

The Painswick Beacon

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All change at St Mary's

The Vicar John Longuet-Higgins and his wife Olive have announced they are leaving the Beacon Benefice (which consists of the parishes of Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe, Edge and Harescombe). They are really sad to be leaving; John has been here 11 years, Olive 42 years! They have enjoyed the shared ministry in this Benefice and have made a lot of friends. Thus it is a big decision for both of them. John has been appointed to the West of Severn Benefice, which is made up of the parishes of Ashleworth, Corse, Hasfield, Hartpury, Maisemore, Staunton and Tirley. These Severnside churches are all beautiful, none in the centre of the village, with fairly small congregations. The three primary schools and Hartpury College will be key to unlocking the future mission of the churches. John has a Reader colleague to serve the churches but no local ministry set-up. There will be a farewell service for John and Olive at 4 pm in Painswick Church on Sunday 7th October followed by refreshments in the Church Rooms. However John's last service will be on Sunday 14th October when there will be a confirmation service in Painswick Church at 10 am led by the Bishop of Gloucester. John's induction to his new benefice will be at Ashleworth Church on the afternoon of Sunday 4th November and will be conducted by the Bishop of Tewksbury.

During the interregnum, whilst there is no Vicar, services in the Benefice Churches will continue as per the established pattern thanks to the support of the non-stipendiary and retired priests who live in this area. The arrangements for appointing a new Vicar will commence over the next few weeks but it could well be 6 to 9 months before a new incumbent is appointed. The Parochial Church Councils of each of the Beacon Benefice parishes will have their say in the appointment in collaboration with the Diocese of Gloucester and the Lord Chancellor.

David Bishop (Churchwarden, Painswick)

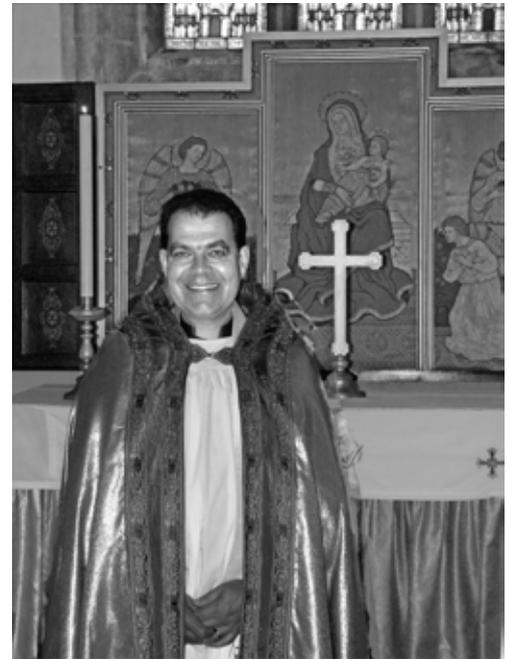
Our local firefighters need YOU Do you have what it takes to fill the vacancies?

Are you aware of just how much the role of a local retained firefighter encompasses? Our Painswick team has been involved in many dramatic situations such as serious fires and of course their heroic presence during the floods of 2007, but they may also find themselves in a rescue situation at a car crash, a kitten stranded or simply a fire alarm going off for no reason. Being part of the team involves a myriad of possibilities, all interesting and challenging, but perhaps most of all, offering a chance to contribute significantly to the good of the local community.

All members of our local team are part-time and train once a week on Monday evenings. Far from being an onerous duty they regard their role in a very positive light – important, helpful, respected, fulfilling, critical in times of need. It's also a fantastic way to keep fit and there are social benefits too.

This team is a great group of people who work well and effectively together. Frustratingly, our local team is not up to its full complement and this is where you could be of help. Why not consider joining the Painswick firefighting team? Just think of all the benefits not least of which would be membership of an outstanding and very likeable team. If you are aged over 18 as from next January (no upper age limit) you are eligible. It's also noticeable that there is a dearth of ladies, well none actually, in the Painswick team, so come on girls.

"We want to be able to provide 100% cover and currently are not able to do so," says Mike Powis, station manager. "We need people who, ideally, are in the village during the week. You don't necessarily need to live in Painswick. If you are able to reach the station in Pullens Road within five minutes, especially during the day, you are eligible." Team



Photograph taken at the Clypping service, a report of which is on page 10

members are paid a monthly retainer fee plus an hourly rate for training and an hourly incident rate. Recently the terms have been changed and are now more flexible than they have been formerly, particularly regarding hours of availability. Our station is fully equipped and very up-to-date.

The Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more men and women to swell the numbers in order to fulfil our local station requirements. We do have a real shortage of numbers now in Painswick. On Tuesday, 16th October there will be a recruitment evening at the station in Pullens Road when you can find out more if you're interested and try out the equipment. Why not come along and see for yourselves what it's all about? Everyone is welcome between 7.00-9.00pm.

This is a frontline service. It is important and the possibility of saving someone's life – well, it doesn't get much more rewarding than that, does it?

Carol Maxwell



On other pages this month: Post office update, **directory** last call, flu vaccinations, **poppy appeal**, incinerator, **conserving the Beacon**, departing bins, **clypping**, Jean & Peter Minall

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS *by Mike Kerton*

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



This month's meeting suffered from a scarcity of Councillors with only five present for the Planning Meeting and six for the full Council Meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Catbrain Quarry

Chairman Rob Lewis advised the Meeting that weekend work had now ceased. It was agreed that this item would remain on the Agenda for future meetings.

Matters requiring a decision.

There were only four matters requiring a decision. Plans were clearly displayed on the screen and the Council agreed to support three of the Applications, the fourth had been "withdrawn" prior to the Meeting.

The Chairman advised the Meeting that a recent planning application from The Old Courthouse had been refused by the District Council and that a Refusal Order was to be issued after the next District Council Meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL

Before the start of the Meeting members of the public can raise questions on local issues. A member of the public raised the issue of the proposed waste incinerator to be built at Javelin Park. She expressed concern that the prevailing wind might carry emissions from the site to Painswick and asked what was the position taken by the Council towards the planning application. It was explained by the Chairman and members of the Council that no planning application had yet been submitted and that Painswick would not be invited to comment as the site did not fall in their area. It was stated that Standish Parish Council, who were directly involved, were seeking the support of local Councils to oppose the plan. They wished to make a presentation to the Parish Council. County Councillor Joan Nash explained that there had been two open public meetings at the site when members of the public could discuss their concerns with both the Contractors and County Councillors. It had been suggested that a further meeting be held.

Councillor Rob Lewis recommended that representatives from Standish PC be invited to a future meeting and that the matter should be discussed by the full Council and not by the Planning Committee.

Chairman Martin Slinger then opened the Meeting.

Matters of Urgency

The Chairman confirmed that confirmation had been received that the Post Office was due to re-open on Tuesday 27th September. (It had been closed for "operational reasons".)

Co-options to the Council

No applications had been received for the co-opted vacancy at Slad.

The Royal Oak

A local resident, Donald Merrylees had written to the Council stating that he had lived next door to the Royal Oak for 40 years. Until about four years ago neither he or his neighbours had cause to complain about excessive noise or unpleasant behaviour. In the last few years new landlords had obtained bar licence extensions for every Friday and Saturday night until 1.0am. Since then there have been many occasions of high noise levels and offensive language late at night. The problem is accentuated by those drinkers who want to smoke having to go outside either into the courtyard or on the pavement. It was alleged that customers from outside Painswick were attracted to the Royal Oak after other pubs had closed. The impact of noise from the pub, late night traffic and pedestrian movement late at night at weekends was unacceptable to the local residents. Mr Merrylees and his neighbours wanted the Parish Council to act before new tenants took over and the owners sought to reactivate the current licence.

Councillor Rob Lewis stated that he had discussed the licensing arrangements with Stroud District Council. The District Council had taken over the issuing of licences from the local Magistrates and were not obligated to contact parish councils before granting a licence. And the new tenants would not need to apply for a licence as the premises are already licensed.

It was suggested that local residents should contact the District Council requesting that they review the licence extension on a Friday and Saturday night. Concern over the noise levels late at night would be a significant factor. Also, if a similar nuisance occurs again either contact the police on the non emergency number 101 or the District Council's Environmental Health Department. Complaints should be made before the Royal Oak re-opens. The Clerk confirmed that 5/6 local residents had e-mailed complaints to the Council over noise levels at the Royal Oak. All complaints will be passed to the District Council.

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Joan Nash spoke about how the independent Living Centre is assisting the elderly to live independent lives. The Troubled Families Programme will be working with 900 families over the next three years – Government funding of £2m. The new edition of the Gloucestershire Charter has been agreed and has been circulated to local Parish Councils. A review of homelessness has been carried out. More support is needed in rural areas and more beds in Cheltenham. A scheme for both Gloucester and Cheltenham with a community based floating support unit is out for tender. Since the start of the Climate Change Campaign in 2006 the County has reduced

its carbon emissions by over 17%. This has saved about £1m in energy costs. There has been a reduction in County Council owned property as surplus buildings have been sold and staff moved into Shire Hall from "outposts".

