

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick Post Office

The Beacon has been informed by the Parish Council that the Council has been notified by Post Office Ltd that, as a result of the premises at Westhaven House in New Street being no longer available for Post Office use, following the resignation of the postmistress, the branch closed on 23rd March. Post Office Ltd, in its letter dated 25th March, has apologised for the late notification. Mr Neil Jenkins, Post Office Ltd's Field Change Advisor, has written to the Parish Council with an assurance that Post Office Ltd is currently investigating the options available which will enable the reinstatement of a Post Office service to the local community. Mr Jenkins goes on to say that "In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service and for Post Office Ltd. Future provision will reflect customer numbers and usage and we may take the opportunity to establish an alternative type of service. This may be a new style branch known as a Post Office local. Post Office locals run alongside an established shop and create a more modern and convenient retail experience for customers in newly refurbished premises". The Beacon understands that the creation of the new Post Office could not be effected in less than four to six months.



Mr Jenkins writes that he wishes to apologise for the inconvenience the temporary closure may cause. He hopes that Post Office Ltd's customers will continue to use the Post Office services in the area and that he will write again to the Parish Council once he has any news about Post Office Ltd's plans for future service provision. He draws attention to the Stroud and Upton St Leonards Post offices. The Stroud Post Office is open from 0900 to 1730 Monday to Saturday. The Upton St Leonards Post Office is open at the

same times during the week but closes at 1230 on Saturdays.

Karen Judd, the former postmistress, has informed the Beacon that the shop will continue with some new lines, the intention being to create a destination shop rather than a footfall shop. A destination shop is one which specialises in certain products thus attracting customers from a wider geographical area. Mrs Judd has told the Beacon that she would be interested to receive suggestions from residents about the type of lines they believe would attract custom.

Waste Incineration Plant

There have been a number of reports in the Beacon over recent months concerning the proposed waste incinerator facility at Javelin Park in the parish of Haresfield. Presentations for and against the controversial proposal have been given to Painswick Parish Council. At the recent meeting of the County Council's Planning Committee, the planning application for the incinerator was unanimously refused by the members. The reasons for the refusal were essentially twofold.

The first was that the County Council had not convincingly rebutted the claim that there would be over capacity nationally in future years which gave rise to the opinion that another incinerator was not required. A second reason was that the size and location of the proposed incinerator was not in keeping with the surrounding countryside and would adversely affect the landscape which was in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Although there has been a considerable increase in the amount of the County's waste material being recycled, the County Council has still to find the means of disposing large amounts of waste material annually which will not be able to be committed to landfill sites without severe financial penalties. The members of the public who have raised objections believe that the County Council has not given sufficient consideration to the alternatives. For its part the County Council has stated that alternatives have been considered over a number of years and it is the Council's opinion that incineration offers the best solution. It is not known whether the company responsible for the development of the facility, Urbaser Balfour Beatty, is to lodge an appeal against the Planning Committee's decision to refuse the application.



Saturday Market

At the March Parish Council meeting, Councillor Anne Smith reported the intention to create a Saturday morning market which would be held every Saturday between 9am and 2pm, initially in the lower room of the Town Hall. Councillor Smith has now confirmed that the market will go ahead with effect from 4th May. She asks that anyone interested in having a stall should contact her as soon as possible. She can be contacted on 812427 or by email: anne@hyettorchard.plus.com

On other pages this month:

Red Nose Day, **Beacon Quiz 2013**, community library, **Bake-off competition**, Stroud Choral Society, **Messy Church**, Fairtrade wine **Easter bonnets**, Art couture **Painswick festival**, Catholics celebrate, **New patchwork mouse** Parish action plan, **Sports reports**, Painswick summer ball

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 20th March 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 widest 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.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and stated that a retrospective planning application submitted by the Court House had been approved by the District Council. He then advised the Committee that wood panels had been delivered to the Court House and were to be erected on top of the lowered brick wall. As this was a Grade 1 listed building planning permission was required. It was agreed that the Council would contact the District Council and request that the Enforcement Officer visit the property. The Committee also agreed to seek advice from the District Council Planning Officer over what action could be taken over the use of a paddock as a builder's store by contractors at a private residence.

The Chairman confirmed that the District Council had stated that the current alterations to the Shetland Shop did not require Planning permission.

Catbrain Quarry

The Committee Chairman is due to visit the site and will report following his visit.

Matters requiring a decision

There were four matters requiring a decision. The Council supported three of the applications but objected to the proposed erection of a new dwelling on the site of Overdale, Slad Road, Slad, where a bungalow, had been demolished and the proposed new dwelling was three storeys in height. There had been twenty local objections stating that the new home was out of keeping in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Committee supported this view.

PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Urgency

At the forthcoming AGM of Sheepscombe Village Hall all Trustees were standing down. The Trustees were seeking a nomination from the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillor Ian James be nominated as the Council's representative. Similarly the Council's nominated Trustee at the Painswick Centre, Sue Lendell, would be standing down at the forthcoming AGM. There was not a nomination from the Council to fill the vacancy.

Chairman Martin Slinger read an e-mail that had been received from Karen Judd, Post Mistress, stating due to transactions at the Post Office falling month after month, regretfully she had resigned from Post Office Ltd, effective from 12th April 2013. Although she said that the future of the Sub Post Office was uncertain she had been assured by the Post Office Ltd that they will re-locate

the Sub Post Office within Painswick but in all probability as a Post Office Local. The shop would remain open offering new lines and becoming a "destination shop rather than a footfall shop".

After discussions by the Council it was resolved to contact Mrs Judd to find out the name of a contact at Post Office Ltd and then work closely with them to identify suitable alternative premises. Councillor Anne Daniels was very concerned about the impact on the village, particularly the loss of the free cash withdrawal facility.

Painswick Youth Club Project

Approaches had been made to the Big Lottery for a grant of £35k and to Entrust for a grant of £15k towards the cost of the project. If the approaches were successful, applications would be completed and submitted.

Voluntary Speed Traffic Checks

Councillor Rob Lewis had spoken to Rodborough Parish Council who are operating a similar scheme successfully. He will write an article for the Beacon outlining the scheme and request volunteers to assist in its operation.

CCTV in Painswick

No action since last Council Meeting. Councillor Lewis has still to arrange meeting with the Police.

Tibbiwell Post Box

Confirmation had been received that the post box was being de-commissioned due to lack of spare parts. Local residents had presented a petition to their MP who had promised to take the matter up with the Post Office. The Council had only held informal discussions with the Post Office. It was resolved to make a formal approach to the Post Office for the post box to be replaced.

Co-options to the Council

There was a possible candidate for the Slad vacancy.

County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Joan Nash advised that following a petition from residents of Sheepscombe, which was presented at a recent County Council Meeting, the County had agreed to resurface Damsells Lane. The road will be closed from the 13th – 24th May to allow the resurfacing. Six extra gangs – one for each district – are being allocated to fill potholes. This should mean that an extra 15,000 pot holes are filled.

The County Council's part of the Council tax has been frozen at last year's level. There will however be a slight increase in the full Council Tax Bill to

take into account an increase in the Police budget. From the Council's underspend £3m will be used to enhance the transport budget – potholes! A further £1m is being moved from reserves to support the adoption service.

The Yes2jobs website has been launched into schools. Schools can now access the site to arrange work experience within the local community for their pupils. To date it has been successful.

