

The Painswick Beacon

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*Christmas greetings
to all our readers
everywhere - and
best wishes for 2013*



On other pages this month: 100 and 102, walking it off, club banking cash, **book review**, rugby tie, **new information boards**, the big picture, **NHS numbers changed**, action plan, **major pavilion revamp**, numerous Christmas preparations, **support local traders**, precept set for 13-14, **speed cameras**, children excelling.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Telephone exchange

Concerns that an application for two further louvred windows through which heat could be vented might cause noise nuisance to a neighbour led to opposing the submission.

Catbrain quarry

It was reported that open, regular and candid dialogue with management was an on-going matter with the Council, and confidence had been achieved that they were anxious to be helpful regarding all enquiries or concerns.

The public were welcome to approach them direct in all business hours or through the Clerk.

13 Upper Washwell

Concerns were expressed that roofing tiles to the new extension were not matching those existing on the main roof. The District Council had satisfied themselves that the closeness of match was acceptable.

Old Bakery: change of use

The Council had opposed the application to change from retail to office use, but the District Council had approved.

WASTE INCINERATOR PLANT

The Council received a 30-minute presentation by Urbaser Balfour Beatty, whom they had invited, upon the proposed plant at Javelin Park.

Facts and figures were rolled out, as was a full explanation of the layout of the intended structures, the significant flow of vehicles discharging their collections of domestic and commercial waste products, the filtering of emissions together with absence of smoke/pollutants, etc..

The design had addressed disposal of waste for Gloucestershire alone, with current levels of 276,000 tons a year for which solutions other than landfill must be found.

The Beacon cannot hope to set out all the pros and cons of such a major project to be located within a couple of miles of the civil parish and certainly prominent in the Vale of Glous, but can urge residents with concerns to access on line information for themselves. The Parish Council will contribute its views with regard to the planning application, which is on the table, at its next meeting on 12th December. Maybe that is one channel through which to register an opinion.

If wondering where to start researching pros and cons, the GlosVain web site is unreservedly con, whilst the Urbaser Balfour Beatty site offers reverse data and exhaustive facts about their intentions.

PARISH COUNCIL

Whether the change becomes the norm,

one cannot predict, but returning to reporting such meetings revealed a distinctly different approach. Considerable work had taken place in committees of the Council, as is the practice elsewhere, and such focussed debate in the full meeting.

Indeed, Chairman Martin Slinger brooked little waffle, and matters were despatched with some gusto.

Co-options

No nominations had been received to fill the vacancy in Slad Ward.

County Councillor's report

Joan Nash reported upon highways and preparation for winter conditions, update of the 'flood guide' circulated to all in the county, the survey of carers and personal budgeting support, and the desirability of attracting voluntary help on young offender panels. She made mention of the £10k allocation she was able to direct, and was expecting to allocate a portion to prompt resurfacing of Damsells Lane.

Flyer - 'Wake up Painswickians'

The Council took note of the recent 'yellow' flyer and, especially, a letter received from Terry Parker in which he drew attention to the range of developments in recent times which seemed to gainsay the core question put in the circular; e.g. community library, relocation of the tourist office, impending modernisation of the youth club premises and the creation of pedestrian route from the car park to the churchyard, the History Society notice boards and news that Christ Church may become an arts centre.

A much longer and stronger letter from Jackie Herbert was also read out.

Although the campaign had not been endorsed by the council, members were hopeful that any suggestions forthcoming from the flyer would be fed into their consideration of a revised Parish Plan. *(That this will be so has subsequently been confirmed to the Beacon.)*

Pavilion - Recreation Field

The Council was reminded that the GCC had set aside £45k from the proceeds of sale of the old library premises towards refurbishment of the Pavilion, not least to upgrade its use by the youth club. Plans for upgrading at a total cost of £98k had been prompted by the club, with free architect services they had attracted.

Caroline White reported on behalf of the Land and Buildings Committee their study of the proposals and funding, and obtained the Council's support for applying to the Public Works Loan Board for £20k funding repayable over 10 years to bring the assured total to £65k, there being indications that grants would be likely for others towards achieving the total desired.

All resources thus marshalled would

give priority to the exterior fabric of the premises - roof, windows and doors before such as changing rooms. The property would, of course, remain in the ownership of the Parish Council.

Public conveniences - St Mary's Street
Mrs White proceeded to report upon the sub-standard condition of these toilets and their embarrassment to the Council and the village.

It was agreed that a public consultation should be initiated early in 2013 upon three options

- minimal refurbishing at about £10k
- full refurbishment at £25k-35k
- selling on the open market for between £50k and £100k and utilising the proceeds for other services.

Budget and, hence, precept 2013-14

A detailed budget was tabled by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and closely examined. The Clerk reported upon consultations with users of the Town Hall and supplied other supplementary information, and charges for room hire and interment were slightly increased.

A grant to the Art Couture organisers could not be considered at this time in the absence of supporting accounts, although these are being prepared and anticipated for a later meeting.

After a crisp discussion upon all aspects the budget was approved, subject to changes regarding first £1100 repayment of PwLB loan (*see above*) in 2013.

The Council fixed the precept upon the District Council at £77,160 in money terms, and having regard for the prevailing economic climate; the SDC being requested to not revise that figure if adjustments were offing for population changes, etc.. This means no change in the parish precept to that of the previous 2012-13 year.

Traffic speed check volunteers

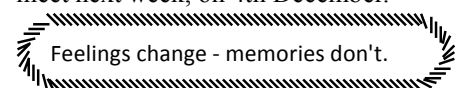
Rob Lewis indicated his investigating attracting a cadre of volunteers next year, as in Rodborough, to undertake checks.

CCTV

Similarly, Mr Lewis was looking into any police interest in the value of CCTV coverage of parts of the village.

Parish (Action) Plan

The Working Group had appointed Terry Parker as its Chairman, and was seeking to update the 2008 edition of Part II of the previous plan. The Group had suggested that a public consultation be held in February upon the Council's draft action plan, and this was agreed. The Working Group meet next week, on 4th December.



Christmas Draw

Apart from the après déjeuner pleasure of relaxing (whilst reading the Beacon) we bring extras to the occasion for those subscribers and a business whose names have been drawn out of our (paper) hat this year.

Even before this edition has reached their doorsteps we hope to have delivered:

A **bottle of whisky** to Mr and Mrs H Varty, the first subscribers out of the hat.

A half **bottle of liqueur** of repute to the second fortunate winner, Pat Burrows.

and **boxes of chocolates** to Mr M Churchill and Mr and Mrs I Eastwood who were third and fourth in the subscriber department.

A **bottle of brandy** to Steve Stockbridge - building contractor, the advertiser who, among the many we value, had drawn lucky.

Happy Christmas, and thank you, to you all.



Cupcakes for Carers

We had a very pleasant tea party with our friendly group of carers on the first Tuesday of November. The next meeting will be on 4th December when we will have some pre-Christmas mulled wine and mince pies, so if you have not ventured to come along yet this might be a good time!!

If you are not able to leave the person you care for, if possible please bring him or her along too. It can be so good to get out of the house sometimes.

Ring Pat on 813326 or Andrea on 812464 to discuss your options if that would help. We are in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre from 1.30pm to 4.30pm so just pop in for half an hour if you



like. We would also love to see the many friends who came from time to time during the year to support us.

Pat Burrows

Painswick's Information Boards

see back page picture

The Local History Society's major project, the installation of information boards at various locations around the centre of Painswick, has finally been achieved. The six boards, providing outline information on a variety of subjects ranging from architecture, history and legend, are sited such that they lead the reader on a sort of guided tour all round the town. For our visitors this should give a structure to their stay and enable them to enjoy more fully what Painswick has to offer. Our businesses, which have been generous with sponsorship, will, hopefully, also benefit.

There will be a grand inauguration, an opening ceremony, at 11.00am on Saturday, 8th December in Victoria Square in front of the Town Hall. This will be quite a special occasion and everyone is welcome to attend.

Carol Maxwell

'300' operational

Since 26th November patients and service users across Gloucestershire will benefit from cheaper call rates to the NHS as the county's health organisations move over to new telephone systems. This means that calls from landlines and mobile phones are charged at no more than the cost of a call to an 01 or 02 number. By changing the telephone numbers, almost all hospitals, clinics and services in the county will use the cheaper 0300 numbers instead of the previous 0845 numbers.

