

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick welcomes the Olympic Torch

We now know that the Olympic Torch will be carried through Painswick on Wednesday 23rd May, arriving at St Mary's Mead at about 5pm and then on to the Sheepscombe turning opposite The Highlands. There will be four runners for the Painswick leg. Sadly none of the runners will be from Painswick, a disappointment for the Parish Council's nominee. The local committee has been in discussion with the District Council concerning the arrangements for stewarding the expected considerable number of spectators. Painswick has been asked to put forward the names of anyone interested in acting as a steward. If you are interested, please contact Roy Balgobin at the Parish Council Office. Our picture shows Roy together with the Assistant Clerk, Irena Litton, proudly holding the official board confirming the Torch's visit to Painswick.

The Diamond Jubilee in Painswick

Ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in early June are now being worked up. The main event is proposed for Sunday June 3rd and will be centred on St. Mary's Church and the churchyard.

· 11 am civic service in the church – ecumenical and non-denominational; based on the nationally set liturgy

· About noon, a photograph, on the lines of the Painswick millennium photo, of all attending (though for road safety reasons the photo will probably be taken from the north aisle roof of the church)

· A Big Jubilee Lunch (many communities will be organising such a lunch – the Big Lunch is a national event). This would be largely a “bring and share” event for everyone to join in – lots of detail to be sorted but soundings so far suggest there would be a lot of support.

· A Jubilee Cake for all the village to share – offers to make this have already been made.

· Some musical entertainment – hopefully from local volunteer musicians

· Other entertainment – possibly teddy bear jumping from the tower or such like

· Possible broadcasting of the Thames Pageant on a screen in the Church Rooms from 2 pm – the Youth Club have the technology to do this

· Ringing of the church bells from 3 pm – all bells across the country will be rung at this time.

Fuller details will be given in the May edition of the Beacon. In the meanwhile any offers of help with music, entertainment or the lunch would be gratefully received by Karen Goddard (812240) or David Bishop (814205). There will be a meeting in the Falcon at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 April at 7.30 pm to work out the organisation of the Big Lunch. All are welcome at that meeting but please phone Karen or David to say you are coming.

Yew Tree Appeal 2012

Would you like to sponsor a yew tree and celebrate with a glass of wine or two?

Three years ago your church asked for the support of the local community in preserving our historic Yew Trees and providing help with the maintenance of the church yard. Trees were numbered and offered for sponsorship over a three year period at £99. Much to our delight the offer was oversubscribed and all the trees found sponsors. In addition we received several generous gifts.

The money we received has enabled Saint Mary's church to keep the trees and the grounds well groomed as the cost of maintaining the trees and cutting the grass is £5000 per annum.

The support of the village community was much appreciated. The youngest sponsor was Isabella Weatheral, then aged 8, who undertook a sponsored swim of 99 lengths. The Yew Tree committee was so impressed by her efforts that a tree was named after her.

We are now seeking new sponsors for the next three year period commencing 1 May 2012. A list of the available trees together with application forms can be found in the church porch during April.

Benefits

- You will be sponsoring a tree in one of the most famous church yards in England
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- You will be invited to attend a reception for all sponsors

We hope you will be able to support our efforts to keep your church grounds in a manner that is a credit to Painswick. As a small token of our appreciating existing and new sponsors are invited to attend a reception in St Mary's Church rooms on the 11 May where you will be able to enjoy musical entertainment and a finger buffet.

*Vicar
John Longuet-Higgins*

On other pages this month: Village Quiz full results revealed, **TIC appeal**, allotments public consultation, **recycling enhancement**, drama workshops, **'88 rosettes**, song at dawn, **reptile hunt**, wild Wales, **short story invitation**, healthy homes, **abdominal gyrations**, school inspection, **way ahead for centre**, arts-fest, **coach to Malvern show**, sport alongside torch passage, **dogs fouling pitches**, annual parish meeting, **tango in Paris**, quality library fitments, **speed checks taking place**, educational grants.



Planning Committee

There were no public questions and only two planning matters that required a decision by the Council. After an explanation by the Chairman of the Planning Committee, David Hudson the Council unanimously agreed to support both applications. Councillor Martin Slinger stated that revised drawings had been submitted to Stroud DC for Shepherds Patch in Edge. These had not been passed to the Parish Council for comment. The Chairman agreed to investigate and report back to the Council.

The Clerk advised the Council that from the 1st April the Planning Department of the District Council would no longer provide paper plans with planning applications. All applications would be on line. Plans would be downloaded and displayed on the screen in the Town Hall for Councillors to consider.

Portas Pilot Scheme

Prior to the Council Meeting Terry Parker introduced Carole Garfield, Chair of the Stroud Chamber of Commerce and Trade, who explained Stroud District Council's proposal to be a part of the Portas Scheme Pilot. Mary Portas had carried out a nationwide review of High Streets and had identified 20 points to help create a thriving community. The government had been persuaded to financially support the ideas. It was vital that communities input their own ideas. Communities needed to bid to take part in a pilot scheme. One of the conditions was that it had to be led by a Local Authority, who would form a Town Team that demonstrated "vision and leadership". Carole Garfield wanted to combine Stroud, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge and Painswick into a Town Team. Two models would be tested; encourage local entrepreneurs to take stalls, once a month, at local markets to test new products. When successful encourage them to move into empty shops – may need support from District Council over rates and discussions with landlords over terms of lease. Secondly support for local festivals by advertising on web sites and production of flyers. Carole gave an example of First Great Western who last year printed special "Stroud Tickets" to bring visitors to the area. Such was the success of the project First Great Western want to repeat the deal again this year and have also asked Stroud to display details of the area on the concourse of Paddington Station in May. Leaflets on Painswick will be included. Stroud, Dursley and Wotton have already agreed to join the bid. As a reply is needed by the 30th March Terry Parker asked the Councillors to indicate their support. There was unanimous agreement and a special meeting will be arranged to ratify the decision. If the bid for Government funding is successful matched funding will be provided by Stroud DC. The pilot will be regularly reviewed and the reports will be made public.

PARISH COUNCIL

Despite the absence of the Chairman's gavel the Parish Council Meeting was conducted in an orderly manner and business was concluded, according to the new clock by shortly after 9.00pm. The Chairman opened the meeting and announced the sad news that Susan Robinson, a former Councillor had died. The Council and members of the public stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New Drive Field

The Chairman advised the Council that he had received a letter, with nine signatories, seeking support from the Council to change the status of the field to a "Village Green". They wished to meet with the Council to discuss this matter. For over 20 years the field had been used by the local community as an area to exercise their dogs, pick fruit from the hedgerows and toboggan after a snow fall. There was also a "public footpath" across the field. The owner had not objected to use by the local community. Councillor Rob Lewis stated that he understood several other local groups were in support of this proposal. The Chairman asked if Councillors would support the proposal to alter the status of the land to a Village Green coupled with an approach to the "Open Space Society". The proposal was carried with two abstentions.

Allotments

Support for the siting of Allotments on the Recreation Ground had been received from the Recreation Ground Trust. The Clerk stressed the need for public consultation to be carried out before any action was taken. The Council needed to consider how the consultation would be carried out – article in the Beacon and details on the Parish Council web site. The period of public consultation would be from the 23rd March to the end of April. This would allow the matter to be formally discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Dr Boddington withdrawing his application for an allotment. He was concerned that the allotments were to be sited on the Recreation Ground as that site had not been included in the original public consultation.

County Councillors report

Joan Nash reported that the County Council's portion of the Council Tax will be frozen for the coming year. Also, that there are no reductions in care for older people or in the protection of children. £100m of Government and County money will be invested in the County economy. This will include bringing fast broadband to rural areas, £1m help for first time buyers with house deposits,

£1m into an opportunities fund to help young people into businesses, 25 apprenticeships with the County Council. More than ten public sector organisations, including our County and the six District Councils, have signed the Local Armed Forces Community Covenant. This is a voluntary statement of mutual support between the Community and the Armed Forces Community.

At the recent annual Highways meeting it was announced that the majority of the budget would be used for massive improvements on the A38 between Gloucester and Bristol. As a result the improvements to both Damsells Lane and Tibbiwell would be delayed until 2013. Work on Golf Course Road will be completed in April/May and Catswood Lane in June. Joan Nash stated that she was "fighting" the decision to delay work on Damsells Lane.

District Councillors report

Barbara Tait reported that the District Council would be issuing a recycling Wheelie Bin to those householders who wanted them. To improve recycling new containers would be sited, on the 28th March, in Stamages Lane car park. The new containers will accept cardboard. The District Councils portion of the Council Tax will be frozen for the coming year. £1m will be made available to assist first time buyers. An Icelandic bank has now fully refunded the amounts previously deposited by the Council with them.

The Olympic Torch Relay and Queen's Jubilee

The torch will be carried from St Marys Mead to the Sheepscombe turning by a team of four runners, a journey of only 14 minutes. Unfortunately the Council's nominated torch bearer had not been chosen. In addition to the flags and bunting supplied by the Council, the District Council will fund a bundle of Olympic flags. The Council expressed concern over possible overcrowding on the narrow New Street and also problems with car parking. May need to park on the Recreation Ground. A final decision has yet to be made over whether or not to close the A46 whilst the torch convoy travels from Stroud to Brockworth.

Volunteers are needed to act as Stewards or Marshalls on the day. For further details see article in the Beacon. Councillor Martin Slinger announced that it had been agreed that the Jubilee Beacon would be alongside the Blow Family Memorial in Sevenleaze Lane. Also that the District Council had allocated money specifically for Street cleaning before the Jubilee celebrations.

Yew Tree Sponsorship

The Council agreed to continue to sponsor a Yew Tree in St Mary's churchyard.

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Beacon VILLAGE QUIZ of the Year - 10th March



We are both pleased and proud to report upon this event, and the endeavours of 24 teams to outdo one another in rising to the challenge of recalling facts and figures. The complete results are set out for all to see, and highlights are deserving of particular mention. The 'supreme champions' this year were

friends from Cotswold Mead, '3 Glasses and a Bottle of Plonk', breaking the reign of the 'Rosie 4' from Slad who tied for top position last year.

As can be seen, however, there was a tie for second position - with only one point separating the top three. Only four points separated the top six, so the level of interest and surprise between these competitors was considerable. In fact there were ten teams who tied, an exceptionally high number, and as can be seen the closeness of scores way down the list seems to have been a measure of the questions themselves being pitched about right.