New Recycling Containers in Stamages Lane

Chairman Martin Slinger confirmed that following a meeting at the District Council Offices involving local members of the public, Parish Councillors and District Council staff it was agreed that the Recycling Containers would be removed. During the meeting it was disclosed that of the 10 recycling sites in the District, 9 were on industrial sites with only Painswick's being based in a residential area. The containers have now been removed.

Nomination of a Council Representative to serve as a Trustee on the Painswick Centre Committee

Chairman Martin Slinger explained that the Centre's Constitution required a Parish Council Representative to serve as a Trustee. It was agreed that an approach would be made to Sue Lendon to fulfil this role.

Parish Plan

It was agreed to ask former Chairman Terry Parker to assist Councillor Ela Pathak-Sen in preparing the Parish Plan.

Marketing Painswick

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Council that an e-mail had been received from John Sidwell setting out what he considered to be 20 key action points. After some discussion it was agreed to take this matter forward as part of the Parish Plan. The papers would be passed to the Working Group.

CCTV in Painswick

Councillor Rob Lewis explained to the Council that he was still gathering information and in due course he would arrange a meeting of the steering group.

Finance Report

Clerk Roy Balgobin asked Councillors to remind the three local churches to apply for the Precept Funds that had been allocated to them. The funds were only allocated for upkeep of Churchyards.

Ward Reports

Councillor Ian James stated that Sheepscombe residents had complained about the condition of the road surface from the Butchers Arms to the A46. There was a local petition being circulated which would be forwarded to County Councillor Joan Nash. Councillor Nash advised the meeting that the pot holes would be filled in by the 4th October and that the resurfacing of the road had been identified as a priority for the next financial year.

A 16 ton lorry had recently been "stuck" in Tibbiwell Lane. The police had attended the incident and the driver had been fined. Chairman Martin Slinger suggested that a width restriction sign be erected in Tibbiwell Lane.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Visit to Cirencester 12th October

Would anyone like to join the Friday Club members on a coach trip to Cirencester on Friday 12th October? The coach will leave Stamages Lane car park at 11am, first stop Dobbies Garden Centre, then on to Cirencester's Corinium Roman Museum followed by shopping time and/or a guided tour of the renovated parish church in the main square arriving home at 4pm. Cost £15. To book tel: Ann Williams on 812344.

**Friday
Club**

Jane Robinson

Library news



There's plenty going on at the library this October. Local mums Emma Kernahan and Anthea Iles will be running 'Baby Bounce and Rhyme' sessions every Wednesday afternoon (including holidays) starting on Wednesday 17th October at 2pm until 2.45pm. Emma is hoping children aged 0 – 5 years will enjoy the sessions. 'We'll start each week with some singing and music which the smaller babies especially enjoy, and finish with a story for the 2 – 5 year olds' said Emma.

Now the library has been given charitable status attention is turning to fundraising to secure the future of the library service. On Saturday 13th October there will be a Book Sale and Coffee morning in the Town Hall (downstairs) from 10am – 12.30pm. We will be selling some of the surplus and duplicate books which are difficult to store. This is an opportunity to meet some of the library volunteers, buy good quality second hand books and enjoy a Saturday morning chat over some coffee!

Painswick Brownies are spending an evening in the library this month as part of their book reading badge. The girls have also offered to make some posters advertising our book sale, so keep a look out for their artistic endeavours around the village.

If you haven't managed to pop in to the library yet, do come and have a look around, most visitors are pleasantly surprised at what is available on our shelves.

Julia Churchley, CLIP Trustee



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If you provide a service or run a business or society it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant details are entered in the next edition. It is also important to check that the details of existing entries are correct and up-to-date. Please let us know about any changes to be made. Likewise, we need to know if you wish your entry to be removed and, indeed, if you are aware of any which should be removed.

We depend entirely on the information given to us by traders, club secretaries etc and we need those details urgently, and certainly by the end of October if you wish to be included. This is a free community resource and the information needs to be current, accurate and comprehensive.

Please send your details to either Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or the Beacon's email address at beacon@painswick.net or put in the Beacon box in New Street. After the end of October will be too late.

Carol Maxwell

An update on the Post Office:

Painswick Post Office re-opened on the 25th September after 5 very long weeks of being closed. Unfortunately, this was due to the installation of the Lottery and the subsequent delay in reinstating the Post Office computer system. We will continue to trade as a Sub Post Office keeping our hours of 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12.30pm on a Saturday (a reminder that we do not close for lunch or half day on a Wednesday)



I would like to thank everybody for their support and understanding during those 5 difficult weeks and also a thank you to Painswick Parish Council who also voiced their concerns to Post Office Ltd.

During this period of closure we have gone through a re-structure on staffing levels and regrettably the loss of 3 part time staff, the only difference being at certain times of the week all transactions will be at the Post Office counter.

I cannot stress enough on the importance of using the Post Office in order to keep it up and running.

Karen Judd

Undelivered e-mails

For the past 3 weeks I have had problems with my e-mail service. Sometimes e-mails are sent to me and cannot be delivered and (sometimes at least) the sender is so informed. Sometimes e-mails I send do not get delivered. If this has resulted in any article sent to the Beacon not being delivered to me then I regret this. However, I am presently in the hands of TalkTalk and I am awaiting their response to my complaints.

Peter Jenkins, editor

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Week of Prayer for World Peace

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Prayers for peace will be said each day in the Catholic church of Our Lady and St. Therese at 10am from Monday to Saturday. All people of any faith and none are very welcome to attend.



Rita Bishop

Poppy appeal

Very recently Prince Charles, on a visit to a 'Battle Back Centre', commented that "I did not realise so many service personnel were being injured in Afghanistan". He can be forgiven his ignorance because this is probably a fair criticism of us all.



Thankfully the Royal British Legion does realise the impact on serving personnel and their families and has shouldered major commitments to look after them now and into the future. To date the RBL has helped over 16,000 war veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, but a total of 9.5 million people are eligible for such assistance.

Last year the Poppy Appeal in Painswick raised a total of £5,098.47, as a contribution to the £836,000 raised in Gloucestershire which was a significant contribution to the almost £40 million raised nationally. Every pound has been committed to deserving men and women.

This year's Remembrance time commences on Saturday 27th October and runs until Remembrance Sunday on 11th November. The Poppy Appeal relies on a significant number of volunteer helpers and new ones are constantly required, if you are able to help please call me on 01452 813229.

I know from my past experience this community will continue to give generously to the vital work funded by the Royal British Legion.

Russ Herbert
Local Organiser Poppy Appeal

FLU VACCINATIONS

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence in October this year.

All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

We will therefore be holding clinics on Saturdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October here at the surgery from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment – please don't wait for a letter inviting you to come in – we would like as many people as possible to take up this offer. (We won't be organising 'flu clinics at the surgery during the week in order to reduce congestion in the car park.)

Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager

Energy saving competition

Have you noticed your energy bills creeping ever upwards? Are you keen to bring them down? We are looking for groups of households to take part in our fun energy saving competition this winter.



Starting on 1st December, the Energy Neighbourhoods competition could really help you to gain a better understanding of how you use energy in your home and how you could reduce it. All participants will be provided with the advice, help and encouragement they will need to reduce their home energy consumption simply by changing the way they do things around the home. No investment is required to take part, just a desire to save energy and tread more lightly on the planet. For more information on how the competition works and how those who took part last year got on - including the winning team who made a wonderful 15.54% saving - check out our website www.energynighbourhoods.org.uk or contact Rosa Garcia at Severn Wye Energy Agency; rosa@swea.co.uk - Find your group and start saving energy! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Karen Robinson
Project Worker,
Severn Wye Energy Agency Ltd

Helping Hands Handy People Wanted!

Care and Repair Stroud need reliable people to help local older or disabled people with small repairs and 'DIY' jobs. In these cash strapped times we are trying to make sure that we continue to help as many people as possible regardless of their ability to pay.



If you enjoy meeting people and have experience in the building trade or doing odd jobs around your home we want to hear from you.

This is paid work in the community and would particularly suit newly or semi-retired people or a part-time worker looking to supplement their income.

Use of own transport and tools would be an advantage.



Applicants must be willing to undertake training and a Criminal Record Bureau Check.

Volunteer opportunities also available. Call Care and Repair (Stroud) Ltd on: Stroud 01453 753471 or Email: general@careandrepairstroud.co.uk. See also www.careandrepairstroud.co.uk

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is now taking place with weekly meetings at the new time of 1.30pm on Friday afternoons during the normal school term. We meet in the Playgroup building in the Croft School grounds, making use of the playgroup building and facilities after the playgroup has finished for the day. The group is small and friendly and allows local children to meet and play together whilst offering mums, dads and carers a chance to chat over coffee.



We meet for approximately an hour and a half, consisting of an hour of play (and in the summer months make the most of the outdoor play area), then have juice and biscuits and finish with a few songs.

The next session will take place on Friday 5th October at 1.30pm so if you have a baby or toddler please come along!

