

The Painswick Beacon

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A matter of convenience

The Parish Council has been giving considerable thought to the future of the public conveniences in St Mary's Street. The members have concluded that there is a need to retain a public convenience in the centre of the village. However the cost of maintaining the present conveniences is such that the Council is looking at the possibility of having a single unisex facility. In order to carry out a feasibility study to see how the proposed facility might be created, it will be necessary to close the Gentlemen's and Ladies' conveniences during the coming months. The Council has issued a public notice which states that a Unisex Toilet Facility will operate during the period 1st November to 1st April 2014. The Beacon understands that there will be a period of public consultation concerning the future of the St Mary's Street toilets following the completion of the review. An option that the Parish Council had been considering was the use by the general public of the conveniences in the Town Hall. The conveniences were upgraded when the improvements to the Town Hall were carried out as part of the renovation which was funded by the County Council in order to house the Community Library. This was an attractive proposal as it would have given the Parish council the option to sell the St Mary's Street conveniences. The difficulty with the proposal is that the Town Hall is not open to the public at all times throughout the week. This is seemingly the reason why the Parish Council has chosen to progress the Unisex Facility option.

Public Conveniences have been the subject of considerable discussion in recent times by local councils. Stroud District Council has been giving consideration to closing some of its public toilets where they own more than one facility in any one settlement. A few years ago they contacted the Parish Council to tell them of their proposals which would have resulted in the closure of the St Mary's Street conveniences. This because of the second set of conveniences located in the Stamages Lane Car Park. The District Council was surprised to receive the Parish Council's reply which was that the Parish Council and not the District Council owned the St Mary's Street facility. The Stamages Lane Car Park facility was built in the late 1980s following representations to the District Council from residents living close to the car park. They asked that a public convenience be provided as travellers using the car park were given to urinating against the residents' fences.

Painswick in Bloom

Before the first meeting of the Horticultural Society's 2013-14 programme began, Helen Kilmister, who won the Painswick in Bloom private premises display award this year, was presented with the silver salver engraved with her name. Photographed is Helen receiving the salver and congratulations from PHS Vice Chairman Debbie Grey. The Society is proud of its arranging the promotion and judging of this annual 'competition', and that so many in the village participate by so thoughtfully preparing and tending displays in pots, tubs and boxes to delight visitors as well as residents hereabouts each summer.

Leslie Brotherton



Painswick's Small But Perfectly Formed Christmas Goodwill Evening

Friday 29th November, 5 - 9 pm

Hopefully on a crisp, star strewn early Winter's evening on the 29th November, Painswick will hold its annual, quietly mince-pie-infused Christmas Goodwill event, where our villagers and visitors can mingle and meander through our beautiful streets. Here they can marvel at the Christmas lights on the yew trees in the churchyard, visit the late opening, goodwill-laden shops, businesses, hostelrys and artists studios and peruse the the two Christmas markets in the Town Hall and Painswick Centre.

Hopefully along the way you will find the unique gifts you've been searching for, for all your friends and relatives.

Chris Mercer

**DON'T FORGET THE CROFT SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY
TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 6pm**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 16th October by Mike Kerton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of 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

Cllr Jason Bullingham, acting Chairman, declared an interest in the item relating to Catbrain Quarry, left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

Catbrain Quarry

It was confirmed that the existing enforcement order was still in place. Several of the newly planted trees along the edge of the quarry appear to have died, Stroud District Council are insisting that they should be replaced. There was also a condition that the area be Hydro-seeded. Both Natural England and our local Conservation Society believe that Hydro-seeding would introduce non-native species of plants to the area. Meister Masonry will be applying to the District Council for permission to allow the natural grasses to grow rather than Hydro-seed the area.

Matters requiring a decision.

There were six matters requiring a decision. After discussions the Council agreed to support all the applications.

PARISH COUNCIL

During the 15 minute period set aside for public questions David Allott asked why the County Council were not clearing overgrown vegetation from many of the road signs in the local area. Several signs were totally obscured. What action were the Parish Council proposing to take? Chairman Martin Slinger replied stating that the responsibility lay with the County Council and if the Council were supplied with a list of the affected signs they would contact the County Council requesting immediate action be taken.

Also David Allott asked what action was being taken to control speeding traffic in the village. Martin Slinger again replied stating that Cllr Rob Lewis had investigated a mobile VSS system but the area was not suitable for it to operate effectively. A group of volunteers, who would operate hand held speed guns, were still awaiting training from the police. Once they were operational they would report those motorists caught speeding to the police who would issue warning letters to the offenders. If speeding "hot spots" were identified the police would organise official speed checks with the appropriate action being taken against offenders.

Chairman Martin Slinger opened the meeting and asked Wendy Edwards of Art Couture to update the Council on this year's event. Wendy Edwards thanked both the Council and Stroud District Council for their support. Despite the hot day the event was a success. Feedback from visitors about possible improvements for future years was being considered particularly improved sign-age around the village. Again working in partnership with local businesses had benefited the event. Charitable status had been achieved in March this year. Although no accounts

had yet been published the estimated costs were £30k. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, asked that any requests for funds be submitted before the end of November. He added that available funds would be limited due to pressure on Councils spending plans. Nigel Cooper, District Cllr added that if support was being sought from the District Council then there was a need to quickly apply.

Resignations

Letters of resignation had been received from Cllrs Mrs Ela Pathak-Sen (work commitments) and Mrs Anne Smith (illness). The resignations were accepted, letters had been sent thanking both for their contributions to the Council. The vacancies will be advertised. Cllr Abigail Smith recommended that the Council prepare an article for The Beacon setting out the roles and duties of a Parish Councillor. The Council agreed.

Matters Arising

Painswick Youth Club Project: Contracts have been signed and work commenced on the 14th October. Entrance to the site from the A46, subject to vehicles exiting the site not depositing mud on the A46. Matting has been laid at the entrance/exit to comply with the requirement. Cllr Jason Bullingham queried the cost of additional work that he thought should have been included in the contract price - cutting down/trimming trees, site clearance. It was explained that the project is being overseen by a Projects Manager who was responsible for containing costs.

Tibbiwell Post Box: Local MP, Neil Carmichael, had forwarded a letter from the CEO of Royal Mail. The letter confirmed that the post box had now been decommissioned as no spare parts were available for repairs and the nearest post box was only 120 metres away "as the crow flies". The MP regretted that no further action could be taken and had closed his file. Local residents had measured the walking distance to the nearest post box in St Marys, over 650 metres. As the landowner was happy to have the post box reinstated on his land it was agreed that the Clerk would contact both the MP and Royal Mail to pursue the matter. ** The Beacon has subsequently learned that our MP will be visiting the site and walking with residents from the Tibbiwell post box to St Marys before taking up the matter again with Royal Mail**

The Post Office: The Clerk had spoken to the potential bidder for the Post Office. After studying the accounts the bidder was concerned over the income generated. As a community minded local businessman he was considering offering floor space to another business who could operate a Post Office from his premises.

Canton Acre Turning Circle: Still ongoing.

County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Jason Bullingham advised the

meeting that the appeal into the Javelin Park Incinerator project will be held at the Hallmark Hotel in Matson commencing on the 19th November, lasting 20 days with the final session at the end of January 2014. The appeal, which will be held in public, will be heard by a Government appointed planning inspector.

The County Council has received £4.78m to support more two- year- old's to access early education. Families on low incomes could be entitled to 15hours of free childcare a week. Details can be obtained from the Family Information Service.

District Councillor's Report

Nothing to report

Parish Plan

Cllr Abigail Smith reported that the Tourist Information Office was due to close on the 2nd November reopening in 2014. As the Parish Council now needed the space currently occupied by the TIO she had held discussions with the Community Library to see if the TIO could be based in the library. Due to a clash of opening hours, the TIO are open for 5.5 days a week, availability of space and difficulties in cross training of staff no agreement could be reached. The Council agreed that there was a need to find space for the TIO. The matter would be discussed at a future Council Meeting.

Quarterly updates on the action points of the plan would be circulated to Councillors.

Land and Buildings Committee

A request had been received from the current owners of The Bell Yard to purchase two paintings which had originated from there. The paintings had been donated by a local person and permission was being sought from that person before the sale was agreed.

The Clerk reported that the Council needed to register their assets but this was proving difficult as some property had been left to the Parish Council in Trust. The Council would be grateful for voluntary assistance from local residents who have a knowledge of property conveyancing.

