

The Painswick Beacon

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YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

There is strong support in Painswick for a community library but we must grasp the County Council's Big Community Library Offer of money, books and equipment, and open a library this year. The Council's offer may not be repeated.

The independent members of the Community Library Working Group have unanimously selected the upper room of the Town Hall as the preferred interim location for the library. The Painswick Centre and the Town Hall submitted written proposals. Each location has its advantages and disadvantages, but after careful study of all aspects of the two proposals the key determining factor was that the Town Hall provided more space for development until a permanent home has been found. We are grateful for the public-spirited acceptance by the Puffins of the inconvenience which this will cause them.

An association with the title of The Community Library in Painswick (CLIP) has been set up to provide a formal structure. The initial Trustees are Peter Corley, Pat Francis, Mike Kerton and Elizabeth McMeekan. CLIP is seeking additional Trustees with relevant experience. The Trustees will apply for registration as a charity with the Charity Commission in due course. A public General meeting will be held on a date to be announced.

The Trustees and the other members of the Working Group will continue to work together to prepare a bid for funding from the Big Community Library Offer for submission to the County Council by 1 June 2011. Despite the pressures on



their finances Gloucestershire County Council has come to recognise the value of public libraries in community life. But they are seeking to share the burden of running them with the voluntary sector.

CLIP has applied for a "Supporting Active Communities" grant from the County Council to pay for costs incurred in preparing the bid.

CLIP is seeking to establish a library as the core of a lively community asset for the 21st century which meets the wishes of the people of Painswick and its neighbourhood. But we need to know what you would like to see in the library. We will try to ensure that opening hours meet the needs of as wide a range as possible of users. Over the coming weeks we will be seeking the opinion of local residents on what they would like to see provided.

But what we can do will depend upon volunteers and money.

We need all the volunteers we can recruit. A wide range of skills will be required to get our library going as well as assistance during opening hours. Anyone wishing to help in any capacity is requested to put their name and telephone number in an envelope addressed to Elizabeth McMeekan into the Town Hall letter box. We will then contact you.

In its initial years The Painswick Community Library would be financed through grants from the County Council supplemented by fundraising activities and gift-aided donations from its supporters. We will be seeking support from other grant making organisations to fund particular projects. We will not be seeking a precept from the Parish Council.

Peter Corley, Chairman of CLIP, 18 March

Dramatic finish at the Beacon Quiz



There was a tiebreak for first place taking two further questions to decide the winner. The photograph shows Richard Aspinall presenting the winners, the Parfitt family, alias the 'St Patterns Five', with the new Beacon Quiz Trophy shown here on the right. See page 10 for details of the Quiz and the new Painswick Beacon Quiz Trophy



The cockerel is re-instated - see page 11



Photo: Trevor Radway

On other pages this month: Parish work plan, Royal wedding offer, Good Friday procession & Easter services, Painswick players, Arts festival, Community Meals changes, Country Market & Community lunches, Resthaven News, Centre News, Charity Run, Music Society concerts, WI report, Local history teaser & society, Seeking Shirley, The Quiz, St. Mary's cockerel, Pirates Easter Treasure Trail, Brahms Requiem review, PMAG visits, Broadband, Police report, Bird club, Horticultural Society, Field club, Probus report, Sports reports, John Goddard tribute, Changes at Royal Oak, Village agents, Croft news, Richmond activities.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Charles Dorman

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear. The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and elsewhere.



The meeting was attended by 8 members of the public, our County Councillor Joan Nash and PCSO Colin Drewett.

PLANNING

Historical Information Signs

Chairman David Hudson told the meeting that Carol Maxwell of the Local History Society had requested the Parish Council's support for the installation of six signs around the village displaying historical information about the immediate area. He passed round a photo of a sign and said site meetings would be arranged. The meeting approved the erection of the signs in principle.

Settlement Boundary

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's recommendations, requested by SDC, had been sent to them. He then listed the parts of the village that had been added: Golf Course Road, the Highlands, and the properties to the east of the A46, Verlands, the field to the east of Washwell House and Richmond Village but not the field above it. A map may be inspected in the Town Hall for more details. Cllr Terry Parker stressed that the new boundary will be the subject of a public consultation.

'Westmorland', Kingsmead

A new outline planning application to erect a second dwelling has been received by SDC from the owner of this property. The original application was approved by the Parish Council last year. Three letters of objection, mainly concerned with traffic issues, were read out to the meeting by chairman David Hudson. He reported that no objection to the application had been raised by Highways and members confirmed their support for the application.

PARISH COUNCIL

Royal wedding festivities

The meeting discussed the Parish Council running an event on the occasion of the royal wedding. It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council would not organise an event, it would make available the Town Hall and the Rec for community organised events.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Ann Burges Watson told the meeting that she had been trying to organise a neighbourhood watch warden for Gloucester Street for over two years without success. When asked if the Police could help, PCSO Colin Drewett told the meeting that government cuts meant that the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator at Stroud Police Station was being axed. He said that a gentleman in Cirencester was providing information on Neighbourhood

Watch schemes and he would ask this person to contact Cllr Burges Watson to arrange a presentation and supply literature and signs.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Joan Nash reported:

The County part of Council Tax has been frozen;

£500,000 had been reinstated in the library budget;

Road maintenance budget is currently £8 million plus £14 million for major capital resurfacing schemes. An additional £3 million will be needed to repair winter damage. A grant of £1.6 million from Government will help with the remainder taken from the capital schemes budget;

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service offers free Home Fire Safety checks and fits smoke alarms free for the elderly and vulnerable. Call 0800 180 4140 for more information.

Allotments

Chairman Terry Parker reported an update received from Andrew Morgan of Bruton Knowles who said that Selina Blow was happy to consider a written request, including a map and access details, to open up the previous access point to allow parking for allotment holders on the Mop Tree site. Mr Morgan will make a formal written request and expected an answer within the next few weeks. Cllr Terry Parker then read out a letter from Dr. Blaby and Mr Turner of Clattergrove. In their view allotments should not be allowed at the Mop Tree and they cited public and administrative law considerations, including the Wednesbury test(i), and the feasibility of gaining access to the site. Contrary to Mr Morgan's message, Dr Blaby and Mr Turner understood Selina Blow would not allow access if it crossed her land and they had an aerial photo from the 1960s showing no right of way across her land at that time.

There then followed a very lengthy and at times very heated debate, covering the same ground as in previous debates all reported in the Beacon, about what action the Parish Council should take. The Beacon will not attempt to describe the rather circular thrust and parry of the debate but will summarise the points discussed and decision reached.

Pedestrian access. As the land surrounding the Mop Tree site is common land there is no restriction on pedestrian access.

Parking. If vehicle access to the Mop Tree site is not obtained, alternative parking arrangements for allotment holders were considered – the car park

next to the cemetery which is on common land, the grassed area between the cemetery and the road, the walkers car park and, on common land, up to 5 metres on either side of the public highway. All options would require further investigation.

Continued access to the Mop Tree site by the owner Richard Hinds. The meeting was told that the owner has a verbal agreement with Selina Blow to access the site a number of times each year with farm machinery via the golf course. It is not clear if the agreement would continue if the site was leased to the Parish Council for allotments.

At the end of the approximately hour long debate the meeting decided unanimously to proceed with the Mop Tree site for allotments as long as Richard Hinds continues to have vehicle access and that there are sufficient allotment applicants. Pedestrian access for allotment holders would not be a problem. Vehicle access by allotment holders or other parking arrangements would continue to be investigated.

Community Library Service

The Chairman Terry Parker confirmed that the CLIP (Community Library in Painswick) group had decided to locate the community library provisionally in the upstairs room of the Town Hall. He then read out a letter from Jackie Herbert Chairman of the Painswick Centre Trustees which had also bid to host the library. She congratulated the Parish Council but queried whether the precept and therefore our taxes would fund the library and the Tourist Information office. She did not believe the very low room hire rates charged by the Town Hall covered their outgoings, that the Clerk had told her last year that the Town Hall made a loss on room rental and she asked for income and expenditure to be made public. Cllr Terry Parker said that the Town Hall supported the Tourist Information Centre as it was of benefit to the whole community to draw visitors to the village and that the Parish Council's accounts were open for inspection. The Assistant Clerk said that most of the Town Hall's income came from rental of the lower room, only the Puffins and the occasional art show using the upper room. Cllr Terry Parker said that the precept would not be used to fund the library and that the Parish Council would only act as landlord.

The meeting then discussed repair works on the floor of the upper room. Cllr Jason Bullingham confirmed that book shelves could be placed safely against the walls and that a survey had been carried out which established that the floor could be strengthened by steel struts. This work was desirable, he said, irrespective of the library locating to the upper room. Several

Editorial Note:(i) Information on the Wednesbury test can be obtained from Wikipedia.

councillors said that better insulation was required as any movement in the upstairs room was clearly heard in the downstairs room.

Peter Corley, chairman of the CLIP committee told the meeting that free books and computers would be available from GCC. Funding for the first years would be from a GCC grant and subsequently by donations and fund-raising activities. No funding would come from the Parish Council precept.