For more information please call 07810 358200 or visit the Painswick Baby and Toddler Group page on Facebook.

Amy Leivers

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Town Hall
3rd November
from 10am to 12 noon**



Please come and support the only fundraising event of Sue Ryder Care in Painswick. There will be cakes, chutneys, jams and other edible goodies. A super raffle. Bric-a-brac. Christmas cards. Books. Planters.

Donations of money, raffle prizes, gifts or cakes will be gratefully received, collection possible. Items may be left with Ann Williams, Tel 812344, Helen Baker, 813091, Pauline Breeze, 813632 or Morna Holliday, 813063

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We will be holding our tea parties on the first Tuesday of the month, 1.30 -4.30pm on 2nd October, November 6th and December 4th and hope to see all our old friends then in the Green Room, Painswick Centre.

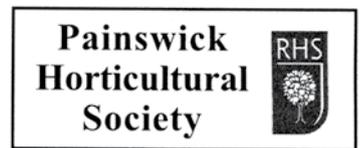
We are so pleased that the Painswick Centre is continuing to offer us a reduced rate as they consider we are offering a service to the community. We are also delighted to have been selected as one of the Community Lunches' charities for this year as this could enable us to offer our carers more, so please support them by having their delicious soup and cheese lunches on a Monday!!

We offer a friendly tea party for people who feel their lives are maybe restricted somewhat by looking after housebound relatives. It is possible some neighbours or friends could help by offering to sit with the dependant so enabling the carer to nip out for an hour to have a cupcake with us (or in fact just have some respite at any time)) If you would like to help or be helped in this way do get in touch with Andrea Linsell 812464 or myself on 813326 and we will try to organise something for you

Patricia Burrows.



Society alive!



It is pleasing to report, sooner than expected, that part of the customary but now revised programme of the Society is rolling!

A small committee, five at present, has come together to look at future activities. Two 'talks' evenings have been arranged before Christmas, and work is in hand for the New Year - more news later. A newsletter will be going out to members in the second half of October, but we know there are others in the wider community interested in such developments and these columns should be how we make them known.

The venue for the talks has been changed to the Church Rooms, so there is lots of parking (free too) and capacity for members, guests, and more. These two evening meetings will commence at 7.30pm and be Wednesday 7th November - Catherine Williams will be presenting us with ideas on the theme of "Design and create a garden to be proud of". Catherine focussed her early career upon getting a firm practical foundation by working in garden nurseries after qualifying from Holme Lacy College with an NDA (National Diploma in Agriculture) in 1987. She has acted as a design consultant since 1993.

Wednesday 5th December - Davinia Wynne-Jones, from Barnsley herb garden (just behind Barnsley House Hotel), and whose knowledge of herbal oils and creams is widely recognised, is dedicated to growing and supplying medicinal herbs and to spreading knowledge about these plants; she will be talking about "Herb Gardens Historic and Modern".

For non-members, on these two occasions, a 'visitor fee' of £1.00. If there are any queries about these or other up-coming events, please don't hesitate to contact either of us:

*Leslie Brotherton Co-ordinator 813101
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The Painswick Calendar

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The front cover photographed by Michael Hall, captures the historic moment when the Olympic torch passed through Painswick.



All proceeds from the sale of this calendar will go towards the maintenance and upkeep and running costs of the Painswick Centre.

If you would like to buy one (or two!) please contact any of the Trustees, Sue Lendon, David Linsell, Jane Rowe, Mike and Judie Hill, Mike Steed, John Rohrbeck, Kate MacDuff or Gilly Hill, or visit the venues named above.

Painswick goodwill evening

A date for your diary: The Painswick Goodwill Evening will be on Friday November 30th from 5 pm – 9pm, when Painswick Centre will have stalls and entertainment for your interest and enjoyment, along with all the other businesses in Painswick. Further details will be published nearer the date.

Sue Lendon



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This show is suitable for adults and families with children aged 7+. Ticket prices are £7. Refreshments and licensed bar available from 6:30pm.

Tickets on sale at Painswick Post Office or can be reserved by phoning 01452 813718 or email kate@thepainswickcentre.com

Kate MacDuff & Jane Rowe

Painswick Community Choir

Sing in harmony with Painswick Community Choir at The Painswick Centre - Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm. New members very welcome!

This vibrant and fun community choir meets on Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm. It's open to everyone who would like to sing in harmony with others. Singing is good for the heart and soul and can leave you feeling uplifted and energised!

Being part of a choir is a hugely rewarding and fun social experience. No music reading skills are necessary – just enthusiasm to sing - songs are generally taught by ear with words and sheet music provided if needed.

I lead the Choir and we sing a variety of traditional, folk, gospel, contemporary, original and seasonal songs from across the world and the UK. We meet upstairs in The Painswick Centre, £5 per session. For more info please contact me on Tel: 01453 298138 / E: sophiesterckx@naturalvoice.net

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Community Lunches

Welcome to this session's lunches every Monday from October 1st for 10 weeks before Christmas (& 10 after). For £2.50 you get home-made soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese – and good company! – at Ashwell Centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way.

The 2 local charities to be supported this year are: Painswick Youth Football Club who are building up this new & thriving club for lads from aged 6 to 14; and Cupcakes for Carers, who offer a friendly tea party for carers (& their charges) once a month in the Green Room at Painswick Centre – with advice and support.

We do hope people of ALL ages will come to support the lunches, as each week's different hosts work so hard to provide them. Note especially on October 15th when Year 6 at Croft School will be the hosts!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) & David Linsell (Treasurer)

Women's Probus

It has been decided that enough interest has been shown to start the Women's Probus Group in Painswick. The first meeting to be held on the 8th October in St. Mary's Church Rooms, will be the inaugural one. Most meetings will take place there, usually on a Monday morning and start at 10.30am for coffee with the meeting beginning at 11am

At the inaugural meeting it is hoped that members will bring their own ideas concerning subjects that they would like to hear about and suggestions for visits etc., before the next part of the programme is completed.

The next meeting on 5th November will be on a very topical subject "I was an Olympic Volunteer". The speaker will be Mike Cooper who has been a volunteer at different Olympics and written a book about his experiences. At the end of the month (26th November) there will be a cookery demonstration at Waitrose Cheltenham (starting at 11am), which will have a Christmas theme. This will be followed by an optional lunch at 1pm at The Tivoli, Cheltenham.

There will be no meeting in December. It is hoped that anyone interested in a Women's Probus Group will come along to the first or second meeting.

Sylvia Walker

Music in the cathedral

Singing in Gloucester Cathedral with Adrian Partington conducting, Gloucester Choral Society presents a programme this winter to suit all tastes.

The extraordinary young Korean soprano, Hye-Youn Lee sings Richard Strauss's exquisite Four Last Songs on 17th November. Their beauty is offset by Stravinsky's thrilling Symphony of Psalms, and the blaze of glory that is Bruckner's mighty Te Deum. Tickets range from £7.50 to £28. Advent brings Handel's joyous Messiah on 8th December. Tickets range from £7.50 to £25. Boxing Day is when we celebrate Christmas in traditional fashion with Carols for All, with a collection for Headway Cotswold Trust. Entry is free.

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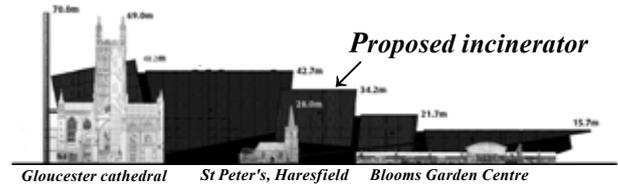
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Proposed incinerator at Javelin Park



Recently Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) resolved to sign a contract with Urbaser Balfour Beatty (UBB) to construct and operate an incinerator at the Javelin Park site next to the M5 junction 12. The incinerator would be an alternative to using landfill. It would process up to 190,000 tonnes of residential and business waste per year, and produce energy as a by-product. It will cost £500m over a 25-year period and will be paid for by Council TaxPayers. However, GCC claims that over the 25-year period, there will be a saving of £150m, as compared to continuing to use landfill.

It has been reported that Stroud District Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the campaign group GlosVAIN (Gloucestershire Vale against Incineration) are all, for various reasons, opposed to the contract. However, planning permission and an environmental permit have yet to be granted. and it has been drawn to the Beacon's attention that the planning decision is scheduled for December when any objections raised will be considered. There is also a further complication in that opposition politicians in GCC have made a legal challenge to the decision, scheduled to be considered by its Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 2nd October. Some background information is given below.

Firstly, the signing of the contract means that if planning permission is not granted then GCC will be liable for a considerable sum in compensation. This has led to a concern that the planning committee will come under pressure to approve the proposals, bearing in mind that local elections are due to be held in May 2013. Any future administration would be bound by the decision. In response councillor Stan Waddington, GCC's cabinet champion for waste, has been reported as saying: "The procurement and planning for this contract are entirely independent of each other. The sooner we fix a price with a contractor, the better the value we get for local taxpayers. It protects us from rising costs, especially from any increase in interest and exchange rates."

