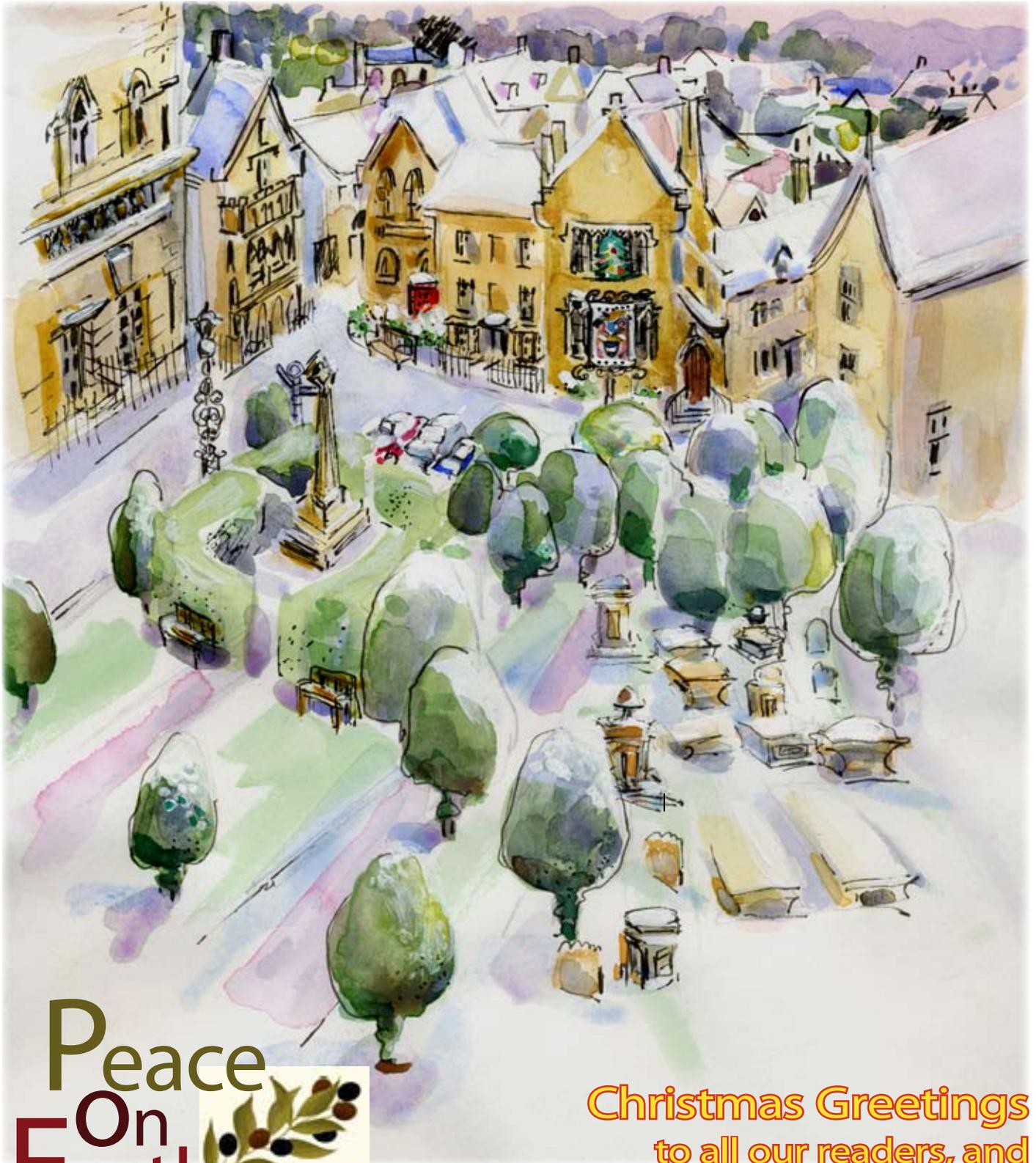


# The Painswick Beacon

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On  
Earth 

Christmas Greetings  
to all our readers, and  
Best Wishes for 2009

*On other pages this month:* Painswickian nominations, heavenly alpacas, unpaid job vacancy, misty new topograph, new beat, next quiz date, mason opens tomb, ploughing a furrow, mini stompers, a beaco-doku in six, draw winners, Heather to leave, chronicle latest, legs compared, the wall walked, lots of tears, top cop talks, a few chuckles, and a spotted heron.



**PLANNING - Special Meeting Ramp into St. Mary's Churchyard**

A meeting of the committee was held on 5th November specifically to consider the full application for the ramp into the churchyard from the bus shelter in New Street. (See report page 2 last month regarding the requisite Listed Building application which needed to accompany this submission.)

Chairman David Hudson reminded the meeting that the purpose of the ramp is to aid access to the churchyard for those with mobility difficulties, those using wheelchairs, buggies, push-chairs and so on. He also pointed out that the Parish Council had previously decided to financially support the proposal to remove the steps at this point, although the Council had overlooked a caveat that such was without prejudice to the views of its Planning Committee which, as Terry Parker pointed out, has full delegated powers.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to support the application; 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

**PLANNING**

**Richmond Painswick - dining**

Chairman David Hudson reported having received a letter from the District Council indicating that planning officers had spoken with the Manager of RP and concluded that as the restaurant there was not open to the general public in the sense that just anyone could call in for a meal new planning requirements were not required.

**Richmond Painswick - Standing Liaison Group**

The committee received a letter written by Norman Rampton on behalf of this group set up in 2005 to facilitate understanding between RP, its residents and the wider local community. Mr Rampton reminded the Council that RP is the major local employer, and drew attention to the close catchment of the current 62 residents and the waiting list of 66 seeking independent living units. The SLG remains committed, as a mechanism set up when GCC sold the site, to build understandings. He pointed out that SLG would appreciate discussion with the Council to improve communications with all concerned, but not as a substitute for direct discussion between the Council and RP whenever necessary e.g. on planning matters. Terry Parker expressed enthusiasm for taking up the suggestions made; he pointed out that Managing Director Keith Cockell had affirmed some time ago that RP was at no time seeking to compete with local enterprises.

**Three Gables - signage**

The Council had registered its objection, not least because of precedent, to the 'Whiter teeth' sign erected at these premises in Cheltenham Road, but been informed that such did not require planning approval. Committee Chairman David Hudson undertook to speak directly with the owner.

**Cotswold Heights - entrance lights**

Members discussed the two large globes now set above the pillars of the new

entrance to this rebuilt property in Cheltenham Road above Paradise. There was endorsement by some councillors of the opinion of one local driver who regarded the globes as a distraction. It was agreed to make representations about the fact that these lights, and the property's iron railings, were out of keeping with the location.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**PCSO Colin Drewett**

The recently appointed Police Community Support Officer was introduced to the Council (see career report on page 19). He reported an increase in violent crime in the past year, although burglaries had decreased. A recent 'high visibility' exercise on Painswick Beacon had led to a 97% detection rate of drug offences, all by non-residents of Painswick. The Council drew attention to a number of matters of outstanding local concern and PCSO Drewett undertook to look into the non-provision of automatic speed signs, three of which had been sought for main routes into the village.

**Resignation - Robert Cox**

The Council noted the formal letter of resignation of Mr Cox and, in his absence, tributes were paid to his efforts to help form 'Painswick Matters' during his short period of service. Mr Cox had said he did "not feel comfortable" with working with the Council, suggesting that only Jason Bullingham and the Clerk had been helpful to him. Terry Parker regarded his resignation as a 'bombshell', and others expressed disappointment that Mr Cox had not spoken with them about his feeling unsupported prior to resigning.

**Interpretation Centre - Cotswold Way**

Chairman Terry Parker reported that a new initiative had been taken by Painswick Gateway to access South West Tourism funding under an EU/RDPE programme and that if a submission were to have prospects of success full details would be published. No funding would be available until mid 2009.

**Parish Plan**

Terry Parker and Martin Slinger reported completion of the collation of updated actions relating to the Plan and this would now be subject to study by committee chairmen.

**Allotments**

It was noted that the Gyde House trustees were still awaiting legal guidance upon their desire to release a parcel of their land for allotments.

**Council logo**



Arising from the suggestion of the Clerk it was agreed to approach the Rugby and Cricket Clubs requesting permission to adopt the logo (see picture), devised for the clubs by the late George Brotherton, as the Council's official emblem.

**'Painswick Matters'**

This newly formed equivalent to a Chamber of Trade held its second meeting earlier that evening at which Jason Bullingham,

(succeeding Robert Cox) represented the Council to help facilitate its start up. (Report page 12)

**Painswick Centre - trusteeship**

In response to an enquiry by the Council the new Chairman of the Centre's trustees, Jackie Herbert, had informed the Council that they did not regard it as essential that a representative trustee be appointed.

**Cemetery - grass cutting**

David Hudson received support for giving consideration to no longer leaving a section of the upper part of the cemetery to yield wild flowers in the early summer, an arrangement introduced by the Council in the late '80s.

**Bye Laws**

The Council noted that it would become directly responsible for the creation of such laws for the civil parish and agreed to review those currently existing.

**Display boards - pavements**

A brief discussion was prompted by the matter of Bye Laws, there being mixed feelings about the increasing number and variety of standards of 'A' boards and other ad-hoc signage in the village. No action was proposed.

**Ward grants**

A specific allocation of £500 is set aside annually to support requests from each of the parish's other wards. It was agreed to grant Edge £250 towards upkeep of the churchyard, and similar amount towards replacement windows for the village hall; Sheepscombe £500 towards purchase of chairs for the village hall, and Slad £250 to assist in the reintroduction of a pantomime to raise funds for local purposes.

**Sheepscombe - telephone kiosk**

It was reported that English Heritage did not feel able to support the retention of this BT kiosk, but the District Council had supported representations, not least because of poor mobile telephone signals in that valley and hence the need for a 'phone in emergencies.

**Topograph - Painswick Beacon**

Terry Parker expressed the appreciation of the Council for the donation and installation of this fine new facility (see report page 12).

