

*Christmas greetings  
to all our readers  
everywhere  
and  
best wishes  
for 2012*



*On other pages this month:* photographer extraordinary, carol circuit, top lady, exhibition of art, rock concert, scam warning, another 'owler, stroll on Boxing Day, orchard group, flashing warning, chronicle out, Spanish greetings, allotments closer, affordable possibility, the robin admired, parish plan roused, a third restaurant, our local shopping invocation, Olympic torch coming, goodwill evening, Christmas worship, skittles challenge, 10-20-30 years ago, knees exposed, golfers honoured.

Prior to the Council Meeting there was a presentation by Jenny Phelps of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group on the proposed management of Painswick Beacon. Jenny praised the work undertaken by David Allott and the Painswick Conservation Group in maintaining the Beacon. She explained that funding was now available from Natural England and would be paid to the landowner, Selena Blow, solely for the upkeep of the Beacon. Jenny Phelps sought support from the Council for the Conservation Group, whose ongoing role is crucial, with the Council acting as guardian for the group in perpetuity and assisting with such as insurance arrangements and Health and Safety policies. The Chairman stated that two members of the Council, including himself, were members of the Conservation Group. Responding to a question from a member of the public as to whether or not it was possible for the landowner to profit from the grant, Ms Phelps responded that the grant must be solely used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Beacon but, as landowner she entitled to claim expenses from the grant for attending meetings. In conclusion the Council thought that their present support for the Group was sufficient.

In response to an observation from a member of the public that Selina Blow appears to be gaining advantage in all matters associated with common land the Chairman indicated that relationships with the Manorship across many years had have been good but had more recently caused difficulties for the Council.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman, Terry Parker, opened the meeting with an apology to those members of the public who had attended the meeting expecting there to be a discussion on Affordable Housing. The matter had been referred to the Planning Committee, meeting 23rd November, before being discussed by the full Council. Although the Beacon report was correct, the minutes of the previous meeting would be suitably amended.

### Allotments

Martin Slinger confirmed that Heads of Agreement with the landowner had been drawn up. Letters had been sent to all those who had expressed an interest in renting an allotment requesting confirmation that they wanted to proceed. At the date of the meeting two replies, both positive, had been received. A further meeting of the working group is to be arranged to enter into agreements as soon as the outcomes of legal and rental uptake matters are satisfactory.

Selena Blow had confirmed in writing that she is not prepared to allow vehicular

access to the allotments for the disabled.

### Big Community Offer

County Councillor Joan Nash briefly explained that the negative Judicial Review ruling received that day on the planned library closures by the County Council was still being discussed. The Council had been successful on two points but had lost on the point of discrimination. She thought that as Painswick's library had been closed before the court case the funding bid to run a Community Library would be unaffected. The Council were awaiting advices from their own legal team as to whether or not the grant proposals for Painswick were included in the Judicial Review ruling. Until that advice was received no further action would be taken.

The Chairman confirmed that they had received the draft legal agreement from the County Council for the grant. The Council agreed to seek an amendment to the draft agreement to remove the specific reference to CLIP as the provider of the library service; this to guard against any circumstance in which CLIP might discontinue as an organisation; the revised wording would refer only to "a Community Library". The Chairman confirmed that the Council would not agree to commencement of any work on improving facilities for the library until a definite legal decision had been made by the County Council and agreements entered into.

The Chairman confirmed that a prospective purchaser of the old library building had contacted him, intimating an intention to turn the old school room and library into a 'community soft play facility and cafe - open to all.

The draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Parish Council and the Community Library (CLIP) was discussed. After some discussion it was agreed that CLIP would not be granted exclusive use of the first floor hall. The amended document would be sent to CLIP for comment.

### County Councillor's Report

Joan Nash reported, in addition to the Judicial Review matters, strong public attendance at the consultation regarding 'residual waste' at Javelin Park (*page 17 of last issue*).

She also reported a consultation now in train regarding fire and rescue services across the county (*see article on separate page*).

### Parish Plan

Ela Pathak-Sen explained that two meetings involving interested members of the public and local organisations had been held. Although the meetings were not well attended they had been informative. It was apparent that people were confused about the project; whether the original plan was being updated or a new plan being prepared.

David Hudson said that the public involvement was vital, and Ann Daniels thought it was important to stress that the plan did not relate solely to planning issues. The Chairman confirmed that the 108 action points identified in the original 2002 plan were regularly updated. He believed it was necessary to update the data contained in the original plan and a suitable person would be identified to carry out this task. The Council was concerned that the District Council intends to publish its Core Strategy review in December and that updating its Parish Plan therefore became a matter of some urgency. It was agreed that the previous Plan should stand but that a new 'Action Plan' be written for urgent consideration. Ela Pathak-Sen undertook to concentrate on that action plan, involving other organisations, and a special meeting of the Council to consider such as soon as practicable. The interest of the Conservation Society in direct involvement in the revision of the Plan was noted, but whilst direct delegation to them was ruled out their assistance would be welcomed.

### Olympic Torch

The Chairman was delighted to confirm that the Olympic Torch would pass through Painswick late in the afternoon of the 23rd May 2012. He had attended a meeting in Stroud to receive the good news. (*Councillors pictured admiring the official notice.*) With the Queens Diamond Jubilee a few



days later the Chairman suggested setting up a co-ordinating committee which would be responsible for organising local recognition of both events. Bearing in mind the strong sporting presence in Painswick, representatives from the sporting clubs should be included along with representatives from both local schools,

the business community (Painswick Matters) and other organisations; a committee of about 12. Stroud District Council had agreed to match funding to assist with such as the purchase of bunting. It was agreed by the Council to immediately allocate an amount of £500 to purchase bunting - £1000 in total with the matched funding, but hold a further £500 to be made available if required.

The name of a local sports person had been submitted as torchbearer for this leg of the run upon which a decision will be made by the 19th December.

### Precept 2012/13

The good news is that the Council agreed to "freeze" the Precept at the 2011/12 level, £77,160. The exact wording put forward by the Finance and General Purposes Committee was: "That having recommended its budget and mindful of the current economic climate the Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the Precept be frozen after taking into consideration the net difference in the number of rate payers". Although the Precept was frozen last year there was a slight increase as the Councils overall payment to Stroud DC increased due to the net difference in the number of tax payers.

Increases of 5% in burial, interment of cremated remains and fees to search local records were agreed by the Council, but charges for use of the Town Hall held at present levels - not least because of the inconvenience to users arising from building alterations.

### Ward Reports

The Chairman thanked those Councillors who attended the Armistice Service. Ann Daniels thought that it would be nice if parents and children were positively encouraged to attend. It was suggested that the subject be raised at the joint meeting of the Parish Council with the School Council already scheduled for 23rd November.

### 23rd November meetings - by Leslie Brotherton

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Olivas/New House Two, Friday Street**  
Revised plans had been submitted, in technical parlance a change from planning category A1 to A3; in lay parlance, to include a restaurant service.

Rarely does any agenda item consume over 55 minutes of what could be (politely) described as debate, or such widely differing approaches to resolution of a recommendation to be made to the District Council's planning department. The views of neighbours and others upon whom there may be any impact of extended hours of traffic and/or pedestrian movement in the centre of the village had been conveyed to councillors through many e-mail messages. The proprietors themselves, who were present, expressed concerns that they had gained an impression that councillors were influenced by views which could be expressed anonymously by members of the public prior to the meeting, but that any views at the meeting required the naming of their source. Chairman David Hudson sought to disabuse them that such was the case.

Ann Burges Watson was at pains to point out the importance of the Parish Council's encouraging enterprises of this type in the village as widening the diversity of provision and building of its economy.

To cut this lengthy story short, with guidance principally from Terry Parker, the meeting decided, on a vote of 5 in favour and one abstention, to recommend that the application be supported but with the caveats that the hours of operation should not be constrained to less than those of the two other providers of restaurants, currently Cardynham House Bistro and St Michaels, and that environmental concerns of filtration of emission of odours and the removal of consequential refuse be of the highest standard and compliance with the intended strictures of the SDC Environmental Planning Officer.

### Affordable Housing

Passed to this committee to consider (*see introduction to Parish Council on the opposite page*) the Chairman indicated having spoken with immediate neighbours to the intended plot for some units of affordable housing adjacent to The Park, and received mixed opinions. Some concerns were



expressed that any development at this location might effectively be the start of 'ribbon' development extending into the built-up area of the village itself.

The consensus was that the Parish Council 'is sympathetic to the idea'.

#### TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### County Fire Officer report

The committee (not the public) received a report from the fire and rescue service which had been requested upon thoroughfares which had been of concern to the council for some time, with particular attention to Kemp's Lane, Gloucester Street and Vicarage Street. The most immediate and serious concern reported was an inability to move larger emergency vehicles through the section of Kemp's Lane where this lies opposite the Cotswold88 hotel. While all other parts of the lane could be accessed, time could be lost in an emergency if re-routing were required to access via Stames Lane, Kingsmill Lane and Knapp Lane.

It was agreed that the Parish Council consider initiating a restriction order to no longer permit street parking at this location; this despite considerable cost being involved.

### Vehicle Activated (speed) Sign

The committee further considered the acquisition and introduction of such a sign, this to be moved from time to time to differing locations on approach roads to the village.

The committee were unanimous in their belief that a sign activated by approaching vehicles had a considerable impact upon driving habits and would therefore be a highly desirable piece of equipment for Painswick village.

The Divisional Highways Officer undertook to evaluate examples of such signs and quotations obtained by the Clerk, and advise the Council which might be purchased. The cost of such a 'mobile' sign was expected to be in the order of £2000, for which

the committee has budget provision.

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# Small But Perfectly Formed Christmas Goodwill Evening

Friday 9th December, between 5.00pm and 9.00pm

Please delay your search for Christmas presents until you've had a chance to peruse the wonderful and unique range of handmade gifts and produce that will be available at the two Christmas Markets, taking place at the Town Hall and the Painswick Centre.

As darkness falls, many of our very own shops, art studios, galleries and businesses will also be opening late, to attract you with their own ranges of Christmas inspiration and tempting you with delicious aromas of mince pies, mulled wine and bountiful servings of Goodwill!

Take a stroll around beautiful Painswick on the 9th December, enjoy the warm welcome and goodwill that Painswick has to offer and discover the unique Christmas gifts you've been searching for.

Many thanks in anticipation



Chris Mercer

*The Beacon has been told that refreshments will be available in The Town Hall during the evening.*

## Carol Singing Around Painswick

Come for an evening of traditional carol singing on Monday 19th December from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Three different departure points in the village. Musicians, singers and hardy souls of all kinds needed to get into the Christmas Spirit. If you would like to come (you don't have to be a good singer!) just ring Iris on 812879 for details. All proceeds to go to Lideta.



## El Contador ... The future of the fire service have your say

.... wishes Painswick a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthful and peaceful New Year.



Christmas which is celebrated here on the 6th January - The Festival of The Three Kings.

Christopher Piper-Short



The County Council's proposals for modernising the fire service were published on 16th November. They describe the main proposals as "Extending the level of support to communities during the crisis phase of flooding and including a broader range of responders such as volunteer agencies in our approach to incidents".

In Painswick we are proudly aware of the significance of there being a modern fire station and appliance based here, with its fine crew of retained firemen.

Public meetings are being held to discuss plans for the future, the most local of which is to be at Stroud Fire Station on 8th December at 6.00pm.

Chief Fire Officer, Jon Hall said: "Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service provides one of the most cost effective services in the country. We must not however rest on this. In these times of austerity, we are seeking to strengthen the service we deliver to communities through a range of innovative and ground-breaking proposals. We need people's understanding and support as we take the service forward and look forward to hearing all opinions."

As well as meetings, consultation documents have been sent out to all local parish councils and the plans are available to view online at [www.glosfire.gov.uk/irmp](http://www.glosfire.gov.uk/irmp) where you can also watch videos about the proposals and complete a questionnaire.

Councillor Will Windsor Clive, cabinet member for communities, which includes fire, said: "I would urge people to take a look at the document and get involved. We need to make sure that we continue to keep our communities safe by focussing on the right priorities."

The consultation period will end on 18th January and the County Council's Cabinet will make its decision on the recommendations on 1st February.

  
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# Portrait Photography at its Best

Georgie Brocklehurst's photographs are just stunning. Georgie, who has lived in Painswick for the last eleven years, is a member of the British Institute of Photography and focuses most of her work on portraiture. Due to family circumstances she has had something of a break from her work for the past 18 months but now she is back on track.

Georgie runs her photography business from home but is now able to use the Cotswold Room in Painswick Centre as her studio. "It's perfect," she says, adding that it has everything – disabled access, proper blackout facilities, heating and even a cafe. With a studio so close at hand she is offering a special promotion, an introductory offer just for local residents until Christmas. Now there's an idea for a lovely gift.

All ages are included under the term portraiture and examples of her work can be seen on her website [www.georgiebrocklehurst.com](http://www.georgiebrocklehurst.com). There are also examples on show in various business windows locally at present. Apart from personal pictures she produces portrait photographs for people working in the creative professions.

Georgie's photographs are classical, timeless, understated.

With such an easily accessible venue, they are definitely worth considering. Information is available by telephoning 07950.887895 or leaflets in the Painswick Centre.



Carol Maxwell

## Our cover picture

It is never easy to select a picture from those which come to us to adorn our front page at Christmas, and this year was no exception.

We had a mix of original art specially prepared, fine seasonal photographs, and several truly outstanding paintings in oils depicting local wintry scenes.

In a year in which the apple has been close to centre stage (and we're not referring to a certain branch of the electronics industry) this one caught our eye. Our thanks to Brenda Dunn for her 'take' on both the apple and the season.

Brenda told the Beacon that she began dabbling with art soon after the birth of her second child some 60+ years ago, entirely as a distraction from things 'baby'. She shunned overly serious training but has learned as great deal from mostly annual trips in more recent years into Snowdonia and Plas Tan y Bwlch in Gwynedd - an environmental studies centre. Any who have travelled on the Porthmadoc little train into the mountains have been very close to that idyllic retreat. No claims to be a "Serious painter", maybe, but certainly able to capture moments and ideas.

Thank you, Brenda.

## Aggressively seasonal



The latest excitement at the Club was in attracting wildlife and landscape photographer, Mike Read of "The Travelling Naturalist," and guide for small group trips to diverse locations from the Highlands to Holland, Utah to Uganda, India to the Isles of Scilly! His topic for the evening was more parochial, "At home with the Robin!"

Some 5 million pairs of our National Bird 'occupy' the UK and large areas of



Christmas card. Their ferocity in territory defence is said to be proportionate to red-breast area and we saw amazing shots of one's assault on a stuffed bush competitor, showing expertise in avian craniotomy! The sexes are similar, the female's brown forehead 'V' comparing with the male 'U,' the juveniles speckled. Winter immigrant robins from the continent are paler, more insignificant in appearance and song, whereas the locals sing loudly even in the lamplight, their song hinting at member-

ship of the nightingale family. Mike Read's slides were of some excellence and he added some useful points on attracting birds and fauna in general to our gardens with pond and a meadow area in seed and even illustrating an extravaganza of serins coaxed into the conifer branches simulating Highland terrain.

The Club was indebted to the management of Richmond Village for hosting a meeting again. Our next event will be on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm in the Town Hall when Edward Drewitt, naturalist, broadcaster and wildlife detective will describe the magnificence of the amazing "Urban Dwelling Peregrines!" Guests will be happily received (£3.00).

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## Croft School Council in joint session with the Parish Council

Each year these two elected councils meet together to exchange ideas and information of potential mutual interest.

While the proceedings have an air of formality about them with, it has to be said, much careful preparation is undertaken by the children, it is relaxed so that there can be a truly free flow of discussion. Co-chairmanship works well, maybe pointing to its being used in other situations.

Matters raised when they last nearly a fortnight ago, on 23rd November, included - from their agenda:

- At junction (Pitchcombe) is set for 40 but is flashing 50 lights may help.
- Toilets (St Mary's Street) need cleaning
- More dog bins and (general waste) bins
- Big lorries shouldn't be coming through the village
- Bin lorries come out at school times which cause big delays
- Traffic lights broke down. Are they working now? Will it happen again? (Next to the post office).
- On the main road through Painswick, cars are going too fast
- Parking by Stamages car park causes delays
- Need more (street) lights in Pitchcombe
- Parts at the park (Recreation Field) you can't tell what they are used for
- People are climbing the car park wall so you should put a sign or sort out the wall.

With two representatives of each year group there was no hesitancy in speaking up, with each well prepared to be the presenter of initial comment to expand their agenda item.

Observations were uninhibited and at all times respectful of others whether they be child or adult, and exploration of topics revealed knowledge and ideas the Council's clerk carefully noted so that they could be reported to its committees in due course.



The antiquity and condition of the toilets in St Mary's Street clearly offended the children, as did the impediment of stationary traffic when the lights malfunction or refuse collection vehicles obstruct prompt arrival at school. While the wall alongside the car park has an attraction to be climbed, some were seriously concerned for the safety of their younger peers; a typically constructive suggestion being the installation of a purpose-built climbing 'wall' on the Recreation Field.