Another concern that has been raised is that waste is burned at temperatures that are too low to fully break down refuse leading to the possibility of toxic emissions being emitted into the atmosphere. Cllr Stan Waddington, has responded "The Health Protection Agency's position on energy from waste facilities is clear. Well run and regulated modern municipal waste incinerators are not a significant risk to public health. Energy from waste is a tried and tested technology and there are currently more than 350 operating throughout Europe."

There is the visual impact on the Gloucestershire vale. The diagram above from that produced by GlosVAIN compares its size with other well-known landmarks. The building will be massive, rising to maximum 50m in height with a 70m high chimney. The site is of course close to the AONB and the building will be visible from a portion of the Cotswold Escarpment.

It has not been possible here to summarise and judge all the issues. However, a mass of information is available on the internet.

Birds' hazards

Man's fascination with birds for food and fun, use and abuse and as great symbols of superiority and supremacy permeates time with myth and reality inextricably mixed. For example, Pliny's 37 books of natural history (C1st.A.D) seem 100% incorrect but Saint Columba (C6A.D.) seemed aware of crane migration while Aldhelm of Malmesbury (C1st.A.D.) wrote of the nightingale, "Mean is my colour but none hath scorned my song!" And why was it that it fell to Edward Jenner in the Vale of Berkeley (late C18) to conclude that September's swallows were flying to a warmer clime – rather than the moon – and that hibernating swallows were not to be dredged up from the pond floor as visualised by Oleus Magnus (1555)



In recent times, Berkeley land contributed to Sir Peter Scott's Wetland and Wildfowl Trust facilitating the conservation, sighting and study of so many wonderful water birds locally. In its second decade, the Painswick Bird Club in more modest fashion, starts its year's programme with ever increasing emphasis on bird behaviour study. On Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm in the Church rooms (NOT at the Town Hall) a joint meeting with the Yew Trees WI will be addressed by Dominic Couzens, tour leader, author and TV presenter. His topic is "Birds Behaving Badly!" which will cover a year in the life of a bird, showing the hazards birds face and their intriguing survival mechanisms. Please look forward to further thrills "Beneath the Dark Canopy" in November!

The Club wishes to thank all those who kindly contributed items for the car boot sale which took off successfully at Aston Down recently.

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The Group's autumn programme is well begun. The Saturday morning working parties will take place on October 6th and 20th; November 3rd and 17th; December 1st and 15th. We provide the tools and guidance as we deal with encroaching grass, shrubs and small trees. Do come and join us. We begin at 10.00am. and finish at 1.00pm. Assemble at the Golf Club car park beside the cemetery. For more details contact our secretary, David Little on 813734. If Saturdays are inconvenient we do sometimes work on a Tuesday or Thursday. If that is of interest, do let us know. Another date for your diary; Wednesday, 14th November, when we will hold our AGM in the Church Rooms beginning at 7.30pm.

We are now in the second of ten years of the new management plan for the Beacon. We will be able to work on new areas as part of a rolling programme in collaboration with the Golf Club and the Cotswold Wardens. We will be much helped by recent success in applications for grant aid. It is important to express our gratitude for significant help from the Conservation Board's Sustainable Development Fund, the Somerfield Trust, The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and our suppliers, Cheltenham Mowers and Stow Agricultural Supplies. They have helped with machinery, training, fencing and protective clothing. We will be delighted if you choose to come along and help us use them.

David Allott, Chairman (812624)

Treats to come

To get our 25th season off to an exciting start, our Chairman Alex Nichols played a few fascinating recordings of music featuring in coming presentations: Arnold Bax's amazing 'Garden of Fand'; 'The blue Danube' by Josephine Tominta and Jimmy Dorsey Band (to be presented by Alex's son); Rondo from Beethoven's 1st piano concerto; La Boheme: 'O suave fanciulla' with Nettebro and Villazon; and Dvorak's Scherzo Capriccioso played with tremendous enthusiasm by the Cleveland Orchestra.

Stewart Price reminded us of the importance of signing up promptly to the Concert Outings on 22nd Nov. and 7th Feb.: the Venues will only hold his provisional reservations until early October and sufficient subscribers are required to ensure travel is economic for all. Non-members heartily welcome to join us. Phone Stewart 01452 814241.

Ralph Kenber



Exhibition by Sheepscome artist

Valerie Jordan, an artist now based in the Cotswolds, is exhibiting some of her work at a new gallery "THE LOFT" in Chalford.

Valerie took a fine arts degree in Cheltenham at the Gloucester College of Art and Technology. She has travelled extensively and spent some time in Florida where her late husband was lecturing in art at the Florida International University.

Now back in Gloucestershire she has put together a collection of her recent work based on her Miami experience. Her exhibition "Beyond Imagination", will run from 6th October to 31st October.

The new Loft Gallery is above the Lavender Bakehouse – a popular lunch spot for visitors to the Stroud area.

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The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Phone box is removed from Stamages Lane car park. A spokesman from BT said that it was part of a rationalisation project as many phone boxes were no longer commercially viable.

The Painswick Horticultural Society celebrated its 50th anniversary show this year at the Painswick Centre. Entries were well up on recent years especially in the junior sections.

The Painswick Blues first night has come and gone with over 90 turning up to hear John Fenlon All Stars Blues Band play. Further events will follow.

20 years ago

The past season brought mixed fortunes to village traders with the Country Elephant receiving an accolade and the Craftsmen exhibition attended by nearly 2000 visitors. Mr Alan Major of the Painswick Traders Forum was concerned that the future prospects for trade depended on attracting more visitors to the village in order for local shops to survive. He raised the question of additional car parking at the Recreation ground, which most local people were against.

30 years ago

Broadham sportsfield officially opened on 3rd October. Mr Budge Rogers, the former Bedford and England player performed the opening ceremony. After which Painswick President's XV played an Invitation XV led by Gloucestershire and ex Painswick forward John Fidler.

The Duchess of Gloucester came to Painswick on 29 October to visit Gyde House. The Duchess is president of the National Children's home and many of the staff and children were delighted to meet and talk to the Duchess.

Country Studio

The Country Studio held a very successful exhibition in the Church Rooms in August and have now commenced their weekly Tuesday morning sessions at that venue.

There are, at present, a few vacancies for artists who wish to paint together and attend occasional workshops and demonstrations.

Malcolm Mennie, 813662

The bins depart



7.30am on 10th September saw the recycling containers that had been located in the Stamages Lane car park since early July depart. The moment was recorded by Pauline Coleman in the above photograph. Pauline remarked "I never thought a Car Park could look so beautiful!"

As many of you will be aware from the August edition of the Beacon, various local newspaper articles and the local news feature, residents around the Stamages Lane car park tirelessly campaigned for SDC to remove the new recycling containers since their arrival in early July. As noted in August's Beacon these containers had created upset and distress for residents living near by, and hence we formed an 'opposing residents group'. We had been subjected to a massive increase in noise from people recycling at all hours to the councils lorries manoeuvring and emptying the bins.

Cllr Pickering (Executive Member for the Environment) held a meeting with us on the 21st August at Ebley Mill to discuss in depth the issue with the council staff involved. He invited four representatives from our residents group, the PPC Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Town Clerk, Cllr Frances Roden and Paul Castle from The Painswick Conservation Society. We presented our petition at the meeting of over 600 signatures. We were delighted that SDC listened and understand our concerns and subsequently agreed to remove them before 12th September.

We would therefore, like to express our sincere thanks to all Painswick and surrounding village residents for your support and in particular by signing our petitions and Cllr Nigel Cooper and Cllr Frances Roden for their support throughout. We would also like to thank the new Painswick Parish Council who admitted a mistake was originally made by agreeing to the bins, (noise level being underestimated) and by fully supporting us in requesting their removal.

We understand SDC are looking into other sites for a recycling centre in the North East, one possibility is Painswick Rugby Club, although we understand nothing has been confirmed to date. We have reiterated to Cllr Pickering and SDC that wherever they decide to relocate these bins it is imperative that lessons are learnt and local residents are consulted and advised and that the problems we have highlighted are not simply inflicted on residents elsewhere.

Emma Smith (on behalf of the opposing residents group.)

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Clypping not in the rain

The annual Clypping service at St Mary's church was held this year inside the church. Rain with the promise of even heavier rain meant that the service could not be held out of doors. The service was led by Revd Andrew Leach - Andrew recalled that it was the first time for 15 years the service had to be held inside. The Vicar, John Longuet-Higgins gave the sermon following the tradition that a vicar preaches at the first and last clyppings of his/her ministry.

This year the theme of the service was 'Saving the Earth' and the vicar and churchwardens wish to acknowledge the help given by the headmistress of Croft School, Ceris Towler, and Year 3s and 4s. Firstly a fantastic rainbow banner, symbolising Noah's rainbow, was made out of discarded colourful plastic bags. The black and white photo alongside unfortunately cannot capture its brilliance; this banner was paraded around the church before and after the clypping hymn. This time



the congregation encircled the central pews rather than the outside of the church!