The meeting agreed that Cllr Terry Parker would represent the Parish Council in negotiations with CLIP.

Snow Clearance Plan

Cllr Martin Slinger reported that shovels and grit were stored at the cemetery and would be brought to the addresses of the clearance teams as needed. A pavement gritting machine for pavements would also be available if a group was set up to use it.

Parish Plan

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen gave a swift outline of the next stages. Consultation in each

village of the parish would take place in April and May, followed by a strategy meeting to sort through ideas with a public meeting in July. The aim was to create a living document and establish priorities.

The Recreation Ground

The meeting considered the appropriateness of the Parish Council as trustee for the recreation ground. Chairman Terry Parker pointed out that the Parish Council is a Body Corporate Trustee. If this was to be changed the constitution would have to be rewritten. The meeting considered setting up a management group though it was felt this would not change anything. The final decision was to continue with the status quo.

Road Sweeping

The Assistant Clerk told the meeting that SDC required 4 named roads and two volunteers to deliver leaflets and set up cones before it would carry out street cleaning. The meeting selected Gloucester Street, Pullens Road, St Mary's Street and the A46 by Stamages Lane car park..

Royal wedding

Parish Council Offer

If you are planning a community event to celebrate the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince William to Catherine Middleton, and require a suitable venue, then the Parish Council would like to help facilitate this by offering space in either the Town Hall or Recreation Ground. Please contact the Clerk on 01452812722 or email clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com for further information.

Beacon photographs

The Beacon will very much appreciate hearing if you are involved in any way - guest, organiser, chef, clown - in a street party or its equivalent anywhere in the village.

Our motive(s) are very straightforward and indeed innocent - we would like to capture at least some on camera, while possibly pausing long enough to share in THE toast.

A message to our copy address beacon@painswick.net will be all we need - but in advance.

Continuing to develop a Parish work plan. Your chance to shape our future

After our public meeting in Painswick in January we have continued to receive views and ideas about what we should include in our updated Parish work plan. To date some of the ideas we have heard about are:

- Preserving green spaces within the village
- Balancing the housing needs of our growing older population and affordable housing for our younger population whilst not creating segregated communities in our village.
- Thinking about schools and GP provision when allowing 'new' build
- The need for before and after school care, good quality childcare provision
- The need for a community library with additional facilities such as internet access

- A community speed-watch scheme, banning parking on pavements and creating a one-way traffic flow system through the centre of the village

- Parking to the north of the village and the continued difficulty emergency vehicles face trying to get down narrow lanes with cars parked in them

- A Painswick Community Action Group similar to the one in Upton-St-Leonards.

The group acknowledged that as with any community there would always be competing needs. However the one thing the group were unanimous about was that as parishioners we are all custodians of this area and want to ensure our children and grandchildren can benefit from what this has to offer.

So here is your chance to help shape

our future. We are holding four more consultation events in Painswick, Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad. We would like to hear from individuals, groups and societies on the issues and priorities you would like included in the work plan.

Once we have had these meetings the Parish Council will meet to sift through the ideas and issues with a view to debating this at the Parish Council meeting in June. Our objective is to create a 'live' working document that helps us prioritise what actions we need to take over the next three years.

The dates of the meetings are:
The Woolpack Inn, Slad, Monday 11th April at 8pm
Painswick Town Hall, Saturday 16th April from 10am to 12 noon
Edge Village Hall, Thursday, 28th April at 7.30pm.

Sheepscombe, Date to be notified.

If you cannot get to these meetings please write to us c/o The Clerk, Town Hall, Victoria Square, Painswick GL66QA or email: clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.
Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen

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Good Friday Procession of Witness

As last year, the annual Procession of Christian Witness on Good Friday, 22nd April will start at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady & St. Thérèse in Friday Street at 10.30am.

The procession will then move to the roadside Cross by the Lychgate for a short service before continuing up New Street, down Bisley Street and returning to Friday Street.

Hot Cross buns and coffee will then be provided. Everyone is welcome. Do join us.

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP



Bishop John joins us for three days in Holy Week

The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Right Revd John Went, will be spending three days of Holy Week in Painswick. On Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm he will be preaching and presiding at the Maundy Thursday Feet Washing Communion Service at St Mary's when Christians remember Jesus taking a towel to wash his disciples' feet, and then breaks bread at the "Last Supper".

The following day Good Friday, from 12 to 3pm, Bishop John will be doing 6 reflections on the Passion Narrative in Luke's Gospel. Every half hour the doors of church will be opened to let people come and go. Many people will want to use the three hour to reflect and give pause to focus on Christ's passion.

And on Holy Saturday there is a late start to the Easter Vigil. It starts at 8pm and will include readings with the theme of renewal, the lighting of the Easter Candle and the renewal of our baptism vows. Once again the Bishop will be preaching.

This year we are keeping a fairly traditional format, though the words are beautiful and the actions profound. We are returning to Painswick after two years at Sheepscombe and Pitchcombe. As this might be one of the last times Bishop John comes to us before retirement, it is doubly worth making the effort to come.

John Longuet-Higgins

Concert of music for Good Friday

Date, Good Friday, 22nd April at 7.30pm

Place, Painswick Parish Church

Event, Painswick Singers. Includes part of Verdi 'Requiem' and all of Faure 'Requiem'

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EASTER SERVICES

Saturday 23rd April

St. Mary's Anglican Church:

8pm - Easter Eve Vigil, with Bishop John of Tewksbury

Sunday 24th April

Our Lady & St. Thérèse R.C.Church

8.30am: Easter Mass

St. Mary's Anglican Church

5.15am - Sunrise Service on the Beacon, followed by breakfast in Church Rooms

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am - Holy Communion

4.00pm - Choral Evensong

Friends Meeting House (Quakers)

Meeting at 10.30am.

Pitchcombe

9.30am - Holy Communion

Edge

9.30am - Holy Communion

Sheepscombe

11am - Holy Communion

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP



Fantastic!' is how several participants described the Painswick Players' Saturday workshops. And those fortunate enough to attend were

unanimous in their praise for the expertise and enthusiasm of the staff from Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre who planned and led the three workshops. We were delighted to welcome several newcomers, and to renew a number of old acquaintances, all of whom we hope will now become active members. The workshops have proved so successful that we anticipate running further courses in collaboration with the Everyman. So watch this space....

Play-readings

Our regular play-readings have proved to be just as much fun as we had anticipated. Everyone is very welcome to join us at the Painswick Centre on the final Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7.30 pm. We will be reading Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit on April 26th; A Chorus of Disapproval by Alan Ayckbourn on May 31st and Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti on June 28th.

Festival Production

The Painswick Players will be performing Peter Quilter's play Duets as part of this year's Painswick Arts Festival. Auditions are to be held at the Church Rooms from 6.00 pm. on Tuesday 5 April (come at any time before 10.30 pm.) and performances, also at the Church Rooms, are on 14, 15 and 16 July. The play has been described as 'a gloriously funny examination of the chaotic world of love, relationships and why the grass is never greener...'. We still need volunteers for the production crew. Oh yes - and a voluminous wedding dress! Details from Stephen Friar (814004).

Stephen Friar

Painswick Arts Festival

This years' arts festival will open on 10th July with the hugely popular Wearable Art Festival.

The Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen will be holding their summer exhibition during the first three weeks of August, and the Rococo Gardens are planning another sculpture festival.



We are now wanting to encourage artists, musicians and thespians to organise exhibitions, concerts, open studios and any other interesting projects in Painswick from 10 July til the end of August. These can then be listed in the festival brochure and website.

Please contact me at rupertaker@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to be involved.

Rupert Aker

Chair of the Painswick Arts Festival

Visit to Greys Court

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club is running a coach trip to Greys Court, a National Trust property, near Henley-on-Thames on June 8th This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable day out and it is not necessary for you to be a National Trust member.

There are spare seats on the coach so if anyone who is not a club member would like to come please telephone me.

Anne Curtoys 01452 812692.

Wearable Art Festival

Some of last year's entrants

THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING.....

The Wearable Art Painswick festival, on Sunday 10th July, promises to be a fabulously glamorous event this year, full of spectacularly outlandish and outrageously seductive creations of wearable art, catwalk-modelled against the backdrop of the iconic setting of St Marys Church with its 99 Yew trees. The Closed streets of Painswick will be awash with colourful stalls selling many artistic and unique handcrafted creations, sumptuous food and local produce, along with street entertainers and buskers and of course the fabulous WAP creations. We hasten to add the A46 will remain firmly open and will allow access to the ample parking that has been arranged for the day.

THE MC AND JUDGES AWAIT.....

Returning for another round of this resplendent revelry, is the incomparable Keith Allen, who will again be Master of Ceremonies for the Wearable Art Competition. Alongside him will be the star-studded panel of esteemed judges, whose job this year will be more challenging than ever, charged with awarding a plethora of fabulous WAP prizes to the winning themed designs, in categories including schools, colleges and independent artists. We are incredibly excited that last year's returning judges, Dan Chadwick and Selina Blow, are joined this year by fashion designers Savannah Miller and Lulu Guinness, milliner Stephen Jones and artists Tim Noble and Sue Webster!

