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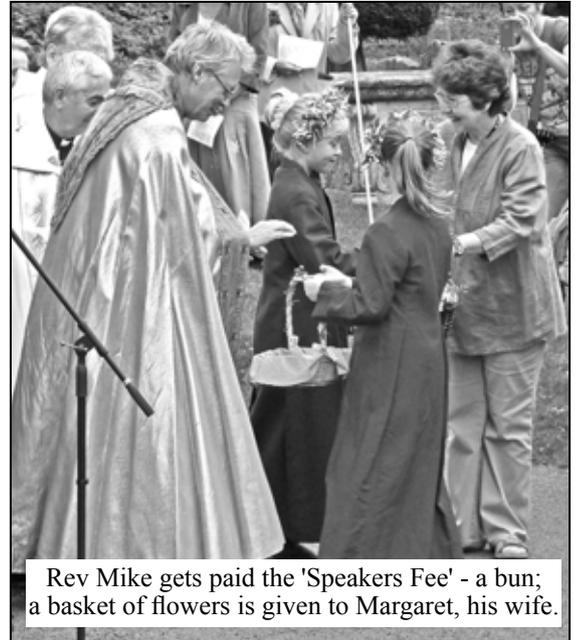
Rev Mike Holloway speaks at his first Clypping Service

The Revd. Mike Holloway was inducted at St Mary's as Vicar of the Beacon Benefice on 3rd September and Rev Mike's thoughts on what it felt like from his perspective are given on page 10. One of his first duties at St Mary's was to give the address at the annual Clypping service held on Sunday, 22nd September. The Vicar is normally only given the privilege of speaking at his first Clypping.

For anyone new to Painswick, the word "clypping" is Anglo-Saxon in origin, and is derived from the word "clyppan", meaning "embrace" - and has nothing to do with clipping the yew trees! The service is basically a service of thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened during the past year and of re-dedication to the church for the coming year. These days very few churches in the UK still perform this ceremony and it is great that this ceremony is kept alive at Painswick.

The lively Salvation Army band accompanied the procession and hymns. The church congregation and many local parishioners, together with local school children, encircle the church holding hands in an unbroken ring dancing and singing to the Clypping hymn. There were fewer children than sometimes in the past, but the girls looked enchanting with their floral headdresses and the boys wore colourful buttonholes.

Those present listened very attentively to Rev Mike's address in which he emphasised the importance of belonging to a community and also the fact that communities are made up of people of a wide range of talents who all had a contribution to make. He pointed out that Mary, mother of Jesus, was an ordinary person who made a valuable input into her community. Afterwards all children present could collect a present of the traditional Clypping Bun and a 50p coin. Page 10 also contains a few more photographs of the event.



Rev Mike gets paid the 'Speakers Fee' - a bun; a basket of flowers is given to Margaret, his wife.

Another first for Percy

Yet again Percy Franklin's beautiful garden in Ashwell has won the Stroud District Council Tenants' Garden Competition (north). This is the fifth consecutive year that Percy's efforts have won him the award, surely a record.

In fact this is far more than a straightforward achievement as, for Percy, 88, this has been a rather dramatic year. In May he was in hospital with a very serious health problem and a poor prognosis. Nonetheless he returned home eventually only to find his beloved young plants in a sorry state and too late to be put to use. Undeterred, Percy immediately started to raise a fresh batch and then secretly - his family had strictly forbidden him to - he entered himself for the competition.

The four judges arrived on 8th July and, due to his early setback and the poor June weather, Percy was anxious about the late development of his planting. However, a letter subsequently arrived stating that the judges '...were impressed and consider your garden to be one of the highest standard.' He was declared the winner in September and of course, despite early misgivings, his family is very proud of his tremendous achievement.

The criteria used in the judging include use of colour, layout design, creativity and imagination. Percy's garden is a joy in all respects and definitely has the wow factor. He is keen to point out that he changes the design and the planting each year as he likes to produce something new each time. His garden is also very bird-friendly, a factor he considers important.

In the circumstances Percy's achievement is quite remarkable but then he is a very positive person and feels that it is important to immerse himself into a creative and enjoyable activity rather than do nothing. He is also a perfectionist re his garden and, unwilling to let others do any of the work, puts in many hours of careful attention and hard work in order to arrive at the magnificent display which he has planned. It is this drive and positive energy which he feels has helped in his recovery. He is certainly to be congratulated on such a tremendous achievement.



Footpath from Stamages Lane to Churchyard - Update

Building work in the Church Rooms to give a better kitchen and to provide a toilet for the disabled is nearing completion. The construction of the footpath will await resolution of objections raised by the Planners to the developer's proposals - see Planning Matters on page 23.

On other pages this month:

SDC local plan, Drivers wanted, Poppy appeal, Saturday market, Managing Memory ²gether, Sabina at Hoyland House, Autumn at Painswick Centre, Incinerator at Javelin Park, Library improvements, Beacon news, Mike Holloway's Induction, Tourist office, Seb in Africa, Golf Club catering, Barbara Swindin at Cheltenham Festival, Music with Ella, Dance with Heidi.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 18th September 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

The Planning Committee normally meets before the Parish Council meeting but no meeting was called on this occasion because there was insufficient business.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public questions

There were none.

Apologies

The council received apologies for absence from six councillors. In attendance were; Cllrs Martin Slinger (Chairman), Mrs Ann Daniels, Rob Lewis, Steve Morris, Ben Nicholls and Mrs Caroline White.

Youth Club building

The members were pleased to have confirmed that the finance for the approximate cost of the project, which was £100,000, had been realised.

Painswick Post Office

The clerk informed the councillors that Post Office Limited was continuing to have discussions with a local business about the possibility of locating a post office facility with the business.

Canton Acre Turning Circle

The clerk reported that the reduction of the turning circle was still under consideration by the County and District Councils.

District Councillor's report. Councillor Nigel Cooper told the meeting that the Council had agreed the Local Plan which was now out for public consultation until October 16th. He told the councillors that he had abstained from voting as he had reservations about the Plan. He said that there was the possibility that the enhanced Broadband system could be installed at the Painswick Exchange if sufficient people registered.

Cllr Rob Lewis drew Cllr Cooper's attention to the Parish Council's proposal for the extension of the settlement

boundary to the north of the village. Cllr Lewis said this had been opposed by the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society and did not feature in the Local Plan. Cllr Cooper said that he would look into the matter.

Selection of Youth Club project contractor

Cllr White declared an interest and left the meeting. Councillors had before them a report relating to the various tenders submitted. The report which had been compiled by Quantity Surveyors D S C Consultants of Gloucester at no cost to the Council had been prepared independently of the project's own architect and quantity surveyor. The members were then given time to read the report before determining the successful tenderer. On being put to the vote the councillors agreed the appointment of Carter Construction of Gloucester. A meeting of the Council's Land & Building's Committee would be held on 2nd October to agree the terms of the contract which would later be submitted to the Parish Council for approval. Cllr Lewis said that the cost of the project must not exceed the budgeted amount. The clerk said that the contract included the sum of £3,000 for contingencies. The whole project would be completed at the same time with no staging. Asbestos would be removed before the work was started. Cllr White then returned to the meeting.

Javelin Park Incinerator Appeal

A letter had been received from Haresfield Parish Council asking for a contribution towards the expenses that would be incurred in supporting the County Council Planning Committee's refusal of the proposed incinerator. Cllr Lewis said that the Parish Council was a registered objector and that was sufficient; it was not

appropriate to use more public money for this purpose. He therefore proposed that no financial contribution be made. The proposal was agreed by the Council.

Almhouses Centenary

Ann Daniels reported that Painswick's Almhouses had been opened in October 1913.

Painswick Stream

Cllr Martin Slinger reported that the Flood Alleviation Team was looking at making improvements to the stream as some blockages were occurring.

Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Faster Broadband

BT advises that Faster Broadband is being rolled out across Herefordshire and Gloucestershire between now and the end of 2016. They state that it is not possible to flick a switch to make every area go live on the same day, so some areas will go live before others. You are asked to register your interest. You can do this by logging on to the Fastershire web site. BT reports that the upgrade of the Painswick exchange is being evaluated as part of a Government funded programme. The Gloucestershire Rural Community Council has been actively promoting the case for Faster Broadband and the Beacon is grateful for their advice. At the recent Parish Council meeting, reported above, Councillor Nigel Cooper stressed the importance of residents registering their interest with BT.

December issue

Seasonal cover picture

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

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

Business, club, society, service, agency? DIRECTORY 2014 – LAST CALL

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

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

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

Please send your details to either Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After the end of October will be too late.

Carol Maxwell

Stroud District Council invites comments by 16th October on Stroud District Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft

Stroud District Council (SDC) has prepared a Local Plan and Policies Map which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Plan relates to the whole District and provides a 'strategy for delivering growth' for Stroud District up to 2031. The document 'provides the vision, objectives and strategic policies for delivering new homes, jobs, services, facilities and infrastructure'. The following is abstracted from SDC documentation.

Copies of the Pre Submission Draft and its related documents are available for viewing and downloading at www.stroud.gov.uk/consult and a hard copy is also available for viewing, for example at Painswick Parish Council office at the Town Hall. (The documents in total run to approx 500 pages).

The period for 'submission of representations started 4th

September and will run until Wednesday 16th October 2013'. Representations should arrive no later than 5.00pm on 16th October. They can preferably be made on-line at www.stroud.gov.uk/consult or by e-mail to local.plan@stroud.gov.uk

Comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State. Representations "should only be made to the legal compliance of the Local Plan and to the 'soundness' of the Local Plan", "Representations should specify in what respect(s) the Plan is considered to be unsound, and what change(s) would need to be made to make it sound. All comments received will be made publicly available.

If you have any questions please contact the Planning Strategy Team on 01453 754143

From information received from SDC on 4th September

Some observations on and snippets from the Plan & Supporting documents

The Draft Plan

The very comprehensive and informative Draft Plan is divided into 7 Sections plus appendices and maps. The first section explains that in final form it will shape future development until 2031. (The present plan only lasts until 2011.) National policy requires plans to be kept up to date. The purpose of the planning system is to achieve 'sustainable development'.

