

# The Painswick Beacon

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## A46 - Almost time for celebration?

Seven months after the flooding and landslip that caused its closure, the A46 should re-open in a couple of weeks. The official view from Gloucestershire County Council is that, in spite of the recent inclement weather, the re-opening is on schedule and the road will re-open on 15th February.

The Council says the project team fully understand the inconvenience that the closure has meant for members of the public and all those involved have been working extremely hard throughout the daylight hours despite recent heavy rain and snow to get the road re-opened as soon as possible. A detailed report appears on page 4.

To get a ground level view, we held a quick 'vox pops' with three workers on site. Two out of the three said that 'with a bit of luck, we'll be there or thereabouts' on 15th February. The third was noncommittal but said he was from BT and he was there to plan replacing the ducting containing the fibre optic cables unearthed during the works. Would this mean digging up the road again, we asked. "Oh no", he said, "We can do that before they finish surfacing the road". Was he crossing his fingers as he said that...?

And re-opening can't come too soon for the minor rat runs which have borne the strain of the last six months. Wick Street, in particular, is breaking up to reveal man-sized pot holes in places.

Meanwhile John Pearson, proprietor of The Falcon Inn, has suggested to the Parish Council that there should be a street party to celebrate the re-opening and he has offered to 'front run' the event. The Council has welcomed the idea and, as we go to press, discussions are taking place to decide the format and the timing. If it is to be a street party with a road closed off - and yes, there is a certain irony to closing a road to celebrate re-opening a road - then the lead time to gain the necessary permissions suggests the event taking place some time after the A46 actually re-opens. An alternative venue - Stamages Lane car park, for example - would make a simultaneous celebration alongside the re-opening more likely.

BBC Radio Gloucestershire and other media organisations are known to be keen to cover the 'Relief of Painswick' first hand.



## More celebrations?

Many Painswickians - though not all - were also in a mood to celebrate on Tuesday 22nd January, after a packed public meeting voted by 137 to 56 to give the go ahead for the Painswick Gateway project to enter its implementation phase and for the Trustees to acquire the Library premises from the County Council for £112,000.

Addressing some 200 fellow Painswickians crowded into Christ Church, Edward Young, chairman of the Gateway project 'shadow' trustees, chaired a lively but good humoured debate during which the scheme's rationale, viability and its possible effect on other venues were tested. The Gateway project, which is based on bringing together again the component parts of the former Painswick School as a multi-use centre, housing library and information services, meeting facilities, and selected commercial activities, now

moves into a first implementation phase.

A full report appears on page 3.

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## ... and a Quality act



On Wednesday 23rd January, the Parish Council was formally presented with its Quality Parish Council Accreditation. The picture shows Lance Allan, retiring Chairman of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC), handing over the Accreditation Certificate to Council Vice Chairman, Martin Slinger, Chairman, Terry Parker being unable to attend due to illness.

Also pictured is Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin.

*On other pages:* a lollipop job at The Croft... WI goes West... Snowdrops... Snow White and a not particularly tall Magnificent Seven... Town Hall T'ai Chi... cor blimey - it's Richmond!... moving pictures for Painswick?... Pasta 'n Puds for Christ Church... Probus out on the town... 8 quizzical on the 8th? To 'B' or not to 'B' on the A46? and yet more on Gateway...



**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Nutgrove House – wall**

The committee received information, in response to its further enquiry of the District Council, that the short run of single course new wall below the railings outside this property had been examined by its Senior Conservation Officer who was of the opinion that the material used is natural stone and therefore complied with that specified in the planning application. The Parish Council continues to regard this assertion as erroneous, its own assessment being that the material is essentially concrete. In this circumstance an issue of principle arises in that it becomes pointless for the Parish Council to do its utmost to play a positive part in the planning process, as is its right and duty, if SDC officers can over-rule local knowledge (in this instance expert) and report upon breeches of planning intentions and conditions.

District Councillor Barbara Tait undertook to investigate.

**Planning applications - electronic submission**

In response to government draft guidelines the SDC had circulated proposals within which applications for planning approval might be submitted electronically, thereby saving much paper and time. The proposals would be examined by Members and comments forwarded shortly.

**Supplementary planning guidance – extension etc**

The committee received a guide-line document drafted by SDC with regard to home extensions, conservatories, conversion of outbuildings, etc. Member's comments were required for response by 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman indicated that he regarded this was a most helpful document.

**External lighting - Richmond Painswick**

Martin Slinger expressed concerns conveyed to him that the lighting around the pathways on this site was somewhat brighter than expected. The Chairman undertook to examine the approved plans and comment at the next meeting.

**Surface water over run – Richmond Painswick**

Terry Parker reported concerns expressed by a Queens Mead resident that during the recent exceptionally heavy rainfall surface water was running off this site because of seemingly inadequate drainage, on one occasion causing stacked soil to run into his garden and pool without hindrance; comparable run off was also experienced by some Cotswold Mead residents. Martin Slinger pointed out that flooding of the lower part of this site had a long history. The committee agreed that they would be vigilant in seeking an indication of how such would be counteracted in any future planning application.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Re-opening of A46 – celebration**

The Council received a suggestion from John Pearson, proprietor of The Falcon Inn, that a street party or its equivalent be held on the day that traffic could once again use the A46 at Salmon Springs, and offered to 'front run' organisation if such were desired. The Council, having received updated assurances of completion of works by 15<sup>th</sup> February, welcomed such a suggestion and undertook to discuss the idea further with Mr Pearson immediately so that adequate publicity could be put in place.

**Feasibility study – community halls**

The Council, now that the Painswick Gateway proposals are in the public domain and to be determined on 22nd January, undertook to convene a preliminary meeting of interested parties as soon as is practicable after that date to discuss the best way in which to achieve an appraisal.

**National Trail and interpretation centre**

Chairman Terry Parker reported that he and Leslie Brotherton had attended a meeting convened by Gloucestershire First on 20<sup>th</sup> December at which the proposals from Painswick had been, they were assured, incorporated in a submission for funding. (See report page 2 last month.)

**Emergency planning – Stroud District**

The Council noted the intention of Stroud District Council to convene a meeting with representatives of Parish and Town Councils on 11<sup>th</sup> February to discuss setting up arrangements

which could be brought into operation in the event of future emergencies. It was reported that the preliminary action already taken by Painswick in this regard had been admired.

**Fairtrade Village**



The Council received notice that Painswick had gained recognition as a Fairtrade Village and that a formal presentation of that accolade would be made in the Town Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March by David Drew MP.

**Summer Event 2008**

The Council undertook to consider a strong suggestion made by local young people that an event be programmed in the summer which would be attractive to villagers and visitors. Three, Terry Parker, Ann Daniels and Martin Slinger undertook to meet with the Dog Show committee in order to see if a joint event could be arranged with the focus being on the Recreation Field, and a date announced soon.

**Councillor – recruitment and training**

The Clerk reported that the District Council is arranging training opportunities for residents contemplating offering themselves for election at parish or town council elections in May this year. Details are available at the Council's office.

Local elections this year will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May when the whole of the Parish Council will be due for election, together with one of the two District Councillors (presently Barbara Tait). It was noted, also, that the cost of a contested election for the Parish Council would be about £3162, a charge to the Council's own budget.

**Painswick Gateway – Prospectus**

Introducing this item the Chairman pointed out that this was the first opportunity the Council had to comment upon the Prospectus and business plan published by the 'shadow' village trustees set up early last year by the Parish Council to consider the manner in which the library and its premises might be purchased and developed for the village. Chairman of the trustees Edward Young, together with most of his colleagues were present and answered questions raised by councillors.

Letters received by the Council from Alan Shearer, Francis Otway and David Allott were read out. Points raised in these, some of which were echoed by Councillors, included possible apathy of Painswickians towards the proposed enterprise, activities on the 'Gateway' site affecting the future viability of other meeting places with collective income generated being spread more thinly, a decision upon proceeding with the plans in the Prospectus being effectively decided – as in so many other important matters these days – by a minority of the community.

The Council decided that its expressing a collective opinion upon detail within the Prospectus prior to the public meeting being held on the following Tuesday would be improper; the decision as to whether to support the recommendations it contains being entirely a matter for the public. Members would attend the public meeting as individuals in their own right. A lively discussion ensued, this enabling councillors to obtain a deeper understanding of aspects of the proposals.

Terry Parker and members expressed their appreciation of the considerable work undertaken by the trustees and their drawing so much information together in the published Prospectus. The trustees were, however, reminded that their role was totally independent of the Parish Council and that such extended to financial matters. Norrie Curtis observed, at the end of the lengthy discussion, that he felt the concept contained in the Prospectus had the underlying support of the Council even if some of the detail appeared to be unresolved.

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# Gateway inches open...