More information – including how to convert old numbers to new – can be found at: www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/telephonenumbering

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News from the Orchard Group Wassailing

..... and an evening of Music, Mummers and Midwinter Mayhem to banish the winter blues on Saturday 12th January.

Bring your pans, drums and whistles and join us on a procession to the orchard for Painswick's Wassailing.



Afterwards, at the Church Rooms, there will be live music from "Out to Lunch" and guest DJ's. A warming frugal supper (all under £2) and a cider bar to brighten the mid winter blues.

5.00-6.00pm Wassailing, and then from 6.30pm onwards music and food.

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Off to do your Christmas shopping? Before you subject yourself to the prospect of jostling with the crowds in towns further afield do stop first and consider exploring our own shops in Painswick.

They have so much to offer, each one truly individual and a real joy to visit. The choice is certainly impressive and our shopkeepers are once again presenting some very attractive goods which are just that little bit different. You may very well find that special gift and be pleasantly surprised by the prices too.

Post Office There's something here for all ages. Lots of new toys and games including some lovely wooden varieties, the wonderful old fireplace filled with goodies, special chocolates and gifts specifically from Painswick, Barbara Swindin's book on mountaineering and Nick Christian's book on the 10th Gloucesters in WW1, the new edition of the Painswick Chronicle, table decorations, a wide selection of Christmas cards, Painswick souvenirs and lots more. And how about scratch cards from the Lottery as gifts?

Painswick Pharmacy In addition to the existing lovely range of goods you will find many attractive extras. Special toiletries for everyone and in particular Royal Horticultural Society, Bronnley and Weleda all at competitive prices, all sorts of wonderful warmers and fun hot-water bottles, health products, special gift sets, Fair Trade edibles and lots more.

Cotswold Care Our only charity shop has a surprisingly good range of potential gifts for all ages. Cards, specially packaged gifts, toys and games, decorations, tableware, some impressive evening wear, high quality carefully sorted clothes, bric-a-brac – and lots more.

Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Based in Painswick for several decades, this is the last Christmas the Guild will spend in Painswick Centre before its move to Cheltenham. Tracing its roots back to the Arts and Crafts movement its displays nowadays are dramatically contemporary. All the pieces are beautifully designed and made by local craftsmen – pottery, glass, textiles, jewellery, cards, all stunning and definitely unique.

Painswick Woodcraft Dennis' training in the classic Arts and Crafts style is evident in the skilfully crafted items in beautiful indigenous hardwoods displayed in the shop. Whether simply practical or decoratively beautiful, tiny or grand, a gift from this shop is both special and unique.

Kate Rich Kate's tiny emporium is an absolute joy. The

range of truly delightful and lovely things is amazing, packed into so small a space. China, glass, jewellery, linen, pictures, cutlery, baskets, ornaments – vintage and contemporary. There's so much to discover in this little gem of a shop.

Painswick Fabrics

With its superb stock of beautiful, high quality silks, cottons, velvets, linens etc, all at very competitive prices, we are indeed lucky to have this outlet in our midst. Quite apart from the materials there is also an assortment of items such as tie-backs, throws and tassels for sale.

The Chairman A mix of both new and antique items for the home make Chris' shop an interesting place to explore and make lovely discoveries. A great eclectic mix of pottery, furniture, clocks, mirrors, pictures, toys and much more make a visit well worthwhile.

Fiery Beacon Exclusive, beautiful and unusual – here you will find really high quality hand-crafted ceramics, jewellery, textiles, lamps, ornaments and more. In this lovely shop you will discover beautiful things to suit all purses, from surprisingly reasonable prices. Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays.

Olivas Our little delicatessen is certainly unique and has a very tempting array of foods and wines specially selected for the festive season. Chocolates, cherries, cakes homemade to order, loins of pork etc all beautifully packaged. You can make up your own very special hamper. Parties can be booked for any time. Olivas will probably open on Boxing Day.

Best One A remarkable range of provisions and magazines as always but with plenty of extras, especially luxury confectionery and drinks, for the Christmas period. The small sweets section is a delight. Best One will close only on Christmas Day.

Country Market Apart from the fresh produce always on sale there are some lovely craft items beautifully made by local residents at very reasonable prices indeed and which would make ideal presents.

Pete's Fish and Ben's Beef We are very lucky in Painswick to be able to buy fresh Grimsby fish and local



(Painswick) beef every Friday morning. Pete will be in his usual spot in the Town Hall car park from 8.30-11.00 on 21st December and will have some specials including dressed lobster and crab, packs of smoked salmon etc. You can place special

orders with him until 14th December. He will be back on Friday, 11th January. Ben will also be present at the Country Market on the 21st selling his fresh beef. He will take orders for all cuts until the 14th.

... and where to eat

We are spoilt for choice. Our dining establishments now provide a complete range of eating experiences, all different and all highly recommended so there's no need to go further afield. All have special arrangements for the festive season with special menus, party catering and opening times. Call in to any of them to find out more – JK'S @ St Michaels, Olivas, Cardynham House Bistro, The Falcon, The Royal Oak, Cotswolds88hotel.

Why go elsewhere when it's all here in Painswick?

Carol Maxwell

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Stroud and District Mencap Society Coffee Morning

This year instead of holding our Christmas Fayre in Painswick we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre from 10.00am until 12.30pm on Saturday 8th December.

As well as coffee and mince pies, we will have a variety of stalls and raffle. We hope to see you all there and as always we appreciate all the support Painswick gives us.



Andrea Linsell 812464

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This year the coffee morning in the Church Rooms on 28th September raised £248.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Assembly in Gloucestershire exists to help voluntary and community groups in the county share their views and expertise. The Assembly is rooted in the belief that collective action is more influential than a series of individual voices, and that co-operation between people generates shared strength through a pooling of energy, ideas and resources. The Gloscars Award Ceremony is a chance to celebrate the work of the VCS across Gloucestershire and reflect on the successes of the year.



Considerable and justifiable pride attaches to Painswick Centre having won recognition for the Best Business Partnership this year. This award, sponsored by Amey Local Government, was won for The Painswick Centre's Calendar, a fund-raising initiative of Sue Lendon's, one of our Trustees. She is pictured after receiving the award from James Trotter of Amey at a presentation on 8th November at the City Works, Gloucester. This year's calendar includes the work of a number of local photographers and Sue was helped by Michael Hill and Joan Warner in its compilation and raising business sponsorship

for each page. We are grateful to the business sponsors for their support.

Jane Rowe

Dog fouling and dog control are important issues - - District Council statement

Not picking up after your dog is a real issue that we all find unpleasant, and one which poses health risks – particularly to children and teenagers. New measures, which focus on prevention, will help reduce these problems even further. These allow local authorities to adopt 'Dog Control Orders' to try and tackle the problem and Stroud District Council has adopted them as of 1st December 2012.

Action can be taken for:


- Failing to remove dog faeces
- Not keeping a dog on a lead in a designated area
- Not putting and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
- Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded.

The order relating to dog fouling applies to all land within the district which is open to the air and to which the public have a right of access (with or without payment). This will include all common and access land within the district.

Council officers will be working closely with National Trust Rangers on the commons to spread the word and give out leaflets advising the public about the new orders, as part of the initial educational campaign. Patrols will then take place and anyone witnessed failing to clean up after their dog is likely to receive a fixed penalty notice.


Many complaints are received every year from walkers, mountain bikers and other dog walkers saying they have trodden, run or cycled through un-cleared dog mess or had to hose their dogs down to remove other people's dogs mess from their pet's feet. Dog waste can also cause ill health effects in cattle if they eat affected grass, in some cases causing them to abort unborn calves.

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An optimist stays up, until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

Bax UK

Not unlike British Opera, British symphonies also tend to remain quite unreasonably neglected. On 18th October, our presenter friend Ian Hiscock set out to show how unjustified this was in the case of Sir Arnold Bax by playing excerpts from each of his 7 symphonies, composed from 1922 to 1937. Bax, a most original composer (and poet), best known for his tone poems, was a structural genius and great orchestrator whose musical style combined romanticism (a "brazen romantic" he called himself) with lyricism, often with elements of Irish literature and landscape.

The development of the symphonies represented a great composer's strong and powerful journey: no. 4 happy and breezy – "Bax Sea Symphony", no.5 dedicated to Sibelius, fantastic last movement, and no.6 incredibly powerful and one of the world's greatest, stood out in particular.

