

# The Painswick Beacon

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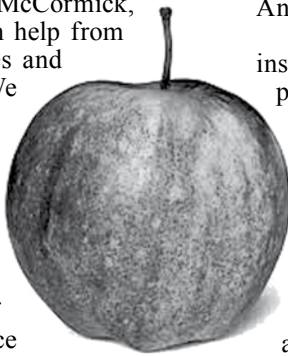
## The Big Apple Day

**No question, the Big Apple Day was a great success.**

Brainchild of the 'Apple Corp', comprising Nick Simonin, Kerensa Staines, Greg and Iris McCormick, John Rhodes and Emma Bradshaw - with help from all family and friends who savour apples and events, this all came about on 8th October. We have no record of apples being the focus of attention for so many people as visited the churchyard that afternoon, and certainly not in Painswick.

Painswick once had many orchards, and there are still many apple trees dotted throughout the village. The aim of the day was to raise local people's awareness of Painswick's apple heritage, and sell the juice produced by the amazing oak apple press built by Ben Staines.

Villagers were encouraged to bring their own apples to be juiced in the great oak press, and return home with it in ones own bottles. Samples of local apple and pear juices were on offer, as well as apple bobbing, apple carving, toffee apples, some foraging expeditions, and advice available from bee-keepers, our very own Bird Club, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and those whose



forte is tree pruning. Coupled with all this, the food was delicious - a superb pork hot pot served with apple sauce and fresh bread. And some amazing apple fritters served with Calvados cream.

Outside there was lively music from a singer and some instrumentalists, interspersed with poetry reading - a memorable poem was one by Laurie Lee about apples. People sat around on straw bales enjoying it all. A very English experience, and scene!

Greg, who put in a lot of work to bring this venture to fruition, said: "This was a huge success and we have had lots of positive feedback, we are hoping that it will become an annual event. We also raised over £1,200 on the day and from apple juice sales which will mostly go this year to cover the costs of building the press, crusher and other equipment as well as our charity Lideta "

That being the case, watch this space for the 2012 date.



## Catbrain quarry

At the time of going to press the Beacon is very much aware that many are still asking questions about the extent of works taking place within and around this quarry; so are we.

We regret that we do not have answers we can offer based upon documented evidence, but have reported all the salient points expressed when the Managing Director at the quarry, acting for Meister Masonry Ltd, addressed the Parish Council a couple of weeks ago (*see page 2*) and was, in turn, quizzed by members. It is hoped that a more definitive report can be included in our next issue.

## Olive and John

It may be one of the 'signs of the times' that the Beacon receives fewer 'Engagement' announcements to include in its Personal Column on our back page than once was the case. We gain particular pleasure from typing into our page the news of a couple who have found happiness in each other's company and together decided to pledge themselves to one another.

This month we have one such we thought deserved mention on the front page as well, so our congratulations to Olive Freeman and John Longuet-Higgins who have announced their engagement, and are looking forward to their marriage by Bishop John in Sheepscombe in February.

**Fireworks ..  
think twice, please**

**As this issue of the Beacon  
reaches households around the  
village we convey the message:**

**please remember that pets  
and livestock can be petrified  
by explosions**

**and a few readers are none  
too happy either.**

**On other pages this month:** Allotments horizon, quarry scrutiny, new timetables, players playing, Pollard pic, junior cupwinner, postal dates, big peal, light appeal, Jonas award, torch routed, lots of good will, multi-stall fair, back page changes, marketeers on vacation, two great choirs, affordable dwellings, Painswickian nominations, and ♪♪ a partridge ... ♪

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Kingsley Cottage**

Prior to the meeting the new owners of Kingsley House addressed the meeting to explain, in considerable detail, that the cottage - previously an annexe to the house - has changed ownership and that any planning application for a change in use needed to bear in mind that it had no amenities or rights of way of access from the rear. Kingsley House is intended as a family residence with retention of a retail unit as previously. The committee took note of these observations, and that the cottage had previously been readily accessed and used from within the house itself.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting to determine the Council's response to the planning application.

**Catbrain quarry**

The full meeting of the committee was preceded by a presentation, at short notice,



by the Managing Director of the quarry, Richard Heather, on behalf of the owners Meister Masonry Ltd now based in this Painswick location. Mr Heather was anxious to make clear the intentions of the company and deal with queries the Parish Council may have regarding operations being undertaken and possible misunderstandings deduced from visible works to date. As Chairman David Hudson pointed out, the speed with which operations were being undertaken, with considerable movement of loaded lorries both entering and leaving the site, and the removal of even more trees (in the background of our lower picture) was extremely disquieting.

Meister Masonry, with an annual turnover in the order of £2.2m, had ownership of the quarry since 1999 and were now

seeking to relocate their main storage shed to this site; the shed measuring 38x28 metres x 9 metres high. Such is, he said, to protect stone brought to the site - mainly from the north Cotswolds and Bath areas - for treatment and protection from the elements, its quality and fitness for such being otherwise lessened. The major works had been to prepare the access road to bear movement of lorries and the bringing in of equipment, and the quarry itself in such manner that the footprint of the structure was not 'threatened' by overhangs from the previous quarry faces, and that its subsequent maintenance and safe use was not prejudiced by proximity to those faces; the approval of planners had been obtained for the shed.

Member of the public Reg Hardway of Cudhill House, in Upton St Leonards, had enquired of the Manorship when he moved into the area as to whether a quarry adjacent to his home would one day be brought back into use and been assured there

was no such intention. He further reported knowledge of a government order dating back to the 1940s banning quarrying on the escarpment because of the landscape and stability damage such brought about. Mr Heather assured the meeting that no quarrying was taking place, only the removal of debris, including



overhang faces of the quarry threatening structures intended below.

Others present expressed concerns about the sheer number of lorry movements, ferrying stone to-from the quarry. Mr Heather reported at least 40 tons of discarded metal having been removed from the site in recent weeks and incoming crushed stone had been required to

consolidate the access road. He also reported conversations with golf club representatives who had not been averse to the removal of the trees, and went on to report that Ellie Phillips of FWAG (*see page 12*) had sought and obtained a grant for the planting of a new copse at the north west corner of the site. No indication had been given by Mr Heather that noisy machinery would be operated within the shed once constructed.

In response to further questions Mr Heather assured the meeting that Meister Masonry were neither quarrying nor undertaking masonry work upon Painswick stone. The shed is essentially for locating imported York and Bath stone to treat and protect from the elements with clients mainly in the historic homes and ecclesiastical premises.

It was subsequently noted that no indication had been given by Mr Heather that noisy machinery would be operated within the shed once constructed.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Affordable housing**

The Council was addressed by Martin Hutchings, Rural Housing Enabler operating on behalf of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. He explained that he was anxious to report upon the measure of progress he had made consequent upon the outcome of the Housing Needs Survey (*initially reported on page 3 of the Beacon in January 2010*). He reminded members that 31 had then been identified as in need of affordable housing in the Painswick area.

Since that time Mr Hutchings had spoken with many landowners and others in order to investigate the potential of sites which might meet a range of criteria, including compliance with the Local Plan, sale price, a Housing Association to develop a viable number of units relative to the cost of building and infrastructure, planning constraints, the opinions of any neighbours, and so on.

Although he had anticipated a mere 'no progress' report when this meeting was arranged, it had become apparently in the previous 48 hours that one site might meet these criteria but only for 4-5 units. The site, located as shown approximately on the plan shown here, at The Park, had been the subject of preliminary consultation with SDC planners who, subject to many conditions regarding orientation, materi-

als, access, and so on, were not averse to its use for such purposes. Mr Hutchings pointed out that this was at the very earliest stage of investigation and that he could in no way assure anyone that a Housing Association would be likely to submit a planning application as the smallness of the development was likely to be prohibitive for cost-per-unit purposes.



The Council, upon receipt of such unexpected news, briefly discussed the implications, not least access, and decided to meet on site and resume discussion upon its attitude towards such a project at its next meeting.

#### Allotments

Caroline White reported in considerable detail upon the latest position regarding the Mop Tree site, and that her Working Group were recommending that agreements now be drawn up with all interested parties. The intention was to enter into a 3 year (hopefully renewable) lease with the landowner, with his retaining a 12 ft perimeter strip so that he retained access and maintenance of his boundary. The cost of setting up the arrangement and operation in the first year was expected to be £4600 including water supply, and £700 thereafter; budget provision (an obligation upon the Council) had been made for much of the setting up costs, and revenue from allotment holders would exceed the annual costs.

Whilst consideration had been given to the possibility that the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 applied to such provision, advice obtained indicated that if every avenue of securing vehicular access for the disabled had been exhausted such could still be provided.

The Council agreed to proceed in the matter of formalising a lease of the field and entering into such an obligation subject to the 37 known prospective tenants having formed an Allotment Holders Association and themselves entered into an agreement with the Council to use the site on terms set out by the Council. Further, it was agreed that the Manorship be requested to affirm, or otherwise, that it would not permit disabled vehicular access to the site. It was hoped that these arrangements could be completed in time for plots to be marked out and receive the attention of

new holders before the most severe winter weather came about.

#### Big Community Offer - update

Chairman Terry Parker reported that no draft agreements had been received from the County Council regarding grants relating to either the Town Hall or the Youth Club premises, a somewhat frustrating circumstance as no works to either premises could be scheduled for hoped for dates.

The outcome of the Judicial Review regarding GCC policies for community libraries was expected within the following week, and was eagerly awaited by CLIP to trigger its preparation for operation of a library on the upper floor of the Town Hall once remedial works were, hopefully, completed early in 2012.

#### Town Hall and Stroud Road premises

The Council gave consideration to a letter received from Leslie Brotherton shortly after its last meeting, at which time the previous library premises owned by the County Council had been placed on the market with an asking price of £275,000. He had been approached by others for factual information he might have which could enable them to consider the manner in which this example of our heritage might be retained for community use and not be 'lost' to a developer, and whether such as selling the Town Hall might more than offset the costs involved. Mr Brotherton was not aware of whether they had decided to take initiatives themselves, but - upon reflection - felt he should set out his perception of the facts of relocation of the Council's base to Stroud Road and place them directly before the Council so that they could be in the public domain facilitate informed and objective debate through, he had suggested, a public meeting. He saw there being a 'window of opportunity' to consider such an option before contracts were entered into regarding works to the Town Hall. His calculation illustrated that there were two such courses of action open to consideration, both of which could accrue about £90,000 after relocation of the Council's office to the upper floor at Stroud Road with modern furnishings and space for a committee meetings, making the entire premises weather proof and external maintenance updated, stair lift etc installed. One course would appear to be to sell the existing Town Hall, but another might be to finance the acquisition through a (currently) low interest 10-year loan from the PWLB which would seemingly add £2.55 to average monthly Council Tax. He had

set out the advantages and disadvantages of operation and use of the main part of the premises by the community.