On Tuesday 22nd January, by a majority of more than two to one, a packed public meeting gave the go ahead for the Painswick Gateway project to enter its implementation phase and for the Trustees to acquire the Library premises from the County Council.

Addressing some 200 fellow Painswickians crowded into Christ Church, Edward Young, chairman of the Gateway project 'shadow' trustees, outlined the key points of the scheme as set out in the Prospectus and Outline Business Plan, which had been widely circulated in advance of the meeting and summarised in last month's Beacon. Essentially, the community was being offered the Library building by Gloucestershire County Council at a concessionary price of £112,000 on the basis that it would remain in community use for at least 3 - 5 years and that it would form the focal point of a wider community project. This would bring together once again the component parts of the former Painswick School as a multi-use centre, which would house library and information services, meeting and small event facilities, and selected commercial activities currently lacking in Painswick. A major spin-off benefit of the project would be a new pedestrian access from Stamages Lane car park to the heart of Painswick. To help all this happen, the County Council was also offering a revenue grant of £15,000 a year for at least the next two years, which would largely pay for the operating costs of the library service.

Reviewing progress since the inaugural public meeting 12 months ago, he said that the 190 pledges of financial support received from individual Painswickians had been key to moving the project from one of simply rescuing the library to the emergence of bigger project with wider community objectives. He emphasised that the guiding principle throughout the development of the project was that Gateway should collaborate with and complement other organisations, venues and facilities in Painswick and not compete with them. And far from increasing the supply of meeting rooms/venues in Painswick, the project would enable three halls to close and one new one to open.

Overall, this was an exciting opportunity to attract people and business to Painswick, to be a valuable asset to the local community and to become an important part of Painswick's heritage. He finished by emphasising that if the Gateway proposals were rejected by the meeting, the inevitable result would be that the library would close, the building would be sold on for commercial development and an historic opportunity would be lost to Painswick forever.

There followed a lively but good-humoured debate during which many critical questions were asked and strong views expressed on both sides of the argument. However, regardless of the views expressed, most speakers congratulated the Trustees on the work that had been done over the past year.

Questions were raised concerning the commitment of the County Council to contribute financially to the provision of the proposed library services beyond 2009, when County Council elections could throw up new priorities for an in-coming administration. Some questioned the practicality and quality of a library service run by part-time Gateway staff and volunteers.

Others queried the realism of the outline business plan, both

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in terms of the anticipated refurbishment costs and the revenue assumptions being made. Was there real long-term financial viability and, if not, what would happen?

Edward Young accepted that many of the assumptions involved an act of faith but that the 'shadow' Trustees had had to make the best assumptions they could and based their estimates on the best available professional advice. The additional capital funding needed over the next two years was by no means in the bag, but at least the sources of funding had been identified and there were indications that the money would be available. In the final analysis, the project was underpinned by the asset value of the buildings.

The complementary nature of the project was strongly disputed by a number of speakers. David Archard challenged the need for another café/ bistro in Painswick. John Pearson from The Falcon saw Gateway as unnecessary competition in an already crowded market place and commented, "You'll be cutting my throat!"

This view was supported by Ralph Drew on behalf of the Painswick Centre who said that the Centre generated £25,000 from 'selling space' last year, with an average utilisation of just 33%. He feared competition from Gateway: they would be addressing the same market and they would be seeking financial support from the same sources of funding. "Gateway could mean we don't survive", he concluded.

These views were disputed partly on the basis that the different venues would attract different users and also, drawing on the example of the recent rejuvenation of Nailsworth, that Gateway could provide a way of substantially increasing the overall market by raising the profile of Painswick. Janet Groves of the Fiery Beacon, in particular, said that she thought Gateway was a 'fantastic project and an exciting opportunity which was good for Painswick and would attract people to the village.'

On behalf of the Parish Council, Terry Parker emphasised that whilst the Council congratulated the Trustees in the work they had done and had been broadly supportive of the Gateway concept, it was not in a position to underwrite the project in any way. He also commented it should be borne in mind that, in the event of its failing, the commercial value of the property underpinning the project depended on a change of use in planning terms being granted.


The meeting ended with a 'paper' vote. After a suspenseful ten minutes or so of frantic counting, the result was announced: 137 votes in favour, 56 against and 10 abstentions. Gateway - at any rate, the next phase - is open for business!

JRB

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# A46 Progress Report

The following A46 progress report has been provided by Marcus Anning, Project Manager for Gloucestershire Highways.

With the piling works complete before Christmas, the final phase of the work is now in progress, which comprises:

- Excavation of unsuitable material from the new carriageway area
- Pile cropping
- Construction of the capping beam (a reinforced concrete beam joining the tops of the piles and retaining the road structure)
- Installation of carriageway sub-grade drainage
- Installation of new BT chambers and ducts
- Repairs to existing highway drainage
- Reinstatement of carriageway sub-grade
- Installation of new kerbs
- Installation of new footway
- Installation of new carriageway surfacing
- Installation of pedestrian guardrail
- Site Clearance and tidy up

These works are being undertaken by Gloucestershire Highways with the assistance of our supply chain partners. Mobilisation of this phase of work started immediately after the New Year with works on site commencing on 7th January. The target date for re-opening the road to traffic remains 15th February. To achieve this date, we are working seven days a week commencing at first light in the morning and working through until darkness. Since 7th January, the following work has been completed:

- The unsuitable material has been removed from the new area of carriageway construction
- All of the piles have been cropped down to the correct level and the blinding concrete for the capping beam has been placed
- The sub-grade drainage to the front of the capping beam has been installed and is already working well
- The reinforcement to the first of the three sections of capping beam has been fixed, permanent formwork installed and concrete poured.

Work now in progress comprises:

- Fixing of the reinforcement for the remaining two sections of capping beam is in progress, with the second section nearing completion.
- Installation of the permanent formwork is also in progress, with backfill of the excavation following behind the capping beam works.

BT are also currently on site and in the process

of constructing the new chambers ready for installation of the diverted BT ducts.

Weather conditions (heavy rain/snow) over the weekend of 11th January to 14th January made working conditions difficult and slowed progress. Providing we do not experience any further prolonged adverse weather, we remain confident that the road will be re-opened to traffic on the 15th February 2008.

However, the recent heavy rain has caused damage (a drainage chamber located in the pedestrian route has burst into the working area) and identified a number of other drainage problems (opposite Painswick Valley Car Sales and at the pumping station to the north of the site). Although additional resources will be brought in to address the latter issues, it will not be possible to repair the chamber until the pedestrian route can be relocated to the opposite side of the road. It is, therefore, proposed that this work will take place after the road has re-opened and under off-peak traffic signals.

Other than the burst drainage chamber, the integrity of the site has been unaffected by the recent heavy rain. Although there is a significant amount of ground water movement (springs within the site area) and the adjacent stream levels are high, embankment stability monitoring has not identified any movement or indication that the embankment stability has reduced, or any movement has taken place.

Regular sweeping / cleaning of the A46 continues to be undertaken daily. The pedestrian / public access route is still being maintained. There were no safety related, or other incidents reported over the last week.



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# The A46 and the HGVs – To B...?

At the suggestion of other local residents, Ann and Charles Dorman have put together a petition addressed to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Transport and Gloucestershire County Council asking that the A46 between the Brockworth Roundabout and Salmon Springs be classified as a "B" road.

They say that, as everyone living in the Painswick area is aware, the A46, our main north/south road artery, has been closed at Salmon Springs since the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Following the heavy rain in the middle of January 2008, a short section of the road between Painswick and Pitchcombe has once again failed as it did in July 2007. In fact subsidence on the A46 between the Brockworth roundabout and Salmon Springs has now occurred six times since 2002 with either partial or complete closure of the road.

They believe a probable contributing factor to the weakening of the road structure is the use of the A46 by heavy goods vehicles. Re-classification as a "B" road would make it possible for weight restrictions to be imposed which should reduce damage done to the road. It would also hopefully reduce occurrences of subsidence and the resulting severe inconvenience, especially if complete closure should happen again.

Anyone interested in supporting this petition will find copies at Londis, The Royal Oak, The Falcon, the Post Office and the Pharmacy. Please enter your name, address and signature. If you would like a petition sheet for your area, please contact Ann and Charles on 814548. Closing date is the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008.



## ...or not to B?

A different perspective comes in an email from Graham Lilley from Edge. He notes that the Parish Council has agreed to seek the views of all other parishes to the proposal that HGV traffic should be permanently re routed away from the Brockworth-Stroud section, ie through Painswick, and comments:

"This sounds suspiciously like the old chestnut of encouraging such traffic to use the Brookthorpe-Stroud route via the A4173 to me and, as the Edge representative on the Parish Council will no doubt confirm, there is little enthusiasm for such a proposal in Edge and Pitchcombe who already bear their own share of traffic. Unless HGV traffic is prohibited from using unsuitable roads and is directed to and from Gloucester and Stroud via the Motorway or A38, this proposal will certainly not get my vote."