We also noted that the teams had three distinctive backgrounds. Those effectively representing their villages were Pitchcombe and Slad, with Slad 6 points ahead at the end. Among 16 clubs and societies there was a tie for first place between the Jolly Stompers 'The Coasters' and the Monthly Book Club playing as 'Bookworms'. Then, among the teams playing as friendship groups the '3 Glasses and a Bottle of Plonk' emerged the winners, but not without a fight from Tina and Friends as 'Tired and Tested'.

We appreciated the thought given to the preparation of team mascots, considerable ingenuity coming



to the fore. Such led to presentation of chocolates which were divided between two teams. The Short Mat Bowling Club's magnificent cake, prepared to order by Jennie Barber, with green icing and markings picked out in white illustrated the club's competing name 'Jack High' very well indeed; whilst 'High Fliers' from the Bird Club could hardly have been more simplistic or effective. The team of friends from Cheltenham General Hospital's Ophthalmology Department, 'The Eyes have it' nearly pipped these at the post.

To all who participated our thanks for taking part in such a sporting manner, and making preparation so worthwhile.



Round 10			
Position	Team No		
1	21	Cotswold Mead Friends	3 Glasses & a Bottle of Plonk 75
2=	1	Slad Village	Rosie 4 74
2=	25	Tina and friends	Tired and Tested 74
4=	4	Monthly Book Group	Bookworms 72
4=	5	Jolly Stompers	The Coasters 72
6	20	Pilots & Wives	Wessex 4 71
7=	2	Pitchcombe Village	Pitchcombe Borderers 68
7=	17	Ancient Society of Painswick Youths	Esmeraldas 68
9	7	Beacon Conservation Group	The Slashers 67
10=	9	Music Appreciation Group	Apprecianatos 66
10=	12	Conservation Society	Listing Buildings 66
12	3	Local History Society	The Diggers 65
13	6	The Old Italians	Gli Ignorante 64
14	15	Ancient Society of Painswick Youths	The Ding Dongs 63
15	13	Conservatives (Painswick Branch)	The True Blues 62
16	23	Stroud Mencap Homes	Loveday Follies 60
17	8	Bird Club	The High Fliers 57
18	10	Friday Club	The Sages 56
19	16	Ancient Society of Painswick Youths	The Ringmasters 51
20=	14	Horticultural Society	The Fully Clothed Gardeners 50
20=	22	Cheltenham General Ophthalmology Dept	The Eyes Have it 50
22	11	Short Mat Bowling Club	Jack High 48
23	18	The Carers Group	The Cup Cakes 43
24	24	Upper Washwell	The Mamas & Papa 27

Allotments: Public Consultation

The Parish Council has been given approval by the Recreation Ground Trust to progress the siting of up to 20 allotments on the Recreation Ground in an area between the Youth Club building and the East facing fence. The area is shown below. Before taking further action to progress the matter which would require a planning application for change of use, the Parish Council wishes to give residents the opportunity to comment on the proposal. A public meeting is therefore being called on Friday 13th April at 7pm in the Town Hall. As some parishioners may not be able to attend the meeting but would wish to make comments, these should be forwarded to the Clerk to the Parish Council in one of the following ways:

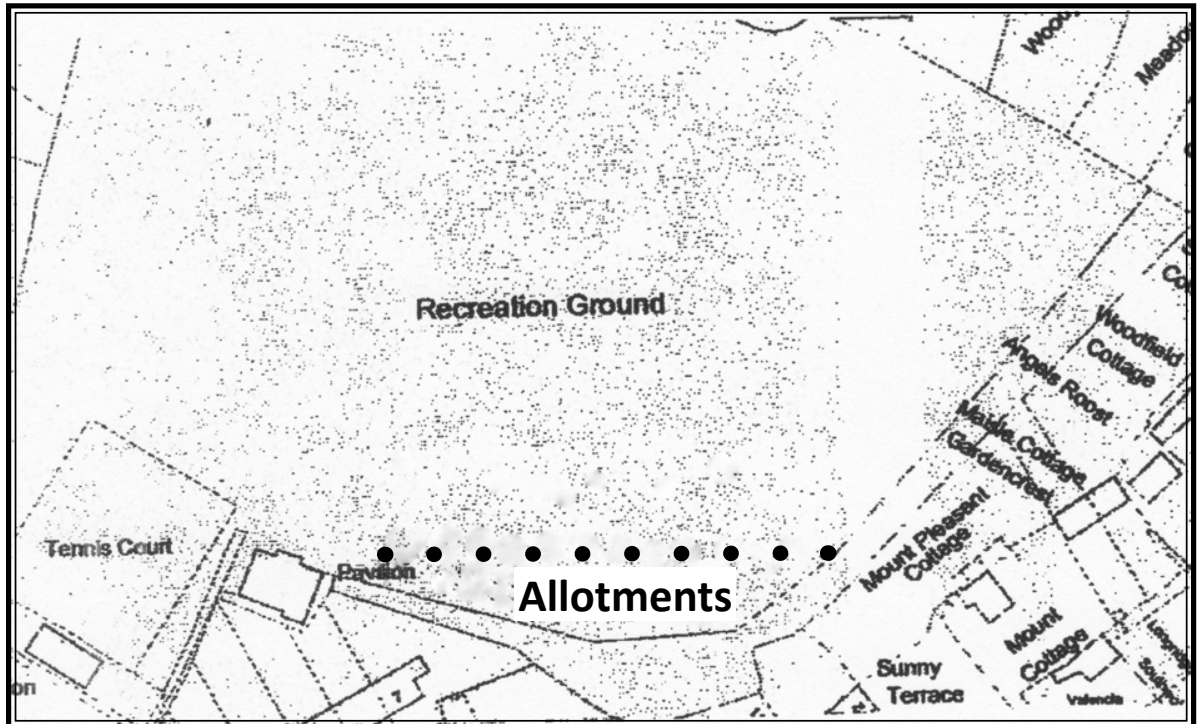
- Email to clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com
- In writing addressed to the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Town Hall, Victoria Square,

Painswick,
Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 6QA

Parishioners are encouraged to see the report of the Council's Allotments Working Party which details the rationale for the proposal to site the allotments on the Recreation Ground. The report is available in the Parish Council Office.

Thank you for your help.

Roy Balgobin,
Clerk to Painswick Parish Council



Parish Council News continued

Tourist Information Centre

The Council accepted the draft agreement which let the TIC occupy the front part of the Parish Council Offices. The Chairman read a letter that had been received from Mrs Anne Smith, Chairman of the TIC. The letter thanked the Council for agreeing to the arrangement and for their continued support. The TIC would be open for five and a half days per week but if there were sufficient volunteers this could increase to seven days.

Internal Auditor

The Council accepted the recommendation to appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the Council's Internal Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2012.

Ward Reports

Councillor Ann Burgess-Watson recommended that "Street Cleaning" signs were needed. Currently it was difficult to clean the streets due to parked cars. The County Council would supply the signs, which would be permanently attached to lamp-posts. Cleaning dates would be marked on and on completion rubbed off.

Councillor Burgess-Watson also queried whether or not "Painswick Matters" was still operating. Councillor Rob Lewis stated that it was not defunct and was closely allied to the Art Festivals.

The Chairman queried why the Falcon Hotel appeared to have removed the Jerningham Coat of Arms from the premises. The Clerk will contact the Hotel.

The Clerk confirmed that the Blow

Estate had paid the outstanding account and that a Standing Order had been set up from 1st April each year to collect the amount due.

The Clerk suggested that a letter be sent to the Contractors thanking them for the standard of work carried out on the Town Hall. This was agreed.

Councillor Ann Daniels suggested that the curtains in the ground floor hall needed to be replaced.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

It's an opportunity to hear reports from, and raise issues with County, District and Parish Councillors.

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3 Rosettes – a wonderful achievement

Cotswolds88, our local luxury hotel, has been awarded the prestigious AA 3 Rosettes for its restaurant, the only restaurant in the south-west to do so this year. Very few restaurants manage to achieve this level of excellence and indeed only seven have been upgraded overall across the whole country. It's not surprising therefore that manager, Nico Luca, and head chef, Lee Scott, feel very proud. "It's a big thing for us," says Lee, "it means we're in the top 10% nationally."

Lee has been head chef at the hotel for two and a half years having previously gained experience in several top rate establishments including a spell working with Gordon Ramsay. Last year the restaurant won the Cotswold Life Food and Drink Award in the hotel restaurant category and now rates among the top four or five best restaurants in the Cotswold district. That is quite an achievement considering the competition!

Nico, who became the manager in December but who has been here since the hotel re-opened five years ago, is pleased that Cotswolds88 is building a broad reputation which he feels it truly deserves. He himself trained in and has worked in luxury hotels both here and abroad gaining valuable experience. Having grown up locally he is really pleased to be in Painswick where he feels he has now settled, (he and his fiancé will be married in St Mary's Church in August).

Nico is keen to point out that the hotel, although now attracting people from far and wide, is very much part of Painswick and that there is much on offer for those very special occasions. Dinners are definitely a speciality, with predominantly locally sourced ingredients, and throughout the spring and summer afternoon teas are a delight. Furthermore, locals can acquire a privilege card which entitles them to a 10% discount.

Now there's a tempting offer.

Carol Maxwell



Painswick Players Drama Workshops

There are still one or two places available at our series of drama workshops which begin at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 14 April (from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm) and continue on Saturday 28 April and Saturday 5 May. The fee for the series of three workshops is £40 for members and £45 for non-members who will be especially welcome to join us. Please 'phone Jean Burgess (01452-812167) or email jeanb@painswick.net.

Last Tango in Painswick

A goodly number of brave souls turned up at last month's auditions and we now have a splendid cast who I'm convinced will have you rolling in the aisles! It takes a special kind of actor to take on such a challenging – or should I say 'daring' – role! Tickets will be on sale at the Post Office in June but make a note in your diaries now: Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st July!