Ian told us that the study of Bax' music had proved a revelation to him that made him quite emotional at times – he certainly opened our eyes!



Supporting Local Producers

Painswick Country Market supports a variety of local producers, such as Washwell Farm beef, free-range eggs from Wittantree Farm, Bisleys and honey prepared at Stancombe Beech Farm from more than 300 hives located in the local Cotswold valleys. Our vegetables are also local, grown in Gloucester, Painswick and on Stancombe Beech Farm. In addition, we sell locally-baked cakes, biscuits, desserts and savouries, and home-made preserves. This month, our crafts-makers have been joined by a new producer of wood-crafts.



Painswick's Country Market will be open each Friday until 21st December, when pre-ordered Christmas baking can be collected. After a well-earned break, we shall re-open on Friday 18th January. In order to beat the 10 o'clock rush, we recommend ordering items in advance; please place an order at the preceding market or contact the Market Manager, Pamela Westcott on tel. 812471.

Bakers Sought & Found: last month's article, inviting new producers to join us, attracted three bakers whose cakes we look forward to tasting. We would welcome more new producers to join us in 2013. Please call into the Market or contact Pamela Westcott for more information.

Finally, the Market's Committee, helpers and producers all wish you a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Jane Rowe Secretary
info@painswickmarket.co.uk



"Variety is the Spice of Life"

– a saying that could well represent the music we enjoyed hearing in November.

First, on 1st November Stewart Price played favourite CDs brought by members some of which were certainly different to anything most of us knew. Among these – and most enjoyable – were Shostakovic: The Jazz Album; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice; Richard Strauss' Alpine Symphony and James Last's Orchestra playing Prince Igor and Ravel's Bolero.

More out of the ordinary still was Rob Nichols' "Juxtaposition" on 15th November. His selection fell into three parts: Covers, Unexpected and Combination. It was all thoroughly modern – a lot of it jazz, with trumpet and sax to the fore – based mostly on music and other culture well-known to us.

Among the exciting medley were Jacques Loussier: the best of Bach, Larry Adler: Harmonica Virtuoso - Carmen Fantasy; Miles Davies: Porgy and Bess; Monty Python: Oliver Cromwell; Mark Isam: L.A. Crash – "Sense of Touch" in Welsh and Leroy Anderson: orchestral Music "The Typewriter".

Nice to have a change!

Ralph Kenber



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Wayward birds

On the 23rd October in the Church Rooms the Bird Club joined with Yew Trees WI for a very successful meeting. Dominic Couzens, bird-study tour leader, author and TV presenter, came to relate human insights into "Birds Behaving Badly!"



These proved fascinating, often amusing, without escaping from the harsh realities that are evidently commonplace in most birds' lives. Birds have featured as symbols and in omens over the centuries and indeed are encrypted in our language, "pecking order" popularly indicating business or even social standing! Rather obviously size, sex and aggressiveness determine avian pecking order, though a male feeding another mature male is in the nature of a Munich manoeuvre. A clever rook "at the top of the tree," (accidentally dumps on his (literal) inferiors), perhaps until a (financial) wind blows?

So who'd be a surfacing coot with 200 gadwalls ready to grab its breakfast or a fieldfare with such ascetic dietary choices from only four berry varieties compared with the catholic blackbird's 23! While robins evidently and most prudently, "get engaged" and dunnocks are devoutly monogamous, female corn buntings go for multiple choice with up to 18

males to indulge her – realistically on hand to feed her young and guarantee species survival. These then, are a few examples of the stimulating data presented to us.

The next meeting will be on 5th February, when Graham Maples, Vice-President of the Friends of Slimbridge, will talk to us about World Wildfowl and their Conservation. Certainly a date to look forward to!

Martin and Wendy Addy

Charity Christmas Fair for "Tommys"

This aims at raising money to fund research into still-birth, premature and miscarriage and providing information to parents-to-be.

Saturday, 8th December, from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Painswick Town Hall.

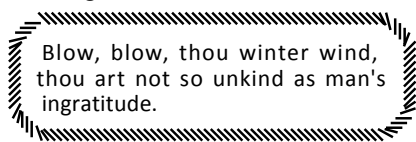
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Cover picture

We are indebted to Midge Leney for our cover picture this year, a photograph she tells us she took back in the chilly winter of 1991.

It was good to have several from which to make a choice; so our thanks to all who offered their selection to challenge us.



The Post Office

For our Post Office this is a busy time of year of course.

Over the Christmas period opening times will vary a little from the usual as follows:

Christmas Eve, 9.00-12.30 Christmas Day, Boxing Day, closed
Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, 9.00-5.30 Saturday 29th, 9.00-12.30
Monday 31st, 9.00-12.30 Tuesday 1st, closed

Don't forget that you may be entitled to discounted stamps – forms available in branch.

Are you aware that Post Office Gift Cards (choice of two Christmas designs) are available and make an interesting and useful gift? Minimum £10 and they can be spent in over 17000 outlets nationwide. Or how about a Lottery ticket or scratch card as a present? All available at the Post Office.

Karen and the staff wish all their customers a very merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Carol Maxwell



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Helping to keep the Post Office open
David Linsell (812464) offers this very significant advice.

As treasurer of the Community Lunches I was interested to discover a bank account that can be fully operated at the Post Office.

You can make both cheque and cash deposits, and a cheque book is provided for payments out. There are no charges other than when overdrawn, and no interest is added to the balance (but neither was it at our previous bank).

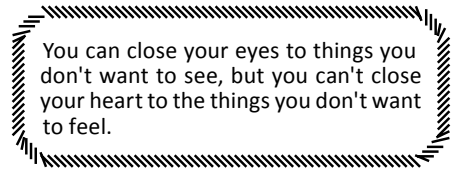
Could I urge all treasurers of Clubs and Societies in the village to consider using this facility.

The bank concerned is The Co-operative Bank, telephone 08448.448446.

Manorship records
Stephen Friar writes:

As an historian, I have a strong conviction that we should remember people from the past - whether famous or ordinary. We should judge people by their own time rather than by ours and we should remember and recognise all the actions, large and small, everyday and extraordinary, which contribute to how we live today.

An important part of this remembrance - essential once time progresses beyond living memory - is the need to preserve archives. I understand that Painswick's manorial records have not been lodged in the Public Record Office where they would be open to inspection and protected from decay.



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Excerpts from the Head Teacher's occasional letters to parents



Piano Assembly

Thank you to Emma Karran for organising the piano assembly last Thursday. The children played very well and with amazing confidence in front of the whole school and their parents. Well done to Emily Dandy, Tommy Richardson, Eloise Little, Isla Skelston, Megan Greenwood, Daniel Dougherty, Isabelle Dunckley and Hugo Mercer.

Science Week

During the final week of last term the whole school were involved in learning science. Each class was split into year groups for the morning and investigations, experiments and research took place. The children in different year groups covered such topics as light and dark, materials, and floating and sinking.

On the Friday they shared all that they had learnt and it was great to see Mea Bradley describe in detail how an eye works. Year 1s had drawn and labelled different light sources, and Year 3s showed the amazing ships they had created. Miss Underhay created a wonderful display in the corridor of all that the children learnt.

Community Lunch

Year 6s took part in the Community Lunch event on Monday 15th October. Having baked some delicious bread rolls, they then served them with soup and cheese to hungry guests who visited Ashwell.

Many customers were delighted with the service the Year 6s gave and commented on how good the rolls were. Thanks to Mrs Skipp, Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Munro for helping the children with this event.

Football Matches

The football team travelled to Woodchester School to play two matches against Woodchester and Rodborough as part of their involvement in the Stroud Football League. They achieved their greatest victory this season beating Rodborough 7-1, and secured a 0-0 draw against Woodchester. They were also highly praised by both the Head of the host school and the parents who accompanied them. They were commended for their team organisation and sportsmanship. We are all immensely proud of them and the way they behaved. Well done to Alfie Bradshaw, Charlie Murray, Charlie Daniels, Joe Hill, Henry Phillips, Louis Slater, Thomas Ticehurst and Joe Hosler.

Netball

Congratulations to the netball team who played three matches recently and won them all. As part of the Stroud League they played St Matthews and the Park Junior Schools winning 3-1 and 5-0. Later on in the week, after a long journey to play Highnam School they won a closely fought match 10-8. Well done to all the squad members.