The second section is the Development Strategy which establishes broad principles about acceptable levels of development in towns and countryside, including new homes and employment land. It sets out where future strategic development will go and describes the types of growth planned. Future housing needs require 9,500 new homes provided although a significant number are already committed, but land needs to be found for 2,400 homes. The strategy proposes the extra homes are mainly at Stroud, Cam/Dursley and south of Gloucester with a site at Sharpness proposed for 'specific regeneration and tourism objectives'. (Painswick is not mentioned!). The latest forecasts also suggest the need to plan for around 6,200 net new jobs. The section defines a 'Settlement Hierarchy'. Main accessible local service Centres include Cam and Dursley, Stonehouse and Stroud. Painswick is included in accessible settlements with limited facilities. Locations for strategic employment growth centres are identified, including Stroud.

The third section which outlines the envisaged 'shape' of Stroud District and takes a close look the differing needs, priorities and characteristics of different parts of the district. Painswick is in the 'Cotswold cluster' which comprises the parishes within the Cotswold Area of Natural Beauty. Painswick is described as being at the heart of the Cotswold Cluster area and termed "the Queen of the Cotswolds". It is expected to play an important role as a 'service provider for surrounding communities, as well as drawing in visitors.' High priorities are maintaining the sustainability of the villages, enhancing biodiversity, meeting the needs of an increasingly elderly population, providing job opportunities. Protecting the historic environment is regarded as important with particular emphasis on the conservation areas at the heart of Painswick, Bisley, Miserden, Pitchcombe and Sheepscombe.

Other sections address how to meet appropriately the housing target, improving the economy and infrastructure, and promoting a development strategy that mitigates global warming by inter alia energy efficiency, minimising waste and promoting use of brownfield land. The penultimate section discusses how to deliver the plan and monitoring implementation.

The Appendices give targets and indicators, detail parking standards for vehicles and cars and the maps show additions to the local Plan map of 2005 including proposed boundary changes. The

map for Painswick (on page 222) shows the plan to be unaltered except that the suggested Development Limit has been amended to include the Richmond complex and a small addition on the NE corner of the field above Richmond. Otherwise the field above Richmond remains outside the Development Limit.

There is also a separate Equality Analysis Form designed to show how the Council's 'General Equality duty' has been met.

Stroud Local Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment (108 pages) Prepared by URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Ltd, Hants Apparently this document was needed to comply with Article 6 of the EC Habitats Directive 1992 which requires land use plans to be subject to Appropriate Assessment if they are likely to have a significant effect on a Special Area of Conservation. Consideration needs to be given, for example, to mechanical erosion, Disturbance to birds by humans, Air quality, Water quality. Areas considered in the plan include, for example, Rodborough Common and the ancient beech woodland

and grassland around the villages of Sheepscombe and Cranham and along the top of the scarp between Painswick and Birdlip. Unimproved limestone grassland around the common lands at Painswick Beacon, Cranham and Sheepscombe are identified. The assessment claims that the Stroud Local Plan will not lead to an adverse effect on the integrity of the Special Areas identified.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Stroud District Local Plan (118 pages) Prepared by URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Ltd, London

"SA is a mechanism for considering ..the likely effects of a draft plan, in terms of sustainability issues.." EU and National requirements are considered. Some interesting facts emerge. One is that in 2009/10 Stroud District had the second lowest amount of recycling in the South West with 25,77%. It is noted that the Council has identified waste as an important issue and that it is likely that households will be further encouraged to reduce waste. However, on p 43 it is noted that industrial efficiency in business and industry should also be encouraged The appraisal also identifies on page 29 alternative strategies for the required additional dwellings.

Stroud District Local Plan: Statement of Consultation (45 pp)

The document "explains how SDC has undertaken community consultation and stakeholder involvement to produce the Local Plan." The document identifies the various presentations which had been made to all the various Town and Parish Councils and the representations received.

Form to submit comments

A very prescribed 4 page form is specified for the purpose of submitting comments on the draft.

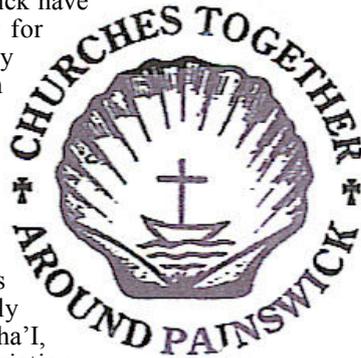
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Week of Prayer for World Peace 13th – 20th October

Churches Together Around Painswick have taken part in the Week of Prayer for World Peace every year since shortly after the event was established in 1974. The 1979 October Beacon records that the theme for the Week of Prayer was "The Year of the Child". Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of this national event, it soon became an inter faith activity with prayers readings and meditations currently drawn from faiths which include, Baha'I, Brahma Kumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, Sikh and Zoroastrian. The organisation's first Chairman, Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, established the guiding principles in the words, "The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world", and this is still the basis of the organisation's work today.

Prayers for peace will be said at services, locally and nationally, on Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th October and each day from Monday 14th to Saturday 19th between 10am and 10.30am in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street. Everyone is welcome and invited to take part whether of faith tradition or none.

Terry Parker, Chairman CTAP 812191



Community Lunches

Welcome to this session's lunches every Monday from 7th October for 10 weeks before Christmas (& 10 weeks in the new year). For £2.50 you get home-made soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese – and good company! – at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way.

The local groups to be supported this year are:

- The Friday Club – for our village's older residents
- and PSALMS and Messy Church – for our younger residents, providing evening youth clubs at the Rec and after-school clubs at the Croft School & Church Rooms.

We do hope people of ALL ages will come to support the lunches, as each week's different hosts work so hard to provide them. The hosts are all Painswick groups, from every aspect of our village life. Note especially on October 21st when Year 6 at Croft School will be the hosts!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) & David Linsell (Treasurer)

Painswick Valley Toddler Group

We meet at Pitchcombe Village Hall on Mondays 9.50am-11.30am (school term time only) £4 per family (1st visit free). There is a Music Session 10am-10.30am. There are snacks for children, coffee & cake for carers, free play. Organised craft table to finish.

Come along and meet lots of friendly local families.

Clare Longthorn

ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

It was another busy and successful year for the Painswick Arts Festival (PAF) with over 30 different arts events and activities and probably at least 100 participating artists. Each weekly exhibition recorded over 100 visitors and although sales were sometimes not as high as hoped the high level of interest and positive feedback was very encouraging for all. Our two new events, the 'Photographic Competition and Exhibition', and the 'Art Fair' both proved popular and the various activities for children during the holidays were a boon to local parents.

Painswick was buzzing throughout the summer holidays giving both the local community and our summer visitors 'something to do and somewhere to go' and bringing customers to local businesses.

The PAF committee would like to thank all our sponsors who helped to make this possible including Painswick Parish Council, John Dandy Motors, Painswick Rococo Gardens, Meaco Picture Framers and Authentic Adventures, amongst other local businesses and friends. We would also like to thank the Painswick Centre Trustees for their continued and generous support and all the artists, photographers and contributors who took part, without whom the Festival could never have taken place.

As you can imagine organising this event takes time and effort by a small committee of local enthusiasts. To help us continue this annual event we would love a few more volunteers, the more helpers involved, the less there will be for each to do! If you personally, or your business, would like to be involved in any way next year please contact us at painswickartsfestival@mail.com.

Feedback on any aspect of the Festival would also be much appreciated.

Jackie Herbert and The Painswick Arts Festival Committee

Drivers wanted!!

As you may well be aware, a group of volunteers run a Day Centre at Ashwell House every Wednesday. Many of those attending the Day Centre rely on transport provided by a separate group of voluntary drivers. The people attending are all fairly local, the furthest being Abbeydale. Drivers pick up their passengers and deliver them to Ashwell House for 10 am each Wednesday and collect them at 3pm. Those attending are provided with a lunch and participate in various activities and outings. Our objective is to rota each driver no more than once each month. Without an adequate number of drivers Ashwell House cannot operate its Day Centre. If you may be interested in volunteering for this very worthwhile task please ring me on 01452 814070 or e-mail ralph.drew@btinternet.com.

Ralph Drew



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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2013

The RBL, under a new Chief Executive, is currently undergoing a major organisational change to bring its services closer to the clients and their dependants. Today, it remains the leading armed forces charity in the UK, spending £1.6 million per week on those in need. The services provided include:



- Benefits and money advice
- Immediate needs grants
- Help with setting up a new business
- Support Officers for the homeless and vulnerable
- Breaks for stressed families
- Independent inquest services
- Handyman services
- Residential care homes for the elderly

Currently, over 16,000 veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have already, or continue to, benefit from RBL's assistance.

The 2012 Poppy Appeal in Gloucestershire raised £720,000 and contributed to a national total of £36,394,929.

This wonderful achievement is in line with the sustained growth of the charity in recent years and reflects the efforts of our loyal band of volunteer collectors, my thanks to you all.

This year's Poppy Appeal will run from the 26th October to the 9th November and any offers of help with the collections will be very much appreciated. Please phone me on 01452 813229

Please give generously.

Russell Herbert, Local Organiser

Saturday Market

I would like to thank all the people who have supported the fledgling Saturday Market in Painswick's Town Hall, from its launch in early May. The market has been run every Saturday (apart from one or two!) across the summer, bringing fabulous art, craft and produce right into the heart of our village.

From October, the market will run on a monthly basis over the winter months. The dates for these markets are as follows:

- Saturday 19th October 2013
- Saturday 16th November 2013
- Saturday 14th December 2013
- Saturday 18th January 2014
- Saturday 15th February 2014
- Saturday 15th March 2014

The trading hours will be 10am till 4pm.

Please continue to support the traders who come here to tempt you with their wonderful wares! We all want the market to add to and enhance the weekend colour of Painswick life for our residents and visitors. I will soon be distributing promotional market flyers around the village. Please retain these to refer to for the market trading dates. If you can, please display them wherever you can to inform others too.

For all stall and other enquiries, please contact me at The Chairman shop 01452 810820 or email the_chairman@btconnect.com. The market is run by volunteers (mainly me!) and all profits are used to benefit Painswick. If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch with me

Chris Mercer

Cupcakes venue

Cupcakes for Carers next meetings are at the Painswick Centre Green Room on the first Tuesday of the month. It occurs to us that some carers may feel a bit inhibited about coming for the first time on their own, so if you are a friend of a carer whom you suspect might enjoy our informal tea parties, do please



feel free to accompany them along with yourself. You would both be so welcome. If there is a problem about actually getting out of the house please let us know in case we can help. Phone Pat 813326 or Andrea 812464

Patricia Burrows

Managing Memory ²gether

Cupcakes for Carers has asked Managing Memory²gether to give a talk in the Autumn to those of us who either have memory problems or are caring for somebody with them.

Contrary to popular belief memory problems are not a symptom of old age. Stress, anxiety and depression can all affect memory. If you have concerns about your own or someone else's memory, it is important to seek expert help and advice as early as possible.