Commenting on behalf of the Parish Council, Terry Parker said that the Parish Council had asked the County Council for an HGV weight restriction to be introduced on the A46 between Brockworth and Stroud. Such a restriction would exclude local access and emergency vehicles. Pitchcombe Parish Council had also written and the request has been supported by other parish councils whose parishes straddle the A46. The issue of a weight restriction has been raised on a number of occasions in the past but the collapse of the A46 at Salmon Springs and repeated problems at other places along the route such as Coopers Hill has strengthened the parish councils' opinion that a weight restriction is required. In

seeking a weight restriction Painswick Parish Council is mindful that such a restriction could adversely affect other roads within the parish and it has regularly stated that a weight restriction on the A46 would also have to be imposed on the A4173 (Edge) and A4070 (Slad) roads.

In his reply to the Parish Council, Martyn Midgley of the Highways Department, refers to the considerable reduction in the volume of HGVs using the A46. He says that the period between 1993 and 2003 saw a 70% decrease in HGV traffic. That compares very favourably with the rest of the county which saw an average growth of 2.6% per annum on principal roads. Referring specifically to the Parish Council's comments about HGV loading and A46 subsidence, Mr Midgley says that the Salmon Springs landslip repairs have been designed to take HGV loading. He further comments that "It is worth noting that the primary cause of the landslip was a geotechnical failure brought about by a combination of high ground water levels and scour caused by the July 2007 floods. Unfortunately, the geology of the Stroud Valleys is such that some movement will continue to take place, with or without HGV loading."

However, Mr Midgeley does say that "without being completely dismissive of your request, I can assure you that HGV traffic in the county is something the County Council is very concerned about and is looking at as part of developing a 'Lorry Management Strategy'. The aim of the strategy is to further ensure that HGVs use the most appropriate routes.

We are particularly concerned at the impact of HGV movements in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). To address this, we propose to introduce a number of 'lorry management zones'. The first trial zone is presently being developed. Within this zone key HGV routes will be identified for through and local journeys and those to be used to gain access for loading and unloading. Area wide weight restrictions are likely to be introduced on all other roads. Specific exemptions may however need to be granted to meet very special needs. This approach has been implemented successfully in other areas in the UK (e.g., Leicestershire). It will help find optimal solutions which both protect the communities and environment whilst ensuring the safe and efficient servicing of industry transport needs. Atkins (Highways Consultations) have been commissioned by the County Council to develop the first trial zone. The A46 and Painswick falls within the area."

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This team is a great group of people who work well and effectively together. Frustratingly, our local team is not up to its full complement and this is



where you could be of help. Why not consider joining the Painswick firefighting team? Just think of all the benefits, not least of which would be membership of an outstanding and very likeable team. If you are aged between 18 and 65 you are eligible. It's also noticeable that there is a dearth of ladies, well none actually, in the Painswick team, so come on girls.

On Wednesday, 13th February, there will be a recruitment evening at the station in Pullens Road when you can find out more if you're interested and try out the equipment. Why not come along and see for yourselves what it's all about? Everyone is welcome between 7.00-9.00pm.

If you can't make the 13th there will be similar evenings at other stations (to be advertised on posters locally) and if you would like to enquire about joining, telephone 01452.753333 and ask for personnel.

Carol Maxwell

## Painswick crime down... a bit

Statistics passed to the Beacon by our allocated PC, Reuben Wyatt, show that reported crime last year in Painswick was down a bit (5%) from 161 cases in 2006 to 153 in 2007.

To put this performance in perspective, Painswick accounts for more than half of the crimes committed on PC Wyatt's patch, which comprises ten other villages (Cranham, Avening, Bibury, Somerford Keynes, Poole Keynes, Kemble, Harescombe, Pitchcombe, Winstone, Coln St Aldwyns) and, whilst Painswick has seen a modest decline in reported crime, the patch as a whole has seen a fall of almost a third. Indeed, Painswick is actually second from bottom in the 'Law-abiding League', only Avening being worse, where there seems to have been something of a crime wave, cases having increased by 24% to 45 last year.

Meanwhile, nine crimes were reported in December in Painswick:

Theft from motor vehicle	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Assault	1
Theft	2
Burglary	2
Other	2



## WI goes West



How does a trip to the National Parks in Utah and Arizona in gloomy February sound?

The members of Yew Trees WI will be going there 'by proxy' on Tuesday the 26th, when Bob Price will be giving

them an illustrated talk on his trip round The Grand Circle. Ladies, a warm welcome awaits you at 7.30 pm in The Town Hall – do come and join us.

In mid January members had a very enjoyable trip nearer to home, when they were entertained to tea at Richmond Village. After bombarding Susie Oakley with questions and devouring a delicious cream tea, members were delighted to have the opportunity of a comprehensive tour.

Celia Lougher

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## Have you seen the Rococo snowdrops this year?

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It is, of course, easy to ignore what is available on one's doorstep so to speak, but a visit to the garden at this time of year is always so rewarding. The spectacle of great drifts of snowdrops in every direction will bring cheer even on the dreariest of days. And we should not forget that the Rococo Garden is the only one of its kind in the country. It is a real gem and the result of vision and hard work – it was unrecognizable, nothing but a jungle of fallen trees and bramble, only twenty years ago.

For the last few years the snowdrops have begun to open in January. Those in question tend to be the slightly more unusual varieties with the more common ones making their grand appearance in February. The first to open this year are those planted more recently above the maze. The display goes on into February and, as Paul Moir points out, a cold dry spell in the weather will prolong the show.

Many of the Rococo snowdrops have grown there naturally for decades, or perhaps even longer, and these have been added to with new plant-

ings in recent years. Worthy of note is the *Galanthus Atkinsii*, a splendid tall variety named after James Atkins in the 1860s, a botanist who lived in Rose Cottage, Butt Green. And if you look carefully you will occasionally spot a flower with four petals instead of the usual three, (exactly what Paul is looking at, in the photograph).

These graceful elegant little flowers of all varieties cover approximately two acres in the garden. Great masses of brilliant white greet you everywhere, and here and there are patches of gorgeous pink cyclamen too.

The garden is open seven days a week from 11.00am-5.00pm. The tearoom serves good home-made food including soup made from the garden's own vegetables. It tends to be very busy at weekends so weekday visits are recommended if possible.

As I sat in the tearoom on a wet afternoon in January, three drowned rats on a visit from Upton-St-Leonards came in from the garden, declaring "They're lovely. If you're going to get wet you might as well enjoy getting wet!" Do go and look for



yourself, whatever the weather. You won't be disappointed and you will be supporting our unique and beautiful garden.

A full account of the history and development of the Rococo Garden has been written by Paul Moir and Richard Dickinson in Painswick Chronicle No.10.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# News from The Croft



## World Food Day

The Croft School Council Committee visited Shire Hall with the councils from other schools that supported the World Food Day appeal. The children were invited to bring a minimum donation of 11p (the cost of a meal for a child in a developing country) at harvest time. The children were given a certificate recording the fact that the school collected enough to provide 773 meals: a magnificent achievement.

## Thanks To The PTA

The hardworking PTA committee has recently agreed to fund a whole range of extra activities for the children. These include the Life Education Van visit, the Space Odyssey planetarium, science workshops, a healthy eating show, an environmental show, a cookery demonstration by Rob Rees, the Cotswold Chef and a story telling drama workshop for reception children. Every child in the school will benefit from at least four different shows or activities.

PTA members also organised an Infants New Year Party, which included a Magic Show by Mr Fizz, with music and dancing to finish.

## Instrument Purchase Scheme

The AIP (Assisted Instrument Purchase) Scheme provides you with the opportunity to buy an instrument at a reduced price. Gloucestershire Music is able to sell instruments free from VAT to pupils who receive lessons through the county Teaching Scheme or are members of a County Music Group. The Scheme is not available to adults or to pupils receiving lessons outside of LEA provision.

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## House Captains

Congratulations to this term's house captains:

- BEACON: Georgia Wilcock Ford
- JUNIPER: Catriona Cookson
- RUDGE: Sebastian Hewitt

## School Council

The children elected to serve on the School Council until Easter are:

- Year 6: Ralf Eady Gately and Louise Davies Boulton
- Reserves: Caitlin Workman and Edward Gamble
- Year 5: Grace Ruddy and Max Simpson
- Reserves: George Jones and Francesca Mowatt
- Year 4: Dominic Perris and Cara Cox
- Reserves: Georgina Churchley and Freddie Whittaker
- Year 3: Beth Hiatt and William Robinson
- Reserves: Harry Lovell and Nina Perry
- Year 2: Joe Jakeway and Caitlin Lynam
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Could you be responsible for the safety of children? If you're interested, then please contact Mrs Hoyle at the school Tel. 812479



## Senses Challenge at Playgroup

This term, the children at Painswick Playgroup have been talking and learning about the five senses – hear, see, smell, taste and feel. For 'feel', the children felt different textures like pasta, jelly and beans through 'feely' bags and covered dishes.