Play Readings

Our regular series of play readings continues on Tuesday 24 April in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre, starting at 7.30 pm. These are always informal and very enjoyable occasions to which everyone is welcome (see the Village Diary). For further information 'phone Dave Carlile (01452-812381)

Stephen Friar

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Local History Teaser

Identifying our local musicians and bands from the past is proving to be quite a challenge. One reader has sent this picture of her father who was a side drummer in the Painswick Band. Can you name him? It was taken circa 1930 and shows clearly the uniform which the Band proudly wore. Are you also able to say when the band ceased to exist – there seems to be some confusion over this? Furthermore, does anyone have any idea what happened to the instruments many of which had, apparently, been purchased with donations from the people of Painswick?

Last month's photograph showed the Boy's Drum and Pipe Band and is probably a very old photograph. There is a note on the back stating that it was from '75 years ago' and John Beard, who kindly provided the picture, says that the person who wrote the note died in 1952. He believes it was taken between 1860 and 1870.

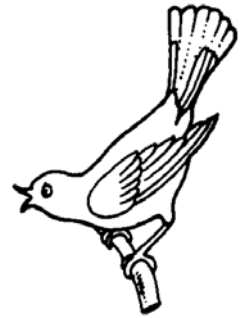
If you have a photograph which you think would present a challenge to readers then please do get in touch.

Carol Maxwell

Dawn chorus in Ebworth Woods

Sunday 6th May

Depart 5am from outside Cranham Primary School



International Dawn Chorus Day is the worldwide celebration of one of our greatest natural wonders. The woods around the Ebworth Estate are fantastic for birds, with a really good range of species, and early May is the best time to enjoy the dawn chorus at its peak. We will be out and about in time to get our ears in before the birds really get into their stride. Come and join the Natural England Cotswolds National Nature Reserve staff for an enjoyable walk through the woods and grasslands and catch the best part of the day before breakfast. The walk will last about 2 hours and will be an ideal introduction to recognising the different species of birds by their songs and calls as well as their other characteristics, suitable for beginners and the more intermediate birdwatcher. Numbers are limited so booking is essential via:

t: 01452 813630 / 07747 485136

e: kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk

Kate Gamez

2 Ps in a Pod!

Painswick Rococo Garden, famous for being a sole survivor from the 18th century Rococo period, is now home to a monthly gardening programme. Hosted by Paul Moir and Paul Hervey-Brookes the programme is called '2 Ps in a Pod'. Paul Moir has been instrumental in the restoration at Painswick since the project began over 25 years ago. He is joined by Paul Hervey-Brookes, a well respected garden designer and plantsman, who has been involved with the Garden for over 5 years. The two Pauls have said that the aim of the programme is to give hands on, seasonal tips based on the gardening year as it unfolds in this unique setting. The advantage of Rococo design is that it blurs the boundary between domestic and landscape gardening and provides the ideal location to cover the gardening calendar. Working in conjunction with Cotswold TV the programme can be viewed on line, either at the Rococo Garden's or Cotswold TV's website. For further information contact either Paul on

01452 813204 or 07774640105 (PM) and 07771559429 (PHB).

BEACO-DOKU

Last month's test was certainly topical at the time, with **F-R-O-S-T-Y** being an apt comment.

F	R	Y	S	O	T
T	O	S	Y	R	F
R	Y	T	F	S	O
S	F	O	R	T	Y
O	S	F	T	Y	R
Y	T	R	O	F	S

With a shift in temperatures the ground has certainly **W-A-R-M-E-D** up now. Can you link the word in the six internal sets, and the twelve vertical or horizontal lines?

		W	R		
A					
			D		M
		M			
	R				E
		E			

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Sunday in Contador Part II

.....Sure enough, smoke was pouring from the roof at the far end of the house. My first thought was of Corporal Jones's famous catchphrase from "Dad's Army" that oddly calmed me down and actually made me smile, which bought a quizzical look from my neighbour. I dashed inside to raise Geraldine from her sickbed - she was recovering from 'flu. Regular readers of these ramblings may recall that our nearest fire station is at least 45 minutes away. From the roof terrace I could see, after stripping countless hot roof tiles away and most of the chimney stack, that the fire was in the part of the roof, close to a chimney where the utility room joined the garage. The cause was also evident, a fractured woodburner pipe. I managed to join enough garden hose together and in just over 2 hours we thankfully extinguished the blaze. Naturally, there is a lot more to this tale - water damage, roof repairs and a slippery insurance company.....

Christopher Piper-Short

Reptile Hunt

**Sunday 22nd April,
Cranham Common**

Cranham Common is home to four of the UK's six species of native reptile and is a particularly good site for adders. On this walk we will be joined by Ben Rigsby, an experienced reptile



surveyor who will be sharing some of his knowledge and passion for reptiles with us and hopefully finding some of the animals themselves.

The best time to look for reptiles is when they are basking, usually early in the morning before they head off for a day's hunting. This can vary according to weather and season which is why booking is essential to allow us to send out details nearer the time. For more information or to book a place please get in touch on the details below.

Kate Gamez, Reserve Manager Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve
T: 01452 813630 M: 07747 485136 E: kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk

The Wildlife of West Wales



Our 8th. March meeting was addressed by a much travelled member, Mike Robinson conducting us on a wonderful excursion to view 'The Wildlife of West Wales!' We first saw the imposing profile of the Severn Bridge before pursuing the South Wales littoral to historic St. David's. At once came a giant leap across the principality to Kenfig Pool and Dunes with its rich array of waders on the water and the colour richness of yellow loostrife, less common in Celtic lands. The next huge stride was to Llanelli for its reed beds and salt marsh with white delight, the little egret in photographic pride of place, then the magnificence of the limestone stacks, ledges stuffed with guillemots and razorbills. Then were the Havens with the colour extravaganza of blooming gorse and heather before dropping south to the wilderness of Skomer Island with more razorbills and puffins ~ on to the huge nocturnal thrill of rushing thousands of Manx shearwaters returning to their burrows, so cumbersome on land but mostly escaping gull cull! Finally we came to St. David's and rat-free Ramsey Island with returned puffins and the like now safe in their burrows. The talk was followed by the Club's Annual general meeting.

Our next meeting will be held jointly with Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, entitled 'The Birds Of Cleve Hill' by Arthur Ball, local recorder, who will also on Monday 23rd April, 10.00am lead a walk on the Hill (meet at quarry car park, nr. golf course. Visitors £3).

Martin and Wendy Addy

The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Painswick Music Society is once again popular with record membership numbers. Freddy Kempf, one of the most sought after young pianists in the world, was performing in that month.

Kings Mill weir restoration work is now completed. The project carried out by Don Juggins of Upper Washwell was part financed by DEFRA.

Parish Council accepts the full Parish Plan. The plan consists of two parts with part one 'Design for the Future'; available for £2 and part two is a working document with 108 actions arising from part one. The Countryside Agency has confirmed that Painswick is the first parish in the South West to complete a parish plan.

20 years ago

Parish Council published a list of 9 guided walks for the year organised by the footpaths committee giving dates, meeting points and the walk leaders.

The Tennis Club advised the Parish Council of its pending application for floodlights at the Recreation Ground courts.

30 years ago

4th Anniversary of the first edition of the 'Beacon'.

Painswick Ladies Hockey Club just completed their first season since their formation.

The Parish Council received a request for a circus to come to the Recreation Ground. The Council were not keen and suggested an approach to the Broadham Fields committee.



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Letters



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Wake up Painswick

Leonard Chittenden writes:
Over the next few weeks the Parish Council will be conducting a public consultation regarding their proposal to site 20 allotments on Painswick Recreation Ground. This will be of direct concern to residents who regularly use the Rec to exercise their dogs, practice their golf swings, play with their grandchildren or simply as a place for quiet contemplation. However it should concern all residents. One very fundamental issue to consider is whether an area of the Rec should be fenced off for the exclusive use of just 20 people.

One letter in the last issue of The Beacon outlined this and other concerns, whilst another painted an idyllic vision of families gardening together. Others take the view that over a period of time, the allotments would fall into disuse, become an eyesore and attract vandalism. It very important that your readers, whether for or against the proposal, make their views known in the forthcoming public consultation.

Waste collection

Cllr Barbara Tait writes:
As readers of The Beacon will be aware, there will be enhanced changes to the waste collection scheme, which is being implemented by July this year. As a result of this, the Annual notification dates which normally go out in March, will not now go out to all households until the middle of May.

Meanwhile the collection dates will stay the same. If anyone is unsure, or wishes to clarify collection dates, they can contact Customer Services on 01453 754424.

Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Anne Smith, Manager of the TIC writes:
Wow!! What a year. After all the road closures etc. we now have the Olympic Torch, The Queens Diamond Jubilee, and the Arts Festival, all happening on OUR streets this summer. We at the Painswick Information Centre are looking forward to being of help to Residents, Traders and Visitors alike. So if you are having an event and we can be of help we would be very pleased to put up posters, sell tickets etc. We are open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays, and open 7 days for special events. We look forward to seeing you
A Special Thank you to All who have joined our loyal team of volunteers.
Telephone number: 07503516924 Website: Painswick Tourist Office. Out of hours number: 01452 812427

The Development of Georgian Gloucester

The talk this month was given by Dr. Nicholas Herbert, who has been responsible for editing the Gloucestershire Victoria County History and many other publications. He described the development of Gloucester as a busy trading centre, after the beginning of the 18th century. The city had contracted to within its historic city walls, when its suburbs were demolished as part of the Civil War defences. In the 17th century the layout of the city was essentially medieval, with market shambles and unsavoury activities occupying prominent locations on the main thoroughfares.

The population only grew significantly after 1750 when, as a result of various Improvement Acts, the markets were relocated, roads improved and the city gates removed to facilitate transport access. At this time Gloucester was virtually self sufficient, with all manner of industrial uses in the courts behind the main frontages, including tanneries, maltings and glass making. The city expanded and tried to compete with Cheltenham as a spa, when mineral springs were found c1814. However, the increasingly industrial nature of the city, with its expanding new docks and warehouses, meant that it lost popularity to the more select town of Cheltenham.



Although, a number of the City's fine buildings were demolished as a result of

Community Speed Checks


Ralph Drew has written to the Beacon asking that we make known the advice he has received from Gloucestershire Constabulary that speed checks have been taking place in Painswick. PC Murray has informed Mr Drew that he has personally carried out several speed checks in the village and that he believes the Police Community Support Officer for Painswick has also conducted speed checks in the area. PC Murray says the last check he carried out on Gloucester Road resulted in two fixed penalty notices being issued and a number of advice letters being sent to registered keepers of the vehicles regarding their speed.