In Gloucestershire, the ²gether NHS Foundation Trust is at the forefront of meeting the needs of people. Managing Memory ²gether includes a Memory Assessment Service, Community Dementia Nursing Service and an Information and Education service that also offers free education sessions.

If you are worried about your memory it is important to visit your GP first. However, if you feel unable to talk to your GP about your memory problems, or those of a family member, you can contact Managing Memory ²gether direct to discuss concerns. If appropriate, an appointment will then be arranged with the Memory Assessment Team.

Managing Memory ²gether's information and education sessions for people with memory problems and their carers help you get information you need in a friendly environment where you can meet other people who have similar concerns. The short (2 hour) sessions are held at a number of venues across the county.

The Managing Memory ²gether service is holding an awareness session about memory problems and dementia in Painswick in the autumn at the Cotswold Room (and not the Green Room) at the Painswick Centre on Wednesday 13th November at 2.30pm. Entry is free and there may even be some tea and cupcakes for you!!

To get advice or to find out more about Managing Memory ²gether please telephone 0800 694 8800, email managingmemory@glos.nhs.uk or visit <http://www.2gether.nhs.uk/> or phone me on 01452 813326 or Andrea Linsell 01452 812464

Patricia Burrows

Richmond Painswick Retirement Village Open Day

Wednesday 9th October, 11am – 4pm

Open Day and Wildlife Talk

Come and join us for our Open Day and a chance to look around the award-winning retirement village and the facilities. Run in conjunction with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, there will also be a talk on childhood memories of the countryside and the wildlife at the time.

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Sabina at Hoyland House

A new service is now being provided on Fridays at Hoyland House. Sabina Marland is a complementary therapist and offers a number of treatments including Manual Lymphatic Drainage, or MLD.

MLD increases the lymphatic flow which is widely believed by practitioners to improve the immune system. It involves very light, gentle massage which works with

the lymphatic system and helps the body remove toxins, infections and pollutants by improving the lymphatic flow all around the body. As Sabina explains, the light touch is deceptively efficient and causes the body to relax at a very deep level, enhancing well-being and effectively cleansing the body from the inside out.

Both preventative and remedial, MLD can be applied for a range of conditions including swelling, headaches, stress, ear ache, bruising, muscle problems, sports injuries, dental conditions, fluid retention and to improve healing after surgery. It can also improve the appearance of the skin generally and Sabina is particularly interested in the beneficial effects of MLD on the face.

Now residing in Painswick with her family, Sabina has considerable experience as a practitioner and is highly qualified. She discovered the massage through her work as a Dr Hauschka esthetician (beautician) which uses lymphatic stimulation as part of facial treatment. She is passionate about doing her job well, "I like working to a high level of integrity," she says. She sees MLD in the context of overall well-being, with or without symptoms. Her attitude is very professional and her communication skills excellent – essential factors when dealing with clients.

Sabina came to live in Painswick recently and is "loving it". Her youngest son has joined the rugby club. She is now working at the Surgery on Tuesdays and Fridays and further enquiries and bookings can be made with Sabina on 812290, or 07946915317, or email sabina.marland@btinternet.com. Her website address is www.SabinaMarland.co.uk

Carol Maxwell



Patchwork Mouse now a Fairtrade retailer

Another business is now supporting Fairtrade in Painswick. The Patchwork Mouse, though just opened in April, now serves exclusively Fairtrade branded Arabica coffee. These Fairtrade coffees are free of waxes and other impurities that can create bitterness and after-tastes. Please stop by The Patchwork Mouse and taste for yourself. Reminder that products are sold elsewhere in Painswick. The Fair Trade Coffee movement is part of a larger movement that promotes improved pay and working conditions for those, coffee growers and harvesters. It is all too common for the profits from gourmet coffee to go to brokers and middlemen while the workers live in poverty. Fair Trade certification is an attempt to develop standards that allow farmers of coffee and many other crops to share in the profits and to improve their working conditions.

John Rohrbeck



Our season ahead

On 19th September, our Chairman Alex Nichols, gave us a glimpse of the exciting and varied new twenty-sixth season ahead of us. We enjoyed listening to excerpts from most of the coming presentations, including music from Act 3 of Lohengrin, Gobbi's singing in Verdi's Otello, a record made by Barbirolli, with Beecham and Boult one of the three great British conductors, then by contrast: handbell ringing!, Romantic piano music, film music: The Gadfly, long playing records and from the proms Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March no.4. On 6th February Robert Crockford, Chairman of Stroud Valleys Music Club, will present a sequence of music in the form of a 'ramble' around several Gloucestershire towns!

We will again meet on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.30 in the Town Hall, with programmes of all kinds of different varieties of music - see Beacon's diary page. Visitors and new members most welcome.

Ralph Kenber



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Autumn at The Painswick Centre

With the days drawing in and winter around the corner there's plenty to keep you busy at The Painswick Centre. Activities include everything from bridge to badminton, from pottery to pilates. Probus are meeting regularly and also Cupcakes for Carers and dependents. Painswick Singers are holding their autumn concert in October, there's yoga and table tennis and muddy feet fitness, there's karate for children, and a zumba gold class which has all the fun that a regular zumba class offers but is great for those more senior or looking for a lighter or slower paced class.

Chair of the Trustees, David Linsell said: 'The Painswick Centre is in the heart of Painswick and already widely used. We would love more people to come along and see the fantastic events and activities on offer. There really is something for everyone.'

Dates for your diary include:

Attic Sale

The Painswick Centre will be holding its second Attic Sale on Sunday 20th October from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. For those wanting to de-clutter and make cash from their attics, cupboard or sheds, or those just wanting to browse or buy, this sale is for you.

To book a table at £10 contact Jennie on 01452 814567 (Tuesday and Thursday a.m.) or Sue Lendon 01452 813791 or download a booking form at <http://thepainswickcentre.com/whats-on/events>.

Refreshments and drinks from the bar will also be on sale.

Mazymeg and The Honey Bees – Friday 13th Dec 2013 6pm

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

Painswick Goodwill Evening

Painswick Goodwill Evening will be November 29th 2013. This offers the chance the buy novelty Christmas gifts from the array of interesting stalls at The Painswick Centre and the Town Hall.

For information about events and activities visit <http://thepainswickcentre.com/>

The Painswick Calendar

This year The Painswick Centre has chosen "Painswick Past" as the theme for the 2014 calendar. This is illustrated entirely with evocative and interesting original sepia photographs of Painswick which invite you to step back into a bygone age. However, surprisingly, several images show that much of our lovely village remains relatively unchanged. It is now on sale at The Falcon, The Chairman, JKs, Best One and at The Painswick Centre in the Art Couture Gallery and the Artist Studios at a cost of £6 or £6.50 with an envelope. Last year we sold out so don't delay too long if you want one! We would like to thank all the businesses who sponsored the calendar, those who worked hard to bring this innovative project to completion, and those who kindly allowed their old photographs to be used. In particular our thanks go to Joan Warner, Michael Hall, Sue Lendon and Trevor Radway. The front cover has a 1935 photograph of the Old Post Office.

Geraldine Sheridan



Incinerator at Javelin Park still a possibility

The proposal to have an incinerator at Javelin Park, to be built by Urbaser Balfour Beatty (UBB), was considered by Gloucestershire County Council's Planning Committee on 21st March and planning permission was unanimously refused by 18 votes to nil. Painswick Parish Council had opposed the proposal along with Stroud District Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, The Campaign to Protect Rural England and GlosVAIN (Gloucestershire Vale against Incineration) amongst others. UBB decided to Appeal against the decision and their Application to Appeal was accepted.

There have been cases of contractors winning appeals and going on to build incinerators despite having had planning permission refused by the local council. The Environment Agency (EA) also issued a permit for the Javelin Park incinerator in May. However, this is separate from the process of obtaining planning permission. Both planning permission and an EA permit are required in order to build an incinerator.

There is now to be a Public Inquiry into the Javelin Park Incinerator application starting on 19th November. The Public Inquiry is spread over 5 weeks but with several intervals, so that the end date is 28th January. An Inspector has been appointed to hear the case. The Inspector's report will go to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles. It would remain to be seen whether he would go along with his party's Policy Green Paper No 14: on Open Source Planning "To protect our environment and improve our quality of life, we need a planning system that enables local people to shape their surroundings in a way that, while heeding global national environmental constraints - carbon, biodiversity, landscape, heritage - is also sensitive to the history and character of a given location." There is at least one example where he has gone against local opinion.

There will be a special public session, probably in Quedgeley Community Centre and within the first 2 weeks of the Inquiry, at which members of the public can speak at the Inquiry either for or against the proposal. Because of the contract GCC signed they may have to pay up to half a million pounds to UBB to pay their expenses as well as having to fund their own case. Details of the process and background are given, for example, on GlosVAIN's web-site. Objectors have to fund their own expenses, for example GlosVAIN is appealing for funds to raise £25,000 to pay for professional advocates and witnesses.

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Long Excursion to North Yorkshire



The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Long Excursion, in the first week of September, was to North Yorkshire to visit Historic Gardens and Classic Railways. We started with one of the oldest gardens, at Kenilworth, on our way north, and progressed through the centuries to the modern Scampston Walled Gardens on our return trip. In between we visited Raby Castle, Newby Hall and Harlow Carr. Bowes Museum offered a vast selection of historical items. Abbeys ranged from the impressive Fountains Abbey to Ampleforth where some of us chose to experience High Mass. We enjoyed taking a diesel train on the Settle-Carlisle line, crossing on the Ribbleshead viaduct. Then, a steam train from Whitby to Pickering completed our experience of Teeside. We were fortunate to have excellent weather, warm and sunny for most of the time, especially one sunset at a local pub, celebrating the birthday of our CNFC President. Pictured - half the group of 49 were from Painswick.

Joyce Barrus

'And The Banks Are Made of Marble - Decorative Stones in Cheltenham: A Town Walk with the Field Club

After the hugely successful week-long visit by 48 Field Club members to North Yorkshire, we have a trip closer to home: Cheltenham!

We live in a village made distinctive by the use of locally-quarried and cheap Jurassic limestone. By contrast, high status buildings, such as palaces and stately homes featured colourful marbles and other polished decorative stones. Victorian architects continued the tradition by installing imported marbles when refurbishing cathedrals and churches or constructing new civic buildings. More recently, banks and commercial buildings have also adopted marbles as decorative status symbols.