As Playleader Beaty Bell said, "The little ones came up with quite a few unusual and surprising guesses of what was inside each dish or bag."

Another activity this term is the celebration of Chinese New Year – 2008 is the year of the Rat. The children will be dressing up, enjoying craft activities and attempting to eat Chinese food with chopsticks! No mean feat for a three year old!

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# Local History Teaser

In keeping with the age of the celebrity which now abounds our picture indicates that Painswick was well ahead of this current trend by over a hundred years. Taken in about 1897 (hence the poor quality) in Painswick, the photograph shows a young lady who was to become very famous. Can you name her, say where you think the photograph was taken and why she was in Painswick. Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's rather topical photograph showed Ray Griffiths drawing water from the well at Woodside Stockend circa 1950. Our thanks to Paul Griffiths for providing the picture. Paul explains that until 1958, every drop of water for his family, for the cattle to drink, to cool the milk and for general dairy use had to be saved off roofs or dragged up out of the ground. The Woodside water was used for drinking as it had been dug onto a spring. The Griffiths' well was dug down to the water table and would dry up at times. Both these and the well in Paul's Victorian pump house at Edge are about fifty to sixty feet deep. Only fifty years on and we take so much for granted.

If you have a photograph which you think would pose an interesting challenge to readers we would love to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell



## ... and Painswick Local History Society

### The Painswick Institute

On Tuesday 15th January, David Archard and Helen Briggs once again entertained something over 60 members of the society with yet another of their Briggs - Archard performances. This time they told us something of the history of the Institute (now the Painswick Centre) and of some of the performances there over the years.

The Painswick Mechanic's Institute had been formed originally in 1856 and a few years later in 1870, having become a middle class club, it dropped the word "Mechanics" from the title. In 1881 it was combined with a coffee tavern in New Street in a building until recently occupied by Painswick Stores and now by Painswick Fabrics. Having outgrown this building it moved across the road to the house next to the Town Hall now known as the Lamp House.

However, in 1906 on account of the generosity of Mrs. Frances Williams (formerly Mrs. Perrins of the Lea & Perrins family), mother-in-law of the vicar, Mr W H Seddon, the present Institute building was erected and the opening ceremony held in September 1907. The part nearest the road was built very much in the Arts & Crafts style, and the large hall behind was built of concrete, the whole being completed on time and on budget by Messrs. Burdock & Son.

The building has over the years been used as a concert hall, for entertainments and for the general benefit of the village. In 1925 - 26 it was home to the Painswick Music Club, in 1938 it became home to the annual Craftsmen's Exhibition, and during the World War II it was used as a canteen.

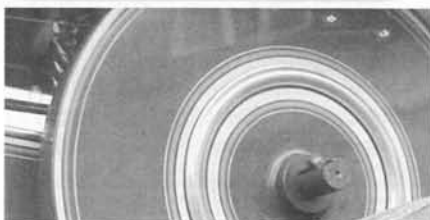
In the years immediately after the war it was the venue for the Painswick Operatic Society under the inspired and entertaining leadership of Cordelia Meredith-Cooper. Many photographs were shown of members of the cast over the years, in performances of the Mikado, the Yeomen of the Guard, HMS Pinafore and others. There were pictures of some young performers, still in Painswick today, though perhaps a little older. Tales were told of young ladies being press-ganged to become pirates and of other members of the cast stepping in to help a performer who had problems with high notes.

A concert was held in 1957 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Institute and the retirement of Nurse Judd who had been looking after the citizens of Painswick, especially the newborn, since 1913. After retiring in 1950 she cared for Mr. St. Clair Baddeley in Castle Hale in his old age for some seven years, and retired to Cricklade in 1957. Other characters shown and remembered included Mrs Arch, who lived in the house now occupied by Jack Smith next to the Institute. The show concluded with some fine pictures of the Institute under deep snow in 1982 and of the demolition of the Institute Cottages at about that time.

The next meeting of the Local History Society will take place at the Croft School on 19th February when Mr Paul Rutter from the National Trust will give a presentation on the work of the Trust and in particular Trust properties in our area. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Hywel James

## ArchiTecs



A real memory test this month and once again somewhat non-architectural, as we are showing (left) a detail from an 'occasion' in 2003. Does it jog your memory?

Last month's picture (right) anticipated a snowfall, but had been taken a year or two back in Hollyhock Lane.





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The Society kicks off its 2008 season on 29th March with a very special artist who is in a class of his own: *Llyr Williams*, one of BBC's New Generation pianists from Wales. If you search the internet you will find quite extraordinary things written about him, for example: "He can produce torrential instrumental drama from the keyboard, punctuated by theatrical silences that would take a lifetime of risk and venture for a lesser mortal to dare to achieve, but away from the instrument he is almost invisible. He just walks on, bows to his audience and gets on with it .... producing playing of a mind-blowing clarity that has become his hallmark." His programme for Painswick contrasts Brahms' four Ballades with Chopin's four, with Schumann's Piano Sonata No1, the meat in the sandwich.

*Alexander Chaushian*, cello, from the Yehudi Menuhin School and *Ashley Wass*, piano, from Chetham's School are more BBC New Generation musicians who have each established themselves as much sought-after soloists with the world's great orchestras in many of its principal concert venues. Their programme on April 12th of sonatas by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Rachmaninov will be a rare treat.

The third concert on April 26th brings us the *Arpège Ensemble*. This will be a new experience for most, bringing together what seems a disparate ensemble of flute, viola, harp and horn. Played by artistes who, individually, enjoy world wide acclaim as concert hall soloists, the *Arpège* has proved very popular in concert halls in many countries. It has benefited from a close association between the flautist, Philippa Davies and the Dutch composer/performer J W Nelleke whose many compositions and arrangements include pieces for vocal and instrumental soloists, utilising a surprisingly varied combination of instrumental ensembles.

The *Mandelring Quartet* again is a group of international

soloists who delight in playing quartets as "their dream career". Three of them have been playing together for more than 30 years they are siblings. They say they can sense their audiences being carried away by their own love of playing and intense identification with the music. Their concerts are said to be "memorable for the penetrating sense of architecture, artistic insight and clarity of tone" they purvey. Their programme features Haydn, Schubert and Brahms quartets.

Once again Barbara Thorley has come up with a concert season of artists and music that is of outstanding quality and value and one wonders how she does it. She does not judge them by the fees they charge. She is a discerning listener to Radio 3 and makes her selections by valuing the quality of their performances. This requires powers of concentration not shared by many listeners but it has earned Painswick a national reputation as "that village deep in the Cotswold Hills that has a concert season on a par with the principal national festivals".

For booking forms contact Clare Haynes 812514.

*Maurice Mag...*



## On the trail of Chopin

Graham Dawber took us on an audio-visual tour on the trail of Chopin. He was a great enthusiast who had visited every place where Chopin had composed. Graham played several of his own recordings including Chopin's well-known *Fantasia Impromptu*.

We were taken to see the house where Chopin was born (in 1810) about 30 miles from Warsaw, where he spent most of his youth. Graham showed us several attractive slides of Warsaw. This phase of his life was illustrated by two of his etudes, extracts of which we heard: opus 10, No 1 which demanded very large hand stretches, and No 3, a dream-like piece.

He left Warsaw for Vienna in 1830, then went on to Paris, where among others he met George Sand, to whom he was briefly married. He went on to Majorca, where he composed extensively including his well-known *Waltz Polonaise*, before returning to Paris, where one of his pupils was a Scottish girl, Jane Stirling. She took him under her wing when he fled Paris in the disturbances of 1848. His *Nocturne in E flat* was dedi-



cated to her. We heard this and other pieces composed in England and Scotland. He was by then very sick. He died in Paris in 1849.

The musical illustrations were very pleasing, and Graham's varied collection of slides gave us a new perspective on Chopin's life.

*Richard Burges Watson*

## ...and off to Bristol

Once again, PMAG invites allcomers to join them on the next concert outing -- this time to the Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 9th April, to hear the Welsh National Opera perform Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin". This is a story of lost love, set amidst the glittering grandeur and emotions of Imperial Russia. Society, which promises to tug at the heartstrings.

Tickets are priced at a well discounted figure of £28 for excellent Grand Circle seats, with the coach at approx. £8 depending on numbers. Coach will depart from Stamages at 4.30pm.