A pleasurable and stimulating experience to witness young democracy in action and, as our picture shows, real interest in the Olympic torch coming this way..

## New Head at the Croft School Ceris Towler

Well into her first term as appointed Head of our school, Ceris Towler has kindly shared her hopes and aspirations for the future with the Beacon. Previously Deputy Head and with six years service at the Croft, Mrs Towler had as full an appreciation of the challenges she faced when taking up the headship as anyone could. While



her personal enthusiasm for netball will be of particular value to pupils, and offer many opportunities to enthuse children in this demanding sport, Mrs Towler was emphatic that her highest priority is stimulating and ensuring a command of English - reading and writing - and mathematics for all children because such is regarded as fundamental to all career opportunities and subsequent education.

Married and with three children of her own, aged between 14 and 17, and living in Whiteshill for 20 years or so, Mrs Towler has a strong affection for the Stroud area and understanding of the opportunities open to young people. This is not confined to secondary or college education hereabouts, but to the diversity of countryside and ways in which children may mature through experiences open to them all around us. Included among these are a desire to further the closeness of what the school values and the local community in which it is set; the 'in' expression may be localism, but Mrs Towler will be constantly looking out for ways in which activities can relate to those of all parts of this community.

Asked if there is a particular goal she has set herself, Mrs Towler responded, "I hope that the experiences gained while at the Croft will ensure that children leaving us have developed the skills necessary to make considered judgements for themselves which will mark them out as being well regarded by others as they move forward with a proud measure of maturity and self-esteem".

We wish Ceris Towler well in her role as Head, and share her pride in her staff team, the high measure of parental support, and the children in her care

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Over 400 residents have signed up to Gift Aid (meaning we make even more money on the donations we sell). Indeed, our shop is currently the top Gift-Aid performer in the Cotswold Care Hospice 13-strong chain.

Best news of all is that Painswickians have directly raised £15,000 net profit for the Cotswold Care hospice in Minch, since April this year.

Needless to say, we'll be celebrating the Christmas Goodwill Evening in Painswick on Friday, December 9th. While you're stocking up on last-minute Christmas gifts, our staff and volunteers will be serving up complimentary port and blue cheese (plus sweet treats for the kids). If we don't get to see you on the night, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

*Adele Lang  
Manager – Cotswold Care Hospice shop*

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## Local Elections 2012

This coming 3rd May will be the date for elections for all twelve seats of the Parish Council, and one of the District Councillors. The twelve Parish Councillors represent Painswick (7), Edge (1), Slad (2) and Sheepscombe (2).

While the election date is some 22 weeks away, the closing date for candidates to complete nomination paperwork to register is sooner, and the period of reflection for individuals to consider whether to stand for such office looms in the New



Year. It has always been the case that local democratic processes have been much valued by communities such as ours, and their being the primary focal point for the resolution or representation of local matters accepted as highly desirable - even though there are occasions when outcomes do not 'suit' all the people all the time. Some regard this as the 'first tier' of local government; it is certainly the tier closest to us.



Our Parish Council has, in recent times, achieved an exceptional status in the order of things in that it is designated as 'a quality Council', this being a combination of having at least 80%

of its membership elected and preferably in receipt of training in that role (rather than co-opted in the absence of candidates) and being served by a fully trained and hence qualified Clerk. Additionally it has decided to hold the next designation of 'having the power of promoting wellbeing', this consequent upon accepting willingness to discharge a wider range of functions otherwise undertaken by such as the District or County Councils. An illustration of such powers is its current quest to promote a community library.

Of particular additional significance at this time is the policy of HM Government to positively and progressively devolve powers to the most local of elected bodies and, in some instances, to groupings within communities themselves.

It follows that the functions and role of our Parish Council can only be sustained and advanced if sufficient numbers of local people are willing to serve as councillors. Essential criteria include being over the age of eighteen, live within three miles of the boundary of the civil parish, or whose place of work is within the parish. The measure of the health of our democracy depends upon volunteering to serve in such capacity, without fear or favour.

## Painswick Community Orchard Group

Watch out for news of our Wassailing event coming up in January. What on earth is Wassailing? You may well ask. It refers to a traditional ceremony that involves singing and drinking the health of orchard trees. Coming at the very start of the New Year, and in arguably the dreariest and darkest month, it involves making a hot spicy mulled cider drink and having a bit of knees up down in the orchards. The ceremony includes choosing a wassail King and Queen who lead a procession and sing and play music to awaken the trees from their winter sleep. The wassail Queen is lifted into the branches of an apple tree, where she will place a piece of toast soaked in the wassail cup in the boughs of the tree, as a gift to the tree spirits! Then an incantation is usually recited such as:

"Here's to thee, old apple tree, That blooms well, bears well. Hats full, caps full, Three bushel bags full, An' all under one tree. Hurrah! Hurrah!"

Come along and see in January.

We have created our own little blog now so all can see what's on and keep you up to date with Orchard Group news <http://painswickcommunityorchard.blogspot.com/> Everyone is welcome to use the press and all the equipment or get involved in the next Apple Day 2012. We are delighted that Rosemary and David Sanders have given us a permanent home for the press and thank everyone from St Mary's Church, especially David Bishop, who have supported us with a place to make the apple juice and hold our first apple day. We have been making lots of especially sweet apple juice over the last month as the final apples of the season are picked and pressed. If you have a Christmas event coming up, why not celebrate with some delicious hot mulled Painswick Apple Juice? Pop in at St Annes, Gloucester Street or telephone 812879 to order some.

*Iris McCormick*

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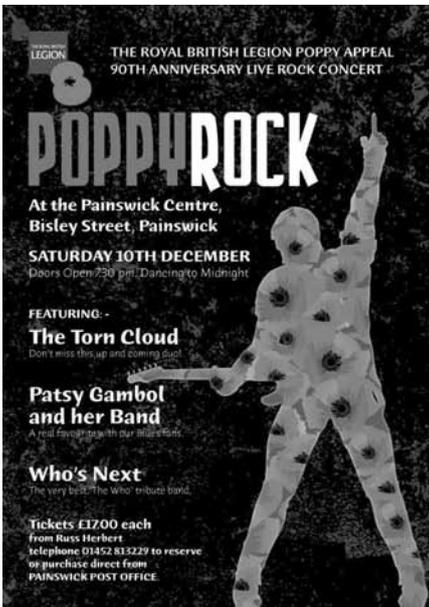
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## Rock Concert PoppyRock

Russ Herbert and Paul Gray of Painswick Blues fame, are returning to the Painswick Centre to present a stunning all live Rock Concert in aid of the Royal British Legion. All proceeds from this POPPYROCK concert will go to the RBL in appreciation of their 90 years of dedicated service to British servicemen and their families, from 1921 to the present day and beyond.

Don't miss this, a stunning evening of live music and dancing - the first at the Centre for 3 years!

### Three great LIVE bands!

'The Torn Cloud', 'Patsy Gambol and her Band' and 'Who's Next'

Tickets £17.00 each available from Painswick Post Office (Any cheques made payable to "POPPYROCK" please).

Ticket numbers limited so DON'T MISS OUT!

**Saturday 10th December**

Doors and Bar open at 7.30 pm and dancing 'til midnight.

## Boxing Day Walk

The Parish Council's annual Boxing Day walk will start from Stamasges Lane car park at 10.00am.

The circular walk is planned to take approximately two hours.

Stout footwear is necessary. Dogs are also welcome but must be on a lead at all times.



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but there is something good in  
every day.

## Rupert Aker Christmas Exhibition

Rupert Aker is holding a Christmas exhibition of his oil paintings and sketches of the Cotswolds.

Many of the landscapes are around the Painswick valley.

In celebration of the goodwill evening, Rupert will be offering 20% off the price of paintings for Beacon readers. [www.rupertaker.com](http://www.rupertaker.com)

Cotswold Room in the Painswick Centre  
Friday 9th December - 10.00am-9.00pm  
(as part of Painswick Goodwill Evening)  
Saturday 10th December 10.00am-4.30pm



The Field Club's Winter Lecture programme continues with our next meeting on Wednesday 7th December, when Alastair Goldie will talk about 'Cycling to Santiago de Compostela along the Pilgrims' Way'. Alastair is an enthusiastic and long-term advocate of sustainable travel here and abroad and is currently Chairman of CPRE's City of Gloucester Branch.

On Wednesday 4th January, Brian Bailey, the popular BBC Radio Gloucestershire presenter will be talking about his 'Walk along the River Severn from source to sea'. This is an opportunity to hear Brian's anecdotes and observations about life along the Severn.

These illustrated lectures take place in the Painswick Centre's Beacon Hall at 2.30pm and are followed by light refreshments.