**Revd Heather Whyte**

The Chairman acknowledged the fact, now current, that the Revd Whyte would be leaving to take up an appointment in the South West in April next year. (see report on page 5)

**Meeting Rooms Project**

Peter Rowe reported that the project to carry out an audit of meeting rooms available to the public together with a survey of parishioners' views on what additional facilities and activities should be catered for had been delayed. He asked for the Parish Council's confirmation that they were content with a revised end of April 2009 completion date. Councillors expressed appreciation for the work being carried out and were happy to agree the revised timeframe.

**Rococo runs up**

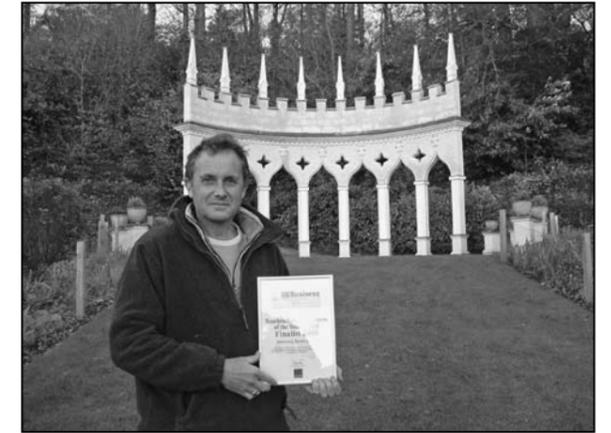


The Rococo Garden has been named runner up in the Tourism category of the Gloucestershire Media 'Best Business in Gloucestershire' awards. Situated a mile to the north of Painswick, and famous for its snowdrop display, the Rococo Garden is a fascinating step back to a flamboyant and sensual period of English Garden Design. Originally laid out in the early 18th century, it is set in a hidden Cotswold valley with magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

Sponsored by the Gloucestershire Echo and Citizen, the awards were presented in October at a gala dinner at Cheltenham Racecourse and saw Rococo pipped at the post by Cheltenham Festival as best Best Tourist Attraction.

"Given the disparity in scale between us and the Festival, we're both thrilled and delighted," said Paul Moir, "It's a recognition of all the hard work put in by the Rococo Trustees and all our enthusiastic staff."

Paul said that, despite the appalling weather, Rococo had enjoyed a good year, some 10% up on last year. However, he cautioned that this result was in part probably a reflection on last year's closure of A46 for six months. "Nevertheless, our October figures still show a 10% year-on-year increase, in stark contrast to the 30% fall reported by many local venues in the Cotswold Attractions Group, to which we belong."



**The stream, and the floods**

The summer 2007 floods turned a normally placid Painswick Stream into a torrent that caused widespread damage to properties, gardens and wildlife habitats. Since then the Painswick Stream Management Group (PSMG) has been working with Stroud District Council and other agencies to minimise the risk of future flooding whilst improving the condition of the stream.

The Council has provided £75,000 for engineers to survey the stream and clear the worst of the blockages and debris left by the floods. The survey report is close to completion and will give us a computer model of how the stream reacts under different rainfall conditions. The aim is to identify sites where culvert capacity should be increased and where water meadows could be created to hold back flood waters.

Whatever works are recommended, we will face very strong competition to win public funds to pay for them and we will need the community's support. Thanks to everyone who responded to the call in September's Beacon to e-mail flood photos to Edward Young at painswick66@yahoo.co.uk and there is still time to forward them to help complete our database. We would also welcome any comments or feedback on flooding concerns.

Angie Scott Chair PSMG, Weavers Mill, Pincot Lane, Pitchcombe 813906



**The Directory 2009**

The Beacon is pleased to enclose your complementary copy of the Directory of enterprises based in this civil parish of ours, and services of immediate interest or concern to residents.

Many are the comments we receive about how helpful this publication is, not least for new or not-so-new residents wanting to find a trader or service.

Do please keep Carol Maxwell informed of further alterations so that we can keep our web version up to date throughout the year.

Our thanks to all who were so helpful in updating this annual edition, and commiserations to those who fell short in doing so and are now entered in error.

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**Painswickian of the year**

Another year, another nomination please. We will greatly appreciate suggestions our committee can consider for the accolade of Painswickian of the Year - but we need to receive these by 18th December less than a fortnight away, at the latest. We like to carry a picture and a few words in the January issue to brighten up the New Year.

It can be an individual, or a couple, you feel brought credit to the village in the past year or given exceptional service to the local community. Let us know, by postcard please in no more than 100 words, why you are making your nomination and deliver marked POY to the Beacon box, or send to Berry Cottage, Paradise, Painswick GL6 6TN.

**Parish Council Greetings**

The Chairman, Members and Clerk to the Parish Council wish all parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Are There Alpacas in Paradise?

"So why do you have alpacas?" That's the question that I'm most frequently asked and it always seems rather stupid to say "Because I love them!" but I do! I've always wanted to own an alpaca ever since I was a child so when we moved to Paradise and bought a cottage with a bit of land it was the perfect opportunity. The alpaca, or Lama pacas is a member of the Camelid family and is related to the llama. They originally come from the Andean region of South America but in recent years they have become an increasingly common sight in Britain and there are now thought to be about 10,000 in the UK mostly in the south and south west. There are two

subspecies – the huacaya with a relatively short crimped spongy coat that sticks out at right angles to the body and the suri with a coat that hangs limply in long ringlets. My boys are all huacaya. There are many colour combinations and I chose my alpacas in different colours so that I could recognise them – Basil is mid gingery brown, Hugo is deep cream, Marble is white with a dark brown swirl on his bottom and Panda is black with a white front foot and white lips!

A friend of mine described alpacas as the 'lazy man's pet' and they are extremely easy to look after. They are grazing animals and are adapted to living off moderately poor pasture although I have read that most of the alpacas in Britain have a tendency towards obesity because our grassland is much better than that found in the mountains of South America. In the summer they feed entirely on grass but in the winter I also give them hay and a small amount of concentrates. Some form of alpaca pellets are very useful as a training aid although they are not particularly greedy and cannot always be bribed. Recently I have discovered the way to an alpaca's heart is apples! The boys spend part of their time in our orchard and will do anything for a windfall! They live out all year round and should have access to some form of shelter. However my paddocks are sheltered from the prevailing wind by woods and this seems to be enough. When it is windy and wet they hunker down tucking their legs underneath them so that the only bits exposed to the weather are those covered in their dense fur – they look wonderful with frost on their backs but they always seem to be perfectly content. They are vaccinated and wormed and once a year they go away to be shorn by a handsome Australian!

So why do I have them? Well, they are far too expensive to eat; their wool is worth a great deal and makes beautifully soft fabric but so far I have not been good at finding a market for it; they are reputed to be good at keeping foxes (and wolves) at bay but I use an electric fence to protect my hens so I haven't tested that yet; they are very good as overpriced lawnmowers but I repeat the main reason is because I love them!



Victoria Aspinall

## Chief Constable to talk

Every once in a while St Mary's has a guest speaker who would be of particular interest to the wider community.

On Sunday 7th December at 4.00pm St Mary's has invited Dr Tim Brain, the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, a central figure in the crisis which affected Gloucestershire a year ago. He will talk on the theme of

### "Faith in the Flood",

sharing the story of the human drama as it emerged, (or should we say submerged!).

We will get to know what were the key decisions that had to be made by those in authority, how our Gloucestershire communities helped out those in real need, and Dr Tim Brain will say how the responsibilities he carried affected him personally. Be prepared for lots of dramatic stories! The service will be fairly informal and will include the Beacon Gospel Choir. It will last under an hour.

Rev'd John Longuet-Higgins



I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying toys not included. - Bernard Manning

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not. - Mark Twain



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## Beacon Christmas Draw

Each year we put the receipt numbers of our subscribers into our high-tech number selector machine and pull out the first four for 'prizes'. This year's winners will soon receive:

### Bottle of whiskey

Mr and Mrs White, Troopers Rest, Vicarage Street

### Bottle of Sherry

Mrs Sutton, The Old Bakery, Cheltenham Road

### Chocolates

Mr and Mrs Glanfield, Brook House, Kingsmill Lane and

Mr and Mrs Rampton, Long Mynd, The Highlands

We then check through local advertisers and draw one who will be receiving

### Bottle of Brandy

Paul Morris, General builder and associated work



## Grand Christmas Bingo

With the proceeds going to the Cheltenham Cobalt Appeal fund, this enjoyable bingo event is arranged for Friday 12th December.



The Town Hall has been booked for 7.00pm, with 'Eyes down' at 7.30pm.

Half time treats have been organised - mulled wine, mince pies, tea and coffee with shortbread or cake.

If you want to know more, except the sequence of numbers being called, contact June Gardiner on 812505.

## Cover picture

Our thanks this year go to Adele Lambert, a most dedicated artist and resident of Vicarage Street.

We were spoilt for choice when she brought us three from which to make a selection, and believe she has caught the 'view of the year'. Adele is a committed member of the Country Studio group of artists who meet every Tuesday in the Church Rooms. She studied at the Royal College of Arts and had a long career teaching and lecturing and working as an art therapist. She has lived in Painswick for 27 years and loves drawing and painting locally though one of her great loves is portraiture so any volunteers for modelling would be greatly appreciated!



## Boxing Day walk

The Parish Council's annual Boxing Day walk will start from Stages Lane car park at 10.00am on Friday 26th December. The walk is planned to last for approximately 2 hours.

The circular route will be the along the Painswick Valley to Hammonds Farm. Stout footwear is necessary. Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.

## Spring in the air!

Well, not quite yet but Painswick Players, barely giving themselves time to breathe, are planning the Spring Production. Our new director will be auditioning for the April production of 'Gaslight' on 13th January. Please support this newcomer who is offering to be part of our active community. If you would like to be considered for a part, (there are three women and two men in the play) or would like to help front or back stage please contact George Krasker on 01452.864755 after 10th December but before 13th January as he will have the audition pieces for would-be performers and he will take your name for production volunteers. George, our new director does things a little differently. He is very well organised and deserves a



chance to pick a good cast and to have a team of willing people to do all the other necessary stuff!

Production dates are 24th to 26th April. To be part of a play with an audience is fun. Come and give it go. Who knows, you may be talent spotted for the West End!

Potential audience members please also note the dates of the play and put them in those nice new tidy diaries.

November's unrehearsed play reading of 'Hello, hello' was great fun. The next one will be on 16th December in the Green Room, Painswick Centre when we will be reading a Lancashire comedy 'Hobson's Choice' by Harold Brighouse. Do come and join in.