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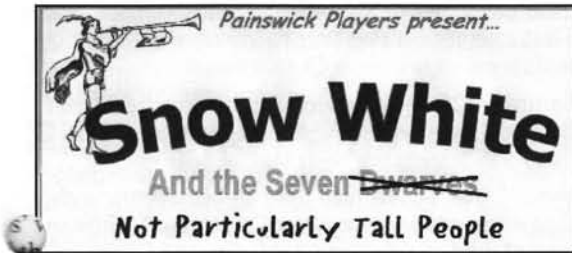
Last month's News was a great success as we had a response from a prospective Trustee! As we had explained, we have so few Trustees at present that there exists a very real possibility we may not be able to form a quorum at some stage in the future! So, if you are interested in learning more about what is involved in becoming a Trustee, do please give me a ring on 814070.

Would you like to give a little extra support to the Painswick Centre? If so, why not become a **Friend of the Painswick Centre**? In return for an annual subscription of just £5, we will inform you of all the events we stage, as they occur. In addition, you will receive a discount when purchasing tickets for these events of:

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Ralph Drew



## ...at the Painswick Centre NOW!

**Stop what you're doing!** Put the Beacon down! Scamper immediately to the Post Office, Hamptons or The Chairman and get your tickets now for *Snow White & The Seven Not Particularly Tall People*, Painswick Players sensational pantomime at the Painswick Centre this Saturday (which is most probably today!) 2nd February at 2.30pm and again at 7.30pm and then on Sunday 3rd at the same times.

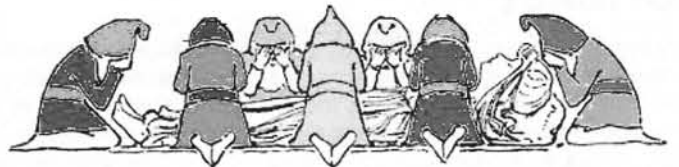
If the shops are closed, then cut out the middleman and dash straight to the Centre. Hammer on the doors! Plead on your knees to be allowed in!

How else are you going to find out about what happens to Princess Snow White, the young, pretty and nauseatingly virtuous daughter of King Kevin the Unsure, the good but bumbling king of the Kingdom of Saccharinia, when she meets Queen Tartarina, the obsessively beautiful but v. wicked Queen of neighbouring Vinegaria, who has just married King Kevin and become Wicked Stepmother to the said Snow White, and who she sends off on a 'little holiday' amongst the Tap-dancing Trolls of Trollsylvania with the connivance of Lord Slitherspin, the scheming Grand Vizier, self-serving behind-the-scenes fixer and spin-doctor?

How else will you learn of the sudden and surprising appearance of Dick Whittington, who has been diverted into the wrong panto (because of confusing signs on the A46), and his thigh-slapping endeavours to find Fame and Fortune, with the assistance of his feline companion, Tom, the Koolest Kat on the block, who is rapidly becoming fed up with all this thigh slapping, cross dressing, Fame and Fortune nonsense, as well as having to come up with increasingly cunning plans to pull Dick from the mire?

And you will otherwise miss the Seven Dwarves (sorry) Not Particularly Tall People (Bolshy, Funky, Dodgy, Nerdy, Giggly, Lofty and...Colin) as they dig away in The Last Laugh Chuckle Mine (which is no laughing matter), always seeking the legendary Guffaw Stone, which they might well find and use to bring Snow White back to life after the notorious poisoned apple incident.

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## Tennis Club

January saw the launch of Painswick Tennis Academy run by Painswick LTC's head coach Lorraine Ristic. This will be Lorraine's fourth year at the club, having come to us from East Glos where she had coached since 1988.

Lorraine started tennis at the age of twelve, taught by her father. With a lot of hard work and commitment from both sides, she soon made county level. Although desperate to turn professional on leaving school, Lorraine was persuaded to go to university. She studied psychology in London, although tennis still occupied her spare time and she became European University Champion in both 1980 and 1981. At the end of her degree Lorraine then spent three years on the WTA tour. After a heavy defeat at the hands of Jana Novotna in Yugoslavia she returned home to Staffordshire where she "fell" into coaching. Lorraine had never seen herself as a tennis coach but she quickly realized that this was something she could be really good at, and that her experience on the tour meant she had much to offer aspiring youngsters. She has since gone on to coach at county, regional and national levels and she still plays tennis herself to a high standard: she represented Britain in the Over 40s team in the World Championship in 2004 and 2005.

Lorraine is both enthusiastic and excited about her new role with the Painswick Tennis Academy. With over twenty years of coaching and a wealth of experience, this latest challenge gives Lorraine the opportunity to continue what she does best. Her love of the game is infectious; she inspires children and adults alike, building confidence through the medium of tennis. Painswick is very fortunate to have someone of Lorraine's calibre taking the reins, and we may be rest assured that the club's coaching programme is safe in her hands.



## Rugby

Painswick first fifteen are currently in mid-table in Division One of the Gloucestershire League. The players were disappointed to have been held to a draw on Saturday 19th January when they met Longlevens at Broadham. The visitors were several places below Painswick in the league table and the Cherry and Whites had expectations of recording another victory.

However, the heavy conditions made good rugby difficult and at the final whistle each side had only managed to score the one try.

The United's game against Cheltenham Saracens had to be cancelled as the Spa side were unable to raise a team. The cancellation meant that Painswick were awarded the points.

Last Saturday (26th) Painswick first fifteen travelled to Chipping Sodbury where they defeated the home side by 15 points to 6 to strengthen their league position.

Painswick United continued their unbeaten run with a resounding 44 points 5 victory over Cainscross United and remain top of the Citizen Merit Table Second Division.

## January Results

[(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table]  
Sat 5th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 27 Bishopston 1st XV 5. (M) Bream 2nd XV 7 Painswick United 10.  
Sat 12th. All matches cancelled (Weather).  
Sat 19th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 5 Longlevens 1st XV 5. (M) Painswick United v Cheltenham Saracens 2nd XV – match cancelled.  
Sat 26th. (L) Chipping Sodbury 1st XV 6 Painswick 1st XV 15. (M) Painswick United 44 Cainscross 2nd XV 5.

## February Fixtures

Sat 2nd. Painswick 1st XV v Smiths 1st XV.  
Smiths 2nd XV v Painswick United.  
Sat 9th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Bristol Saracens 1st XV. (M) Dursley 2nd XV v Painswick United.  
Sat 16th. (L) Tewkesbury 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Stow on the Wold 2nd XV.  
Sat 23rd. Berry Hill 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.  
Longlevens 2nd XV v Painswick United.  
March 1st. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Ross on Wye 1st XV. (M) Old Cryptians 2nd XV v Painswick United.

## Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club will have a new 1st XI captain for the 2008 season. Alastair Bressington is to take over from James Cook who had the distinction of leading the club in its first season in the Gloucestershire Premier League. Wayne Lee is to continue as 2nd XI captain with Mac Barnard holding the corresponding position with the 3rd XI. The players are looking forward to indoor net practices which start tomorrow (Sunday) at the Archway School (4pm). The annual vice-presidents and presentation evening was scheduled to take place at the Broadham clubhouse this Friday (1st February) at 8.00pm.



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It's a running start to the New Year for Painswick Unrunners! 25 new Unrunners have answered the call to combine Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Fundraising and the group is up and off again! We are very grateful to the Rugby Club for agreeing to our training around the edge of the Rugby field as we did last year. This will enable us to follow our 6 week training schedule which aims to have us all ready to run 3 miles at the Hearts Ashton Court First Jog at Bristol on Sunday 9 March. Regular runs of 5 miles and more are also scheduled for fitter runners. Check out our website on [www.thepurrs.co.uk](http://www.thepurrs.co.uk).

Watch out boys, the Painswick gals are out there! And there's no stopping us now!



## T'ai Chi in Painswick

Those of us who have had a preview of the classes starting on Thursday, 7th February at 9.30 a.m. in the Town Hall feel very privileged to have the opportunity of working with Jeff Docherty, a qualified acupuncturist and expert T'ai Chi teacher.

These beautiful slow movements not only relieve stress and gently reduce blood pressure in the elderly but, according to a recent article in "The Lancet", have many other health benefits. Jeff will also teach us

Chi Kung exercises which increase stamina and keep joints loose and flexible. The one-hour classes cost £5 and all ages are welcome. Contact Carole Ross at 813072 for further information.

## Richmond Painswick – final phase

A comprehensive exhibition of information and provisional designs was on display during last Friday, the 25th, setting out all that might be included in a revised planning application for the third and final phase of development for Richmond Painswick. The staff on duty had been charged with noting all observations so that further modifications could be considered wherever such were practicable. By the end of the day no fewer than 75 people had visited, including some living nearby anxious to note any changes which might alleviate what was previously regarded as having an overbearing impact on, and obstructing the view from the Stroud Road entrance towards Queens Mead.

The Beacon will almost certainly try to set out the detail if and when an application for planning consent is submitted, but readers may appreciate some 'bare bone' information at this stage. The intention is to create 12 apartments, ranging between 650 and 900 square feet, an equal mix of 2 and 1 bedroom, instead of the 16 in the previous submission. Noting that the average price of property in Painswick is just under £400,000, these are expected to range between £285,000 and £390,000.