The County Council has set aside £250k to provide grants to community buildings for capital improvements. Expressions of interest are needed before 30th April. Contact Hester Hunt. 01452 328524 or www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/comigrants

Parish Plan

Chairman Martin Slinger read out a report that had been received from Terry Parker following the well attended consultation event that took place on the 12th March. Various points were raised and a further period of public consultation outlined. A report of the meeting plus details of the further consultation period appears in a separate article in this issue.

Saturday Market

Councillor Anne Smith explained that the idea for a Saturday Market in Painswick had evolved from the Mary Portas scheme to revitalise retail outlets in four of the towns in Stroud District. The four towns are Stroud, Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley and Painswick. It was stressed that it was not a Stroud District Council project: all the towns were involved. Stroud Town Council would provide the web site. The Project Manager would be the Stroud Life/Citizen newspaper.

It was proposed to hold the market on Saturdays from Easter until Michaelmas. Initially to be held in the lower hall of the Town Hall and as the Market grew extend onto the land opposite the Town Hall owned by the Gyde Trust between the War Memorial and the bus shelter and then Friday Street. It would be necessary to obtain agreement to close the road. Stall holders would be both local and non-local. Although it was suggested that the lower hall be provided without charge Councillor Smith would prefer that the Market pay its way – stallholders will have to pay for a site. The Saturday Market will be working closely with the Friday Country Market and will welcome their involvement in taking stalls.

Recommendations from Finance/General Purposes and Personnel Committee

1) It was agreed to support Art Couture by taking £1450 from the General Account. ▶

Red Nose Day

Congratulations to Philippa Griffiths and Emily Dandy who rode their ponies Frosty and Star through Cranham in the rain wearing their onesies with beautifully spotted ponies on Red Nose Day. They raised an amazing £212.50.



2) It was agreed to provide a one off grant of £100 to the Friday Club to assist with the running of the Club.

3) The Job Description and revised contract of employment for the Post of Deputy Clerk was approved.

Finance

It was agreed to appoint Mr Ian Crowe FCA as the internal auditor for the year ending March 2013.

Ward Reports

The following points were raised by various Councillors:

- Problems with litter in Kingsmill Lane apparently caused by workmen. Letter to be sent to County Council asking them to exercise greater control in this matter.

- Increase in dog fouling on footpaths. If footpaths on Council land then there is a need for signs and bins.

- The yellow lines at the top of Bisley Street have faded and need to be re painted. E-mail to be sent to County Highways Department as car owners are taking advantage of the lack of lines and parking in the area causing problems for both residents and other motorists.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Stroud District Local Plan: Policies Consultation (March – May 2013)

Stroud District Council is producing a new Local Plan which will help to shape future development within Stroud District until 2031. The Council is now consulting on planning policies which will be included in the Local Plan. These policies will manage and direct development and ensure that future development is high quality and protects, conserves or enhances the environment. The Council would like your views on these policies and if there are any new policies which should be included in the Local Plan to address planning matters which residents are concerned about. The Council is also consulting on some minor changes to settlement boundaries or development limits which are used to protect the open countryside from inappropriate or unsustainable development. Since 2011 the Council has been in contact with local communities and stakeholders to help identify any locations where amendments might be appropriate. The Council would like residents' views on these proposed changes and whether any other changes are now appropriate. The Council is not currently inviting further comments about housing or employment numbers as part of this policy consultation, nor about strategic sites or the overall approach to distribution of development. These matters have been subject to previous consultations and will be discussed by the Council over the coming months. There will be a further opportunity for public comment when the 'Pre-Submission' draft of the complete Local Plan is published for consultation later this year.

If you would like to respond, please complete the response form and return it to Stroud District Council by **Wednesday 8th May 2013**. You can view the Policies Consultation document and submit your comments online at www.stroud.gov.uk/consult

Alternatively you can look at paper copies of the document and pick up a response form at **Painswick Parish Council office**.

Painswick Beacon VILLAGE QUIZ

This year's quiz held in the Painswick Centre on Saturday the 9th of March brought a total of 21 teams competing for the Painswick Beacon Trophy. The trophy is a beautiful piece of medieval Painswick limestone carved by Mark Hancock of Centreline in the shape of the Trig Column on the top of Painswick Beacon. It is embellished with a metal plate replicating the direction markings on the actual Trig column. It was therefore appropriate that the overall winners should be the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group whose quiz team name was "The Slashers".

The teams fell into three categories viz., Village Teams, Clubs and Societies and Friendship Groups. A popular spin off from the quiz is the invitation for teams to provide a mascot which reflects the name of their club/group. This year's winners were "The Country Marketeers" whose clever entry is shown here. I am

sure that Painswickians would agree their Country Market with its "comparethemarket.com" mascot logo stands very favourable comparison with other such markets.



In the quiz itself there was to be no requirement for a tie break as "The Slashers" ended with an 8 point advantage over the joint second placed teams, the "Rosie Four" from Slad and the Bird Club who entered under the name "The High Fliers". The full results are set out above. All of those who participated said that it

whilst it would be good to win the trophy, that was secondary to the enjoyment of competing with friends and neighbours. There was the added bonus of the excellent buffet provided by Marion Sadler and Gill Gyde's catering team.

FINAL POSITION			FINAL SCORE
1	The Slashers	Beacon Conservation Group	84
2=	Rosie Four	Slad Village	76
2=	The High Fliers	Bird Club	76
4=	Off the Shelf	Painswick Community Library	75
4=	Tired and Tested	Tina and friends	75
5=	The Coalition	Pitchcombe Village	72
5=	The Coasters	Jolly Stompers	72
5=	The Diggers	Local History Society	72
5=	Gli originale	The Old Italians	72
10	Bookworms	Monthly book group	70
11=	The Country Marketeers	Country Market	67
11=	Cognosco	Lower Washwell friends	67
13	The Tibbidwellers	Tibbiwell friends	66
14	Disco Divas	Stroud Mencap Homes	63
15=	Esméaldas	Ancient Society of Painswick Youths	62
15=	Natural Born Leaders	Stroud Mencap Homes	62
17	Three Lager Louts and a Lady	Upper Washwell	58
18	The Bowling Bombardiers	Short Mat Bowling Club	53
19=	Quasimodos	Ancient Society of Painswick Youths	52
19=	Cup Cakes	Cup Cakes for Carers	52
19=	Hardy Perennials	Horticultural Society	52



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Pictured above in clockwise direction are: "The Slashers", "The Country Marketeers", "The Rosie Four" and "The High Flyers". Painswick Beacon

Chairman Richard Aspinall who gave the awards is pictured with bottles in hand.

Maurice Maggs and Pat Burrows of the Cup Cakes for Carers team with Pat proudly waving the wooden spoons



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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May in the Town Hall. This is an opportunity to hear reports from councillors and to raise questions about Parish affairs. The meeting is at 7.30pm.



Easter winners at Painswick Community Library

March has been a busy month for the community library. Not only has there been an increase in visitors and computer use, but we've also run two Easter competitions for younger readers. Despite the bitter winds and driving snow there was a good turnout to applaud the worthy winners at our Book Sale and Coffee morning on Saturday March 23rd.

We're delighted to report that our lonely and nameless Easter bunny has been called Rasy. Her new owner Clara Skelston entered the name and was the first ticket to be drawn from the



hat. Clara explained she had considered Rosy as a name but felt Rasy was more unusual and therefore more appropriate. Well thought out Clara.