Ward Reports

Cllr Ann Daniels reported problems with dog fouling during the Summer months in both Pullens Road and the pathway leading from Canton Acre to Upper Washwell. Stencilled messages were placed on the pavements requesting dog owners to clean up any dog mess were apparently ignored. One dog walker complained that there was no bin provided for disposing of plastic bags containing the waste. After investigation Cllr Daniels is arranging for a dog bin to be placed adjacent to the general waste bin in the Pullens Road car park.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Dawn's Shed

So many people in Painswick were sad when Dawn Malinson closed the doors of the former Patchwork Mouse shop. Quirky and different it was a wonderful source of special cards and unusual gifts. It is pleasing therefore to announce that Dawn is back!

On Tuesday, 12th November at 10.00am Dawn will open her shed at the entrance to Bell's Yard in New Street. As an occasional shop, it will be filled with Christmas and greetings cards, gift wrap, tissue and ribbons and an eclectic mix of gifts, crafts and munchables over the following few weeks. Dawn's shed/shop will be a tiny space but there will nonetheless be something special for everyone within it. The cards will, as in the past, range from the beautiful to the unusual and the atmosphere, as always, welcoming and fun.

Do take advantage of this very welcome opportunity to discover something a little special

Carol Maxwell



Dates for your Diary: Three Exciting Events Planned at The Croft School

Residents of Painswick and the surrounding area are very welcome to join the children and parents of The Croft School for three events leading up to Christmas, to begin our fundraising campaign to raise money for new computers.

Firstly, our annual firework display will be held on Guy Fawkes night, Tuesday 5th November, and we are expecting it to go with a bang! We will have a roaring bonfire coupled with an electrifying firework display, set to music. There will be a hog roast, supplied by local company Sheepscombe Meats, homemade mulled wine, hot chocolate and toffee apples. Get creative with a pumpkin carving competition, open to all local children. Gates open at 6pm with the display at 6.45pm. Entrance is £3 per adult and £2 per child on the night. (Apologies, in advance, for any noise disturbance to local residents on the evening)

Secondly, come and make your own Christmas wreath at a workshop with Painswick florists 'Fleur-tations'. Join us at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 4th December for a festive evening and let your creative talents flow! Tickets are £20 and include all materials, a glass of wine and nibbles. Please contact Ella Skelston on 07912 756473 or skelston@gmail.com for tickets.

Thirdly, the School is organising a Christmas themed market on Sunday, 8th December from 3.30pm. Get into the Christmas spirit with snow effects, mulled wine, hot food and a visit to Santa's Grotto! Why not support your local school and buy a homemade Christmas wreath and home produce from one of the many festive stalls.

All these events are organised for the local community, to raise important funds for the school, and your support is very much appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Painswick Parish Council

The Town Hall, Painswick, Stroud, Glos GL6 6QA
Parish of Painswick
(Painswick Ward)

Casual Vacancies

Notice is hereby given that due to the resignations of Cllrs Ela Pathak Sen and Anne Smith two vacancies exist in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Painswick (Painswick Ward).

The vacancies will be filled by election if any ten local government electors for the said electoral area submit a written request to that effect in the manner prescribed below, and if no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council.

Any request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy must be in writing and must reach the Returning Officer, Stroud District Council, Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4UB not later than 1st December 2013.

If no such notice is received the Parish Council will advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option immediately after 1st December 2013. Any elector who would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council should inform the Clerk, in writing, giving a brief CV as soon as possible after the vacancy has been published and by no later than Noon on Tuesday 10th December 2013

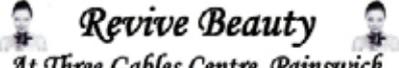
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Roy Balgobin
Parish Clerk

CC: Returning Officer, Stroud District Council, Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4UB

Services Of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 10th November. On Remembrance Day itself, Monday 11th November, also at 10.50am there will be a short service at the War Memorial during which wreaths will be laid. All local organisations are invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Everyone will be most welcome at the services.



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Christmas Shopping Event

Richmond Painswick would like to invite you to our Christmas Shopping Event 2013.

We are raising funds for The James Hopkins Trust at this year's Winter Fayre on Saturday 30th November. The James Hopkins Trust is a charity which provides practical help for severely disabled, life threatened and life limited young children with nursing needs, aged 5 years and under, living in Gloucestershire. Since 1989, the James Hopkins Trust has helped well over 350 children and families in every corner of Gloucestershire, to the staggering amount of over 150,000 hours of nursing – free to those that desperately need it

Stalls will include, Jewellery, Homemade Preserves, Gifts, Sweet Treats and Cupcakes. As well as, Home Furnishings, Greeting Cards, and many other stalls.

There will be a refreshment stall and raffle with proceeds going to The James Hopkins Trust. Also performing for us at the Event will be the Painswick Community Choir at 3pm. The Fayre will kick off at 2pm until 5pm – Please come and join us and enjoy some Festive Shopping - we would love to see you!

For further information please contact Jay Dexter on 01452 813902



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Painswickian and Young Painswickian of the Year

Once again, it's time to choose a Painswickian whose exceptional qualities and contributions to our community justify the accolade Painswickian of the Year.

We would like readers to consider who they would wish to put forward for consideration by the Beacon committee. Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. You may wish to nominate a couple. Nominees for Young Painswickian of the Year should be 21 years old or younger. In both categories we are looking for a person or persons who have brought credit to the village in the last year or more, or who have given exceptional service to the community.

Nominations should not exceed 100 words, marked 'POY' and delivered to the Beacon Box in New Street or sent by email to beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for nominations is Monday 18th November.

We look forward to hearing from you and our thanks if you have submitted nominations in the past.

Gloucester Brass comes to Painswick

The Gloucester Brass Band came to the Painswick Centre on 27th September and gave a concert in aid of the Stroud & District Homes Foundation. It was a splendid evening, the success of which was due very much to the choice of music and the enthusiasm of the band's members whose ages ranged from 14 to 84 years. The guiding principle of Gloucester Brass we were told in the programme has always been to play music that is as enjoyable for audiences to listen to as it is for the band to play. Everyone who attended the concert that evening would agree that the band had faithfully adhered to that guiding principle with such varied arrangements as Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Don't cry for me Argentina" and Johann Sebastian Bach's Anna Magdalena's Song. The concert was followed by a light supper prepared by the Painswick committee who organised the event.

Painswick's Country Studio Art Group

Country Studio has moved back into the Church Rooms. We meet on Tuesday mornings, 9.30 am - lunchtime, progressing with our own work. A friendly group, we support and help each other with suggestions and ideas. We have a couple of demonstrations from visiting Artists during the year and occasional challenges amongst ourselves. For instance, once a year, we chose one of a set of black and white photographs to use as the basis of a piece of work to be completed within the session! Some of our work is displayed on the walls of the room and we have an Annual Exhibition in August. If you are interested in joining us, contact either Glynnis Mayes on 814148, or Malcolm Mennie on 813662.



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Apple Day – even BIGGER

A big thank you to everyone who came to our third Apple Day and an even bigger thank you to the small army of helpers who made the day such a great success. With glorious sunshine and sack loads of apples we pressed, bobbed, sat in the sun, munched toffee apples and fritters, slurped cider and drank in the scene. We hope that you are now having a fine time making your own cider or keeping some juice stashed in the freezer for a thirsty moment. The Press is currently residing in a beautiful old barn with a long tradition of apple pressing so you can still come and bring those late cider apples for pressing. Just ring Iris or Greg at 812879 for further details.

Lots of people ask us what the Painswick Orchard Group is really about and the answer is long!

- We began by staring at the lovely apples in our gardens falling to the ground and realised no matter how many we made into apple crumble we would still have hundreds lying rotting on the grass. Then we thought of the many other people probably thinking the same thing and came up with the idea of a village press.

- As it happened we had some handy friends who liked the idea and woodworker Ben, who had a big pile of oak, together with woodworker Greg, with some tools, set about making the press. To pay for the ironwork and other equipment, we needed a source of income so we made some bottled apple juice for sale and held our first apple day in 2011. It was a great success and many people enjoyed the event, the food, the cider, the music and the atmosphere.

- As the idea for an Orchard Group grew we added Emma and Pete Bradshaw who work for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. They are passionate about the planting and upkeep of orchards as a habitat for wildlife. They say one of the best things you can do for wildlife in a garden is plant an orchard tree!

- A 19th century map showed Painswick surrounded by orchards. Only a tiny number of these orchards remain. We discovered that many varieties of orchard tree were now lost and how if we promoted the planting of “Heritage” trees we would be helping preserve old varieties.