The Chairman, after consulting his colleagues, had replied in some detail to Mr Brotherton on 13th October and intimated that they were not minded to proceed in such manner as they did not want to prejudice grants which had been secured, or contemplate relocation of capital assets; further they were confident that they were fully entitled to make decisions in this regard, without a public meeting, having 'been elected to take decisions on behalf of the community'.

Mr Brotherton had responded in writing, directly addressing each of the points made on behalf of the Council, and stressing his perception of there being a duty of care upon the Council, coupled with the otherwise imminent loss of property of considerable heritage value. Both his response and the letter from the Chairman were read out.

A lengthy discussion ensued, focussed upon whether members had changed their views consequent upon receipt of his second letter. One or two asserted that Mr Brotherton's letter was complex and his calculations open to challenge, while other opinions included too many variables in the propositions to warrant a public meeting or consultation, the CLIP project upstairs in the Town Hall is strongly supported by that group and the public, no awareness of public interest in retaining the Stroud Road premises and/or relinquishing the Town Hall.

No motion was put to the meeting as, contrary to a statement in the letter from the Council, this matter had not been an agenda item. The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation of Mr Brotherton bringing this matter to their attention in such a detailed manner. Invited to respond to the debate Mr Brotherton said that he appreciated the matter being aired, that facts as perceived had been tabled for others to see, and that they had perforce to agree to differ upon his notion of it being effectively an obligation to consult the public upon such an important issue.

#### Town Hall - car parking

The Clerk reported that, having obtained legal advice, further discussion had taken place with the offending user of the Council's parking spaces and amicable withdrawal agreed.

#### Garden waste

A short discussion took place upon concerns that garden waste, even when bagged up, was not removed by the District Council, and was ultimately finding its way to landfill sites. It was agreed to support the District Council's current review of its policy in this regard.

An optimist is someone who falls off the Empire State Building, and after 50 floors says, 'So far so good!'

# Painswickian(s) nominations invited . . . . .RSVP

It's that time of year again, the time to choose a Painswickian, someone whose exceptional qualities and contribution to the local community justifies the accolade of **Painswickian of the Year**.

This year we are inviting nominations for two 'recognitions', one to follow directly in the footsteps of those thirty five listed, and another who you believe should be recognised as **Young Painswickian of the Year**.

So, we invite any resident to make nominations for consideration by the Beacon committee; but we need such by Monday 21st November please. Our choice of date is so that we have time to catch up with them, take their photograph, and prepare some words about their local deeds ready for publication in our January issue to brighten up the New Year.

Your nominees for 2011 can be young or old, female or male, an individual or - if not so young - a couple. We offer no definition of 'young', leaving that for you to decide. We're after those who brought credit to the village in the last year or more, or gave exceptional service to the community. We prefer not to have lengthy letters, or lobbying, but ideally a postcard and a maximum of 100 words and marked 'POY' delivered to the Beacon box or by Email to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) with *POY* or *YOUNG POY* in the subject line.

We look forward to hearing from you, and our self-imposed task of making a choice.

## Painswickians of the Year - roll call

- 1985 Colleen Hayne
- 1986 Hazel Hendry
- 1987 Phyl Crooks & Robert Payne
- 1988 Peggy Perrins & Paddy Wildy
- 1989 Kathleen Wear & June Crane
- 1990 Fred Semark
- 1991 Carol Parker
- 1992 Margie Hamilton
- 1993 Freda Cox
- 1994 Dr Jim Hoyland
- 1995 Pam Musty
- 1996 Christl & Quentin Mathias
- 1997 Patrick Daly
- 1998 Jennie Oakley
- 1999 Margaret & Charles Say
- 2000 Barbara & John Hulme
- 2001 Bill & Phil Varah
- 2002 Joyce Tranter
- 2003 Pam Bailey
- 2004 Hilda Musty
- 2005 Jack & Rose Smith
- 2006 Michael Buttrey
- 2007 Martin Slinger
- 2008 Iris McCormick
- 2009 June Gardiner & Sue Coates
- 2010 Helen Baker

## Sue Ryder thanks and handover

For more years than she cares to remember, Anne Leoni has inspired and led - in her own inimitable way - fund raising in support of Sue Ryder Care, and Leckhampton Court in particular. She tells the Beacon that £9259.49 has been raised across those years; no mean feat.

Such endeavour has been greatly dependent upon volunteers and the generosity of a lot of people, some of whom are pictured here as her own guests so that Duncan Willoughby, fund-Raising Team Leader and she could express their thanks for achieving so much. Anne herself adds "without all the support (and my gentle whip!) we could not have achieved this total. So, by this November 5th Christmas Fair we will have topped £10,000 by one fund raising a year. Thank you generous Painswick".

Seated close to Anne are Joyce Tranter who has been part of the Group from day one and took over the reins from Elizabeth Hinds in 1996, Morna Holiday and Ann Williams who have undertaken to jointly continue this good work.

*Sue Ryder*



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## Latest on

# Stroke Club in Painswick

The newly formed Stroke Club, started by The Stroke Association with help from Richmond Painswick, is going from strength to strength.

The Club meets at Richmond Retirement Village on the last Tuesday of the month from 10.30am – 12.30pm and offers members various activities such as arts and crafts, gentle exercise, talks and demonstrations, as well as opportunities to chat to other people who have had a stroke.

The Stroke Club is currently planning a Christmas get-together with a meal and would love to hear from anyone who is thinking about joining the club and would like to meet them at Richmond on 29th November for a festive celebration.

The Stroke Association has been commissioned by Gloucestershire NHS and Gloucestershire County Council to support stroke survivors and their carers by setting up new Stroke Clubs and supporting existing clubs in the County. To find out more about this Club or the work of The Stroke Association please contact me (Gloucestershire Stroke Association Co-ordinator) on 01452.520723 or email [louise.read@stroke.org.uk](mailto:louise.read@stroke.org.uk)

*Louise Read*

## Stroud and District Mencap Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Mencap Fayre will be held in the Painswick Centre on Saturday 26th November between 10.00am and 2.00pm.



There will be hot and cold refreshments available, a large range of stalls with plants, fancy goods, Christmas decorations, cakes, tombola, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac, preserves, raffle and most importantly Father Christmas.

Do come and support this local charity and start your Christmas shopping with us. Any queries to Andrea 812464 or Sue 813110.

*Andrea Linsell*

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## Market prompt

With reference to the closure of the Town Hall from the 19th December to the end of January, the Country Market will be therefore be closed from the end of trading on the 16th December and will re-open on the 3rd February next. We would therefore encourage our customers to place their Christmas orders, especially for Cakes, Savouries, Mince-Pies and Meat as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



We now have a new producer of various curries, samosas and other interesting savouries.

A very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and thank you for supporting your local Country Market.



*Anne Leoni  
Secretary*

## David, Margaret and Bessie retire

30th September saw the retirement of three of Resthaven's longest serving staff.

**David Little** began helping at Resthaven on a voluntary basis, shortly after he moved to Painswick in the 1980s but the then Manager, Betty Allen, soon suggested to the Trustees that his financial experience and practical expertise could be put to good use on a permanent basis.

This was duly approved by the Trustees and from December 1987 he had day-to-day responsibility for Resthaven's finances and for the maintenance of the buildings, equipment and grounds.

He continued in this role, and as Company Secretary, for almost 24 years under three successive Managers, Betty Allen, Molly Rawcliffe and, currently, Jayne Roberts. He was particularly involved in liaising with architects and builders as the recent extension was added, followed by refurbishment of the older buildings.

Throughout this period David enjoyed cordial relations with colleagues and he will be particularly missed by the many residents with whom he always found time for a chat and whom he was always willing to help in a variety of very practical ways.

Resthaven's Office Manager, Laura Bokhoree and Maintenance/Handyman Paul Harwood will take over some of David's work but the core of his responsibilities will now be carried out by an agency specialising in accounting services for nursing homes.

**Margaret Holmes**, who lives at Stonehouse, was employed at Resthaven from 1988-1994 and returned as our Laundress in 2001 since when she has performed a quite invaluable service to the home and its successive residents. Over more than 20 years we have greatly appreciated the quiet, conscientious and effective way in which she has carried out a crucial activity and we shall miss her 100% loyalty and reliability.

**Bess Hunter** has been one of our night nurses since 1999 seen by few but relied upon by all to care for an increasing number of residents while the rest of us sleep in our own beds.

We wish them all a happy, healthy and long retirement.

*Michael Little*

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## Marie Curie

Marie Curie Cancer Care is currently in the process of setting up a number of fundraising groups in and around Stroud and would like to invite local interested people to an informal meeting to find out more about our plans. There will be the opportunity to meet local staff and hear first hand about our services and how the money we raise is spent. It is an exciting time for all of us and with our new local groups there will be more community fundraising events and opportunities. Groups have a great deal of fun whilst sharing the enjoyment of knowing that their fundraising efforts will help people with cancer and other terminal illnesses to be cared for at home.

Marie Curie  
Cancer Care



The meeting will be on the 24th November between 6-8pm at the Market Tavern, 2 Union Street Stroud GL5 2HE.

If you are interested in coming along and finding out more about Marie Curie Cancer Care and the work we do in Gloucestershire please contact Catherine Butt on 01179.427132 or catherine.butt@mariecurie.org.uk

Thank you

*Catherine Butt*

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

## Street Pastors

The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their AGM on Thursday 10th November at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms (Assembly Hall).



The meeting will be followed by refreshments, and then there will be a presentation about the work of the **Street Pastors** given by Robert Kingston, Secretary to Gloucester Street Pastors, and Frankie Marsh from Painswick. There will be a retiring collection for this charity. This should prove a most interesting evening, and we look forward to your support.