Of particular significance in the exhibition was one photograph, taken from just below the memorial seat as one approaches the site from the village, which includes the existing completed structures (apartments and the care centre itself) upon which the silhouette of the intended twelve apartments had been superimposed. We are able to show that picture here in order to illustrate the breaking up of the proposed string of new apartments and how they will be tucked into the slope of the site and with a lower roofline than in the earlier application.



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# Letters

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## Care for diamond geezers?

From Lynne and Tony Gibson, Butt Green:

Just had to write in response to a large promotional copy of 'Richmond Painswick News' that dropped through our letter-box yesterday. Richmond Painswick News adopts the slogan 'The 'cor blimey' care and retirement home'. Well, we couldn't believe our mincers!

In the accompanying article Mr. Cockell enthuses: "I want people who come to look round here to say, "cor blimey, I want to live here". "

This brought back fond memories of listening to Lonnie Donegan's song 'My Old Man's a Dustman'; although the lyrics we remember made no mention of a Richmond flat!

In light of this marketing image, we now await with interest the proposals for phases IV, V, VI, .....

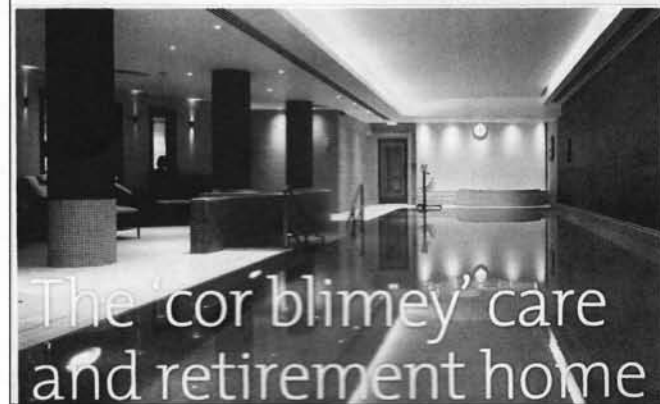
## Sorry, Patricia...

On the Letters page in last month's Beacon, we erroneously referred to Patricia Burrows of Castle Hale Drive (who was bravely volunteering herself as the Beacon Restaurant Critic) as 'Pamela'. The Editor responsible is even now munching his way through a large portion of humble pie (on a bed of sweated spinach with ballottine en papillote and artichoke velouté) and apologises profusely. Jack Burgess (for 'tis he) blames indigestion for the error.

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## Project of the month

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The 'cor blimey' care and retirement home

## Bird Club flies into 2008

A great 2008 programme awaits members and visitors, commencing on Tuesday 19th February at 2.15pm at the Town Hall when Dr Richard Sale will again be welcomed to talk about "Wildlife Encounters in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean." It is emphasised that this is an afternoon meeting during half term, thus enabling children to attend. The delightful poster to publicise the meeting shows the wonderful Antarctic scene with polar bear and cubs prowling an ice floe, demonstrating what



is anticipated to be an elegant array of wonderful slides!

An exciting bird watching weekend on the Dorset coast is to follow at the end of May, including a boat trip to Brownsea Island and a visit to the RSPB'S Arne reserve at Poole Harbour. There has already been a good response but places are still available both for members and visitors. Further information,



including details of accommodation, may be obtained from Joy (813823) or from Bill (813094) Contact is advised, as soon as possible please.

Latest sightings include those of bramblings, field fares, redwings and other seasonal visitors to the area. It will also be interesting to see how the numbers of resident garden birds, especially of blue and great tits, hold up, given the poor weather of early summer which often adversely affects fledglings."



## ... and off to school

An approach has been made by the Painswick Bird Club to the Head Teachers of both the Croft and Sheepscombe Schools, in the hope of organising a "Paint / Draw a Bird" competition for each village and to take place near the end of the Spring term. If agreed, it may be possible to see the children's work on display within the respective villages. It is hoped to thus further stimulate family interest in the activities of the Bird Club.

Wendy and Martin Addy

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## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be on Friday 7th March. This year the only service will be at 10.30am at Ashwell House, Painswick, when Sister Catherine Keighley O.P., Dominican sister of the English Congregation of St. Catherine of Sienna will speak on the theme 'God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding'. Beryl Berry will play the piano, and you are very welcome, all denominations or none, and children.

*John Watts*

## Italian Evening for Christ Church

Following last summer's very successful Paté, Pims & Pudding evening, Christ Church are holding a Pasta & Puds evening at **Christ Church Hall on 7th March at 7.00pm** to raise funds for its charities of the year. Everyone welcome and if you would like to join us please ring 812934 or 814357. Tickets £12 each.

## Probus Club members enjoy a night out

Members and friends of The Painswick Probus Club enjoyed their annual Dinner at the Renaissance Restaurant in Cheltenham. The restaurant is run by the lecturers and students at Gloscat.



The dinner was very well attended. The 48 seater coach was filled to capacity with other members travelling by car.

Nigel Burt, (President), said in his speech that membership of the club was now 56, the highest it had been for several years. He particularly welcomed the many new members who had joined in the last two years. During the year the members enjoyed a visit to Westminster and in November a combined visit to the SS Great Britain and Gatcombe Court.

Although it has come as a shock to some of the older members he was pleased to announce that the Club was moving into the electronic age with the creation of its own Website [www.painswickprobus.org.uk](http://www.painswickprobus.org.uk). The site contains information about the Club, details of future meetings and forthcoming events.

The Club meets fortnightly on a Wednesday at the Falcon at 10.30am. Prospective new members are very welcome to join us at any meeting. The dates and speakers are published in The Beacon and of course on our new web site.

*Nigel Burt*

## Coming to a screen near you...

Interested in films old or new? Ever thought about the good old days when going along to the picture show was an event? Are you a Fellini or Attenborough fan and want to share your experiences of cinema with others?

That's precisely what we are trying to bring back to Painswick. We want to re-create the magic of cinema in our village for the young and not so young. Imagine Harry Potter, Keira Knightley, George Clooney and even Betty Grable up on a cinema screen in Painswick!

If you have a passion for cinema, have good ideas or want to help in any way we would like to hear from you. Call Ela on 813458 or 07919 493818 and tell us what you think or how you can help.

*Ela Pathak-Sen*

## Fair-trade town

Painswick's application for Fairtrade Town status has now won approval from the Fairtrade Foundation and David Drew, our local MP, will present the certificate to us on Friday March 7th during Fairtrade Fortnight.



The Croft School, through its annual Fair Trade coffee morning (Friday, 7th March) is part of the Fair Trade process. Headteacher, Janet Hoyle says, "We would like to extend our Fair Trade work and apply to become a Fair Trade School. The Year 5 members of Class 5 are going to lead this work, and will form a Fair Trade Committee to plan what we will do."

After the Croft School Coffee Morning, it is hoped that a procession will move to the Town Hall for the actual presentation. More details will appear in next month's Beacon but please make a note in your diaries now.

In approving the application, the Fairtrade Foundation paid tribute to the number of people, stores and businesses in Painswick which have shown a commitment to buying, selling and using Fairtrade products.

The status is awarded for a year in the first instance so the steering group is already working on plans for extending and consolidating awareness of Fairtrade in the coming months.

*Alison Robinson*

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# Village quiz - 8 on the 8th? More teams urgently needed!

We have eight teams entered so far for the Village Quiz to be held at the Painswick Centre on Saturday the 8th March. Eight is not enough for a fair fight – not that fairness is top of the priority list when it comes to quiz nights. I refer of course not to the contesting teams but to the internal bun-fight that takes place between the members of the question setting team. “That’s too hard – nobody will know that!” “I am having that question in – I don’t care what you say!” “It’s a good question – it will really sort out the best from the rest!” “Who on earth knows anything about ...” etcetera, etcetera. I will spare you any more gory details.

Now the sad news. Yes we really do have only eight enrolled teams. Eight on the eighth sounds good as a book or film title but for quiz night it’s not enough. So the Beacon



quiz team are holding their heads in their hands and saying “Is it worth it?” Of course it is, I say. I know that every Mead and Close is putting together a team, every Society two or three teams, we will be overwhelmed by the hundreds of teams wanting to join. So if you want to take part in this year’s Quiz Night, enrol now to avoid disappointment. Remember it’s first come, first served – and there are a limited number of places. The modest entry charge includes a delicious light supper and the Bar will be open before the Hall is.

Send me an email or a letter with your team name, the group, street etc you are representing and your own name, full address and telephone number, accompanied by a cheque for £16 made out to the Painswick Beacon. Entered teams that have not already done so should also now send me a cheque.

My email address is [chasdorm@googlemail.com](mailto:chasdorm@googlemail.com) and my postal address is: Tilling, Kingsmill Lane, Painswick GL6 6RT. If you have any questions, my telephone number is 814548.