By way of reminder, this picture is taken from the 1944 film of 'Gaslight' which starred Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer.

If you missed our Christmas event yesterday, resolve not to miss the spring play. If you did come, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Merry Christmas to you all and see you in the New Year.

Charles Dorman

Remember this over Christmas: credit cards have three dimensions - height, width and debt. - Joey Adams

A balanced diet is a bar of chocolate in both hands. - Anon

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## Almost there!

After many months of negotiation, we are nearing the point where the final decision to go ahead will be taken. The Trustees are optimistic that all negotiations will mature very soon.

We have not been dragging our feet. The current financial climate, with its impact upon property values and running costs, bears heavily upon our decision-making and we have endeavoured to be dynamic in ensuring we get the best possible terms as we work towards the launch.

- The down-turn in the property market is no doubt a factor in Chapel Cottage remaining unsold for the time being. This is one of the important resources contributing to our drawing capital together.

- We have re-opened discussions with the County Council over their valuation of the library due to the self-evident drop in open-market-value of all property.

- More time than we anticipated has been consumed in negotiation between legal representatives in hammering-out acceptable terms to our counterparties, being the representative bodies behind St Mary's and Christ Church as well as the County Council's legal department.

- We have been seeking capital from several grant-making bodies, some of which are government/EU sponsored and currently have leads into the possible major funding of an Interpretation Centre which would both underpin the longer term viability of Gateway, and be a new asset to the economy of the village. The exercise in attempting to secure such funding is demanding and uncertain in nature but we will continue to pursue such opportunities vigorously where they become manifest. In this particular case the funds would not be available until several months after we envisage the formal start of Gateway. The point is that we are endeavouring to ensure Gateway is going to be well funded into the future for the benefit of the whole community.

In facing the fact that we are not likely to see any funds forthcoming out of the sale of Chapel Cottage for some time, we are hoping to find an alternative to allow us to bring the start date forward and do appeal to our supporters accordingly. Those who have already made pledges can expect to be invited to a meeting for final discussions prior to the go-ahead. The date of that meeting will be advised in writing giving as much notice as possible, as soon as we can see that the remaining hurdles are going to be overcome.

It is conceivable that we will be in a position to make our final decision before Christmas and, if affirmative, have a very interesting New Year.

Edward Young

## Painswick Gateway

## Chloe's Open Day

You really should go along to Chloe Smith's open house session today, 6th December. No matter what your age, Chloe has a range of beauty and therapeutic treatments from which you can derive enormous benefit and enjoy at the same time.

From 11.00 to 3.00 she will be demonstrating a range of treatments, explaining what is on offer, selling products and gift vouchers and running a raffle to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. You can even enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on arrival. There are some special offers on for the festive season too, so it's an opportunity not to be missed. Tel. 07859.880641 for directions.

Carol Maxwell

### PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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### CASUAL VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that due to the resignation of Cllr Robert Cox a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Painswick (Painswick) Ward.

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

Any request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy must be in writing and must reach the Returning Officer, Stroud District Council, Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4UB not later than 12th December 2008.

If no such notice is received the Parish Council will advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option immediately after 12th December 2008. Any elector who would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council should inform the Clerk, in writing, giving a brief CV as soon as possible after the vacancy has been published and by no later than Noon on Friday 16th January 2009. Dated this...21st day of November 2008.

Roy Balgobin Clerk



## Many Tears would love your help

Most of the reports we receive for the Beacon, including appeals, relate to our fellow men and women, to boys and girls and combinations thereof. We were moved somewhat by a report from Anthea Bond about a dog and cat rescue which homes and fosters animals across the UK and which operates under the name of 'Many Tears'.

Anthea helps with this rescue work and believes 'Many Tears' do a fantastic job,

and she would like to appeal to everyone who would like to help the dogs and cats and give them a truly worthwhile present for Christmas.

They use 15 kilos of soap powder every week for 150-180 washes, and this is an enormous expense. It is used to keep bedding clean and wash all the towels and cleaning equipment involved in bathing every dog which comes into the centre. The washing machine and drier are on all day, seven days a the week.

She invites you to have a look at [www.manytears.co.uk](http://www.manytears.co.uk) to see what they do and, if you are able to donate as much or as little soap powder as you can, that would be wonderful. Anthea says "I would be very happy to collect any donations. Thank you". Please give her a call on 812825, and/or put something in an envelope for delivery to The Old Bath House, opposite the Bistro.

**Every dog should have its day!**

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## Trek India!

Recently the Painswick Beacon kindly reported details of my planned trek to the Himalayas as part of the National Star College's Principal's Star Appeal Challenge.

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to all those who sponsored me from the village. I am pleased to report I successfully completed the challenge and currently as a group we have raised approximately £30,000. This will continue to mount as sponsorship is collected in.

Thank you again,

Pauline Bayliss



Pauline has written a most touching article about her experiences in India which, if space permits, we will publish. If, however, any reader would like a copy please contact us and we will forward by e-mail. Ed.

## Advent and Christmas 2008

special services and events throughout the area

### Churches Together Around Painswick

have co-ordinated information from all the churches which we hope will be helpful.

Sunday	December 21st	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass for Advent
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting + readings
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Family Christmas service
		3.30 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Christmas candlelight service
		4.00 pm	Christ Church, URC	Painswick	Lessons & Carols+ mince pies
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carols by candlelight
		6.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Carol Service
Monday	December 22nd	5.30 pm	Carols around village	Painswick	Meet at St. Mary's Church Rooms
Wednesday	December 24th	4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service / Nativity play
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
		11.30 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Midnight Service
Thursday	December 25th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Day		8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass of the Nativity
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Service
		10.00 am	Christ Church, URC	Painswick	Short Christmas Celebration
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist & Crib Blessing
		11.15 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion (shortened)
Sunday	December 28th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Communion
		8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Christ Church, URC	Painswick	Morning Worship
		11am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Post Christmas service
		6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Carols by candlelight

Prinknash Abbey : Please see the notice board at Our Lady & St Thérèse church in Friday Street.



## Beacon articles

We remind readers that it is both helpful and important that contributors ensure their articles are acknowledged by us because accidents happen.

Sometimes, we discover, after publication and much to the frustration of the author, that messages had been sent to the wrong address or we received several simultaneously and overlooked one of them. Contrary to the opinion of some, we make errors too. These can be minimised with your help. Please allow about 48 hours and, if no acknowledgement has been sent to you, do please get in touch without further delay.

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## “Oklahoma”

Their eagerly awaited programme on Saturday evening, 25th October in the Painswick Centre fell into two parts.

First we had a splendid choral programme: three Handel pieces including “Help, Galatea, help” sung by Kevin Ashley, followed by three by Purcell, including the soprano solo “Fairest Isle”, sung by Celia McCabe.

After the interval a very nostalgic concert version of “Oklahoma”, chorus and soloists singing many well remembered tunes, with John Dickinson, Brian Etheridge and Christopher Tadman-Robins outstanding as Narrator, conductor and accompanist.

It whetted our appetite for their next performance which will be a Traditional Carol Concert . . .

## Poppy Appeal 2008

May I thank all the people of Painswick for their generous donations to this year's Poppy Appeal.

I am pleased to say we raised a total of £2,739.06.

My thanks also to the hardy souls who undertook collections in typically wet and miserable weather. Well done and thanks to you all.

Russell Herbert Honorary Organiser



## Painswick Singers

Ralph Kenber

## Stomping fun

1st Painswick and Cranham Brownies enjoyed a truly entertaining evening in October with Painswick's Jolly Stompers.

All Brownies dressed up for the evening from two-toned boots, to sparkly cowboy hat with a fur trim, to a full 'cow-girl' ensemble. After a period of quiet and concentration, whilst the girls followed the trainers' instructions, the mood soon lifted to one of laughter and (almost) perfect co-ordination of twenty five young girls.

We thank all the 'Stompers' for coming along and giving us such an enjoyable night!

Patsy, Katherine and Jackie (Brownie leaders)

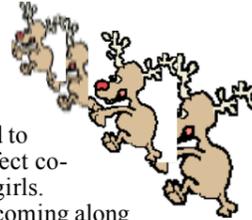
## Christmas Concert

This most seasonal of performances will be taking place on Saturday 13th December in Christ Church at 7.30pm.

Admission is free but with a retiring collection.

All are most welcome, and also invited to partake of mince pies and mulled wine, afterwards, in the hall.

Angela Newing



## Country Market

Patrons and the discerning may care to note that the last chance of doing business at the Painswick Country Market this year will be on Friday 19th December - usual time of 10.00am.

Friday 19th December - usual time of 10.00am.

The market will then be closed until Friday 19th January when they will welcome you to the first opportunity in 2009.



### Teaser

Make sense of the following by adding one horizontal line. 20 10 4 = 3.40

For answer look on page 9

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## Exhibition of Paintings by Rupert Aker

The exhibition, this Saturday and Sunday 6th-7th, draws together a range of paintings, both oils and watercolours, inspired by the views around Painswick and further afield by local artist Rupert Aker.



His work is found in collections at home and abroad, including three works in the Brown-Forman collection in the US (owners of Jack Daniels and Southern Comfort liqueurs). Some notable owners in the UK include celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby.

Prices range from a credit-crunch friendly £30 for original watercolours to over £1000 for large oil paintings.

## BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, *Beacon-doku* replaces the numbers with the six letters that make up 'BEACON'.

Your challenge - if you are foolish enough to accept it, and have a few spare moments over Christmas - is to fill the blank squares in the grid so that each column, each row and each block of six squares contains each of the six letters, without repetition...

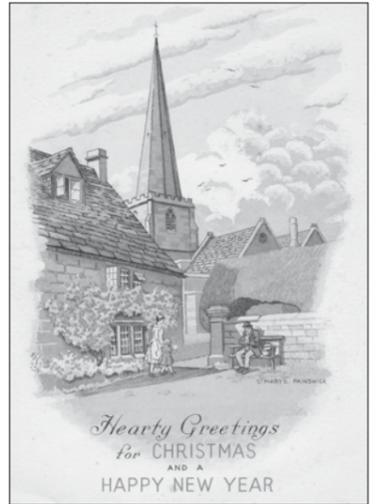
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Teaser answer 20 10 4 = 3.40

## History teaser

Last month our picture showed a shop in the centre of Painswick, now long gone. It stood in St Mary's Street and was one of the buildings destroyed in June 1941 by a German bomb. The shop is remembered by both Pauline Berry and Pearl Jones who say it was always rather dark inside with a huge counter and lots of haberdashery. This photograph was taken in the 1920s and the business closed some time in the 1930s.