Croft School also arranged for two pupils to talk on the topic of global warming and steps to reduce it. Hattie McCormick and Ellie Yates spoke eloquently about how everyone can help in even small ways to reduce the severity of global warming - switch off lights, do not leave televisions on standby - etc. and about the need to recycle.

A talk was also given by Brian Oosthuyzen on Stroud's Food Bank which provides food for anyone in distress referred to the Bank by GPs, Marsh, social workers or vicars. Donations of food, can be left at The Emmaus Shop in Stroud (opposite Christian Centre Bookshop). The Gloucester Citadel Salvation Army Band gave spirited accompaniments to the well known hymns and children, many in colourful dresses and head bands and a joyful time was had by all.



Farewell Jean & Peter Minall

Revd Peter and Jean Minall said their farewells to Painswick at a service in Painswick Church in mid-September and were presented with gifts.

Peter and Jean moved to Painswick in 1991, Peter was previously Vicar of Barnwood and before that Vicar of Stroud. Prior to joining the ministry in 1957 he was a BBC Control Room Engineer, even involved with broadcasting the 1948 Olympics.

They were soon integrated into village life and Peter became fully involved in Benefice activities. But Peter was also fully involved in PADS, the Painswick Singers and the Painswick Music Society. Andrew Leach recalls that Peter "has been a loyal supporter of Painswick Players throughout his time in Painswick. He brought a great deal of previous dramatic experience to us. We tempted him back onto the stage as the Spanish Ambassador in our 2004 Painswick Festival production of "A Man for All Seasons" and after that he was hooked! Peter took the lead in "A Month of Sundays" in 2005 and was a memorably devious courtier, Lord Slitherspin, in our 2007 panto "Snow White and the Seven Not Particularly Tall People". He also took part in the Centenary Music Hall and Ayckbourn's "It Could Be Any One of Us". Peter's latest role earlier this year was an absolute scene stealer as Luka, the servant in Chekov's "The Bear". We shall greatly miss Peter's friendship and his dry humour."

Peter contributed much to the Painswick Music Society and was



instrumental in the procurement of the staging and lights - Peter could usually be seen erecting the lights before concerts.

Revd John Longuet-Higgins recalls "After one has greeted him, Peter often begins his train of thought with the words "in my day..." And he does this with his wry youthful smile, which leaves one, under the surface, a little puzzled. For what was Peter's "day"? In my time Peter has given some wonderful performances for PADS. And he has been a lynch-pin of Christian Aid. Peter has contributed monthly to the 8am BCP Communion rota (famously doing 8am Christmas Day), always facing Eastward, always giving a wise, though not-so-short an address. And he has filled in, mostly at Painswick and Sheepscombe, when colleagues are away.

The church of "my time" has changed, not rapidly enough for those younger than I, far too rapidly for Peter's generation. However, Peter's humour is ageless, his wry smile always endearing; the warmth of his sunny personality and his wisdom, has gifted me with many generous conversations. And we know that there is one part of him we shall never lose, as Peter and Jean move on to Gloucester - his constant prayers for us."

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Local History Teaser

What a fine group of Painswick men. Can you say who they were as a group, approximately when the photograph was taken and are you able to identify any of them?

Last month's photograph, which was taken from an old glass slide, was of St Mary's Church choir in 1905. If you have a picture which you think would present a challenge to readers we'd love to hear from you.

... and the Local History Society

The first meeting of the new season was addressed with unbridled enthusiasm by Paul Barnett who gave a presentation on the subject of his obvious passion, the Purton Ships Graveyard.

He explained how the building and life of all sailing vessels is well recorded but their end is not. The Purton ships graveyard, north of Sharpness on the banks of the river Severn, is in fact the largest in the country currently with 86 vessels lying there. Wooden barges, trows, ferries and concrete lighters have all been brought to the site by careful use of the movement of the river. All have interesting histories such as the concrete lighters, built in 1941 to replace steel vessels in order to save precious metal for the war effort. And of course there was the vast range of goods which these vessels carried in their time.

There are innumerable problems bedevilling the site however, not least the continuing vandalism, theft of the wood and arson as well as the obvious decay. Arson was particularly rife in the 1950s because the timbers were often held together with semi-precious metals and fire was a quick and easy way to release these. Unfortunately the site is very vulnerable as it is not protected – it is viewed as part of Gloucestershire's, rather than the nation's, heritage. That said, the last remaining Severn trow, the Harriet, albeit partly a reconstruction, received an official legal protection order in March 2010 and this after years of untiring endeavour by the likes of Paul to care properly for the site.

The beaching of vessels stopped in 1976 after which they have been dismantled and cut up. There is on the website, www.friendsofpurton.org.uk, a fantastic archive of photographs and a visit to the site certainly presents opportunities to see examples of historic ship building techniques and, where they are still extant, some rare examples of historic vessels.

At next month's meeting Steve Coleman will give a presentation on the History of English Bell Ringing, a subject close to the heart of Painswick. Tuesday, 16th October, Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



Skittles and birds

At the end of July the newly refurbished skittle alley in Painswick Centre was the venue for a lively local derby between Yew Trees and Sheepscombe WI. Purists might not have rated it as a great match, but if noise and laughter is anything to go by it ranked very highly. There was no 'official' WI meeting in August but as members wished to get together as usual the Social Committee organised an entertaining supper in The Church Hall which was greatly enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, October 23rd Yew Trees is holding a joint meeting with Painswick Bird Club when Dominic Couzens will give a talk entitled "Birds Behaving Badly". New members are always welcome so ladies why not come and join us? As well as the monthly meetings a variety of other entertainments are arranged by Yew Trees, and membership also gives you the opportunity to join in the wide range of activities organised by the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs. If you join now your subscription will last to the end of 2013, who can resist such a bargain?

Celia Lougher 812624



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Advertising hoarding

John Couch writes:

Further to Stephen Friar's very apposite letter (Beacon Sept. edition) might I add the following:- The temporary 2 year planning consent granted to Richmond Care Homes in respect of the supplementary advertising hoarding 200 yards east of the entrance expired completely on 13 July. Why is the hoarding still in place? And why is applying for renewal of a time-expired planning consent apparently viewed as compliance?

More hoarding

Richard Falconer writes:

The success of a community can be determined as an inverse proportion of its streetside advertising, which is why the west side of Cheltenham's Promenade looks increasingly desperate. While I accept the jostling 'A' boards on the A46, do we really need the permanent 'To Let' sign at the top of Tibbiwell? People find properties online anyway; why should residential streets be defaced in the interests of a handful of local businesses?

Mary supports the Air Ambulance

Mary Krill is a marvellous lady. Now in her 90s she still spends time raising money for her favourite charities. Earlier in September she arranged a tea party for some of her many friends in aid of The Midlands Air Ambulance. Previous fund raising effort beneficiaries have included cancer research and local hospices. It was the event some years ago when The Air Ambulance was called to Painswick that inspired Mary this time.



Gill Ashton, a volunteer fundraiser from Air Ambulance gave a talk explaining how the service works. It is fully integrated into the 999 system and deals with incidents that the road ambulance cannot reach or would be too slow; it also transfers patients between hospitals where time is of the essence. The Midlands Air Ambulance service has 3 helicopters to cover 11 counties and its operation needs funding of 6 million pounds each year. There is no direct government funding and no payment is given when its service is called upon; income is derived from its supporters and from fund raising efforts. Apparently the service likes it that way - there is no government interference! Mary's tea party raised over £400 and it is such fund raising events that help the service to continue.

Hambutts Field Trust

Sincere apologies to all Painswickians that the Diamond Jubilee Wild Flower Meadow did not flower this year. I was deeply disappointed - ironically I bought a few extra seeds for our garden (with my own money) and scattered them on a small bank, and they have been flowering for about two months now! Let us all hope that next year will bring colour and happiness to our local bees and butterflies.

May I also ask those Painswick dog owners who use the Field to please take a plastic bag with them and clear up after their dogs? There is a special dog bin just by the entrance to Edge Lane, which the Parish Council kindly empties on a regular basis. I reported early in the summer on how civilised and helpful dog owners were being in clearing up, but unfortunately the Field has been littered with dog muck for several months now. This is so unpleasant to human walkers... Very many thanks in advance on behalf of all the Trustees to you all.

Virginia Falconer, Chairman of Trustees - Hambutts Field Trust

Police report

Alexa Collicott, Media and Communications Officer, Gloucestershire Constabulary reports that power tools and hand tools have been stolen from an insecure garage on Golf Course Road between Saturday August 25 and Wednesday September 19. The items stolen were: a petrol generator, a power

chainsaw, a pressure washer, an aluminium ladder, a power strimmer, a power drill, an hedge trimmer, a saw, a spade and a shovel.

Anyone with any information about the burglary is asked to contact Gloucestershire Police on 101, quoting incident number 455 of August 22. You can also



give information anonymously by contacting the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org and you may receive a reward if someone is arrested and charged.