Gill Mohin, our judge for the poetry competition had the difficult but enjoyable task of deciding on the winners. Congratulations to Kit Milner, Amy James and Daniel Dougherty who were each awarded a delicious edible prize. So that you can all enjoy their work, the poems will be on display in the library. Please come and read them. Peter Corley was persuaded to come out of retirement to present the prizes and this gave the Trustees an opportunity to show their appreciation of all his hard work setting up the library. Despite the unseasonal weather the Book Sale was well supported and we made a profit of £129. This will go towards the long-term operation and maintenance of the library. Looking ahead, we are now planning a celebration for our first birthday in June. Please let us know your ideas. The suggestion book keeps us in touch with your thoughts, please use it. From July to September, as part of the nationwide initiative, we will be running another Reading Challenge for children and we're aiming for an improvement on last year. Look out for more information in future issues of the Beacon. The Library located in the Upper Hall of the Town Hall is open Wednesday and Friday 10-1pm and 3-6pm; Saturday 10-1pm.

Pat Francis

Catbrain Quarry

Pictured is the storage facility at Catbrain Quarry on Painswick Beacon



Un-trodden paths

The PVCS will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 30th April in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm. Considerable interest has been stirred in this meeting by the speaker for the occasion, Chris Short of the Countryside & Community Research Institute, Gloucestershire University. The AGM is always a very short 30 min. affair that leaves oodles of time for some refreshments and the speaker. His subjects include Landscape Conservation, Commons, green areas in villages and ecological conservation of butterflies and moths: all subjects of considerable interest to rural communities that we have not pursued before, though within the Society's objectives. The Conservation Society maintains a fairly low profile in the Village but welcomes non members (who may wonder what we do) to its AGM. This year would be a good one to find us, on un-trodden paths, awakening new interests.



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Honorary Secretary*

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Saxon & Roman Church Tour

Our first coach excursion of the year takes place on Thursday 25th April, when we visit the Deerhurst Monastic heritage area containing two rare Saxon buildings, the small Odda's Chapel and St Mary's Priory Church, both situated close to the banks of the River Severn. The trip continues to the Norman Abbey at Tewkesbury where we enjoy lunch and a guided tour. In the afternoon, we will head to the Norman church of Newlands, also known as the 'Cathedral of the Forest' where we can relax over afternoon tea. Our guide will be Dr Steve Blake whose talk to members in February revealed the wealth of Norman church architecture that still survives throughout Gloucestershire. There are still some seats available for this tour (members £25, non-members £28) with lunch and tea included (details on 01242 230755). Membership of the Field Club is £20 (£30 for two people) with access to all this year's excursions, lectures and walks (details 813228).



Cobalt Appeal Fund

To all the supporters of The Cobalt Appeal Fund, many, many thanks for helping to raise £700 at the fun bingo evening. Apologies to the professional bingo players for us amateurs making lots of mistakes. (we're very old but oh, so willing.)

During February with our fund raising colleagues from Nailsworth and Woodchester we were able to present the Appeal Fund at Cheltenham Cobalt with cheques and money for £11,650. This was raised at the steam fair (in the rain) during August, a sponsored walk in April (in the rain) and lots of other events.

April 6th we will be having a coffee morning 10.00 until 12.30 there. will be a book stall, cake stall, garden pots, cushions, draught stoppers and bring and buy. Coffee and slice of cake £1.50

Look forward to seeing you all after a very cold winter.

John Hogg and June Gardiner and Sue Archer

Walks Programme

The Field Club's programme of natural history walks starts with the Wildlife of Dowdeswell Reservoir on Wednesday 1st May lead by Arthur Ball who has recorded the birds and other wildlife there for over 35 years. Most of the summer migrants should be in full song, in addition to the resident birdlife. This trip is by car-share and is open to members and non-members (pre-booking on 813228 is essential).

Later in the year we have a visit to explore the geology of the South Wales coast on Friday 7th June, followed by a guided morning walk in September lead by Dr Dennis Jackson to view the Decorative Stones of Cheltenham.
Jane Rowe

Bake-off Competition



The morning of the 8th of March saw the school full of the most delicious cakes created by the pupils using the theme 'Children around the World'. Head Teacher Ceris Towler reports

that the competition was very difficult to judge and a decision was taken to award all the entrants a certificate. However, the winners for each year group were:

- Reception: Lucas Smith
- Year 1: Hannah Watkins
- Year 2: Arthur Robinson and Miles Allen
- Year 3: Eloise Little
- Year 4: Florence Cross and Emily and Austin Dandy
- Year 5: Darcy and Isla Lynall
- Year 6: Isabella Weatherall

Thanks to Jane Bailey for organising the event and to her team of helpers and judges, and to everyone who took part.

Pictured from left to right are: Mea Bradley, Isabella Weatherall, Hatty McCormick, Ellie Hiatt and Laura Slinger who are all from Year 6.



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History of the Bra by Jilly Baker

You would have thought that a large group of middle aged women from Painswick, for such as we are, would have known all there is to know about bras but after listening to Jilly Baker we found that we were quite woefully ignorant! Jilly Baker runs her own lingerie consultancy from just outside Newent and she came to talk to the WI at our February meeting, bringing with her the largest collection of brassieres that I have ever seen. She warned us that she knew that most women have huge numbers of bras hiding at the back of their lingerie drawers unworn and unloved because they don't fit – we all nodded in total agreement. She then went on to explain how she had worked with the infamous Trinny and Susannah on a project to find out what proportion of women wear incorrectly fitting bras. It turned out to be a stupendous 93% and we all know who we are! Armed with this information a campaign was launched to make a difference to the comfort of British womanhood and it has been a huge success.

Jilly then continued to show us her range of bras introducing us to terms such as balconette bras, T-shirt bras, sideplates, full and demicups, wired and underwired and their attendant levels of support. She showed us the world's best selling bra – a bra called Doreen made by Triumph – a bra that would produce a cleavage worthy of Dolly Parton and a sports bra that resulted in 83% less bounce than any other bra. At the end of the talk we were all inspired to go over to Newent for a proper fitting knowing that a good fitting bra really is 'magic'!



Wednesday Ashwell Group (WAG)

Many readers will be aware of the work of the WAG. This group meets every Wednesday 10am to 3pm. It provides for the people of Painswick and the surrounding community an opportunity to meet in a social and stimulating environment. The daily programme could involve art, craft, games, gentle exercises, singing as well as outings and visiting speakers. Coffee, aperitifs, a hot lunch and teas are provided for £7 and free transport can be arranged. At present a few vacancies are available. If you are a carer of or know a Senior Person who would welcome companionship why not join us? Please contact any of the following to arrange a visit:- Etele James 813358, Anne Kenber 813259, Sandra Glass 814186.

Vicky Aspinall

Fairtrade at The Croft School

The Croft Schoolchildren held a Coffee Morning on Friday 8th March as part of the national Fairtrade Fortnight. It was a very successful event attended by many parents and other parishioners. Over £400 was raised on the day with the whole amount being donated to The Vine Project which



supports school-aged children who have no parents or family and would not otherwise be able to complete their basic education. Head Teacher Cerys Towler writing in the school newsletter reports that The Croft children listened to a very interesting and moving assembly about the work that Pat Chase does in South Africa and the difference that the money raised will make. Pat lives at Longridge.