In the doorway is Miss Alice Jones, born 1865, who ran the shop with Miss Angelina Jones, born 1850. The sign above the door says 'H.W. Jones Heraldic Souvenirs of Painswick on Goss Porcelain'. Please let us know if you have a photograph which would be suitable for the teaser.



Carol Maxwell

## Art Classes In Painswick

Start the New Year creatively and join fun and friendly art classes with experienced local teacher Jane Garbett.

New classes start from 5th January on;

Monday afternoon 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wednesday morning 10.00am - 12.00pm

The class is a six week course and covers both drawing and painting in a well equipped studio. Class sizes are very small, a maximum of six people allowing for lots of individual attention. Beginners and more experienced artists are both welcome.

Please ring me on 812176 for more information.

Jane Garbett

## Beauty at Cotswolds88hotel

Cotswolds88 is due to launch its new beauty salon on 8th December. Ambianza Beauty will offer a complete treatment programme for both men and women in its specially appointed beauty treatment room. With its lovely views and peaceful atmosphere, this is an ideal setting for the wide range of treatments available.

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# A bit of fun to share

from a Painswick Grandma, in the season when 'family' is so important

In common with many people in Painswick, I live many miles from my children and grandchildren so chances to get together are seized.

So on Sunday 26th October we were off to Stroud, ostensibly to watch the start of the Stroud Half Marathon but really to have a short time with my daughter and grandson who live in Colchester. They were in Stroud because my daughter runs the Charity Muscular Sclerosis Resource Centre and Alistair Hignall (Gloucestershire cricket and England rugby player and broadcaster) who himself has MS had conjured up over 60 people to run in the race to raise money for the MSRC; grandson was there because he is the mascot for open air events. There he was briefly before disappearing and reappearing in his incarnation as MaximuS. When we had stopped laughing, we became his official escorts to the public lining the road. He needed escorting because anyone below knee level was out of sight! The reaction of the children was worth seeing. The bolder souls ran up straightaway to hug him and have photos taken; the less certain approached and did high fives and one poor child simply cried as she took a look at this huge surreal teddy. Let's hope she does not have nightmares about her own teddy.



One tiny boy left the safety of his mother's handhold and carefully and very slowly approached until he could just touch MaximuS' hand, whereupon he broke into a big beam and returned to his mother.

Oh yes, we did watch the first runners home and having enjoyed a 'bear' hug we just beat the rain home. P.S. Were there any runners from Painswick? If not, how about next year?

Ann Dorman

## Painswick Grammar School

Trevor Radway tells the Beacon that while "looking through the 'Gloucester Journal 7890, established by Robert Raikes in 1722, for Saturday 27th December 1873, I noticed the attached relating to Painswick Grammar School.

It is of some current interest in view of the negotiations on the old school buildings. The days of a school bus to Stroud for secondary education were a very long way off!"



One for each day, can you find 25 words closely associated with Christmas?

Last month we hid 26 words associated with winter weather:

- FLOOD
- FRONT
- FROST
- HAIL
- ICE
- ICICLE
- ISOBAR
- LIGHTNING
- METEOROLOGY
- MIST

- NIMBUS
- RAIN
- SEASON
- SNOW
- STORM
- STRATUS
- SUN
- TEMPERATURE
- TEMPEST
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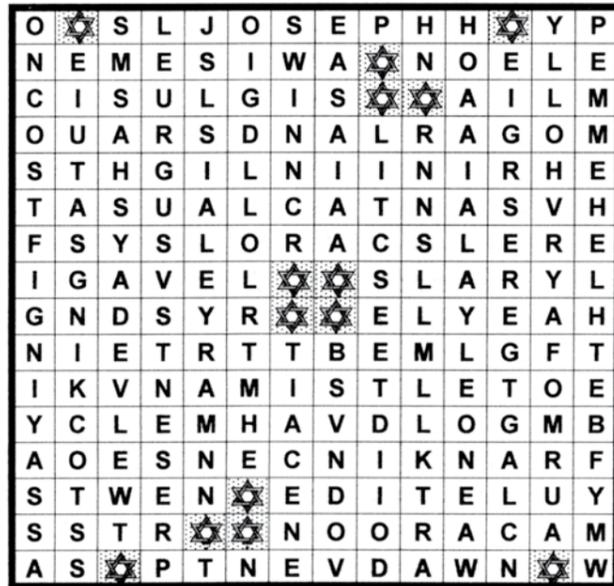
## Christian thanks

Thank you everyone who came and supported the Christian Aid Coffee Morning held on the 15th November.



It was a very happy occasion and we raised the magnificent total of £475.50p. This money will be going to the Congo Appeal.

Jean Newell Secretary



# Charity challenge . . in China



Delyth Allen, here in the foreground, would like to thank all those people who supported her in her recent charity trek on The Great Wall of China.

All the money raised - a fantastic total of £2135- has been sent to Leukaemia Research and she is very grateful for the generosity of those who sponsored her in this venture.

She went on to tell the Beacon that "It was a fantastic experience with spectacular views and sunny weather. Our group, consisting of 25 people all raising money for various, different charities, trekked for 5-6 hours a day on different sections of the Wall for 5 days. Our accommodation was in basic lodges near the Wall and we covered about 65 kilometres of original and renovated sections, ascending steep, crumbling steps and passing ruined watchtowers.

The climax was a steep ascent up the "Heavenly Stairway" to a high viewing platform where we were all presented with a medal for completing our Charity Challenge!"

## Finland flight

For most of us, Finlandia and the Karelia suite of Sibelius, are the closest we are likely to get to Finland, a forested country, somewhat larger than the UK with about a tenth of our population and impossibly short winter daylight! But on November 4th at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, the Bird Club were taken on a wonderful flight in the south of the country via Kuusamo airport, in the company of Helen Williams, ARPS of Lydney.

We were to get the feel of -15°C. temperatures and the hazards of snow-mobile travel, to recapture the incredible beauty of the landscape - with snow-laden trees assuming surreal forms and frozen waterfalls becoming mountains to tempt wild climbers! Then we were to see the size and magnificence of the great predators, golden eagle and goshawk and the beauty of the 18" tall, red-crested, black woodpecker. The capercaillie, shown here, a huge kind of grouse (also local in Scotland) and notoriously difficult to approach, was also captured with its amazing, aggressive display, as the piece de resistance, flashing its bottom in finale, much like some young aberrants of the human species, perhaps?

The Finns, understandably, seem to enjoy the extremes, whether it be 1°F or deviant temperature. We were told that the denizens of the sauna regularly emerge in birthday attire before plunging through a hole in the ice. After a cold beer, they then return indoors assuming normality! We had been amazed ~~~ and wondered what the birds thought?

On Monday 8th December at 10.45am, we look forward to a guided trip to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust to see Bewick swans and other migrants ~ if desired can stay on for 4pm feeding time, even starling roost at dusk! Trust entry fee applies but shop and restaurant open. Meet in Reception; visitors are always very welcome.

Wendy and Martin Addy - Secretaries



Rather interesting anagrams

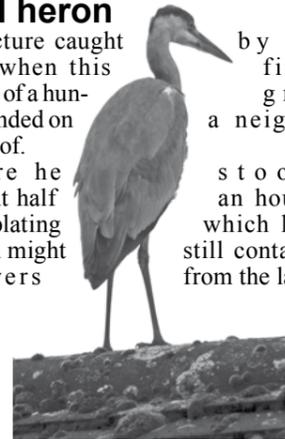
- DORMITORY
- PRESBYTERIAN
- ASTRONOMER
- DESPERATION
- THE EYES
- THE MORSE CODE
- ANIMOSITY
- ELECTION RESULTS

Answers on page 12

## Local heron

This picture caught my eye when this fine grey heron landed on a neighbour's roof.

Here he stood for about half an hour, contemplating which left-overs from the last meal!



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## Beacon view even better!

The Cotswold Way National Trail is, for its 100 mile length, looked after and promoted by a cadre of voluntary Wardens. These men and women organise, among other things, walks along parts of the trail which attract participation by those drawn to the Cotswolds from around the world. To celebrate their 40th anniversary the Warden's Service 'Central District' decided to produce a topograph for installation on the otherwise redundant Ordnance Survey triangulation plinth on top of Painswick Beacon - almost precisely at the mid-point of the Trail.

The steel topograph identifies all the major features that can be seen from this significant location. It will, in weather conditions when visibility extends beyond the 50 metres experienced for its initial exposure, greatly enhance the enjoyment of visitors to the area. As we know, the summit of the Beacon affords magnificent views across the Severn Valley, along the escarpment and eastwards towards the surrounding woods and hills characteristic of the Cotswold landscape.