Beacon distribution

I am a visitor to Edge twice a week and always look forward to reading the Beacon. I come to Edge to help my parents. I thought it would be rather nice to make your readers aware of and at the same time thank one of your more senior distributors for their efforts. My father Prof R.A. Shooter will be 96 this year and can be seen on distribution day pushing his trolley up and down in Edge. He may not distribute many, but every little helps. Now I need to go and plant the beetroot or my pay will be docked!! On a last note, and a thought for us all, my father's favourite phrase is, I can do what you can do, it just takes a little more time.

Joanna Bowles

Painswick Local History Society



unfortunate post-war redevelopment, nonetheless much of Georgian Gloucester still remains in the vicinity of the Spa as well as and some impressive houses, such as Bearland House and houses within the Cathedral Close. The next meeting is research evening and will take place on Tuesday 17th April when three members will present their findings on three very different subjects. The Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carolyn Luke



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Community Library (CLIP) News

Now all the excitement of receiving the County Council grant is over it's time to get on with the work of getting Gloucestershire's first community library up and running. Painswick is not only the first community library in the county but also the first to start from scratch, in a new building, which has never been used as a library before! By the time this edition of the Beacon lands on your mat the furniture should be installed, books will be ready and waiting to be added to the GCC catalogue and



there should be a pile of book jackets, date labels and other accessories ready for our enthusiastic volunteers to start on the behind-the-scenes work.

The CLIP Trustees have also considered when the library will be open to the public. The survey which went to all households in Painswick last summer indicated Friday, Saturday and Wednesday would be the most convenient to most people. It was also requested there should be some evening opening and that hours should be consistent. Taking all these issues into account our initial proposition is to open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6pm. Plus Saturday from 10am to 1pm. We also intend to introduce a range of other activities on days or at times when the library is not open to the public – for example events for children or a computer club.

Starting with 15 hours a week gives us time to settle into our roles before we train more volunteers and open for a further six hours a week. Although we know there are many people enthusiastic and willing to help we don't feel we can presume on their goodwill by expecting too much too soon. The Trustees are very grateful for all the support we have received so far from the community and look forward to being able to welcome you all to the new library.

Pat Francis, CLIP Trustee

Would you or someone you know like a Healthy Home Assessment?



British Red Cross are currently working on a short term project to provide Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire Council residents with a Healthy Home Assessment. "Home Assessments" will cover areas such as Fire, Warmth, Falls and any other support that the person may identify for themselves. This short one hour visit is designed to be a non-invasive, friendly check by the British Red Cross to ensure people have enough help and support available to them through the winter months.

As a way of saying thank you for completing a Healthy Homes Survey, you will receive a Winter Warmth pack which includes winter warmth essentials such as a blanket, landline telephone (to use in an event of a power cut) and a torch. Information Pack a host of information on all the partner agencies and energy efficiency advice and grants you may be eligible for. After the "Home Assessment" is completed, any referrals will be made confidentially by the British Red Cross Project Manager to trusted partnership agencies such as The Fire Service, Age UK and Care & Repair. Consent will be sought from anyone using the service and no personal details will be used for any other purpose other than this project. You may find your home is in the best of health – but you will still qualify for a Winter Warmth Pack so why not sign up and give it a go? Don't delay – call today as all assessments need to be completed by mid April!

Please contact:

The Health and Social Care Team:
0117 955 0213

Email: hlowe@redcross.org.uk

Lou Kemp

Short Story Writing Competition Reminder

Completed entry forms (not manuscripts!) for the Painswick Arts Festival Short Story Writing Competition should be returned to me at 2 Gyde House, Painswick GL6 6RR by Saturday 14 April.



Forms and details of the competition may be obtained from me: either 'phone (01452) 814004 or email frarwiter@btinternet.com

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Croft School News Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Head Teacher Ceris Towler writes in The Croft School newsletter to thank Iris McCormick for organising a very successful coffee morning. She says that it was lovely to see all the school community together enjoying themselves and raising money for a good cause at the same time. Mrs Towler comments that Iris put a lot of time into the event, including presenting an interesting assembly for the children about Fairtrade. The morning raised over £200. Final amounts and details of how it will be spent to follow.

Friends of The Croft News (FOTCS)

New Chairman, Pete Bradshaw, writes in The Croft School newsletter that FOTCS are delighted to announce that a whopping £4,146.70 was raised from the Auction of Promises on 2nd March. He reports that Ex-Croft School parent Will Fair was an absolute star as auctioneer, ensuring the evening was great fun for all who attended. Pete has agreed to take on the Chair ably assisted by Emma until Holly Lynall and her family return in September when "she has kindly agreed to stand forward". Mrs Towler says that Nicola Robinson has done a fantastic job as Chair of FOTCS but has had to step down due to work commitments. The Head Teacher states that on behalf of all the parents, children and staff she wishes to say an enormous thank you to Nicola for all she has done to support the school.

The Friends of The Croft school are a group of parents, grandparents and villagers who raise money to aid The Croft School children's educational experiences - paying and subsidising many things through a series of fun events throughout the year. The Friends always need people to help out, from simply putting up a poster in your window, to volunteering at an event. Pete Bradshaw says that FOTCS would love to know if you are able to help out in any way you can. He can be contacted for more information and to get involved on 07887 764173.

Food, History and Belly Dancing

David Archard treated us to one of his great presentations of Painswick's history, illustrated with some of his excellent photographs of the town taken throughout the last century. We learned much about the buildings, local characters and many events. Indeed, some of our current members have also become part of the town's recorded history. On 12th March the Probus Ladies group lead by Joan Hardwidge met the challenge of hosting the Painswick Community Lunch at Ashwell House. It was enjoyed by all those who attended and our many thanks go to them for all their hard work.

Two days later we were joined by the ladies for a joint meeting in the Church Rooms. The dancer, Anne Blagden, introduced us to Belly Dancing in an interesting talk outlining the history and cultural significance of the art form. She then gave an impressive demonstration of the dance, in authentic costume! The entertainment was followed by an excellent buffet lunch prepared and served by the Ladies which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Glynn Nixon



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Staff Get Active for MS

As part of MS Week the staff and residents at Richmond Painswick are supporting the three Gloucestershire branches of the MS Society on Tuesday 1 May.

Local people are invited to be part of this by calling in between 10am and 6pm to join in with Cake Break. Tea, coffee and excellent cake will be available to raise funds to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis and improve local services and support for people with the condition.

At 2.30pm there will be a free talk from Beijing Gold Medal Winning ParaOlympian Simon Laurens. Simon is very inspirational and will talk about living with MS and competing at the very highest level of his sport.

Throughout the day information and advice about MS will be available and local people with the condition are being offered two free exercise classes in the morning.

Places at the talk and exercise classes are limited and can be booked on 01452 813902.

On 29 April a team of staff from Richmond Painswick will be rising to the challenge of the longest, tallest and fastest zip line in the country which is being held near Chepstow. www.mssociety.org.uk/the-wire

MS is the most common disabling neurological condition affecting young adults and an estimated 100,000 people in the UK have MS. MS is the result of damage to myelin – the protective sheath surrounding nerve fibres of the central nervous system – which interferes with messages between the brain and the body.

Would be great to see you there and a very big thank you to everyone at Richmond Painswick for all that they are doing.

More information will be at the Near Me section of www.mssociety.org.uk or from Richmond Painswick.

The MS Society offers hope for the future by investing millions in research, and help for today through our information, support and campaigning.

Andy Jarrett

Area Fundraiser – West

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School Inspection

Contrary to some expectations, the W.I's February meeting was not a production of the classic Priestley play 'An Inspector Calls', but a potted history of the schools inspection system, traced from the early 19th century through till the late 20th century, given by Alan Callendar, himself a retired Schools Inspector. He had spent his career as an Inspector travelling the length and breadth of the country visiting schools, and was able to use a wealth of anecdotes, and jokes involving remarks made by children - school dinners, parents and teachers being the most favourite and obvious targets - to enhance his talk.

In the 1800's, school teachers were paid according to results, thus their income was dependent on the achievement of their pupils, and standards in reading and arithmetic were high, despite the huge classes, often up to 70 pupils, that were to be found in some schools. Absenteeism is not a new problem either. Because so many families lived on the poverty line, seasonal work such as fruit picking was an opportunity for some such families to increase their income, although by present day standards by very little, by sending the children to work during the summer months, rather than attending school. Each school was inspected at the same time of year every year, so there was no chance of a school being caught on the hop by a Man from the Ministry! Sadly, the policy of the 19th century to teach children practical, useful skills, such as cookery or carpentry, in preparation for finding work 'in service' or as tradesmen, has radically changed in the meantime. At the next W.I's meeting, on 24th April, all will be revealed when Jilly Baker will give a talk entitled 'A World of Lingerie'.

Maggie Drake

The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

Many residents will be aware of the support given to the Eye Hospital by the Painswick community in recent times. The hospital continues to need funds for its work and a Fashion Show by Beatrice von Tresckov has been arranged at Stowell Park, Northleach by kind permission of Lord and Lady Vestey. The event takes place on Tuesday 24th April between 6.00 and 9.00pm. Tickets which include wine and canapes are £30. For further information, please contact Denise Magauran on 814570 or 07799694586.

June and the Olympic quilt

June Gardiner belongs to a U3A group in Stroud and 12 of her colleagues, together with June, have produced one of the special quilts commissioned for the Olympic Games. Each lady made a square to her own design in red, white and blue and June, who is known for her exquisitely made quilts, produced the final article composed of the squares.

The quilt has been on display at Olympia along with many others produced by WI members and sewing groups from the length and breadth of the land. Each competing country will receive two quilts: one for the Olympics and one for the Paralympics. Altogether this amounts to more than 500. In addition, 4000 pennants were produced to be presented to all contestants. Our local quilt, labelled Jazzy Stroud, will go to Liechtenstein.