Please join us on Wednesday 16th October on a morning stroll round the centre of Cheltenham to take a closer look at some of the decorative building stones used in the town's public and commercial buildings and find out about their geological origins. We shall rendezvous in Cheltenham's Beechwood Shopping Centre (by Debenhams) at 10.45 am (where coffee is available in the Atrium Café for early arrivals) for an 11.00 am start. (The timing allows bus pass-holders to catch the 10.04 am No.46 bus and save the cost and hassle of car parking). Optional lunch to follow.

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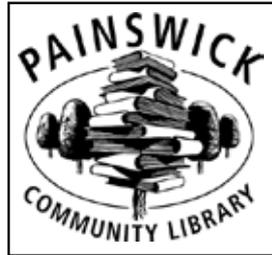
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Imminent improvements to Library Management System on the way-- HURRAH!

Many of you will have experienced the reluctance of the current system to allow you to bring back or take out different books. Recently this culminated in a total shut down across all Gloucestershire libraries for a week. The volunteers managed very well with pen and paper during this period and everything has now been entered into the computer system. No fines were charged during the downtime (September 10th to 17th).



"The new library management system will offer a more user friendly service, more ways to access library services and greater choice". (GCC) It is being replaced between 7th and 9th October. Painswick Community library will be open on Wednesday the 9th as usual but we may have to sharpen the pencils again. During this period you will have no access to the library catalogue or be able to manage your account in any way. The public Netloan computers will be available as usual. If you need to renew your books or check your account please do it NOW on receipt of your Beacon or you will have to wait until the update is completed.

In future to access services online you will need a PIN number which will give you greater security. For more information on the changes and to obtain your PIN number please go to gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries. To obtain a PIN go to join the library, then join, update your membership details or request a PIN number. (Avoid the above dates) Leaflets are also available in the library and the county helpline (0845 2305420) will be able to answer queries when we're not open. Once the new system is in place library volunteers will still be able to request books for you if you don't use the internet or have a PIN number.

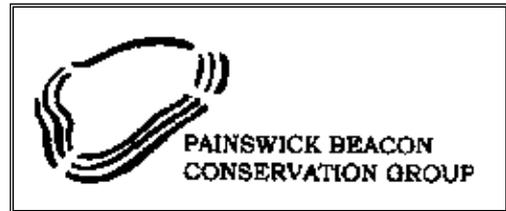
After all the disruption to tempt you back into the Library there have been a number of new books added to our stock including Jeffrey Archer "Best kept secret", Felix Francis "Refusal", A S Byatt "Possession" Timeri Murari "The Taliban cricket club" Ruth Rendell "No Man's Nightingale" and Peter May "Chess Men" as well as new picture books and non-fiction for children. We've also bought a range of new spoken word CDs for children- ideal for bedtime listening or a long journey.

If you need to protect a poster or other material the laminator is available at a very competitive rate of 70p for A4 size.

Thank you for your continuing patience during these inconveniences.

Pat Francis, Librarian.

News from The Beacon



Volunteers needed! Recent meetings with Natural England and FWAG South West have highlighted the need for a crash programme of Scrub Clearance. If we can get a number of areas up to date before year end the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group qualifies for £2-3,000 which will enable us to train selected members in chain-sawing and stump treatment skills. We will then much reduce the exasperating need to keep returning to cleared areas every five years or so as they grow back again. To meet the datelines and get the money we need all the help we can get. If you have ever felt half-inclined to join our Saturday morning working parties now is the time to feel fully inclined. You will be guided and trained by very welcoming people. Please give it a try.

Ancient Woodlands in Gloucestershire and our AGM. On Wednesday, 6th November beginning at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms, off Stamages Lane. Apart from the expected reports and elections, the highlight of the evening will be an illustrated talk on Ancient Woodland in Gloucestershire by John Heathcott, a Cotswold Warden. And you can be sure the question session will include comment on the native and exotic trees on the Beacon, some we love and some we hate! Grazing excitements. It was more exciting than intended when we moved the five Gloucester heifers to their new grazing in Paddock 1, behind the cemetery. The five agile girls were reluctant to move, and led the nine of us trying to load them in their transport a merry dance for an hour! Next time we will be smarter and use the lure of concentrates rattled in a bucket. Unless there is one amongst you expert in making a noise like a "pail full of nuts"?

More excitement when I was guiding a visiting group of Chinese officials round the Beacon and a new electric fence tester advised me that the paddock fence was not working! Later investigation showed the tester to have been supplied with two flat batteries. All made in China.

Cowslips slipped in. The first batch of cowslip plants were planted on the Beacon at the end of September. They are part of Butterfly Conservation's efforts to increase the local number of Duke of Burgundy butterflies. More will be planted at other sites, soon. Helpers with this, welcome too.

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The induction of Rev Mike Holloway - and Clypping photos

The Revd. Mike Holloway was licensed by Bishop Michael and installed by the Archdeacon of Gloucester as Vicar of the Beacon Benefice (which as well as Painswick includes the parishes of Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe) on Tuesday, 3rd September. During the service he was welcomed and presented with appropriate symbols by representatives of local schools, parish councils, Churches together around Painswick, PSALMS, as well as representatives of each of the Benefice parishes. Afterwards there was a reception at The Painswick Centre during which his wife Margaret was presented with a bouquet by Church Wardens Margaret Radway and David Bishop (see photo below).. In the article below Rev Mike gives a flavour of what it felt like from his perspective of the events.

The Vicar's thoughts

Tuesday the 3rd of September at 6.55 and St Mary's church was packed. People from Painswick and all the villages around, from Bishop's Cleeve and the villages around filled all the pews. The bell-ringers from Painswick, Cranham and Bishop's Cleeve finished their peal. And outside, feeling slightly nervous, I stood, Mike Holloway, soon to be Vicar. But supporting me were the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Area Dean and clergy and readers from all around.

I needn't have worried; from the moment I entered the church I was surrounded by the love and support of so many people, and the service went without a hitch. If you were there, thank you; if you're one of those who couldn't make it and have since told me how sorry you were to have missed it, thank you. The welcome and the support were palpable that evening. We processed, we sang, the Bishop preached, I made my vows, the Bishop collated, the Archdeacon installed and I became Vicar and I did chime the bell even if no-one in church could hear!



But it didn't end there. Afterwards we went across to the Painswick Centre for a lovely time of refreshments and chatting. Old friends from my previous parishes and new friends from here. Most of you told me your names and I apologise that I took none of them in! I will get there but it may take some time; even when I was a teacher, I was lousy at learning names!

What a wonderful evening! Many, many thanks to all who were involved. I'm really looking forward to getting to know as many people as possible from across my new benefice. Lots of people say they hope I'll enjoy my time here. I can assure you I have every intention of doing so! God bless

Rev Mike



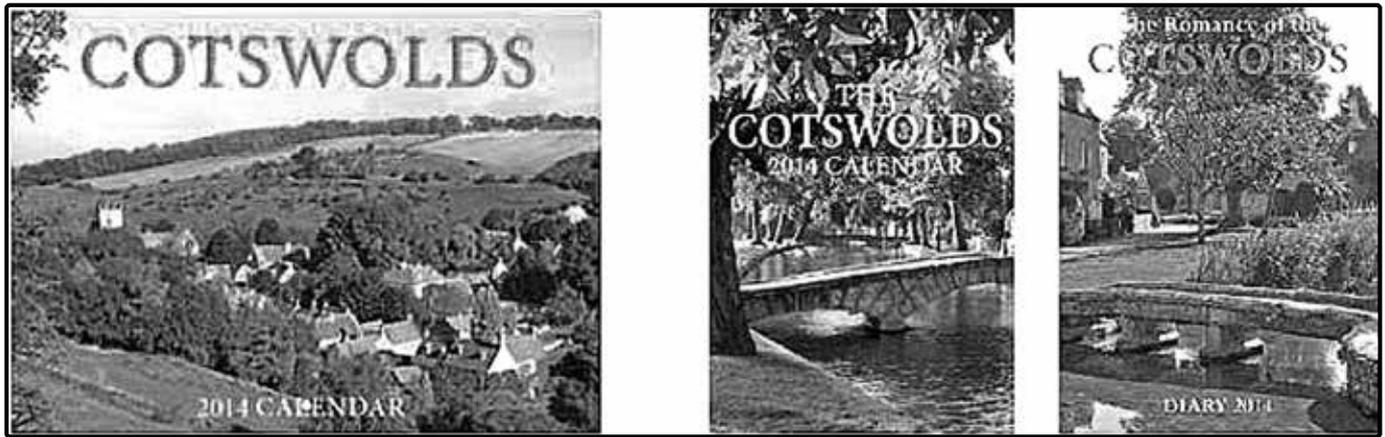
Clara & Isla Skelston enjoying the day



"O, that I had wings of angels..."
The choir join in for the 'clypping'!

The Painswick Tourist Office - has a limited stock of "2014" Cotswold Calendars and Diaries

for sale ready for posting to family and friends in time for Christmas.



The OPENING TIMES FOR THE TOURIST OFFICE ARE - 10am to 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. And 10am to 4pm Thursdays, Fridays. We close for the season on the 2nd November.

WHERE IS THE TOURIST OFFICE? Sadly there is no room for us in the library so we can be found in the Town Hall, at the top of the stairs in the Committee Room of the Parish Council Office,

(not in the Library) where our volunteers would be delighted to help you. If you would like to join our happy group of volunteers we would be delighted to see you as well. Days needing to be filled, are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. Just call in we would be pleased to see you.

David Rawson, Treasurer. 01452 81242

Flood Warning on the Horizon?

Stroud District Council is investigating whether a flood early warning system similar to one on the Slad Brook could be installed on the Painswick stream.

A pressure sensor in the watercourse monitors water levels, which are sent by a data logger to telemetry servers. If levels are rising above pre-set limits automatic warnings are texted or emailed to anyone registered with the scheme. Four levels of warning are issued as the risk of flooding escalates.

Because the Painswick valley is steep-sided, the stream responds very quickly to heavy rainfall, giving residents and businesses little time to react. It's hoped an early warning system could offer a simple and affordable way to allow property owners on the stream to take preventative action, such as clearing blockages, putting up defences or helping neighbours.

Angie Scott, Painswick Stream Management Group



Sue Lendon pictured by a river gauge and data logging equipment

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It has been a very exciting few months for PSALMS through many successful events, and most importantly many young people and children being supported and equipped for all life has to throw at them - both good and bad! For example, The Pulse Games Values Programmes at both The Croft Primary and Cranham Primary was an excellent chance to engage all of the junior pupils with a competitive sports league, teaching around character values, interviews with local professionals and a chance to really engage with the wider school family, over a course of five weeks in the winter months. The feedback from staff, students and parents was all very positive.