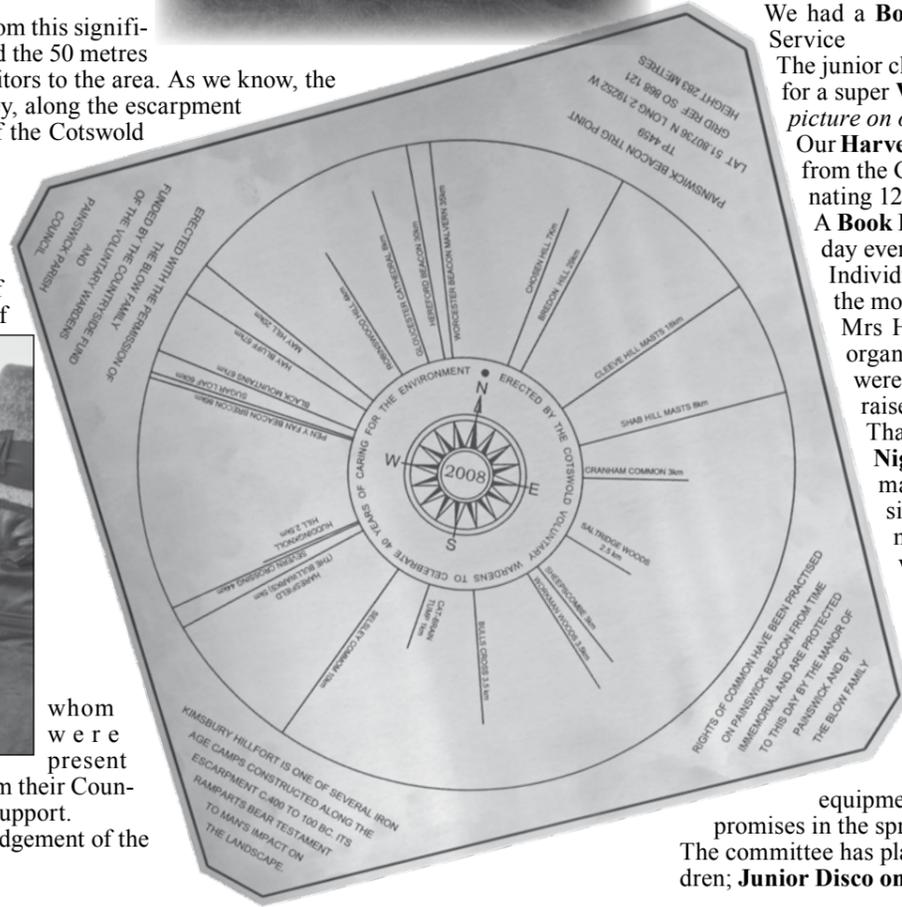
At 2.00pm on 13th November, in driving rain and with a wind-chill which brought the temperature to no more than 1°C, this new functional feature designed, conceived and executed by Wardens Royden Hales and Roger Powell, was unveiled by Nick Holliday a member of the Cotswold Conservation Board for this AONB (on the left of our hazy picture) and Selina Blow on behalf of the Painswick Manorship. Tributes were expressed to the Wardens, some of



whom were present

- including these instigators of this project - the funding contributions from their Countryside Fund and Painswick Parish Council, and the Manorship for their support.

The topograph, which will provide a most apt and permanent acknowledgement of the Warden's Service, is well worth a visit.



## Croft School News

### Some of what's been going on lately

As ever, we select a few of the eye-catching pieces of information circulated to parents from the school so that we can appreciate the breadth of what goes on there.

Year 6 visited the 'Anne Frank + Me' exhibition in Gloucester Cathedral

We had a **Bonfire Safety** presentation from the Fire Service

The junior classes visited Richmond Village yesterday for a super **War-time Memories** day (*story below and picture on our rear cover*)

Our **Harvest Festival** led to our receiving a certificate from the Gloucester Food Bank, thanking us for donating 121kg of food, getting on for a kg per child.

A **Book Fair** was open for four days and a Wednesday evening.

Individual and family **photographs** were taken on the morning of Wednesday 12th November.

Mrs Hartley and Class 1 children and parents organised a **Children in Need** day; and Class 1 were busy baking cakes. Children in Need day raised £167.15.

Thanks to all who organised the **PTA Quiz Night**, especially Dave Carlile our question master, Andrew Taylor, his beautiful assistant, and the committee members who masterminded it all. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the evening and brought such a great array of food. The evening made a profit of £340.

The **PTA committee have committed expenditure** for the pantomime coaches and for the school to book workshops and visitors for the spring term. They have also made a commitment to major fund raising this year for new IT equipment. This will be supported by an auction of promises in the spring.

The committee has planned these Christmas events for the children; **Junior Disco** on Friday 12th December 6.00-8.00pm, and

the **Infant Party** on Tuesday 16th December 3.15-5.00pm  
The **Christmas Fayre** was held yesterday, 5th December. As well as the usual tombolas, raffle, mulled wine and mince pies etc, there was a café for children to have a meal.

Every class has had a **Road safety** talk, of particular significance as the afternoons are getting so dark.

An **art installation has been added to the pond area**, consisting of posts with decorated slates with pictures of wildlife. These were recently designed by our own Year 5 children with the help of local artist, Imogen Harvey Lewis.

**Infants Christmas show**, 'Cock a Doodle Christmas' Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm each day.

**Musical assembly** to be performed on Friday 12th December by woodwind, brass and violin musicians at 2.30pm - all welcome.

**Christmas Concert** on Monday 15th December for Junior children. 7.00pm at Christ Church. Smartest school uniform including sweat shirts please!

Pantomime trip on 17th December.

**Christmas parties** during the day on Thursday 18th December.

Friday 19th December - End of term. School closes at 2.00pm.

The recent School Council **toy sale** raised £25. This will be used to support Tina, a sponsored child in Mozambique.

Thank you to those of you who helped to run the recent **book fair**. We sold books at the recent Book Fair to the value of £638. With 60% commission in books, the school receives books worth £382 for the school. This makes a real difference.

### National Curriculum Key Stages explained

The National Curriculum states which subjects children must study at school. It outlines the content of the curriculum, but not how it should be taught. That is for schools to decide. It also divides them into age groups called Key Stages. At each Key Stage, all children in state schools will study certain subjects, following the requirements of the National Curriculum.

The Key Stages are as follows:

Key Stage	Year groups	Ages
Foundation Stage		
Preschool to the end of Reception Year		3-5
Key Stage 1	Years 1-2	5-7
Key Stage 2	Years 3-6	7-11
Key Stage 3	Years 7-9	11-14
Key Stage 4	Years 10-11	14-16



## 'Painswick Matters'

Twice in the last 20 or so years efforts were made to get a Chamber of Trade, or its equivalent, to represent the interests of a key element of our community, those whose trading here means so much to all of us. Twice they did good things, but twice they floundered after just a year or two of operation.

The prospect for the completely new organisation - operating under the title of '**Painswick Matters**' - seem very much brighter. No less than 27 people have joined within a matter of days, and a strong sense of energy and urgency been generated, this prompted by the initiative of the Parish Council with active support and leadership from the Gloucestershire Chamber of Trade and Industry.

The Beacon hopes to be receiving regular news from this fledgling organisation, but meanwhile can let it be known that from a committee of twelve

**Chris Mercer** is **Chairman** from The Chairman

**Howard Davis** the **Treasurer** from Price Davis Accountants and

**Bob Lewis** is **Secretary** from Approche Ladies Fashion 810910 or 07973.286222 lewisbob@btconnect.com

Answers to interesting anagrams  
DIRTY ROOM  
BEST IN PRAYER  
MOON STARKER  
A ROPE ENDS IT  
THEY SEE  
HERE COME DOTS  
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**Mixed Hockey**

Oxstalls - 3 Painswick 1



An even match started with both sides displaying effective skill to pressure the other. First half saw several attempts on Painswick goal with keeper Chris Dunster remaining calm and efficient. A spectacular save left Dunster on the floor but a fantastic deflection on the goal line by Craig Lippett kept the score sheet at nil. Second half saw Painswick communicate well and deliver structured play to claim the first goal of the match. Oxstalls quickly retaliated to outwit Painswick defence and equalise. Despite detailed passing between Martyn Partidge, Chris Jones and Daniel Partridge, Painswick could not find the opportunity to take a further goal. Oxstalls maintained the pressure on Painswick to win the match. Player of the match Craig Lippett.

Our photograph of the Mixed Team, from left to right: Anita Wilson, Chris Jones, Craig Lippett, Chris Dunster, Nikki Totterdale (Capt), Martyn Partridge, Gary Partidge, Daniel Partridge.

Anita Wilson

**Painswick Ladies Hockey**

Badgers 0 Painswick Ladies 1

Painswick Ladies held Badgers with equal play. Badgers, who are high flying in the league, expected Painswick to be an easy game but it was Painswick who took the lead with an fantastic cross from Chris Jones to enable Claire Racliffe to place the ball into the net. Despite efforts, Badgers could not equalise and were left disgruntled at their loss. Player of the match Nikki Aylmer.

**Painswick Tennis Club**

Painswick Tennis club has been granted Tennis Clubmark Accreditation, being only the fourth club in Gloucestershire to achieve this high standard since the scheme was launched earlier this year. Roger Draper, Chief Executive of the LTA, recently said "Clubs that have joined the scheme are finding it well worthwhile. By having standards of child protection, coaching, equity and good management they find it easier to attract and keep members, improve the club's profile and build for the future."

John Courts, Painswick Club Chairman said "Although the club already has a highly successful coaching programme, the process of working towards Clubmark has ensured that we are now working safely, communicating well with players and parents and are delivering a quality on-court programme. Although at first the task appeared a little daunting, with the help of the excellent guidance notes from Clubmark it didn't take too long to pull the information together and prepare the Clubmark 'Evidence File'. It's fantastic that we are being recognised as a great club that is contributing towards the future of British tennis. I would like to thank everyone involved and especially John Barrus for all his hard work".

The Clubmark plaque was formally presented to John at the Club's



AGM on 3rd November by Gloucestershire LTA Secretary David Rockett.

Mr Rockett also presented the Junior cups. The Maureen Connolly Cup went this year to Grace Ruddy. Grace, who is always immaculately turned out on court, has made huge progress with her tennis over the last year through a lot of hard work and determination and played for Painswick in the U10 NJCL for the first time over the summer. Barnaby Jackson was the recipient of the Boris Becker Cup. He, too, has shown great improvement playing with an intensity and enthusiasm which has seen him do well at matchplays and tournaments.

The Peter Bolton Cup, presented for only the second time, was awarded to Kit Kirby. Kit enjoys his tennis, but he also brings to lessons kindness, enthusiasm and fun, all traits which Pete would have thoroughly approved.

Jillie Speed

**Painswick Badminton Club**

The club recently held its annual tournament. After several preliminary rounds the finalists were:

Colin Sims and Judith Courts versus David Simpson and Debbie Towers-ley. After two exciting games the winners were Colin and Judith.

The club still has a few vacancies and if any one would like to join us, would they please ring me on 812464 or Sylvia on 812104 before coming to play on a Friday evening.