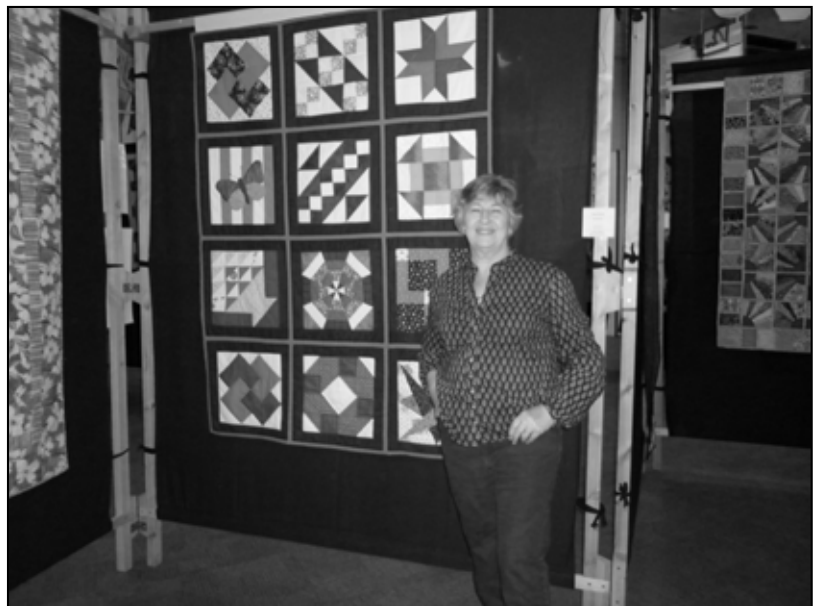
A proud achievement indeed.

... and also

Many will recall that June and Sue Coates were our Painswickians of the Year in 2009. Their tireless efforts to raise funds for the Cobalt unit in Cheltenham meant they were very worthy winners. That, however, was not the end as June and Sue have continued through various projects and activities to add to a very impressive amount already donated. In February, says June modestly, they and their friends have donated another sum in excess of £10000.

Such amazing effort and sheer hard work for purely selfless ends certainly deserve our congratulations and applause.

Carol Maxwell



The Stroudwater Textile Industry and Painswick Mills

The first of the Cotswold Naturalists' Summer Lectures takes place on Wednesday 2nd May when Ian Mackintosh will talk about the '400 years of Stroudwater Textiles', an industry that has done so much to shape the towns of Painswick and Stroud. The Lecture will start at 7:30pm, with refreshments available from 7:00pm in the Beacon Hall, Painswick Centre. This Lecture will complement the Industrial Archaeology Walk led by Carolyn Luke on Tuesday 10th April. This easy walk will focus on Painswick's Cloth Industry and starts at Millcroft, Stepping Stone Lane, at 10:00am. Enquiries to 812942.

Excursions to Norman Churches, a Medieval Cathedral and a Dominican Priory

The Field Club also begins its varied programme of visits further afield, with two coach excursions, both leaving Stamages Lane Car Park. On Wednesday 18th April we visit two beautiful Norman churches in the north of the Cotswolds,



the first in the former silk weaving town of Blockley. After lunch, we visit St Leonard's church in Bledington, with time for tea or shopping in Stow in the Wold on the way home. Morning coffee and lunch are included in the trip's price of £28 (£31 non-members). Further details tel 812692.

This is followed on Wednesday 9th May with a visit to Gloucester Cathedral (pictured) where the excellent guides will tell us about the medieval builders of the Abbey Church, the Monks who spent their lives there and the Cathedral's turbulent history after the dissolution of the monasteries. After lunch in the Parliament Room, we will visit Blackfriars for a guided tour of one of the most complete Dominican Priors to survive the Middle Ages in England. Lunch is included in the price of £25 (£28 non-members). Further details tel 814570.

With so much to see, this month is a good time to join the Field Club – for details contact Jane Rowe on 813228.



Reviewing the Past - Planning the Future

The Annual General Meeting of the Painswick Centre will be held at 8:00pm on Tuesday 17th April in the Centre's Cotswold Room in Bisley Street, GL6 6QQ (and not on 12th as previously stated). Painswick residents and all affiliated users of the Painswick Centre are warmly invited to attend the AGM to hear about the work of the Trustees over the past year and their future plans for the Centre. Further details about the AGM may be obtained from the Secretary, Sue Lendon, tel. 813791.

The Painswick Centre is busy with plans to produce another fund-raising calendar for 2013. Readers of the Painswick Beacon are invited to send good-quality digital photographs of iconic Painswick scenes for inclusion in the calendar. We will credit the photographers of all pictures used and, of course, provide a complimentary calendar. Anyone wishing to submit a photograph should contact Sue Lendon on tel. 813791. We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor a page in the wall-hanging calendar – if interested, please also contact Sue.

Finally, the Trustees are pleased to announce that their grant application to the Gloucestershire Environmental Trust has been successful, with the Trust generously agreeing to provide £5,000 of funding towards the cost of refurbishing the Cotswold and Green Rooms, and adjacent kitchen and toilet. Work will begin this month with the installation of a new boiler and radiators to give reliable, efficient heating and hot water. Work to improve the first floor toilet will follow, with new floorcoverings at a later date.

Jane Rowe

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Susan Mary Holden Robinson, neé Tincker

Susan was born in Painswick in 17th April 1929. Her father Robert Tincker was the village doctor and he moved with his wife Kathleen from Byefield House to Beaconsfield House shortly before she was born. Beaconsfield House played the role of the perfect village doctor's setting for the next 45 years, home and surgery combined. During the Second World War Doctor Tincker was imprisoned in a Japanese POW camp and Susan found herself playing surrogate father to her three younger sisters. They speak fondly of her during this difficult time and Janet, her youngest sister, remembers Susan carrying her on her back to the top of the Beacon to celebrate the declaration of the end of the war.

On leaving St Mary & St Anne school in Abbots Bromley Susan followed her father into the medical profession and trained as a physiotherapist in Edinburgh and practised in Gloucester and Oxford. She was by this time a very beautiful young lady and was eventually wooed by Eric Robinson from the well known Bristol family. He was the third Eric to seek her attention and her younger sisters found it amusing to ask "which one" when he telephoned, "first, second, or third?"

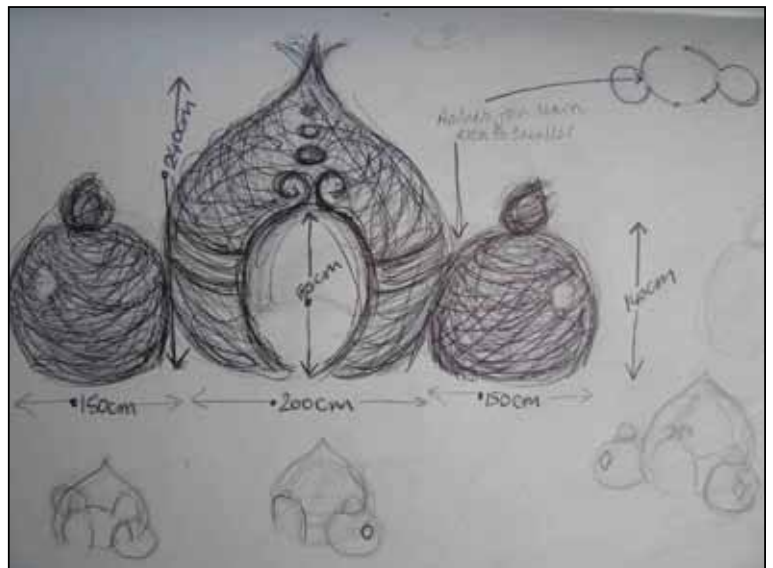
Susan married Eric at St Marys and then started a family in Kent but soon moved back to the area to live at Ham Court near Cheltenham where she spent most of her free time working voluntarily for Riding For The Disabled, SOS Children's Villages and a local children's playgroup. The playgroup was in fact her own which she set up and ran from home. Susan and Eric returned to Painswick in 1984. Eric died in 1986 and thereafter Susan busied herself as a member on the Cheltenham Community Health Council, Trustee to The Painswick Institute and The Frederick Gyde Trust, Painswick Parish Councillor, and in the tradition of her parents who were both active councillors for most of their life in Painswick she stood for District Councillor in 1988.

Recognising that her Parkinsonism would likely dominate the latter part of her life she was the first to buy an apartment at the newly built Richmond Village in 2006. Her charisma and humour shone through right to the end. She suffered a stroke on Monday 12th March soon after a witty exchange on the benefits of homemade marmalade with her carers. She died on the 16th in the peaceful and ideal setting at Richmond Village with her three children, Gail, Laurence and Kate present. She had nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Donations if desired to Crisis.org.uk

The Queen's Lodge

To celebrate her Majesty the Queen's diamond jubilee representatives of the Friends of the Rococo Garden in Painswick are going to build a willow sculpture (shown above) in the gardens. The sculpture, which takes the form of three linked pods, has been inspired by images of the crown jewels particularly the orb and some of the brooches and pearls worn by the Queen. It has been designed by renowned willow sculptress Julie Starks and will be built in the nature walk area of the gardens during the Easter weekend. The event will be recorded by time lapse photography so that there is a record of the first new 'building' to appear in the gardens since their inception in 1740.

Although places on the building team are of necessity limited if you feel that you have a particular skill in willow weaving, please contact Vicky Aspinall on 01452 812379. Next month we hope to be able to feature photographs of the event!



Painswick Arts Festival

Following the success of the Painswick Arts festival over the last three years we are now compiling the programme for Summer 2012. The event will again kick off with the fabulous 'Art Couture Painswick' (formerly Wearable Art Painswick) on Sunday 15th July and continue through July and August up to and including the August Bank Holiday weekend. The final event will be the 'Art Studio Trail' with local artists opening their Painswick studios to visitors. This has been extended to cover both Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August.

The Rococo Gardens will again be running their popular 'Art in the Garden' event and the Painswick Players will be treading the boards of the Painswick Centre with their summer production 'Last Tango in Painswick'. We are also hoping for more entries in our 'Short Story Competition.' We would very much like to hear of any other activities, exhibitions etc. being planned for this period so that we can include your event in our publicity. We would also particularly like to hear from local artists willing to open their studios as part of the Art Studio Trail.

Each year this event gets bigger and better known far and wide, so please do take part if you can, be it Music, Art, Drama, Literature or simply as a generous sponsor! Let us know what special event you are presenting in Painswick this summer now. For more information please contact us as follows:

All general enquiries to Rupert Aker at rupertaker@hotmail.co.uk

'Art Trail' enquiries to Jackie Herbert at sheep-house@hotmail.com 813229

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Please hurry as there will have to be a deadline for inclusion in the publicity!