Stroud Choral Society

On Saturday, 23rd February, the Stroud Choral Society – one of the oldest in the country, with several Painswick singers in their ranks - and Regency Sinfonia delighted an enthusiastic audience that filled Gloucester Cathedral. With Huw Williams, their exciting conductor and four soloists with Emma-Brain-Gabbott, soprano and Philip Tebb, bass outstanding, they presented first Haydn's Theresienmesse. This sparkles throughout with vitality and inspiration and delighted the large audience. By contrast, after the interval, Mozart's last and unfinished work, the Requiem, a powerful and dark

piece, all the more moving for the circumstances whereby it became his own Requiem, unfinished on his death-bed and commissioned by a mysterious anonymous patron.

The Society's next presentations will be Carmina Burana on 8th June and Verdi Requiem on 23rd November.



Ralph Kenber

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Alex Nichols, Chairman PMAG



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Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen

The Gloucestershire Guild is leaving its premises in the Painswick Centre. Saturday, 20th April will be the last day of opening and the members would be delighted to see as many people as possible calling in for a last look and refreshments from 12.00.

The Guild, celebrating its eightieth anniversary this year, has a long association with Painswick and the Painswick Centre has been its permanent home since 2000. Founded in 1933, the first of its annual exhibitions was held in Painswick, attracting an astonishing 3000 visitors, in 1937. With a brief interlude around war time, these exhibitions have been a major feature of Painswick's cultural scene ever since.

Over the years there have been hundreds of exhibitors including visiting artists, all very highly rated and award-winning craftsmen within their respective fields. From its very beginnings the Guild has been justifiably proud of its reputation for the quality of its craftsmanship. Although committed to retaining and promoting traditional skills, the Guild is constantly moving forward and embracing new work. There is always space given in the annual exhibition, for example, to new graduates.

The members are all professional people, many running a business of their own or involved in education, and others who are now retired but still practising their craft and maintaining their high standards of workmanship. They insist that the Guild is about crafts not fine art and their work therefore covers a wide range of areas including ceramics, wood, textiles, jewellery, weaving, furniture, leather, clothing, stained glass to name but a few.

The Guild emerged essentially from the Arts and Crafts movement, historically so strong in the Cotswolds. Its constitution includes a list of strict membership entry criteria and sets out the guiding principles of what the organisation exists to do, chiefly to promote high standards partly through educational workshops as well as displays. Membership is certainly not easily gained.

Its strong association with Painswick goes back to its beginnings, not only as the venue for its annual exhibitions but also because of the many craftsmen members who have lived and worked here. Dennis French, whose beautiful work is available in his local shop, has been a member since 1956 and notable committee members from Painswick in the past have included Phyllis Barron, Col. Pearson and George Brotherton.

The Guild is moving into shop premises adjoining the newly refurbished Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum in Clarence Street in early autumn. This was an offer not to be refused of course, but the annual summer show will, nonetheless, take place at the Painswick Centre from 14-18 August. Further details will be on the website www.guildcrafts.org.uk In the meantime, everyone is invited to call in on the last afternoon, 20 April, to enjoy this fine body of work whilst it is still here in our midst.

Carol Maxwell

ClubPulse

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Monday nights 5.30 to 7pm.. Painswick Youth Centre (next to the Recreation Ground).

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What an inspiration



On a cold and dark evening in March visitors and members of Painswick Horticultural Society (PHS) were treated to a wonderfully illustrated, informative and entertaining talk. We learnt about the concept of space in gardens and how we can trick the eye - it's all an illusion! Paul Hervey-Brookes took time out of his incredibly hectic schedule to inspire us to look again at the space we have and see it through fresh eyes.....and how simple he made it sound!

On behalf of PHS, I would like to say "thank you" to Paul for his time and support and to wish him luck with his entry at Chelsea in May.

Caroline Bodington (PHS Committee Member)



Messy Church

Have you heard of Messy Church? It is fantastic family fun with games, creative crafts, stories and songs.

It happens on Thursdays six times a year and the next one is on Thursday May 2nd from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Painswick Church Rooms (entrance from the church yard or from the top of the Stamages Lane car park) . This is church as you have never experienced before and it includes a delicious homemade tea. It is free (but donations are welcome). It is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions please contact Andy Harding 07845 460163 or andy.harding@psalms.uk.net. If your children or grandchildren have not been to Messy Church before why not give it a go ?

On February 21st we had a delightful evening of Operatic Duets presented by the dynamic duo of Ralph Kenber and Richard Burgess-Watson.



Richard, with articulate explanation from his daughter Sarah, started the evening with an intimate duet from L'Incoronazione di Poppaea by Monteverdi from the late 1500s. He then went through the years with a Gypsy duet from Zefira, seduction from Mozart, Garden of love from Schumann, unusual Argentinian song about cattle looked after by angels and then finally up to date with Menotti "The Telephone". Ben is trying to ask Lucy to marry him but the phone keeps ringing!

Then Ralph took over with well known duets of love and tragedy, starting with the most popular opera worldwide Carmen, by Bizet, then followed Russian folk music from Eugene Onegin by Tchaikovski, the Flower duet from Lakme by Delibes then duets from Lucia di Lamermoor by Donizetti, Der Rosenkavalier by Strauss, La Traviata by Verdi and then to crown a fascinating evening Maria Callas sang "Miserere" from Il Trovatore by Verdi which left us all in tears.

Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir



On Friday 15th March the Gloucestershire Male Voice Choir performed at The Painswick Centre for the third time to give us a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The choir of 48 singers treated a packed hall to a varied programme of songs ranging from South Pacific, Andrew Lloyd Webber favourites, Les Miserables and Gilbert and Sullivan. A new addition to their programme was a delightful performance by the brass quartet from The Sir Thomas Rich School. The assistant head master Mathew Morgan conducted the 4 pupils from years 11 & 12, with George Dickinson from Painswick playing the trumpet.

Both the singers and the brass quartet were of very high standard and gave us a memorable evening, which we hope to repeat in a couple of years time.

Painswick Calendar for 2014

The last two Painswick Calendars have proved to be very successful in raising funds for the Painswick Centre. This was largely due to the support and encouragement we received from local businesses, photographers and residents. Consequently we are now planning a third calendar for 2014. This will be entitled "Painswick Past" and be illustrated with old historic images of Painswick and the surrounding area. However, this will be dependent on finding suitable black and white historic photographs. So please let us know if you have any interesting old photographs that we would be permitted to copy. We would also be very grateful to any businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor this project. Please contact Sue Lendon 01452 813791.

Annual General Meeting 11th April at 8pm

You are cordially invited to join the Painswick Centre Annual General Meeting on 11th April at 8.00 p.m. when you will hear of the work and new initiatives made during 2012. After the meeting wine and refreshments will be served and Trustees will be available to answer any queries and would be pleased to meet anyone interested in becoming more involved with The Painswick Centre either as a volunteer or joining the committee as a trustee.

If you are unable to come to the meeting but would like more information please contact David Linsell (Chairman) on 01452 812464.

Sue Lendon

Cupcakes for Carers

If you are involved with looking after somebody at home and would like a pleasant break and a chance to talk over various issues, we might be able to help you at Cupcakes. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month between 1.30 and 4.30pm. If you have been recently bereaved, you are also most welcome. Phone 01452 813326 for more information.

Gloucester Carers have a few free cinema tickets for early claimants to see *Singing in the Rain* at the Guildhall on 5th and 6th April. If you are an interested carer please phone 01452 386283 and you could be lucky.