- After all these good things, came one other primary motivator – the making and consumption of cider – With the making of cider came Nick with a huge and infectious love of all things food and drink. Growing, scrumping, foraging, cooking, brewing, baking and entertaining he has inspired us with ideas for fruity food, feasts and festivals.

- With festivals came John who with Nick has been delving into the history of orchards and rediscovered our Wassailing Tradition. John is a seasoned Morris Dancer and often brings his fabulous troop of Mummers and Morris dancers to Orchard Group Events. John also arranges for folk music to accompany the apple pressing and entertain us at the Wassailing in January.

- Finally, we are about giving and each year support an international charity so that the abundance of good things we enjoy can be given back in some small way to people who don't have enough.

So there you have it – to get in touch try www.painswickcommunityorchard.co.uk

Annual General Meeting 2013

The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their AGM on Thursday 21st November at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms (Assembly Hall), Painswick.



The meeting will be followed by refreshments, and then there will be a talk given by Andy Harding who leads a team working with young people in our area.

PSALMS – Local churches engaging with today's complex society

This should prove a most interesting evening. We look forward to your support.

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP

Public Notice

The Public Toilets in St Mary's Street will be offering a Unisex Toilet Facility only during the Period 1 November to the 1 April 2014. This is to reduce the cleaning and running costs pending the review of the toilet facilities which is ongoing.

R Balgobin, Clerk



Residents and visitors enjoying the Apple Day event in St Mary's Churchyard.



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The morning was well attended by a great number of local supporters who feasted on Ximena's deliciously home made cakes and fair-trade teas / coffees totally free of charge, a total sum of £318 was raised and donated in its entirety to the charity, at present £11,53,000 has been collected. If you missed this year's coffee morning it's not too late, you can still donate @ www.http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk or phone 08456021246. book it in you diary and support "Olivas Macmillan 26 september 2014"



Creative Times for Children ... and adults

Children love to be creative, and even more so if it is a tactile experience. Vicky Hendzell-Walker is providing just such an opportunity for children of all ages from 4.00-5.00pm on Thursdays starting on 7th November in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre. Vicky is a potter and the aim of these sessions is to enable children to design and make ceramic Christmas decorations and gifts. The benefits of course are many including creative development, concentration, socialising, a sense of achievement and, not least, no mess in the home!

On a different level, Vicky will also be running morning sessions from 9.30-11.00am in the Skittle Room at the Centre, starting on 7th November, for pre-school children. Called Christmas Crafty Tots and running for six weeks, parents and their little ones will have the opportunity and the space to be creative together making decorations and gifts.

Of course adults too can enjoy the benefits of creating their own gifts and to this end Vicky will be running a two-week pottery workshop in the Green Room from 7.00-9.00pm on Thursdays 5th and 12th December. There would also be a chance to book individual sessions in Vicky's studio for the New Year.

Vicky is highly qualified and has a wealth of experience. After studying ceramics and photography at college she worked initially as a potter but after the birth of her first child she qualified as a teacher and taught at Cirencester College. Outreach work broadened her scope, working somewhat therapeutically with parents and children via Social Services. Vicky has also taught pottery at Gloucester Gaol and has worked at the Prema Arts Centre in Uley during summer holidays teaching pottery to children. This year she was involved with Painswick Art Couture making hats for children and a frieze in the library. She has accumulated much expertise especially in working with children.

There is less emphasis on the arts in schools nowadays, a pity as the associated activities help greatly in developing concentration skills, confidence and independence so vital in a wider area of learning. This is an opportunity for parents to work in a focused way with their younger children and for older children to work independently with a practical aim. For booking and further information Vicky can be contacted on 07812 024623 or email Vicky@vjh-ceramics.com

Carol Maxwell



Concert by Wycliffe Choral Society and Orchestra on Sunday 1st December

Programme: Elgar's The Music Makers, Give unto the Lord and the Enigma Variations. Soloist: Maria Jagusz (contralto), leader: Geoffrey Short, Conductor: Christopher Swain.

The Chapel, Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, GL10 2AF – 7.30pm.
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Christmas is coming to the Painswick Centre



Christmas is coming to the Painswick Centre with festive fun for all during the next few weeks.

There is a chance to learn new skills and prepare for Christmas at the same time at the Art Couture Painswick Christmas Hangings workshop. The workshop is at the Painswick Centre on November 14th. Further information and booking details can be found on the Art Couture Painswick website.

The Centre will also be taking part in Painswick's Goodwill Evening on Friday November 29th from 5-9pm. For the fifth year in succession businesses in Painswick will be working together to bring in the Christmas season with style. Don't miss the festive atmosphere. If you are looking for gifts with a difference The Painswick Centre and the Town Hall are both hosting a Christmas Fair with many stalls selling quality arts & crafts, food and novelty items and mulled wine and mince pies. A few stalls are still available to hire, contact Chris Mercer on 01452 810820 for the Town Hall or Sue Lendon on 01452 813791 for the Painswick Centre. The Painswick calendars will also be on sale.

For those who want to take a break there's Mencap's coffee morning on December 7 from 10-12.30am. There will be a raffle, tombola, various stalls and coffee and cakes.

Children are in for a treat in the run up to Christmas with Mazymeg and the Honey Bees at the Painswick Centre on Friday December 13th. It's a magical adventure for everyone aged over 4. Albert lives alone with his beloved honey bees on Dartmoor, a wild and mysterious land where nothing is as it seems. One day a stranger appears and steals Albert's bees and it's as though the light has gone from Albert's world. But a second visitor comes to his cottage- a little Pixie girl, called Mazymeg. She promises to find his bees, for she knows who the stranger is- Dark Dewer, the wicked wizard. Tis said on Dartmoor that to get lost is to be 'pixie-led'. So join Angel Heart and lose your way with Mazymeg and all the characters she meets as she tries to bring home Albert's bees. All tickets £10 each – available on 01452 814567 or contact Jennie Barber at jennie@thepainswickcentre.com or Online through ticket source.

Geraldine Sheridan

Ofsted – celebrations at the Croft School

The Croft School has much to be proud of following the latest Ofsted report. Previously rated as Satisfactory it has now been awarded a Good status with several Outstanding elements across a range of areas. In particular, the inspector praised both the standard of teaching and the children's behaviour. As head teacher, Ceris Towler, points out, this wonderful achievement is the result of much hard work all round. "We couldn't have made such a huge leap forward without the full support of our Governors, teachers and classroom assistants and the invaluable support we have had from parents." She is, of course, also very proud of the children "who were all fantastic on the days the inspection took place."

Far from resulting in a sense of complacency, this undoubted measure of success is seen as a real incentive to aim for an Outstanding grade at the next inspection. The current Ofsted framework, introduced since the previous inspection, is more rigorous than before so that the improved grade reflects real progress and a significant rise in standards since 2010. Liz Little, Chairman of the Board of Governors explains that the school has taken on board everything reported by the inspector and now has "a clear plan how to move to Outstanding." It is a question of building on the good practices already in place.

With such a proud achievement already attained and a determined aim towards reaching even higher standards, everyone at the Croft is to be heartily congratulated.

Carol Maxwell

Cows and Bovine Tuberculosis

The animals around here are tuberculosis tested (TT) every twelve months. The vet clips the hair on the neck and measures the skin thickness before injecting serum. Three days later he returns to re-measure the skin at that point again. The data is recorded on a hand-held monitor which beeps if the thickness has increased over a specified measurement. If this happens, the cow is deemed a failure; it is isolated, valued and taken to slaughter. Animals that pass are let back into the fields. All the data is sent to Animal Health.

Even if only one animal fails you are under restriction, you cannot sell any bovine animal unless for slaughter. Neighbouring cattle owners will most likely receive legal letters informing them that their stock might be tested. Your stock will be kept on your holding with a Holding Number. All of it, including new calves is tested again in sixty days until you have two clear tests.

All animals born must be registered with the Movement of Animals Authority before they are seven days old, to get a passport which stays with the animal until it dies. All those over six weeks old must be TB tested. Before you sell any animal from the farm, it must be tested and if it passes, it must be sold within a couple of weeks. The Ministry can, and will, visit without notice and heavy fines may be imposed if these regulations are not met.