We wish readers a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year, when we hope to welcome them to Field Club events in 2012, details of which are available from me, telephone 813228.

*Jane Rowe, Membership Secretary*





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# Computer Users Beware!

The Beacon receives many 'alerts' to Internet scams, some pretty scary and others plain daft. Two this month were quickly withdrawn from our attention when the informer realised that even their information was dated.

This article is from our highly regarded local engineer and specifically identifies real impacts to which he has had to attend. Indeed, beware!

I have received a large number of calls and a number of computers to repair as a result of the activities of some companies operating from India, who are borderline legal and certainly acting fraudulently.

It goes like this – you receive a cold-call on the telephone from an operative who speaks very quickly and uses phrases like Microsoft Partner or Microsoft Approved and tells you that your computer is badly infected and is causing problems on the internet. They then ask you to visit a website where a remote login is set-up and they then ask you to authenticate them, at which point they are then sat on your computer operating it remotely. To start with they will show you files, logs and the event viewer to frighten you into thinking that your computer is infected and that you need immediate help (it is a fear and panic tactic), they will



then install software to 'clean' your computer, usually totally worthless and unnecessary, but will include a remote listening and reporting programme. They will then try to sell you a maintenance service at vastly inflated prices.

The result of this is that you have given your credit card details to a person or company you know nothing about. You have a programme reporting all your computer activity to somebody, somewhere, and you have a heap of software that is probably useless or even causing system problems and your security is compromised by disabling anti-virus and other security features.

If you receive one of these calls, the obvious answer is no thank you and hang-up. If you have gone any further with the call, I would suggest contacting your credit card provider and cancelling the transaction and the card and contacting a computer professional to ensure your computer is safe and secure.

There is a second scam which is pointed directly at BT internet users and is coming via email. You will receive an email claiming that your BT account requires verification and asks you to reply with all your account details, including passwords – on no account reply to these emails and make sure they are securely deleted, if you have provided any details in a reply, please contact BT immediately and inform them that your account has been compromised.

Jacek Wolowiec (Wol) IDZ Ltd.

## Borders Broadband - Herefordshire and Gloucestershire

With Government support, a Gloucestershire County Council/gFirst project team has been set up prove that there is enough demand from local people, communities and businesses for high-speed broadband in rural Gloucestershire.

The project team is working closely with the campaign group "Fast Broadband for Herefordshire", the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) and other local business groups and stakeholders to promote and distribute both household and business surveys. The questionnaires are accessible on-line at [www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband](http://www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband). Hard copies are also available from the Parish Council office. If you require help in completing the survey, please contact GRCC on 01452.528491.

### meanwhile, for Painswick

These columns have carried many inches upon the subject of broadband access and speed over the years, a subject in which the Beacon has a direct interest. Claims and counter-claims by Internet providers have consistently been found to be overstated, and charges levied for exaggerated download speeds have been quite substantial when viewed as an element of a year's outgoings for the privilege.

The significance of high-speed broadband for a community such as ours has, it is pleasing to report, percolated upwards to the highest echelons of government, and considerable representation has been made by individuals, the Parish Council, the County Council, and our MP. Most of us experience speeds and

capacity which meet our 'domestic' needs, given the patience of which the British have a surfeit, but we should not overlook the considerable number who do/could work from home where the service they receive matches that of offices in distant locations. Even in the 'voluntary sector', as applies to the Beacon, the ability to transfer substantial messages and attachments can make a considerable difference.

In parliament, in response to a question by Stroud MP Neil Carmichael on 3rd November, Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport said "I've been down to Gloucestershire and the County Council there is on fire with excitement, which I wasn't really expecting, with the prospect of super-fast broadband getting to the most remote villages and they have a big role, he has a big role and we've got to do everything we can to bang the drum." Gloucestershire County Council Leader Mark Hawthorne had the opportunity to brief the Minister on the project, when he visited Stroud recently. He said: "This is a major opportunity for Gloucestershire and I told the Minister what a huge difference superfast broadband will make to our rural communities and businesses. It's great to see that we have his support."



### and one 'fast' breakthrough

As we go to press at least one provider, TalkTalk, has invested in the Painswick exchange. The results have been experienced already. Typical download speeds of about 4Gbps have risen to 15.592Gbps and uploading hovers around 653Kbps for this user; pretty impressive, and we hope this will be maintained. Readers with other ISPs may care to let us know how they are faring.

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# Local History

## Teaser

Here's a happy bunch of lads showing off their knees. Can you name any of them and put a date to the picture? Answer in next month's Beacon.

## ...and the Local History Society

The Local History Society this month was treated to a classic delivery of 'smoke and mirrors' in a fascinating talk by Malcolm Watkins on The Birdlip Grave Group. This was not something from Birdlip churchyard but an amazing discovery in 1879 of three skeletons and a treasure trove of Iron Age artifacts found in a quarry between Crickley and Birdlip.

We were shown photographs, with the originals in Gloucester museum, of the many artifacts including a bronze mirror, the size of a table tennis bat, originally highly polished on one face and the rear wonderfully decorated with intricate patterns. The mirror is acknowledged as one of the finest examples of Celtic art to survive in Britain. There was also a beautiful silver and gilt brooch with minute decorations of a duck, frog and possibly a horse. This item



enabled the finds to be dated at about 50 AD. Also there were fine bronze bowls, a decorated tool handle and a bead necklace of amber, shale and an exotic stone called pyrophyllite, that may have come from as far away as China (maybe?)

Unfortunately the skeletons have gone and so it is impossible to state their gender, particularly of the person who was buried with these treasures in their grave. Our

speaker gave very good reasoning to suggest that it may not have been a female, as commonly assumed, but a male Shaman who could have used these artifacts in practising his beliefs and customs. This was an excellent talk by Malcolm Watkins, who brought this subject alive through his extensive background as a museum curator and archaeologist and intimate knowledge of Celtic art. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th January 2012 when Dr Christine Seal will give a presentation on Domestic Servants in the 19th Century. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.



*David Harley*

## Painswick Chronicle 2011

The latest issue of the History Society's annual journal, the Painswick Chronicle, is now available. This edition contains a good balance of articles including amongst others a moving personal account of life in Painswick in the 1920s and 30s, the story of the Painswick Gas Company, a history of Christ Church (so poignant now), local poets and writers and an intriguing theory about the layout and exact location of medieval Painswick. This is issue 14 of the Chronicle and is available at the Post Office, Best One, or direct from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387. Previous issues, with the exception of 1 and 2, are also available. Collectively, they present a really excellent view of Painswick's past and development from the serious and scholarly to the amusing and light-hearted.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Royal Oak Change of chef

Keith Ayres tells the Beacon that his Head Chef of nearly two years, Merlin Gibson, has been recruited by the excellent bistro in Stroud, JRools, and wishes him well and he will be missed.

Keith goes on to say "We have been able to locate an excellent replacement as our new Head Chef, Joshua Kingerlee. Josh has excellent training within restaurants, hotels and pubs. He is excited and looking forward to continue to develop our mission to offer fabulous traditional English cuisine utilising Gloucestershire producers and suppliers". He goes on to add, "Merlin was our Wizard-in-the-kitchen; Joshua will be our Leader of the Oak's Kitchen Tribe. Josh will be joining us on Wednesday 23rd November and will launch his new menu on 1st December".



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# Christmas Fair and Poppy Rock

The Painswick Centre will be a lively place next weekend, starting with A Christmas Fair, on Friday 9th December, during Painswick's Goodwill Evening. From 5pm to 9pm, over 20 stalls will be selling quality crafts, gifts and seasonal food. We shall also be offering mulled wine and mince pies, along with hot refreshments, and chilled drinks from the bar. Painswick's Community Choir will provide festive entertainment during the evening.



Three locally-run charities - the Stroud Branch of Mencap, The Family Haven and The Vine Project - will be selling goods in aid of their work. The Trustees of the Painswick Centre will be selling their remaining stock of the 2012 calendars 'A Year in Painswick' and running a bottle stall in aid of further improvements to the Centre. We would welcome donations to the bottle stall from local residents and businesses. If you have a bottle to donate, please leave it with Mrs Rose Smith, of Corner Cottage, Bisley Street (adjacent to the Centre). The Artists Studios will also be open to visitors and local artist Andy Lovell is holding an exhibition in the upstairs Cotswold Room (chairlift available).

## PoppyRock

The Trustees are delighted to welcome Poppy Rock, the 90th Anniversary Live Rock Concert, on Saturday 10th December, organised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. (Full details of the bands and how to purchase tickets appear on page 8.)