Our pictures show last year’s quiz in action and the winners ‘The Jolly Stompers’ (left). Will they do it again?

*Charles Dorman*

## PROPERTY REPORT for February from Hamptons Estate Agents

Negative speculation about the market has created a great deal of uncertainty over the last 6 months, however since the beginning of January we have seen a big increase in the number of potential buyers registering for property. Property analysts predict that prices will remain pretty stable over the next 12-18 months due to a number of factors:

- 1) Interest rates are on their way down: Most speculators predict 2 or 3 cuts in the base rate this year.
- 2) Demand continues to outweigh supply: This is an ongoing situation in the UK which will continue for many years to come.
- 3) Low inflation, high employment: These 2 key economic drivers are extremely healthy. Our 2% inflation rate is half that of the USA and 33% lower than in Europe.

Buyers are still very keen to find the right property but as 75% now look on the internet the pricing of property is so crucial. Due to the success of the two London Property Exhibitions we held in 2007 in our Grosvenor Square Head office we are doing it again on April 24th. All our London buyers are notified as well as it being advertised in London itself and national papers and it provides an ideal opportunity to exhibit your property to the London market. A number of properties have sold as a result of this Exhibition.

Hamptons are delighted to be sponsoring the Snow White Pantomime brought to you by the Painswick Players, which is being held on February 2nd and 3rd. One of our team here in the Painswick office, Natasha Dickenson is playing a starring role so if you have not already bought your tickets please come and buy them from either this office, the Royal Oak or the Chairman.

New Instructions: In Painswick:- Hamfield, Edge road ; you can only describe this house as a Jewel, a classic Georgian house with beautiful gardens and folly-due to the demand for this property it is going to Final bids on 14th February, 2.00pm. 1 and 2 Court Cottages- refurbished two bed Cotswold stone cottages along Butt Green, 1 Hambutts Cottage; a delightful 2 bedroom cottage, Little Bacchus in Harescombe: a 4 bed Cotswold stone house with approximately 2 acre paddock and large outbuilding. 2 The Spinney in the Camp: a modern 4 bed family house, The Willows (six acres) in Upton St Leonards: a recently constructed 4 bed contemporary home, 4 Witcombe Court: a stunning 2 bed apartment with huge converted cellar.

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*Miranda Harding, Branch Manager*



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# THE VILLAGE DIARY

## FEBRUARY

Sat 2	(& Sun 3) Painswick Players 'Snow White and the 7 Not Particularly Tall People' Theatre Club outing to Cheltenham	Painswick Centre 2.30pm / 7.30pm daily The Falcon 1.30pm
Mon 4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Richmond Homes	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue 5	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Yoga: Beginners welcome - Tuesdays - contact Emma 01453 840395	Christ Church Hall 9.30 to 12.00noon Town Hall 10.00 to 1.15am
Wed 6	CTAP Ecumenical Lent courses begin, Probus: Air Force Blunders - Norman Brown Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	various venues/times Shires, Falcon 10.00am Painswick Centre 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu 7	T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group Tea Dances - Thursdays Jolly Stompers line dancing; new starters (Thursdays) Improvers & classic dances (Thursdays) Music Appreciation: Great Opera Houses of the World	Town Hall 9.30am Town Hall 12.00 to 1.00pm Town Hall 12.30 to 1.30pm Ashwell House 2.30pm Painswick Centre 2.30 to 4.30pm Rugby Club. 7.00 to 8.00pm 8.00 to 9.00pm
Fri 8	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays)	Cotswold Room 7.30pm Town Hall 10.00am
Sun 10	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (Check 812709)	Painswick Beacon 9.30am to 1.00pm
Mon 11	Community Lunch: Hosts - Croft School	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed 13	Horticultural Society: the Derbyshire custom of Well-dressing - Mr K Orchard-Robinson Women's Fellowship	Town Hall 2.30pm Christ Church Hall 7.30pm
Thu 14	Romantic Valentines Dinner	St Michael's Restr From 7.00pm
Sat 16	<b>Copy dateline for March Beacon</b>	
Mon 18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue 19	Bird Club: Wildlife encounters in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean - Dr Richard Sale Local History Society: Local properties and the work of the National Trust - Paul Rutter	Town Hall 2.15pm Croft School 7.30pm
Wed 20	Probus: Wine Tasting - John Storer	Church Rooms 11.00am
Thu 21	Music Appreciation: Hi-Fi	Cotswold Room 7.30pm
Sun 24	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (check 812709)	Painswick Beacon 9.30am to 1.00pm
Mon 25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue 26	Yew Trees WI: The Grand Circle - Utah & Arizona: Bob Price	Town Hall 7.30pm
Wed 27	Women's Fellowship: Rainbow House, Poland - Mrs Medicott	Christ Church Hall 7.30pm

## MARCH

Sat 1	<b>March Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>	
Mon 3	Community Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed 5	Probus: Architecture of the Mogul Empire - Leslie Dalton	Shires Rm, Falcon 10.00am
Thu 6	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Ballet Music	Ashwell House 2.30pm Cotswold Room 7.30pm
Fri 7	Women's World Day of Prayer; Coffee & Meeting Fairtrade Coffee Morning Presentation of Fairtrade Town Certificate	Ashwell House 10.30am The Croft School From 9.30 am Town Hall 11.00am
Sat 8	Anne & Helen's Annual Coffee Morning: Stroke Association Village Quiz	Town Hall 9.45am to 12noon Painswick Centre 6.45 for 7.15pm
Sun 9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (check 812709)	Painswick Beacon 9.30am to 1.00pm
Mon 10	Community Lunch: Hosts - Horticultural Society	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue 11	Bird Club: Birds of Australia - Ged Cassell: followed by AGM	Town Hall 7.30pm
Wed 12	Horticultural Society: Take a Closer Look - Andy Purcell Women's Fellowship: Recycling - Sue Hurt, Stroud D C	Town Hall 7.30pm Christ Church Hall 7.30pm
Mon 17	Community Lunch	Christ Church Hall 12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue 18	Local History Society: The Railway that Never Was - Jill Simmons	Croft School 7.30pm
Wed 19	Coach to London, £12.50: Enquiries 813965/813227 Probus: A look at Stained Glass - Richard Cann	Stamages Car Park 8.30am Shires Rm, Falcon 10.00am
Thu 20	Music Appreciation: Pictures in Music	Cotswold Room 7.30pm
Fri 21	Good Friday procession of witness around Painswick	St Mary's Church 10.25pm
Tue 25	Yew Trees WI: The history & work of The National Trust - Paul Rutter	Town Hall 7.30pm
Wed 26	Theatre Club outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon 6.30pm
Sat 29	Painswick Music Society Concert - Llyr Williams, Piano	St Mary's Church 3.00pm

## APRIL

Tue 1	Bird Club: Birds of Ecuador & experiences in conservation - Renton Righelato - Trustee, World Land Trust	Town Hall 7.30pm
Wed 2	Probus: History of Junk - Roger Hennesey	Shires Rm, Falcon 10.00am
Thu 3	Cotswold Care Support Group Music Appreciation: Donizetti	Ashwell House 2.30pm Cotswold Room 7.30pm
Sun 6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (check 812709)	Painswick Beacon 9.30am to 1.00pm
Wed 9	Music Appreciation Concert Outing: Welsh National Opera - Eugene Onegin Horticultural Society: Climbers, Ramblers & Scramblers - Mr R Bracher	Bristol Hippodrome 7.00pm Town Hall 7.30pm
Sat 12	Painswick Music Society Concert - Ashley Wass (piano) & Alexander Chausian (cello)	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Tue 15	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School 7.30pm
Wed 16	Probus: AGM	Shires Rm, Falcon 10.00am



Thu 17	Music Appreciation: A Mystery	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sun 20	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Scrub clearance working party (check 812709)	Painswick Beacon	9.30am to 1.00pm
Tue 22	Yew Trees WI: The Story of Tea - Alan Hudson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri 25	Gloucester Police Choir Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat 26	Painswick Music Society Concert: Arpege Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed 30	Probus: On being a Magistrate - Celia Hargrave	Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am
	Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM: Presentation subject: The Painswick Tombstone Restoration Project	Church Rooms	7.30pm

#### MAY

Thu 1	Cotswold Care Support Group
Sat 3	'Too Hot to Handle'
Thu 8	Music Appreciation: Members' Night
Sat 10	Painswick Music Society Concert: Mandelring Quartet
Wed 14	Probus: Living Creatively - Judy Clinton Horticultural Society: AGM
Tue 20	Local History Society: Annual Outing
Mon 26	Crafts & Antiques Fair
Tue 27	Yew Trees WI: Wit & Wisdom - Mike Rafferty
Wed 28	Probus: Members Talk(s)
Thu 29	Theatre Club Outing to Bath