David Linsell

**Rugby**

Painswick first fifteen had an exciting and welcome victory against the Bristol club Aretians last Saturday. The clubs are both in the lower half of the Gloucestershire First Division and the match was therefore especially important because the winners would create a four point difference in their respective positions. Into the second half the scores were level with twelve points each and the game was being played at a fast pace with both sides attempting to break the deadlock. The home side then took the lead when they went through the Aretians' scrum for Painswick to touch down under the posts. The successful conversion gave the Cherry and Whites a seven point advantage. Not long afterwards the Aretians' defence paid the penalty for expecting a Painswick line clearance kick to go into touch only to find the ball still in play as Painswick bore down on them. From the resultant loose play the home side went over for an unconverted try. The visitors tried hard to get back on level terms but time ran out and Painswick at "no-side" were the victors by 24 points to 12. Meanwhile Painswick United were beating Matson second fifteen in a Citizen Merit Table match by 20 points to 11.

**Results**

(L) indicates league match: (M) Citizen Merit Table.

**November**

Sat 1st. (L) Painswick 1st XV 0 Longlevens 1st XV 13. (M) Painswick United 29 Brockworth 2nd XV 5.

Sat 8th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 47 Bishopston 1st XV 12. (M) Spartans 2nd XV 3 Painswick United 10.

Sat 15th (L) Cheltenham Civil Service 1st XV 30 Painswick 1st XV 21.

(M) Painswick United 20 Chosen Hill 2nd XV 7.

Sat 22nd. Tewkesbury 2nd XV 22 Painswick United 14 (Friendly).

Sat 29th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 24 Aretians 1st XV 14. (M) Matson 2nd XV 11 Painswick United 20.

**Fixtures**

**December**

Sat 6th. (L) Brockworth 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Cirencester 2nd XV.

Sat 13th. Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV (Friendly).

Sat 20th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Cheltenham Civil Service 1st XV. (M) Chosen Hill 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 27th. Under 30s v Over 30s.

**January**

Sat 3rd. Stroud Junior Combination Cup. Dursley 2nd v Painswick United.

Sat 10th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Bishopston 1st XV.

**Honoured**

On 1st November a celebration presentation was given by Painswick Rugby Club to honour Jack Smith of Corner Cottage, Bisley Street, Painswick for his sixty years of voluntary service to the Club.

Following the presentation Jack, known to Club members as Whacko replied " I really don't think I can do another sixty years".

Jack would like to thank all of those who helped to organise the event and the 150 guests who attended.



There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.'

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

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## Christ Church

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee and Gateaux Morning held on 1st November in aid of our Charities for 2008; The County Air Ambulance, Stroud and District Mencap Homes Foundation and The Prostate Cancer Charity.

Business was very brisk for those serving the delicious gateaux on offer and also for those manning the fine selection of stalls selling a variety of gifts, crafts etc.

The total amount raised was over £1,000.

Gill Gyde

## Plough Sunday

Plough Sunday is an ancient festival dating back to when the plough was central to rural life. Looking back to the early part of the last century, all the ploughing was done by horses and it occupied the whole season from the autumn to the spring. A good ploughing team would plough an acre a day. Nowadays a tractor plough combination will plough several acres per hour – such has been the rate of progress.

The plough is still important and became more so when the burning of straw was banned. Burying the trash with a plough became an essential part of preparing a seedbed for the next crop.

Plough Sunday has traditionally been celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. In the olden days this coincided with being about halfway through the ploughing season. Ploughmen would return to work after the Christmas break on Plough Monday the day after the festival.

A Plough Sunday Service has taken place at St. Mary's Painswick for many years organised jointly by the Church and the local National Farmers Union. Today it is a service not just for farmers and gardeners but for all who live in and enjoy the countryside. We still bless the plough and the soil but these are symbols of all our work which contributes to the economy and is committed to God.

The Plough Sunday Service in 2009 is on 11th January at 4.00pm in St. Mary's Church. The preacher will be Canon John Holroyd who spent a distinguished career in the Ministry of Agriculture. Everyone is welcome at this service which is a celebration of rural life and our dependence on nature's cycle. Further details are available from Martin Slinger (01453.763105) or myself (814772).



David Newell

## A thing or two about ladies legs

Orthopaedic surgeons be warned! If you have a new patient who has a hip or knee problem and is a member of Yew Trees WI the consultation could be a long one - your patient will probably ask some searching questions. At our October meeting Rob Linsell's talk entitled "Fancy a Joint" was absolutely fascinating and was made particularly so by the number of samples Rob brought with him. We marvelled at the skilled engineering and craftsmanship that goes into making replacement joints and the incredible materials that are used; they are so strong and light, and one so porous that bone can grow through it. Rob certainly taught us lots (did you know that male and female knee joints are different shapes?). He also did his utmost to defuse the fears of anyone considering this type of operation.



We will celebrate the festive season at our December meeting with an evening of "Puds and Puzzles". In order to avoid a clash with Christmas it is earlier in the month than usual: on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. New members warmly welcome.

Celia Lougher 812624



## Painswick Library News

There was a really good response to the Summer Reading Challenge this year, with 51 children gaining certificates and 37 children being awarded gold medals. Some of you also had fun in the Library with our summer competitions. New for children this month:

We are starting Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions. These will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm – suitable for children from birth to about two and a half years.

In addition there will be a Christmas Story Time with something to make on Tuesday 16th December at 3.45pm. We will continue this on a monthly basis in the New Year if there is sufficient response.

As most of you will know, the stock in the library has been reduced in order to fit into the new space that will be allocated. However we have started to exchange books more frequently to make up for this. We are in the process of exchanging Crime and Biography at the moment and have already exchanged some Adult Spoken Word.

If there any books we do not have in Painswick, which you would like to read, we can order them from other libraries – do come in and ask.

Painswick library is open:

**Tuesday 10.00 – 1.00 and 2.00 – 7.00**

**Thursday 10.00 – 1.00**

**Friday 2.00 – 5.00**

**Saturday 10.00 – 12.00**

Your library staff: Kath, Lesley and Sheila



## Notes from a Stonemason's Wife

Anyone who has read Enid Blyton Adventure Stories as a child secretly wants to pull on a ring in a stone and find revealed a flight of stairs leading downwards...and that is exactly what happened to us in St Mary's churchyard one day last month. The bit about pulling the ring wasn't quite the same though; we did have a large steel gantry, numerous straps and several burly Centreline men assisting to swing the slab aside, but a tantalizing flight of stairs was revealed leading to a blocked doorway!

Centreline is now working through the Second Phase of the tomb repairs in the Churchyard and you have probably seen our men Ben, David and Luke toiling behind yards of stripy tape with their mysterious tools of their trade during the fine weather of the last two months. The stone slab in question was marked on the 1920s survey as a separate tomb and it appeared to be affected by subsidence, as are many of the tombs. Unusually though, there seemed to be a space underneath the slab instead of earth and shining his torch into the space my husband Mark Hancock saw the long forgotten steps. Why he had to take me along at midnight to see the steps I don't know but it did add to the thrill!

It's always good to see somewhere new in such a familiar place as Painswick, having lived here for the last seventeen years and it did make me reconsider what might lie beneath the smooth and well cared for surface of the Churchyard. Investigations the next day involved making a small hole in the blocked doorway and inserting a camera lens into a space which has not even seen the light of day for at least two hundred and fifty years, never mind a camera flash.

Later, when we viewed the photographs on the computer we could see that there is a large stone vaulted space with six



eighteenth century lead coffins, some marked with a lattice pattern and hanging down from the vault many long stalactites, undisturbed for centuries. The floor was littered with buttons which had probably formed part of the upholstery decoration on the coffins and it is clear that the expense and effort of building this tomb marks this out as the final resting place of a very important local family. Curiously, for all the pomp and circumstance that must have taken place when the coffins were carried down those steps there is now no record of the family name.

So, no buried treasure, hardly any sardine sandwiches or lemonade and the mystery remains in the final chapter.

Gillian Hancock

## Painswick Chronicle

The latest issue of the Chronicle is now hot of the press. This year is very significant as it marks the 90th anniversary of the ending of The Great War, and this period of Painswick's history is reflected in several of the articles in this latest issue. They cover, amongst other topics, the high level of human sacrifice from Painswick, the story of Reed's pin mill, the tuberculosis sanatorium, Willoughby Dickinson and the Painswick Operatic Society.

The Chronicle is certainly a good read, representing much thorough research and writing undertaken voluntarily and painting a growing and colourful picture of Painswick's past. This is issue 11 and will be available in shops in the village or from Carol Maxwell (813387), John Bailey (813503) or Gwen Welch (812540). It is still possible to purchase back editions but not numbers 1 and 2 which are out of print.

If you live in Painswick you will look at it with a fresh eye once you have discovered more about its past and the Chronicles to-date have covered many aspects of that history. It makes a fine Christmas present too along with the History Society's other publications (including the legend of the three old men of Painswick - a perfect stocking filler).

Carol Maxwell

## It's All Here in Painswick

Do stop and think about looking in Painswick for your Christmas presents before taking off to jostle with the crowds in a bigger town.

Our shops have so much to offer between them and so much that is a little bit different or unusual. The range of goods is pretty impressive including the decorative, beautiful, delicious, luxurious, readable, useful, fun, unique, pretty, quirky, delightful, scrumptious, sumptuous, outrageous (well, just a little) ... and lots more. There is something for everyone, whatever the age. You can enjoy a range of relaxing and beautifying services too – a real treat for the festive season.

Then there are the eateries and the range available within our midst is the best it has been for many years. All of our restaurants, pubs and cafes are offering excellent seasonal specials over the next few weeks.

Painswick's local businesses offer excellent value, individual service and a warm welcome. They all need your support and you can spend a very pleasant hour or two discovering all sorts of goodies.

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Contributors are reminded of the closing date for copy, as printed on the back page each month; this being a tight cut-off date for our editing the next issue.

- We have noticed, of late, that we sometimes receive two fairly weighty items for an event two months hence. Unfortunately this can mean that we become short of space for the one closest to the date of the event itself, which means we may seek to precis the second one to the disadvantage of the organisers. We much prefer a short 'advance notice' and the most important pre-event item later.

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## Letters

The inclusion of a letter not imply that the Beacon endorses the views expressed.

### Path by Paradise

Terry Lockwood writes from the Coach House in Paradise, praising the path clearance.

He shares "the good news that the GCC Highways Team responded with action taken to clear all the pathways as far as the Royal William! This is a real benefit to all along the Cheltenham Road who prefer to walk (or run) when we can"; and provided this 'before' picture.