*Rita Bishop Secretary CTAP*



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## The amazing Franz



At the Group's meeting on 29th September Howard Allen gave us an interesting and entertaining presentation on the song cycles of Franz Schubert (1797- 1828). During that time he composed over 600 songs. Howard began with To Music sung by Ian Bostridge and followed this with a Litany for the Feast of All Souls,

sung by Bryn Terfel,

Howard went on to play excerpts from the Maid of the Mill sung by Fischer-Dieskau written when Schubert was 26. One of these was Shower of Tears, a prime example of a Schubert love song, another was The Brook's Lullaby, for a dead lover.

The mood became more sombre with Winter's Journey, sung by Olaf Bar, a cycle which includes the very well-known Der Lindenbaum, the Lime Tree. The following three songs charted Schubert's descent into madness.

The Swan Song included Serenade, the best-known of Schubert's love songs, By the Sea, which was a very melodious song and The Pigeon Post, the last song he ever wrote.

As an encore Howard played The Trout, sung by Bryn Terfel.

The magic of Schubert's songs cast a spell on the audience.

*Richard Burges Watson*



## and William Walton



Whoever might have thought that English composers' classical music was boring had their views thoroughly changed by our friend Ian Hiscock's presentation of the life and music of William Walton on 13th October.

After showing cleverness and wit in his early life, Walton soon acquired more solid musical gifts, among them delicate lyricism and ebullient incisiveness. This hit us with recorded excerpts from one of the most powerful choral works ever written: "Belshazzar's Feast", based on biblical text but secular in spirit. We also heard some of "Facade" and the very varied "Symphony no. 1", two other of his outstanding works. And he even excelled at writing film music! We look forward to Ian's next presentation.

*Ralph Kenber*



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## Painswick's small but perfectly formed Goodwill Evening returns

On Friday 9th December Painswick will host its annual pre-Christmas Goodwill Evening, which this year will take place between 5.00pm and 9.00pm.



This is your chance to take a leisurely evening stroll around our beautiful village, enjoy the goodwill on offer at many of our shops and business establishments, peruse the two tempting Christmas Markets taking place in the Town Hall and the Painswick Centre

and find the unusual hand-crafted gifts and home-made produce that you have been searching for.

If you can enhance this event by adding further goodwill offerings in the form of craft, art and produce stalls, open artist studios, opening your business for the evening to entertain loyal customers and clients, by bringing Father Christmas here to see the children or carol singing around the village, then please get in touch with me at The Chairman shop, telephone 01452 810820.

Many thanks and see you there!

*Chris Mercer*

## Annual Safari and Bird Senses!

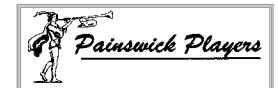
Eynsham Hall (Oxfordshire) a remarkable Jacobean-style mansion, was the base for the club's annual safari (26th-28th September); the weather and locale, a dream-like wonder! Arriving at the Black Horse, we entered Standlake Common Nature Reserve where no less than 26 bird species were seen. Especially notable was a not-yet departed common sandpiper near the multi-holed sandpit bank exhibiting its famous tail teetering.

The next morning started auspiciously, wheeling red kite and buzzard and hovering kestrel being spied from the car park. Species spotted rose to the fifties as we skirted the grandeur of 18th century Blenheim Palace and Vanbrugh's Bridge through the green magnificence of the Park in the heat of the day. Capability Brown's lake was bird-busy with more grey herons, the flashing colours of kingfishers, a large flock of greylag geese ashore and a covey of rare snow geese afloat in white brilliance. Many more were the species in our gaze - even latterly the Carolina wood duck (not unlike the mandarin?) And so to the RSPB Reserve at Otmoor (28th September) where at once we were under the scrutiny of a distant hobby, perched on an 'Ozzy gate' and amongst the bird array in sight and sound, yet again came the red kite, high, in majestic flight.

In all, we enjoyed three excellent guides, a surfeit of bird contact and club camaraderie. Returning sadly home, we stopped at Bladon, the final resting place of Winston Churchill.

Our first lecture of the new session was given by Dr Timothy Seller, formerly of Imperial College and RSPB lecturer, at the Town Hall on 6th October. His subject was 'Senses and Non-Senses of Birds!' He examined the ways in which birds' abilities to smell, taste, touch and hear explained their actions in feeding, breeding, flight and migration. Waders for example, need highly sensitive touch and taste senses in their bills in order to probe and select food in mud flats whereas owls in flight, rely heavily on hearing and vision to locate ground prey. It is not feasible in the space available to go into the considerable detail and fascinating information which emerged on the day at this joint meeting with the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society but it is perhaps sufficient to remark that the quality and detail in the data were reflected in the excellent attendance and volume of applause.

The next meeting on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm will be held at Richmond Village when the topic will be 'At Home with the Robin' by Mike Read, a wildlife and landscape photographer - a rather seasonal contribution? Residents and all visitors will be extremely welcome.



## Avril Dorey Honoured!

Avril Dorey has been granted Life Membership of the Painswick Players. At their Annual Meeting in October, retiring chairman George Krasker described Avril as 'one of our most faithful members' and detailed her long service, on stage and as a member of the committee. She joined the Players (then known as The Country Players) in 1967 and her first appearance was as Lady Alice Miller in *Breath of Spring* the following year. She appeared in *Island of Sirens* in 1969, *The Gardens of Adonis* in 1971, *Gigi* in 1973, *The Chalk Garden* in 1975, *Blithe Spirit* in 1975, *Bonaventure* in 1978 and *The Camel's Back* in 1978. She served as Vice-president from 1968 to 1982 and helped behind the scenes in numerous productions. After a brief absence, Avril returned to the Players in 2001 and since then she has appeared in *The Dragon's Tale* in 2002, *A Man for All Seasons* and as *Lady Rumpers* in *Habeus Corpus* in 2004 and *Confusions* in May last year. George Krasker concluded by saying 'After all these years of service we have felt it only right to



recognise Avril's dedication to the Painswick Players with honorary life membership. We hope that we will enjoy her company for many years to come.'

### A New Committee

A new committee was elected at the Annual Meeting:

Chairman Stephen Friar  
Secretary Jean Burgess  
Treasurer Andrew Leach

Committee Members: Dave Carlile, George Krasker, Cathy Munday and Jil Walford.

### Play Readings

Our monthly play-readings are always entertaining and great fun. Everyone is welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre on the last Tuesday of most months (see the Village Diary).

### New Members

New members are always welcome - you don't have to be an aspiring actor: there's lots to do back-stage and we are planning an interesting and varied social programme for the coming year. Our secretary, Jean Burgess, will welcome your enquiries 01452-812167.

*Stephen Friar*



*Martin and Wendy Addy*

## Owl of Surprise!

As I was driving towards Painswick from Gloucester on Tuesday October 18th I encountered a small car parked beside the road with its hazard lights on. As I pulled up behind the car I noticed a lump in the middle of the road and a young woman bending down beside it. As I got nearer I saw that the lump was a large and unconscious tawny owl. The woman explained that someone must have hit the poor creature but at least it was still alive.

Without a word of explanation I scooped the bird into my arms and started to walk towards my car. The woman was, not surprisingly rather put out and exclaimed "I suppose you're going to tell me that you're a vet!"

"Actually" I replied "I am!" and I apologised for my lack of manners and said that I would take it to my surgery in Abbeydale.



I put the owl in the front passenger well (don't do this at home!) and revived by the warmth of the car, the owl began to come round. With a flutter of wings he climbed up onto the passenger seat and stood there drunkenly

swaying with one eye open. By the time I had reached the surgery he was feeling much better and had flown onto the dashboard.

I took him into the surgery, where with the help of my head nurse, I examined him. He had no obvious injury and his wings were intact. Wild animals should not be kept captive for any longer than is strictly necessary and I decided that this owl would benefit from a rapid return to the wild. I put him back into the car and drove in the direction of Painswick Beacon. By now the owl was fully alert and was very interested in what was happening to him. He sat on the back of the passenger seat watching the passing landscape and leaning into the bends like the most experienced TT racer. At one point he even landed on the steering wheel where he had to make rapid side steps to cope with the turns. With some relief I made it onto the road across the Beacon and opened the door for the owl to make his exit. At first, he was reluctant to leave, having obviously relished a trip in a yellow Mini, but eventually after I lifted him out of the car, he spread his wings and disappeared soundlessly over the woods towards the quarry.

So... if you are the young woman who stopped to help the injured owl you now know that the story had a happy ending. What a hoot!

*Richard Aspinall*

## Olivas is growing ...

After four years of trading, and it must be said to a standard which can only be described as excellent, Olivas is about to expand into a much larger concern. The little deli in Friday Street is due to more than double its space by taking over the neighbouring premises, thereby opening up a much more roomy and spacious area in which to enjoy the fare on offer.

Brian and Ximena Nunez have worked tirelessly to make the business a success and feel the time is right to extend the premises. The existing shop and seating area will be retained and the side wall knocked through into the building next door where there will be more tables to accommodate an extra 20 people. There will be a small bar, toilet facilities and a small additional room at the back suitable for mothers and toddlers/babies which can also be used for private functions, business lunches, children's parties etc. The frontage, already popular as a place to relax, will also be extended.

Brian and Ximena see the development as providing more choice for their customers. The extra space with its range of facilities will offer something to suit everyone. It will have the same rustic look as the



existing premises and will be just as cosy. Essentially Olivas will not change in principle. It will, however, expand its service by opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings as a restaurant providing mainly Mediterranean and South American style food.

Open seven days a week, this means that Olivas is one of Painswick's most hard-working businesses. It is not, of course, simply a delicatessen. Whether a coffee or a light lunch in the deli, the takeaways or the renowned outside catering, Olivas has built up an impressive reputation for excellent food and first-class service. Always efficient, spotlessly clean and well-staffed, Olivas catering is about good, uncomplicated food, served simply and well presented, and all of which is home-made.

All of this has been achieved through sheer hard work, but Brian and Ximena think it all worthwhile. "I feel the same energy every morning," says Ximena, adding "Painswick is the perfect place. We love being here, it's ideal for the business and a great place for children." They see their own daughter, Isabella, a pupil at the Croft School, as a real asset. "We couldn't have a better daughter. She is so helpful and she enjoys it. And there are so many activities here in Painswick for children." Brian and Ximena are very much part of the Painswick community and recognise that all the businesses here work well together and are complementary.

The intention is to open the newly expanded business in time for the Goodwill Evening on 9th December. Although the refurbishment will not be fully complete by then it will nevertheless be welcoming and well worth a visit for a meal or tapas or just a quiet drink. Do look in – you will not be disappointed.