## Price Reduction – Corkage

The Trustees have recently reviewed their policy on corkage and will be reducing the charge to £4 per bottle of wine in the Beacon Hall and Skittle Alley (where the alternative of a bar is still available) and £3 per bottle in the Green and Cotswolds Rooms. Clubs and societies who are affiliated hirers have a 50% discount on these charges.

The Trustees are often asked why 'corkage' is charged for alcohol brought by hirers onto the premises. The income from corkage helps with the cost of renewing the Centre's licence, the training of the licensee (now about £500 per person), stocks of glasses, and the maintenance, repair and eventual replacement of the glass-washing/drying machine, which is required to comply with legislation.

On behalf of the Trustees and Manager of the Painswick Centre, may I wish all residents a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

*Jane Rowe. Enquiries to 07769 182229*

# Carol Concert

The Painswick Singers are once again rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Concert that was such a popular feature of Christ Church's, Gloucester Street, year. Now in St. Mary's Church for the first time, after last year's concert was cancelled because 2010's Christmas snow storms made access impossible; we are hoping for no repeat of last year's weather and a good turn-out.

Talking of repeats, a common feature of many musical items, this year brings you new conductor Andrew Hopwood's selection of carols: some of which will be old favourites you will have heard before, but quite a few will be new to most people, so do come along for a fresh experience of a joyful Christmas celebration in song on Saturday 17th December at 7.30pm. After the concert mince pies and mulled wine will be served. No tickets are required but a retiring collection will be taken for the Church and the Singers' funds.

*Maurice Maggs*

# Fair thanks

The Christmas Fair held on the 5th November raised a total so far of £1014.15.



The total over eleven years is £11,303.64.

Our thanks to all who have given, worked and supported us so generously.

A very happy Christmas and healthy New Year

*Anne Leoni*

*On behalf of the Group*

# Liberal Democrats

Painswick Liberal Democrats hosted the Stroud Association Annual Dinner at JK's restaurant, the Painswick Golf Club, on Friday 18th November.

The guest speaker was Tessa Munt, the Member of Parliament for Wells.

# Christmas Draw

Readers may recall that the Beacon committee draws names out of the proverbial 'hat' as Christmas approaches, and four lucky holders of subscription receipts receive prizes suited to the festive season.



This year the recipients are  
**Bottle of Whisky - Patrick Ridgwell (522)**  
**Half bottle of liqueur - Steve and Sheila Rowley (503)**

**Box of chocolates - Joseph Ireland (82)**  
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# Letters

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## Dining out

*Ralph Kenber, a gourmet, writes:*

Two most welcome articles caught my eye in last month's "Beacon".

First, the re-opening of the well reputed St. Michael's Restaurant, especially with their plans of different kinds of cuisine on different evenings. Secondly, Oliva's Delicatessen planning to offer us Mediterranean and South American style meals in a restaurant to be opened soon.

How heartening to see local enterprises to the fore - we locals should support them ourselves rather than relying on visitors, to keep our village alive.

## War memorial

*Norman Snowden writes passionately about the yews around the war memorial:*

Please! Do not let the War Memorial be spoiled.

A suggestion has been made that the yew hedges be cut to 4ft high so that the Memorial may be seen more clearly. The Memorial is completely open to pedestrians and vehicles coming up New Street. The pathways from the bus shelter and Lychgate give unobstructed views.

Cutting the hedges bordering Victoria Square would be disastrous, making incongruous backdrop of the roofs of cars, vans and lorries, and reveal old wood that would not regenerate and be ugly for ever.

The high hedges provide a place of reverence, quiet peaceful seclusion where one may have private thoughts away from the sights and sounds of everyday life.

The War Memorial is as precious as the churchyard and tombs and yew trees.

Please make your views known to the Frederick Gyde Trust at the Town Hall.

# Players looking forward



## January Production

Painswick Players are busy rehearsing their next production, a double bill at the Painswick Centre on 26th, 27th and 28th January. Directed by George Krasker, the two one-act plays are 'Alternative Accommodation' by Pam Valentine and 'The Bear' by Anton Chekhov. Tickets will be available from 4th January from the Post Office or may be reserved through Steve Friar on 01452 814004

## Members' Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be at the Bistro, Painswick, on Saturday 10th December. This is a wonderful opportunity for members and their partners to celebrate a highly successful year and to enjoy each other's company. For details and booking contact Jill Walford (810888 or copsam@talktalk.net) or Cathy Munday (813741 or catpaul@lineone.net)

## 'Neighbourhood Watch' by Alan Ayckbourn

We are arranging a members' trip to The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, to see Alan Ayckbourn's latest play Neighbourhood Watch. This runs from Monday 20th to Saturday 25th February next year: please let Jill know if you would like to go and which night would suit you best (810888 or copsam@talktalk.net).

## Dates for your diaries:

Following the outstanding success of this year's play Duets, the Painswick Players contribution to next year's annual Painswick Arts Festival will be a production (yet to be determined) on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July.

## Theatre Workshops

Watch this space for details of next year's theatre workshops - following our highly successful collaboration with The Everyman Theatre last March and April. These will be open to everyone, not just members.

*Steve Friar*

# Potpourri

Painswick Singers' Autumn Potpourri was a colourful mix of musical styles from the reign of Elizabeth I, with its lutes and madrigals, to the present day with its staged musicals, and produced an enjoyable musical evening at the Painswick Centre on 22nd September. The Singers' new conductor, Andrew Hopwood, treated us to interesting stories associated with each composer.

After enjoying the worlds of John Dowland, Thomas Ford and Orlando Gibbons, we were fast forwarded to Elgar and the 20th Century with a touch of Mozart's "Magic Flute" showing in the guise of "A Tourist Guide" urging us to take our holidays in Britain - all the '.....ester' ending towns being a testing show of the choir's clarity of diction. This was also on show in the selections from the musicals "West Side Story" and "Les Miserables" that concluded each of the two halves of the programme in a hectic, rumbustious way.

Celia McCabe, soprano, was in splendid voice in solos and duets from the classical era with Kevin Ashby, tenor. Emily Walker-Smith added several enchanting flute solos and Angela Newing reading one of her own poems "October" introduced the autumn touch. Andrew Hopwood held the choir on his finger tips with fine control and Roger Merryweather at the keyboard played with masterful sensitivity to produce a memorable performance.

## Music and war

The thought that music had been composed in the horror of World War I trenches was new to many of us, and yet it did happen, as Philip Lancaster demonstrated on 27th October with recordings of music composed during the Great War. Whilst most was actually written before the outbreak or after the end like better known pieces by Elgar, Britten and Vaughan Williams; Ernest Farrar's "Heroic Elegy", Cecil Coles' "Behind the Lines" and Ivor Gurney's "In Flanders" were actually composed in the trenches or behind the lines. Quite astonishing.

And now to music composed in World War II, again in desperate circumstances. On 10th November we enjoyed a fabulous outing to the Birmingham Symphony Hall to listen to Shostakovic's Symphony No.7 (The Leningrad). A mighty work, its partial composition and performance under the siege by Nazi forces surrounding Leningrad contributing to its impact. The shattering effect of the horrifying march ending the first movement and the last, steadily transforming into a life and death struggle with a final grandiose major key peroration were overwhelming, especially when quite brilliantly performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Please note: Our meetings on 5th and 19th January will be held in St. Mary's Church Rooms.

*Ralph Kenber*



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## Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

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With Christmas and the colder weather coming up, Marah is asking for packets of cuppa soups, and for men's gloves and socks. They would also welcome packets of biscuits to be distributed as a small gift after their Christmas lunch on 14th December. Please place any items in the boxes at the back of St Mary's Church and Murrays Estate Agency or by the font in Cranham Church. They will be much appreciated.

*Alison Robinson*

# Advent and Christmas 2011

special services and events throughout the area

**Churches Together Around Painswick** have co-ordinated information from all the churches which we hope will be helpful.

Monday	December 12th	11.30 am	Resthaven	Pitchcombe	Carols
Sunday	December 18th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass for Advent
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
		4.00 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Christmas candlelight service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Carol Service
		6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
Monday	December 19th	6pm-8pm	Carols around village (in aid of Lideta (Ethiopia))	Painswick	See Painswick Beacon for details
Tuesday	December 20th	8.00 pm	Woolpack Inn	Slad	Carols at the Inn
Saturday Christmas Eve	December 24th	4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Christingle & Blessing of Crib
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Midnight Service
Sunday Christmas Day	December 25th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Holy Communion
		9.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Christmas Mass
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Service
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Short Christmas meeting
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist & Crib Blessing
Monday	December 26th	9.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion

There are services at St. Peter's Grange at Prinknash Abbey on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 11 pm and Midnight and on Christmas Day at 8.15 am, 10.30 am and 6pm. For details see [www.prinknashabbey.org](http://www.prinknashabbey.org) or the notice board in the foyer of the RC Church in Friday Street

## BEACO-DOKU

Last month's flower test was **P-A-E-O-N-Y** and the usual lone reader told us she found the 18 combinations in the grid.