If a large percentage of your herd goes down with bovine tuberculosis, there is some compensation. It sounds good, but does not compensate for the big drop in income, which sets off financial problems until you are clear. Then, you need compensation to buy new stock, but that is never enough to cover your losses. In the Painswick Area there is no badger culling, but in a lot of areas the badgers are vaccinated by the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra). My next article will deal with the vaccination of the badgers, how it is done and how it started with Defra on our farm

Martin Slinger

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Creating Christmas at the Rococo Garden

Have you ever thought how much easier Christmas shopping would be if you could do it all in Painswick? Well this year the Rococo Garden will be holding their Creating Christmas event on Saturday November 16th from 10.30 – 4.00pm so you can start your preparations within easy reach of home. The shop will be decorated for Christmas and we will have a range of charity Christmas cards and presents to tempt you and help you to get in a Christmassy mood. The restaurant will be open for the sale of tea and coffee and homemade cakes and biscuits and at lunch time, we will also have soup and rolls on offer. During the day there will be demonstrations of Christmas related crafts and cookery. These will include Caroline Tatham from the Cotswold School of Gardening whose demonstration of Christmas wreath -making was so popular last year. We will also have a wide range of needlework kits and framed work kindly bequeathed by the family of the late Gwyneth Wright. These will make excellent presents for anybody who likes to stitch their own beautiful handmade heirlooms.

So... to kick start the Christmas season and to help you create your Christmas celebrations, please come along and join us in the Coach House at the Rococo Garden – it's only just down the road!

Vicky Aspinnall

Club Pulse

The young people at Club Pulse were tasked to raise a minimum of £100 for the exciting Painswick Youth Centre development project. The young people presented their creative and exciting plans including necessary budget, advertising, catering, technical support, team roles and much more to ensure the ambitious fundraising target was met. Whilst all the presentations were excellent, a special mention goes to Charlie Murray and Joe Hosler whose idea was chosen by the 'Dragon's Den' panel to be the most doable, thought through, and popular. On Monday 14th October the Club Pulse youth had a movie night at the Painswick Centre, wearing onesies and pyjamas to raise funds. 33 young people turned up and raised £115.30 and had a fantastic evening as a result of their hard work in organising and planning. As youth leader I was thrilled by the talent, entrepreneurial skills and creativity on display, but less enthusiastic about wearing a onesie!

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Fitness the fun way

If you like the idea of starting your day with movement to get you going then the Zumba Gold session every Tuesday morning is perfect. This aerobic form of dance to lively Latin music is both great fun and also a good way to keep fit.

Martina Ellis, who runs the class, explains that there are many different styles of Zumba but all with the same basic objectives. It mimics all daily activities and is about muscle endurance rather than strength, at the same time warming up the joints and engaging the whole body. Zumba Gold, whilst lively and energetic, is a gentler form. 'It is the lighter pace rather than high intensity,' says Martina. The routines are gradually learnt then changed periodically to keep it interesting. It certainly engages the brain in this respect and concentration is essential whilst following the moves.

Martina's dance background goes back to her school days in Czechoslovakia where she started ballroom dancing at the age of fourteen. She subsequently moved to Bristol where she met her husband, also a dancer. Serious in her intentions to teach ballroom and Latin she gained all the necessary qualifications with the IDTA and holds a Zumba licence. She and husband, Sam, run the Britannia Dance Studio in Stroud where children and adults are taught from beginner level through to exam and competition standard.

The Painswick class, held at 10.00am on Tuesdays in the main hall of the Painswick Centre, is open to all. Those who have already discovered it speak enthusiastically about the wonderful Latin rhythms, the music generally, the feel-good factor of getting the whole self moving and, not least, the fun atmosphere. Why not go along and discover this fun way to fitness for yourself?

Carol Maxwell



Friday Club

Allo Allo can you hear me? Sorry what did you say? If you have hearing problems did you know that the Gloucester Deaf Association can advise on the use of telephones, TV's, computers, personal loop systems and even alarm clocks and door bells to make your life easier? On Friday November 8th the Friday Club meets at the Town Hall at 2.30pm when a representative from the GDA will be coming to speak, advise and demonstrate aids for the hard of hearing. (They do not fit hearing aids.) Please do come we should be delighted to welcome you and your friends. £2.50 for visitors

Friday Club

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Police Report

Reported crimes in the Painswick Area

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Near Ashwell	1	Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)
Near Beech lane	1	Vehicle crime
Recreation Ground	1	ASB
Edge Lane	1	ASB
Friday Street	1	Theft
Kings Mill Lane	1	ASB
Randall's Field	1	Burglary
Near St Mary's Mead	2	ASB/Theft
Near Yokehouse lane	1	ASB

The Mobile Police Station will be parked in Painswick outside the Town Hall on the 4th and 17th November 12:30-1pm for residents to raise any issues.

Gyde Almshouses

In Sir Francis Hyett's 'Glimpses of the history of Painswick' he reports that "Edwin Francis Gyde of Ebley House near Stroud, who died on March 16th 1894, bequeathed the bulk of a large fortune for the establishment of charitable institutions in Painswick, or in legacies for the benefit of the town. The picturesque Almshouses and the imposing Orphanage, which now stand on the east side of Painswick and Gloucester road, are evidences of his munificence". A Scheme for the erection and administration of Almshouses in pursuance of Edwin Gyde's Will, was approved by the Court of Chancery in 1910, and they were opened in October, 1913. They were erected at a cost of about £3,000.

October 2013 was therefore the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Almshouses and to celebrate the residents marked the occasion with a tea party.



Pictured are County Councillor Jason Bullingham (left) with Parish Council Chairman Martin Slinger.

At the Annual General Meeting of the society on Saturday October 5th our chairman, Christopher Swain, reviewed a very successful season in 2013. In 2014 we now eagerly await the return visits to Painswick of eminent cellist Steven Isserlis and the renowned Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt. Our series of four spring concerts in St Mary's church is completed by performances from The Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra of Europe and the Castalon String Quartet



If the AGM had followed the dry formal pattern that is the usual norm for AGMs, what followed was anything but. On strode James Watson who treated as to a virtuosic display of classical guitar music that was truly astonishing. Starting with two movements from J. S. Bach's Cello Suite No.1., Prelude and Allemande, he had us gripped by his mastery of his instrument. The Cello suite for a solo instrument has no melodies, only strong rhythmic patterns and evolving harmonies from which he creates evocative textures. Short, arpeggiated phrases build larger-scale crescendos and decrescendos, and the work takes on an endlessly more complicated fractal pattern. This makes it ideally suited as a vehicle for the virtuoso to enjoy, as clearly was the case here. The rest of the programme was music by great composers of superb guitar music: Albeniz, Villa-Lobos and finishing with Francisco Tarrega's 'Memories of Alhambra' which as James delivered was a quivering flow of lyricism of great beauty. It had us all spell-bound.

Richard Wagner at PMAG



On 17th October the PMAG commemorated the bicentenary of this great German operatic composer. A member, David Simpson, delivered a biographical sketch of this musical genius, sharing with his audience his fascination for the composer's unorthodox lifestyle and his admiration for the music of Wagner's best-known operas. David spoke with passion and wit. He interspersed his commentary with examples of music from some of Wagner's 'top ten' operas. He began with the prelude to Act 3 of Tristan and Isolde.

The presenter gave an account of Wagner's constant movements - and love affairs - around Europe. From Leipzig University where he studied philosophy and music, to his musical appointments in Konigsberg, Paris, Dresden, Lucerne and eventually in 1876 to Bayreuth, the Mecca for Wagnerians.

David linked each of these locations with Wagner's massive operatic compositions. In doing so the following excerpts were played: The Pilgrim's Chorus - Tannhauser; the prelude to Act 1 of Lohengrin; Senta's ballad - The Flying Dutchman; Siegfried Idyll - a birthday present for his wife Cosima; the final aria, the death of Isolde - Tristan and Isolde with the magical singing of Briggitt Nilsson and finally the prelude to his last great opera, Parsifal.

David succeeded manfully in the complex task he had set himself. Wagner was a musical phenomenon but also a man devoid of moral values. Many people have been offended by his offensive anti-Semitic views. However, there is no doubting that Wagner took musical form forward and influenced such musical giants as Debussy and Mahler.

A stimulating evening ended with the Wedding March from Lohengrin - perhaps one of Wagner's best-known melodies.

Howard Allen

"Many names are forgotten, but the tunes live on" describes well Malcolm Lewis' presentation on 3rd October entitled "The Edwardians". A fantastic range of fast and slow instrumental and vocal music, most of it well remembered in our ears but sadly hardly ever heard nowadays. To mention just a few of the lovely recordings: Arthur Sullivan's starting with the Lambeth Walk, Irish Symphony, Chu Chin Chow, Showboat Overture, El Capitan March, Chanson "In Love", The Donkey Serenade and many others. Wonderfully nostalgic entertainment!