CHARITY INVOLVEMENT.....

WAP will be supporting 'COBALT' to help with breast cancer care locally; certainly the ever popular BRA-TASTIC category is a very visual reminder of this. The Cotswold Care Hospice will also be another beneficiary of the generous support shown by WAP followers.

THE WAP IS CALLING.....

Wearable Art Painswick are looking for competition entrants, musicians, street entertainers and art, craft and produce stall-holders, to get involved in this fabulous growing annual phenomenon.

The competition is open to all; a chance to have your work judged by an incredible array of talent from the worlds of art and fashion and potential prizes of up to £1,000 await the winners.

We are also looking for musicians, bands, buskers and street entertainers to join the party. Several music venues will entertain the appreciative crowds of WAP followers thronging the village, so again, if you have what it takes, please make contact.

THE STAGE IS SET.....

Wearable Art Painswick festival is on Sunday 10th July. Get it in your diary – get creative – get entering – get competitive – get selling – get entertaining - get involved! We are very grateful for all the generous support of sponsors, services offered and help from the local community. If you would also like to help us in any way, big or small, please E mail us at Info@wapfestival.co.uk

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Chris Mercer





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Community Meals changes

There will be changes to community meals charges starting in April. Gloucestershire County Council will still subsidise each hot meal by 31% but it needs to increase the price in order to continue the service. Whilst the cost of a frozen meal will remain the same (£2.50), the cost of a hot meal will increase to £3.50. This price is still one of the lowest in the south west region.

Cllr Tony Hicks, Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said: "The Community Meals service helps people to stay living in their own homes for longer and to get involved in their communities through lunch clubs. We know how important it is to the people who use it but it does cost a lot of money and we have to pass on more of the true cost of the service to customers."



The WRVS are still looking for volunteer drivers, both male and female, to deliver community meals in Painswick and the surrounding villages. The only commitment is 2 hours per month. If you are interested in finding out more about this volunteering opportunity then please contact Mrs Jackie Gray on 01452 814766.

Jackie Gray

One brick at a time

Sorry, it's me again. I must apologise for taking up space in your excellent publication yet again.



At the risk of being boring I've decided to embark on another sponsored walk for Help for Heroes, I think I've developed itchy feet. This time I will be doing John O'Groats to Lands End, starting from John O'Groats on April 11th and hopefully arrive at Lands End on June 17th.

I will be passing through or near Painswick on or about May 27th when we hope to meet up with friends we have made on previous visits. While we will be collecting for Help for Heroes we hope to direct a substantial amount of money raised towards the building costs of a family centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham (hence 'one brick at a time' possibly sponsored), where the designated military wing is the first port of call for our severely injured troops returning from conflict. At the moment as they recover they have no specific area to spend time with their loved ones who have often travelled long distances to visit them, this needs to be rectified. By the time you read this we should have a web site set up, so for updates please log on to www.dougwalking.co.uk

Doug Hamilton-Cox

Produce for sale



We are closed on Good Friday but we will be open on Maundy Thursday the 21st April.

It has been decided to close on the Royal Wedding Day, Friday the 29th April so that we can all watch the event but we will be open the day before,

Thursday the 28th.

Why not order a ready meal and a cake to celebrate with William and Catherine? All the usual stalls will be operating including our local beef-farmer, our local free-range eggs.

The fish-man will be here as usual on Friday.

In the market on the 28th with the coffee there will be a celebration cake, so do call in and prepare for the "Wedding of the year" by shopping locally!

Anne Leoni

Community Lunches 2010-2011

It has been a most successful season for Community Lunches at its new venue, the ASHWELL CENTRE.

20 clubs and groups from Painswick have hosted each Monday lunchtime gathering from 12noon to 1.15pm - each producing its own delicious homemade vegetable soups, and providing fresh bread and cheese - with tea & coffee available. Many new faces have come to enjoy the warm (hot!) hospitality at Ashwell, as well as the loyal supporters.



Our Treasurer, David Linsell, has said that there will be about £1200 to be given to this year's charities - Cruse Bereavement counselling service; Marah - providing meals & help for Stroud's homeless and disadvantaged; and Christian Aid.

We do feel this 43-year-old village initiative is well worth continuing - and we hope to resume on Monday October 10th. We do hope you will continue to support this. We would also like to have suggestions for 2 more local charities or good causes which we can support with your help.

Rita Bishop and Anne Leoni



Probus Ladies preparing the soup on 7th March

Verdi's Requiem at Tewkesbury Abbey

Many local singers are involved in performing Verdi's great Requiem at Tewkesbury Abbey on June 4th 2011 at 7.30pm. The South Cotswold Choral Group is proud to present the performance which will involve a grand chorus of 200 singers accompanied by the Bristol Concert Orchestra, conducted by Nigel Perrin with soloists Siân Winstanley (soprano), Kate Woolveridge (alto), Philip Holtam (tenor) and Gareth Rhys-Davies (bass). The South Cotswold Choral Group is greatly indebted to Smith & Williamson for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Nave tickets cost £12, aisle seats are £8, and £2 for those under 16. Further details can be obtained from Julia O'Connor Beach on 01454 260877 email secretary.sccg@gmail.com or Jos Gregson on 01454 411652 email jos@josgregson.plus.com

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Resthaven News

Spring Fun Day

Resthaven are planning to hold a Fun Day on Sunday 17th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, this event is to raise funds to purchase a greenhouse for the residents to grow their own plants and flowers. Kay Morton, Resthavens Activities Co-ordinator is planning to hold various activities and events during the afternoon, these include a dog show, easter bonnet parade, pets corner, Painswick fire engine, car washing (small fee), face painting, raffle, various stalls and tea, coffee, and cakes. All welcome, free entrance, please support Resthaven.

Peter Hewlett

New vehicles acquired to support residents

You may have recently seen Resthaven's newly decorated minibus conveying our residents to a social activity. With the welcome arrival of spring our Activities Co-ordinator, Kay Morton, is planning numerous trips out for the residents, visits to Weston Super Mare, Bourton on the Water & Slimbridge Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust to name but a few. Kay endeavours to arrange a trip out for residents weekly during the summer months and they are proving to be very popular, these trips are supported by our carers and volunteers.



Resthaven Vehicles with employees Kay Morton - Activities Coordinator and Paul Harwood - Maintenance Officer

We have also purchased a Renault Kangoo converted to carry a wheel chair, this will be utilised to convey residents to hospital, dental, or doctors' appointments or any other specific personal requirements. Resthaven also offers this vehicle for its Day Care service to collect and return Day Care clients. Please contact Jayne Roberts, Home Manager at Resthaven on 01452 812682 if you are interested in our Day Care Service.

Michael Little



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MP To Open Refurbished Lobby



On Tuesday 12th April, at 7.30pm, Mr Neil Carmichael, MP for Stroud, will officially open the refurbished Front Lobby at the Painswick Centre. The building of an additional door and ramp now provides improved disabled access. All residents of Painswick are invited to join the Trustees and their guests to raise a glass to toast the completion of this project, another important milestone in the development of the Centre for the community.

Then, at 8pm, the Trustees will be holding the Annual General Meeting of the Painswick Centre, to which all residents and users of the Centre are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for the Trustees to report on their work in 2010 and to outline their plans. Those attending are encouraged to ask questions about any aspect of running the Centre.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jennie Barber, as Manager of the Painswick Centre, who will be taking over the work of our retiring Booking Secretary, Rose Smith. Customers and hirers will be able to contact Jennie Barber between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday on the following telephone number: 07769 182229. If customers wish to deliver completed booking forms and other correspondence by hand, these items should be posted in the letterbox on the door between the Front Lobby and the Beacon Hall.

Jane Rowe, on behalf of the Trustees

Isle of Wight Charity Run

Five of our local boys are running from West Cowes to Niton, north to south across the Isle Of Wight to raise money for two charities close to their family and friends' hearts. The run is approximately 17 miles finishing at Castle-haven Beach in Niton, the aim is to raise £2,500.00p for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and the Ronald McDonald House, both of which have helped loved ones and do an amazing job helping others.

They will be running on Saturday 2nd April so to sponsor them or to make a donation please visit, <http://www.justgiving.com/matt-charman> and follow the simple steps to support our boys, Matt Charman, Brian(macca)McCarthy, Lawrence Smith, Dave Taylor and Matt Smith.

Good Luck Boys we are all so proud of you, Run like the wind!!

Chloe Smith

April concerts

We present two excellent music concerts this month. On 2nd April The Mandelring Quartet from Germany might well have played, before you read this, an interesting and challenging programme of quartets by Mendelssohn, Janáček and Beethoven. The Mandelring are a world renowned quartet, known as specialists in the interpretation of string quartet music.

The Gould Trio, piano, violin and cello, will visit Painswick on 16th April. They are British players who are well known on the world's leading concert platforms, performing to enthusiastic acclaim, and noted for the way they extend the boundaries of musical appreciation with challenging new works, some of which they commission. This includes outreach projects working with children both here and in America. In Painswick their programme includes trios by Haydn, who largely invented the form, and Schubert, who wrote two near the end of his short life. The other composer featured is Ravel who also wrote two. Writing in the twentieth century, he broke new ground. The Gould Trio will play his second, which is regarded as a masterpiece. As many will know, Ravel is noted for his persistent rhythms and shifting metres and this trio has plenty with exciting climaxes and passion.