Another highlight in the spring was seeing PSALMS continue to help spearhead the youth centre development project. The response to the Painswick Youth Centre (PYC) Appeal, which was made by PSALMS and the Painswick Football and Cricket Clubs for the refurbishment of the Youth Club on Painswick Rec, has been A-M-A-Z-I-N-G. A large Trust, the Weston Foundation, were prepared to provide up to £20,000 of the target if the Painswick Community raised £10,000 by the end of August.

Welcome Ron...

I'm 19 years old and I'm working this year alongside Jon as one of the PSALMS interns. I come from Chorleywood, but my family is originally from the north east which is why my football team is Newcastle United. I've been involved in sport from an early age, playing football, rugby and cricket at a competitive level. To this day I still play all 3 sports although cricket is the only one I still play competitively and will be looking for a club to play for in the summer so any suggestions will be helpful there. In the last year I was helping out with various youth and children's work at my home church which I really enjoyed and it was because of last year that I got interested in the idea of doing something similar for my gap year before uni, so that's why I'm here and I can't wait to get to know all of you over the course of this year. I have already got involved with assisting to coach at the Painswick Youth Football Club, Painswick Rugby Club, Club Pulse at the Youth Club and helping with The Croft. I am also getting involved in a wide range of other PSALMS projects through the Stroud District. I am looking forward to a great year.

Ronald Eltringham

We are very pleased to announce that you, the people of Painswick and the surrounding villages, have donated £14,700 (over £18,000 with recoverable Gift Aid), which means that the scheme can move into its next phase. Thank you all very much for your generosity and support! The summer saw Seb Hewett and eighteen others across the district give up 10 days of their summer holiday to serve the people of South Africa so brilliantly (more about this below). With Club Pulse on Monday night's growing numerically each week, the launch of a new family service in Cranham, the coordination of numerous other community events and the arrival of Ron (see below), it is due to be a very significant new academic year! In a time where the government is urging nongovernmental organisations to be at the heart of their neighbourhood I believe PSALMS is exemplifying the importance of working with the next generation, the value of volunteers, community engagement and the significant voice and positive impact that local Christians can have today, in various spheres of society.

Andy Harding

Report on PSALMS trip to South Africa July 2013

In July, after around eight months of fundraising, including coffee mornings, a table top sale and a Gospel Choir concert, I set off to South Africa with seventeen other young people and four leaders from the Stroud area to build a house in Botleng, Delmas which is 75km from Johannesburg. We joined with other youth groups to form a party of nearly 70 people.

We went to an Afrikaans church on the second day (on the first we went to a lion park), which was a really good experience, followed by a tour around Soweto, which was incredible.

One of the main things which struck me was the attitude of the people in the area in which we were working. The children were largely accepting of us and very friendly (as long as you knew the traditional "shup" hand gesture), and the parents seemed to actively encourage them in this attitude, which you might not see in the UK.

Every evening, the Pastors from Delmas came to Ebenezer Farm, where we were staying, and gave us a talk. For me, the most inspirational of these was by Pastor Gabriel Snyman, who told us about his fight against racism in South Africa, which resulted in him receiving death threats, and about a prominent right-wing terrorist group coming to his church in the middle of a service. Another pastor gave us a brief history of South Africa, which helped us to understand the situation better, and one evening a local choir came, which was amazing.

For the work on the houses, the group of seventy was split into two and each built a house, which was very hard work. The houses were made of polystyrene panels covered in a wire mesh, and then covered in plaster. Twisting the wires together, was, as any member of the group would say, completely soul destroying; plastering was a new skill to most in the group, and roofing, which only a few could do. The situation was not helped by the variable temperatures (frequently rising from below 0°C at 7 or 8am to upwards of 20°C by midday), or the local children, who were adorable but extremely distracting. The house which the PSALMS group helped to build was given to Pete, a widower who lived in the shack behind the building site, and who was in hospital for a couple of days at the start of the building project.

On the final day we visited Nkosi's Haven, an AIDS orphanage near to Johannesburg, in order to meet and play with the children, but also learn about the work which they are doing there. I took many things away from this trip, and learnt some things about myself, as well as some targets which I should aim for when dealing with others. Firstly, the bravery of the church leaders in fighting for equality in South Africa, in particular Pastor Gabriel, really inspired me to do more for others. Secondly, the openness and friendliness of the local residents taught me to be more welcoming and positive towards others. And thirdly, the whole experience made me realise how important charity is to those who receive it, and how lucky we are here.

Overall, I found the trip tiring, particularly with two overnight flights and the hard manual work, but ultimately worthwhile because of the difference which that house will make in Pete's, and his family's, life, and what it has taught all the different members of the group, and because of the friendships made in South Africa, which will hopefully last a long time into the future.

I enjoyed this trip so much that I am going to Zambia next July with my school on a World Challenge Expedition, and so will be doing more fundraising.

Sebastian Hewett

To help him with fundraising for his World Challenge expedition to Zambia in July 2014, Sebastian will be available for gardening jobs (tidying, clearing leaves, digging etc) over the next few months. Please contact him on 01452 814112 or email sebhewett@aol.com

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South Africa trip photos



Seb Hewett



The group with Seb back row, centre



Erecting the polystyrene and wire mesh wall



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The house built for Pete (in centre)

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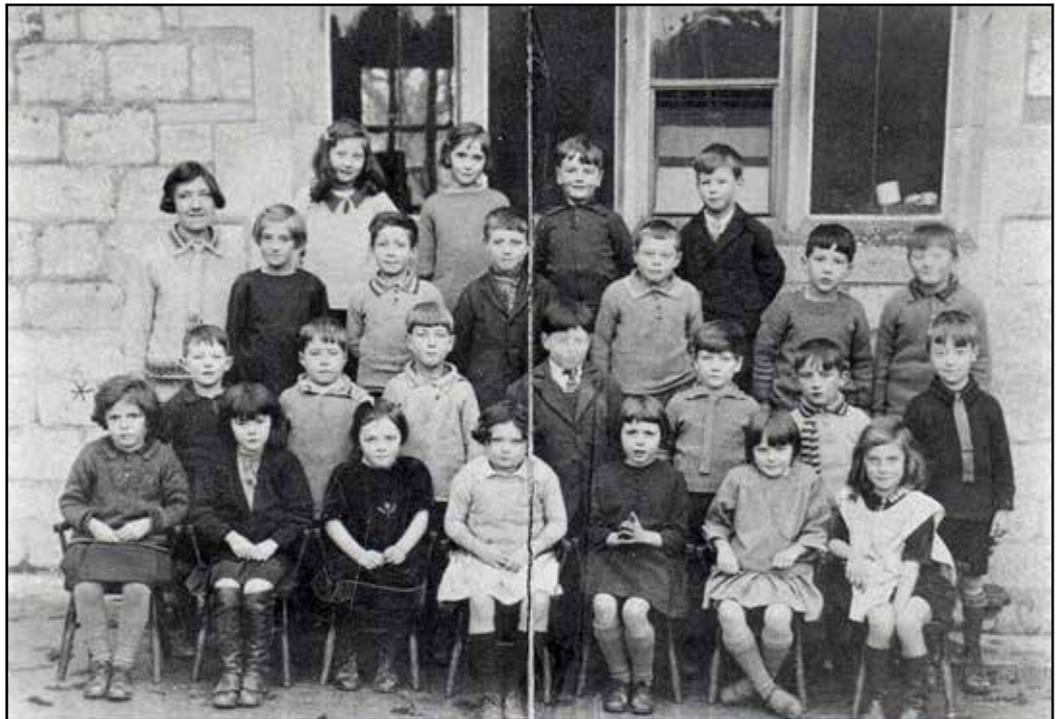
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Local History Teaser

Another delightful group of children plus adult and presumably a school group. But when was the picture taken and can you name any of the children? We'd be pleased to hear from you if you are able to provide any information.

Last month's photograph was provided by Alf Harris who was born in what was the nursing home at the top of Vicarage Street in 1919. He attended Painswick School from 1925 and is proud to have 'this infant school photograph'. He is second from the left wearing the sailor suit which he hated! Keeping it clean on the walk to school from Juniper Hill where he lived

was impossible and he can't recall having to wear it again. Alf names the following: 1st left back row Douglas Jurd, 3rd Grantley Vicarage, 4th Reg Collins, 6th Francis Spring or Pearce; 2nd row from left 6th Dudy Nurse, 8th Charlie Foxwell; front row 4th Ryland. The teachers were Miss Moody and Miss Stamford. Many thanks to Alf for this fascinating picture and can anyone shed more light on the school at that time?



Carol Maxwell

Painswick Local History Society Debunking the myths

At the first meeting of the Society's new season Ray Pearson gave a presentation on freemasonry and its 'secrets'. He explained that 1717 saw the beginning of organised freemasonry but that the concept is based on ancient historic ideas and figures. From small beginnings mainly emanating from the need to house apprentice

masons the movement developed quickly and now has over 300,000 members. Indeed, by 1730 it had already spread to many other countries. Nazi Germany and Franco's Spain imprisoned and killed freemasons and

even today there are serious misconceptions about their activities. All the tools, dress items and lodge decorations are symbolic and Masonic ritual focuses on the need to behave respectfully to others in all aspects of life. Charity is at the heart of masonry. Locally, Cheltenham has one of the oldest lodges, the second purpose-built lodge constructed in 1820, and Gloucester has one of the newest built in 2002. The historic link is people working in stone – just look at John Bryan's tombstone in St Mary's churchyard.

At next month's meeting David Aldred will give a presentation on Hailes Abbey and the mystery of the Holy Blood. 15th October, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick's special houses

The Gloucestershire Local History Association's regional history day will be held at Pates School, Cheltenham on Saturday, 12th October from 10.30am–4.30pm. The theme for the day is special houses and Painswick Local History Society will be presenting a display on our own local houses of note – 'special' for a range of very different reasons! There will be talks on the subject, refreshments, books etc and several other displays by other towns and villages as well as ours. It promises to be an interesting day and there is always the possibility that Painswick might win the award for best display. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Barbara and the Cheltenham Literature Festival



Barbara Swindin, one of our artists in residence at the Painswick Centre, has been invited to speak at the Cheltenham Literature Festival – truly an honour. Barbara’s book is not about art as you might expect, but largely about her lifelong passion with mountains and mountaineering.