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Arts & Crafts: The Broadway Experiment



Please join us at our meeting on Wednesday 6th November at 2.30pm to hear Ray Leigh, MBE, talk about 'Gordon Russell and the Broadway Experiment'. Ray was Managing Director of the furniture design and manufacturing business established by Gordon Russell in workshops adjacent to his father's hotel, the Lygon Arms. Schooled in the Arts and Crafts tradition of the Cotswolds, Russell was prepared to use machines to bring well-designed furniture to a wider audience. Ray will reveal Russell's place in 20th century social history and how his work still influences designers today.

On Wednesday 4th December at 2.30 pm, Theo Stenning returns to tell us about the charms and unexpected delights of the Cotswold Village Trail, a long distance walk from Mickleton to Westonbirt.

Visitors are very welcome to our lectures, which are followed by light refreshments. The purpose of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club is to promote interest in the natural history, environment and antiquities of Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds. We hold up to 10 lectures a year, five trips by coach to places of interest, plus a 5/6-day excursion, and six special interest walks (botany, wildlife, geology, and landscape). A number of social activities are also planned. Please contact me about next year's programme and membership.

Jane Rowe 813228



Gordon Russell who is referred to in *The Broadway Experiment* article.

Birds, their language and lore



On October 2nd a joint meeting was held between the Painswick Bird Club and the Cotteswold Naturalist Club featuring the Language and Folklore of Birds. The speaker was Charles Martin whom has a huge experience, having been onetime warden of the Farne Islands and also worked for 10 years on the Somerset Levels. This talk proved to be fascinating and revealing of so much of ancient lore associated with birds, back to Anglo Saxon days. The Fulmer or "Foul Bird" is recorded in the Old Norse while the Dunnock was the "Shuttlewing" in old dialect related to its wing movement. The Yellowhammer was known as "Scribbles" on account of the scribbled lines on its eggs.

The Sparrow is symbolic of smallness and is mentioned in Bede. It was thought to be promiscuous and science confirms this. The much loved folk hero, the Robin, is actually very aggressive hence "A bush will not hold two robins". The Swallow brings good luck and is the Harbinger of Spring; the migration of these little birds of 8000 miles twice yearly is truly a miracle. The Cuckoo also, performs an amazing migration and is associated with Summer. The Rook is mentioned in the Doomsday Book and these intelligent birds have developed their own remarkable language. The Magpie or "Chat-ternack" was a bird of ill omen as was the Barn Owl. The latter was associated with Death and in times past its wings would often be nailed above a doorway to ward off peril.

Charles emphasised that The Folklore of Birds is multifaceted and so interlaced with country ways, farming and the observations of Man the Hunter. He encouraged us to look and listen and ever expand our knowledge of our wonderful world.

The next meeting of the Painswick Bird Club will be on November 21st at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Visitors welcome, fee £3. Dr Timothy Seller, a researcher into bird behaviour will speak on "Feathers and Flight".

Ros Harris, a member of Painswick Bird Club 812116

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As promised, Painswick Horticultural Society kicked off the new season with a truly splendid talk by Caroline Tatham. She inspired and delighted a packed Town Hall with her enthusiasm, practical tips, lovely slides and almost overwhelming plant knowledge! She was a treat to listen to and her audience was sorry when she finished after an hour and a half! We have already made preliminary arrangements for her to speak on a different subject next season. Our talk for 13th November entitled "Sugar and Spice – Plants used by People" is led by Dr Murray Mylechreest and promises to be equally enjoyable, practical and inspirational. Dr Mylechreest is a member of the RHS, a fellow of the Institution of Horticulture and a very experienced lecturer with links to Pershore College. Don't forget that this talk is back in the Church Rooms (and other talks) at 7.30pm.



Many people renewed their membership together with a few new joining members last month but you aren't too late if you couldn't make that meeting – come along on the 13th; we would love to see you. A membership may make an early and unusual Christmas present for someone you know who has everything! Don't forget that seed catalogues will be available on 13th November for any orders and it is also closing date to buy your ticket for the Christmas Social and Buffet Evening (11th December at 6.30pm).

Caroline Bodington

History of Penicillin – Denys Thompson



Do you realise that antibiotics were not in common usage until after the war and it was only on D-day (June 6th 1944) that there were sufficient supplies to meet the needs of all the invading British forces? Before this time life was lived 'on a knife edge' and death from such diseases as plague, cholera, typhoid and TB was much more common than survival. At our meeting in September we were given a fascinating talk on the history of the development of penicillin by Denys Thompson who was part of the team developing the drug at Oxford University before the war. He took us right back to 1347 when plague was first seen in England, through the discovery and classification of bacteria by Pasteur and Koch and the original finding of the mould *Penicillium notatum* on a culture dish growing the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* by Fleming. He published his findings in 1929 but it was the team of Florey, Heatley and Chain who investigated the effect of the drug on other organisms and later modified it into the forerunner of the antibiotic that we know and rely on today.

The members of the WI were surprised and honoured to find that the daughter and grand-daughter of Norman Heatley were in our audience and had travelled from Oxford to hear the talk. Florey and Chain were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1945 but Norman Heatley had to wait until 1990 when he was given an honorary doctorate of medicine by Oxford university when he was in his nineties.

Yew Trees WI did not have a meeting in August as so many people are on holiday, but we arranged an extremely successful Salmon Supper in the Town Hall. This was attended by about 36 people including 4 potential new members and it is to be hoped that they so enjoyed the friendly atmosphere that they will become permanent members of the group. More recently, several of us enjoyed a wonderful early morning visit to Tom George's racing stables in Slad. We parked at Bull's Cross and then walked up and down over the hills into the valley to be greeted by a string of thundering, steaming horses as they raced up to the top of the hill. Feeling invigorated by our brisk exercise and after a guided tour by Sophie George, we walked back to Bull's Cross for a restorative coffee and cakes.

Vicky Aspinall

Tidal Power



On 2nd October Mark Shorrocks and Alex Herbert of Tidal Lagoon (Swansea Bay) plc gave us a presentation of an impressive project to produce sustainable energy for Swansea and surrounding areas. It involves the construction of a massive seawall to enclose a large area of the Severn Estuary forming a lagoon.

The Severn Estuary has the second highest tidal range in the world and the lagoon will fill and empty with every tide through an entrance to the estuary. Turbines installed in the entrance structure will be able to generate clean electricity during most states of the tide.

The company has an impressive range of collaborators and is privately funded without the need for taxpayer input. We learned about the scale of the project including the studies needed to prove the project and the hurdles required to obtain the necessary approvals. The engineering difficulties will be formidable, not least the construction of the massive seawall which will feature special synthetic tubes filled with silt to form the core of the wall along with vast quantities of rock. In addition to the production of energy, the lagoon will form a resource for recreation and water sports as well as the cultivation of species of sea life.

Glynn Nixon

Letter from El Contador

Summer is long gone. The holiday homes in the village are empty and shuttered until Christmas - weather permitting. These properties have been handed down and have remained for many generations with the same family. Many villagers also welcome their relatives to stay. So El Contador is filled with strangers to us during July and August, enjoying the fiestas held by many village communities round and about. Suddenly it seems all are gone and the quiet descends like a cloak. We are now prepared for Winter. The almond harvest is complete and tonnes of these nuts had been strewn around our streets, dried by the late Autumn sunshine. Maybe some have eventually turned up in Yew Trees W.I. Christmas cake mixes.

Geraldine has negotiated with Ramon our supplier, for a huge load of logs for the woodburners. This involves a glass of wine or two and infinite patience on her behalf. Agreement was reached.... eventually. Delivery took place a day or two later. The heavy curtains for the windows have been hung. I have snow chains and shovels in the old Land Rover plus the "stranded supplies". Our store of candles has been checked and the emergency water tank is full. Like Painswick gardens too I guess, the furniture and parasols have long been covered or placed in storage and delicate plants taken to a place of safety.

You may think all this is an exaggeration, but you may recall that we are over 3,000ft above sea level and there are signs on our nearest motorway advising drivers that El Contador is open, or closed due to snow drifts.....

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Letters



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The Big (RED) Apple Day

Martin Falshaw writes:

What started off as a pleasant afternoon in the grounds of St Mary's Church quickly turned into a platform for the local Socialists to force their left wing propaganda onto an unsuspecting family audience.

The entertainment provided by a local band was regularly interrupted by poems containing pro left wing, government bashing, rhetoric. Anti-capitalist this, anti-Tory that, let's have a go at Amazon and Starbucks and a winning cheer for beating the pasty tax. The only thing missing was the Socialist Worker newspaper seller.