Early purchase of tickets is advised for The Kings Singers concert on 7th May.

and Cordelia thrilled us

Concert soloists give their interpretation of a composer's music but they seldom, if ever, tell you how they do this. Not so Cordelia Williams at St. Mary's Church on 19th March She came on, sat at the piano and, before playing a note, read snatches of poems that had been published alongside Tchaikovsky's The Seasons: twelve pieces

composed for a monthly music magazine. She had drawn her interpretation of the music from these poems, having regard to the Russian climate, and she wanted to share them with her audience before she played this rarely performed work. She then treated us to an extraordinary 45 minutes of Tchaikovsky's creative genius with a succession of wonderfully constructed song-like melodies that had the audience in raptures. So much so they set a precedent by calling her back by acclamation at the end of the first half.



Her second half started with Shostakovich, - composing not for the Russian Regime but for himself - two Prelude and Fugues. Full of lovely harmonies and

contrasting dynamics, the young Cordelia showed her mature technique and mastery of the keyboard in a flowing display of great power and delicate sensitivity. This was followed by Schubert's sublime Impromptus Nos. 2 and 3. The contrast here between the aggressive dynamics of No. 2 and his soul searing No. 3 was wonderfully realised as Schubert at his very best, alas, only a year before his death.

Cordelia Williams' last item was Liszt's *Après une Lecture du Dante*. Again, Cordelia first described her exploration of the poet's verse as her starting approach to the music. She then gave a 'barnstorming' account of this epic (and most demanding, or even terrifying) piece of music that was spellbinding (if not stupefying) by the brilliance of her playing. It was a magnificent tour de force.

Far from being exhausted by her programme, Cordelia felt impelled to respond to the well deserved applause with an encore that was yet another exacting concert piece. Instead of cooling down with a gentle nocturne she pulled off another barnstormer: Prokofiev's knuckle-busting Toccata. This was a concert and a half.

Maurice Maggs

Power-less New Street

On Wednesday, 6th April, a stretch of New Street will be without power from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. As



a consequence, the Post Office will be closed during this time. As the other businesses close for lunch they will be affected only for the second hour ie 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

Jan Clarke steps in

It is very rarely that one of our scheduled monthly speakers has to back out at short notice, but when this happened




in March, the gap was very deftly filled by our President, Jan Clarke, who gave an delightful and enthusiastically -presented illustrated talk on the Peranakan Chinese of Singapore, a relatively small ethnic group, which evolved in the 15th century as a result of men annually migrating from Malacca and Penang to promote trading, and integrating with indigenous women.

Jan had lived in Singapore for several years, where she had qualified as a museum guide, from whence she had acquired detailed knowledge of the life-style, culture and religious beliefs of these fascinating people, mostly quite wealthy, (an economic necessity, as most men had several wives and wedding celebrations lasted for up to 12 days!) who earned their living as merchants, traders and business 'professionals'. Their homes were lavishly furnished, adorned by beautiful artefacts, examples of which Jan had brought with her, including intricate beadwork, a bride's 'wedding box' and a delicate porcelain lidded-jar that was used by Peranakan ladies obsessed with gambling, to hold cicadas for racing! Many features of their homes were designed to ward off or please evil spirits, beliefs very typical of East Asian peoples.

At the W I's Annual County Meeting in Cheltenham in March, Yew Trees was the joint recipient of an award for the most increased membership of small W I's in the past year. We must be doing something right!

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Local History Teaser

What's this! Can anyone explain what was happening over Bisley Street and when?

Last month's teaser elicited some interesting responses. Amanda Porter contacted us to say that the barn and house in the picture are hers. Philip Oakley and Jenny Gauguin recognised the location as Dry Knapps Farm, the picture having been taken either in 1922 or 1925. The barn is in the foreground with the farm behind on Edge Road. Dry Knapps House is behind to the right. Carter Fry holds the horse's head and Brian Hobbs (Jenny's father) is the boy sitting at the rear of the cart reading a book.

If you have a photograph which you think would interest or challenge readers we should love to hear from you.



... and the Local History Society

At the March meeting of the Society Mr John Goom gave an enthusiastic presentation on the rescue and restoration of historic buildings. He took as his example the hamlet of Wittington which comprises an Elizabethan house and some cottages, all listed.

From the start of the talk Mr Goom emphasised the need to always remember that houses are living entities and should not be treated as stagnant museum pieces, a very refreshing approach. By 1990 many of the cottages in Wittington were in a state of near dereliction and he pointed out that as water is the enemy the first step always is to cover the top of the building. Limestone, usually the most common building material hereabouts, is porous and therefore needs lime mortar pointing in order for water to be able to evaporate away. In the

20th century considerable damage was done by the use of cement mortar for pointing. Where stone and inverted timber have been exposed the timber will rot and the building will move too much. These were just some of the many problems encountered.

The dilemmas of conservation focus on how to retain character whilst introducing changes, such as bathrooms, necessary for living. Past developments from the 19th century onwards such as the ad hoc re-designing of internal arrangements are seldom appropriate for present-day living and fortunately in Wittington several of the cottages had been almost completely stripped out allowing more possibilities for ideal development.

Mr Goom emphasised the benefits of using both traditional techniques, such as pegging for timber frame repairs, and traditional materials such as Cotswold stone slates for roofing which several quarries are now making. He also highlighted the advantages of re-using materials wherever possible such as second-hand slates and iron window frames. Overall, the message is that each house requires an individual approach, appropriate to its needs and character. Wittington has definitely benefited from this approach.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th April when three members will each present their findings on three very different research topics. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Seeking Shirley

I recently received an email from Mr Kim Bowers of Maryland, USA, asking for help in finding information about his uncle, Willford Cavender who was one of the American soldiers stationed in Painswick from 11th March 1944 until June when they left for the D-Day landings.

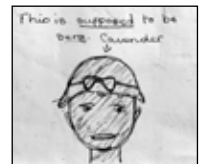
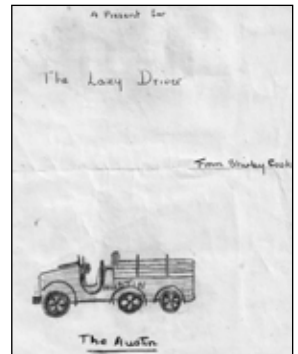


He was a Corporal in the 164th Engineer Combat Battalion and, as truck driver, he would drive men out into the countryside for manoeuvres and then hope to snooze in the truck. However, he was thwarted in his aim by a young local girl who would appear on a regular basis and tease him. She drew a picture of him and his truck and made an envelope with a felt devil inside and the words 'Speak of the Devil and he shall appear' and 'A present for the Lazy Driver.'

Corporal Cavender died last year but Kim says that he had spoken of the girl several times. After his death the family found the drawing and the felt devil amongst his effects. He had carried them with him throughout the European invasion and kept them subsequently despite many moves after the War, from California to Alaska and back to Maryland.

The girl's name was Shirley Cook and she was about eleven or twelve in 1944. These small, seemingly insignificant items have great personal meaning for the family as Kim's mother and her brother, Corporal Cavender, were very close. Kim would very much like to find Shirley. If you know of her do please contact us.

Carol Maxwell



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The Quiz and St. Patterns Five win again

There was a dramatic end to the 2011 Beacon Quiz on the 19th March with a tie break for first place. *St. Patterns Five* and *The Rosie Four* both scored 75 points and it took two further questions to decide the winner. Congratulations *St. Patterns Five*. This exciting end to the quiz nearly overshadowed the big event - the new Painswick Beacon Quiz Trophy. This is a lovely piece of medieval Painswick limestone carved by Mark Hancock of Centreline in the shape of the Trig column on the top of the Beacon. It is embellished with a metal plate replicating that on the real thing giving directions to many landmarks. As it is stone it is heavy and though meant for the mantelpiece, the victors might prefer to keep it on the floor.

Congratulations are also due to *The Irregulars* who came third, the *Rear Enders* for the best team name and the *Flying Pigs* for the best mascot. We hope all the twenty two teams who participated enjoyed the evening. Thank you for coming and thanks to our staff of eight members of the Beacon committee, two co-opted spouses and one co-opted daughter. Finally thanks to Chris Campbell for the food and the bar people for the bar.