Mock Trial

Each year the Year 6s take part in an event called the mock trial. This is run by Stroud magistrates and involves the children learning a script about a particular trial. In the past these have been about someone accused of stealing a bike or spraying graffiti on a wall. The children find out how a real life trial is run and act out the various roles such as defence barrister, defendant, magistrates or court clerk. It is a great opportunity for them and supports the citizenship curriculum very well. This year we will be offering the Year 6s the opportunity to do this in an after-school club to begin in January. We are looking for any parents who have magistrate or legal experience who would be happy to support us in running the club. If you are interested please could you speak to either Mrs Skipp or Mrs Towler to find out more.



Richmond and the second World War

To support their WW2 topic the junior children have been invited to visit Richmond Village to talk to the residents about their wartime experiences. The first group of children have been and enjoyed hearing personal recounts, looking at memorabilia and eating spam sandwiches! Many thanks to Mrs Skinner and Julia Mundell at Richmond for organising this event.



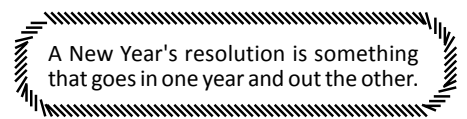
2013 Village Quiz 2013

On this date in what year did Napoléon Bonaparte marry his first wife, Joséphine de Beauharnais? Also, born on this date in 1934, which Russian cosmonaut who died in 1968 was the first human in space?

We can be pretty certain these will not be questions in the next Village Quiz.

But we remind readers that social gatherings at Christmas are a good time to form local teams of four to compete on 9th March next year. Club secretaries may appreciate this reminder too, to begin the quest for teams to represent them when the time comes.

Irene / Yuri Gagarin




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The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

A new lantern has recently been installed outside the Town Hall together with a plaque to mark the Queen's Jubilee

Neighbourhood Watch scheme catches thief. In one corner of Hambutts Field is a well, serviced by an antique cast iron pump. One afternoon the pump was wrenched off its base and stolen. A neighbour observed a man acting suspiciously and reported this to the police. That same afternoon a load of Cotswold stone tiles was stolen from Edge village where a man was also spotted acting suspiciously and his description was given to the police. The police were able to make an arrest based on this information.

20 years ago

The annual gathering of season ticket holders of the Rococo Gardens saw the formal launch of the 'Friends of the Rococo Gardens' to be run as a independent organisation to bring together people interested in the restoring and maintenance of this historically important garden.

A new system is being introduced at the Painswick surgery for out of hour calls. In future these calls will be directed to the Gloucestershire ambulance service and details will then be passed on to the duty doctor who will then contact the patient.

30 years ago

The new look Painswick Dramatic Society chose well their latest production "Breath of Spring" which moved along well with excellent timing. If their first play is anything to go by the Society will surely be giving excellent entertainment in the future.

Herbal thymes

The second of the seven winter talks/presentations to the Society is next Wednesday, 5th December, when Davinia Wynne-Jones of the Barnsley herb garden visits the Church Rooms at 7.30pm. Her knowledge of the subject, not least of oils and creams with herbal connections, is widely respected.

All are welcome to come along, there being a £1.00 admission charge for non-members, with a seasonal or non-alcoholic drink included.

The first meeting of this season was one when membership came up for renewal, and all concerned to open up a new future for those interested in horticulture and associated subjects



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were delighted to note no less than 42 did so, while there were 4 in the 'visitor' category. Although the speaker, Catherine Williams, held our attention with her take on designing and creating a garden of which we could be proud, it was the animated discussion during the refreshment interval which appealed to all present.

Plans are very much afoot for the new year, with five further presentations already booked and other proposals from members in the pipeline. Newsletters will keep members well informed, so do consider joining. Résumés will appear in these columns, but not the full and exciting story.

Leslie Brotherton

Banking club money

When the LloydsTSB closed its doors in Bisley Street, several moons ago, most clients needed to review their banking arrangements. Whether such was the personal depositing of cheques or withdrawal of cash, business banking of takings, or clubs making their modest payments for services or paying in cheques and cash, all had to reflect upon the matter of convenience and access.

Not least among these were clubs and societies with relatively small amounts of cash to get into their bank, and trips to Stroud or elsewhere have remained a true inconvenience.

Our eye was caught by the letter (*see Letters column this month*) from David Linsell, and the opportunity it opens up to help hard pressed treasurers. We enquired of Karen, and she confirmed the fact that cash can be 'banked' through our Post Office, and that the Co-operative Bank is the only one for which she provides a local presence and for which she offers the cash deposit facility.

Some could not only be helping themselves, but helping her turnover, if they considered what the Cooperative Bank offer. There are differing current accounts, but they are worth investigating.



Lost in transmission

We regret that there was some loss of quality in two or three advertisements last month. Readers will, we believe, share our opinion that the graphic layout of the content of most advertisements we receive and carry nowadays in these pages is not only informative, but pleasing to the eye. They enhance our pages.

In the final stage of conveying the finished copy of the Beacon to our much esteemed printers, Inky Little Fingers, the bundling and electronic transmission is such that shortcomings can elude our eyes.

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The Painswick Singers' Autumn Concert

The Painswick Singers' concerts at the Painswick Centre are comfortably convivial and relaxed occasions where we, the audience, enjoy the company of our friends sitting around colourfully dressed tables, indulging ourselves in the nibbles provided and whatever our fancies from the bar, well primed to enjoy whatever musical delicacies the Singers had to offer. So it proved again this year on 27th October when they gave us an unusual collection of choral items that had been composed during our noble Queen's reign, which the singers presented as a celebration of her Golden Jubilee.

The programme of choral items thus comprised a surprising juxtapositioning of items from the pens of Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten, Lionel Bart, Lennon and McCartney, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Howard Goodall and Anon. So we listened to foot tapping medleys from the Musicals "Oliver" and "Phantom of the Opera" which were in good company alongside "The Old Hundredth (Psalm 100)" hymn tune and "The Choral Dances from Gloriana", "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Blackbird". These items were interspersed with a tenor solo by Adrian Bressington and amusing readings on the theme of Jubilee by Angela Newing, who composed it for the occasion, Chris Woolley from Pam Ayres and Maurice Maggs who exposed some humour lurking in Handel's Messiah when confronted by the musically challenged.

Guest Soloist Elizabeth Fleming (Mezzo) rounded the programme off nicely with some exquisite folk songs and we all stood for The Singers' final item, Benjamin Britten's arrangement of two verses of The National Anthem, sung in rousing chorus which brought an enjoyable evening to an appropriately patriotic end. Roger Merryweather negotiated a taxing evening as accompanist with aplomb and Andrew Hopwood, who compiled the programme, directed the Painswick Singers through an excellent entertainment which was much enjoyed by an appreciative capacity audience, drawn from far and wide.

We now look forward to the **Christmas Carol Concert** on 22nd December in St. Mary's Church.

Ralph Kenber

The Painswick Singers at Christmas

The traditional Carol Concerts given by The Painswick Singers have been a regular and popular feature of Painswick's Christmas celebrations for many years, originally in Christchurch and now in St. Mary's Church. This year The Singers are including John Rutter's Gloria, which is in turns exalted, devotional and jubilant, alongside traditional Christmas carols with the audience joining in singing some of their favourites. The audience is then invited to join the singers in a celebratory glass of wine.

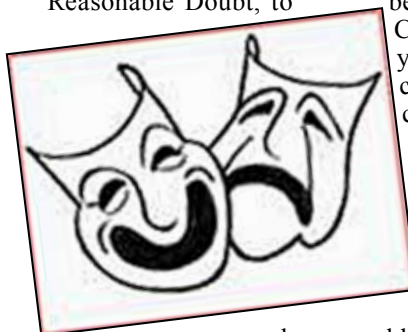
The concert at St. Mary's Painswick is on Saturday 22nd December at 7.30pm, tickets are extraordinarily good value at £7.50 including the glass of wine, but £5.00 for concessions available from Painswick Post Office and at the door.

There will be a collection in aid of The Acorns Childrens' Hospice.

Auditions

Dates are really bothersome little blighters!