Fairtrade Wine Tasting Event

On Saturday, 2nd of March, the Fairtrade Committee invited members of the community and visitors to a wine tasting in the Church Rooms. The purpose of the event was to give people the opportunity to sample wines which had been produced not only with regard to the quality of the product but also with regard to fair working conditions for those involved in the production.

We received vouchers from the Co-operative Stores, with which we purchased four types of fairly traded wines from south America and South Africa. To these we added one of the many fairly traded wines currently available at Waitrose, making a choice of 5 in all.

Each person received a fact sheet to record their preferences.

Some thirty five people came to try the wines and the atmosphere was very convivial.

What we did find was a number of very drinkable wines, retailing at about £5-£6, both red and white. The most popular were a Chilean white Sauvignon Blanc and a red Argentinean Bonarda-Shiraz available from the Co-op. In the meantime, look out for the Fairtrade logo on wines in all the major supermarkets including Morrison's and Tesco! Fairtrade wines will be solely featured at the annual Christian Aid salmon supper set for May 16th.

John Rohrbeck



Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will be meeting again shortly 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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We have met three times since our last report and have welcomed the latest, (Ladies) Probus to Painswick.

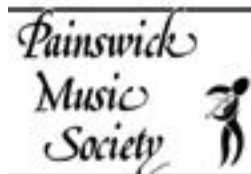
Back in February, Bill Affleck gave an impressive presentation on the Invasion of Sicily during World War II, remarking that this was just the 'Latest Invasion' as Sicily had been invaded many times before. The talk was illustrated with excellent maps and photographs which were well combined and described. The story of the invasion was an epic account littered with failures in communications and wrong decisions.

Then at the beginning of March, Brian Lamerton from Dursley Probus stepped in at the last minute to give us an excellent, Illustrated presentation on a cruise to Antarctica. The cruise left from Ushuaia, the most southern city in Argentina and proceeded via the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Elephant Island and the Antarctic Peninsular.

At our most recent meeting, Barry Groves, who has won countless championships and trophies in archery, gave us an excellent presentation on the subject. We were introduced to the history of archery as well as the current sport, the variety of competitive activities and the extraordinary high tech equipment that is used.

Glynn Nixon

On April 6th The Carducci Quartet return to Painswick to perform another of their very popular concerts for the Painswick Music Society. They are not just popular in Painswick for their concerts and their workshops at The Croft School, the Carducci has established an enthusiastic international following with over 90 concerts worldwide every year. In Painswick they will be playing quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvořák. They each have very special places in the Chamber music repertoire. Haydn's because his prodigious output of quartets virtually kick started chamber music introducing so many innovative forms, Shostakovich because he was a great innovator and his Quartet No.11 created a new form of musical expression, Dvořák because, in America, he composed his Quartet No.12 feeling the influence of Negro, Indian and Irish folk music.



On April 20th we have the Italian pianist Alessandra Taverna who has won numerous awards in national and international competitions and has performed throughout Europe and America. He was first noticed in the UK at the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition for his strength and grace of playing, where critics felt he deserved first prize rather than the third he was awarded. His programme is an exciting one which gives him plenty of opportunities to display the dexterity that has been described as "almost shocking". Starting with Beethoven's Eroica Variations, followed by three of Debussy's Immages, a Chopin Ballade, three more of Debussy's Immages, Busoni's Sonatina super Carmen, with Stravinsky's Three Petrushka Movements bringing the recital to a brilliant conclusion. Debussy is on show here as an 'impressionist composer' in his 'Musical Monet' mode, whilst the virtuoso pianist composer Busoni shows what he can do with Carmen and Stravinsky with Petrushka, though in this he goes back to its origins because the ballet began as a piano concerto. Puzzled?, you won't be if you come to the concert. Both concerts are in St. Mary's Church, Painswick, at 3pm.

Maurice Maggs



Put on your Easter Bonnet!

The Friday Club met on the 8th of March to encourage Spring and to decorate Easter Bonnets, and even themselves!, in lighthearted memory of the many ceremonies that have taken place all over the world at this time. The photograph taken by Anne Marie Randall shows the hats being proudly displayed.

Adele Lambert



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We're on to a winner!

Rehearsals for Jeffrey Archer's *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* are progressing really well. To begin with Kevin Parker, the Director, brought the large cast together on a number of occasions in order to discuss the many twists and turns of the plot and the often intricate relationships of the various characters. These meetings have proved invaluable. Not only have the cast members begun to get under the skin of their characters, and how they relate one to another, but there has developed a very real camaraderie and a realisation that we're on to a winner!

However, one cast member has been missing and will remain so until the first night: you the audience are to be the jury! You will be asked to cast your vote during the interval by placing a coin in one of two receptacles – one marked 'Guilty' and the other 'Not Guilty'. Your decision will be made known at the end of the play and the coins collected will be sent to an appropriate charity.

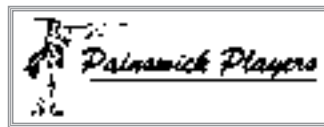
This is a serious and challenging play, especially for the lead actor who is on stage throughout. It encompasses all the emotions: pathos, envy, bitterness, sadness and, at times, wit and humour. Jeffrey Archer's *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* is to be performed at the Painswick Centre on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May. Tickets (£9.00 and £5 for teenagers) are available from the Post Office or by phone from Steve Friar at 01452-814004.



Painswick Parish 2011 Census data

There are a number of interesting comparisons between the data published in the 2011 Census returns and that in the 1999 Census. The Beacon is grateful to the County Council's Strategy and Challenge section for the information which relate to the whole parish.

	1999	2011
Population	2958	3026
Age 0-4	106	145
Age 10-24	355	355
Age 25-34	278	141
Age 35-44	338	378
Age 45-54	465	426
Age 55-64	491	488
Age 65-74	388	505
Age 75+	393	449
The total number of residents aged 85+ is 152. This is 5.0% of the total population compared with 2.7% for Stroud and 2.7% for Gloucestershire.		
The total number of dwellings.	1407	1546
Detached.	818	887
Semi-detached.	240	311
Terraced.	266	227
Flats/apartments.	78	118
Households with no cars	240	143
Households with one car	536	535
Households with two or more cars	528	725
Number of owner occupied households	1016	1097
Households without central heating	141	34



The final meeting of the Bird Club year began as usual with reported local sightings. David Cramp, Glos. Group Leader of the RSPB, then comprehensively reviewed "Birds of the County" with many delightful illustrations of those 200 species of the 330 recorded nationally. His account was divided by terrain, each site reflecting particular probabilities of sighting the individual species; thus came the Thames area, the Cotswolds, Severn Vale, the Wye and the Forest.

Happily Summer's black-tufted head and chestnut ruff of the great crested grebe and white plumes of the little egret are no longer targeted by the fashionistas, promoting their numbers much! And the elegantly black and white "mapped" male smew can safely cavort with naughty (female) redheads on Cirencester Water Park! So to Highnam Woods and the 4am song of nightingales from deep in uncoppiced wood and advancing beneath the observant gaze of peregrines high on the Gloucester Royal Hospital. What a surfeit of wonder and detail to behold ~ a meeting rather well attended. The AGM followed at which a presentation was made to Joy Elworthy, the retiring Programme Organiser, to recognise an outstanding decade of achievement for the Club.