Now I don't wish to discuss my political views here, and that is the point. Visiting a family event in the grounds of a village church should be politics free or at least politics neutral.

Clipping or Clypping?

Alan Bamber from Somerset writes:

It was disappointing to see the phoney word Clypping prominently displayed in the October Beacon, and even more so to read the misguided attempt to justify this recent invention.

There was certainly an Old English word clyppan but this had been superseded by the words clip and clipping by the fifteenth century. The word clip, meaning to grip or embrace, appears in Chaucer and Shakespeare, and still exists today, as in paper clip and trouser clip. Hence the word clip has two separate meanings ('cut' and 'grip' respectively). There are hundreds of such homonyms in the English language, and sensible people don't invent new words to avoid them.

Clipping ceremonies, in which a church is embraced or 'gripped', have traditionally been so called, as can be verified by checking in reputable history books. New words are fine, but not when they insult history, etymology and tradition. The word is Clipping.

Response from Peter Jenkins the October editor: It is great that Alan Bamber, who edited the Beacon for many years in the 1980s and 1990s, still takes a keen interest in the Beacon and makes sure we keep on our toes. English, however, is a living language; after all we do not still speak old English so does it matter if churches chose to use the word 'Clypping' instead of 'Clipping'? The Beacon does not take sides in the debate – if St. Mary's chooses to use the word 'Clypping' who are we to mind? Other churches (eg St. Mary's in Wirksworth, St Lawrence in Rode, St Peters in Tankersley, Christ Church in Burbage to name a few) also have adopted the word 'Clypping'. At Painswick the word 'Clypping' was used when the ceremony was introduced a hundred years or so ago but from sometime in the 1980s the word 'Clypping' has tended to be favoured.

How holy was the Holy Blood?



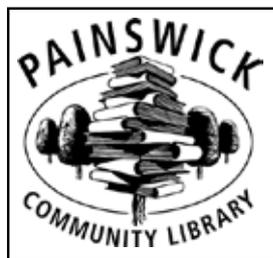
At the October meeting of the Society David Aldred presented an intriguing narrative about Hailes Abbey and the Holy Blood. A Cistercian monastery, simple in style in contrast to the more ornate Benedictine establishments, Hailes was by the mid-13th century in debt and generally in a poor state. The Holy Blood was brought from Germany in 1277 and turned the fortunes of the Abbey immediately. It was a great attraction and brought in pilgrims from far and wide. It was unusual for such a monastery to have a holy relic. A new area was created where pilgrims could make their confession before progressing to the chapel housing the relic – without disturbing the monks.

David read extracts from several reports by visiting abbots on the activities of the monks and life at the Abbey. Most were extremely critical of general behaviour and procedures. By the early 16th century the Abbey and its pilgrim business was truly buoyant and very profitable. But was the blood fake? Was it the blood and the dubious procedures at the Abbey which raised the wrath of Thomas Cromwell? It was finally declared to be a fake in 1538 and the monastery closed. Much of the stone was subsequently used to build a manor house and yet other areas have never been excavated.

Fake or not, it was important to the people who made the pilgrimage for over 260 years.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, 19th November Dr Francis Wilson-Copp will give a presentation on the History of Symbolism in Christian Art. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



The first AGM of the Library will take place at the Town Hall on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm. In addition to the required formal business there will be a review of progress to date and a discussion of future plans. All are welcome to attend whether or not you would like to become involved in the running of the library.

Also please drop in to see us on Friday November 29th as the library is open until 8pm as part of Painswick Goodwill Evening. There will be a book sale with good quality second hand and nearly new books. Our fabulous Christmas

Hamper raffle will be drawn during the evening. The free entry raffle will run through November – every time you visit the library and use your ticket to borrow books or use the computers you get a free entry (there is a prize for adults and children)

On Saturday morning December 7th you are warmly invited to help us decorate the library for Christmas. We have a tree that needs dressing and walls that need a festive display. We will have a craft table and hope the children will join in and make some dazzling decorations for us. The library opens as usual from 10am-1pm; the craft session runs from 10.30am-12.30pm

David Glass, Chairman

Painswick's Monthly Saturday Market News

The new Saturday market was launched on 19th October in the Town Hall and was packed to the brim with fabulous art, craft and produce, including delicious bread from The Artisan Baker, Old Spot sausages, bacon and pork from Popes Pigs and organic vegetables from Duchy Home Farm. Teas, coffees and light lunches were also on offer from JK's, and a wide range of hand crafted items, including hand knits, ceramics, jewellery, soft toys, cards and much more.

The market returns on Saturday November 16th, in Painswick's Town Hall, between 10 am and 4 pm. If you haven't as yet tried the market, please give it a go! The traders efforts to bring their produce to the centre of our village need our appreciation and custom. All stall profits from the market are used for the benefit of Painswick.

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The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

BT leaves Painswick out in the cold. BT have increased the minimum number of interested parties required from 300 to 500 which provides a difficult target for Painswick which currently has around 200 expressing interest. BT looks at the raw demand in an area to work out its priorities, which puts Painswick low down the list. New Bus service introduced. A new service has been started between Painswick and Gloucester on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

20 years ago

Library opening hours were restored to 16 hours per week thanks to the generosity of another local resident. The hours had been reduced due to budgetary constraints across Gloucestershire. Painswick Midsummer Ball broke all records this year with 400 attending and raising £9,900 for charity.

30 years ago

Presentation to Rev McKinley. The Church rooms was packed when the Village paid tribute to their well loved Vicar, the Reverend Henry McKinley and his wife Rosalind who are shortly to leave Painswick.

Croft School News

Head teacher Ceris Towler writes in her newsletter:

Dig Day. A big thank you to all those who came to help on our Dig Day on 19th October. The vegetable patch now looks ready for winter and the bushes on the corner plot and on the key stage 2 –playground have been cut right back. Mrs Towler says that a start was also made on tidying around the back of the school behind Classes 4 and 5. She reports that they were lucky with the weather although in the afternoon the Bradshaw family did get a bit wet whilst building then pond dipping platform! In emphasising her thanks to the staff and parents, Mrs Towler says that it really does make a difference to then opportunities and experiences the school can offer the children.

Website. We are invited to take a look at Class 1's gallery where there are some new photos of then children cooking, gingerbread men and planting pansies. Some photos of the Dig Day have been added in the Latest News section.

Operation Christmas Child. Mrs Towler reports that the children listened attentively to Mary Jones from operation Christmas Child who told them about children who would not be having such a wonderful Christmas and who would be unlikely to receive any Christmas gifts as their families were too poor. The Croft children are being invited to wrap and fill a shoe box of presents for a boy or girl between 2 and 14 years old. The boxes can be brought into the school once filled, and after half-term will be collected. It is important for the children to have an understanding of those less fortunate than themselves. Mrs Towler says that she hopes parents will support the venture.

Synagogue visit, Class 5 had the opportunity to visit a synagogue in Cheltenham recently to support their RE learning. Mrs Towler reports that the children had an interesting talk and were able to ask questions and find out more about Judaism. She thanks Mrs Jakeway for organising the visit and the children who behaved extremely well and were a credit to the school.

Summary of this session for Memory problems and Dementia,

Free awareness session run by Managing Memory 2gether NHS Trust on Wednesday November 13th 2013. The Cotswold Room in the Painswick Centre is the venue starting at 2:30 to 4:40. Refreshments being served. Whether it is over concerns for yourself, your friends or your family members, all are welcome. The session covers how memory works, what causes memory problems and ideas for coping with forgetfulness. This is only an introductory session about what the NHS Memory Assessment Service has available. Make this a starting point to learn as it is a very timely event for our ever aging population in Painswick and surrounding communities of Gloucestershire.

Direct contact with Managing Memory 2gether can be made by phoning 0800 694 8800, e-mail managingmemory@glos.nhs.uk

John Rohrbeck

On the Beacon



The unusual sound of heavy machinery was heard on the Beacon recently, near the road to Gloucester. This was a small digger widening the access to Long Quarry and starting on the first 'scrape' of the south facing side. When all the 80 or so unwanted pines have been completely removed the digger will return, create several more scrapes, and retreat, closing off the valley to inhibit "fly tipping". Finally, locally harvested Juniper seeds will be planted on the scrapes. In addition to the pines there are a fair number of hardwood trees to be removed so that the sun can again flood the valley. If you are a firewood supplier you might like to come and 'earn' some logs? If you are woodburner owner you might like to come and help with the clearance, to earn some good logs? If you might like to please make contact, david@lloydstone.plus.com, or 812624.