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Your Citizens Advice Bureau

As we approach the season of goodwill, can I remind you of the work of our local Citizens Advice Bureau. Its aim is to advise people on their rights and responsibilities in the problems they face so that they can be resolved.

One image stays in my mind. A man came to the Bureau and was extremely stressed and incapable of thinking straight because of the multiple problems he faced. You could visibly see that as he discussed his problems with an advisor,



he slowly became less agitated and better able to consider options for a way forward and help himself on some issues. I feel the Bureau is the real fourth emergency service.

Last year the Bureau helped over 3,700 people (including 80 from Painswick parish).

Each person had a first interview. Those who can help themselves are encouraged to do so, as resources are limited. Sometimes people are redirected to other organisations that can help. For others more help is offered. Last year, on average, each person had two interviews. In total advisors wrote over 3,200 letters and made over 900 phone calls to third parties.

To advise people effectively requires expertise and knowledge as well as people and investigative skills to get to the bottom of an issue.

None of this comes without cost. The Bureau is a charity and grateful for the support it receives. Not least from Stroud District Council, and Parish Councils such as Painswick, without whose support it would not be able to continue. I am proud to report that Painswick has a relatively generous record – both in terms of volunteers and in donations – and for that the Bureau is very grateful. But increasingly it is having to turn to local people to maintain the service, and I would ask you if you would consider supporting the Bureau this Christmastide. I feel that helping our neighbour should be one of greatest priorities.

And if you can support the Bureau with a standing order, Coventry Building Society (formerly Stroud and Swindon) has committed to doubling the value of new standing orders (up to £15,000) for one year. So your money achieves even more.

For more information please contact me, pick up a leaflet at the Town Hall, or visit the website [www.strouddistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.strouddistrictcab.org.uk). And if you would like to give on-line, please follow the links from the website to “Virgin Money Giving”.

That would really make my day!

Peter Rowe 813228

Trustee of Stroud & District Citizens Advice Bureau

# Recognition for Jonas

Last month the Beacon carried an article about Jonas Pollard and his heroic bike ride to raise money for the charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. In recognition of his tremendous achievement he was nominated for the Diana Award and, quite justifiably, was selected as the winner in the Champion Fundraiser category.

On 26th September Jonas was presented with the Award by Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for Schools, at a grand ceremony at Canary Wharf in London. The Diana Award gives official recognition to young people aged between 12 and 18 who make outstanding contributions to their communities and demonstrate a real commitment to improving the lives of others. At age 16 Jonas has certainly already achieved a great deal in this respect having initially raised well over £2000 from his bike ride and subsequently adding to it as often as possible.

Jonas is now a student at Cirencester College but it was his former school, Thomas Keble, which nominated him. As a result, his ex-Head of Year accompanied him to the ceremony and the school generously paid all his expenses for the day. Jonas was very impressed by Canary Wharf and the Barclays building in which the presentations were made. “The views

were amazing,” he says, “and Canary Wharf is so clean, very formal and so different from the rest of London.” He is also keen to point out that there was a high proportion of nominees from the south-west of England and a wide range of projects represented.

After the presentation he was asked to talk about what he had achieved in front of television cameras – a daunting experience for anyone. Jonas, however, managed to speak articulately and spontaneously for a good ten minutes and the following day also gave a live telephone interview for Radio Gloucestershire.

Already keen to continue in his endeavours for the charity, Jonas explains that the award has inspired him to try to achieve even more and particularly to give encouragement to other young people. He is planning another sponsored bike ride - even though his poor bike is worn out. Jonas is indeed an inspirational young man, serious and committed and very generous-hearted. If you would like to support him you can do so on-line at [www.justgiving.com/Jonas-Pollard](http://www.justgiving.com/Jonas-Pollard) or by contacting him directly by telephone 814149 or 07575.540786 or by email at [jonaspollard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jonaspollard@hotmail.co.uk).

Carol Maxwell



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## Services of Remembrance

### On Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November at 10.50am  
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during which wreathes will be laid.  
All local organisations are invited to  
participate in this ceremony.



### The annual Service of Remembrance

will be held in  
St Mary's Church at 10.50am  
on Sunday 13th November.

Everyone will be most welcome  
at these services.

## A Glimpse of the Field Club's Plans for 2012

At this time of year, the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club compiles a new programme of excursions, walks and talks, and social events for the New Year. Joyce Barrus, the Club's walks organiser, has devised a programme of walks for 2012 to explore the natural history, archaeology and geology of Gloucestershire, which is expected to include: Butterflies around Sapperton with lunch at the Daneway Inn, a walk along the Painswick Stream to learn about the history of some local Mills, a botanical walk on Painswick Beacon with refreshments at the Golf Club, a gentle walk around historic Gloucester to examine building stones; a geological walk on Cleeve Hill, followed by lunch at the Cleeve Hill Clubhouse, and a visit to some cloth mills in Nailsworth.

Meanwhile, the Club's Field Officers are also researching next year's day excursions by coach. Highlights for 2012 include Highclere House where 'Downton Abbey' was filmed, Coughton Court and Ragley Hall, both near Alcester, Dewstow Gardens near Chepstow (one of the famous Pulhamite Rock Gardens) and the Elizabethan Gardens at Kenilworth. The trips start in April with a visit to the villages of Bledington and Blockley to view Norman and Medieval church architecture under the guidance of church historian Tim Porter. Most trips include either lunch and/or tea in the price. Next year's long excursion, accommodating about 50 members by coach, will be to Lincolnshire.

To make the most of next year's activities, it is worth joining now. Membership includes all the Club's meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of most months, at 2:30pm in the Painswick Centre and include tea and biscuits. For further details, contact the Membership Secretary on 813228.

*Jane Rowe*

## January Beacon

For those who like to know these things, the arch planning types, the January issue of the Beacon will be published on the first Saturday, 7th January.

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

## New bus timetables to go live

Changes to subsidised bus routes will start this month, mostly from 13th November.

Gloucestershire County Council has completed its review of 132 subsidised services across the county to create a sustainable, cost-effective network for passengers.

The results were published in the summer and new contracts have been awarded for 95 services.

Some of these services will improve by re-timing buses to improve connections and opening up possibilities for journeys that were not easy to make before. However, most will see no change at all but for others, particularly on less used services, changes could include a reduced frequency or the need to change buses.

New timetables for the services that have changed are starting to appear in bus stops, on buses, in libraries and district council offices from now.

Information is also available by calling **Traveline** on 08712.002233 or by visiting [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) for advice on planning your journey.

All changes are detailed on the website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/busreview). Those who use linking services are advised to look out for timetables, but the three running hereabouts are identified in the GCC notes regarding the Stroud area as follows:



### Forest Green - Nailsworth - 46

Stroud - Shurdington - Cheltenham

(partly subsidised) Minor changes to timetable in early evening

### Forest Green - Nailsworth - Stroud - 93

Gloucester (partly subsidised)

Minor changes to timetable in late afternoons.

### Eastcombe - Painswick - Gloucester 256

(subsidised) No change.

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# Conservation in action

## Painswick Beacon Conservation Group



We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 23rd November, at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Free entry for members (New members always welcome - annual sub only £5) or £1 for non-members.

Readers of 'The Painswick Beacon' will be aware of the award, earlier in the year, of the funding for a 'Higher Level Scheme' for environment-friendly management of the Painswick Beacon. Led by Natural England and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group but involving the Blow Estate, Golf Club, Parish Council, Conservation Group and all who have an interest in the Beacon, work plans are being well progressed.

We are pleased that Ellie Phillips, (FWAG), who is taking a lead with this 10 year scheme, will come to our meeting to give an illustrated talk about the special 'treasures' (orchids, butterflies etc) that can be found on the Beacon that depend on the 'habitats' that the 'care and maintenance' plans, that she is drawing up, endeavour to preserve.

Our group have been allocated areas for our particular attention, which link in with areas for the Golf Club and others.

Our 'Working Parties', for scrub-clearing etc., meet every other

Saturday in the car park opposite the golf club-10.00am-1.00pm.

We do need and will welcome more volunteers!

Dates for November (12th & 26th) and December(3rd & 17th) –but please see the Village Diary.

For further information - 813734

*David Little*

## Festive Entertainment: A Christmas Fair and A Blues Evening

Two special events at the Painswick Centre are scheduled for the second weekend in December. On Friday 9th December, a Christmas Fair is being held from 5.00 to 9.00pm as part of Painswick's Goodwill Evening. A festive range of food and craft stalls will be based in the Beacon Hall, which will also host a series of short entertainments during the evening.



Four charities, the Family Haven, Mencap, the Vine Project and the Painswick Centre, will also have stalls selling goods in aid of their work. The Painswick Centre's calendars will also be on sale. Refreshments will also be available, including mulled wine, tea/coffee and mince pies with the bar opening at 6.00pm. Rupert Aker will be holding an exhibition of his work in the Cotswold Room and the Guild Shop and the Artists' Studios will also be open for purchasing Christmas gifts.

On Saturday 10th December, the Gloucestershire Branch of the Royal British Legion, with the help of Paul Gray, is holding a Blues Evening in the Beacon Hall, at the Painswick Centre. We expect this to be a sell-out event in aid of another important charity, so please buy your tickets soon.

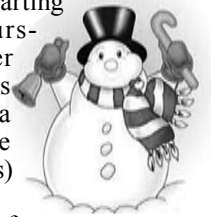
The 'Year in Painswick' Calendars, are selling well at £6.00 each (plus 50 pence for envelopes, if required) with even an order from Spain from one of the Painswick Beacon's regular overseas readers. Calendars are still available at the Post Office, Hamptons, The Chairman, the Artists' Studios and Best One. If you would like a list of all the pictures' locations, please contact me on 813228.

*Jane Rowe*



## Christmas coming!

The Cotswold Care Committee invite you to watch Chris West as she demonstrates and gives ideas on how to decorate your Christmas cake this year. It promises to be a fun afternoon, starting at 2.30pm on Thursday 17th November in the Church Rooms and finishing with a cup of tea and a piece of (non-Christmas) cake!



Ring 01452.812845 for tickets (£6). All proceeds to Cotswold Care Hospice.

Come to see if you can win Chris's Christmas cake in the raffle.