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Duo present



The Ides of March brought us a presentation from the now familiar pairing of Ralph Kenber and Richard Burges-Watson -- their chosen subject "Famous Singers of our Era". They treated us to a wide-ranging review and performances of the best known singers since recording techniques began. We heard the real "greats" of the 20th Century -- Caruso, Tito Gobbi, Maria Callas, Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Cecilia Bartoli -- we touched on the great Operas of Verdi, Puccini, Mozart; we visited Handel, Schubert, Pergolesi -- their was even time to cross continents from "Deep River" in the USA to the Song of the Volga Boatmen. Yes, this deceptively "bumbling" pair of Seniors ("It's your turn next" -- "No, it's yours!") -- certainly kept us entranced with the human voice.

Stewart Price

On 1st March, members of our Committee played music of their own choosing, and they did us proud with a wide variety for all tastes. Three duets from Mozart operas were followed by the super Skaters Waltz by Waldteufel, the well-known Boccherini Minuet and -- hopefully seasonally! -- three English Spring songs. Then excerpts from Bartok's lively concerto for orchestra and Brahms' 2nd piano concerto (Brendel). And then something totally different: the quite unique and fastest-played piano music any of us had ever heard, recorded by Lubomyr Melnik, Ukranian-born composer and pianist. Back after the interval to well-known favourites: Claudio Abbadao directing Petrouchka and "Pictures at an Exhibition", Jacqueline Du Pres playing the Adagio of Elgar's cello Concerto, two "Hallelujahs" and the glorious



Czech soprano singing Rusalka's "Ode to the Moon" to end an enjoyable evening.

Ralph Kenber

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.



Malvern RHS Spring Gardening Show

On Friday 11th May the Friday Club is organising a coach trip to the Malvern RHS Spring Gardening Show. Friends of the Rococo Gardens will be joining us. Paul Hervey-Brookes of Pan Global Plants at the Rococo Gardens will be showing there. The cost for non-members will be £30 and includes an £18 entry ticket. There will be plenty of room for plants in the luggage hold! If anyone would like to come with please phone Ann Williams on 812344.

Jane Robinson, Friday Club Secretary

Paul Hervey-Brookes who lives in the village and is a well respected garden and landscape designer will not only be hosting part of the Spring gardening Show at Malvern this year but has also designed a highly thought provoking theatre space.

Paul who works on projects both un the UK and abroad was asked to compare a new section od the show called Real Gardens he explains 'We have all been to shows where celebrity gardeners and well-known experts talk about their gardens. When I was asked to be involved in the Spring Gardening Show in 2012 I thought it would be a great idea to ask gardeners who open their gardens for charity to have an opportunity to talk about their gardens, how they developed them, plants they particularly enjoy and the charities they support?' A number of garden which open to the public from around the three counties will be show cased.

Paul who has created two gardens at Chelsea Flower Show will also be creating the Plants & People Pavilion, it's a space which is a first at a gardening show with its inspiration coming from the world of art installations. Paul says The Arena takes the core idea of the show -- hands on gardening, along with the natural excitement and anticipation of a growing season to come. This is only found at Malvern and couples those ideas with questions about traditional land use. Added to this are questions about the fragility of the natural world and the gardening life cycle all explored through a series of large scale visual images engaging with visitors to take them on a journey of discovery."



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Painswick Theatre Club

The Committee and all the members would like to thank Derek Sanders for all the hard work as secretary of the Club. He has retired after many years of dedication and we are most grateful for his commitment and the able support of his wife. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them on our regular theatre trips.



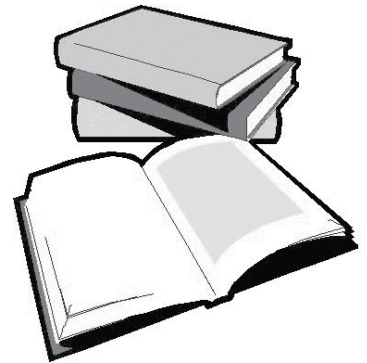
Painswick Educational Trust

Theatre Club Outings

Bath. Saturday 23rd June. Stamages 11.30am.
Oxford. Thursday 19th July. Stamages 11.30am.

Diana Barclay, Chairman

The Trust will soon be meeting again to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships. Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips. If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone Joy Edwards on 812588 or Michael James 812646 for an application form.



Tourist Information Centre re-opens

Painswick's TIC re-opened for the 2012 season on 2nd April.

Pictured above in the Town Hall outer office are members of the TIC Team with Manager Anne Smith.

Left to right: Harold Wood, Norman Snowden, Anne Smith, David Rawson, Ruth Robinson and seated, Audrey Timpson.

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Following cabinet approval on 15th December for the introduction of an enhanced recycling service for residents, the Public Space Service is working

to ensure this is successfully implemented in July. In previous years, residents have received their annual recycling calendars during March and April. Due to the forthcoming changes, the next calendar that residents receive will be for the enhanced recycling service. We are planning for these to be delivered with the containers from the middle of May onwards. The key message is that until July, recycling collections continue as normal with no changes to collection dates.

We fully appreciate that in the absence of a calendar some residents may wish to clarify their collection dates. Listed below are several ways to do this, with the first 2 preferable as the Customer Service Centre will be starting to field calls on the enhanced service.

- Visiting the council's web page and clicking on "Where I live". This section contains information on the next recycling date.
- Talking to neighbours.
- Contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01453 754424.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Public Space Service.

Michael Kelly, Public Space Officer, Stroud District Council



Sheepscombe Ball Friday 22nd June

This is a reminder that if you book your place for the next Sheepscombe Ball before 30th April your ticket will only cost £60. Any tickets purchased after that date will be £65. The ball is a non-profit making event and if there is any money left over, this goes to Sheepscombe Village Hall.

Please phone Linda Buxton on 01452 812137 or email on lindabuxton@btconnect.com in order to reserve your place.

Lindsey Beer



Easter Church Services in Painswick

Good Friday April 6th	9.00am	St. Mary's	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Procession of Witness (Start at RC Church in Friday Street and process to Cross near Lychgate and then St. Mary's Church Rooms)	
	12 noon	St. Mary's	3 hour devotion
	7.30 pm.	St. Mary's.	Painswick Singers Easter Concert
Easter Eve April 7th	9.00am	St. Mary's	Morning Prayer
Easter Day April 8th	6.00am	Painswick Beacon	Sunrise service followed by breakfast
	8.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion (said)
	9.30 am	RC Church	Easter Mass
	10.00am	St. Mary's	Easter Family Communion
	10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Easter Meeting



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Youth Olympics

Starting in April, PSALMS, to celebrate the Olympic Games in London this year will be holding various sport related functions throughout the Olympics, including the Pulse Games Club for school years 5 and 6. Taking place on Monday nights between 5.30-7 at the youth club. The Pulse Games will be predominantly led by existing youth club members, and will be structured around the Olympics, including team games, with each team representing a different nation from the Olympics. Not being purely based around invasion games such as football, the games will involve various sports including sumo suit wrestling as well as capture the flag, so you don't have to be a mega sports(wo)man to turn up! As well as encouraging competition and the strive for achievement we will also recognise teamwork and fair-play in the spirit of the Games, for which there will be prizes. And of course there will be coffee for parents while waiting for their children to finish.

And on top of this on the 23rd of May when the torch comes through Painswick, there'll be a sports festival in the Recreation Field, which will involve many sports, competitions and challenges for all ages! There will also be a half-term holiday club which will run on 6th and 7th of June and include sports events and other activities. On the 18th of June there will be a Sports Quiz Night building on the success of the quiz night before Christmas where 35 young people and many others enjoyed a fantastic, fun and competitive evening. We are also hoping to televise the England Euro matches, the major Olympic events and much more! For more information on any of the above please contact andyharding@psalms.uk.net 07845460163

Thomas Carlile (a member of Pulse Plus)



Local Elections 2012

In the March issue of the Beacon we reminded readers of the forthcoming elections on the 3rd of May. The Beacon will have gone to press before it is known whether there will be sufficient candidates to make a Parish Council Election necessary. In the expectation that an election will be called we would urge everyone to vote, not least because a high turnout will enhance the Parish Council's status. A District Council Election is scheduled to be held on the same day for one of the two Painswick Ward seats.

The Beacon wishes everyone a very

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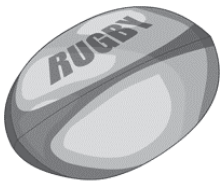
Painswick Golf Club

A new season of golf is starting. Steve East has been elected as the new Club Captain. Ann Smith (Ladies captain) and Roy Henderson (Seniors captain) were elected a few months ago.

The first Seniors match took place on 1st March against South Herefordshire Golf Club. And on 10th March, the Ladies section organised a mixed match against Cleeve Cloud Golf Club. Both were friendly and enjoyable occasions. The Seniors lost their away game, and the mixed match at home was an honourable 3-3 tie.

There have been a number of social competitions over the last month. On 28th February, a "Texas Scramble" – organised between the Ladies and Seniors sections took place with the winning team being Pauline Williams, David Walker, Qsi Pang, and Jim McNamara. And on 8th March the Seniors held a "Bowmaker" in which all three members of each team scored on the par 4s, the best two scored on the par 3s and on the par 5s one person scored. The winners on that occasion were David Walker, Roy Henderson and Peter Rowe with 89 points. Congratulations to the winners, and much enjoyment was had by all competitors.

The club welcomes new members or visiting golfers wishing to play on our unique and historic course. For further details, please contact our professional, Marc Cottrell on 01452 812615 or Peter Rowe (Seniors' vice-captain) on 813228.



Painswick Mini and Junior RFC

The second half of the season, from January through to the end of April, is centred around the age group cup competitions, playing sides from across the county, to progress into a set of finals. Painswick has done well this

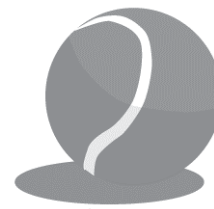
year, particularly at the U8's, U14's and U16 age groups, who have all made it through to the semi finals. The finals for the U8's will have been played at Longlevens on the 1st April, and for the juniors at the Prince of Wales stadium in Cheltenham during April.