Her book, *All But One*, is autobiographical but the theme of mountains threads through continuously. She describes how, during her career as a languages teacher, every spare minute was spent in the mountains. Despite developing classic climbing skills she was aware that mountaineering was male-dominated and had always been so. She draws comparisons between her own late 20th century climbing experiences and the real struggles and fighting spirit of the early women climbers. Her book features some stunning photographs of many of these feisty women.

Barbara is certain that her book is unique inasmuch as it focuses on women. She was prompted to write it by the fact that a woman has now climbed the Alpine Four-thousanders and thus at last achieved equal status in the climbing world. This remarkable book, beautifully illustrated and written with real passion deserves to be the subject of discussion at the Literature Festival – Thursday, 10th October. It is on sale at the Painswick Centre Artists’ Studios and at Stroud Bookshop, and will also be on sale on the bookstalls at the Festival and at Waterstones in Cheltenham.

Carol Maxwell

Golf Club catering – open to everyone



As from 7th October local father and son team, Michael and Tom Horton, are all set to manage the catering aspects of Painswick Golf Club. Michael and his wife were stewards at the club in 2002/3 when, as he points out, it was a vibrant enterprise. Now he and Tom have plans to see the business develop into a facility that everyone in Painswick will want to use.

Tom has travelled extensively and learnt much in the process. He is experienced in catering in local establishments and has a passion for using seasonal ingredients and locally sourced produce. He explains that the menu will change regularly to reflect seasonal changes but that there will always be a Sunday carvery, fresh fish dishes on Fridays and a weekly curry night.

Michael emphasises that catering at the club is open to all, that it is not necessary to be a member. It is open all day except Mondays and serves morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and evening meals. He plans to introduce music nights on a regular basis and explains that the club can be booked for all sorts of events from the personal to the corporate. It is a resource for the whole local community. “It’s such a wonderful facility,” he says, “with a really pleasant space and beautiful views across the valley.” Furthermore, it can accommodate up to 200 people. On Saturday, 12th October a ‘60’s disco dance with food will take place to which everyone is invited. Tel.812180 for tickets. An open day will be held on Saturday, 19th October with free food, games, music and more. It will be an all-day event from 10.00am and everyone is welcome. The club’s new name is Hortons – do go along and see what is on offer.

Carol Maxwell

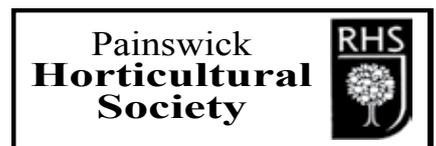
Come and Join Us on 9th October.....

Painswick Horticultural Society kicks off the new season with a fascinating and inspiring talk from well known garden designer and lecturer, Caroline Tatham. Caroline's talk entitled "Professional Planting Inspiration" starts at 7.30pm on the 9th October in the TOWN HALL (all future talks/meetings will be held in the Church Rooms as normal).

Come and renew your membership or join as a new member, meet up with friends, enjoy a great talk and round off the evening with a glass of wine.

We would love to see new members. If you aren't sure, come along for a "taster" on the 9th and see what you think - you won't be disappointed!

Caroline Bodington, Committee Member, 01453 827065



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Dogs as hearing aids!

On Wednesday 4th September Mens Probus welcomed Elaine Clarkson who gave us a fascinating insight into "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People".

Deafness can bring isolation and loneliness that most of us find difficult to understand.

The Hearing Dogs story began in 1979 when veterinary surgeon Bruce Fogle (the Father of Ben Fogle) was visiting the United States where a scheme was already in place. On his return to the UK, he immediately set about organising a programme for our country. In 1982 the scheme was launched nationally at The Crufts Dog Show in London, at the same time a charity was organised to provide an 18 week training programme for each dog.

Dogs are trained to alert deaf people by touch, to sounds such as the alarm clock, doorbell, telephone and most importantly smoke alarms. In particular children with this disability have had their lives transformed by this unique partnership.

When on duty outside the house every dog wears a distinctive purple coat, depicting a "Dogs for the Deaf" logo, this leads to social interaction with the general public to the benefit of all concerned.

Overall a most interesting subject, well received by our members.

On the 16th October, one of our own members, Bob Watkin will be giving us a talk on the "worst journey in the world", the story of the Russian Naval Convoys. Bob was recently awarded the Arctic Star, long overdue I'm sure you will agree.

We meet in the main hall at the Painswick Centre. Guests are very welcome to any of our meetings:- 10.00am for Coffee and 10.30 Speaker.

On Wednesday, 30th October, the Chief Executive of Gloucester First, Mr David Owen will give a talk on Gloucestershire's economy present and future.

This will take place at The Painswick Centre commencing at 10.30am (coffee at 10.00am). This is an open meeting, ladies and gentlemen are welcome at no charge.

Alan Hudson



Painswick Probus Women

Painswick Probus Women will be holding the first Annual General Meeting on the 7th October 2013. At this meeting a full committee will be appointed to take the club forward. The provisional constitution which was developed at the inaugural meeting held on October 8th 2012, will be ratified after some minor adjustments. The first year has been organised by a steering committee and Probus Women is now a thriving organisation, meeting once a month at St. Mary's Church Rooms. Some very interesting speakers have entertained and interested the group and the new programme is being developed for 2014. On September 9th the group had a very interesting talk by Waitrose, which informed us about origins of the stores, the partnership and the ways in which Waitrose help a large number of local charities. An amazing amount of money is raised through the green tokens which are posted in boxes, as people leave the store. As well as this the company produce extra profit for the Prince's Trust through the Duchy Brand which they have taken over. The talk was completed with a tasting session of British cheeses etc.

The AGM will be followed by a talk on Wine by Martin Taylor and tasting will again be available.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meetings and we still welcome new members.

Sylvia Walker



The Badger and the Donut (How to beat your badger attack)

John Sidwell writes:

Having recently had my lawn decimated by a Badger attack, I was told that on Farming To-day it had been reported that they love donuts. So I decided to entice the little b.g..r with some of Tesco's best. Sure enough he came, devoured all the donuts but ignored the lawn. So the next night I waited, at the same time - 10.30pm He came, and having enjoyed his treat I duly tried to run after him/her, however he was too fast for me. I took similar action the following two nights and this time located where he was entering my garden. These holes have now been fenced off. Hey presto, no more visits from Mr Badger. Thank you Tesco- You have a new market for your donuts.

A vet's plea: Please don't feed badgers donuts or even doughnuts,



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.

Saturday Walking Group

Pippa Dickinson writes:

A small group of us are hoping to go walking on Saturday mornings once a month and would welcome company. Anyone who would like to join us on a 2 hour walk (approx) starting at Stamages Lane car park on the 2nd Saturday of each month will be most welcome. The next 2nd Saturdays are : Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th etc. Any questions call Pippa (812965) or Helene (814112) evenings.

Jerusalem Eye Hospital and the Family Haven

Denise Magauran writes:

Once again stalls in aid of The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and the Family Haven will be at the Attic Sale on the 20th October at the Painswick Centre.

We hope our supporters will be there again to buy the wonderful items that have been donated, and among them are books, ornaments, pictures, clothes, handbags and even a child stair gate. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information please contact Denise Magauran on 01452 814570 or June Tufnell on 01452 812345.

Clypping attendance

Jayne Knowles Smith writes:

Having just returned home from the Clypping, I was rather shocked by the lack of locals taking part, it is such a shame, that people are willing to use the church for other activity's such as the Arts Festival and the School use it for services, yet these people are not willing to give the Painswick Feast Service any support. In previous years the school children used to take part as did the Brownies and other groups, Why is Painswick so apathetic about tradition, The Cotswolds has many traditions and the Clypping is one of them. Maybe its time people showed some real support, for Painswick.

Ladies gold watch found

Jenny Oakley writes:

In the last week of August a ladies gold watch was found by a runner, on the ground by the bus stop at the end of Cotswold Mead. If any reader has lost a watch please do contact 01452 813936 for further information.

Magnum key found - possibly a car key

The editor writes:

The above was put anonymously in the Beacon box with the message - Found on Rec Field . We dislike anonymous messages but this is exceptional. Phone 812724 for further information.

Hatha Yoga

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The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

£78,000 to be spent in the next year on the serious erosion on the top of the Beacon caused by wear and tear over the years. £50k has come from the Heritage Fund of the Lottery Fund and four interpretation boards are hoped to be introduced.

20 years ago

Results from the 1991 census published in the Beacon gives Painswick the population of 3005 in 1991 showing no real change over the preceding 20 years. Within the age groups the under 10s dropped from 12.9% to 7.5% whilst the over 65s rose from 18.7% to 28.4%.

The Parish Council Meeting discussed the application for the new doctor's surgery on Gyde Field. The main concern was the vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed surgery. Dr Barraclough explained that the Gloucester road surgery built in the 1970s was ideal for its time but was now totally inadequate.

30 years ago

The Parish Council is to hold a special Meeting on how to respond to the County Council plans to develop the surplus land at the Croft School. At a recent Public Meeting on the subject attended by 50 villagers the mood was generally hostile to the building of houses on the site.

Inauguration of Christ Church, Painswick - Now at long last September 24th saw the URC and Baptists Churches formally uniting to become Christ Church, Painswick.

B&Bs in Painswick (Part 2) - continued from last month



Ashton House, Gloucester Street
A terraced house built in local stone offering two doubles and a twin room all en-suite. Located near the Cotswold way with drying facilities for walkers.



Byfield House, Bisley Street.
A large historic house with spacious accommodation. One studio apartment and on the top floor a larger apartment with two double bedrooms. Parking is available and pets are permitted by arrangement.



Brooklands, Greenhouse lane.
Located in a rural setting at the bottom of Tibbiwell. It has one double en-suite with limited cooking facilities. Parking is on site and dogs are permitted.



Damsells Lodge, the Park
A detached house just outside the village. There is an outside garden room with one double bed and a single, en-suite. A family apartment with one double room en-suite and another room with two single beds. Finally there is a double room with private facilities. There is a separate breakfast room and lounge. Parking is on site and pets may be permitted in the garden room.



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Sports reports

Bowls

As the playing season draws to a close and the weather seasons starts to change, it's a great time to reflect on the achievements and developments at Painswick Bowl's club.

We had a particular inclement start to the season, but as we turned into May and the touring side from Pontycymer arrived, the weather improved and we've been able to enjoy meeting friends old and new on the green in the sunshine.

It's been a packed schedule of matches for the club, with well supported fixtures of friendlies, men's league and senior citizens.