*Paula Woodcock*

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# Letters

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## The Barber

*Maurice Maggs sings praises:*

Having been taken to task by a correspondent (*Sonia Jones: May issue*) for my light hearted but mildly critical report of a recent Music Appreciation Group visit to Cardiff's Millenium Theatre to see a WNO production of *Il Travatore*, not at all like the harsh one by 'The Times' opera critic calling for the production to be scrapped, it gives me much pleasure to report having seen a splendidly enjoyable performance there of *The Barber of Seville* in the comfort of its upholstered stalls seats where there is ample spacing for long legs. Furthermore, in glorious evening sunshine the theatre looked great.

True the hugely amusing libretto in English translation, with many inventions of a creative production, added much to the enjoyment, though that seemed to call for a strangely absent performance in Welsh. I wondered why not. Come on WNO don't be shy.

## Here 'til May

*Barbara Tait has written to say:*

I hope you will allow me to point out that contrary to (popular?) opinion I have not resigned from my elected role as District Councillor, but still remain one of the two representatives for the Painswick Ward, and am very proud to be so.

I apologise for any confusion that has occurred, which has not been of my making.

## Stone

*Virginia Falconer has written:*

We should all celebrate the renewed availability of Painswick stone. We have recently rebuilt our chimney with stone from Meister at Catbrain Quarry and are thrilled with the results. I am planning a gravestone for my dear father Dick Jarrett in the same material. There is now no excuse for the use of non-vernacular North Cotswold stone or Bradstone in the village. The Parish Council should be

doing everything they can to support this local, historic and commercially viable business, and perhaps support the limited re-opening of quarrying.

## Get Volunteering, Get Involved Painswick Rococo Garden

*Caroline Bodington, of Severn Cottage in Vicarage Street writes:*

12 months ago I replied to an article in the Beacon looking for volunteers for Painswick Rococo Garden admission desk and gift shop. A little apprehensive (I hadn't used a till since a Saturday job as a teenager many, many years ago!), I applied and what a rewarding year it has been. New friends, lots of laughs and a real sense of feeling valued.

If you have a bit of time to spare, you enjoy meeting people and you love being part of a team, contact Paul Moir on 01452.813204 or email him at [info@rococogarden.org.uk](mailto:info@rococogarden.org.uk) to find out more.

Great garden, great place to volunteer and great cake!

## St Michael's Restaurant . . . News

St Michael's Restaurant is reopening as JK's @ St Michaels.

Jean Kendrick, who has had the catering franchise at Painswick Golf Club for the past two years and her new business partner, Angela Woodward, have taken over St Michael's Restaurant.

Their plan is to be open

Tuesday to Saturday for **lunches** with home cooked ham, home made quiches and delicious salads to mention a few of the dishes available,

**afternoon teas** with traditional English favourites, together with their home made Continental cakes and pastries,

**evening meals,**

and Sundays for a traditional **Sunday lunch.**

They say the style will be modern but with a European with a twist; interesting!

Tuesday and Thursday evenings will be what they describe as 'rustic nights', with three courses of hearty Mediterranean food.

Wednesday night is the twist, with an all-you-can-eat Oriental/Indian evening, with freshly prepared Thai, Chinese and Indian dishes.

Friday and Saturday evenings are À La Carte.

Whilst there will be a range of wines available, Jean and Angie are quite happy for you to bring your own favourite wines for which there will be a corkage charge.

Just in case they might otherwise relax, sometimes, they also tell the Beacon that outside catering is also available.

To book or for further information, Jean or Angie can be contacted at St Michaels on 01452.813832.

## BEACO-DOKU

Last month's flowers were **L-U-P-I-N-S** and a lone reader tells us she found the 18 combinations in the grid.

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We wonder whether there are more testing themselves in this way? Please let us know.

With fewer letters to help than last month, why not try **P-A-E-O-N-Y** this month?

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## Women in medicine



At the Yew Trees WI meeting in September, Dr Jenny Barraclough recounted the lives of several women whose ambitions and achievements in the medical field, would, in some cases, have been remarkable in any era, but these were women who were trailblazers for future generations, the first, in the 11th Century! Her name was Hildegard of Bergen, and despite being 'given' to the Church by her parents at the age of four, went on to establish the herbal medicine tradition and ultimately became one of the most powerful women in Europe.

Dr Barraclough also spoke of other famous women who devoted their lives to one aspect of medicine or another, whose names are more familiar to most of us; Florence Nightingale, who was born in Bristol, emigrated to America in 1832, and then went on to open a private medical school there in 1849. Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson, who through dogged determination became a doctor, but only as a result of qualifying as an apothecary first, then pursued her medical career in Paris, returned to England in 1902 and became a politician. Marie Stopes, who died in 1958 set up the first Family Planning Clinic, and Cecily Saunders, who became a nurse through social work, and subsequently revolutionised palliative care.

The talk demonstrated how women's place in society and the medical profession has changed dramatically in the last 150 years, and how their career aspirations have become attainable realities, by breaking down discriminatory barriers and stigmas.

The next WI meeting is 22nd November, when Joe Feeley, of the Cotswold Care Hospice will talk about 'The Joys of Running a Charity Shop'. This will be followed by the A.G.M.

## Reporting countryside crime

Although antisocial behaviour such as illegal motorcycling, bonfires etc. is mercifully rare in Gloucestershire's countryside, it does occur from time to time and can become a problem on some sites, particularly nature reserves with public access. Reporting of such incidents is very important, even after the event, as it helps to build a picture of what is going on and can lead to more effective work to tackle the problem. People are sometimes unsure who to report things to so below is some guidance to help with this. Colin Drewett is our dedicated Rural Environmental Crime Liaison Officer and is a great asset to us in tackling rural crime so it is well worth keeping him informed.

For more information or for a list of site managers responsible for specific reserves please contact Kate Gamez, Reserve Manager for Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve on 01452.813630 or 07747.485136 kategamez@naturalengland.org.uk

## Open the Book

Many of you will know that for the last 8 years a group of people from the local churches have gone into the Croft School for the Wednesday Assemblies to tell, and to act out, bible stories lasting about ten minutes. We enjoy the preparation and telling of the stories, and the children enjoy joining in.

The groups who started 8 years ago have dwindled recently and we are seeking new members. No acting experience is necessary, there are no lines to learn, and we use a script. The commitment is from about 8.30am for an hour (including preparation for the next session), five times a term. We will welcome any age, male and female.

If you are at all interested please phone me on 812829, or Paula Errock 813711 to have a chat and perhaps come to see a Wednesday Assembly in School.

*Frankie Marsh*

## 1/4 peal

Readers who might have been wondering why the bells were ringing for rather a long time on the evening of 26th October might like to know that the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths were marking a special occasion by ringing a quarter peal which lasted for 42 minutes. We were celebrating the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Janet and David Crispin. The method rung was 1260 changes of Bob Doubles.

The ringers were: 1. Angela Newing (conductor) 2. Deborah Foreman 3. Janet Crispin 4. David Bishop 5. Alison Grey 6. Jenny Chapman. This was Jenny's first attempt to ring for such a length of time. Ringers have, for centuries, marked special occasions by the ringing of quarter peals lasting, obviously, only a quarter of the time it takes to ring a full peal and often, therefore, within the capabilities of normal local ringing bands.

*Angela Newing*

## Local History Teaser

Last month's history teaser photograph showed Painswick's horse-drawn fire engine, in use locally in the last decade or so of the 19th century. If you have a photograph which would present a challenge or stimulate some interesting memories please let us know.

*Carol Maxwell*

Incident	Contact	Details
Anti-social behaviour including illegal motorcycling or use of 4x4s, fly tipping or dumping of garden waste, unauthorised bonfires, unauthorised digging such as that connected with metal detecting or old bottle tips, illegal plant collection i.e. picking bluebells, digging up or damaging orchids, deliberate disturbance to nesting birds or animals.	Stroud police general number for <i>incident in progress</i>	Telephone <b>101</b>
	CPSO Colin Drewett, Rural Environmental Crime Liaison Officer, Stroud for <i>past incident</i>	(1) Telephone: <b>101</b> - to report incident (so that Police record incident) (2) Email: <b>colin.drewett@gloucestershire.police.uk</b> with information or requesting contact/advice

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## Walter's Winning Shot

To win a national photography award is quite some achievement. To win it at the age of eight is tremendous and that is precisely what Walter Lovell has done. In the face of stiff opposition, ie about 700 other entries, Walter has won the 2011 British Wildlife Photography Award for under-12s.

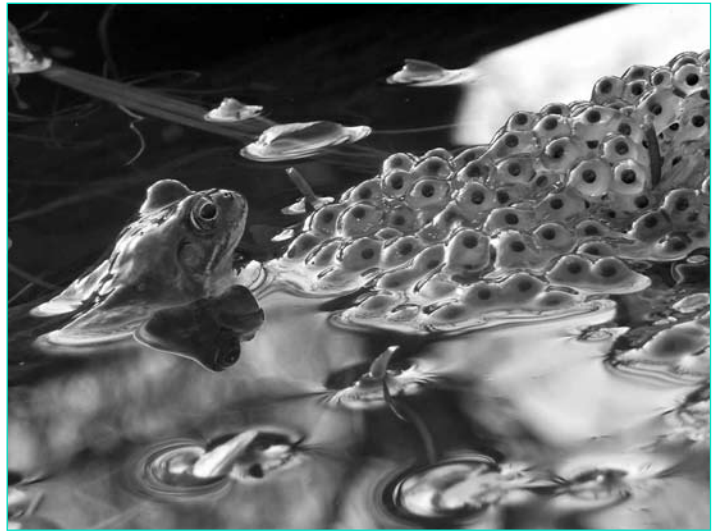


Walter took the photograph of a frog with frog spawn in early summer and then saw the competition advertised. He duly entered and in August was thrilled to hear the news that he had won. The results were not announced publically until September and keeping 'mum' about it until then was exceedingly difficult. Walter is a pupil at the Croft School and his exciting news coincided with the new school year. "The head teacher was speechless," he says, and naturally the school is, of course, very proud of him.

He has been taking photographs since about the age of three but says the focus on wildlife has been his interest for the last year. "I use the family camera, but with the prize money I've won I'll buy a camera for myself." Walter says he would like to travel the world looking for more exotic wildlife but meanwhile he recognises that there's so much, such as birds, frogs, toads, dragonflies etc, to be found in the garden at home. He also explains that in his grandmother's large garden there are animals, including deer, badgers and foxes, which he would like to photograph.

Generally interested in creative activities Walter also plays tennis and lots of football. Winning the competition has certainly increased his enthusiasm for photography and he was thrilled to be presented with the award at Alexandra Palace on 14th October by Nick Baker, naturalist and TV presenter. This is indeed a very proud achievement.