We wonder whether there are more who testing themselves in this way?

With one more letter to help than last month, why not try our seasonal word **T-I-N-S-E-L** ?

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## Community library - CLIP Town Hall alterations Youth Club upgrading

On 20th November the Beacon received the following message from Peter Corley, Chairman of CLIP, "The ruling by the Judge in the Judicial Review case brought against the County Council is now being considered in detail by legal experts to see how it affects Painswick. We are awaiting the outcome. For further details see the report of the Parish Council meeting on 16th November".

The Beacon has followed this up, enquiring whether any legal agreement has subsequently been entered into between the County Council and the Parish Council. Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, told the Beacon that whilst it was true that no agreements had yet been signed, the latest information from the County Council was that formal approval of the CLIP bid was expected in early December which would enable the Town Hall modifications to be set in train.

## GCC Stroud Road premises - ex-library

The Beacon understands that this property is under offer and that the prospective purchaser intends that four apartments will be created therein.

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**Fish, beef and the Country Market**

Jeff the fish man will be in Painswick selling his fresh Grimsby fish until 23 December, returning three weeks later. He has leaflets listing his Christmas offers.

Ben Hinds is taking special orders for larger joints of his fresh beef and you can collect and buy any cut from the farm at any time.

The last Country Market of the year will be held on 16 December, returning in February. Orders can be taken for mince pies etc. The range of stalls makes a visit very worthwhile - vegetables, eggs, baked goods, curried savouries, crafts, hand-made jewellery using natural gemstones, crystal and sterling silver, knitted clothing for toddlers, plants and flowers.

**Cotswold Care Hospice Shop**

Our only charity shop, here you may be surprised to find a very impressive selection of attractive goods ranging from some rather glamorous outfits, to nearly new gifts, children's games and toys, games

for adults, charity cards and a plentiful stock of clothing for all ages.



**Post Office**

In addition to the wonderful old fireplace filled with goodies which draw children (of all ages) there are some excellent toys and games, stationery, table decorations, gift wrap, charity cards, books, maps, Painswick souvenirs, bonds and lots more. Ideas for presents for all ages.



**Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen**

The GGC may trace its roots way back in the Arts and Crafts movement but the displays in the Painswick Centre are dramatically contemporary. Beautifully designed and made, all the pieces are stunning, innovative, intriguing and definitely unique.

**The Chairman**

Chris' shop is brimming with both new and antique items for the home. There is a great eclectic mix of pottery, furniture, clocks, mirrors, toys, pictures, tree decorations, boxes and, standing proudly in the window, a very grand-looking rocking-horse.



**Patchwork Mouse**

Dawn's little shop is, quite simply, brilliantly quirky. With a miscellany of pretty and funny and different goodies there is plenty to amuse but also plenty to enchant too.

You will find a range to suit men, women and children and, of course, a spectacular selection of cards.



**Best One**

A true local village shop it offers a remarkable range of provisions and magazines. The smaller sweets section is a delight and for Christmas there are plenty of luxury goodies especially chocolates and drinks.



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... and spoilt for choice with our festive culinary fare, Painswick can now boast an enviable choice of eating-out venues. In addition to their usual fare, our local hostleries and restaurants are offering some tempting extras.



**Olivas** will be offering private party bookings as usual and will be open on New Year's Eve until 10.30pm serving Spanish style tapas. Booking is necessary.



**JK'S@St Michaels** is offering a choice of menus for Christmas parties for lunchtimes and evenings - phone for menus and booking. Christmas Day lunch is already fully booked but the restaurant will be open from 27 December. New Year's Eve will be an informal and fun night and booking is essential.



**Bistro** will be serving Christmas Day lunch and will be open as usual from 26 December. A Christmas Party menu including Mondays can be booked from 1 December. The Bistro will be open for lunch on New Year's Eve and in the evening there will be a 'special' with plenty of food and live music.



**The Falcon** is serving a Christmas Day lunch and there is a Christmas Party menu for lunch and dinner from the end of November. New Year's Eve promises to be a big occasion with a special dinner menu and live music starting at 7.00pm and continuing until

the early hours. Booking is necessary.



**Royal Oak** has a Christmas Party menu from 1 December for groups and a Christmas Eve menu and party with live music. On Christmas Day and

Boxing Day a special lunch can be booked and the bar will be open on both days as usual. A New Year's



Eve party and special menu will be followed up on New Year's Day with a roast lunch. Booking essential.



Overall then, Painswick really does have a lot to offer, at this time especially.

Our shops and eateries provide something different - the beautiful, luxurious, useful, fun, delightful, quirky, scrumptious, sumptuous, unique, delicious. They offer excellent value, individual service and a warm welcome and they all need your support.

Do shop locally this year.

Carol Maxwell

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# Nepal with sherpas

The speaker at Painswick WI's October meeting was Bob Price, a retired Army Lt. Colonel and Logistics Officer, perhaps not the sort of background one might expect of a seasoned, experienced traveller, but eminently qualified to give excellent talks on a variety of mainly far-flung places in different parts of the world. His subject on this occasion was 'A year in Nepal', where he and his wife were posted shortly before his retirement, only to be told a couple of weeks after arrival that his primary task was to close down the Army base that he had been assigned to! This, however, did not prevent them from taking maximum advantage of their time there, embarking on several physically demanding treks in the foothills of the Himalayas, complete with Sherpa guides and porters and teams of bullocks to transport the necessary provisions and trappings of such excursions. Bob proved himself to be a fine ambassador for Britain and the Army by integrating with local people and acquainting himself with their ways of life, religions and customs.

He described an earthquake that happened during his posting and how the Army helped the locals with reconstruction and recovery from the disaster, and using his natural resourcefulness, he organised what he described as 'alternative sources' of essential supplies to keep the base running until its eventual closure.

His great love of travelling and exploring was matched by the enthusiasm and informed manner in which he spoke of Nepal, describing some of the most memorable and amusing incidents of his stay there. The talk included amusing anecdotes and was accompanied by a superb 'Power Point' presentation of the dramatic scenery, stunning landscapes of the country, and scenes of local tradesmen and craftsmen. Nepal may be a relatively small country, but it has some mighty big mountains!

The next WI meeting, on 12th December will be a Christmas social gathering, complete with seasonal goodies, mulled wine and fun competitions.

Maggie Drake

It's funny how most activists are pacifists.

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## The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

### 10 years ago

The church clock had been reinstated after three weeks of refurbishing. The Parish Plan was received by the Parish Council and would be considered at a special meeting. Buckingham Palace had politely declined the Parish Council's invitation for Her Majesty to visit during her Golden Jubilee Year because her itinerary had already been arranged. The triangulation point on the beacon was to be removed. The Privy Council had approved the extension of Painswick Benefice to comprise six parishes.

### 20 years ago

The Council received a 200 signature petition opposing the idea of turning part of the Recreation Ground into a car park. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples had been rung on 18th November to celebrate the release of Terry Waite from captivity. The BBC and commercial television companies had been contacted about poor reception in various parts of the parish, which they blamed on the District Council for not having permitted erection of an aerial where they wanted 15 years previously.

### 30 years ago

The Waverley Bottom Mummers would be performing their ancient folk play in Painswick streets, this to be filmed for ITV to transmit a year hence. The influx of new recruits 'with webbed feet' to the Scout Troop ensured that they won the Stroud and Tetbury Swimming Championships against nine other troops - and celebrated with a fish and chip supper.

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## Golf Club

The Seniors section (over 55s) completed its year with its Annual Dinner on 2nd November and its AGM on the following day. Jim McNamara, the outgoing Seniors' Captain, reported on the highlights of the season following an excellent dinner prepared by JK's at the golf club. The dinner was followed by a prize giving ceremony which records the winners of the competitions during the year. The photo shows one of these - Roy Henderson (left) and Alan Fisher (right) receiving the Winter Four Ball shield from Mike Hoey (centre), the golf club's president. At the AGM on the following day, Roy was elected Seniors' Captain for the forthcoming year.

The golf club is open throughout the winter, though fog and low cloud can prevent play – as has happened on a few occasions recently. However, the course is relatively well drained, so suffers less than other courses. When the sun shines, there is nothing to beat getting out in the fresh air! The club welcomes new members and visitors. If you would like to play, please come and visit us.

*Peter Rowe*



## Skittles

### Probus v Yew trees WI.

Painswick Probus Club was challenged to a Skittles match by The Yew Trees WI.