Friendly rivalry and success followed in the local derby against The Falcon Bowl's Club in August, with bragging rights going to the Painswick Men; retaining the Triple's Trophy.

Congratulations also to our Men's side; who at the time of writing had reached the semi-finals of the County two rink Competition.

Our fun day, which took place in August, was a great success and thanks to our social committee for organising. Special thanks to Andrea Linsell and Marion Sadler for providing the delicious desserts, which followed the "Fish & Chips" supper.

Even though the bowls playing comes to an end for another year, the activity with the club continues throughout the winter. Work to prepare the club for the closed season takes place at the end of September, with the AGM and Presentation Dinner in November. We will also be running an indoor Short Mat throughout the winter at the club house on a weekly basis.

The club is still open to new members during this period and anyone interested in joining up ready for the 2014 season, should visit our website by selecting Painswick Bowl's club from the following webpage: community.stroud.gov.uk or alternatively contact the club secretary; Jill Rogers, on 01453 765482.

Jill Rogers

Tennis, August Tournament

Every summer the club runs a mixed handicap tournament on a round robin basis through the month.

This year 12 pairs entered and with the handicap system resulted in a lot of close games. In the final play-offs the winners were Rob and Michele Sidwell and the runners up were Graham Britton and Ruth Smith.

John Barrus

Rugby

Gloucestershire Premier League: Painswick 28 Southmead 16

Painswick were trailing by 16 points to 10 at half-time in this opening match of the league season but the second half saw the Cherry and Whites eventually take control and achieve a fine victory. Highlight of the game was a brilliant try by Painswick's outstanding full back Sam Andrews who gathered the ball inside his own 22 before running the length of the pitch and, eluding a number of attempted tackles, touched down under the posts.

Terry Parker

Golf Club

In addition to friendly games arranged between individuals, members can meet and play in sections. The club supports a Ladies' section, a Juniors' section, a Seniors' section and a Men's section. Each section organises events and matches and welcomes new members.

If you would like to try the course which runs across the top of the Painswick Beacon please get in touch with Marc (01452 812615) for further details. The Club also welcomes visitors – whether to play the course or visit the clubhouse for refreshments. The Club has appointed new caterers, Michael and Tom Horton, who will be starting in early October. The Seniors section have already sampled their excellent cooking as they have kindly catered for the Seniors matches ahead of their official start date.

The summer season for the Seniors section is reaching its zenith. The postponed Organ Niblick competition (where one is limited to 3 clubs and a putter) was won by Roger Anthony with a score of 41 points. The Deva Cup (teams of two, playing alternate shots) was won by Michael Carter and Peter Sibley with 47 points. The Millennium Trophy was won by Phil Taylor with 44 points, pipping John Courts who had the same score, by the tie break method of looking at the score over the last nine holes. And the September Medal was won by Richard Wright with 40 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Throughout the year the Seniors and Ladies sections get together to enjoy Texas Scrambles (played in teams of three or four).

The Ladies' Section of Painswick Golf Club is a small, active and friendly group. It welcomes new members and can arrange for encouragement sessions for beginners and returning golfers. Its matches this year have been very successful and, except for the match against Brickhampton, the matches have all been wins. Various members have taken part in Open competitions and matches both locally and further afield for Captain's Society, Vets Association and have participated in County Competitions. They have had some very good results. There has also been an away weekend at Stratford and 5 days in France where partners were also involved.

One Lady member, Lorna Sparkes, is highly involved with The Gloucestershire Partnership, encouraging and training new and returning golfers. She is also Vice-Captain of the Gloucestershire Lady Captain's Society. Sarah Taylor and Kate Dennison reached the 6th round of the Daily Mail Foursomes but were defeated at Llanwerne on the last hole. This is an exceptional performance.

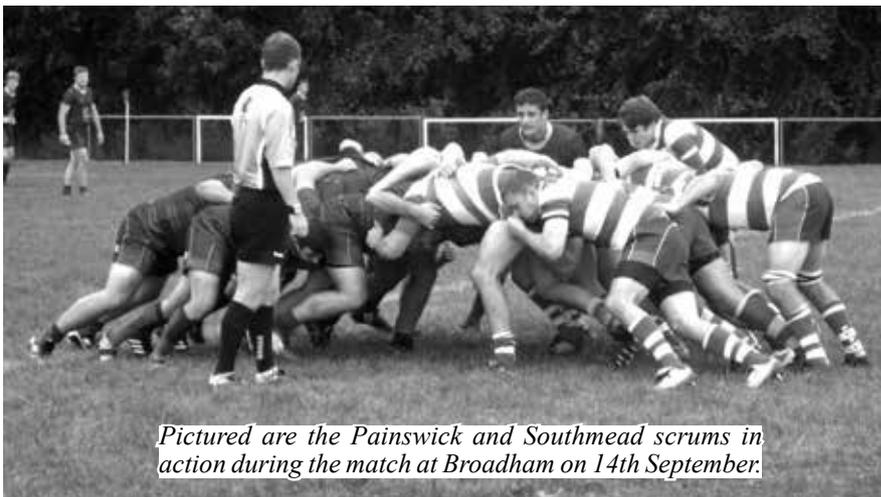
The winner of the Club Championship (gross) was Sarah Taylor and Nett Champion was Lesley Wylde. Lesley also won the L.M.S., the singles club knockout competition. The Timmis Mixed Foursome competition was won by June Davis and David Walker

Peter Rowe

Badminton Club

The season is now underway, but we still have some places available for new playing members. Club nights are Monday and Thursday 8-10pm. Anyone who is interested in playing should initially contact John Wylde on 814 349.

Julia Richardson



Pictured are the Painswick and Southmead scrums in action during the match at Broadham on 14th September.

Great benefits for the children

Two new and very welcome opportunities for pre-school children are now up and running at the Painswick Centre. Both activities are skills-based but also, very importantly, about creativity and fun.

Music with Ella

Little Act is a music group initiated and run by Ella Skelston. The weekly classes are carefully designed to encourage



children to both enjoy music and to develop musical confidence at the same time. In recent years much educational research indicates that a well-developed musical awareness has multiple advantages in a range of learning areas. Ella's classes certainly involve group interaction and socialisation, and they also encourage the children to develop focussing and memory skills. It is about confidence-building and working together but all combined with great fun.

Singing is at the core of the classes but hand-held instruments are also used together with a variety of small props such as puppets and scarves. A range of songs from traditional nursery rhymes to special Little Act numbers are included every week and, combined with the instruments, props and simple routines, the aim is to develop greater confidence through familiarity, memory and repetition. It is developmental over the course of the weeks, with new songs and props added on a regular basis to keep it interesting.

Ella's own music background is very sound. She grew up in Slad and then the family moved to Painswick. As a child she was trained in singing by Marion Kok and then by classical voice teacher Bob Bateman to a very advanced level. She later studied town planning and surveying and worked as a surveyor in London before marrying and moving to Bristol. She has three children and moved back to Painswick four years ago.

Little Act has been up and running in Pitchcombe (Painswick Valley Play Group) and at the Seasons Nursery in Stroud for some time. Ella's classes in Painswick will take place in the Cotswold Room at Painswick Centre on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10.15 and last for forty minutes. For further information contact Ella on 814318, or 07912 756473, or email ellaskelston@littleact.co.uk. Visiting children and grandchildren are very welcome. Visit www.littleact.co.uk.

Dance with Heidi

Heidi Hardy is a very experienced teacher of dance and her new classes in Painswick have much to offer to our pre-school children. Essentially focussing on the enjoyment of movement and creativity the classes have as their basis ballet and dance technique. Heidi carefully plans the sessions to combine controlled movement with imaginative stories and everyday situations in order to evoke creativity and a little artistry into the routines. By introducing this element of drama, the dance and movement aspects develop into something more than simply a technical exercise.

The benefits to children are multiple. Dance is an excellent form of physical and mental exercise, it is creative, it develops musical awareness and it is great fun. As a group activity it helps to develop both a sense of teamwork and of personal responsibility whilst simultaneously learning how to express ideas and emotions in new ways. The overall benefit is the development of confidence and well-being and a feeling of achievement.

Heidi is a fully qualified dance teacher. She attended ballet school throughout her early years where she gained her teaching qualifications. Subsequently her professional dancing career was spent



in New York for ten years followed by a further five years acting. Married with three children, she now runs the Ballyhoo School of Dance and Theatre in Chalford. Heidi is also known in Painswick as an excellent teacher of pilates.

Heidi's classes of thirty minutes duration will take place in the Painswick Centre on Mondays at lunchtime. All pre-school children are welcome and the benefits apply to both boys and girls. Further information can be obtained from Heidi on 07970 262538, or email ballyhoochalford@gmail.com. There is a website about the dance school www.ballyhoo.me

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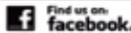
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Living in such a rural area, I was very interested to find out about two organisations which are there specifically to help people associated with agriculture and horticulture. The first is "The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution" or R.A.B.I. 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 2944244.**

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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 September from Hamptons International

The weather has certainly cooled down a little since my last report but it would seem that there is still plenty of heat in the housing market both locally and further afield.

There has been a lot of bright news recently which suggests that the economic recovery is balanced and sustainable: the Chancellor says we have turned a corner, the OECD has doubled its forecast for UK growth in 2013 and unemployment is falling. This, along with a steady rise in mortgage activity, means that we can be more confident that the housing market revival won't fade away in a couple of months.

Across the Hamptons network, sales are up a third compared with last year, continuing the buoyant trend of the last five months. Buyers' appetites are strong too - in August new applicants were up 25% compared to last year. On the other side of the coin, new instructions are relatively slow with our London office reporting a huge 18% fewer properties for sale. A lack of homes for sale combined with increasing demand could mean prices will rise threatening the fragile recovery that we have been enjoying this year.

Recent Hamptons research has highlighted the importance of cash buyers to the current market. In 2007, they made up 25% of buyers in England and Wales but this figure is now up to a third of all buyers. Cash buyers here in the South West make up the highest proportion of any region accounting for four in 10 transactions over the last 12 months. At the other end of the spectrum, and perhaps contrary to expectations on the wealth of

Londoners, London has the smallest proportion of cash buyers. A selection of new instructions since last writing includes: 5 Gyde House, a luxuriously appointed 2 bedroom property; Knapp Corner House in Knapp Lane, a generously proportioned detached house on 1/3 acre plot; Linkside on Cheltenham Road, a 4 bedroom detached chalet bungalow; The Barn, a superb Grade II Listed barn conversion with 4 acres of land; 3 George Court in Victoria Street, a well proportioned 2 bedroom property with garaging; Otters Pool in Kings Mill Lane, a striking modern house with lovely views; Wee Cottage on New Street, a stylishly refurbished 2 bedroom cottage; 2 new build houses on Lower Washwell Lane by renowned builders Partridge Homes (Cotswolds) Ltd; Applecroft in Pitchcombe, an immaculate chalet bungalow with superb views; and Cranham Mill in Cranham, an attached former mill in need of complete renovation.