Charles Dorman



The Rosie Four and St. Patterns Five



THE TEAMS	MEMBERS	Score
1 = The Rosie Four	The Woof Group	75
1 = St Patterns Five	Parfitt family	75
3 The Irregulars	Pickin Davies	73
4 The Coalition	Pitchcombe residents	72
5 Tired and Tested	Tina and friends	71
6 = Gli Originali	Italian Group	69
6 = The Coasters	Jolly Stompers Dance Group	69
6 = 3 glasses + bottle of plonk	Sandra Glass and family	69
9 Listing Buildings	Conservation Society	67
10 The Wise Old Birds	Friday Club	65
11 The Ding Dongs	Ancient Soc. of Painswick Youths	64
12 The Slashers	Beacon Conservation Group	63
13 = The Ringmasters	Ancient Soc. of Painswick Youths	62
13 = The Searchers	Local History Society	62
15 Bookworms	Book Club	61
16 The Wessex Folk	Peter and friends	60
17 The Has Beans	Horticultural Society	57
18 Three Butts + Maybe	Green Friends	56
19 Flying Pigs	Clattergrove folk	55
20 Seeds and Weeds	Horticultural Society	51
21 The Rear Enders	Cotswold Mead residents	44
22 Natty Matty Bowlers	Short Mat Bowling Club	41



Question setters



The Irregulars



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St. Mary's cockerel restored and replaced

The observant will have noticed that a shiny new restored cockerel sits atop the spire of S. Mary's. The repairs to the weather vane, which was badly damaged in a storm in November 2010, owe much to the skills of two local people. The structure was much improved mechanically by Richard Overs of Catbrain Quarry. The gilding of the cockerel was done by Gillian Hancock of Centreline in Vicarage Street Painswick. The brave men who laddered the tower and retrieved and replaced the cockerel were from G&S steepjacks of Paulton, Bristol – one of the few firms around willing to undertake such work.



Photo: Gillian Hancock



Photo: Trevor Radway

David Bishop

GILDING THE COCKEREL

From the Golden Fleece to the Golden Globe Awards, gold has been highly valued in many societies throughout the ages. Royal crowns; Egyptian masks; the haloes of saints, wedding rings: gold symbolizes power, strength, love, optimism and perfection to name but a few of its positive connotations. And so, it was with a feeling of continuing a very long tradition of using gold for its prime purpose that I began to gild the cockerel of St. Mary's Church.

Now, many people think that gilding is some sort of paint. They stare incredulously when it is explained gilding involves applying solid 23 carat gold in sheets so unbelievably thin that one tired sigh or nod of the head will send them floating away: it is as thin as a burnt sheet of paper. Gilding is a process with a four thousand years old history and the techniques and equipment I used to gild the cockerel have barely changed in the last four hundred. The gold came from Italy and is beaten to its airy thinness over the course of a whole day to avoid melting it. The beaten sheets are then cut into 80mm squares and are placed between roughed sheets of tissue paper.

Gilding the cockerel was a wholly satisfying process, I can see why King Midas has such a thing about it. The gilded surface should last for at least fifty years and, being so pure, it will not tarnish and should shine in the sun and the moonlight. I won't take it kindly if some Painswickian takes a pot shot at him after lurching out of the pub, there are some traditions that should be allowed to lapse.

Gillian Hancock www.centrelinestone.co.uk

Pirates Easter Treasure Trail

1.00- 4.00pm Friday 22nd April, Rococo Gardens



Many families in the area will remember the Easter Egg Trail at the Rococo Gardens organised by Painswick Playgroup a couple of years ago. It was such an overwhelming success that the Playgroup are having a rest for this year only and handing it over to the Friends of the Croft School. We thank Paul Moir and the Rococo Gardens Trust for allowing the event to be held there once again.

Entrance is by ticket, sold in advance, and priced at £3.00 per person (under 1's are free). The ticket price includes entrance to Rococo Gardens for the Easter Treasure Trail (with a set of questions and challenges for 4 years and over and another set for the under 4's) with craft activities, face painting, walk the plank and of course Chocolate Treasures... There will be lots of fun for all ages.

Tickets are available from The Croft School/ The Painswick Post office/ and Rococo Gardens for more information please contact Marc Weatherall 01452 813684

Jo Weatherall

Solution to Wally's puzzle

Last month we included a puzzle from Wally Walters. To put at rest all those still struggling we give below Wally's solution: "Its weight is 200 pounds but of course in those days they used Roman numerals. The computerised weighing machine used the hexadecimal system, based on 16 (123456789ABCDEF 10) rather than the standard decimal system, based on 10 (123456789 10). Roman numeral CC = decimal 200. Hexaxadecimal CC = decimal 204, hence the difference."

Great Brahm's Requiem

With a good number of singers from Painswick, we tend to report here the Society's major concerts. We enjoyed one on 19th March in St. Matthew's Church, Cainscross, listening to a performance of Brahms' moving and beautiful German Requiem - not really a requiem at all but a setting of certain passages from the Bible. The choir are fortunate in being directed now by Huw Williams, a most charismatic conductor. Outstanding also were Matthew Martin and Jenny Rees, the piano accompanists, Greg Skidmore, a Canadian Baritone in full voice and, perhaps above all, the sensational 13 year old boy treble, winner at the age of 11 of the BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year award.

The Society's next concert will be 'A Festival of Gloucestershire Composers' on 18th June in the Stroud Subscription Rooms.

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Opera visits and future meetings

On 4th March PMAG had its annual dose of live Opera, this time to see Verdi's most tuneful opera, *Il Trovatore*, in Cardiff. We set off in good time (just) to enjoy the restaurant delights that are found quite close to the theatre, which is always a good start to the evening's musical delights. *Trovatore* is a sensuously dark and violently passionate drama with all the traditional features of opera (actually tragi-comic so beloved of opera's decriers): sex, rape, burning at the stake, baby murder, jealousy, betrayal, mistaken identity and the taking of poison by the heroine to deprive the villain of his ill-gotten gains. Whilst all this satisfies convinced opera buffs, it failed to please us by being set on stage in a meaningless conglomeration of ugly black shapes, (worse even than the façade of the Millennium Centre) dark grey costumes and gloomy lighting with little relief – so the dark passions in all of this were hard to distinguish. It seemed a cheap production since even the anvil chorus was played with tiny hammers.



All that, plus the fact that high placed subtitles in English, being crowded alongside by the same in Welsh, were hard to read, whilst the seats were not designed for comfort. WNA were on a sticky wicket and the cognoscenti amongst us

were not impressed with the way Verdi was treated by the conductor, but the Welsh Chorus were in very good form. If you think we had a bad night at the opera, you are wrong. We had a wonderful time dishing out the criticisms, which is probably why we like going!!

Maurice Maggs

Our 19th March meeting was a visit to Roses Cinema in Tewkesbury to see the superb Metropolitan Opera transmission of *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Donizetti. **Will members please note that the order of the next two meetings is reversed,** Richard Burges Watson on Wagner will be on 1st and Jane Rowe on the 17th Century on 15th April.

Alex Nichols

Broadband meeting

A well attended meeting in the Town Hall on 22nd March was given a presentation by the Loop Scorpio company in which the company's proposals for a super fast 100Mbps Broadband link from Gloucester to Painswick were explained. The Beacon carried the details of the proposed system in the March issue and those at the meeting had a number of questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Loop Scorpio intend to maximise publicity in the coming months and invited suggestions how best such publicity might be achieved in the Painswick area.

Terry Parker

BEACO-DOKU

Last month we set the seasonal word, and we were nearly right; it **P-O-U-R-E-D** at times.

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E	U	R	D	O	P
O	D	E	P	R	U
R	P	U	O	E	D
U	R	P	E	D	O
D	E	O	U	P	R

The time is upon us to prepare our hanging baskets and tubs, and expanses of border where we have them, to burst into **F-L-O-W-E-R**.

Those nearest the village centre may have their eye on the prestigious Painswick in Bloom trophy for 2011, awarded by the Horticultural Society. Can you find the 42 combinations of the word?

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Letters

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Local History follow up & congratulations to the Beacon

Russell Race -writes from Rochester, Kent:

As an addendum to your item on Horne's Garage, I lived in the village as a boy from 1951 to 1958 and my parents were good friends of Dan and Daisy Horne, who as I recall lived at Stonecroft.

Congratulations on your excellent magazine - many communities would be proud to produce such a publication quarterly; to do so monthly is a tremendous achievement.

Police Report

Alexa Collicott, Media and Communications Officer reports that between 11pm on February 20 and 10.30am on March 1st unknown offenders forced



entry to a home on Gloucester Street in Painswick. Once inside they stole silverware from the address. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 quoting incident number 156. You can also give information anonymously via the Crimestoppers website or calling 0800 555 111.

Then between 3.45pm and 5.45pm on March 6th the window of a white Citroen Berlingo van parked at Painswick Beacon was smashed and a USB phone charger stolen from within. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 quoting incident number 379.

You can also give information anonymously via the Crimestoppers website or calling 0800 555 111. Officers are also reminding motorists to follow crime prevention advice to avoid becoming a victim. Tips include removing any valuable items or property that could be tempting to a thief from the vehicle before leaving it unattended.

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Wildlife rescues

Of previously three wildlife centres in the county, one remains, The Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Cirencester. At the Town Hall on 8th March, Paul Richardson referred to 7,000 in-calls and 3,000 wildlife casualties per annum as well as to rescues from young deer to fox, dormouse and failed fledgeling. Of dead badgers at the roadside, 90% are said to have died from shot or poison. Swan shooting is not new (13 latterly at Ashton Keynes) but most swan deaths arise from left fishing tackle. Wisely, policy is not to strive officiously with road-injured deer but blindness is often a temporary trauma.