Carol Maxwell



## Aerial Photographs

I am fascinated by old photographs and came across the collection at the National Monuments Record Office in Swindon a few years ago. This includes the aerial photographs taken in 1947 by the RAF and other more recent aerial photos. I used these photos to help research how Painswick's housing and streets had changed in recent times.



However they can be used for much more, as Russell Priest demonstrated to the Local History Society on 19th October. He showed how they have been used to identify much older features – such old field systems, Roman and Saxon villas, medieval round houses and more. These features have been deduced from earthworks, crop marks and other means, and tied up with known sites. He reported specifically on the project work in the Cotswold Hills and the enormous amount of new information uncovered and how that is being made available.

We were very pleased to welcome local resident Harold Wingham at this meeting. He was an aerial photographer for the RAF and involved in taking the photos in 1947.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th November at the Croft School when Dr Christine Seal will talk about Domestic Servants in the 19th Century. Visitors are welcome.

Peter Rowe 813228

## Messy Church

At our first session in October we had 50 children and 20 adults who had fun exploring 'I am the true vine' and then sat down to have tea together.



In November we explore 'I am the good Shepherd' and, on 1st December, we will have a messy Christmas.

An adult needs to come with the children and we will offer games, activities, worship and tea.

More information contact a.kennett279@btinternet.com or andy.harding@psalms.uk.net

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## St Mary's to be the venue for two choral concerts

### Saint Cecilia Singers

Saturday 12th November 7.30pm

Saint Cecilia Singers has built up a reputation as one of the finest chamber choirs in the country. The choir is widely acknowledged for its versatility, innovative programming and high performance standards.

Writing after a recent Three Choirs Concert Colin Burrows commented 'The choir's expressive singing covered a spectrum from hushed pianissimo to ear-tingling potency'

The choir has strong links with Gloucester Cathedral where it sings both concerts and services each season. Its conductor, Ashley Grote, also conducts the Cathedral Youth Choir who earlier this year delighted a large audience at St Mary's with its performance. Ashley was so pleased with Painswick's reception that he asked if he could return with the Saint Cecilia Singers.

The choir's extensive repertoire covers secular and sacred music from Byzantine chant to challenging contemporary works. The choir will be singing music from the 20th century with organ accompaniment.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit St Mary's Church Rooms



### Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble of St Petersburg

Friday 25th November 7.30pm



Voskresenije is a professional Vocal Ensemble of nine mixed voices all of whom trained at the St. Petersburg Conservatoire and are soloists in their own right. This will be the choir's sixth visit to St Mary's. The programme will include sacred and folk music performed in national costume. Unlike the St Cecilia Singers with their organ accompaniment the choir sing unaccompanied and will include the rare voice of a basso profundo.

In Russia the use of instruments in Christian worship was discouraged by the early church fathers as they felt that instrumentation distracted the mind from thoughts of God and turned them towards the self.

The sacred music will include Caccini's beautiful Ave Maria. The folk music will include several favourites such as the Volga Boatman, Kalinka and the Old Drinking Song sung by the Basso Profondo.

Last years concert was unfortunately cancelled due to delays with the choirs visas. This year we can assure readers that the choir is already in the UK and in very good voice.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit Christian Aid

Tickets: In advance Combined Ticket for both concerts £16, Single Concert £10. At the door £12. Available from: The Chairman Painswick, Stroud Tourist Office, St Mary's Lychgate Office, www.saintceciliasinger.org.uk or by phone: 810935 or 812966

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# Twinkling at Christmas?

David Bishop, ever energetic Church Warden, has drawn attention to a little help desired at Christmas regarding lights on the yew trees which gave such pleasure last year.

Last Christmas, in a collaboration between Painswick businesses and St. Mary's Church, twenty of the trees in the church yard were lit up with silver LED lights run off batteries attached to the trees. Comments received suggested that this initiative was much appreciated. Plans are afoot to light the trees up again this Christmas – starting just before the Goodwill evening on Friday 9th December, and continuing until after New Year.



The slight downside of this highly desirable objective is that a bit of help is needed to change over the batteries. Each fully charged battery lasts for two nights of lighting. Thus each morning there is a need to take 10 batteries into the church for charging and then they have to be returned to the trees before dusk. It takes about 20 minutes each morning (sometime between 8.30 and 10.00am), and a similar amount of time for the return between 4.00 and 5.00pm in the evening.

As David says, "This is one of those jobs where many hands make light work!" If you could help in any way with this task could you let him know as soon as possible so that a rota could be drawn up? He, and all of us, will be most grateful. Just contact on 814205 or message to dc.bishop@btinternet.com



# Macmillan and Village Agents

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The success of Specialist Village and Community Agents in supporting cancer patients and their families across Gloucestershire has led to further funding from Macmillan Cancer Support. This will ensure that they can continue to help inform and support cancer patients and their families across Gloucestershire.

The Village and Community Agents service started in 2006 in Gloucestershire to help people aged over 50 access the information and services they need. The service has gone on to receive national recognition and is funded by NHS Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire County Council and the agents are employed by the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Now, working with the 3 Counties Cancer Network, the Village and Community Agents Service has trained a team of Specialist Agents to support cancer patients, aged 18 and over, and their families with information, support, and practical help from diagnosis onwards. There are also Specialist Agents who speak Chinese, Gujarati, and Polish. If cancer patients and their families have concerns about, for example, finance, employment, transport for NHS appointments, shopping, pet-care etc. then the Specialist Agents can help. The priority is to make the best use of existing services and expertise; the Specialist Agents can make sure these links are made. Patients and carers

can self-refer or a referral can be made by their Clinical Nurse Specialist. Plans are underway for more health and social care professionals to make referrals into the service.

Fiona Bonas, Director of the 3 Counties cancer Network said, "I am delighted that Macmillan Cancer Support has agreed to fund this important project. We know that being diagnosed with cancer can impact on every area of a person's life and it can be difficult to know where to find help. This is where the Specialist Agents are making a real difference by putting cancer patients and their families in contact with a wide range of information, support, practical and financial help. It's a simple idea but also a great way of giving support in the community and making sure we can help join up services and make the best use of what we've already got".

Feedback from cancer patients about the Specialist Agents has been very positive and cancer nurses are also seeing the benefits for their patients,

Lucinda Poulton, Macmillan Uro-Oncology Nurse Specialist said, "Many of our patients live a long way from the cancer centre so sorting out transport to get to the hospital can be difficult. It has been really useful to be able to refer these patients to the Specialist Agents and get their expertise and help".

Elizabeth Wright, Macmillan Development Manager commented, "We have seen the success of this project to date and that is why Macmillan Cancer Support has agreed funding. The Specialist Agents are working locally and providing access to Macmillan's wide range of services. It's Macmillan's priority to provide practical and financial support for anyone affected by cancer and that is exactly how this project is helping".

*Whatever is on your mind, calling the Macmillan team is free on 0808 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am-8.00pm) or visit [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk).*

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## Residual waste facility

Some may have been following the process set up by the County Council to identify the manner in which residual waste may be disposed of in the future.

They have announced that a second public exhibition is being held at Javelin Park for people to find out more about the waste facility proposed for the site.

Their press release on the subject says "Gloucestershire County Council is looking for an alternative solution to landfilling its residual waste – that's the waste left over when we have reduced, reused, recycled and composted all we can.

In March, the council announced that two bidders — Complete Circle (is a consortium of John Laing, Keppel Seghers & Shanks) and a consortium of Urbaser and Balfour Beatty — had been invited to refine their detailed proposals for the waste facility. Both confirmed they would use Javelin Park as the location for the facility.

The council has asked both bidders to start preparations for a planning application. However, a planning application will only be submitted by the successful bidder that is selected to provide the facility in November. Both bidders began pre-planning consultation in July, which included a joint public exhibition. People who visited were able to learn more about the bidders and the technologies they are proposing.

A second exhibition is now planned to update local people and organisations. Bidders will explain how their feedback has influenced the proposals and provide a final opportunity for comments to be made before a planning application is submitted by the successful bidder.

**The exhibition will be held on Javelin Park on:**

**Saturday 12th November – 12pm till 6pm**

**Sunday 13th November – 12pm till 4pm**

**Monday 14th November – 2pm till 8pm**

People will be able to speak to representatives from Gloucestershire County Council and both bidders. They will also be able to provide feedback which will be taken on board as both bidders progress with their proposals.

CLr Stan Waddington, cabinet project champion for waste, said: "Hundreds of people attended the first public exhibition and discussed their queries or concerns directly with the two bidders. This second public exhibition is another opportunity for people to make their views known and see how feedback from the previous exhibition has been taken on board. Burying our waste is not financially or environmentally sustainable and even if we reach our 70 per cent recycling aspiration there will still be 30 per cent of rubbish that needs to be dealt with. This new facility is important as it can deal with this waste and cut the amount of rubbish going to landfill, while generating enough energy to power in the region of 28,000 homes."

For more information contact Gloucestershire County Council on 01452 425611 or email [recover@recycleforgloucestershire.com](mailto:recover@recycleforgloucestershire.com). You can also visit [www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/recover](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/recover) for more information on the project itself."

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## The King James Bible at Cranham Church

### The Old Testament, The Apocrypha, The New Testament

The idea of reading the King James Bible non stop came from a PCC member to raise much needed funds for the Church, the PCC having spent over £24,000 on restoration work following a Quinquennial (A five yearly mandatory inspection)

Planning started in March, following a Google search which revealed that it was possible, it had been done before!

The reading started at 3.20pm on 28th September by 7 children from Cranham C/E School accompanied by Head, Paul Lailey, teacher, Mrs Corker and others who came to listen. It was completed 101 hours and 25 minutes later at 8.45pm on Sunday 2nd October.

Recently ordained priest Revd Andrew Leach read the last few chapters of Revelations from a KJ Bible given to him by his aunt as an ordination present. This Bible originally belonged to his great, great, great grandmother, given to her for her 21st birthday, dated 1826.

During the 4 days and 4 nights 161 people filled 203 half hour slots either reading or stewarding – some for just one half hour, others for many, many half hours. The Volunteers were not only from Cranham – 'the Village' is always there when you need them! – but from the Painswick Benefice, and beyond.