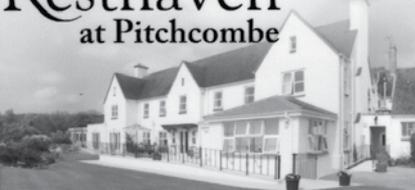
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One Man's Impressions of a Week in Lincolnshire

The week was the last one in August and I so enjoyed it that someone suggested I should write about it. So here goes.

Spending part of my youth on my father's farm in Nottinghamshire was not a good preparation for this trip: our farms were smaller and less productive than those in neighbouring Lincolnshire which as a result we envied and disliked and thus until now I had never set foot in it.

How wrong one can be - the excursion organised quite excellently by the County Field Club, for 52 of us, mostly Painswickians and some from Minchinhampton and Cheltenham, opened my eyes to a great variety of interesting sights, some going back a thousand years: Mansions, Castles, Nature Reserves, not forgetting a beautiful Cathedral and a gorgeous ancient town.

We gained insight into the importance of status and wealth which led to the construction and ornamentation of splendid buildings, some by William the Conqueror. Others were later vandalised by Oliver Cromwell's men. We were fascinated by the contrasting ways people lived at various times in history.

We saw so much that I lack the space to describe it all but here are some of the sights that impressed me most:

- Burghley House - (1587) stunning trompe-l'oeil throughout upstairs to The Heaven Room and The Hell Staircase. Turtle skulls in the kitchen, fountains and water curtains in the Garden of Surprises.
- Tattershall Hall - (1440) the finest medieval (Tudor) brick built castle in England.
- Gainsborough Old Hall - (1430) in middle of a housing estate. Sir Thomas Burgh took the window glass panes with him when he went away lest they were stolen....
- Easton Walled Garden - reinstated by Lady Cholmeley.
- Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve - recognised internationally for its important habitats and species.
- Lincoln Cathedral - (1072-1092) "the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles" (John Ruskin).
- RAF Coningsby - Battle of Britain Memorial with 6 Spitfires, 2 Hurricanes and 1 Lancaster.

Guided Walk around Stamford in peace and quiet, with little traffic due to Burghley Horse Trials - "England's finest stone town, dating from the Middle Ages".

The Field Club, full name Naturalists Field Club is a wonderful society for all who are interested in nature and cultural life. There are monthly talks and an Annual Excursion: last year to Northumberland (super), this year Lincolnshire (ditto) and next year North Yorkshire. New members greatly welcome - especially some younger ones! Best phone Jane Rowe, 01452 813228.



Ralph Kenber

Introduction to Circo de Los Horrors

The Beacon is always keen to support initiatives by young people whether they raise money for charity or undertake any worthwhile activity or whatever. We also support young writers - who knows, one day they could be on the Beacon Team! Thus, we are pleased to include the following piece of creative writing by 15 year old Ellen (Ellie) Hewer from Painswick. Apparently it was partly inspired by a visit to Barcelona where there was a Horror Circus set up on the harbour front.

Ed

Circo de Los Horrors

The circus, a place where the people who were physically and mentally unable to conform to the normality and conventionality of society, gathered in search of security to which they would find in one another, they were all the same.

They had the same eyes, glazed by a layer of defence to prevent the glares from commoners penetrating their bubble of stability, scars, etched into their skin as if it were Braille, telling their own tale of neglect and rejection from society.

Behind the satin ribbons of black lace sat a man as if he was waiting, waiting for an applause, or a dismissive glare shot from a passer-by, his legs were crossed awkwardly underneath his body, his eyes scoured for any sign of recognition underneath his heavy set brow bone, host to his dark eyebrows, further down his canvas sat his lips full and bold.

The beads of sweat gliding down the ridge of his back fully exposed to the severity of the sun's heat, as the beads felt there way over his skin they jolted and rose over the marks that sat like mountain ranges across his back. So frequent, so many of them they resembled the texture and image of a bark peeling off a willowing tree.

This was his tale, his epic novel along with his past, his scars were behind him, quite literally as they were set in lashings over his back no one would ever be capable of beginning to comprehend the pages in which he had endured and turned in his novel of life in order to be sat where he was now, surrounded and consoled by others whose tales were encased behind their eyes and illustrated on their skin.

Here, they were all the same. The Circus a place where the people, the real people, who were physically and mentally capable of facing life's reality gathered in recognition that they were normal people and you and I are the socially inadequate, the outcasts.

The normal ones, boring with no tale or story, common and bland, no identity, all the same blended into one stereotype, A book within which the pages were blank.

So which one are we, or more importantly which one are you?

There is no answer, just perspective.

Ellen Hewer

Painswick Educational Trust

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.

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Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Tennis

50th Year Celebration Ball

On Saturday the 15th September the Painswick Tennis Club held a Ball at the Sports Club, Broadham Fields to celebrate 50 years since the club was first formed. 144 members and friends had a wonderful dinner and then danced the night away to Patsy Gamble and her group. In the last 50 years the club had grown from just 2 courts in the centre of the village to 8 courts with 6 floodlit courts and a pavilion down at the new sports ground at Broadham.

During the evening presentations were made by Joan Griffiths, President of the club, to Jamie Morgan (see photo), as the most



improved player, and to Graham Britton for his outstanding play. Ruth Smith won the award for her valuable contribution to the club through organisation and work for the benefit of the members.

Top seed Alicia Barnett is pipped in national final

Top seed Alicia Barnett was narrowly defeated by Beth Askew in the final of the AEGON British Junior National Championships. The tennis pair battled it out in a gripping three-set final with Askew eventually taking the title.

Painswick based Alicia took the first set 6-3 as Askew struggled to find her rhythm, however Beth Askew, who was runner up in last year's final, was determined to fight back, taking the second set 6-2. The final set saw Askew defeat Alicia 6-3 to take the title.

This was Alicia's last junior tournament before leaving to go to an American University on a tennis scholarship.

Alicia did however achieve success in the doubles with her partner Laura Eales (see photo). The number 2 seeds who play as a regular doubles partnership for Stroud High School cruised into the final without dropping a set.

The final was a very tough match against Domonic Covington and Kyria Dunford which Alicia and Laura eventually won in straight sets.

The AEGON British Junior National Championships is the national level junior tournament and has seen past champions including British number one Andy Murray and Elena Baltacha.

The LTA have also awarded Alicia the player and student of the year for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence. The AASE programme is open to all players who train at high performance centres and the award will be presented at the end of the year masters competition held at the O2 Arena.



August Tournament

The annual mixed handicap tournament was again held during the month of August and with entries down slightly this year there were only two pools. The top three teams from each pool met in a final round robin competition which was won by Gill Willoughby and Andy Harris with runners up Lisa Balfour and Richard Bailey.

Gloucestershire Premier League

The Painswick Men's A Team did eventually win their final match against formidable opposition to stay in the Premier league for next season, so were not demoted as mentioned in the September Beacon.

Cricket

Painswick first eleven ended the season on a high note when they beat Cheltenham first eleven at Broadham in the last league match of 2012. The achievement was all the more memorable as Cheltenham finished champions of the Gloucestershire/Wiltshire Division having lost only three matches, two of which were their home and away games against Painswick. Painswick finished in a creditable mid-table position. Painswick's second eleven finished in third place in the Gloucester Division 2nd XI league. In the Stroud District Cricket Association Martin Berrill league, Painswick's third eleven finished in fourth position in the Premier League and the fourth eleven achieved third place in Division 2.

September results

Sat 1st. Painswick 1st XI 189-8 Cheltenham 97 all out (D Cave 5-20).

Cinderford St John 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Match cancelled.

Minchinhampton 1st XI 180 all out Painswick 3rd XI 29 all out (P Wallis 8-7).

Sun 2nd. (40 Overs match). Painswick 180-8 Birdlip & Brimpsfield 146 all out.

Sun 9th. (40 Overs match). Frocester 207-7 Painswick 211-9.

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Rugby Club 140th year celebrations

PAINSWICK RFC entertained the Cherry Pickers on Saturday as part of their 140th year celebrations and in front of a large crowd at a sweltering hot Broadham, which produced a thoroughly entertaining exhibition of rugby.

The Painswick squad consisted of older players from the past to the younger generation of now, with the Cherry Pickers being made up of former Gloucester legends such as Mike Teague, Malcolm Preedy, Pete Jones and Tim Smith to name but a few.

The crowd was treated to total running rugby with a no kicking policy taken by both sides. The former Glos players showed they had lost none of their skills only their speed. The game was well refereed by Roger Turley, who blew the whistle with the scores tied at 51 -51.