In the paddock behind the cemetery the five Gloucester heifers are in peak condition, and making a good job of eating down the grasses; plus many tasty shrubs and tree leaves! Probably, they will eat it all down and be ready to go home to Hardwick for Christmas.

Meanwhile, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group will have its AGM on Wednesday 6th November, at 7.30 pm sharp in the Church Rooms, off Stames Car Park. Do join us; I can promise some surprises! Also our guest speaker John Heathcott will inform us with his illustrated talk, Ancient Woodlands of Gloucestershire.

David Allott Chairman, 812624

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Sports reports

Tennis

Painswick Tennis Club Finals Day

During September Painswick tennis club held its annual tournament which is open to all members of the club. The finals were played on Sunday 29th September, and provided some entertaining tennis for the crowd of members and friends who came to watch.

Congratulations to all the finalists and in particular to Liz Cowen who played exceptionally well and won three titles.

The results were as follows:

Ladies singles – Liz Cowan, runner up Sophie Barnett

Men's singles – Matt Lakin, runner up James Barnett

Ladies Doubles – Liz Cowan & Vanessa Roderick, runner ups Hannah Redmond & Vicki Smith

Men's doubles – Mark Wontumi & Dougie Fair, runner ups Matt Lakin and James Barnett

Mixed doubles – Mark Wontumi & Liz Cowan, runner ups Stu Hall & Hannah Redmond.

The photograph shows the winners and runner up of the singles receiving their prizes.



Football

Success for Painswick Football Club

Bream U12s ..3 Painswick U/12s.. 4

Painswick came out on top in an end-to-end thriller of a cup-tie.

After going two goals down in the first five minutes painswick settled down and pulled two goals back through Chris Norman before going on to win to win the game with goals from Ryan Carden and Harry Chudley.

Charfield Whites U12s.. 0 Painswick U12s.. 10

Painswick put in a powerful attacking performance and made the most of their chances.

Jack Bailey, Ethan Roberts, Yvan Louvard and Ryan Carden all claimed two goals each with Ewan Gegg and Aaron Barnes claiming the other two.

Rugby

Painswick rediscover form

Glos Premier on Saturday
12th October

Painswick 28 Whitehall 24

Painswick bounced back to form with an excellent victory over their previously unbeaten visitors in an ill-tempered encounter. The whole team showed great commitment and the outcome was not as close as the score suggested as Whitehall scored a converted try with the last play of the game.

County Cup. Saturday 19th
October

Painswick 9 Saracens26

Painswick were eliminated from the County Cup by league leaders Saracens, but fought well and showed good spirit in spite of injuries to key players and deteriorating conditions. Their customary slow start led to a first minute converted try for the visitors and a knee injury to scrum half Olly Hall as he bravely tried to stop an opposing forward. Painswick struck back with a penalty from the promising young kicker Kurt Herbert. Weak tackling then allowed another converted try from Saracens. A late tackle on full back Will Hewer, who later had to leave the field with disturbed vision, led to another penalty from Herbert. Saracens then used their strong forward drive from the lineout to add 2 tries to give them a 26-6 lead at half-time. Playing uphill and losing outstanding flanker Dave Marsh to a leg injury Painswick showed excellent determination and managed to stop all the efforts of the visitors to add to their score and added 3 more points from a further Herbert penalty. Backs Neil Churchill and Chad Williams impressed both in attack and defence and forwards Brett Morgan and Adam Smith battled strongly as their fitness came to the fore as their bigger opponents tired.

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Croft School successes

Looking through past copies of the Beacon we came across this article in the August 1978 edition.

Pictured in Painswick School's Six-a-side Soccer team are:
 (left to right) back row: I.Perrins, M.Rayfield. Front row:
 W.Reid, M.Hayward,
 C.Cornwall, R.Little.

Cranham Village Hall Christmas Art & Craft Fayre

Sunday 1st December 2013.
 10am – 4pm.

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 If you would like to have a stall,
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Hatha Yoga

Sheepscombe Village Hall
 Monday 6.30pm and 8.15pm £7
 The Painswick Center
 Tuesday 6.30pm £7.50
 Thursday 9.30am £7.50

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Anne-Marie Randall
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Local History Teaser

Last month's photograph showed a group of children with one adult. Anne Sully has written on behalf of her mother, Joyce Skinner, who recognises herself sitting on the left of the front row. The teacher is Miss Toft and the photograph was taken in the infants' playground in 1928/29. Anne says there are more names written on the back of the original photograph and we can of course include these in the next edition if anyone is interested. Many thanks to Anne and her mother, Joyce.

Pictured above is a photograph taken in more recent times. Can you identify the occasion?

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October News

Living in such a rural area, I was very interested to find out about two organisations which are there specifically to help people associated with agriculture and horticulture. The first is "The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution" or R.A.B.I. It is a grant-making charity that supports members of the farming community facing need, hardship or distress. According to their website, they have welfare officers who can help with benefit applications, they can provide grants and awards, plus money for particular needs such as mobility vehicles and disability aids. Reading through their recent newsletter I learnt that R.A.B.I had seen a big change in who was receiving help. Traditionally help was given to farmers or farm labourers who could not work through ill health, age or disability. This year a third of the people helped were working farmers and the numbers had grown from 69 in the first 6 months of 2012 to 231 in the same period for 2013.

R.A.B.I Jenni Thompson. 01460 240950, or 07919 478518 or Email:jenni.thompson@rabi.org.uk

"Perennial" is the other association; the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society. It provides free, confidential advice, support and financial assistance to people of all ages working in or retired from horticulture, and their spouses, partners, and children. They have debt advisers who can help with looking for ways to maximise income and minimise expenditure, as well as negotiating with creditors, and helping with Debt Relief Order or bankruptcy paperwork. They will also help with applying for benefits, and they have a fund to help with the care costs of individuals in registered care or for care-at-home services. Contact Lindsey Churchill, 0845 6760621 and their free debt advice line is a 0800

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Before 4G is switched on in this area, "at800" will write to you if you might be affected. You may also receive an at800 filter - free of charge. This connects between your TV aerial and your TV, set-top box or signal booster. The filter is smaller than a pack of cards and in most cases will enable you to continue watching Freeview as normal.

You may be able to fit the filter yourself. If not, don't worry - at800 can help if you're aged 75 or over, registered disabled, blind or partially sighted or have lived in a care home for 6 months or more. A professional and CRB-checked engineer or volunteer will visit and install the filter for you free of charge. If more work is needed to restore your Freeview service this will also be carried out by at800 and you won't need to pay. Call 0333 31 31 800 (free within mobile free call packages) or 0808 13 13 800 (free from a landline) to arrange this if you think Freeview has been affected. If you need help, I am happy to visit you and assist with your problem.

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for October from Murrays

Murrays have enjoyed a record breaking August, September and soon to be October in terms of our properties under offer and sold, not just in our Painswick Office but also throughout the company. This only goes to show that things are definitely looking up in the housing market and buyers confidence is slowly becoming restored!

We have seen some positive recent changes to the housing market from the government too with the introduction of the "help to buy scheme" which could make getting onto or moving up the property ladder more accessible. It helps existing home owners and first time buyers purchase a home with as little as 5% deposit. The government are going to make this possible by guaranteeing repayment of the mortgage to the lender, this will be dealt with behind the scenes by participating lenders. There will be no additional paperwork or charges for the buyer. This has only just been introduced to the market in October so there are no official statistics but it can only continue to push the market in the right direction.

The Nationwide have said that house price have accelerated in September with a 0.9% increase which are now overall 5% higher than they were in September 2012. The southern regions of England, especially London, continue to record the strongest rate of house price growth.

We have continued to take on property over the last few months but with such a lot now either under offer or sold we are in need of more all the time. If you are thinking of selling soon then please do not hesitate to call us on 01452814655 for your free valuation.