Stephen Friar

Please feel welcome to come and hear Gareth Harris, former warden, recounting the joys of the Cotswold Water Park, the culmination of "Repairing the Scars of Mineral Extraction" in his talk at the Town Hall on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm.

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The Art Couture Painswick Festival

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Saturday 13th July - Live@ACP

Sunday 14th July - The Art Couture Painswick Festival

As our thoughts turn from the cold, dark days of Winter to the fresh and longer optimistic joys of Spring, the momentum behind the Art Couture Painswick Festival steps up several gears!

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Take a stall....

Art Couture Painswick attracts thousands of visitors to our village, all in a good mood and keen to spend their hard earned money on beautiful items of art, craft and produce and looking for a delicious late breakfast, sumptuous lunch and gorgeous afternoon tea.

If you have something which you feel would enhance the array of fabulous stalls already booked for the event, please contact me for all the details.

Volunteer.....

We need to assemble an army of volunteers to help with the festival.

We need help in many guises:

NOW in the run up to the festival, with a myriad of tasks, one of which includes sorting and curating our collection of past ACP creations.

ON THE DAYS of the festival, helping with car parking, directing and helping competition entrants, help with setting up stalls, running errands and messages around the village, etc etc etc.

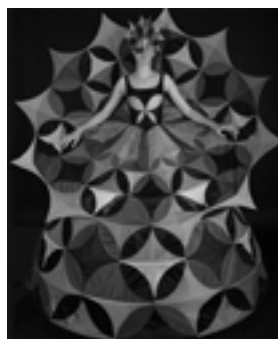
AFTERWARDS, helping with the Art Couture Painswick Museum and Gallery (see below).

Please, please, please contact info@acpfestival.co.uk and tell us what time you can offer us and how we can get in touch with you nearer the time.

The Art Couture Painswick Museum and Gallery

It has long been a goal of Art Couture Painswick, really since its inception, to have a permanent museum and gallery in Painswick, where the cream of the crop of creations from the festival can be exhibited throughout the year, for the enjoyment of our visitors and the local community. The gallery will also be a focal point of inspiration for future entrants, where people can get up close with the art and discover the unique stories behind them.

We would like this museum and gallery to be open six days a



week, between 10 am and 5 pm. To achieve this aim, we again need another army of helpers: ambassadors for Art Couture Painswick, to welcome the visitors, assist them with any information they need about the festival and perhaps sell them some ACP merchandise for good measure!

If you are interested in offering your time and energy to this exciting new project, please again email info@acpfestival.co.uk. Whether you can offer half a day each month, several

days a week or only help on an occasional basis, we would love to hear from you. Local young people on gap years or looking for work experience should also apply – you can enhance your CV, whilst contributing to the success of this wonderful enterprise.

Become a Sponsor.....

As the event grows, so the bills grow too and we are therefore always looking for financial sponsorship from companies keen to get involved with a young, popular and eye-catching adventure such as Art Couture Painswick.

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Get in touch.....

A host of inspiration and details on all aspects of the Festival can be found at our website www.acpfestival.co.uk.

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Chris Mercer

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Local History Teaser

Our picture this month shows a house which in 1905 was known as Goddards House. Are you able to identify it and perhaps say what its name is now? We should like to hear from you if you can provide this information.

Last month's photograph was taken from a glass slide, also dated 1905, and showed Painswick Mill, then known as Reed's Mill as it was a pin making factory managed by the Reed family. Alan Fielder contacted us to say that, on close examination, it is possible to see a second tall chimney to the left of the mill chimney. This was part of the gas works and next to it stands the gas holder and the manager's house. What has mystified several readers is the cottage with three chimneys which appears directly above the mill chimney.

If you have a picture which might present a challenge to readers please do get in touch.



...and the Local History Society

Remembering the 10th Gloucesters and the Battle of Loos

At the March meeting Nick Christian gave a moving presentation on the fate of the 10th Gloucesters, the regiment in which so many young Painswick men fought and died in 1915. With the aid of some very evocative photographs and posters Nick explained that after a powerful early shaming campaign thousands of men joined up and appeared initially to undergo training quite happily with pathetically inadequate equipment, little knowing what was to come.

From the outset they found themselves in appalling conditions in France. The number of casualties was horrendous and many are still lost without proper burial. On 25 September 1915 at the Battle of Loos the 10th Gloucesters were virtually destroyed – 54000 men were killed in total. Within weeks the battalion was back in action with the extensive and horrific use of gas.

Nick explained with illustrative material how useless the gas protection wear was and he also showed the almost less than useless and definitely unreliable hand grenades issued to the soldiers.



Nick's vivid account, which made good use of many soldiers' diaries and letters, brought a very personal and real touch to an extraordinary event. He set this aspect against the broader political narrative of strategies and events and the result was a picture of bravery, dignity and tragedy on a massive scale. His book, *In the Shadow of Lone Tree*, a wonderfully illustrated account of this episode, is available from the Society.

At the next meeting three members will present their research on three very different aspects of Painswick's past. Tuesday, 16th April, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

More 2011 Census data

Dwelling type

The number of dwellings: 1,546

Unshared dwellings: 1,546

Shared dwellings: 0

Health

Number of residents: 3,026

Health

Very good health 1,497

Good health 1,053

Fair health 361

Bad health 93

Very bad health 22

Residents with long-term health problem or disability

Number of residents: 3,026

Day-to-day activities limited a lot 218

Day-to-day activities limited a little 310

Day-to-day activities not limited 2,498

Provision of informal Care

Number of residents: 3,026

Provides no unpaid care 2,586

Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week 341

Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week 33

Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week 66

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The internationally renowned chamber choir 'The Sixteen' under its conductor Harry Christopher came to St Mary's church for the first concert of the Painswick Music society's 68th season. It was a sell-out and no surprise..

The programme was divided between Elizabethan and modern with a total of 22 items plus a welcome short encore and was a treat from start to finish. We expected technical perfection and we got it: any young aspiring choristers or choirmasters in the audience will have taken away a lesson in ensemble, diction and expression including a vast but controlled range of volume from ghostly-but-audible to raise-the-roof which was notable even with eighteen not sixteen in the choir!

For me the early works were the best with the eerie In 'Manus Tuas III' by John Sheppard and William Byrd's 'Laudibus in Sanctus' outstanding and some familiar works by Thomas Tallis still popular after 450 years. As for the moderns Michael Tippett's settings of 'Five Negro Spirituals' from 'A Child of Our Time' was a treat from the expression-filled 'Steal Away' to 'Deep River' with its amazing fortissimo passages and while for me Benjamin Britten is an acquired taste a fellow listener was overwhelmed by his 'Gloriana Dances' So there you have it: a balanced repertoire beautifully performed so what else could you want? An excellent set of programme notes? We got that too.

The next concert will be in St Mary's Church Painswick at 3 pm on Saturday 6th April with a programme of music by Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvorak.

John Parfitt



Catholics celebrate

A number of Painswick's Catholic parishioners were at Clifton Cathedral in Bristol recently to attend the appointment of their parish priest Father Tom Gunning as a canon. It was a double celebration as Father Tom's predecessor, Father David Ryan, was also appointed to the office of canon.



Pictured with Canon Gunning are, left to right, Denise Magauran, Sandie and Somerset Moore

Champagne, saplings and heifers



Winter's second bite has disrupted some of our work, but we remain on target to be grazing two areas by the end of April. One area with six "teenager" Gloucester heifers, and the other grazed by five Gloucester cows with their calves. It seems particularly appropriate to be using a local, native breed that narrowly avoided extinction forty years ago when the Rare Breeds Survival Trust was founded locally. We need more volunteers to expand the team of 'Lookers' who do the regular check-ups on the grazing animals each day. Could this be you? I believe that we will have Spring weather soon after you read this.