The Painswick Players Committee meets just two days after the Painswick Beacon deadline so I'm unable to announce the date of the auditions for our next production. What I can say is that it's likely to be Jeffrey Archer's Beyond Reasonable Doubt, to



be performed at the Painswick Centre on 9-10-11th May next year. This is a serious and challenging play for the principal actors, but there are several minor parts which are ideally suited to those of you who would like to try acting for the first time. Auditions will be held at the Painswick Centre in mid-January: everyone is

welcome and by the time this is published we'll know the precise date. Please phone me at (01452) 814004 for more details.

The Painswick Players Christmas social is to be held on Friday 14th December. Details from Jill Walford at 01452.810888 or copsam@talktalk.net.

Steve Friar

The Lofoten Islands North Norway

The Field Club welcomes back Theo Stenning to its next Lecture Meeting on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre.

On this visit, Theo will be talking about the traditional fishing communities of the Lofoten Islands. We can expect some impressive illustrations of this beautiful archipelago with its spectacular ring of jagged mountains, rich wildlife and midnight sun. Although lying within the Arctic Circle, this area is unique in enjoying relatively mild winters owing to the Gulf Stream and its northern extensions.

In the New Year:

Singapore - The Lion City

In the New Year, Tony Curnock will be giving a Lecture on Singapore, on Wednesday 2nd January, at the usual time of 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be served after the talks and visitors will be very welcome to join us (£3 charge). Details of membership can be obtained by contacting me or dropping into one of our meetings.

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History teaser

What a lovely group of ladies posing for this picture, but are you able to name any of them? Furthermore, where are they and who were they collectively?

Last month's photograph showed the study of Welbore St Clair Baddeley, 1856-1945, who lived in Castle Hale and who was a very eminent historian, archaeologist, poet and traveller. He wrote many books. The picture was taken in about 1905.

If you have a photograph which you think would present a challenge or be of interest to readers please do get in touch.

Carol Maxwell



Barbara's Passion

Barbara Swindin has a real passion - mountains. Since she first discovered the joys of mountaineering whilst completing her degree at Birmingham University in the 1960s, this passion has permeated all aspects of her life. Her new book, *All But One*, indeed it is her first book, reflects the intensity of Barbara's feelings.

Her early childhood was spent in the Stroud area, so not exactly high terrain. It was whilst studying modern languages at Birmingham that she first discovered hill-walking and within a very short time this extended to mountains and climbing in Europe. Returning to Gloucestershire Barbara joined the Gloucestershire Mountaineering Club of which she is still a member and where she met her husband. After various jobs in industry she eventually became a teacher of languages in further education colleges. As a teacher she was very committed to



her students and had a strong sense of purpose. However, as she points out, "every spare second was spent in the mountains." This had most definitely become a lifelong passion. By the 1970s she had developed classic climbing skills and was particularly keen on tackling snow conditions in both Britain and Europe.

From very early on she was aware of the fact that the world of mountaineering was male-dominated. No matter how skilled they were, women never led the teams. Women had been involved in climbing since Victorian times and particularly after the First World War there were some notable, not to say feisty, ladies determined to scale the same heights as men. Many of these women feature in Barbara's book. There are some stunning photographs of them.

The book is autobiographical covering all aspects of Barbara's life, though the

mountains do tend to be present throughout. She draws comparisons between her own late 20th century experiences and the real struggles and fighting spirit of the early women climbers. As she says, things are different now with better equipment and much-changed attitudes. It has taken women more than 100 years to reach equality with men in the climbing world. After retiring from teaching Barbara took an Art Access course at Stroud College and can now be found working in one of the spaces in the Art Studios of the Painswick Centre. Her work, mostly of mountainous areas, reflects her passion and her paintings are strongly impressionistic in that they portray her feelings and views of the scenes she so loves. They are very evocative.

Barbara is certain that this is a unique book because of its focus on women. She was prompted to write it by the fact that a woman has at last climbed the Alpine Four-thousanders and thus achieved equal status in the climbing world. It is a remarkable book, beautifully illustrated and definitely written with passion. It is available from the Art Studios at the Centre and from the Post Office.

Carol Maxwell

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Seasonal Fun and Fare

Hansel and Gretel

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The Gardiner Room

This room, which is currently occupied by the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, will become free in May 2013, when the Guild moves to the Cheltenham Museum and Art Gallery. The Trustees of the Painswick Centre are meeting this month to decide what to do with the room and welcome views from local residents. Should we keep it as a community space? If so, what would you like to see in the room? Is there anything we could do with the room (or the Painswick Centre generally) that would meet your needs or interests better? Alternatively, would you mind if we

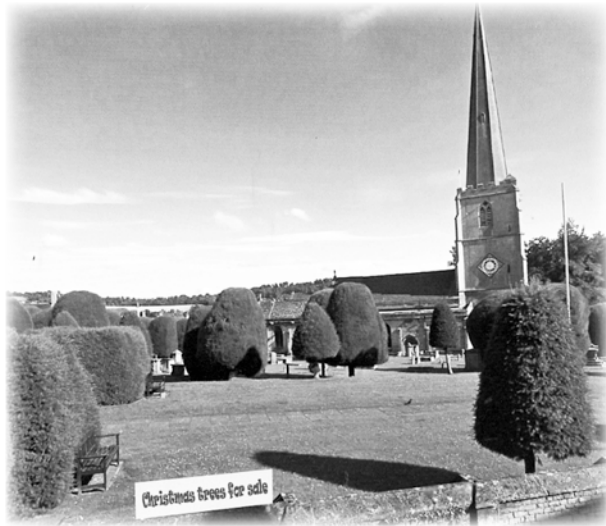


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If you want to do more, the website also sets out ways you could get involved such as thinking of an idea we could try, offering to volunteer or becoming a trustee. If you would like to help out please do contact any of the trustees. We would like to hear from you.

Gilly Hill on behalf of the Trustees



El Contador

From us both, Seasons Greetings and for regular readers, also from Maria Rosa in the shop, Juan Pedro the plumber and Jose Maria the builder. We all thought our card might amuse you.....

Christopher & Geraldine Piper-Short



JK's New Year's Eve Party at Painswick Centre

Among many in the village that evening, JK's are arranging what they describe as

'Old Fashioned Family Fun for 0 - 90 years'.

It will include traditional dancing and games, with a buffet and fully licensed bar - all between 7.30pm and 12.30am

Tickets: Children £3.50, with under age 5 free; adults and teenagers £10, are already on sale at JK's St. Michaels Restaurant in Victoria Street 813832 or 07719.782780



The Diamond Jubilee village photograph

The Beacon is delighted to reproduce the picture on our centre pages, and bring back memories of the celebrations here, and elsewhere, last summer. We hope you can pick yourself out among the hundreds present and smiling.

We carried this, much smaller, on our front cover in July and can remind all that full prints are still available from Five Valleys Photography, Unit 4 Salmon Springs Trading Estate, Cheltenham Road, Stroud GL6 6NU; on 01453.766660.

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Exciting plans for youth facilities

In May 2011, the Parish Council, in collaboration with the Painswick Youth football Club, PSALMS' Local Management Group and the junior section of the Cricket Club submitted an Application to the County Council under the 'Big Community Offer' for a £45k grant towards the cost of improving facilities for the young people of Painswick at the Recreation Ground. These funds were to come from the balance of the sale proceeds of the old Library building after the move of the Library to its existing location in the Town Hall.

Full plans and specifications have now been prepared by locally based architect, Richard Falconer, for the complete renovation of the Youth Club building and these are under discussion with the Parish Council whose approval is required before funds will be passed across by the County before the end of this year. The full programme of work (which may require some extra fund-raising) will involve a reconfiguration of the interior of the building to enlarge the meeting space and modernise the kitchen and toilet facilities; it will provide an excellent venue in which to carry out local Youth work and provide changing facilities and a social centre for the sports teams. The consortium is extremely grateful to Richard Falconer, local structural engineer, Alan Price and Gloucester based quantity surveyor, David Smith, all of whom have given their time and expertise for free.

More details of this exciting project and the vision for the future will be made available once the Parish Council have given their approval but in parallel to those discussions, the Youth



Football Club have been working on essential plans to configure two youth size flat pitches at the Recreation Ground for discussion with the trustees. The Club is thriving with now seven age group teams involving up to 86 children on a regular basis. The Football Association, as part of its national youth development programme, have now introduced clear rules on the different size pitches required for each age group band and the intention is to provide a pitch for 9 players vs 9, and a further pitch for 7 players vs 7 for the younger ones. This will enable the Club to continue playing in Painswick, rather than having to move elsewhere to be able to comply with the new regulations.

