliary care team.

Visitors will also be able to view two independent living apartments as well as the Wellness Spa (equipped with swimming pool, gymnasium, hair-dressing salon and treatment rooms) with membership open to non-residents. Staff will be on hand to talk about all aspects of village life, as well as the range of services and facilities available, including "Richmond Retreats" holidays with care.

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Susie Oakley, Village Manager

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Caring for you

I have just come back from a meeting today where I learnt about a wonderful charity available to us, called HOPE (www.hopesupportservices.org.uk 01989 655317). I was so impressed by what they're doing; I thought it only right that I let you all know. You see, life might be flowing along quite nicely at the moment and none of this will apply to you, but in the blink of an eye, all that can change for your family or for someone you know.

HOPE was set up a couple of years ago by a lady called Sue Trevethan who had been working with young people since 1994 as a counsellor and trainer. Suddenly she was diagnosed with cancer and as a mother of 2, agonised as she watched her children watching her as she went through 3 years of treatment. She felt that if they could have some specific support available to them that would in turn help her.

Needless to say, once she was well, she decided to set something up for other families. The support is available for children aged 11-25 who have someone in their family who has been diagnosed with a life threatening illness. The aim of HOPE is to offer support from the moment of diagnosis, to help them carry on with their education, to be a strong and supportive family member and to be able to cope whatever the long term outcome.

With one-to-one and safe online support, weekly youth sessions and monthly Hope on the Road activities (from sailing to sausage-making!) the young people get the chance to meet peers in the same situation, share new experiences and chat to Hope's professional team at the same time.

No-one else is offering this type of support, but what really



makes Hope unique is that they're not just a charity for young people; they're a charity of young people.

The Youth Management Team - the Y-Team - organise their own events and raise their own funds to pay for their own support

service and activities. They're facilitated by the professional team of specialist staff at Hope, who support them to see their ideas become reality.

Although based at the moment in Ross on Wye there is funding for 3 more years to go county wide. Any young person living in our area can access the services offered on line and can attend any of the sessions if they can get themselves to Ross.

Staying in the "health" theme, there is a new campaign just launched to bring about more awareness about breast cancer in women over 70. Did you know that one third of women who get breast cancer, are over 70? In a recent survey carried out in the South West 32% of those who answered thought (incorrectly) that women in their 50's were most likely to develop breast cancer.

As with so many of these cases, early diagnoses improves the chances of successful treatment and is key to driving up cancer survival in this country.

The "Be Clear on Cancer" campaign features TV and radio adverts and will encourage women over 70 to see their doctor if they have any symptoms of breast cancer such as a lump or a change to their nipples, skin or shape of their breasts.

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for January from Hamptons International

2012 finished with a flurry of activity and looking back we can now confirm that it was our busiest year since the peak of the market some five years ago. Both in Painswick and across our growing network of offices the volume of sales was up 7% on 2011 meaning Hamptons sold more properties last year than in any year other than the boom of 2006/7. The year was crowned by Hamptons being awarded the Gold Award for the UK's Best Large Agency at the 2012 Estate Agency of the Year Awards in association with The Sunday Times and The Times but I can assure you that we will not be resting on our laurels!

The outlook for 2013 is looking very positive with several notable commentators predicting small price rises during the year and further positive movements over the next few years. Before you get too excited, we are only talking about increases of less than 1% but they are positive figures nonetheless and represent improving confidence and buoyancy in the property market. One respected body is even forecasting that by the end of 2014 a typical house will be worth more than it was at the peak of the market in 2007 – we will have to wait and see if this prediction reflects reality. Much of the improved sentiment appears to be down to the greater availability of competitive mortgage products reflecting the downward drift in interest rates following the introduction of the Government's Funding for Lending scheme.

Having said all of this, I must reiterate my longstanding advice

that the key to selling your house in the current market lies in selecting an agent with a proven track record in your market and taking advice on realistic pricing in order to achieve a sale in an appropriate timescale.

New instructions include: Weaver's Cottage, a generously proportioned character house in the heart of the village and Troopers Rest, a 2-bedroom cottage with valley views both in Vicarage Street; Rose Cottage in Tibbiwell, a 3-bedroom extended property with private parking; 18 Gyde House, a Cotswold stone semi-detached property formerly part of the Chapel; Linkside on the Cheltenham Road, a detached 4-bedroom bungalow standing in 0.4 acre; 2 Vatch Cottages, a charming 2 bedroom property and Manteg, a modern family house with delightful garden both in the Slad Valley; and The Gatehouse in Back Edge Lane, a detached 4-bedroom period property standing in about 1/3 of an acre.

Properties currently under offer include 2 Vatch Cottages, 5 Berry Close, 38 Ashwell and The Villa in Sneedhams Green. Those that have recently exchanged or completed include Fieldgate at the Highlands, both 12A and 5 Hyett Orchard, Painswick View and Highcroft at Edge, Tudor Cottage and 15 Churchfield Road in Upton St Leonards and Waratah in Brimpsfield.