A date for your diary. We will be co-hosting with the Bird Club an evening meeting on Tuesday 9th April in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm; visitors very welcome. Our expert speaker Gareth Williams' illustrated talk is entitled Repairing the scars of mineral extraction.

Continuing the quarrying theme, the Beacon Conservation Group is giving the lead to landscaping round Catbrain Quarry and its new large building. We are taking the opportunity to transplant many small trees and shrubs from nearby parts of the Beacon to create informal plantings and 'hedge' that will soften the industrial appearance. These plants would otherwise be dug out or cut down to comply with the specific prescriptions of the ten year Higher Level Stewardship scheme to enhance the Site of Special Scientific Interest - The Beacon to you and me. If you are willing to help in this win-win (Guerrilla Gardening Style) activity, please get in touch. We hope, weather permitting, to have an open to all, full day on Saturday April 6th, named "Champagne and Shaplings" when the serious workers will be rewarded with tea, cakes, squashes and bubbly. Meister Masonry will be hosting this day.

Continuing the Guerrilla Gardening theme, a splinter group of the Conservation Group will be taking up the challenge of the Parish Clerk to brighten up (with appropriate planting) some of the neglected untidy edges of public roads and paths in the village. If you would like to join in or contribute plants or cuttings (of e.g. buddleia) to favour bees and butterflies please contact the Parish Clerk or David Allott. With all this activity it almost seems too much to mention that our splendid quartet, "The Slashers" won the 2013 Village Quiz. Is there no stopping them?

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The opening of the new Patchwork Mouse is imminent. The doors are about to be unlocked to reveal a completely refurbished space where, as in a traditional English tea shop, fine teas and coffee will be served but with a rather different and very modern offer for Painswick. Craig and David have been working very hard to ensure this new business is excellent in all respects. Because of its listed building status, carrying out the much-needed renovations involved a complicated planning process and extensive consultation with the environmental health agency to ensure 100% compliance with all regulations. With their own insistence on very high standards for all aspects of the business, they feel that the result is as good as it possibly can be.

They have been determined to present the Mouse as their own brand – only the name remains from the past. The exterior must wait for more clement weather but inside a real change has taken place. The decor is lovely with soft, clean colours and new low energy lighting. The effect is fresh and welcoming. There is a beautiful mahogany serving bar and seating for up to twelve people. With charging points for mobiles, laptops and free internet and Wi-Fi access, it is simultaneously both very 21st century and traditional teashop in presentation. The internal appearance of the shop will change slightly on a regular basis as local artists, both professional and amateur, are invited to exhibit their work. There will be a competitive commission rate for any sales and anyone of any age can display their art work.

Apart from the fine specialist teas, freshly ground coffee and hot chocolate ‘to die for’ according to Craig, edibles will include fresh croissants, soups, paninis, sandwiches and cakes and pastries, plus daily specials. The Mouse will open seven days a week from early morning to late afternoon and there will be a loyalty card scheme on offer too. Craig and David, with much background experience in running this sort of business, will be on hand with some part-time help to provide the service. A great deal of time, energy, thought, planning, finance and sheer hard work have been invested in this new venture. The result is stunning. This is an excellent addition to Painswick’s growing reputation for outstanding eating establishments and both visitors and local residents will be the beneficiaries.

Do look out for the opening any day now and enjoy the very special fare on offer in this lovely new shop

Carol Maxwell

Gloucester Cattle are 40

2013 is a year of celebration for Gloucester Cattle and the Gloucester Cattle Society. It is 40 years since the breed was saved from extinction and since the Gloucester Cattle Society was formed to look after the breed. It is a success story that helped the formation of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. Gloucester Cattle are the last true dual purpose breed of English cattle and almost died out in 1972, when the last herd at Wick court was sold. However a determined group of individuals ensured that this did not happen by buying as many cattle as possible from the sale and by locating other individual animals. This enabled a new herd book of 70 foundation animals to be established. The need to save the Gloucester Breed was one of the motivations behind the formation of the RBST in 1973 and several of the breed’s Founder Members played a prominent part in setting up that organisation.

One of the Society’s founder members, Joe Henson was awarded an MBE in 2012, in recognition of his services to animal conservation and on the 14th of February this year Eric Freeman and Robin Otter were presented with the “Marsh Christian Trusts Lifetime Achievement Award” by the Prince of Wales for their work with the RBST and Gloucester Cattle. The Gloucester Cow is a striking animal and the most attractive of British breeds with its dark mahogany coat, with white flitchback and tail and a black head with upswept horns. Originally Tri purpose (Meat, Milk and Draught) it is still a true Dual purpose animal. The quality of its meat is superb and now covered by the ‘Gloucester Beef Certification Mark’, which identifies that Gloucester beef must come from Pedigree Gloucester animals. The milk makes excellent cheese, with Single Gloucester Cheese being a PDO, requiring milk from Gloucester cattle. The breed is easy to handle and



easy to calve and ideal for the smallholder or landowner who wants to keep a small number of cows. They are ideal for conservation grazing as they do well on grass, hay or silage and do not need costly concentrates.

The story of the saving of the breed is fascinating and one that the Society is celebrating in its fortieth year. The Society is however, not just looking back, but is looking forward

to the future. Although classed as ‘At Risk’ by the RBST Watch list the Society has over 750 animals in the herd book, which are now spread throughout the UK and the Society will be using this celebratory year to raise the profile of this unique breed to both the public and agricultural community. The Society commences its celebratory year with a launch at the Cotswold Farm Park this month but the main event will be at the 3 day Three Counties Agricultural Show held in June where the Society is hoping to have 40 cattle in the show classes. Currently several artisan cheese makers use Gloucester Milk to make Gloucester cheese. One of the major herds is the Daylesford herd owned by Sir Anthony and Lady Bamford, who milk some of their Gloucesters to produce Single Gloucester Cheese for sale in their Farm Shop. Another producer of cheese is one of the Society’s founder members, Charles Martell (of Stinking Bishop fame). The cattle are very photogenic and readers will look forward to seeing the animals on the Beacon.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCS) wishes to thank Christopher Duffell TD for providing this most interesting report.

David Allott, Chairman PBCS



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Bird sighting

Carol and Peter Turnham from the Brook Farm Fishery at Cranham have written to say that they have had a wonderful sighting of an osprey. This happened at around lunchtime on Monday 25th March.

"The bird circled above our lakes a couple of times, and then perched



in a tall tree for 20 minutes, giving us plenty of time to be quite sure about the identification. The bird will no doubt be just passing through, which is probably as well; an osprey wouldn't exactly make an ideal local resident for our trout lakes! " It headed off towards Painswick. Perhaps others saw it after the Turnhams?

Palaeographic skills? I need your help.

Does anyone have palaeographic skills, in particular the knowledge to transcribe 16th and 17th century secretary hand? I have copies of some documents relating to the 1608 county muster roll which should prove very useful to research I am currently undertaking into the subject and, although I am able to transcribe this writing style, I am very slow! I would really appreciate some help. Please contact me on 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net if you are willing and able.