Again this will involve some fund-raising but it is very much hoped that the Football Association will provide matched funding to that raised locally, and that the local Community will really get behind this project. It is still early days and cost indications for this part of the development are not yet available but some plans have been drawn up by for discussion with

the Recreation Ground Trustees.

All in all, this is a really exciting opportunity to provide some appropriate facilities for the young people of Painswick on a par with those in other local communities like Minchinhampton, Bussage etc. Beacon readers will be kept regularly informed as the story unfolds but any offers of help for this Community project will be much appreciated.

Ian Marsh 812829

(See reference in Parish Council News on page 2. Ed.)

Library news

Incredibly by Christmas Painswick Community Library will have been open for six months, how time flies.....!

So it's been a good time to look ahead and make some plans for the future.

We are now able to display posters and leaflets. Some local clubs and organisations are already taking advantage of this and we'd like more leaflets with details of what your club or organisation has to offer, where you meet, contact details, programme if applicable, cost to members and visitors and anything else you feel is relevant. These will be freely available so more people will know about and become

part of the wide range of activities available in Painswick.

On a similar theme it has been suggested the Community Library should reinstate the Village Diary which used to be kept in the old Library. Many of our Library volunteers belong to other organisations so between us and with your help we would hope to keep the Diary up-to-date and comprehensive.

Without our willing band of volunteers Painswick would not have a library. Despite a sometimes wayward computer system, variable temperatures and occasional frustrations they are still coming back for more. I am very pleased and

grateful for their continuing support and commitment.—thank you everyone.

We're about to put the Christmas decorations up and apart from Boxing Day will be open as usual over the Christmas period. If you missed our late opening on the Goodwill Evening we hope you will call in when we're open on 28th and 29th December. Computers will be available as usual and if you've exhausted the festive television programmes and your own reading material come and try some of our new books. Please remember to bring a Gloucestershire library card.

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Day	Date	Time	Church	Location	Service
Sunday	December 9th	4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Christingle service
Monday	December 10th	11.30 am	Resthaven	Pitchcombe	Carols
Saturday	December 15th	3.00 pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Brookthorpe	Carol Service
Sunday	December 16th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		11.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Carol Service
		4.00 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Christmas candlelight service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Service of Lesson & Carols
		6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
Wednesday	December 19th	6pm- 8pm	Carols around village (in aid of Lideta)	Painswick	Telephone Iris on 812879 for meeting point details
Thursday	December 20th	8.00 pm	Woolpack Inn	Slad	Carols at the Inn
Saturday	December 22nd	7.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Painswick Singers Xmas Concert
Sunday	December 23rd	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	3 Parish Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
		11.00 am	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Morning service
		6.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Evensong
Monday	December 24th	3.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Harescombe	Crib Service
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Christingle & Blessing of Crib
		4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Nativity Play
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
		11.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Midnight Service
		11.30 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Pitchcombe	Midnight Service
Tuesday	December 25th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Day		9.00 am	St. John the Baptist C of E	Harescombe	Family Communion
		9.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass of the Nativity
		9.30 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Holy Communion
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Service
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist & Crib Blessing
		11.00 am	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Family Communion
		11.15 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion (shortened)
Wednesday	December 26th	9.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion
Thursday	December 27th	9.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion
Friday	December 28th	9.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion
Sunday	December 30th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Benefice Communion
		11.00 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Carol Service
		11.00 am	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Morning service
		6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Carols by candlelight
		6.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Service of Lesson & Carols

There are services at St. Peter's Grange at Prinknash Abbey on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For details see www.prinknashabbey.org or the notice board in the foyer of the RC Church in Friday Street.

Knee high on the Beacon

Our Saturday working parties have been very successful this autumn; we have already completed most of what the new HLS Scheme obliges us to do. The ob-



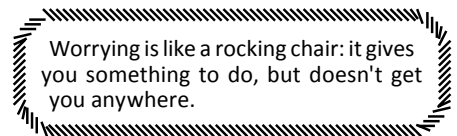
servant ones amongst you may have noticed that we have cut many small ash trees down to knee height. Why? Nothing to do with disease risks but we have left them for specialist attention. We are not qualified to apply Glyphosate precisely to the cut stems where the sap is 'falling' at this time of year and will pull the chemical down to where it will be most effective. The specialist will trace the remaining stems, cut them off at ground level and paint on a film of coloured chemical.

We haven't been able to start grazing yet since the Belties are not available to loan this season. As I write we are following several leads and hope soon to find some placid, rugged grazers. They may be Galloways, Dexters or possibly locally appropriate Gloucesters.

Our AGM was a happy event with membership increased, finances sound and future prospects positive. There was a record attendance boosted no doubt by those anticipating the intriguing talk by Amaury Blow and the animated discussion about Catbrain Quarry that followed. Amaury basically concentrated on the Beacon's history and how he and his siblings especially enjoyed roaming over it in their youth.

Future dates for our working parties (on alternate Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm) are: 15th and 29th December, 12th and 26th January.

Our most recent working party numbered twelve (another record?) who achieved a lot of clearing. They are a very friendly lot; do come and join in. Any queries to Secretary - David Little 813734 or Chairman - David Allott 812624.



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Fairtrade

In last month's Beacon we reported that Painswick had received its certificate confirming the village's Fairtrade status for the next two years.

John Rohrbeck reports that Painswick's Chemists stock a wide variety of Fairtrade products and that the Best One shop also stocks Fairtrade coffee and tea as well as a wide selection of Green and Black's organically produced chocolate bars.

Local delicatessen Oliva's serves Fairtrade coffee and bakes Fairtrade cakes for special events, iced with the Fairtrade logo. He says we are fortunate to have a number of B&B's who also serve Fairtrade hot drinks, with several using Fairtrade cotton towels.

There is to be a repeat wine-tasting on Saturday 9th February in the Church Rooms. We picture Mike Powis holding the renewal certificate.



People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

Excerpts from our MP's notes

Post Offices

There are well over twenty official post offices in my constituency and I am determined that they all remain open. Following a recent meeting with the Post Office, I am assured that they are all sustainable and secure. Naturally, changes in personnel and the introduction of the modernisation programme may have temporary impacts on service but closure of any is not an option. Recently, for example, Amberley Post Office has been placed on a firm footing after the retirement of the postmistress and the successful recruitment of a replacement. The modernisation programme coupled to the Coalition Government's investment in the network should give reassurance to all customers and Post Offices. My office can supply you with more details on the Post Office network and future plans if required.

There is more good news. The Post Office has won the contract with DLVA (Department of Transport) to continue to issue road licences and related matters. This further strengthens the capacity of the Post Offices to meet your community's needs in the future.

Broadband

Many of you will be aware of my campaign to improve broadband access. Several Councils were represented at my launch event with Jeremy Hunt, the then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and others have been in direct contact with me about particular areas of concern, I am

pleased to say that a new phase of investment is about to start, focusing on Brimscombe and Dursley.

This is brilliant news but I know there is more to be achieved in other areas. The key is to ensure that the providers of Broadband are aware of the likely demand if the necessary infrastructure is in place and, in any event, I am aiming for over 90% much improved coverage by 2015. Please contact my office if I can help to promote your case for upgrading.

Villages and Towns


Our villages and towns are essential parts of rural life. The shops, pubs and access to public services can make a positive difference for many residents, especially the elderly. This is why we must strive to promote vibrant and connected communities, and, to this end, there are many organisations able to help so please get in touch for advice if required.

Environment Agency

I have had a lot of dealings with the Environment Agency. Most of these have been connected with flooding issues – Severn Estuary, Berkeley, Stonehouse and Slad Valley are all good examples – but issues have included noise and air pollution. I have useful contacts in the Agency if you require assistance on these kinds of matters.

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Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Tennis

The Painswick Tennis Club held its AGM on 7th November attended by 40 members.

As customary in recent years the Junior Cups were presented to the winners at the start of the Meeting.



The Maureen Connolly cup for the most improved girl was awarded to Isabella Nunez, and the Boris Becker cup for most improved boy went to Finlay Davies. The Peter Bolton cup for the junior who made the most positive and enthusiastic contribution to Club activities was awarded to Henry Scott.