Painswick is also a popular venue for touring sides, and we will be hosting Old Silhillians, Bridgnorth, Caldy and Amptill in the coming weeks as they make a weekend of it, typically taking in a game at Kingsholm and another local side on the Saturday. This season has been particularly successful for the junior club as it has seen a number of players regularly playing for the senior sides. This is really encouraging and offers a bright future for the club as a whole.

Dogs at Broadham

Do you walk your dogs at Broadham? If so then please will you clear up after them? There has been a significant increase in the amount of dog mess in recent

months on the playing fields themselves. There's no excuse for it, and it is dangerous! Surely it's not too much to ask?



Tennis Leagues

The winter tennis leagues are drawing to a close.

In the Gloucestershire League Painswick have

met with mixed results....

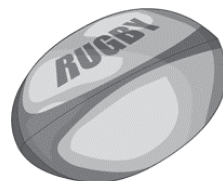
In division 1 the team finished 5th whilst in division 2 the B team won the division and get promoted for next season. The C team in division 3 were demoted to division 4 whilst the D team finished 5th in that division.

In the Stroud Winter League the A and B teams are currently 2nd and 3rd respectively, and in division 2 the C and D teams lie 3rd and 4th. The E team is 6th in division 3.

Quiz night

A few weeks ago the tennis club held their annual quiz night which proved as popular as ever with 13 teams competing. Stu Hall was again our quizmaster with a helping hand from Gill Willoughby. The winners for the second year running were the Gorton's table. Lara Fair and Grace Ruddy did a great job in selling the raffle tickets and our thanks to the Rugby Club for running the bar all evening.

The next social event will be an outing to Highnam Gardens on Saturday 24 March open to all club members.



Rugby Football

Ross 12 Painswick 30

Saturday March 10th saw Painswick keeping up the pressure on the top 2 in Gloucester Division 1 with a bonus point win at Ross. Early Painswick forward pressure led to Nik O'Neil opening the scoring with a penalty and soon adding 2 unconverted tries both set up by scrum half Tony Bebbber, in top form as he used the ball provided by his dominant forwards. Poor tackling then allowed Ross back into the game with a converted try. At half time Painswick enjoyed an 18-12 lead which did not reflect their overall dominance. The 2nd half saw Painswick tighten up their defence and add 2 further tries to clinch a valuable bonus point. The crucial fourth score came from skipper Aussie Gidley Smith with yet another interception try. This was a fine all round performance from the Wicks.

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Lucy Moir runs the Bath Half Marathon in aid of Parkinsons Disease

On Sunday 11th March I took part in the Bath Half Marathon. Currently in my final year at the University of Bath, I decided to start training two months ago, hoping that my sporty past would help me in terms of fitness levels. However I did not expect to suffer from shin splints during my training – very painful. The reason I decided to do this run was my beloved Grandpa, Colin Treglown who lived in Painswick for 25 years until his death



in 2010. Many Painswick residents will probably remember his amazing passion for steam trains! Grandpa suffered from Parkinson's Disease for over 40 years and I adopted this challenge in memory him – I am sure he would be “chuffed” (if you pardon the pun) to know I am supporting this charity. Every hour someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's. Parkinson's UK is passionate about finding a cure and improving life for everyone affected by this terrible debilitating disease.



Now I can't believe the Run is over, but I completed it in just under two hours, so I was pretty happy with that. I would like to say how grateful I am to everyone who has donated already and showed me such loving support. My original target was to raise £400, and so far I have raised over £850. I have until 13th April to get the donations to Parkinson's UK so it is not too late to donate - it would be amazing to reach £1,000. Donations can be made online at www.justgiving.com/Lucy-Moir or by sending me a cheque made payable to Parkinsons UK. (These can be left at the Rococo Garden if more convenient.)

Lucy Moir

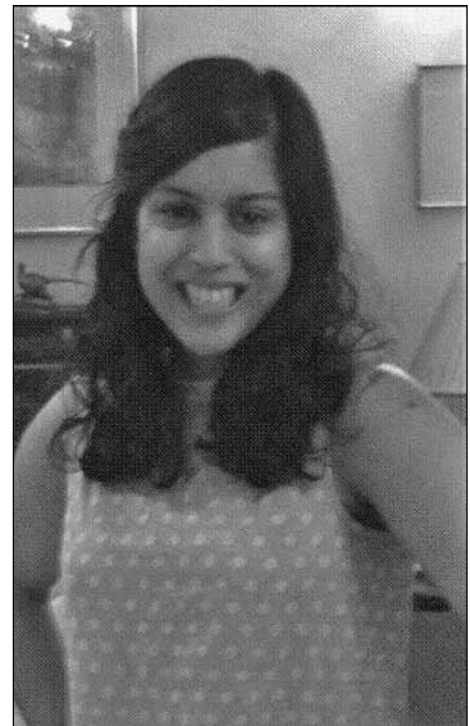
Lucy is pictured with her Grandma Marguerite Treglown.



Support local girl's bid for Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge in aid of Anthony Nolan

Priyana Sen will take part in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge this April in aid of Anthony Nolan, the charity that saves the lives of people with blood cancer who need a blood stem cell, or bone marrow, transplant.

Priyana, a medical student from Painswick decided to represent Anthony Nolan because it is “simply the only chance of survival for most people who have been diagnosed with blood cancer.” Anthony Nolan helps two people every day in need of a lifesaving transplant by using their Register to find donors who have matching stem cells, but for every person helped



there is another who sadly can't be helped, because no match can be found. Anthony Nolan desperately needs increased funding to be able to recruit more donors to join the Register. Priyana feels so strongly about this cause that she has been recruited to the Marrow Committee in York

Commenting on the challenge ahead, Priyana, 22 said “I must admit that I am nervous as it's a long time since I've done something like this, but I know that every minute of it will bring the charity one step closer to saving more lives.” The Yorkshire 3 peaks is a very demanding but rewarding walk, which takes in the summits of Pen-y-ghent (694 metres - 2,276 feet), Whernside (736 metres - 2,415 feet) and Ingleborough (723 metres 2,372 feet) all in one circular route. Forty other students from the Hull-York Medical School will join her in the challenge.

On average, 65 people a day in the UK are diagnosed with a blood cancer – that's one person every 23 minutes. There are currently over 400,000 people on the Anthony Nolan register, but the charity would like to raise funds so that they can grow this to one million potential donors. To sponsor Priyana go to justgiving.com/hymsthreepeaks. Please make sure you add Priyana's name into the comment box so that she knows whom the money is from! If you need further information you are more than welcome to contact Priyana at ps699@york.ac.uk

The last two month's articles have been about support available for memory loss and dementia. I have been asked by a parishioner to look at what we can do to help ourselves or the one we care for, given that there is a diagnosis of dementia. Another reader said that he found it upsetting to keep reading about this subject and understandably so, as it is an area of mental health that can be very scary and confusing. However, let's look at the positive things that can be done.

It's essential to get a diagnosis (which is not always easy) as soon as possible, and start taking the appropriate medication. Not only can the medication slow down the process of dementia but it can help alleviate distressing symptoms such as hallucinations. Having a diagnosis of dementia should not prevent you making your own choices about how you live. There are clear benefits for remaining in your own home – especially as you may feel happier and more in control there. With the right help and support, you may be able to stay independent for a long time. There is support available with help in the home, with personal care, or day care if appropriate. You will be eligible for benefits such as Attendance Allowance which will help pay for the extra care required.

'Assistive technology' means any product or service that helps you to remain independent. It can be something as simple as a walking stick or as advanced as satellite technology to find you if you are lost. You can get advice from social services or occupational therapists about what might be useful for you. Tel-care, a remotely operated care system, links sensors around your home to a call centre by a telephone line. The sensors monitor movement in your home and alert the centre when things might be going wrong. For example, sensors might be able to detect if you fall. They can also help by automatically turning a light on when you get up in the night. Memory aids include devices such as recorded messages that remind you to take your keys when you open the front door. Or medication boxes might beep

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to remind you to take your medicine at the right time. Tracking devices can help you feel safer when out and about. You carry the device with you, and most have a button to press if you get lost.

It is important to understand that there will come a time when it won't be possible to cope on your own and so to look into how and where you want to live. A lasting power of attorney (which has replaced an enduring power of attorney) allows you to choose someone to manage your affairs in future. You can choose one or more people to manage your property and financial affairs, and also to make personal and welfare decisions for you. You can make a lasting power of attorney if you already have a diagnosis of dementia, as long as you can show that you understand it and its legal significance.

Keeping up regular exercise is important and is known to improve mood. Repetitive exercise such as walking and cycling and activities such as folding laundry can reduce anxiety because the person doesn't have to think what to do next. A good diet is important with lots of fruit and vegetables and "brain food" such as oily fish". Try to drink plenty of fluids and as a carer or family/friend, encourage the person to drink regularly. "Post-its" can come into their own as a very helpful memory jogger. Keep tasks simple and clear and use as much routine as possible. Vary activities to stimulate the different senses, such as singing, walking outdoors to hear the birds and smell the flowers.

I have only tipped the edge of the iceberg in this article, so please call me to discuss any of these issues in further detail.

Source; Helpguide.org and The Alzheimer's society

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PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

The momentum we saw earlier in the year appears to be continuing and I believe the economists current phrase of choice, "cautious optimism", can equally be applied to the housing market at present. The Spring is the most important time of the year in the housing market and I am very encouraged to think that the activity seen so far this year will add further to the stability of the market that we saw being established through the course of 2011.

The negative impacts of the eurozone debt crisis appear to have receded for the moment with better economic performance figures for the UK and the continuation of low interest rates combining to add to the improved sentiment in the market. The impact of George Osborne's Budget decisions will have to work their way through the system over the coming months: although the impact of the Stamp Duty changes will have little effect on the housing market in Gloucestershire it is less clear how the various changes will affect us all in terms of the pounds in our pockets.

Hamptons has a very positive view on the long term health of the housing market. To this end, we have recently opened five new branches with significant further capital investment planned for 2012. We are committed to offering the most comprehensive and professional service across all aspects of the property business and are investing to ensure this can be achieved.