Celebration dinner

The Rugby Club, as the oldest village club in England, celebrated their 140th Anniversary with a dinner in a marquee at Broadham attended by 240 former and current players, members and supporters. Chairman Pete Haines welcomed everybody present with special mention of Walter Groves, a past Trustee of the Club who remarkably played his first game for Painswick 79 years ago. Peter reminded him that training took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays if he ever had the urge to lace up the boots one more time. Guest speakers were Russell Hillier, Chairman of Stroud RFC and former RFU Council member and Mike Teague of Gloucester, England and the British Lions

Jack Smith honoured

During the evening, Club President Andrew Morgan made a special presentation to Life Member Jack Smith in recognition of 64 years of outstanding and dedicated voluntary service to the Club. Jack started playing at the age of

20 and soon took on club duties alongside his brothers Tony and Dave. These early tasks included filling the old tin baths for the players and his after match urns of tea are legendary. Over the years Jack worked behind the bar, carried out painting, plumbing and general maintenance and kept the clubhouse and changing rooms clean and tidy for the players so that when they arrived on Saturday, the facilities were clean, the showers hot and the beer cold. Andrew mentioned that he could not think of one club task that Jack had not undertaken, even finding time to serve on Committees, but it was not just the amount time he devoted and the work he did, but importantly the manner in which he did it. Nothing was too much trouble, and everything was done with a smile and a good deal of humour. Painswick have been very fortunate to have Jack as part of their club, and now he has officially retired, we all look forward to him continuing to visit the club, but now for enjoyment only and several pints of his favourite ale. Jack was given his presentation by Gloucester legend Jim Jarrett and received a standing ovation from all those present.

Recent results

Painswick 29 St. Mary's Old Boys 15

PAINSWICK opened their Gloucestershire Premier league campaign with a bonus point win over Bristol side St. Mary's Old Boys on Saturday September 15th. In perfect conditions both sides played a free-flowing game, but it was Painswick's dominance at the set-pieces, which proved to be the difference.

Southmead 29 Painswick 24

Southmead who only just missed out on promotion last season are one of the favourites to win the Glos Premier this time around. In a physical game Painswick managed to score three tries and also had two disallowed, which on another day could have been given.

Golf Club

The summer is starting to draw to a close though the weather at the time of writing is still excellent for golf.

The summer competitions in the Seniors (over 55s) section have now been completed. Over the last month, the Millenium Cup was won by Richard Wright, and the "Iron Man" competition – an individual knock-out competition – was completed and won by Phil Taylor. Phil's fine run of form continued into the September medal which he won with a score of 37 points.

The Ladies section held its "Member and Guest Trophy" on 22nd September. The format was a bowmaker. In this competition, golfers played in teams of three and the best two scores on each hole counted towards the total – except for the last hole where all three scores counted. Audrey and Phil Payne and Dave Morris were worthy winners of a most enjoyable occasion with a score of 87.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes new members or people looking to play the course. If you would like to try the course, please get in touch with our professional - Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) - or Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.

Leigh Young – new premises

Leigh Young Solicitors have moved into new premises at no. 1 Rowcroft in Stroud. Formerly based at the old Police Station in Stroud, their business has developed and expanded, and with the consequent growing team more accommodation has become necessary – hence the larger premises.

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Good to be “talking “to you again via your parish magazine. Thank you as always for the calls you’ve made to me in the last few weeks and for the on-going support you give to the role of the Village Agent. Did you know that we’ve been going now for 6 years! I wonder if my probation period is over yet?

VILLAGE
Agents

Over the next 6 months, some of you will be getting a letter from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) about how to renew your bus pass. This might be because you are eligible for an “age related pass”, or a “disability related pass”.

GCC have taken over this job from the local district councils so as you can imagine they have a very large number of people they need to contact and so are staggering it across the 6 months. If your pass is due for renewal, don’t worry about contacting them; you will get a letter over the next few months. If you’re applying for the first time, the initial pack may seem a little overwhelming to start with but actually once you discard the information that is not relevant to your specific circumstances, it’s all fairly straightforward. Call me if you need any help and I’ll see what I can do. Similarly the new process for applying for or renewing a Blue Badge can be off- putting when you first go through the pack but again, I am happy to help if I can.

Very good news for people who are unable to get out much and socialise; Age UK have brought out a national telephone befriending scheme. Please spread the word! Living on your own can be hard when you get older, particularly if you have been used to sharing your home or time with others. Not having someone to talk to regularly can be lonely, and that’s when a friendly chat on the phone can make all the difference. Age UK has volunteers ready and waiting for calls, so if you are an older person (60+) who would like to find out more, or if someone you know could be interested, please call the Age UK Call in Time service at the bottom of this article.

As well as friendship calls, they also provide ‘Good Day’ calls. These can provide a little extra reassurance when you’re on your own - especially at times such as when you have recently come out of hospital or suffered bereavement. If you need to, a volunteer can give

you a short call several times a week, at a time that suits you, just to make sure you’re OK. These ‘Good Day’ calls are made for a period of eight weeks but if you think you might need them a little longer, this can usually be arranged.

In these times of cutbacks I am really pleased to pass on some more good news: An all-terrain mobility scooter scheme that can go ‘off road’ is opening up Crickley Hill Country Park, on the edge of the Cotswolds in Gloucestershire, to people who have difficulty walking.

The ‘Tramper’ scooter has been provided by the Devon charity Living Options Devon as part of a scheme to open up nature to people with disabilities. Called ‘Countryside Mobility South West’, the project has introduced Trampers to more than 26 sites across the south west region. It’s proving extremely popular with people of all ages who want to get out and enjoy the countryside. Trampers can go up and down slopes, over bumps and tree roots, through shallow puddles, mud and soft ground. With a top speed of four miles an hour they can keep pace with the brisk walking companion.

They are for use by anyone aged 14 or over who has a permanent or temporary condition that affects their ability to walk.

James Maben from Countryside Mobility said: ‘Trampers are for everyone who wants to enjoy the countryside but can’t manage much walking. You do not have to be registered as a disabled person, or have a Blue Badge. Many people have found that Trampers have given them back their freedom.’

To hire Trampers, people need to join the Countryside Mobility membership scheme, which is £10 per year or £2.50 for four weeks. Becoming a member means people receive proper training in how to use the equipment safely and includes use of all Trumper sites in the South West.

Adult Social Care Helpdesk: 01452 426868; Age UK Call in Time: 0844 225 0320 or email callintime@ageuk.org.uk. Blue Badge Scheme: 01242 532 302 (or the adult helpdesk); The Trumper Scheme: 01452 863 170; Or for full details about Countryside Mobility, www.countryside-mobility.org or by calling 01392 456 522.

Lou Kemp, Tel :07776 245767

PROPERTY REPORT for September from Hamptons International

Having endured the wettest summer on record at least our spirits have been lifted by Team GB’s fantastic performance at the London Olympics including a number of notable successes by Gloucestershire athletes. Against this backdrop, we anticipated a setback in housing market activity levels but it was pleasing to note that whilst instruction levels in Painswick remain the same year-on-year applicant numbers were down only 7% on 2011. On a regional and national level, Hamptons’ sales markets remain strong with transactions levels up 15% and 5% respectively year-on-year.

Looking forwards, the run in to the year end is likely to be even busier than normal. Forecasting house price trends for next year is currently a hot topic. This is a tough job at any time but the ambiguity that frames the market this year is driving even greater uncertainty than in previous years. There are a few genuine reasons to anticipate that there may be marginal improvements in the market next year: GDP is expected to improve modestly; inflation to fall back further; and employment levels to remain healthy. However, it is still clear that in order to benefit from this market, vendors will need to price sensibly with the clear indication that doing so will ensure a higher chance of a prompt sale.

New instructions continue to come to the market and include:

Cotswold Villa, a Grade II Listed Georgian gem in Gloucester Street; Woodbine Cottage, a beautifully extended and restored 3-bedroom detached house at The Park; Armany, a substantial detached house on the Southerly slopes of the Beacon and overlooking Painswick Golf Course; Belleview and Southview, a pair of attractively refurbished cottages in Vicarage Street; Climperwell Cottage, a beautifully presented and cleverly extended house family house complete with swimming pool; 15 Churchill Way, a four-bedroom family house close to the Croft School; Hazeling, a substantial detached house with delightful views across the Slad Valley; and Tudor Cottage, a charming black-and-white house and 15 Churchfield Road, a three-bedroom semi detached house, both in Upton St Leonards.

Properties that we now have under offer include: Park Cottage in Butt Green, Dynevor House on New Street, 1 Cup House in Bisley Street, The Nurses House in St Marys Street, Flat 5 Hyett Orchard, Windyridge on the Longridge and 15 Churchfield Road and Tudor Cottage in Upton St Leonards. Properties that have exchanged recently include: 10 The Croft, Meadowcroft in Lower Washwell Lane, Amberwood in Knapp Lane, Greenleas on Stroud Road, Tabithas Well in Tibbiwell, Hammonds Barn on Wick Street, Wishanger Cottage near Miserden and Oak End House in Elmore.