"Now we hope that this pathway will be maintained in its improved state - and (can we hope) even improved by the addition of

hope) even improved by the addition of

### Ashwell House Day Centre

Very many thanks to those people who came to support our Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 12th November. We do appreciate the loyal support so many of you give and always welcome newcomers.

Almost £400 was raised which really is an excellent result.

The money goes towards our members' outings during the year and anything special we need for the Day Centre.

Anne Kenber

From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it. - Katharine Whitehorn

### Sue Ryder

A very special thank you for all the support we received on Saturday 8th November when we raised £1,183.71 for the Leckhampton Court Hospice.

The weather was fair, the mince pies and home made biscuits all disappeared, as did the planted pots, cakes etc. My thanks again to all those who gave both time and goods and to all those who came on the day to support our endeavour.

Anne Leoni Co-ordinator for Support Group

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the 'missing' central section? Maybe we can adopt the Obama motto "Yes we can!" Full marks to the Highways Department - this time!"

Terry contacted the Road Safety Department in May and September to request action on the overgrown section of the pavement North of Paradise, pointing out the "very much improved A46 - but what about the pavement? I received an immediate response from a Manager who seemed surprised that it had been allowed to deteriorate to that level.

### Memories

Alison Godsal has written:

I so enjoy reading The Painswick Beacon and it always brings back memories of the very happy days that I spent living in Painswick when my father was Vicar.

We returned for the special All Souls service on 2nd November and we would like to say what a very special service it was. The church was full and the service had been beautifully constructed with very fitting hymns, prayers and sermon, but the final word must go to David Archard who gave a brilliant talk on his

50 years as an undertaker. It was most moving and having experienced the most outstanding help and support that David gave us as a family this year it was even more poignant. David's father Ken was the most wonderful support to my father all those years ago. They too had some great stories! Long may your magazine continue it is such fun to read.

## THE QUIZ 2009

Q. 1 Where is my new diary?

Q. 2 What is the date of the Beacon quiz next year?

A. Saturday  
14th March.

Q.3 Who will be in our team?

### Tchaikovsky - and more

Leslie Brotherton's inspired choice of the recordings of three of Tchaikovsky's most beautiful works was greatly appreciated by a large audience on 30th October. His early masterpiece, the Fantasy Overture "Romeo and Juliet" - simple, then passionate and with an incredible ending - was followed by his First Piano Concerto which opens with a world famous theme and continues with huge contrasts and again a stunning ending. Lastly, his Fifth Symphony, a brooding and very Russian work and extremely evocative. Interspersed we had biographical and musical comments which were very helpful.

On to Richmond, Painswick on 6th November where we were invited for our "Members Night" which was also attended by quite a few residents - we hope that some will become members! It was an enjoyable evening in fine surroundings with Alex playing some of the recordings of our choice.

Ralph Kenber

### Concert in Birmingham

Thanks to the kind arrangements of Stewart Price, the Group attended an excellent concert by the Munich KlangWerwaltung Orchestra conducted by Heinrich Schiff at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham on Friday 14th November.

The programme started with a moving performance of Wagner's Siegfried Idyll followed by the Four Last Songs of Richard Strauss. This was billed as the main item on the programme, with the soprano role sung by Solveig Kringelborn, "one of the most celebrated sopranos to emerge from Scandinavia in recent times". The brochure carried a picture of a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde. Some members of the Group felt that her voice failed to live up to expectations.

After the Interval, we were compensated by a faultless performance of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony, in honour of Napoleon, first performed in 1805.

Richard Burges Watson



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Having retired from the Royal Navy, Colin joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary in 2006, and worked in Gloucester City. From there he joined the Safer Community Team in Stroud in November 2006, and has been recently appointed as PCSO to the villages of Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad.

Colin Drewett joined the Royal Navy as a Junior Radio Operator in 1966, and having been promoted through the ranks retired in 2006 as a commissioned Officer. He was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1988. He has served throughout the world during his military service, and has been fortunate to live in both Italy and Norway with his family for a number of years. He saw active service during the Eastern Mediterranean conflict, Middle East and the Falklands Campaign.

Whilst appointed in an instructors role and responsible for new recruits training, Colin completed a number of counselling courses, including Financial, Relate, Drugs, Bereavement and Welfare.

More recently, Colin has completed voluntary work with the Youth Offending Service as a Community Panel Member, attending panel meetings where young offenders have received referral orders - an innovative and effective way of dealing with first time young offenders. They involve members of the community; youth justice professionals, the offender and their family in working to repair the harm caused by the offence and prevent further re-offending.

Colin's interests include worldwide travel, visiting the theatre, and DIY. He is married to Wendy, a Nursery nurse and they have two daughters, and a granddaughter.

Colin can be contacted via Gloucestershire Police Website [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk) (Stroud SCT link for emails) or 08450.901234



### 'Star Light, Star Bright' 29th November - 3rd January

As part of its 75th Anniversary year, the Gloucestershire Guild presents a glittering Christmas exhibition in the gallery.

There will be sparkling examples of original designer jewellery, sumptuous textiles, shining glass, ceramics and many more beautiful things from the studios and workshops of the guild's members.

Sarah Cant

## Beacon subscribers

21st November	2008-09	Last year
New or renewed after lapsing	64	121
Renewed from last year	520	489
<b>Total including postal</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>610</b>

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## Calling Artists!

As the new group of Trustees at the Painswick Centre settles in, we are devising a programme of events for 2009.

We want to build upon the success of the Jazz on a Sunday concert held in September, when we served ploughman's lunches. The first Jazz event in 2009 is 'pencilled in' for March and details will appear in next month's Beacon. We will also hold another Crafts and Antiques Fair in May. Next December, we will welcome back the Gloucester Salvation Army Brass Band for a seasonal concert.

Meanwhile Jackie Herbert has issued a call to all artists:

*"Is your dream to find quality studio space in central Painswick at an affordable price for 2009?"*

*Would you be willing to provide practical support to help develop such a project?"*

*The Painswick Centre has the accommodation, the facilities and the enthusiasm to establish a permanent Art Studio*

*within its premises, so if you answered 'yes' to either of the above questions please contact Jackie Herbert at sheepphouse@hotmail.com or phone 813229 for more details."*

Jackie's idea is to create a Community Arts Project which would enable local artists to have permanent working studios and gallery space, to be managed on a co-operative basis. This idea follows-on from the fabulous displays of local artists' work in the Cotswold Room in July/August 2008, in parallel with the Summer Exhibition of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen in the main hall.

And there are still more ideas to tell you about, however, you will have to wait until January. In the meantime, the Trustees thank all the users of the Painswick Centre for all their support in 2008 and wish everybody a very happy Christmas.

Jane Rowe and Jackie Herbert

## PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

### NEW APPLICATIONS

PLYLL HOUSE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a field shelter.

AVONLEIGH, HOLLYHOCK LANE. Erection of garden shed.

BEECHVIEW, FAR END, SHEEPS-COMBE. Erection of a replacement dwelling.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, STROUD ROAD. Removal of steps and replace with a ramp.

BEACON HEIGHTS, CHEL-TENHAM ROAD. Erection of replacement dwelling.

ST MARY'S HOUSE, STAMAGES LANE. Re-instate two chimney stacks.

BUTT HOUSE, BUTT GREEN. Replacement windows & French doors.

DAMSELLS MILL COTTAGE, THE PARK. Formation of new access.

PAINSWICK GOLF CLUB, GOLF COURSE ROAD. Replacement of 2 no. antennas, installation of 2 radio equipment cabinets.

WELL COTTAGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. 2 storey extension to side and rear.

BRAESIDE, SLAD. Erection of 2 storey side extension & single storey rear extension.

MARY'S ACRE, STAMAGES LANE. Works to birch tree.

RUDGE HILL HOUSE, EDGE LANE, EDGE. Roof extension & alterations.

### CONSENT

HABRICIA COTTAGE, ELCOMBE, CATSWOOD LANE, SLAD WARD. Raising the level of the roof to match the adjoining cottage, rebuilding the existing rear extension with a green roof to form a new studio, formation of a rear courtyard at first floor level.

HORNBEAMS, SLAD. Erection of an extension and alterations.

WICKSTONE, BISLEY STREET. Erection of extension, installation of satellite dish, installation of mini dish.

SEVENACRES, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE WARD. Increase height of dwelling and replacement roof.

### PLAN WITHDRAWN

WELL COTTAGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. 2 storey rear extension.

## PROPERTY REPORT for December from Hamptons International

Believe me, when I say it is not all doom and gloom. With the biggest cut in interest rates since 1981, it takes them down to 3%, the lowest since 1955. This is something to be excited about and we have seen here in Painswick and across all our Cotswold offices a marked increase in viewings and enquiries since this happened. There is no denying that the current climate has made it much tougher trading conditions but I can however reassure you that providing you are willing to listen to our advice, now is indeed the right time to move.

For sellers there are far fewer properties on the market than this time last year resulting in less competition. Realistic pricing is the key to securing a buyer and price reductions in line with the current climate continue to be the best way of obtaining new interest. If your property has been on the market for 12 months or more you should consider resting the property from the internet and relaunching again after a break. The key is that you should use, don't lose all offers. If you secure a low offer from a proceedable buyer do not immediately reject their bid. It is more than likely that an agreement can be negotiated through your purchase and along the chain and this has worked for a number of recent sales.

Most buyers are buying a home for a long term investment and during this time the property market will inevitably experience periods of decline and growth. Buyers can afford to purchase a big-

ger property than this time last year with some great houses priced some 15% below 2007 prices. It is all relative if you are buying and selling in the same market and unusually different sectors of the market have been affected to different extremes and in some cases those downsizing have benefitted too. Surely now is an excellent time to invest your cash in Bricks and Mortar considering the uncertainty of banks and the low interest rates so not an ideal time for savers. Both buyers and sellers are also beginning to start thinking outside the box as such and this is why Hamptons have set up the Exchange system to help complete chains across the country. (visit hamptons.co.uk for more information)

New instructions: Painswick: Park Edge Barn: a stunning barn conversion, The Garth: a good family house with potential, The New House: a detached 5 bed house in Painswick in 0.3 acres, Sheepscombe- Timbercombe: a beautifully extended 4 bed period house, The Crossing: a large 5 bed family home, Edge:- Stoneways- a modern detached house in a stunning rural location, Cotswold: a period house with stables and 8.5 acres of paddocks/woodland.