Guy Tabony, Branch Manager

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FEBRUARY

Sat	2	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	12.45pm
	3	Grand Attic Sale with Refreshments & Bar: Enquiries 813791		
Sun			Painswick Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm
Mon	4	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Golf Club Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Ashwell Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139 Bird Club: World Wildfowl and their Conservation - Graham Maples, Vice-President of Friends of Slimbridge	P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House Town Hall	1.30 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: 25 years with the NHS - The experiences of a Hospital Acupuncturist - Adrian Lyster Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library) Wednesdays Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Special General Meeting & Lecture: Gloucestershire's Norman Churches - Dr Steve Blake Enq. 813228 (please note earlier time) Table Tennis - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 2.00 to 2.45pm 2.00pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Colston Hall Bristol	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Stamages Car Park	7.00 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 4.00pm
Fri	8	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: An Olympic Armourer - Michael Compton Cracking Cryptics - Mastering Crosswords! Talk by Tony Long for novices & experienced players, Enq 813718	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	11	Probus Women: Birds and a Lancaster - Peter Roberts Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club Play in a Week: Half-term workshops - 11-15th Feb for children (am for 7-11yrs; pm for 12-16 yrs). Pre-book on 813718 / kate@thepainswickcentre.com	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm 10.00am to 12noon or 2.00 to 4.00pm
Wed	13	Horticultural Society Talk: 'Royal Gardens'	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	14	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk - Colesbourne Park snowdrop collection & Gardens. Pre-book tickets on 813228	Colesbourne Park	10.40am
Sat	16	Copy Date for March Beacon		
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday club	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Illustrated Presentation by David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Invasion of Sicily 1943 - Bill Affleck Parish Council meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: Operatic Duets	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: The Proms - Mike Kerton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Fun with Fiction: Creative Writing Workshop: Enq. 813228 Shoemith and Maudsley in Devious Minds: Comedy, Magic & Mind-Reading! Enq. 813718	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am to 3.00pm 7.30 for 8.00pm
Mon	25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Richmond village	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: History of the Bra - Jilly Baker Painswick Players Playreading - 'Out of Focus' by Peter Gordon: All welcome	Church Rooms P. Centre Green Room	7.30pm 7.30pm

MARCH

Sat	2	March Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Fairtrade Wine Tasting Event	Church Rooms	11.30am to 1.00pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Bird club	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers Bird Club: The Birds of Gloucestershire - David Cramp, Group Leader RSPB Glos. Branch, followed by AGM	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall	1.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: Paul Sparks - Wine Tasting: Joint Meeting with the ladies Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Stromboli - Modern & Traditional Sicily - Dr Simon Jones. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: The Big four	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Easter Crafts - Adele Lambert	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Village Quiz	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.30pm
Mon	11	Probus Women: Magistrates Court / Court Room Scenario - Jude Morris Community Lunch: Hosts - Our Lady & St Therese Church	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm
Fri	15	Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir Concert: Doors & Bar open 7.00pm Enq. 489599	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	20	Probus: Archery - Barry Groves (ex World Champion) Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: The Piano	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Early Spring Outing to Adam's Farm near Stow-on-the Wold		
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Painswick Music Society Concert: The Sixteen - Conductor, Harry Christophers	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am 3.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Gertrude Bell - Forgotten Heroine of the British Empire - Jan Long	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	29	Painswick Singers Concert: works will include Cherubini's 'Requiem'	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

APRIL

Tue	2	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	3	Probus: The Voice & Its Repertoire - Anne Dunn Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club AGM & Lecture: North Island, New Zealand - Mr Bob Price . Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	4	Music Appreciation Group: Personal Choice	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Painswick Music Society Concert: The Carducci Quartet	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am 3.00pm
Mon	8	Probus Women: Shelterbox - an International Response Team Volunteer - Liz Odell	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12.00noon
Fri	12	Friday Club: Fascinating Fascinators - Lucy Moore	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	Conservative Bridge Drive with Afternoon Tea	Church Rooms	2.30 to 5.30pm
Sat	20	Painswick Music Society Concert: Alessandro Taverna, Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

MAY

Sat	12	Painswick Music Society Concert: Mark Stone, Baritone; Simon Lepper, Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
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Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey** at:
mikeandeddie@thebuttreys.com

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

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

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NEW APPLICATIONS

GYDE BARN, Cheltenham Road
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DYNEVOR HOUSE, New Street
Enlargement of existing rear extension by infilling alley and lightwell. Reopening of ground floor fireplaces. Replacement of stair flight. Formation of 2nd floor bathroom and new window. Excavation of garden to form patio. Raising of boundary wall at west end of garden.

JUBILATE, Blakewell Mead
Remove two storm damaged limbs, crown lift and remove one low limb over neighbours property.

RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE, Stroud Road

2 roadside signs along Stroud Road, Painswick for Richmond Village Holdings Ltd.

TILING, Kings Mill Lane
Single storey extension, external alterations, conversion of garage into habitable space, erection of new detached garage, (demolition of existing outbuilding).

NURSES HOUSE, Friday Street
Demolition of existing garage and formation of 2 car parking spaces. Conservatory and rear entrance lobby extension. Substitute oak window for second front door. Form wheel chair access and disabled facilities.

WYCKWAY COTTAGE, Stepping Stone Lane

First floor extension and alterations.

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CONSENT

SUNNYCROFT, Hollyhock Lane
Reduce height and width of Sycamore Tree.

ALPENFIELD, Far End, Sheepscombe
Erection of a 2 storey detached dwelling to replace existing single storey dwelling.
3 GLOUCESTER ROAD

Horse Chestnut – Fell to ground level.
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Stroud Road
Proposed replacement of two glazed windows with an aluminum weather louvre.

LONG MYND, The Highlands
Extensions to provide new front door approach and to replace existing conservatory. Loft conversion. Erection of detached garage/carport with integral studio and workshop.

THE MALT HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe
Revised fenestration to existing listed building consent
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GWYNFA COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane
Fell Cedar Tree

JASMINE COTTAGE, Stroud Road
Replacement of the existing sun room (Revised Plans)

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Welcome

Welcome to JACKIE BRUNWIN who has come to live at 7 Stroud Road from North Lincolnshire.

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

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of ROBERT HUTTON and ANGELA SPEED who have died recently.

Change of address

Mr and Mrs BILL VARAH have moved to Richmond Village

A 12 12 12 celebration



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