Although this started out as a fund raising event – for many, if not all, it became much, much more. Everyone who came into the Church brought with them a sense of warmth and empathy. Many readers, unaware of the verses they would be reading, were surprised to find that the words were of particular personal significance. There were many other co-incidences, or were they?

With 'Strictly' on the TV - the phrase "an amazing journey" will be well used, but it is a phrase which certainly applies to the event as far as I am concerned and to others as well.

The Bible clearly has significance for many people even though they may not be regular Church attendees. Many, if not all, the readers and stewards found the experience to be both rewarding and spiritual.

To date we have raised £1700 which includes a single very generous donation.

If anyone would like to donate, there is still time! Please phone 813407.

It can be very time consuming and sometimes frustrating being the spouse of a Churchwarden but in this case a very rewarding one – "an amazing journey"!

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## Rugby Football

The first XV returned to winning ways on Saturday 8th October beating Gloucester Old Boys RFC 25 - 17 at home. A good display by the Painswick forwards providing a constant supply of ball, supported by the accurate goal kicking of Dominic Barnard.

The following week Painswick travelled away to an important game in the Junior Vase competition against Cheltenham Saracens. Unfortunately through injuries the previous Saturday the team was minus four key players which contributed to a 31:23 defeat for Painswick in a very tight game. A disappointment after last year's successful run in that competition.

United however had a successful match against Smiths at home winning 35 : 19.

Home Fixtures for 1st XV in December  
Dec 3 Ross on Wye in the Glos League .  
Dec 17 Bream in the Glos League

## Football

Painswick Football Club launches itself into a new season. With 9 trophies in just three seasons we certainly have had more than our share of success. However, as competitive as we are we have enjoyed seeing children of all abilities develop and grow with the club. Recently we had several players trial for the county with Aaron Barnes in the U10 team successfully making it into the county squad, having joined Painswick FC as his first club.

Painswick FC has now grown to over 100 members and 6 teams from U8 to U13 and an early development U6 age group. We have a growing team of volunteers who make it a great set up and this was reflected earlier this year with the award of the FA Chartered Standard giving us a badge of quality recognised by the football governing body.

Lack of pitches holding back growth

We do have our challenges however, and the lack of pitches will soon become a problem with just one mini soccer pitch at the recreation ground shared by 5 teams and one 11-aside pitch that had to be outside the village. We would certainly welcome any suggestions or help from the community with this matter. We also continue to look for volunteers to help from enthusiastic coaches through to PR and administrative support. Spectators are welcome to come and watch some quality football and cheer on your home team, just check out the website for our fixtures and more information about the club. [www.painswickfc.co.uk](http://www.painswickfc.co.uk)

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## Golf Club

The summer season of competitions and matches is drawing to a close.

In the Seniors section, the last major competition produced its champion – Roy Henderson – who won the individual knockout tournament known as the Iron Man. The last home match took place in early October against South Herefordshire, and resulted in a substantial win – though not quite as substantial as the loss suffered at their course earlier in the year!

The Ladies section, in spite of being small, has had very good results in their matches this year. The last 2 matches played away during October, at Westonbirt and Gloucester, both resulted in wins for Painswick. On Friday 14th October a successful Mixed Team Event for Senior players was held. The winning team was from Minchinhampton New Course and consisted of Jane and Alan Titshall, Angela and David Newman. The team had 97 stableford points.

The Ladies and Seniors sections have a number of “Texas Scrambles” during the year and the most recent resulted in an emphatic win for the team of David Warren, Alan Fisher, Sarah Taylor and Henry Cownie. In this competition, each member of the four person team drives off from the tee. The team then decides which shot it likes best and all the other members of the team play from that point. This process continues until the ball goes down the hole. In a variation of this event, once a year Painswick ladies and seniors get together with Minchinhampton Old Course and play a Texas Scramble in honour of Margaret Kemp. Just to make matters more sociable, all the teams comprise both Painswick and Minchinhampton players. Congratulations this year go to June Davis, Alan Fisher, Terri Collings and John Nation.

The winter season is about to start. The mornings are a bit colder, but the course remains open – fog and snow permitting. The club welcomes new members and visitors. If you would like to play, please come and visit us. If you would like a lesson or book a tee time, please call the club's professional, Marc Cottrell (812615).

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## Tennis

### Painswick Club finals day

The club finals started in heavy rain, and ended in glorious sunshine, with good support from the members. The men's singles was contested between James Barnett and Graham Britton. Graham was competitive throughout the match, but James' youth and quality of play saw him through to win 6.3, 6.2.

In the Ladies final, Alicia Barnett beat Liz Cowan 6.1, 6.0. This win gives Alicia five singles championships in a row. The men's doubles winners were father and son pairing Nigel and James Barnett, who beat Robin Hall and Graham Britton 6.3, 6.2.

An exciting contest took place in the Ladies doubles between Alicia and Sophie Barnett against Liz Cowan and Vanessa Roderick. With Sophie playing extremely well, the sisters won the first set 6.4. Liz and Vanessa then showed all their experience as a doubles pair to comfortably win the second set 6.1. A close final set was won 6.3 by Alicia and Sophie to confirm their overall victory. Liz Cowan then went on to play in the mixed doubles final with her partner Mark Wontumi, eventually winning a close match against Sophie and James Barnett 6.4, 6.2.



Some of the finalists are shown in the photo. From left to right are...Alicia, James, Sophie, Robin, Liz, Nigel, Mark, and Vanessa.

### Winter Leagues in full Swing

Again this year the Club has entered two winter leagues. In the Gloucestershire League the Club has entered four mixed teams which play under floodlights on weekday evenings whilst on Sunday mornings there are five Painswick teams in the Stroud Winter League again with mixed teams.

## Badminton

### Club Information

The Club runs sessions for juniors (aged 8yrs upwards) on Thursdays and for adults on both Monday & Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in playing, please contact John Wylde 01452.814349.

### Most improved junior player



Douglas Vance being presented with the Diana Radway Cup for the most improved junior Badminton player for the 2010/2011 season by Tim Bircher, the Badminton Coach.

## Olympic Torch

For those now in possession of shiny new diaries for 2012, here are two more dates you may care to enter – certainly the second one.

The Olympic Torch starts its tour of Great Britain on 19th May next year, from Lands End. After resting

for the night in Bristol, its next stay will be in Cheltenham on 23rd May.

We have yet to discover whether it will make its way between these townships along (say) the Cotswold Way, in which case Painswick will be able to greet it as it pauses at the traffic lights (!), or takes the 'soft' route down in the vale.

There are no medals in it for us to keep you on track.



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If you're over 65, it's vital that you have your seasonal flu jab, as this will help protect you at the time of the year when you are most vulnerable.

Flu is not simply a bad cold and it can increase your risk of more serious illness, so help protect yourself by having a seasonal flu jab – and make sure you've had the one-off 'pneumo' jab too. Seasonal flu is a highly infectious disease caused by viruses that are always changing. You need a flu jab every year because a new vaccine is produced to target those viruses most likely to be in circulation.

Some people are more susceptible to the effects of flu as it can increase their risk of something more serious, such as bronchitis or pneumonia. Catching flu can also make some existing conditions worse.

The influenza vaccination is recommended if you're aged 65 and over, and you should consider it regardless of your age if you have certain health conditions such as a heart problem or a chronic breathing problem (e.g. bronchitis or emphysema); or if you have had a stroke, mini-stroke, diabetes, chronic kidney/liver disease; or if you have lowered immunity. If you are the main carer for an older person or someone with one of the above conditions, speak to your GP, as he or she may recommend that you are vaccinated too.\*

Most of the GP surgeries have finished doing flu clinics but you can still make an appointment with the nurse to have your vaccination.

Keeping on the "medical theme" I am very aware that one of the problems of living here without the use of a car leaves a person very isolated and dependant on the goodwill of others for getting them to appointments, getting shopping, picking up prescriptions or even just getting out having a change of scene. If you're in the lucky position of being able to use a car, perhaps

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you might think of offering your time? You can pick up someone else's prescription as long as you have written permission from them; offer to be a volunteer driver with your local surgery or the Stroud Volunteer Agency. If you don't want to tie yourself to a local scheme, then simply have a think about who lives near you who might welcome a trip out. Yesterday I spoke to a gentleman who is suffering from severe depression and lacks the confidence to go clothes shopping with him. He would love to go with someone and make a bit of "a day" of it.

Did you know that we now have a new non emergency police telephone number now as of September this year? Gloucestershire Constabulary have joined the rest of the South West Region with the introduction of 101- the new national police non-emergency telephone number. The current non-emergency telephone number 0845 090 1234 will be phased out.

The introduction of the 101 number will help communities to keep their neighbourhoods' safe by giving them one easy way to speak directly with their local police to report and discuss all non urgent police related issues. Calls will still be received by call handlers based at Waterwells, Quedgeley.

Please update your phones and think of anyone you know who would welcome your help in doing the same. As always, thank you for all the calls; keep them coming.

Please don't forget that I am now also part of the trained team of Specialist Agents who are working with the 3 Counties Cancer Network to support cancer patients, aged 18 and over, and their families with information, support, and practical help from diagnosis onwards.

\*Source; Age UK

*Lou Kemp 07776.245767*

## PROPERTY REPORT for October from Murrays

Firstly Murrays Estate Agents in Painswick is delighted to be holding an afternoon of antique valuations with Lindsay Braune from The Cotswold Auction Company in our office on Thursday November 17th between 2pm and 5pm. This is a great opportunity for people to bring anything up to a maximum of 6 antiques (i.e silver, jewellery, china, collectables, paintings, photos of larger items, toys/dolls, ceramics etc.) to be professionally valued by a local expert. So if you have always wondered what your favourite item, or perhaps something you don't like that is gathering dust is worth, then please give us a ring on 01452.814655 to book an appointment.

After an unusually busy July and August, September did not take off quite as we had hoped with no immediate surge in activity after the school holidays, which is usually the case. Mortgage lender Nationwide have said that property prices

have continued to "tread water" with a 0.1% rise last month. This is mainly due to again to the media speculation that we are headed for more economic insecurities in the future and the prospect of a second recession. However September for us continued in much the same way as it did through the summer and we have been continuing to take on new property and maintain the sales. There are still plenty of buyers out there looking for a home before Christmas.

The lettings department has taken off with a bang and since we launched on the 5th September we have taken on many new properties in and around the Painswick area and have already let at least 4 of them! Should you be looking at getting either a FREE sales or a rental valuation then please do not hesitate to give us a call on 01452814655.