Properties under offer or sold: La Combelle in the Park, Springbank in Slad, The Garth and Cleverleys.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Miranda Heynes Manager



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## The Painswick Beacon detailed as far as space permits

# THE VILLAGE DIARY

### DECEMBER

Sat	6	Knitwear Sale: Great labels at even greater prices: lambs-wool, cashmere, botany etc. Great Christmas presents Conservatives Christmas Mince Pies party - cancelled New Year event to be held on 10 January	Town Hall	10.30am to 2.30pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party, (location check 812709) Chief Constable - 'Faith in the Flood' (p.4)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	8	Short Mat Bowls (Mondays) contact 813627 Bird Club: field trip - Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust Community Lunch: Hosts - Margaret Hodge Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	St.Mary's Church Town Hall Slimbridge Christ Church Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	4.00pm 10.30am & 6.30pm 10.45am 12.00noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	9	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class Yew Trees WI: Puds & Puzzles Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm
Wed	10	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Theatre Club outing to Malvern Soul Café - Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev H Whyte Parish Council Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall The Falcon Christ Church Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 1.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30 to 10.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am
Thu	11	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance - Thursdays Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 10.00am
Fri	12	Country Market - coffee available Council vacancy: closing date per election (p.6) Friday Club: Christmas Lunch Bingo Evening for Cobalt Appeal: Mince Pies & Coffee (p.5)	Town Hall Christ Church Royal Oak Christ Church	7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm
Sat	13	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert (p.8) Dan Maslen's popular monthly acoustic set	Christ Church Croft School Library Green Room	7.00pm 10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Mon	15	Croft School juniors Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.00pm
Tue	16	Everyman Pantomime workshop at school Story time (p.16) December play reading	Croft School Library Green Room Shires Room, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm 10.00am 7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Better Lucky than Talented - Geoff Clark Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Shires Room, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	18	Painswickian nominations close (p.3)		
Fri	19	Christmas Market - last Country Market before Christmas - reopens 16 January (p.8)	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	20	Return of the Fabulous Soulettes girls doowap ensemble	Royal Oak	
Sun	21	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party, (location check 812709) Local Mummers traditional Christmas Play	Painswick Beacon Royal Oak	10.00am to 1.00pm 1.00pm
Fri	26	Boxing Day Walk (p.5)	ex Stamages	10.00am to midday
Sat	27	<b>Copy deadline for January Beacon</b>		
Wed	31	End of Year Party: Merengue & Salsa Band; food by Olivas Delicatessen. £85 per person - booking necessary Dick Chair & the Sunloungers return to lead singing to welcome in the New Year	Painswick Centre Royal Oak	8.00pm to 2.00am
JANUARY				
Wed	7	Probus: Old Inns of Gloucester - Philip Moss	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	8	Music Appreciation Group - Strauss	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm



Sat	<b>10</b>	<b>January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Conservatives New Year Party: £7 to include glass of wine & finger Church Rooms snacks. Tel: 814452 / 813841 / 813259 / 812156		
Sun	<b>11</b>	Plough Sunday service (p.16)	St.Mary's Church	4.00pm
Tue	<b>13</b>	Auditions for Painswick Players Spring Production - <i>Gaslight</i> (p.5)	Painswick Centre	
Fri	<b>16</b>	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Mon	<b>19</b>	Community Lunch - Hosts CTAP	Christ Church Hall	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	<b>20</b>	Local History Society: Pubs & Breweries of the Stroud Valleys - Geoff Sandles	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>21</b>	Probus: Neither Rhyme or Reason - Ron Nott Women's Fellowship: "A Policeman's Lot" - Harold Clarke	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	<b>22</b>	CTAP Christian Unity Week Talk & Afternoon Tea Music Appreciation Group - Concert	Church Rooms Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sun	<b>25</b>	CTAP Unity Agape - an evening celebrating our shared Christianity	Christ Church Hall	6.30pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Tue	<b>3</b>	Bird Club: World Wild Fowl and their conservation - Graham Maples	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	<b>4</b>	Probus: British Energy -Future Energy Policy - David Norfolk	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	<b>5</b>	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation Group - Glazunov	Ashwell House Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>12</b>	Music Appreciation Group - Outing to Welsh National Opera; The Elixir of Love - Donizetti	Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay	7.15pm
Sat	<b>14</b>	Valentine Tapas Candle-lit Romantic Evening Theatre Club to Malvern - 812332	Olivas Delicatessen from The Falcon	6.30 to 10.30pm 1.00pm
Tue	<b>17</b>	Local History Society: A Briggs/Archard Production	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>18</b>	Probus: Woodchester Mansion - Brian Wollaston Women's Fellowship: The Lillian Elizabeth Foundation - Frances Jones	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
<b>MARCH</b>				
Tue	<b>3</b>	Bird Club: The Beauty of Spain - birds, mammals & wild flowers of the Spanish Mountains - Mike Robinson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	<b>4</b>	Probus: Wine Tasting - Paul Sparks	Church Rooms	10.00am
Sat	<b>14</b>	Beacon Village Quiz (p.19)	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Tue	<b>17</b>	Local History Society: Stroudwater Navigation - Bruce Hall	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>18</b>	Probus: A Fun Look at Wills - Cameron Petrie Women's Fellowship: Service	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	<b>21</b>	Painswick Music Soc. Concert - Schubert Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sat	<b>4</b>	Painswick Music Soc. Concert - Chloe Hanslip (violin) & Ashley Wass (piano)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	<b>8</b>	Probus: Painswick Through the Ages - David Archard	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Wed	<b>15</b>	Women's Fellowship: Holidays in Greenland - Pamela Sparrow	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Sat	<b>18</b>	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning Painswick Music Soc. Concert - Da Vinci Trio	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12noon 3.00pm
Tue	<b>21</b>	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	<b>22</b>	Probus: AGM	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	<b>24</b>	<b>&amp; 25-26</b> Painswick Players Spring Production	Painswick Centre	
<b>MAY</b>				
Sat	<b>2</b>	Painswick Music Soc. Concert - The Barbirolli Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	<b>19</b>	Local History Society - Outing	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Wed	<b>20</b>	Women's Fellowship: Fun of Gardening - Chris Evans		
<b>JUNE</b>				
Tue	<b>16</b>	Local History Society - AGM	Croft School	7.30pm

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to MARK and FIONA BURGESS WATSON on the birth in Tokyo on 24th September of their daughter, Louisa, a sister for William and Edward and a fifth grandchild for Ann and Richard Burges Watson,

also congratulations to DEBBIE and NICK BOON of 9 Stamages Lane on the birth of their daughter Harriet Violet on 20th October,  
and to TIM and KERSTIN FRIEND whose daughter Abi Alexander was born on 4th November.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome HUGO MOULTON and ZOE THOMAS to 9 Berry Close from Leckhampton; Hugo lived in Painswick with his parents Rod and Stephanie Moulton first in Bisley Street and then in Butt Green before he attended the University of Gloucestershire;

also we would like to correct the previous welcome to LIZZIE and PAUL DUNCKLEY, with their son Sam whose daughter's name is Isabel (not Gabrielle);

also to CAROLINE and DAVE WOODS and SAM CHESHIRE who have recently moved into Hillside Cottage, Paradise.

## Moved

JOAN WELLS has moved to Halecroft in Stamages Lane

## Greetings

We were pleased to have a visit from HELEN DUNLOP from Toronto, our distant subscriber who came over on her fifteenth visit during what she said was a colder spell in Painswick than in Canada.

## Best wishes

Our best wishes to KATHY WARRINER who started work at The Shrubberies Special Needs School on 3rd November. Cathy has worked in the Pharmacy in vacations from university and will continue to do so on Saturdays.

## Did you see?

The Nature Reserve Manager in the November 'Cotswold Life' our own PETER BRADSHAW who was photographed with his elder son Alfie on his shoulders. He was writing about the Painswick Beacon as a centre for wildlife, butterflies and wild flowers, particularly bee orchids on the fringes of the golf course.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JOHN PARFITT, LUNA CAMPBELL, HILDA MUSTY and IAN STIRRUP who have all been unwell recently.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JUNE CRANE, RON LEMORT and JACK CAUSON who have all died recently.

We occasionally receive a photograph for inclusion in the Personal Column, and this is always appreciated. However, we cannot guarantee to use every one if space does not permit.

## Personal messages

Hilda Musty would like to thank everyone for their care & concern for her at this time and for the many cards, letters and flowers she has received.

She is unable to send out her usual Christmas cards and would like to wish all friends and acquaintances Season's Greetings.

Keith Crane, Elizabeth, Sue and their families would like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbours for all the cards, letters and telephone calls received since the loss of June who passed away on 8th November.

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**Black kid gloves**, ladies, were found in the Church Rooms late on 7th November. Will be pleased to reunite with hands. 813101

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**Bobbin lace pillow** £10, Quality twill fabric, buff colour, 4 metres, 60" wide, suitable trousers/slacks £10, Tapestry wool, Elizabeth Bradley, black, 8 large skeins. 813162

**Small automatic car** wanted for local runs. Appearance not important. A good service history would be nice. Phone 812700

**Epson Photo 915** colour printer c2004 with several spare cartridges - some full. Occasional colour malfunction. Donation to charity and it is yours. 813101

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## January Beacon

Although our printers, Inky Little Fingers, of Churcham outside Gloucester, could just about manage to run off the January issue for the first Saturday of the month, it would be a tight timetable for its preparation, require contributors to give us copy during Christmas itself, and not be very fair on our distributors.

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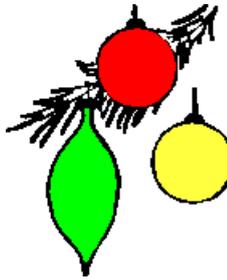
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## Memories

Pupils from Croft School learn from the experiences of those who were 'there'.  
See the report on page 13.



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The Beacon committee are very much aware of the selflessness of these all-weather volunteers, and on your and our behalf invited them to a finger buffet where Celia and our Chairman Richard Aspinall expressed everyone's appreciation.



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