Properties to have gone under offer recently include: Longridge View, Weavers Cottage, Setonfield and Dover House all in Vicarage Street, along with 7 Randalls Field, 15 Churchill Way and Stepping Stone Cottage also in Painswick, Greenacre in Slad, Woodlands Crest in Pitchcombe, Rose Cottage in Sheepscombe and Cherry Tree Cottage in Brookthorpe. Sales now completed include Hollymeade, Watch House and Woodcote in Painswick, Bramfield and The Coach House in Edge, Fern Cottage in Birdlip and Briar Cottage in Sheepscombe.

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Sat	5	Edge Harvest Concert: Tickets £10 to include a drink & canapes: Tel. 814564 / 812063 or at door	Edge Church	7.00pm
Sun	6	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist for Harvest Evensong	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 11.00am 4.00pm
Mon	7	Bird Club residential field trip - North Norfolk coast (until 10th) Details: 812951 Probus Women: AGM followed by Talk on Wine Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunches start: Hosts Country Market 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	10.00am 10.30am 12 noon to 1.15pm 5.30 to 7.00pm 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	8	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 814890	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	9	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Table Tennis sessions - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Painswick Horticultural Society: 'Professional Planting Inspiration' - Caroline Tatham	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Batsford Arboretum Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 60s Disco Night: Tickets - £15 incl. Hot / Cold Buffet - Tel: 07866782470	Painswick Beacon Painswick Golf Club	10.00am 7.00pm till Late
Sun	13	Week of Prayer for World Peace Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 10.00am
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts St Mary's Church	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Hailes Abbey & the Mystery of the Holy Blood - David Aldred	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: The Worst Journey in the World (Story of Russian Naval Convoys) - Bob Watkin Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	17	Music Appreciation Group: Wagner	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Music Appreciation Group Outing: John Lill Recital at Malvern	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm
Sat	19	Copy Date for November Beacon Saturday Market; various stalls Open Day: All Welcome - free food tasters / live music	Town Hall. Lower Room Painswick Golf Club	10.00am to 4.00pm 9.00am till late
Sun	20	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Eucharist Attic Sale	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft School	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Stroud News & Journal (Open Meeting)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: The Vine Project - Pat Chase	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	26	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Conservatives Knitwear Sale Painswick Singers Autumn Concert	Painswick Beacon Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am to 3.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	27	Holy Communion (BCP) Service of The Word & Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 10.00am
Mon	28	Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	30	Probus: Gloucestershire's Economy - Present & Future: David Owen Chief Exec. Glosfirst. Open Meeting	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	31	Music Appreciation Group: Verdi	Town Hall	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Sat	2	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	4	Probus Women: The voice and its repertoire - Anne Dunne Community Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group	Church Rooms Ashwell House Centre	10.00am 12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	6	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club lecture: Gordon Russell & the Broadway Experiment - Ray Leigh. Enq 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & Talk	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: AGM (1.45pm) followed by Deaf Association speaker - Deaf Awareness	Town Hall	1.45pm
Sat	9	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Church Rooms Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 12noon 10.00am
Mon	11	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins	Stamages Car Park Ashwell House Centre	1.00pm 12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	13	Probus: An Old Man's Adventures on a Bicycle (John O'Groats to Lands End) - Mick Ponting Managing Memory 2gether Session Painswick Horticultural Society: 'Sugar & Spice ... Plants used by people - Dr M Mylechreest	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	10am to 4pm 10.30am to 4.30pm
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	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Coffee Morning in aid of the Cobalt Unit	Painswick Beacon Town Hall	10.00am 10.30am to 12.30pm
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	Throughout the Town	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	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	9	Community Lunch: Hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the ladies		
Thu	12	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	14	Saturday Market; various stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room	10am to 4pm
Wed	18	Last Table Tennis Session	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	21	Painswick Singers pre-Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

1a UPPER WASHWELL - Application to extend time limit for implementation of extant planning

Permission S.10/1589/HHOLD

HOLCOMBE HOUSE - Refurbishment and internal alterations to main house with kitchen/garden room extension. Repairs and internal alterations to barn to form library. Alterations to dog room and cottage. New metal fence to boundary wall. Removal of garage and new garden steps.

DYNEVOR HOUSE, New Street - Crown Reduction of 3m to Cherry Tree.

NORWAY HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe Replacement dwelling.

EASTLEA, Back Edge Lane, Edge Refurbishment of existing dwelling including removal of existing roof and replacement with new steeper pitched roof with attic. Accommodation and provision of new oak framed garage.

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.

THE COACH HOUSE, Paradise - Works include the replacement of modern timber boarding to a single storey wing of the building to form a loggia/BBQ area, replacement of Velux roof lights with conservation roof lights and additional minor internal alterations.

THE COACH HOUSE, Paradise -

Construction of an outdoor swimming pool.

CASTLE GODWYN, Paradise - Minor internal alterations and improvements in addition to the consented works.

THE LAUREL, Jacks Green - Construction of Detached Garage (Revision to S.12/1252/HHOLD)

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.

BROWNSHILL COURT, Wick Street Works to the annexe, including: Demolition of the curtilage wall, outbuilding and garage, removal of internal partitions and floors, insertion of new windows, replacement of rooflights, repairs to masonry, upgrading of insulation and internal finishes.

MILL POOL HOUSE, Ticklestone Lane T1 Oak - Crown reduction to 6ft away from house, remove deadwood, remove large dead limb back to major growth point, slight crown lift and minor thinning of low branches, reduce/remove large lower limb on tree due to imbalance and deadwood the canopy. T2 Oak - Crown reduction to 6ft away from house, remove deadwood, slight crown lift and minor thinning of lower branches, reduce/remove

large lower limb on tree due to imbalance and deadwood canopy.

CONSENT

LUDLOES, Gloucester Street Eucalyptus, reduce back by 5.49m in height, trim overall shape of the canopy, shorten the laterals back to produce a rounded shape, thin canopy by up to 20% and deadwood throughout.

LULLINGWORTH, Stroud Road

Fell dead Beech

LITTLE ACRE, Kemps Lane - Erection of a single storey timber framed orangery.

THE PATCHWORK MOUSE, New Street Replacement of 2 1980's windows. Window 1 is to be replaced with a single Window. Window 2 is to be replaced with a set of doors leading out to the Courtyard space from the kitchen.

TABITHAS WELL, Tibbiwell Lane Erection of single storey extension two storey rear extension and conservatory.

SITE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS OVERDALE, Slad Road,

Slad - Erection of dwelling

RECREATION GROUND PAVILION, White Horse Lane - Reconfiguration of internal layout to provide: new lavatories, changing facilities and kitchen, omission of existing bar, new rooflight, central façade and relocation of windows.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, Vicarage Street - Demolish existing external toilet and replace with new disabled toilet.

CHRIST CHURCH Gloucester Street -

Movement of ground floor pews except those agreed and already fix on the wall paneling. All the existing pews will be left in situ on the balcony. All the pews will be retained on site. Also agreed in principle the removal of 4 obsolete gas wall brackets (as agreed not the ones in the pulpit area).

DYNEVOR HOUSE, New Street - Crown Reduction of 3m to Cherry Tree.

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.

REFUSED

THE OLD PAINSWICK LIBRARY, Stroud Road - Revised applications following approved applications S.12/1634/LBC and S.12/1633/FUL - Change of use and conversion of disused library to form four new dwellings & parking spaces. Demolition of existing outbuildings and the provision of a new pedestrian route between the church and the Stroud Road public car park.

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street - Extension of roof terrace, including creation of planters and associated fencing.

WITHDRAWN

KINGSLEY COTTAGE, Victoria Street Change of use to single bedroomed domestic dwelling from defunct tea rooms.

WASHBROOK MILL, Edge Road Erection of a three storey extension, double garage with annex above single storey kitchen extension. Change to the approved design S.07/2264/FUL

HIGHGROVE HOUSE, Lower Washwell Lane - Erection of oak framed extension and carport with storage over.

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The Personal Column

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of RICHARD HINDS and DIANA FEILDEN who have died recently.

Welcome

We would like to welcome ALEXANDER and LEE FUERST with MATTHEW and ALLISON who have moved to Knapp Lane from Georgia, USA.

We also welcome MAGGIE DALY and PAT CLEERE who have moved to 3 St Mary's Mead, Painswick. and BARBARA and GERRY O'DWYER who have moved to Severn Cottage, Vicarage Street from Aldworth, Berkshire.

Personal Message

JANE HINDS, BEN and DAN would like to thank friends and relatives for their cards, letters and all those who joined them at Richard's funeral service.

Diana Feilden – A tribute

Diana Feilden died peacefully on 3rd September at Moreton Hill Care Centre, Standish aged 94. Born in Gloucester, Diana was the only child of Percy Lloyd, local solicitor and one-time Diocesan Registrar, and May Roberts, a daughter of the Roberts family who founded Glevum Games (later acquired by Chad Valley). In addition to a lifelong association with Gloucester Cathedral (which included intrepid night-time patrols of its rooftops as a wartime firewatcher!) Diana enjoyed two spells as a Painswick resident. In the 1950's she rented Hambutts Orchard as a family home. Between the mid 1980's and 2008 she lived with her second husband, Bob, first at Verlands and later in Hambutts Mead.

Diana was a tireless charity worker. After being widowed young in the 1950's, she campaigned to raise awareness about the plight of wartime refugees. Later she worked with VSO, volunteered for the Family Service Unit and was instrumental in the establishment of The Family Haven in Gloucester.

Diana loved music, singing in the Three Choirs Festival chorus in her youth, and continuing to support church music events throughout the rest of her life.

Most of all friends will remember Diana for her exceptional hospitality. She had a gift of making all of her guests feel special with the result that her homes in Painswick became a vibrant hub of family and social visits.

We will all miss her warm smile and her energetic organising spirit.

Philip Angier

The Beacon apologises for omitting the phone number 01452 813072 for Carole Ross from La Douce France last month and for relaying 2012 Planning Consent listings which had been sent to the Beacon in error.



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