We have taken on lots of new properties recently including Longridge View,

a lovely 2 bed cottage in Vicarage Street with great views, Wee Cottage, a recently completely renovated 2 bed cottage right in the middle of the village, Damsells Cottage, a spacious detached 4 bed Cotswold Stone house on the outskirts of the village, numbers 9 and 17 Hyett Orchard both 2 bed cottages with gardens within Hyett Orchard, Number 16 Richmond Village, a very desirable 2/3 bed apartment, 4 Vatch Cottages, a pretty 3 bed cottage with large garden in Slad and 2 The Stocks, a substantial 3 bed cottage with amazing views in Randwick.

Properties that are currently under offer are Hornbeams in Slad and Green Hedges on The Plain in Whiteshill and properties that have now sold are 9 The Croft in Painswick and 6 Stroud Road also in Painswick.

*James C Murray (Partner)*



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## NOVEMBER

Sat	<b>5</b>	Sue Ryder Christmas Fair Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Town Hall Stamages Car Park	9.45am to 12noon 12.45pm
Mon	<b>7</b>	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	<b>8</b>	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	<b>9</b>	Table Tennis (Wednesdays) - Enq. 812464 Horticultural Society: Re-creation of Hanbury Hall Gardens - Neil Cook	Painswick Centre Town Hall	7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>10</b>	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 Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Birmingham Symphony Hall CTAP (Churches together around Painswick) AGM, followed by talk on the work of Street Pastors	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Stamages Car Park Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 4.00pm 7.00pm
Fri	<b>11</b>	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Armistice Day Service Friday Club AGM followed at 2.30 pm by Pat Daly's African Memories	Town Hall War Memorial Town Hall	10.00am 10.50am 1.45pm
Sat	<b>12</b>	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Concert by St. Cecilia Singers ( <i>see page 16</i> )	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	10.00am 7.30pm 10.50am
Sun	<b>13</b>	Remembrance Day Service	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Mon	<b>14</b>	Community Lunch: hosts - Painswick Conservation Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Tue	<b>15</b>	Local History Society: Domestic Servants in the 19th Century - Dr Christine Seal	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Wed	<b>16</b>	Probus: History & development of helicopters - Mark Wilkins Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	<b>17</b>	Painswick Bird Club: At Home with the Robin - Mike Read, Wildlife Photographer	Richmond Village	7.30pm
Sat	<b>19</b>	<b>Copy dateline for December Beacon</b> Conservatives Luncheon - guest speaker, Mark Harper MP	Painswick Golf Club	12noon for 12.30pm
Mon	<b>21</b>	Community Lunch: hosts - Painswick Parish Council Closing date for Painswickian nominations ( <i>see page 4</i> )	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	<b>22</b>	Yew Trees W.I.: The Joys of Running a Charity Shop - Adele Lang (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	<b>23</b>	Parish Council Traffic Committee Meeting Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM & illustrated talk "Conservation Work on Painswick Beacon"	Town Hall Church Rooms	7.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>24</b>	Music Appreciation Group: Birmingham	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	<b>25</b>	Friday Club: Deafness - Wendy Wildman, Glos. Deaf Association Voskresenije Choir (St. Petersburg) concert of Russian Sacred & Folk Music ( <i>see page 15</i> )	Town Hall St Mary's Church	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	<b>26</b>	Stroud & District Mencap Christmas Fayre ( <i>see page 5</i> ) Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Centre Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 2.00pm 10.00am
Mon	<b>28</b>	Community Lunch: hosts - Christian Aid	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	<b>29</b>	Painswick Stroke Club followed by Christmas Lunch at about 12.00 noon Painswick Players Playreading	Richmond Village P. Centre, Green Room	10.30am 7.30pm
Wed	<b>30</b>	Probus: Field Gun Battery in WW2 - Norman Snowden	Painswick Centre	10.00am

## DECEMBER

Fri	<b>2</b>	Croft School Christmas Fair	Croft School	3.30 to 6.00pm
Sat	<b>3</b>	<b>December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	<b>5</b>	Community Lunch: hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck	Ashwell House Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm



Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Cycling to Compostela - Alastair Goldie. Enq. 813228 Probus Club Christmas Dinner Horticultural Society Christmas Social & talk - D. Coombs	Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud Town Hall	2.30pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club: Brass Band Music - Mike Kerton Goodwill Evening (see page 7)	Town Hall	2.30pm 5.00 to 7.00pm
Tue	13	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Old Tyme Music Hall - Mike Wallace Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club Christmas Lunch	Rococo Gardens	
Sat	17	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

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### JANUARY

Wed	4	Probus: The Story of Penicillin - Denys Thompson	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	5	Music Appreciation Group: Chamber Music	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	7	<b>January issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Wed	11	Horticultural Society: Snowdrops in the Garden - Dr J Grimshaw	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: The Birdlip Grave Group - Malcolm J Watkins	Croft School	7.30pm

### FEBRUARY

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	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	31	Painswick Music Society Concert: Emma Johnson, Clarinet & John Lenehan, Piano.	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

### APRIL

Sat	14	Painswick Music Society Concert: Ian Fountain	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sat	28	Painswick Music Society Concert: Nash String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

### MAY

Sat	12	Painswick Music Society Concert: Rose Trio	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
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### JULY

Sun	15	Wearable Art Painswick	Village	
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## Posting for Christmas

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

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**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**MILLVIEW**, Kings Mill Lane Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation.

**KINGSLEY COTTAGE**, Victoria Street Change of use from tea room accommodation to single bedroom dwelling.

**TOWN HALL**, Victoria Street Internal alterations to provide disabled facilities.

**OLIVERS STABLE YARD**, Cheltenham Road Addition of photo electric cells array to existing barn roof.

**THE NEW HOUSE TWO**, Friday Street Change of use from A1 to A3. Erection of awning at front over window and door to match Olivas Deli – olive green colour / Painting of shop sign to match Olivas Deli. Expansion of interior seating area to existing deli / by creating interior access through current shop to The New House Two.

**CONSENT**

**NUTGROVE HOUSE**, New Street Erection of a summer house.

**KANTANTA**, Lower Washwell Proposed attached garage and single storey extension.

**WASHBROOK FARM**, Edge Road Construction of stables for three horses, associated tack room and feed store (partial reinstatement of previous equestrian

provision). Change of use from domestic horticultural provision to equestrian accommodation.

**UPPER DELL HOUSE**, Beech Lane Extension and alterations.

**VERLANDS**, Vicarage Street Wellingtonia – Reduce all lateral branches & remove end weight, major deadwood and hung-up material. Copper Beech – Reduce height by 4-5m & spread by 3-4m and shape crown.

**GWYNFA Cottage**, Tibbiwell Lane Cedrus deodar to be thinned by 20% from the top.

**HILL HOUSE**, Gloucester Street Erection of a Gazebo in the Garden.

**KENIDJACK**, Back Edge Lane, Edge Removal of conservatory and sun lounge and erection of two storey extension.

**DIDDLESVILLE BARN**, Stroud Slad Farm Change of use from barn to residential dwelling.

**REVISED PLANS**

**LAND AT WOODBOROUGH**, Knapp Lane Alteration to access point with drive.

**TURNPIKE HOUSE**, Slad Removal of single storey 'lean to' style extension to side of dwelling.

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# The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

## Wedding

Congratulations to CHLOE SMITH and BRIAN McCARTHY who were married in Cyprus on September 18th. Chloe works as the Beauty Therapist at the Three Gables Centre in Painswick

## Engagement

Best wishes to Rev JOHN LONGUET-HIGGINS and OLIVE FREEMAN on their engagement.

## Golden Wedding

Congratulations to DAVID and JANET CRISPIN who celebrated their Golden Wedding on October 28th.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of ELLA SAGE who has died recently,

also to the family and friends of Col MICHAEL BRENNAN who has died aged ninety seven. Col Brennan and his wife lived at Tower Cottage in Painswick prior to moving to London to be near their daughter.

Our condolences also to the family and friends of HELEN ROBERTS who lived at Cotswold House, New Street prior to moving to be near family in Headingley and to the family and friends of DOROTHY MILLICENT HURN who died on her ninety seventh birthday in Bristol. Mrs Hurn lived at Seagrims Cottages and then in Hyett Orchard for almost thirty years until 2003. She was actively involved with the WI market during her time in Painswick.

Also our condolences to the family and friends of ANNE MARIE SADLER who has died recently; she was the wife of Kevin and daughter in law of Peter and

Marion Sadler of Kingsmead, and to the family and friends of PHILIP WARNER who has died recently.

## Personal messages

A big Thank You from PENNY EASTWOOD to all who helped, donated and came to the coffee morning on September 30th in the newly decorated Church Rooms; they enjoyed coffee, cakes and lots of chat raising £435 for Macmillan Cancer Support in the process

CAROLE SMITH SAYS "Many thanks to everyone who supported my coffee morning on that gloriously sunny last Friday in September at Butt House. Your support was incredibly generous and made it a great success, raising a magnificent £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Huge thanks especially to Julia Mundell, who not only brought her gorgeous Gemorize products for us, but also brought a delicious cake and much good cheer! Thank you!"

URSULA and ROBERT JOHNSON would like to thank all the wonderful residents of Painswick for their unflinching help and great kindness following the death of Clare Haynes earlier this year. Now that her house has passed on to other people we to some extent will be cutting our ties to the area. However we intend to return for some of the concerts each year and hope to meet again those of you whom we have had the privilege of getting to know quite well during these last few months - Painswick is indeed a special place. Thank you all.

## Changes to this column

We are very much aware of the fact that many readers appreciate this column; for some it is the first item they read. We are, however, making some changes, the most significant of which is to discontinue the 'Get Well' section. We hope readers will not misunderstand us; we are as concerned as anyone that those who are unwell recover fully, and speedily. However, we also appreciate that there are many points during an illness when the last thing we want is others telephoning or calling, and reminding us of our condition and in some measure causing some distress while we cruise or, in some cases, struggle towards recovery. If a close relative or friend lets us know of exceptional circumstances regarding illness, and wants to include a short 'Personal Message', we will be pleased to try and oblige.

The sections on **Births, Deaths, Marriages and Engagements**, and those **Moving Home** to or from the village, will remain.

**That said, we are almost totally reliant upon families, friends, and neighbours to pass us the information. It gives much pleasure to be welcomed in this column, or congratulated upon an addition to the family, and so on. Do please help bring this about, together with first names so that it is more personal.**

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