A good gathering enjoyed the speaker's illuminating statistics and were impressed with the sheer volume and variety of experience quoted, all in cooperation with Police, RSPCA and Vets - and amazingly - entirely funded from private donation. Controversy still surrounds the respective roles of deer and badger in transmitting bovine TB. This illuminating address gave way to an AGM of perhaps record brevity!

We look forward to the joint meeting with Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm at the Town Hall when David Brown (lecturer, author and Warwicks. County Moth Recorder) will talk on "Warning Colours and Survival Techniques of Butterflies and Moths to avoid Bird Predation."

Further offerings for the April car boot sale at Aston Down would be happily received (01452 813094)

Martin and Wendy Addy

Weeds and outings

On March 9th we all enjoyed the talk and slide show by Roger Umpleby giving us an alternative perspective on weeds. His close up photography showed us how exquisitely beautiful some "weed" flowers can be. We learned that many are edible, healthy and useful: they just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Thanks to Roger, as I pluck the celandine from growing profusely in my lawn, I shall now always remember that this was Wordsworth's favourite flower: not the daffodil. He will be back later in the year to talk on "The Kitchen Garden".

Also a reminder to members and anyone interested that there are 6 excellent outings planned this summer including Geoff Hamilton's Barnsdale Garden so please sign up soon to be assured of a place.

Our next meeting is on April 13th when Duncan Coombs will be giving a talk on "Hidcote: A Garden created by Lawrence Johnston. All members and visitors are welcome.

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Battles, Boats & Booze

Fred Jones gave us a sobering talk entitled 'Battle of the Atlantic Revisited'. The scene was set when he stated that the German Admiral Durnitz' strategy was to sink British ships at a faster rate than they could be replaced.



The British had ASDIC but submarines were difficult to detect and depth charges were too slow. U-Boats would position themselves in the middle of a convoy then attack in all directions. We learned that Germany may have won the battle but for two crucial factors: firstly, the breaking of enemy codes by Bletchley Park and secondly, with the help of American shipyards, 2710 'Liberty Ships' were built in 18 months, turning out six merchant ships per week!

On the March 16th we were joined by the Probus ladies for a Wine Tasting at the Church Rooms. The proceedings started with a fascinating presentation from 'The Barge Women' who brought into sharp focus the tough lives endured by families who crewed narrow boats on Britain's canals.

We then proceeded to the serious business, tasting four wines from Alsace selected by Paul Sparks. Finally, we enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch prepared by the ladies, led by Joan Hardwidge.

Glynn H. Nixon

Field Club: Lectures and First Excursion of 2011

The Field Club's Annual General Meeting will be held next Wednesday, 6th April at 2:30pm, in the Beacon Hall of the Painswick Centre. This will be followed by an illustrated lecture given by Philip Mugridge on 'India - its Flowers and Wildlife'.

We visit Richmond Village, Painswick for our first evening lecture, at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 4th May when we welcome Philip Mugridge back, to give us a 'Taste of America'. Philip is a renowned wildlife photographer, so it will be a special treat to see more of his work. Non-members are most welcome to attend our lectures.

The Club's first excursion of the year is also open to non-members. On Tuesday 19th April, we travel by coach to three ancient churches, all gems, in the north of Gloucestershire. Leaving Stamages Lane car park at 9:05am prompt, Tim Porter and Jenny Jackson will guide us around Dumbleton and Wormington Churches. We break for lunch (with a choice of dishes) at the Gardeners Arms at Alderton, and then visit Hailes Church to view the medieval wall paintings. After tea taken at Hayles Fruit Farm, we are scheduled to return to Painswick at about 5pm. The price inclusive of lunch and tea is £31. Contact 01452 813228 for a booking form and further details.

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Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Rugby Football

Painswick win South West final of Vase competition.

Over the course of the current season Painswick Rugby Football Club have been involved in The Rugby Football Union Junior Vase competition, as well as fulfilling their commitments with league games in Gloucester Division 1, and have met with a good deal of success.

First round was a visit to League 1 rivals Cheltenham Civil Service, Painswick winning a close game by the odd point. That was followed by a clash with old rivals Dursley RFC and another satisfying win for the 'Cherry and Whites'.

Then came the Gloucestershire final against the Gloucester side Longlevens RFC who had only recently beaten Painswick in the league fixture. However the Painswick boys made no mistake second time around and won a thrilling game 13 - 8. This was followed in the next round with a resounding win against the Somerset champions, Nailsea and Backwell.

So, on Saturday 19th March, in glorious sunshine and temperatures no doubt more suited to cricket, Broadham was the venue for the South West final of the Vase competition, and the visit of Plymouth Barbarians RFC. The 'Barbarians' have enjoyed a most successful season so far and sit proudly at the top of Devon League 1, having gone through their league season unbeaten!

A large crowd gathered in the sunshine to watch two evenly matched teams play their part in what turned out to be a very entertaining, fair but hard fought game. In the early exchanges the Devon forwards appeared to have the upper hand at both scrum and lineout, and supplied their backs with a plentiful supply of ball, but the local lads were not phased, and tackled as though their lives depended on it. As a result Plymouth found it impossible to make any headway.

Then Painswick's James Wynne received the ball in a bit of space on the right wing and made for the corner, avoiding the would-be tackler with his now customary 'Wynnies side-step' to score an unconverted try. This was followed by Josh Bridgeman, who kicked

a penalty to make it 8 - nil, but not to be outdone, the Barbarians came back and scored a try of their own in the corner to go in at half time 8 - 5 down.

The second half produced more thrilling rugby and James Wynne again made the break and passed to Captain Oz Smith who made the line for another unconverted try. 13 - 8 to Painswick. Both sides continued to battle throughout the remaining period and it was Painswick's Josh Bridgeman who managed to crash over in the corner for a try in the closing seconds, leaving the local side victors 18 points to 8.

The Club now looks forward to Saturday 2nd April, when Risborough RFC are the visitors to Broadham. We know little about them but if the local side play as we know they can, surely a Twickenham appearance beckons for a mid May final.

Thanks go to referee Mr Fred Spong, a local Pitchcombe man, ably assisted by touch judges John Watkins and Tim Chandler. The officials of our visitors also complimented Fred on his performance, which was praise indeed from a losing side!

Hockey

Busy season for Painswick Hockey Club.

The Club runs one ladies team, who play on Saturdays, and one mixed team who play on Sundays.

Most of the ladies games are league matches, which are played in Severn division 3. They also play a few friendly games throughout the season when dates are free.

The mixed team just play friendly games, which are much more relaxing.

Unfortunately, as we can no longer play on grass, we have had to give up our Broadham pitch and play all our home fixtures at St. Peters School, Stroud rd, Gloucester. We have all ages in our teams from teens to over 50's, but are always on the lookout for new members.

A few weeks ago we beat our great rivals, Stroud 4 - 1 which now places us near the top of the league table. The season is now drawing to a close, however we have entered a team for the outside summer

league and hopefully some friendlies in April. Training takes place at Wycliffe College in Stonehouse on Wednesday evenings from 8.00 until 9.00 pm.

Anyone interested in more information can contact Julie on 01452 416116

Painswick Golf

Seniors golf at Painswick is alive and kicking! It is also a very friendly affair. If you are new to Painswick and would like to join us, please get in touch with our new seniors' captain - Jim McNamara - on 813478. Or we would be happy to see you at the Tuesday or Thursday roll-ups at 7.45-8.00am.

Our winter competitions are drawing to a close and the summer ones will be starting over the next few months. The seniors (over 55s) join with the ladies in regular "texas scramble" competitions - the latest was held on 1st March. The winning team was Judith Courts, Alan Fisher, Roy Henderson and Vern Watkin.

We also have friendly matches with other clubs through the summer months. This year we started early to fit in an extra club - South Herefordshire. On 3rd March we played at their course, and although we did not win, we did have a most enjoyable time.

Broadham Summer Ball



The Painswick RFC and Sports Club Ball this year is to be held on Friday 24th June at Broadham Fields, Painswick.

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A Tribute to John Goddard



This article is based on an interview with the late John Goddard a few weeks before his death on 2nd November 2010.

John Goddard used to own the garage in the yard off the Cheltenham Road, just beyond the junction with Gloucester Street, which his son Robert has been running for some years now. Unfortunately, John's unexpected death last November has prevented him presiding at the garage's Centenary celebrations, which he had been looking forward to organising. The garage had been started in May 1911 by his father and uncle at the Falcon Inn, which his grandparents had run as tenants. John's childhood memories included playing with friends in the hayloft over the old stables by the side of the pub and sliding down the thatch roof of the arbour of the Painswick Falcon Bowling Club behind, where his father, Tom Goddard, a noted international, had also been greenkeeper.

John was born in the family home in St. Mary's Street in 1923 and later went to Marling School in Stroud. Before World War II, he started an apprenticeship in Nailsworth with W. Sissons & Co., a marine engineering company, moving from there to the Gloster Aircraft Company at Brockworth,

crafting precision machine tools. John was called up in 1945, joining the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). By the age of twenty-three, he was serving in Palestine as a Corporal, running a service station under canvas on the Beersheba to Gaza road, before being demobbed in 1947.