The photograph shows the three winners with Joan Griffiths – President, together with Lorraine Ristic- Head Coach.

At the AGM most of the current committee were re-elected, however after a year without a ladies captain Carole Eskell was elected to serve in that position for the forthcoming season.

The winter match season is in full swing and the club nights continue to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.00pm at Broadham Fields.



Bowls

Painswick is blessed with having two Bowls Clubs in the village. The Painswick Bowling Club and the Falcon Bowling Club. The Falcon Bowling Club recently held its Annual General meeting at which 47 members were present. The AGM is always an opportunity to reflect on the past season and to look forward to the forthcoming season. A feature of



last season was the weather! A greater influence than usual. Nevertheless, the Club still enjoyed a successful year with a full fixture list made up of a mix of league matches, friendlies and visits by touring sides. A notable game last season was our friendly with Painswick Bowling Club as part of their centenary celebrations. A very happy occasion.

The AGM appointed its Club officers for the forthcoming year including Club Captain, Ladies and Gentlemens Captain and Retired Persons Captain. So the Club is now set up for next season. Let the sun shine! The Club is in good heart but always welcomes new members be they new to the sport or already well versed in the game. Last season 8 new members joined which was very heartening. However the Club would like to improve on that figure ahead of next season. So why not consider joining. A warm welcome awaits you and help will be at hand should you need it. If interested then give Chris Clouting, Club Secretary, a call on 01452 617874. He looks forward to hearing from you.

Golf

One of the main competitions over the winter months in the Seniors (over 55s) section is the Winter Four Ball competition. In this competition, teams of two play one round each calendar month and the best five scores (of the six months) are added together. At this early stage of the competition, Jim McNamara and Norman Pullin are in the lead with 81 points. The Seniors' November medal competition was won by Phil Taylor with a score of 40 points.



The annual Seniors Presentation Dinner was held on 30th October. The trophies for the different competitions were presented to the winners. Our picture shows David Walker, after being presented with the Seniors' Championship Cup by Mike Hoey, club President

(left) and Roy Henderson, Seniors' Captain. A most enjoyable evening was held and it was good to be able to welcome many old friends. The following day, a new Seniors' year began with an AGM and election of Peter Rowe as Seniors' captain for the year.

Whether you are starting golf or more experienced, you will be most welcome at Painswick Golf Club. If you are interested in playing, please get in touch with our professional - Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) - or Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.

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Rugby

Painswick 1st XV 20 Dursley 1st XV 20

Dursley led by 15 points to nil at half-time and Painswick were training by 20 points to 12 with some ten minutes of the match remaining when wing three-quarter Will Hewer went over for a try in the corner to reduce the Dursley lead to just three points. With the referee indicating that the next stoppage would bring the final whistle, Painswick were awarded a penalty which Ali Bressington duly converted to level the scores. The photo shows Painswick attacking the Dursley line.

December fixtures (L) indicates league match
Sat 1st. Cheltenham Saracens 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.
(L) Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV.
Sat 8th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Gordon League 1st XV.
(L) Painswick United v Gloucester Old Boys 2nd XV.
Sat 15th. (L) Widden Old Boys 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.
(L) Hucclecote 2nd XV v Painswick United.



Have your say Services for Carers

Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire are about to draw up new contract specifications for carer services. They are asking carers to work with them to influence these contracts and invite you to participate in workshops which are being held across the county, covering each service area.

Three are scheduled for next week

Tuesday 4th December 10.00-12.30pm The Main Place, Coleford GL16 8RH

Wednesday 5th December 10.00-12.30pm Churchdown Community Centre GL3 2JH

Thursday 6th December 10.00-12.30pm Stroud College GL5 4AH

To book a place on any of the above workshops please contact Heather Ellis on 01452.328540 or by email at Heather.Ellis@gloucestershire.gov.uk

An alternative New Year resolution?

Catherine Butt, Community Fundraiser for Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester, has written :-

Bored of the same new year's detox diets or resolutions that never make it past January?

This year, make a New Year's resolution that will last by taking part in Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal 2013 and make a difference in your local community.

This February and March the charity will be holding their annual daffodil collections all over Gloucestershire, encouraging local people to make a donation for a daffodil pin as a sign of their support. The funds raised are crucial to ensure our Marie Curie Nurses are able to continue their work in local communities caring for terminally ill patients and their families in their own homes.

We need your help to make the 2013 Great Daffodil Appeal bigger and better!

If you can spare an hour or two at a collection local to you or if you want to find out where your local collection is, please get in touch with the Gloucestershire fundraising office on 01179.42 7132 or email catherine.butt@mariecurie.org.uk



Boxing Day Walk



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

The circular walk is planned to take approximately two hours. Stout footwear is necessary.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.

VG Fair

A well attended Christmas Fair was held for Sue Ryder, almost £900 was raised.

Thank you for those who made cakes gave bric-a-brac and books. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by The Chairman, Painswick Post Office, Painswick Pharmacy, Olivias, Cotswold 88 and Painswick Woodcraft.

Saturday 16th November 2013 for the next Sue Ryder Christmas Fair.

Pauline Breeze

Wild life

Natural England produces a quarterly Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve email newsletter, reporting on upcoming wildlife spectacles, events, volunteering opportunities and other relevant issues.

The next newsletter is going to be published in December. If you would like to receive it, please email britta.kohler@naturalengland.org.uk.

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disabled, a carer, or a homeowner with a mortgage or service charges.

• There is no savings limit for Pension Credit, but if you have over £10,000 this will affect the amount

*About 4 million older people are entitled to Pension Credit, yet about a third of those eligible are still not claiming it. The average payment is about £1,700 a year, so it could really boost your income. There are two parts to Pension Credit – you may be eligible to receive one or both of them.

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Savings Credit is extra money for people who have an income higher than the Basic State Pension or who have a small amount of savings. It provides up to an additional £18.54 for single people or £23.73 for couples.

It's worth claiming Pension Credit even if you're only entitled to a small amount, as it can help you qualify for other benefits. Can you claim it?

- The minimum age to qualify for Guarantee Credit is gradually rising. From April 2012, it is 61. If you turned 60 after 6 April 2010, you can check when you qualify by calling Age UK Advice or the Pension Service.
- Generally, you could receive Guarantee Credit if your weekly income is less than £142.70 if you're single or £217.90 if you're a couple.
- The minimum age for Savings Credit is 65. You may get some Savings Credit if you have a higher weekly income – normally up to about £189 if you're single or £278 if you're a couple.
- All these amounts could be much higher if you are severely

you receive.

If you receive Pension Credit, you may be entitled to a discount on your electricity bill, called the Warm Home Discount. Check with your energy supplier or ask a local advice agency like Age UK. Find out more on the Directgov website (www.direct.gov.uk).

How do you claim?

You can claim Pension Credit by calling the Pension Service on 0800 99 1234. They will ask you questions over the phone and fill the form in for you.

Alternatively, I can arrange a home visit for someone to fill in the forms for you if you are unable to get to an adviser such as Age UK. I've given details of Internet sites for those who wish to use them and I can get you more information if you don't have (or don't want to use) a computer.

There are other ways that you might be able to save money such as getting council tax benefits, money off your water rates, additional benefits to help with care, and so on. Give me a call to arrange a visit and together we'll see what we can do. I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Please note that the Village Agent role is part time so I may not be able to answer your enquiry immediately.

*Source Age UK "More Money in your pocket"

Lou Kemp 07776.245767

PROPERTY REPORT for November from Hamptons International

Property Report for November from Hamptons International November got off to a bang with the firework celebrations that seemed to run for about the first 10 days of the month. In the property market, things were a little more down-to-earth with business very much returning to normal after the disruption of the Olympics and related activities. The Nationwide reported that property prices increased marginally in October but were down by a similar amount annually. I think it is now true to say with some confidence that we are in a stable market with annual price changes having only strayed outside of +/- 1.5% in two of the last 24 months and with both mortgage approvals and transaction volumes showing similar year-on-year trends. Looking forwards, Hamptons are forecasting moderate price improvements of 2% nationally during 2013 and in areas such as Painswick we expect to see consistently higher demand for properties that offer no compromises – not necessarily expensive properties but those that compare most favourably with others of similar type. Our continued advice in order to succeed in this market will be to choose an agent with a proven track record in the local area and to be realistic in setting prices against known comparable property sales.