This challenge was accepted and the match played on Tuesday 15th November in The Painswick Centre. The two sides battled hard and Probus was the eventual winner by 20 points.

Two trophies were presented and will be competed for annually.

*Peter Roberts*

## Olympic Torch

In the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd May next the Olympic flame will enter Gloucestershire from Swindon and head to Cheltenham via Cirencester, Stroud, Painswick, Brockworth and Shurdington before reaching Cheltenham Racecourse that evening. New Street will undoubtedly be a setting for many a spectator and wellwisher, and cameras will be busy for a unique occasion - indeed a true once-in-a-lifetime event.

Cheltenham Racecourse has been announced as the venue for an exciting free event for the public later that day. It has also been

announced that a spectacular evening celebration event will be held at the racecourse, where people from over the county are invited to watch a two hour free stage show featuring an exciting mix of music, dance and digital media. They will also witness the arrival of the Olympic Flame onto the stage and the symbolic lighting of the Olympic cauldron. Edward Gillespie, Managing Director of Cheltenham Racecourse, said: "We are delighted the Racecourse has been chosen as the venue of the Evening Celebration for the Olympic Torch Relay in Gloucestershire. This is a once in a generation opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate in appropriate style. We shall be working closely with the Olympic Torch Taskforce and the local community to produce an evening that not only showcases the Olympic Torch, but also gives a taste of the true spirit of this great county."

Further details are expected to be announced next year, including who may be bearing the torch along each section of the route. One or two names of local 'possibles' have been advanced, and the selection of any will be a delight for us all.



## Rugby

On Saturday last, 26th November, scores were Painswick United 17 and Minchinhampton 1st XV 17.

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## Uninvited Guest



Have you ever come down in the morning and found an uninvited guest perched in your lounge? That's precisely what happened to us just a couple of weeks ago. There he was, as large as life, perched on a log in the fireplace – a Tawny Owl! A very lucky fellow as you can imagine as we could have had a fire in the grate the previous evening. Luckily for us, a firescreen kept him confined!



How to get him out of the lounge without him damaging decorations, curtains and the like? We rang the Barn Owl Centre who gave us very precise instructions. Avoid eye contact, they said, hold up a towel and then carefully wrap it around the bird. Having just had a hip-op I was not very mobile so we called in the leading ornithologist in Randall's Field, one Bill Boydell, to assist.

We followed the instructions precisely and Bill carried the "blindfolded bird" outside and placed it on the garden table. As I moved to get my camera it just flew away, completely unharmed, a wonderful sight! So, if you ever find an uninvited guest in your lounge you now know exactly how to handle the situation! What a hoot!

*Ralph & Joan Drew (assisted by Bill Boydell)*

## Parish Council Greetings

The Chairman, Members, Clerk and Assistant Clerk wish all parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## January Beacon

By way of reminder, the January issue of the Beacon will be published on the first Saturday, 7th January. Contributors are asked to note the 'copy date'; yes, it is sooner than you think - but it has the advantage that you - and we - can put the Beacon behind us over Christmas.

It will be accompanied by the Directory 2012 - so a bumper New Year present for all!  
*Ed.*



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## Final Posting for Christmas

The details of last posting dates for Christmas are as follows:-

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**Airmail**  
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**9th December** – Eastern Europe, USA, Canada  
**12th December** – Western Europe

**UK**  
**14th December** – standard parcels  
**17th December** – Second Class Recorded Signed For  
**20th December** – First Class Recorded Signed For  
**21st December** – Parcelforce Express 48  
**22nd December** – Parcelforce express 24  
Special Delivery – 22nd December  
Special Delivery with Saturday Guarantee – 23rd December



Leaflets available in the Post Office, where Christmas stamps are on sale.

Check in the shop whether your cards need large letter stamps, remember to write a return address on parcels, use an airmail sticker if applicable (in baskets around the shop).

Worth noting – quieter times are 1.30-2.00pm and Wednesday afternoons.



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As regular readers of my "Village Agent" news will have noticed, my job is very variable and I come across all sorts of dilemmas which require research on your behalf.

I had a call from a lady who I know well and who has recently been diagnosed with Macular Degeneration.\* When macular disease occurs later in life it is usually called age-related macular degeneration or AMD or even ARMED. All people with macular disease will have impaired vision in the central area of their visual field - their peripheral vision, or side vision, remains unaffected. In the UK around 250,000 people are registered as visually impaired because of macular disease and roughly the same numbers are affected by it to a lesser degree. If you are noticing changes in your sight PLEASE arrange an eye test as soon as possible. It is vital to work quickly with this condition especially if "wet" Macular is diagnosed as there is treatment available to prevent further damage and possibly even repair some of the damage caused to the eyes.

When I visited this lady she was extremely upset and had just been visited by her doctor because she was hallucinating. What was strange was that apart from the hallucinations, she seemed well in herself and was absolutely lucid and not confused. We talked for a while and as time went on I had some distant memory of hearing about a condition called "Charles Bonnet Syndrome" from training given some years ago by The Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind (GCAB). I called the Casualty Eye Clinic for advice and they verified the condition and said that there was no treatment other than giving reassurance and it can help to get up and move about and/ or change the light conditions in the room. Charles Bonnet Syndrome is a side-effect of sight loss in which a person experiences visual hallucinations - or sees things which are not really there. They may be simple images such as grids and patterns, or elaborate, complex images of objects including animals, people or landscapes.

**VILLAGE**  
*Agents*

Charles Bonnet hallucinations are not a sign of any sort of mental illness. They are a normal response of the brain to the loss of vision. The syndrome is estimated to affect up to 50% of people suffering with MD. It's more likely to occur if both eyes are affected, and usually starts after a decline in vision.

Many people who have Charles Bonnet Syndrome are fascinated by their hallucinations and some people quite enjoy them. Others find them more troubling. Sometimes this is because they are intrusive and get in the way of the remaining good vision. Sometimes the images can be alarming or even frightening.

The length of each hallucination varies from person to person. Some people have them briefly, for seconds; others experience them for much longer periods of minutes or even hours. It is unusual for them to be continuous. In nearly everyone the hallucinations go completely within about 18 months as the brain becomes accustomed to the sight loss. If there is another sudden drop in vision they may return. So, although there was no way of stopping these hallucinations for this lady, at least knowing what the cause was has helped to take away some of the extreme anxiety she experienced.

Always contact your doctor if you or the person you care for is experiencing anything of this nature. There can be very logical explanations such as having an infection or lack of fluid intake. For further information or to arrange a home visit, please call the number at the foot of this column. Please remember that the Village Agent role is part time, but I will respond to your call as soon as I can. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Macular Disease Society Helpline 08452.412041 / Stroud and District MDS group, contact Sandra Best 01453.833614 / Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind (GCAB) 01242.221170 RNIB 03031.239999 / Casualty Eye Clinic 08454 223578

\*Information taken from The MDS website.

*Lou Kemp:Tel 07776 245767*

## PROPERTY REPORT for November from Hamptons International

Given the appetite for housing market forecasts at this time of year, it was no surprise that speculation regarding the likely length of this housing market cycle emerged in the press again this month. The downturn began nationally in Q3 2007 and it is quite possible that UK average prices will not return to those levels until at least 2016/7. On the other hand, prices in prime central London eclipsed the level of the previous peak more than 18 months ago.

Such is the disparity in house price performance across different parts of the UK that, for buyers and sellers in the current market, it is important to remember that local markets will continue to perform in unique ways. London markets have seen modest price growth over the past year, while most markets across the rest of Southern England have remained flat. This has meant that buyers are very sensitive to asking prices. As a result, competitive

pricing is still the key to making the house selling process work in these times of uncertainty. Demand remains strong but price sensitivity is dictating the pace of sales.

On a lighter note, Hamptons are pleased to be continuing our support of the local community by sponsoring Christmas colouring competitions with The Croft School and Upton St Leonards School. We will be featuring many of the entries in our office displays over the Festive period so do keep an eye out for your budding artists' works!

New properties coming onto our books recently include: Southview in Vicarage Street, a 3-bedroom cottage that has been totally renovated; 10 The Croft, a 4-bedroom family house; Amberwood in Knapp Lane, a detached house with delightful views; The Watch House in New Street, a distinctive 2-bedroom house in the heart of the village; The Malthouse in Sheepscotcombe, a wonderful period residence

standing in over 2 acres; Bunnage Farm in Sheepscotcombe, a beautifully restored and extended family home with large, level gardens; Worthings in Sheepscotcombe, a 4-bedroom bungalow with generous gardens and parking; Hillside in Cranham, a 2-bedroom house in need of modernisation; Edge Hall in Edge, a deceptively spacious period property with stunning views; Cotswold in Pitchcombe, a detached 3-bedroom house in an elevated setting; and Rees Farm in Upton St Leonards, a 3-bedroom period house with 1.5 acre gardens and paddock.