John's father and uncle had already started a taxi service at the garage and later took on several lorries, delivering oil and coke to local factories and defence depots during the war. The garage was moved to its present location in 1950, following the death of John's grandmother, who had held the tenancy at the Falcon. John spent most of his time as a young man driving the company's vehicles, often delivering mail from the station to private houses along the valley as far as Cheltenham. However, he recalls his worst job as picking up food waste from local pubs and restaurants for delivery as pigswill to all the farms in the area. He much preferred driving the company's taxis, especially at weddings. Sometimes, he would chauffeur Phyllis Calvert, the celebrated film actress, who lived at the time in Hambutts House.

John's father died in 1959, leaving him the business. Fortunately, this is still doing well, although it has not been easy competing against the large vehicle franchise dealerships. The most significant change in John's lifetime in the garage business was the advent of complex electronics, such as ABS braking and engine management systems. John and Robert were enthusiastic supporters of the Right to Repair Campaign, established to protect independent garages. With a membership number of 1868, J. W. Goddard is now one of the longest surviving members of the Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI), but still keeping up with modern developments.

John and his late wife, Barbara, had lived at Acacia House, next to the garage, from

1972 until about thirteen years ago, when they moved to their bungalow in Pullens Road. Until his death, he had been an active participant in village life, having been a parish councillor for many years and a keen Short Mat Bowls Club player at the Town Hall. John is survived by his son Robert and younger son James, who runs a marketing and advertising business near Oxford.

Michael Buckland-Smith

[The Beacon plans to publish a follow-up article on the garage to commemorate its centenary celebrations in May]

Changes at The Royal Oak

The Beacon had heard from Keith Ayres that he and Claire, his former business partner, have decided to part company and Claire has now left the Royal Oak Inn. Keith says that it is with great regret that he says goodbye to Claire and her dog the Husky, Chaos. He says Claire had helped him to set The Royal Oak Inn on the path of success and he will continue to do what he can to make it the place Painswick hopes it will become; a friendly warm and exciting place.


He says his plans for The Royal Oak include a clean up and redecoration to bring the pub back to its prime. He has a monthly Pub Quiz on the 4th Thursday every month, an Indian Experience Night once a month allowing patrons to experience authentic Indian dishes. He also plans to have other Food Themed evenings for countries around the world as well as particular types of food like Seafood Evenings. He also says he intends to introduce Bingo very soon.

Keith says that as the weather warms up he will have BBQ Evenings at the weekend where 'you will be able to have burgers, hotdogs and some more interesting dishes'. He hopes customers will pop in and see how he is improving The Royal Oak.

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With thanks from all on the Beacon committee for such a prompt response to our invitation to subscribe for 2011-12. We are closely watching what happens in April.

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So, did we all cope with the census? If at this point you're saying to yourself "what census?" or "oh, that thing in the big white and purple envelope", then its time to pay attention. We have a legal responsibility to fill in the census and there will be reminders if you didn't do it by March 27th and follow up visits by census staff. Ultimately, if a person refuses to fill it in, there will be a fine of up to £1,000. The people whom I'm concerned about are those who might have simply found the thought of doing it too overwhelming, or a difficulty such as poor memory or eyesight has meant that it hasn't been done. Please give me a call if you would like some help. If you're aware of someone in this predicament, then please lend them a hand or pass on my details. I would also ask that everyone be aware of the possibility of bogus callers taking this as an opportunity to gain entry to a vulnerable person's home. Please ensure you have checked for photo identification before allowing anyone into your home, or perhaps ask them to come back when you can have a neighbour/friend/family member present with you. You can check

with the Census help line or Stroud District Council for ID verification, and if you think the person is suspicious, call the police.

I was asked recently to find an optician who would do a home visit for an eye test and was given a list by GUIDE. I thought it might be useful to share it with you, so you will find them at the end of this article. GUIDE is a health, social care and disability information service for the people of Gloucestershire.

Another useful snippet of information which I discovered recently was regarding Council tax benefits. There are a variety of conditions which if met will mean a reduction in your bill such as;

When there is only one person living in the home, there will be a 25% discount (often overlooked when a partner dies or goes into permanent care).

If a special room or additional bathroom or kitchen has to be made to meet a "disabled" person's needs. This can mean that you will have your band rate lowered by one band if you have had to convert the sitting room into a bedroom to nurse someone ill. The discount lasts for as long as this is necessary and is calculated on a daily basis.

If you need space to store a wheelchair you can have the same one band decrease as above.

There are lots of other criteria, so call the council tax helpline to discuss your particular situation, or ask me to help.

How about a bit of FREE fun to put a spring in your tail? If you're over 50, come along on Friday 6th May from 1-5 p.m. to The Space, Lansdown, Stroud. There will be a melee of American Swing, African dancing, Belly Dancing, Line Dancing, Musical theatre and Tai Chi. You will need to book, so call Sheryl Walpole from Age UK on.

Thank you for all your calls and feedback about these articles; I really value and appreciate them.

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PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

The press seems to be full of negative news stories at the moment, which is a shame as there is a lot of positive activity out there in the housing market. Transaction levels are strong in the London markets and this is having a trickle-down effect across the south of the UK. Sales are above expectations and well above where we were at this point last year. In Painswick during January and February this year we have had double the number of properties on our books, we have conducted more than double the number of viewings and have agreed twice as many sales compared to the same period last year. This appears set to continue through March.

For vendors, this is a key point to make note of. We receive a constant stream of instructions from frustrated sellers that have previously listed elsewhere at inflated values. But a high selling price can be pretty unhelpful if it is putting

buyers off. With the supply of properties up on this time last year, buyers have more choice on offer. This means that to achieve a sale, properties must be appropriately priced for their local market. With over 140 years of experience, Hamptons International is uniquely placed to be the trusted agent of choice.

New properties on our books include: The Little Fleece in Bisley Street being sold by the National Trust with a long lease; Aaron House in Butt Green, a detached house with "secret" garden; 11 Berry Close, a mid-terrace house in a central location; Long Mynd in the Highlands, a beautifully presented property with wonderful views; Turnstone House in Greenhouse Lane, an elegant Grade II Listed residence in need of modernisation; Braeside, a charming cottage with acreage on Coopers Hill; Woodlands Farm in the Camp, a Cotswold farm house with equestrian facilities; and

Highcroft in Brimpsfield, a 1960s-built family house. Other new instructions already under offer include Kantanta in Lower Washwell Lane, The Old Stable in St Marys Street, Ann's Cottage in Pitchcombe and Field Croft and 3 Wordings Mount in Sheepscombe.

Others properties also under offer include 1 Hambutts Cottages in Edge Road, 14 Berry Close, Eden Cottage on the Cheltenham Road, Maisie Cottage in Vicarage Street, Lawn Cottage and in Sheepscombe, Worgans Cottage in Slad, Sweetbriar in Cranham, Riflemans in The Vatch, 6 Gamecock Close in Brockworth, 11 Woodlands Green in Upton St Leonards.

Guy Tabony



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APRIL

Fri	1	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Richard Wagner	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	2	Painswick Players / Everyman Drama Workshops £35 - contact Jean Burgess 812167	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	4	Painswick Music Society Concert: Mandelring Quartet Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	St Mary's Church Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	3.00pm 10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries Adrian 07855404147)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Painswick Players Auditions: "Duets" by Peter Quilter - All Welcome	Church Rooms	From 6.00pm
Wed	6	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139 Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Theatre Club Outing to Malvern Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club AGM & Lecture: India, Flowers & Wildlife - Philip Mugridge. Details 813228 Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays	Ashwell House Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Cotswold Care Bridge Evening	Town Hall Church Rooms	10.00am 7.00pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	12	AGM of the Painswick Centre: Enq to Secretary Sue Lendon tel: 813791	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Wed	13	Probus: The long thin country - Chile - Bob Price Horticultural Society: Hidcote; A Garden Created by Lawrence Johnston - Duncan Coombs	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	14	Last Table Tennis of the season Painswick Bird Club/Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Warning colours & survival techniques used by butterflies & moths to avoid bird predators - David Brown	Painswick Centre Town Hall	7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: Easter Food - Gillian Hancock Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The 17th Century	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	16	Painswick Music Society Concert: Gould Trio	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	19	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club excursion to North Glos historic Churches + Lunch & Tea. Booking enq. 813228 Clothes Sale: Daily for 4 days	Stamages Car Park Patchwork Mouse Croft School Stamages Car Park	9.05am 10.00am to 4.00pm 7.30pm 2.00pm
Wed	20	Local History Society: Research Evening Horticultural Society outing to Stone House, Wyck Rissington, Cheltenham Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM & Guest Speaker	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	22	Good Friday Procession of Witness Start: Pirates Easter Treasure Trail: Tickets £3 Painswick Singers Concert: (includes Faure's 'Requiem') Admission free - retiring collection	Catholic Church Rococo Gardens St Mary's Church	10.30am 1.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	23	Copy dateline for May Beacon		
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: Mary Queen of Scots - Gillian White Painswick Players Playreading 'Blithe Spirit' - all welcome	Town Hall Green Room, P. Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus AGM	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	28	Country Market - Coffee available	Town Hall	10.00am
Fri	29	No country Market Today Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Members Night & AGM	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm

MAY

Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: A Taste of America - Philip Mugridge. Details 813228	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Friday Club: An Afternoon with "NIP" - Robin Shotter	Town Hall Resthaven, Pitchcombe	7.30pm 2.30pm



Sat	7	May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	9	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Kings Singers Painswick Bird Club Field trip "Springtime at Slimbridge" - meet at Reception area	St Mary's Church Slimbridge	3.00pm 10.45am
Wed	11	Probus: The Changing Face of the Media - Ian Mean Horticultural Society AGM, followed by talk: The Work of the Hedgehog Hospital - Annie Parfitt	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	14	Centenary Celebrations Horticultural Society Spring Social Event: Rodmarton Manor, Cirencester & supper at Uley Village Hall	Goddards Garage Stamages Car Park	10.00am to 2.00pm 2.00pm
Mon	16	Painswick Bird Club Field trip "Songsters at Miserden" - Martin Wright, Guide	Miserden School Car Pk	9.45am
Tue	17	Local History Society Annual Outing: A Guided Tour of Gloucester	The Cross	6.00pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Two Years in the Antarctic - Ken Gibson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Cathedral Youth Choir	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Canal Women - Pat Harper / Felicity Ray	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: A Taste of Iceland - Theo Stening	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue	31	Theatre Club Outing to Cardiff W.N.O. Painswick Players Playreading 'A Chorus of Disapproval' - all welcome	Stamages Car Park Green Room, P. Centre	3.00pm 7.30pm

JUNE

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: British Wild Flowers - Rosemary Westgate. Details 813228	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club: Badgers - Tony Dean	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	7	Painswick Bird Club Field Trip: "Wildlife at Thistledown" near Nympsfield - meet at entrance (SO 811007) Horticultural Society Outing to Ryton Organic Garden, Coventry, Warwickshire	Nympsfield Stamages Car Park	9.45am 10.00am
Wed	8	Probus: A Career in Policing - Tim Brain	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	9	Rococo Gardens Friends' Outing to Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
Fri	17	Friday Club: A Newcomer to Painswick: Jane Jennings-Taylor	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society AGM	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Humpty Dumpty - Malcolm Watkins	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sun	26	British Red Cross Open Gardens: at least 5 gardens open: Teas/Ice Creams/free parking: Adults £5, children free	Painswick	2.00 to 6.00pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: My Life in the Fire Service - Ray Drew Painswick Players Playreading 'Boeing Boeing' - all welcome	Town Hall Green Room, P. Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	29	Friday Club Summer Outing by Train & River to Bath Horticultural Society Outing: Sandywell Barn House, Whittington, Glos.	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Thu	30	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.30am

JULY

Wed	6	Probus: The Edwardians - Malcolm Lewis Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Butterflies - Sue Smith. Details 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	9	Lakeside Concert Band outdoor concert in aid of Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice. £4, children free	Sheephouse	3.00 to 5.00pm
Sun	10	Wearable Art Painswick 2011		
Thu	14	Painswick Players production: "Duets" by Peter Quilter (also 15th & 16th)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: History of Ballet Music - Maurice Maggs	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon		
Thu	21	Horticultural Society Outing to Barnsdale Garden, Oakham, Leicestershire	Stamages Car Park	9.00am

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Thu	29	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
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NEW APPLICATIONS

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street: New windows to rear and resite of satellite dish.

6 CANTON ACRE, Painswick. Erection of single storey side extension, detached garage and construction of dormer window to front elevation. Resubmission following withdrawn application S.10/1442/HHOLD

THE BARN, Slad Lane. New entrance lobby, following from withdrawn application. S.10/2374/HHOLD.

WESTMORLAND HOUSE, Kingsmead. Proposed new dwelling.

4 UPPER WASHWELL, Painswick Erection of a single storey rear extension.

PODGWELL BARN, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge. Erection of new garage & external alterations.

WASHBROOK FARM, Edge Road, Painswick. Removal of conservatory. Installation of new window & glazed door to west elevation. Alteration of internal partitions. Removal of existing dormer & PVC windows, replaced with new windows and catslide roof. Installation of stairs and stair well. Minor landscaping to steps, kitchen, garden and parking area.

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL, Bisley Street: Installation of 1 non illuminated timber fascia sign.

WASHBROOK MILL, Edge Road Proposed new garden store.

PAINSWICK LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Erection of information boards at Stamages Lane, Victoria Square, St Mary's Street, Friday Street, New Street and Bisley Street, Painswick

3 UPPER WASHWELL, Painswick Construction of conservatory MEISTER MASONRY LTD

Erection of a storage building. 1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGES, Cheltenham Road. Extension to Garden Room.

PYLL HOUSE, Sheepscombe Replacement of windows and internal alterations.

WASHBROOK FARM, Edge Road. Change of use of existing annexe from workshop space into a 3 bedroom holiday-let cottage. Minimal alteration to building exterior with some changes to existing windows and doors, repointing of stonework and reproofing.

CONSENT

HILLFOOT COTTAGE, 22 Gloucester Road. Single storey extension.

9 GYDE ROAD, Painswick. Roof and wall insulation. New front door and temporary blocking of 2nd bathroom window to enable shower to be installed.

FOURWINDS, Churchill Way. Reduce the height of 4 trees.

TIMBERCOMBE COTTAGE, Sheepscombe. Replacement porch to front elevation.

BUTT HOUSE, Butt Green. Demolition of existing garage and greenhouse, construction of new garage and attached garden room and new green-house with associated landscaping.

THE PAINSWICK PHARMACY, New Street. New non-illuminated fascia sign and new non-illuminated timber projecting sign.

TORWIN, Cheltenham Road. Rear dormer in existing roof.

STONE HOUSE, St Mary's Street. Replacement of window.

THE ANCHORAGE, Cheltenham Road Minor amendment to planning permission S.09/0845/FUL

THE TYTHE BARN, Painswick. Erection of garaging/storage. Revised application following approval S.09/1277/HHOLD (Retrospective).

CHERRY CROFT, Pullens Road. Erection of a detached garage (revised plans rec'd 07/03/11)

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The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Weddings

Best wishes to NICHOLAS TWILLEY and AMANDA SCARFE who are to be married in St. Mary's, Painswick on April 23rd;

Also to GAVIN KRUK and SAMANTHA ILSTON, whose wedding will take place in St. James Church, Cranham at 12.30 p.m. on April 30th;

And to STUART HAYCOCK and ALICE PHIPPS to be married at Pitchcombe Church at 1 p.m. on April 30th

Get well soon

Our best wishes to BETH CAMPBELL of Tibbiwell who has just had knee surgery in Gloucester Royal Hospital.

Deaths

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MARGARET FALCONER, JILL CROSS (Somerset Moore's mother), GRAHAM VALLENDER, CLARE HAYNES, CLARE SMITH and COLIN HERBERT who have all died recently.

Personal Messages

Christine Fellows and family would like to thank everyone in Painswick for all their help, support and sympathy given during Ted's illness, and since he had died. What a caring village! – Thank you.

Enid Walklett would like to thank all those who sent cards and flowers after her recent operation in Chetenham Hospital, also to those who called and visited on her return home.

Maggie Garton from Warwick writes: I have an ancestor who was born in Painswick in 1843, and his name was William Cappella. I have discovered that he possibly lived in 'George St' and that his father was Petro Cappella, a 'whitesmith'. Maggie Garton wonders whether any of our local historians might come up with some more knowledge. Any offers of help? If so please contact Maggie Garton on maggieg53@talktalk.net

You could help Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain, whose contact details are in the column to the right, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

CROFT NEWS

An item snipped from letter to parents from Ceris Towler about the new governor, Mike Hill. Mike writes:

I would like to introduce myself to the School community as a new Governor at The Croft Primary School. My name is Michael Hill. I have lived in Painswick with my wife, Judie, for just over 2 years, moving here from Hong Kong where we lived for almost 20 years.

My working life has been spent as a pilot, firstly with the Royal Air Force as a fast-jet pilot, then with Cathay Pacific Airways in Hong Kong flying a variety of large aircraft, including the Boeing 747 Jumbo.

We have 3 children; the youngest is at University in London, the eldest is a pilot in the RAF and our daughter is a maths



teacher. My wife is also a maths teacher, so I've been surrounded by people who are quite good at maths!

My own involvement with life in schools has been as Chair of the PTA and as a Governor at 2 Hong Kong schools.

The Croft School is a fine school providing tremendous opportunities for pupils in a happy and caring environment. I see my role as supporting the Chair of Governors, the Head Teacher and Staff as we work together to continue to improve the learning experience of the children.

Late News from Richmond Painswick.

In April there is a sale of jewellery delights on 17th; a stained glass talk on 18th; CrazyDaisy will demonstrate flower arranging on 20th; Lee Knott will croon away on 21st; Easter bonnets judging on 21st and 'A Right Royal Affair' themed lunch on 29th. Details from Jay Dexter, Activity Administrator. Tel 01452 813902

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