Ashwell House	2.30pm
Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Cotswold Room	7.30pm
St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am
Town Hall	7.30 / 8.15pm
Croft School	7.30pm
Painswick Centre	9.30am to 3.30pm
Town Hall	7.30pm
Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am
The Falcon	6.00pm

#### JUNE

Thu 5	Cotswold Care Support Group
Sat 14	Painswick Fete in aid of Painswick Tombstone Restoration & Cotswold Care Hospice
Tue 24	Yew Trees WI: Pub Signs - Angela Pancrucker
Wed 25	Probus: Sue Ryder Homes - Duncan Willoughby

Ashwell House	2.30pm
Painswick Hse Park	2.30pm
Town Hall	7.30pm
Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am

#### JULY

Thu 3	Cotswold Care Support Group
Wed 9	Probus: Shires Room,
Thu 10	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford upon Avon
Tue 22	Yew Trees WI: The Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater
Wed 23	Probus: Ladies Lunch

Ashwell House	2.30pm
The Falcon	10.00am
The Falcon	10.00am
Town Hall	7.30pm

#### SEPTEMBER

Wed 10	Probus:
Wed 24	Probus:

Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am
Shires Rm, Falcon	10.00am

## My Gloucestershire... past and present

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, in partnership with Age Concern Gloucestershire and Artshape, are joining forces to celebrate and showcase older people's creativity by building an exhibition of items which illustrate what Gloucestershire has meant and continues to mean to them. This is an initiative of the Bishop's Breakfast, an occasional gathering hosted by the Bishop of Gloucester, of Chief Executives from the voluntary, statutory, public and business sectors.

The exhibition will consist of a wide range of items – photography, needlework, painting, collage, ceramics, to name but a few – and will tour the county following its debut in Gloucester. Contributions can be pieces that have already been completed in existing art classes/sessions at clubs and day centres; individual pieces of work completed at home; or new items which have been made in one of the forthcoming workshops planned for each of the six districts of the county.

We would be delighted to hear from any members of a group, or older individuals within a community who would like to be part of this celebratory exhibition. We would also be pleased to know of any group that would like to host a free workshop.

Please can you telephone or email contact details of anyone who might be interested to Barbara Piranty at GRCC as soon as possible and we will get in touch to make the necessary arrangements. Tel: 01452 528491 or email [barbarap@grcc.org.uk](mailto:barbarap@grcc.org.uk)



*Please help us help you by letting us have copy of complete programmes of meetings, or single events, as soon as they are known. In this way our forward listing of them all can be of maximum assistance to organisers anxious to avoid clashes of dates. Thank you.*

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A summary of information from the Parish Council.

## NEW APPLICATIONS

**FAIRINGS, CASTLE CLOSE.** Erection of extension and alterations.  
**FURNERS FARM COTTAGE, CATSWOOD LANE, ELCOMBE, SLAD.** Erection of a conservatory.  
**Field at BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** New field access.  
**THE STUDIO, OLIVERS, CHELTENHAM ROAD.** Change of use of existing barn to a recording studio ancillary to main residential use.  
**THE OLD MANSE, SLAD.** Works to copper and silver trees. (TPO 298)  
**4 CLATTERGROVE COTTAGES.** Single storey timber summerhouse  
**VERLANDS, VICARAGE STREET.** Demolition of garage block and outbuilding.  
**HILL HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET.** Alterations to house and outbuilding.

## CONSENT

**CHAPEL COTTAGE, THE GREEN, EDGE.** External alterations.  
**3 ST MARY'S MEAD.** Works to 2 ash trees.  
**WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE** Erection of 3 storey extension, double garage & annexe. External landscaping.  
**DORMER COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN.** Erection of a conservatory.  
**High Voltage Overhead Line, CHELTENHAM ROAD.** Replacement 11,000 volt 3 wire line, poles and stay wires with a tolerance of 30m.  
**ALLWAYS, KINGS MEAD.** Erection of extensions. (Revised scheme following permission 06/2349/FUL)  
**LITTLEDENE, COCKSHOOT QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Erection of a garden shed.  
**THE GRANGE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Conversion of coach house to create ancillary accommodation.  
**EDGEMOOR INN, STROUD ROAD, EDGE.** Erection of rear extension to provide single storey garden room.  
**THREE GABLES, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Erection of a 2 storey side extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable living accommodation.  
**Site for Storage Barn on land adjacent to SHEEPHOUSE COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE.** Erection of storage barn.  
**BEECH COTTAGE, KINGS MILL LANE.** Erection of an extension.  
**LYNCOMBE FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD.** Fell beech tree (TPO: 15) that overhangs A46.

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Can you identify 12 County Towns south of here - but beware of false ones!

Answers to the 14 County Towns from t'North last month were:

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to JENNY and PETER BARBER on the birth of their son, Vincent Edward, on 9th January (a brother to Riley and Daniel, and another grandson to Michael and Allyson Davis, and a second great grandson to Grace Hanchet);

also to ALISON and ERIK LARSEN on the birth of a daughter Neva Rose on 20th December in Calgary, Canada (a sister for Kaia and another granddaughter for Janet and Richard Puckridge, also a second great granddaughter for Hilda Musty)

## Diamond Weddings

Congratulations to BETH and 'MAC' MACDONALD who are due to celebrate 60 years of marriage on 25th February;

also to BILL and ANNE MORELAND who will also be celebrating their diamond wedding on 25th February.

## Engagement

Our congratulations to LAURA SPARKS of Painswick whose engagement to LEIGH COLLINS of Wodonga, Victoria, Australia was announced recently.

## Belated 90th Birthday

We wish a belated happy birthday to NAOMI MCLAURIN-JONES who was 90 on 18th January.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the families of DOUGLAS SMITH, DAISY MUDWAY, OLGA HILL, PAT CLIFFORD, PAT QUINSEE and ANGELA HUDSON, who have all died recently.

## An Amazing and Happy Coincidence

On Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, the Sunday in the church's calendar now called The Baptism of Christ, Madeleine May Godsall was christened at St. Anne's church, Kew. On arrival at the church the Vicar Father Nigel Worn, while greeting Madeleine's relations asked her maternal grandmother from where they had travelled that day. Alison nee Heal replied that she had come from Fairford in Gloucestershire having recently moved there from Painswick. 'Oh', said Father Nigel, 'But I was brought up in Painswick', to which Alison's reply was, 'My father was Vicar there for many years.'

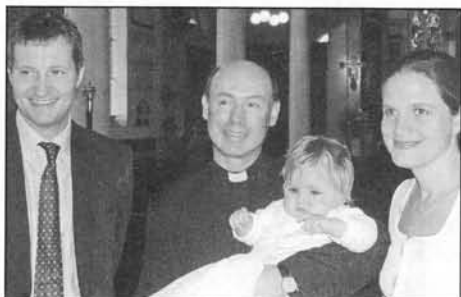
Father Nigel, who lived with his family in The Highlands, next door to John and Betty Cope, was absolutely shattered by this coincidence as he said in his very moving

sermon, that had it not been for Madeleine's great grandfather, he would never have been where he was to-day. Harold Heal had been the most instrumental figure in helping and persuading him to prepare for Holy Orders and long after his days in Painswick he had always been there to support and help him.

The Sung Eucharist with the Baptism was a memorable service with a full and lively congregation of all ages, excellent choir and a really thriving church. How thrilled Harold would have been and one pauses to reflect on the wonderfully happy days when he enjoyed and worked in Painswick, and not least how many men he helped towards ordination.

Ruth his widow is now 96 years of age and lives at The Elizabeth Finn Home in Wallingford. She still retains a wonderful sense of humour and loves to reflect on Painswick days.

The photograph above shows Alison and Mike Godsall's youngest son George with his wife Vanessa and Father Nigel Worn holding Madeleine.



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs BARNES who have moved into the Old Chapel at Slad;

also Mr and Mrs MANN who have moved to Wynstowe, Painswick;

also to Mr and Mrs SAWYER who have moved to Hill House, Painswick;

also to Mrs STRATTON who has moved to Highfield, Edge Lane;

also to Mr and Mrs MERCER who have moved into Barley Mow, Slad.

## Farewell

We wish farewell to Mr and Mrs ZAJAC who have moved to Stroud

## Personal Messages

A service of thanksgiving will be held on Friday 8th February at 12.00 noon in St Mary's Church, Painswick for Pat Quinsee, who died last month.

The Hudson family have held a private funeral service for Angela. There will be a thanksgiving service in St Mary's Church at 11.00 am on Wednesday 27th February.

Audrey and Brian Haslett, while appreciating our welcome back to Painswick in last month's Beacon, would like to point out that the announcement was somewhat premature; the move has yet to be negotiated. (*Apologies from Rachel Taylor*)

*Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column. Space limitations permit only a small amount of text and your assistance in this regard is helpful.*

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