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OCTOBER

Sat	6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Conservative Annual Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Painswick Music Society AGM: Recital & Social Evening	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Mon	8	Women's Probus Inaugural Meeting	Church Rooms	10.30 for 11.00am
		Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)	Town Hall	10.30am
		Community Lunch - Hosts: St Mary's Church	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
		Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	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	9	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	10	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Table Tennis - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	11	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	12	Country Market - coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club Autumn Outing to Dobbies & Cirencester Museum		
		Salsa Classes - Fridays. Info. Tel: 01242 708067	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	13	Book Sale & Coffee Morning in aid of Painswick Community Library. (Downstairs Room)	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
		Conservative Bridge Drive & Tea	Church Rooms	2.00 to 6.00pm
Sun	14	Week of Prayer for World Peace: Prayers for peace - All welcome. (daily until 21st October)	Catholic Church	10.00am
Mon	15	Community Lunch - Hosts: Croft Primary School	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: History of English Bellringing - Steve Coleman	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: History of the English Torpedo - David Brand	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library)	Town Hall	2.00 to 2.45pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	18	Music Appreciation Group: Arnold Bax	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	20	Copy Date for November Beacon		
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Autumn Cream Teas for Christian Aid	Church Rooms	2.00 to 4.30pm
Mon	22	Community Lunch - Hosts: Probus Ladies	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	23	Joint Meeting - Yew Trees WI / Painswick Bird Club: Birds Behaving Badly - Dominic Cousins	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	24	Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library)	Town Hall	2.00 to 2.45pm
Fri	26	Friday Club: Handbell Ringing - Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	27	Painswick Singers Diamond Jubilee Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	29	Community Lunch - Hosts: Dog Training Group	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	30	Painswick Players Playreading "The Mousetrap" - new faces especially welcome	P. Centre, Green Room	7.30pm
Wed	31	Probus: Behind the scenes with a TV. Caterer - Richard Kendrick	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library)	Town Hall	2.00 to 2.45pm

NOVEMBER

Thu	1	Music Appreciation Group: The future of music in the home.	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	3	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
		Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12noon
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	5	Women's Probus Talk: I was an Olympic Volunteer - Mike Cooper	Church Rooms	10.30am for 11.00am
		Community Lunch - Hosts: Puffins	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm

Tue	6	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Bletchley Park - Sir Francis Richards. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	9	Friday Club AGM (1.45pm) followed by talk: Birds & Wildfowl at Dowdeswell Reservoir - Arthur Bell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Mon	12	Community Lunch - Hosts: Conservation Society	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Wed	14	Probus: Peoples of the Stroud Valleys 100 years ago - Howard Beard	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	15	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
		Churches Together around Painswick: AGM	Church Rooms	7.00pm
		Music Appreciation Group: Juxtapositions in Music	Richmond Village	7.30pm
Sat	17	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	19	Community Lunch - Hosts: Painswick Parish Council	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: Roman Medicus - J. Putley	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	22	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham	Stamages Car Park	4.00pm
		Joint meeting with Glos. Naturalists' Soc. & Bird Club - 'Beneath the Dark Canopy' - Michael Leach	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: Ideas for Christmas Cakes - Chris West	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	26	Women's Probus: Christmas Theme Cookery Demonstration	Waitrose, Cheltenham	11.00am
		Community Lunch - Hosts: Christian Aid	Ashwell Centre	12 noon to 1.15pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI: Heavenly Light - A Look at Stained Glass Richard Cann (followed by AGM)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Royal Flying Corps. - James Tabor	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	29	Music Appreciation Group: British Opera	Town Hall	7.30pm

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
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Norway & Lofoten Islands - Dr Tim Stenning Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Tue	11	Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Club Christmas Dinner		
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

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

WASHWELL FARM, Cheltenham Road

- Extensions to existing agricultural barn.

RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE

Erection of sign boards to promote the care home and provide information.

DOVER HOUSE, Vicarage Street - New external doors and minor internal alterations to provide study, kitchen and dining area.

CROFT HOUSE, Gloucestershire Street Group of Conifers A - trees 2,4,5&7 to be removed. Tree 10- Cherry Laurel - remove large branches on the east side of the tree & thin out any crossing branches.

Tree 11 - Cherry - remove branches growing into Conifers on south side.

Group of Conifers B- reduce in height by 5 feet & sides trimmed by a maximum of 3 feet away from the road. Tree 15 - Pear tree - remove completely. Tree 14 - Beech tree - remove completely.

BEACON HOUSE, New Street - Reduce Sycamore to about 4-5m, Poplar to be felled, Holly trim Over.

LAND AT UPPER VATCH MILL, The Vatch, Slad - Installation of Parish Council notice board.

SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Erection of a Conservatory.

THE MALT HOUSE, The Green, Sheepscombe - Erection of detached garage with small workshop.

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

CONSENT

WOODSIDE, Sheepscombe - Small porch extension to side of house, with mono pitch roof and new garage and car park arrangement at end of garden.

THE MALT HOUSE, Wick Street - Reinstatement of fire damage, making safe beams, lintels and general arrangements.

DOWN FARM, Slad - Erection of an ancillary building.

2 FOXBURY COTTAGES, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe - Fell 2 conifer trees and prune back apple tree.

THE COACH HOUSE, Tocknells House Minor amendments to Listed Building Consents S.11/0803/LBC & S.12/0485/LBC

RECREATION COTTAGE, Slad Road, Slad - Alteration to existing bedroom to form ensuite shower room and installation of waste pipes to external drain.

CAROUSEL, Slad Road - Replacement dwelling and associated works.

REFUSAL

STONELEIGH, Gloucester Street - Restore original glazing bars with slim glaze double glazing.

Site of Former LONGRIDGE MEEND, Bulls Cross - Variation of condition 6 of planning permissions S.11/0562/FUL to remove the requirement for a Arboricultural method statement due to a revised driveway design.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Baby

To EMMA and MARK SMITH of 4 Stamages Lane, a much welcomed third son XAVIER DAVID on September 3rd, brother to Lucas and Rafael.

Congratulations

Congratulations to BEN ANDREWS son of Sharron and Rob Andrews and grandson of John and Mary Bessant on completing his army training at Catterick where he passed out on August 17th, he will be joining the 1st Battalion of the Rifles in September

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of WILLIAM HUDDLESTONE and his mother FRED A HUDDLESTONE who have both died recently.

A thank you from JOYCE SMITH

I would like to thank all the kindness people have shown me since my return from hospital, for all the flowers, cards and chocolates which have helped so much to speed my recovery.

Tom Humphreys a tribute

During his working life he was reputed to be the best, although unsung, drystone waller in the County.

We found him a private, modest (until he'd had a couple of whiskies!) and shy man but with many tales to tell of Painswick, which were full of his wry humour. After his workday, he was to be found in the public bar of the Royal Oak and latterly The Falcon, usually alone, watching the world go by.

I was away on business at the time, so it was on a wet, early morning that Geraldine had run her bath and happened to glance out of the bedroom window to see a ladder left by our builder for work yet to start, disappear down the garden path carried by a sodden little man out into Vicarage Street. My enraged wife gave chase, nightgown flapping and bare feet getting bruised and cut, running up the slope into Lower Washwell. "Stop thief" she yelled, now out of breath and suddenly very aware of the state of her undress. The man stopped dead. Slowly he turned, (he was carrying a large ladder) and said, "Madam, I am merely carrying this ladder around to the rear of your house to start work on your roof....."

The Beacon's hoax photograph featuring Tom graces the "Forever England" wall in our sitting room, next to a painting of a drystone wall seemingly stretching out into infinity..... I'll wager you'll find Tom at the other end. R:I:P: me old mate.

Christopher Piper-Short

Congratulations to Revd ELIZABETH WARD who has announced her engagement to Paul Holmes from Cornwall. Her wedding will be at Edge Church on Saturday 24th November.

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.

Personal messages

Jack Smith writes: I would like to thank the Painswick Rugby Club for organising a presentation made to me on the 8th September for sixty four years voluntary service to the Club.

It was the 140th anniversary year of the Painswick Rugby Club, what a wonderful evening to celebrate and receive such gifts. I felt truly honoured and will continue to go and have a pint when I can.

The Beacon wishes to congratulate one of its photographers, **Pete Llewellyn**, who has just won a competition for 'Wildlife Pictures' in the magazine 'Photography for Beginners'. His prize is two days with a professional photographer in Lowestoft.

Kate Davie RIP

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Painswick community for the great friendship and support shown to our mother, Kate Davie, over the many years she lived in the village. We have found much comfort in the messages of sympathy and goodwill we have received since her death on 10 July. The hospitality shown us around the time of her funeral was sure testament to the quality of community life in Painswick and its surrounds. In particular we would like to thank mum's Vicarage Street neighbours, the parishioners of Our Lady and St Therese and the members of Churches Together in Painswick. Mum kept us abreast of village events as recorded in the Beacon; the editions featuring the Queen's Jubilee and Olympic torch were promptly sent on to us in Surrey and Sydney. We treasure many fond memories of Painswick from the seventies until now. On the day of her funeral, the village shone in all its beauty- blue skies, summer gardens, even an air balloon floating over the spire of St Mary's.

With our good wishes and gratitude, Theresa Rose, Michael Davie and Frances Tilly, children of Kate Davie, and on behalf of her ten grandchildren.

Frances Tilly

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