Properties that we have taken on include Horseshoe Cottage, a charming detached 3 bed Cotswold cottage with garage and parking and lovely views in Tibbiwell Gardens, Dormy House a spacious modern detached property with beautiful gardens on Kingsmill Lane, 2 Hambutts Cottages, a pretty terraced 2 bed cottage tucked away off Edge Lane, Firle, a spacious 3 / 4 bed bungalow in a lovely position on Blakewell Mead and Conyers a spacious detached 3 bed bungalow on Coppers Hill with stunning views. Properties that we currently have under offer are 8 Canton Acre, 17 Hyett Orchard, 3 Hambutts Cottages off Edge Road, 10 Randalls Field off Kingsmill Lane all in Painswick, Chandos on Cranham Corner, Uplands on the Painswick Beacon and Leverets Barn in Brimpsfield. Properties that have now sold are Kings Mill House on Kingsmill Lane, The land off Stroud Road/Kingsmill Lane, Turnways in Butt Green, Wynstowe on Lower Washwell, Woodcote in The Highlands, Mullions in Queens Mead and 38 Ashwell all in Painswick and Far End House on Far End in Sheepscombe.

On a slightly different note as I write this I will be leaving shortly to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for Cancer Research UK. So far I have raised £5500 all of which goes straight to the charity that is close to my heart and Murrays Estate Agents in general. If you would like to sponsor me or find out how I'm doing then please pop into our Painswick Office! Many thanks.

James C Murray (Partner)



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NOVEMBER

Sun	3	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Benefice All Souls Service	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 10.00am 4.00pm
Mon	4	Probus Women: The voice and its repertoire - Anne Dunne Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group Club Pulse for school years 5 - 8: Mondays (next to Recreation Ground) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Church Rooms Town Hall Ashwell House Centre P'wick . Youth Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.30am 12 noon to 1.15pm 5.30 to 7.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 814890	Painswick Centre P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House	10.00am 1.30 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club lecture: Gordon Russell & the Broadway Experiment - Ray Leigh. Enq 813228 Table Tennis sessions - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & Talk	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Church Rooms Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 2.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon
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	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 10.00am 1.45pm
Fri	8	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: AGM (1.45pm) followed by Deaf Association speaker - Deaf Awareness	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 1.45pm
Sat	9	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Church Rooms Painswick Beacon Stamages Car Park Stamages Car Park	10.00am to 12noon 10.00am 10.00am 1.00pm
Sun	10	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Holy Communion (shortened) Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 10.50am
Mon	11	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins Armistice Service	Ashwell House Centre War Memorial	12 noon to 1.15pm 10.50am
Wed	13	Probus: And then there was more - A Family Story - Lynn Hilditch Managing Memory 2gether Session Painswick Horticultural Society: 'Sugar & Spice' - Dr M Mylechreest. Seed catalogues available. Bookings close for Social & Buffet evening	Painswick Centre P.Centre Cots. Room Church Rooms	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group: British Pictures at an Exhibition	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	16	Saturday Market; various stalls Creating Christmas	Town Hall. Lower Room Rococo Garden	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.30am to 4.30pm
Sun	17	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 10.00am
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: The History of Symbolism in Christian Art - Dr Frances Wilson-Copp	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	21	Bird Club: Feathers and Flight - Dr Timothy Seller	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: Christmas Wreaths Workshop - Jane Morriss	Town Hall	2.30pm

Sat	23	Copy Date for December Beacon Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Coffee Morning in aid of the Cobalt Unit	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Sun	24	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Service of the Word	Town Hall St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	10.30am to 12.30pm 8.00am 8.30am 10.00am
Mon	25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Brimscombe Hedgehog Hospital - John Crowther	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus: Hurdy Gurdy Early Verdi - Brian Meadows	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	28	Music Appreciation Group: An Eccentric Record Collector	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	29	Painswick Goodwill Evening November Library Book Sale - open until 8.00pm for Goodwill Evening	Throughout the Town Community Library	5.00 to 9.00pm
DECEMBER				
Mon	2	Community Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	3	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club lecture: The Cotswold Village Trail - Theo Stenning. Enq 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club Christmas Lunch		
Sat	7	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Christmas Bazaar Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Coffee Morning in aid of Mencap Children's Craft Session - make decorations & dress the Christmas Tree (free)	Resthaven, Pitchcombe Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	9	Probus Women: Cranham Handbell Ringers Community Lunch: Hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck	Church Rooms Ashwell House Centre	10.00am 12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the ladies Horticultural Society: Social and Buffet (advance tickets) Parish Council Meeting	The Hill, Stroud Church rooms Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	12	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Mayzmeg and the Honey Bees Bingo Session in aid of the Cobalt Unit	Painswick Centre Town Hall	6.00 to 9.00pm 7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	14	Saturday Market; various stalls Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965	Town Hall. Lower Room Stamages Car Park	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am
Wed	18	Last Table Tennis Session	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	21	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Painswick Singers pre-Christmas Concert	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am 7.30pm

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NEW APPLICATIONS

BUTT HOUSE, Butt Green
Replacement windows (3no)
LONGHOPE, Blakewell Mead
Erection of dwelling
TOPHAMS, Friday Street
Demolition of existing single storey extension, to be replaced with new single storey extension and alterations to existing stair.
THE MALT HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe
Minor amendment to Listed Building Consent S.12/0620/LBC
THE REDDINGS, Slad Road.
Erection of replacement extension and a detached garage/gym studio building. Creation of additional vehicular access.
DOLPHIN HOUSE, Vicarage Street
Fell Yew Tree.
1 SEVERN COTTAGES, Vicarage Street
2 Mature Sycamores – Crown raise by 8m and thin by 15%. Fell Mature Sycamore.

CONSENT

LOWOOD, Far End, Sheepscombe
Single storey pitched roof extension, create run of additional sliding folding doors to west elevation, block up window in north elevation and installation of new window in east elevation.
JAYS HILL, The Park
Erection of side extension (Revised Plan Rcvd. 26.09.13)
1A UPPER WASHWELL
Application to extend time limit for implementation of extant planning permission S.10/1589/HHOLD: Alteration & extension of existing dwelling.
SHEEPSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL, Sheepscombe
Field Maple – Reduce in height by 1/3 (10.67m down to 7.11m). Alder Tree – Reduce in height by 13ft (10.67m down to 6.71m).
MARCH COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane
T1 and T2 – Both Leylandii Trees to be felled. T3 – Scots Pine. Fell.
JAYS HILL, The Park
Erection of side extension.
MOONRAKERS, New Street
Demolition of a single storey flat roof 1970s extension and lean to conservatory and a replacement single storey extension to form a new kitchen and dining room.
1a UPPER WASHWELL
Application to extend time limit for implementation of extant planning Permission S.10/1589/HHOLD
HILLSIDE, Kings Mill Lane
Replacement of single garage with double garage with pitched roof, revised parking and the erection of a garden room to the main residence.
BYFIELD HOUSE, Bisley Street
Aspen, reduce all over by up to 4m to leave height of approx 6m and a spread of 7m.

WITHDRAWN
PYLL HOUSE, Jacks Green
Erection of a 5 bay barn to house farm machinery and hay storage.

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Alice Lee is currently attending a City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants at Hartpury College. She needs to get practical experience on as many different breeds as possible – bathing and drying, nail clipping, basic trimming and ears etc. Her course runs on a Monday, and she would be very grateful for the loan of dogs. If you are willing to help, please contact her on 07598339195. If you would like any verification of her identity, or any other queries, you are welcome to contact her Tutor at Hartpury College, Kate Turner, on 77854816291.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Births

To HELEN (nee Wells) and WARREN TAYLOR a little girl Eliza May sister to Jeremy on 21st June, also to MICHAEL and JO WELLS a son Leo George born on 27th July .
Both of my children live in Melbourne, Australia

Joan Warner

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of BOB WATKIN and JOHN BIRTWELL who have both died recently

Thank You

Mencap: the concert given by the Gloucester Brass Band raised £700 for the Stroud Homes. It was a lively, entertaining evening, topped off by supper at the end of the performance and folk, including the Band, were happy to, linger and chat. This was a new venture for us and proved so popular that we shall certainly ask Gloucester Brass to play for us again. We are always conscious of the generosity of Painswick people and this event was no exception. With such large and vicious cut-backs in funding for people with learning disabilities our fundraising is as important as ever. Thank you Painswick.

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are having a coffee and mince pie morning on Saturday 7th December from 10am until 12.30 at the Painswick Centre. There will be stalls and a tombola and we look forward to seeing you there.

Marion Sadler

A Little Poem from our departing resident

I have a little Sat-Nav
It sits there in my car
A Sat-Nav is a driver's friend
It tells you where you are
I have a little Sat-Nav
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones
My Sat-Nav is my wife
It give me full instructions
Especially how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour",
It says "You're doing thirty five"
It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake
It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene
It lists the vehicles just in front

And all those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice
It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things
And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages
And my tendency to scoff,
I do wish once in a while I could turn the
'bloody' thing off.

Harold Wood

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