On a different level, Hamptons are pleased to be continuing our support of the local community by sponsoring a Christmas colouring competition with The Croft School. We will be featuring many of the entries in our office displays over the Festive

season so drop by and see if you can spot the next Hirst or Emin! New instructions recently include: The Old Inn in Victoria Street, a handsome Grade II Listed residence with courtyard garden and parking in the heart of the village; Honeysuckle Lodge in Knapp Lane, a modern detached family house in an elevated location offering delightful views; 5 Berry Close, a 3-bedroom mid terrace property in a no-through road close to the school and with parking; Cambrai on Cheltenham Road, a two bedroom Victorian end of terrace cottage; Stoneways in Edge, a modern 4-bedroom house offering far reaching views; Hay Cottage in Vicarage Street, a 3-bedroom period cottage with superb views across the Painswick Valley; and Hillside in Cranham, a detached 2-bedroom bungalow with scope for modernisation.

Properties currently under offer include 2 Severn Cottages in Vicarage Street, Fieldgate in the Highlands, Flat 5 and 12A Hyett Orchard, Highcroft and Painswick View in Edge, Tudor Cottage and 15 Churchfield Road in Upton St Leonards and Waratah in Brimpsfield. Those that have exchanged recently include Dynevor House on New Street, Nurses House in St Mary's Street, 1 Cup House in Bisley Street, Park Cottage in Butt Green, Windyridge on the Longridge and Oak End House in Elmore.

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DECEMBER

Sat	1	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Fairgame Productions present Hansel & Gretel - Musical Theatre for the family. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.00pm
Mon	3	Community Lunch - Hosts: Terry & John Rohrbeck	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	4	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
		Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Norway & Lofoten Islands - Theo Stenning Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
		Hort.Soc.: 'Herb Gardens Historic and Modern'	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	6	Christmas Fair for 'Tommys'	Town Hall	10.00 - 1.00pm
		Christmas Bingo: Cobalt Appeal Fund & Bring & Buy Stall	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays (Christmas Orders by 14th December to 812471)	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
		Christmas Fayre	Richmond	2.30 - 5.00pm
Sat	8	Stroud Mencap Coffee Morning	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12.30pm
		Opening Ceremony by Martin Slinger of the Information Boards (outside Town Hall)	Victoria Square	11.00am
Sun	9	Magical Christmas Fayre: Stalls, Games, Hot drinks & Festive food. Enchanted trail to see Father Christmas	Croft School	3.30 to 6.00pm
Tue	11	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Club Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	7.00 for 7.30pm
		Planning & Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.00 and 7.30pm
Thu	13	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas & Jubilee Social	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	15	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Copy Date for January Beacon		
Mon	17	Youth versus Adults Quiz	Youth Club (Rec ground)	7.00pm
Wed	19	Carols around the village - to raise funds for Lideta (Ethiopia): Tel 812879 for meeting point	Village	6.00 to 8.00pm
Fri	21	Christmas Country Market - mince pies & coffee available - final market in 2012	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	22	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert, including John Rutter's 'Gloria' with small orchestra	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	26	Boxing Day Walk	from Stamages car park	10.00am
Sat	29	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	31	New Year's Eve Party (JK's)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm to 12.30am

2013

JANUARY

Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Singapore, The Lion City - Tony Curnock Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	4	No Country Market (until 18th January)		
Sat	5	January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Tue	8	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	9	Probus: Inside a Beehive - Howard Pitts	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Hort.Soc.: Talk on 'Our Rococo experience - into the future'	2.30pm	Church Rooms
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: Ella Fitzgerald	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Painswick Players Auditions for 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt' by Jeffrey Archer. New members welcome	P. Centre, Cots. Room	7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear by Dr Gillian White	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Painswick Community Orchard Group: Wassailing Enq.812879 (meet at Painswick Centre)		T.B.A.
		Wassailing with the Orchard Group + supper	supper Church Rooms	5.00-6.00 + 6.30pm
Mon	14	Probus Women: The Story of Tea - Alan Hudson	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12noon

		Community Lunch: Hosts - Churches Together	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Gloucester Docks - Tony Condor	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	17	Christian Unity Week: Churches Together Around Painswick; Speaker Rev. Richard Atkins; & Afternoon Tea	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Fri	18	Country Market re-opens - Fridays - coffee available	Town Hall	10.00am
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Centre Trustees Christian Unity Week: CTAP Agape - Tickets £10	Ashwell Centre The Bistro	12 noon to 1.15pm 7.00pm
Wed	23	Probus: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Elaine Clarkson	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	24	Music Appreciation Group: The Edwardians	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: Stories of Marathon Running - Celia Hargrave	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	26	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	28	Community Lunch: Hosts - Yew Trees W.I.	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm

FEBRUARY

Sat	2	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	12.45pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Golf Club	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers Bird Club: World Wildfowl and their Conservation - Graham Maples, Vice-President of Friends of Slimbridge	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall	1.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: 25 years with the NHS - The experiences of a Hospital Acupuncturist - Adrian Lyster Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Special General Meeting & Lecture: Gloucestershire's Norman Churches - Dr Steve Blake Enq. 813228 (please note earlier time)	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.00pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Colston Hall Bristol	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm
Fri	8	Cracking Cryptics - Mastering Crosswords! Talk by Tony Long for novices & experienced players	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	11	Probus Women: Memoirs of an Airline Pilot - Peter Roberts Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00am to 12 noon 12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	13	Hort.Soc.: 'Royal Gardens'	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	14	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk - Colesbourne Park snowdrop collection & Gardens. Pre-book tickets on 813228	Colesbourne Park	10.15am
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday club	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Illustrated Presentation by David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Invasion of Sicily 1943 - Bill Affleck	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: Operatic Duets	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Baby

Congratulations to PAUL STEWART and NANCY CAWKWELL on the birth of their daughter BONNIE MAY STEWART on 13th October, another grandchild for Roger and Gill Stewart.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of BRENDA DUNN who has died recently;

also to the family and friends of LILLIAN GERRARD;
and to the family and friends of

RACHAEL MILES. Rachel was the wife of the former Vicar of Painswick Bob Miles.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to JOHN MARFELL who celebrates his 100 birthday on 10th December. John taught at Painswick School for many years and is fondly remembered by former pupils,
and, two ahead, BARBARA LEGH-SMITH who celebrates her 102nd birthday early this month.

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

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

SUNNYCROFT, Hollyhock Lane. Reduce height and width of Sycamore Tree.

CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe. Removal of Scots Pine Tree.

ALPENFIELD, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of a 2 storey detached dwelling to replace existing single storey dwelling.

STONE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street. Reduce Yew Tree by approximately 50% all over and sever the Ivy. Cut Yew back to boundary.

3 GLOUCESTER ROAD, Horse Chestnut – Fell to ground level.

WOODSIDE, Sheepscombe. External renovation to existing property, a summer room extension on east elevation to replace existing conservatory and the construction of new free-standing garage/car port/shed.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Stroud Road. Proposed replacement of two glazed windows with an aluminium weather louvre.

ABBEY FARM, Slad Road. Detached Garage.

CONSENT

GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road. Walnut Tree: Thin crown by 5% and lift to 2 metres. Remove dead wood and branch stubs.

THE MALT HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of detached garage with small workshop. Regrading of drive Access.

THE MALT HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe. Revised fenestration to existing listed building consent S.12/0620/LBC

KNAPP FARM, The Vatch, Catswood Lane. New recon stone roof, external stone cladding, two storey extension, first floor extension, ground floor rear extension, porches and raised terrace.

ROCKFIELD HOUSE, Rock Mill. Erection of extensions.

SCHOOL HOUSE, Slad Road, Slad. Alterations and enlargement of existing parking bay, replacement of concrete roof with slate roof and the addition of lantern roof-lights and garden room extension.

JAYS HILL, The Park. Installation of dormers to rear (SE) and side (SW) elevation and roof lights to the front (NW) elevation to facilitate loft conversion. Conversion of existing garage to form kitchen extension. Erection of new attached double garage.

KENIDJACK, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Removal of conservatory and sun lounge and erection of extension. Revised to approved scheme (S.11/1594/HHOLD) with addition of a basement.

LITTLE ORCHARD, Cotswold Mead. Rear single storey extension.

OLD BAKERY, New Street. Change of use of ground floor A1 (retail) unit to A2 (Professional and financial services).

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