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Properties to have gone under offer recently include: Compton House off New Street, 10 The Croft, Howbeg and Wyckway in Stamages Lane and Woodham Cottage in Tibbiwell. In Sheepscombe, The Worthings, The Malthouse and Lynton are all under offer along with Worgans Cottage in Slad and Edge Hall in Edge. Museum Cottage in Vicarage Street has now sold and we have also sold Coomb House in Friday Street for the second time in twelve months prior to being offered to the market.

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Mon	9	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	10	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club: Industrial Archaeology Walk - Painswick's Cloth Industry. Enq. 812942. Millcroft	Stepping Stone Lane	2.30pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	11	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Road Travel in Georgian Gloucestershire - Nicholas Herbert Table Tennis (Wednesdays) - Enq. 812464 Horticultural Society: Wildlife & Plants of the Royal Forest of Dean - Pete Ralph	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	12	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: Personal Choice	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm
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Sat	14	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Drama Workshops run by Red Dog for Painswick Players - details Tel: Jean Burgess, 812167 Painswick Music Society Concert: Ian Fountain (Piano)	Painswick Beacon P. Centre, Cots. Room St Mary's Church	10.00am 10.00am to 1.00pm 3.00pm
Tue	17	Cupcakes for Carers Local History Society: Research Evening Painswick Centre AGM (Cotswold Room)	P. Centre, Green Room Croft School Painswick Centre	1.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm
Wed	18	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided coach trip: Bledington & Blockley Churches, N. Cotswolds. Enq. 812692 Horticultural Society: Outing to Abbey House Gardens, Malmsbury	Stamages Car Park Stamages Car Park	9.05am 2.00pm
Mon	23	Parish Council Meeting Bird Club field trip: A walk on Cleeve Hill with guide Arthur Ball. Meet at Quarry Car Park	Town Hall SO 989272	7.30pm 10.00am
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: A World of Lingerie - Jilly Baker Painswick Players Playreading (Green Room)	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Club AGM Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lunch to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. - Enq 01242 890374	Painswick Centre Minch'ton Golf Club	10.00am 12 noon for 1.00pm
Thu	26	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern Music Appreciation Group: Number Five	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	27	Friday Club: Wearable Art - Libby Graesser	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Copy Date for May Beacon		
Sat	28	Swishing - Exchanging Clothes & Unwanted Gifts Drama Workshops run by Red Dog for Painswick Players - details Tel: Jean Burgess, 812167 Painswick Music Society Concert: Nash String Quartet	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall P. Centre, Cots. Room St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12noon 10.00am to 1.00pm 3.00pm

MAY				
Wed	2	Painswick Conservation Society AGM & Talk Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: 400 years of Stroudwater Textiles - Ian MacIntosh. Enq. 813228	Church Rooms Painswick Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	5	May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Drama Workshops run by Red Dog for Painswick Players - details Tel: Jean Burgess, 812167	P. Centre, Cots. Room	10.00am to 1.00pm
Wed	9	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Coach Trip: Gloucester Cathedral & Blackfriars. Enq. 814570 Probus: The Improbable Story of the Gutenberg Bible - Chris Annison Horticultural Society: AGM, followed by talk: The Pyrenees in June - Sue Smith/Sue Dodd	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.05am 10.00am 7.30pm / 8.00pm
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: Members' Night & AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: Late Spring Outing - Malvern RHS Spring Show		
Sat	12	Joint Field Club & Glos. Geology Trust Walk: Beachley Pt., Tidenham & Lower Wye Gorge. Enq. 813228 Painswick Music Society Concert: Rose Trio	Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church	9.00am for 10.00am 3.00pm
Mon	14	Bird Club field trip: Songsters at Daglingworth with Martin Wright. (SO 993051)	Daglingworth Church	9.45am
Tue	15	Cupcakes for Carers Local History Society - Annual Outing	P. Centre, Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Thu	17	Christian Aid Salmon Supper & Shop	Church Rooms	6.30 to 9.00pm
Fri	18	Christian Aid Lunches & Shop	Church Rooms	10.00am to 3.00pm
Sat	19	Christian Aid Cream Teas & Shop	Church Rooms	1.30 to 4.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI: Book Binding Demonstration - Anne Weare	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Fools & Corsets - Lorraine Parsloe Olympic Torch passes through Painswick Village	Painswick Centre New Street	10.00am 4.00pm
Thu	24	Friday Club: Computers - Age UK	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	25	Bird Club Residential Field Trip to the Aberdovey Estuary - details Tel: 813823 (01452)		
Sat	26	Horticultural Society: Spring Event to Ridleys Cheer, Mountain Bower, Chippenham & Supper at Miserden	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Tue	29	Painswick Players Playreading	P. Centre, Green Room	7.30pm
JUNE				
Sun	3	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - in Church & Churchyard	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Wed	6	Probus: Gertrude Bell, Forgotten Heroine of the British Empire - Jan Long	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	8	Friday Club: Diamond Jubilee Tea Party - President's Meeting	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	19	Local History Society AGM & talk: Previous MPs for the Stroud Constituency - David Drew	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Hidden Wonders of Korea - Matthew Jackson	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	22	Friday Club: Floral Art on a Budget - Jayne Morriss Sheepscombe Ball	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	24	Croft School Summer Fair	Croft School	
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Environmental Health - Keith Tett Painswick Players Playreading	Church Rooms P. Centre, Green Room	7.30pm 7.30pm
JULY				
Wed	4	Probus: Right People, Right Time, Right Place - American Museum in Bath - Judy Grant	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Sun	15	Wearable Art Painswick	Village	
Wed	18	Probus: Ladies Summer Lunch		
Thu	19	Painswick Players present 'Last Tango in Painswick' - also 20th & 21st	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

While we are only too pleased to publish dates of forthcoming events as far into the future as organisers wish, and space permits, we may in future delete those which refer to recurrent weekly meetings at the start of the next month if such prevents us from including periodic events many months hence.

We urge those organising weekly events/meetings to use our other columns to make short reports and highlight their having frequent events.



PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

THE NEW HOUSE, Friday Street
Proposed extension to existing balcony and remove existing flat roof canopy area.

THE COACH HOUSE, Tocknells House
Replacement of non-original concrete roof tiles with reclaimed rosemary clay tiles.

OVERDALE, Paul Mead, Edge
Garage conversion, erection of new front porch, render and cladding to whole house, replacement windows and demolition of conservatory.

FOLLY COTTAGE, Painswick Beacon
Erection of two storey extension and extension to existing outbuilding.

CONSENT

3 YEW TREE COTTAGES, Sheepscombe

Sitting of a new bunded fuel tank.

FIELD ADJACENT TO TOCKNELLS HOUSE

Installation of a free standing photovoltaic array.

THE CLOTH HALL, New Street

Widening of existing entrance to property. Replacement of existing wooden gates and repair and reconstruction of granite setts and adjacent walls.

TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane

Internal and external alterations and erection of glazed link.

TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane

New vehicular entrance and driveway.

TURNSTONE HOUSE, Greenhouse Lane

Re-instatement of existing coach house to provide ancillary accommodation.

THE BULL WICK STREET.

New dormer to south elevation.

WITHDRAWAL

KINGSLEY COTTAGE, Victoria Street
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Flymo hover mower, petrol engine, good condition, £50. 813615.

Flymo 46cm push mower with grass box. Briggs & Stratton petrol engine. Excellent condition. £50 813746

FREE - Braun Slide Projector with slide carriers and screen, but small donation invited to Cotswold Care Hospice. 812841

Wooden Garden swing bought from John Lewis. In good order. Suitable for 2-7 years with baby seat (Plus extra child seat) Assembly required but delivered locally £50. 813271

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Kitchen Porter/Wash-up (permanent & occasional). Reliable member of staff needed to ensure the smooth running of the kitchen wash-up and kitchen portering – 30 hours permanent day-time shifts and occasional day and evening hours also available.

For information, contact Lois Grant on 813902.

BUSINESS

Spring Garden Services, local references. Lawn cutting/trimming. Hedge cutting/shaping. Turfing, fencing maintenance/erection, patios, general garden clearance, weed control, exterior decorating. Gutters & patios cleaned. Contact Julian Telling 07895 224863. juliantelling@yahoo.co.uk

Forestry and Land Maintenance.

Professional tree work, grounds and woodland maintenance, fencing and firewood. Tel: 01452 813697

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Celebration of Flowers

Our Lady and St Therese Catholic Church is holding a fund raising lunch on Sunday 29th April in St Mary's Church rooms. This is to enable us to stage a 'Celebration of Flowers' on June 2nd, 3rd, 4th to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Any surplus monies will be used to offset the cost of roof and garden repairs to the church. Everybody is welcome. Cost £18 per person including the first glass of wine or soft drink. Do come and support us. Enquiries to Ela Pathak-Sen, Anne Leoni, Denise Magauran or any member of the Catholic Church.



Painswick B&B Awards

Congratulations to Byfield House for achieving a Gold rating in the Cotswolds Tourism Awards of 2012. This follows the B&B's recognition in January when TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel website, awarded Byfield House seventh place in the world's top ten finalists. Congratulations also to Iris and Greg McCormick of St Annes in Gloucester Street who achieved a Silver rating in the Cotswold Tourism Awards

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The Personal Column

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Diamond Wedding

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs HAROLD WOOD of Dormy House who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 8th March.

Change of Address

JACK WRIGHT has moved to Resthaven from Gyde Road and MARY GREVITT has moved to Wisma Mulia in Frampton on Severn where she will be pleased to see friends from Painswick.

Personal Messages

KATE and PAUL ALLEN would like to give a huge 'thank you' to all their friends for the cards and gifts they have received following Kates operation and especially for all their help in keeping Topper amused! thank you everyone.

DOREEN WATTS and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful support and loving kindness shown to them by their many friends and neighbours during John's recent illness and the days since his death. Thank you for all the thoughtful cards, letters and flowers we have received, it has been very comforting to us all.



Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of SALLY BRENNAN formerly of Kemps Lane who has died recently and to the family and friends of SUSAN ROBINSON of Richmond Village who died on March 16th, Susan was the eldest of the four daughters of the late Dr Robert Tincker who was the village GP for over forty years.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to HELEN BRIGGS who has her first great grandchild, Helen's granddaughter Harriet has a son Remi. Congratulations to Dani and Chris Fenning from St Mary's Street whom were married March 3rd 2012 at Pittville Pump Rooms in Cheltenham (pictured below).

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