Properties to have gone under offer recently include: Colmar in Slad, Cotswold Villa in Gloucester Street, Overdale in Edge and 11 Berry Close. Those that have now sold are: Eden Cottage on Cheltenham Road, Shepperds Patch in Edge and The Reddings and Vatch Cottage both in The Vatch.

*Guy Tabony Manager*



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## DECEMBER

Fri	2	Croft School Christmas Fair	Croft School	3.30 to 6.00pm
Sat	3	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	5	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck Casino Night Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Ashwell House Centre Richmond Painswick Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 12 noon to 1.15pm 6.30pm 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	6	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	7	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Cycling to Compostela - Alastair Goldie. Enq. 813228 Probus Club Christmas Dinner Horticultural Society Christmas Social & Talk - D. Coombs Table Tennis (Wednesdays) - Enq. 812464	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 2.30pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	8	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 Christmas Fayre Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Richmond Painswick Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 3.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: Brass Band Music - Mike Kerton Goodwill Evening and Christmas Fair <i>see pages 4 and 11</i>	Town Hall Town Hall Village Centre, Town Hall and Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.00pm 5.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	10	Poppyrock Concert in aid of Royal British Legion	Painswick Centre	7.30pm to 12.00
Tue	13	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Old Tyme Music Hall - Mike Wallace Last Table Tennis session before Christmas Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	16	Last Country Market before Christmas. Reopens Friday 3rd February Friday Club Christmas Lunch	Town Hall Rococo Gardens	10.00am
Sat	17	<b>Copy dateline for January Beacon</b> Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am 7.30pm
Mon	19	The Painswick Singers	Richmond Painswick	7.30pm

## 2012

### JANUARY

Wed	4	Probus: The Story of Penicillin - Denys Thompson Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: A Walk along the River Severn - Brian Bailey Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	5	Music Appreciation Group: Chamber Music	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sat	7	<b>January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Tue	10	Painswick Rococo Garden opens	Rococo Garden	11.00am
Wed	11	Horticultural Society: Snowdrops in the Garden - Dr J Grimshaw Table Tennis restarts (Wednesdays) - Enq. 812464	Richmond Painswick Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: Domestic Servants in the 19th Century - Dr Christine Seal	Croft School	7.30pm
Mon	16	Community Lunch: hosts - CTAP	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Thu	19	CTAP - Speaker & Afternoon Tea (Christian Unity Week) Music Appreciation Group: Forgotten Composers	Richmond Painswick Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	23	Community Lunch: hosts - Painswick Centre Trustees Agape at the Bistro - Christian Unity Week	Ashwell House Centre The Bistro	12 noon to 1.15pm 7.00pm



Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Sahara Marathon - Celia Hargrave	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	No Table Tennis tonight		
Thu	26	Painswick Players perform 'The Bear' & 'Alternative Accommodation' (also 27th & 28th)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	30	Community Lunch: hosts - Yew Trees W.I.	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm

## FEBRUARY

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: The African Elephant - David Lemon. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thu	2	Music Appreciation Group: Leonard Bernstein	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	3	Country Market reopens	Town Hall	10.00am
Wed	15	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Colston Hall, Bristol	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm
Thu	16	Painswick Bird Club: "Urban Dwelling Peregrines" - Edward Drewitt, Broadcaster & Wildlife detective	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: The Inns & Outs of Painswick - David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	23	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	1.00pm

## MARCH

Thu	1	Music Appreciation Group: Juxtapositions	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	2	Women's World Day of Prayer	Catholic Church	11.00am
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: The Last Days of Ocean Sail. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thu	8	Painswick Bird Club: "The Wildlife of West Wales" - Mike Robinson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	10	Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	
Tue	20	Local History Society: The Development of Georgian Gloucester - Dr Nicholas Herbert	Croft School	7.30pm
Sat	24	Theatre Club Outing to The Water Mill, Newbury	Stamages Car Park	10.30am
Sat	31	Painswick Music Society Concert: Emma Johnson, Clarinet & John Lenehan, Piano.	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

## APRIL

Tue	3	Painswick Bird Club / Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Birds of Cleeve Hill - Arthur Ball	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club AGM & Lecture: The Wildlife of Australia. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Sat	14	Painswick Music Society Concert: Ian Fountain	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	18	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided coach trip: Bledington & Blockley Churches, N. Cotswolds. Enq. 01242 230755	Stamages Car Park	T.B.A.
Wed	25	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club special luncheon - Queen's Jubilee. Speaker Sir Henry Elwes - Enq 01242 890374	Minch'ton Golf Club	12 noon for 1.00pm
Sat	28	Painswick Music Society Concert: Nash String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

## MAY

Sat	12	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Geology Walk: Beachley Point, Tidenham & Wye Gorge. Enq. 813228 Painswick Music Society Concert: Rose Trio		
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## JULY

Sun	15	Wearable Art Painswick		
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# The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

## Engagement

Mark and Pauline Rousseau from Edge are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter HANNAH CLARE to GAVIN JOHN DICKSON.

## Babies

Congratulations to JAMES and TAMMY FISHER on the birth of their daughter Lottie Eliane India on the 11th of November (11.11.11) in Rugby, third grandchild for Liz and Anthony Fisher,

also our congratulations to BEN and BECCI HOWES on the birth of their daughter Freya on 13th November in Rutland, first grandchild for Michael and Julie Howes.

## Welcome

Welcome back to DAVID and JAN HASLEM who have returned to the village to live at Orchard Cottage, Blakewell Mead.

we also welcome ROB, ZOE, NATHANIEL and FABIAN BUNDY who have

moved to 10 Stroud Road, and VICKI and WILLIAM HARLEY who have moved to 6 Stroud Road.

## Change of Address

ELIZABETH WEBB has moved to 1 Ashwell House in a 'swap' with GRACE HANCHET who has moved to 14 Upper Washwell.

## Personal Messages

GILL MOHIN wishes to thank friends and neighbours for their support and help during her recent stay in hospital.

KAREN JUDD at the Post Office has in her safe keeping a Wrens Association badge which was found at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. JOAN WARNER would like to thank all the wonderful people in Painswick who have shown her such kindness and sent beautiful cards and touching letters on the death of her dear husband Philip Warner.

## MINI-ADS

**House to Let. In between houses - having building work done?** Detached 4 bedroom house in Painswick. Large garden, parking. Available end February - end August, consider 3-6 month let; contact 07887976034

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*You could help Jenny Gaugain, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.*

## PLANNING MATTERS

*A summary of information from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

BERRY BARN, Paradise, Painswick. Addition of an outbuilding for use as a garage and home workshop, with an option for a cellar underneath.

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

DAMSELLS FARM, Painswick. Change of use from agricultural to domestic use (garden)

THE LODGE, Gyde House. Application to renew extant permission S.07/1789/FUL for erection of side extension.

IVY COTTAGE, Slad. Erection of 2 storey rear extension, single storey first floor side extension, re-build chimney and install decked balcony area.

THE OLD VICARAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe. Douglas Fir to reduce and fell; Yew to reduce back to 10ft; Walnut reduce the height by 35%; Flowering Cherry - remove; Flowering Cherry - to reduce and fell; Ash - reduce height to hedge height of 6ft; Hawthorn-reduce to hedge height of 6ft; Larch - fell; Yell - reduce to 8ft and shape; Mature Evergreen Oak - reduce height to 40ft, reduce diagonal branches by 50% reducing the overall span of the tree by 60%;

2 - 30ft Conifers - reduce in height by 10ft; Birch - fell; Mature Stemmed Laurel - dismantle; Birch - dismantle.

### CONSENT

EDGE FARM, Edge. Discharge of condition 3 of permitted application S.10/0051/DISCON and S.09/0971/LBC - further information.

PROSPECT HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Erection of extensions.

GAZEBO AND BLOW FAMILY MEMORIALS, Severnleaze Lane, Edge Erection of metal entrance gates.

TOWER COTTAGE, Kemp's Lane, Painswick. Reduce height and spread of Bramley Apple Tree

LITTLE ACRE, Cheltenham Road. Loft Conversion to include dormer windows.

THE TYTHE BARN, Painswick. Discharge of condition 2 of approved applications S.09/1277/HHOLD for the erection of a garage.

WOODBOROUGH, Knapp Lane. Erection of a dwelling and widening of existing private road.

### REFUSED

WASHWELL FARM, Painswick. Appeal refused for erection of a dwelling.

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