Carol Maxwell

Easter 2013

March has been one of the coldest months on record

with Easter Sunday, the last day in the month we are told, being the coldest Easter Day since 1960. Hats were therefore much in evidence for the Good Friday Procession of Witness when some sixty residents made their way around the village to mark this important day in the Christian year. On Easter Day morning a small group of parishioners assembled on Painswick Beacon just before 6am when a short service was held. The morning

brought a beautiful sunrise and with the absence of the bitter wind of previous days we are told by those who attended that the morning was surprisingly pleasant.



Parish Action Plan

The Parish Plan consultation event took place on Tuesday 12th March when there was a good attendance and considerable discussion. Just under 100 comment sheets were completed during the evening and these were to be analysed by the Working Group. Several parishioners expressed surprise that the Action Plan consultation sheets had not been placed on the Parish Council's website. This was being addressed. The meeting heard that there was to be a further period of public consultation when parishioners would have the opportunity to comment on the revised Plan. The period of consultation would last until the end of April. The final draft version would be available on the website during May with the main points published in the June Beacon. The Parish Council would be asked to adopt the Plan at its meeting on 19th June.

At the meeting a resident expressed surprise that the Plan contained no reference to a marketing strategy. Emails from Mr David Batty and Mr Leslie Brotherton, who apologised for their absence, were read to the meeting. In his letter Mr Batty said that he was surprised that few, if any, of the important issues and suggestions raised by the general public and made known to the Council over the last year or so, had any prominence in the Draft. He asked why that was and suggested that it would be more effective for the Parish Council to concentrate on those matters over which they had direct control and to establish clear policies and objectives that might ensure that such matters were progressed in a timely manner. In his email Mr Brotherton said that, at a personal level, he was delighted to note that just about all of the points raised by the Group which considered matters particularly affecting the Senior Generations had found mention in the Action Plan.

Referring to the issue of marketing strategy, it was agreed that the revised Plan would include a reference to the strategy but that it was necessary to stress that the Parish Council did not believe that the creation of such a strategy was a Parish Council responsibility. That opinion was endorsed by several parishioners at the meeting. It was felt that such a strategy had to evolve from the business community. Reference was made to Painswick's participation in the Mary Portas scheme which was seeking to revitalise outlets in four of the towns in the Stroud district. It was stressed that the Parish Council was committed in seeking every opportunity to assist the business community in promoting trade within the Parish. Painswick's involvement in the Mary Portas scheme was an example of that endeavour.

The Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Slinger, explained that the Council had a considerable workload and that the Parish Plan was only one such task being undertaken. A resident suggested that there were a number of retired parishioners with differing professional backgrounds who would wish to assist the Council. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Working Group members were thanked for the quality of the display boards which together with copies of the consultation sheets had been very helpful in formulating the parishioners' comments.

Cricket

Preparations for the 2013 cricket season are already underway at Painswick Cricket Club. Our major project this season is the installation of net bays to allow members, young and old, and of whatever standard to practice: a vital facility which will allow the club to continue to progress and develop. This season our first eleven will once again be playing in the West of England Glos/Wilts league. This standard is quite remarkable and something of which the club is very proud. In addition to the four Saturday senior teams, we will have three youth sides plus our Ladies and girls teams. Our main home will of course be at beautiful Broadham Fields but we will also be making use of the ground at Marling School in Stroud.

The club has four main aims for the coming year: maintain and hopefully improve our current league status; establish net training facilities at Broadham; further improve our provision for youth cricket and to maintain the English Cricket Board's 'Cricket Mark' accreditation which the club gained at the end of 2011. The club is now chaired and led by Ian Hogg who I am sure many of you will know. Ian has played for both Painswick Rugby and Cricket clubs and has supported village sport for many years both on and off the field.

As with any growing venture, the club is always in need of support. We are extremely grateful to MOULTONHAUS who are our main sponsors. That said, we survive through membership fees, match fees and donations, mostly from within the village. The club would like to thank you if you have previously contributed, it is greatly appreciated. We would struggle tremendously without your support. If you would like to contribute to the cricket club and become a Vice President/Friend of Painswick CC for 2013 I will be pleased to provide further information. Thank you for reading this report and for whatever support you feel you are able to give. Please pop down and visit us during the season; we would be pleased to see you. A fixture card will be sent to you should you desire. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question about the club. We wish you a fine and dry summer!

Steve Pegram on behalf of Painswick Cricket Club email: stevie483@gmail.com

More sports reports overleaf



Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

Rugby

Painswick 15, Stroud 10

Painswick edged out local neighbours in an entertaining game at Broadham.

Playing down hill Stroud started strongly with the bigger pack taking the game to the Home team, however the Painswick defence was solid and soon Painswick took the initiative scoring a superb try in the corner. Stroud hit back with a penalty goal but Painswick responded with Aussie Smith storming through the middle to score a try underneath the posts, which Dom Barnard converted.

Painswick had a 15 to 3 lead at half time however Stroud took early control in the second half and scored a converted try taking advantage whilst a Painswick player was sinbinned. This led to a tense end to the match which Painswick controlled well gaining them a well-deserved victory.



Bowls

Painswick Falcon Bowling Club members are looking forward to the start of the new season. The afternoon of Saturday 20th April will provide members with their first opportunity to take to the green. It signals the start of the season and is quickly followed up with the first fixtures of a busy season. The membership of the Club of some 70 members enables us to fulfil a full fixture list starting on 23rd April and ending on 20th September. The fixtures include mixed, gents and ladies friendly matches as well as competitive matches.

The Club is well on with its preparations for the start of the season with the main focus of attention being given to the green and the Club grounds. The Club is very fortunate to play in such pleasant surroundings and its setting is well known within the bowling community with a constant stream of bowling clubs on tour looking to play a game at the Falcon.

This summer the Club is particularly pleased to be hosting a game between a Bowls England Select Team and the Friends of English Bowling. This is taking place on Tuesday 11th June from 2.00pm and visitors are welcome to come and see the game in progress.

We are always looking to welcome new members to the Club whether experienced bowlers or new to the game. A good way of becoming involved is to come along on a Friday afternoon when we run a Club afternoon. In the early part of the season help will be on hand to give guidance to beginners starting on Friday 25th April and continuing for the next two Fridays. So do come along if you are interested. If you can't make those dates but would still like to get involved with the Club then contact Chris Clouting, Club Secretary, on 01452 617874. A warm welcome awaits.



Tennis Open Day



The Club is holding an Open Day on Sunday 28th April from 2-5pm at Broadham Fields. All ages are welcome so do come and have a go – Tennis equipment will be available for you to borrow and advice will be on hand. You can even test the speed of your serve with special equipment available on that day only.

Painswick Cup

This year's Painswick Cup competition has now been completed and despite the bad weather only two matches failed to be played. The result this year is that the two Painswick sides and the Nailsworth A team tied for first place out of the eight club teams taking part.

Pavilion

The club pavilion at Broadham has been fully redecorated following floods late last year.

New members

The club is always looking for new members of all standards and in addition to the Open Day above, new members can come along at 7.30 on Tuesday or Thursday club evenings and ask for the committee member on duty or contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693



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Golf Club



Despite some rather cold weather over the last month or so, quite a lot of golf has been played. The Ladies' and Seniors' sections held a joint Texas Scramble on 26th February – with the winning team being Dave Warren, Stewart Price, Roger Collier and Henry Cownie with a net score of 58.75. The Seniors held a stableford medal on 14th March with Anthony Fisher coming top with 41 points, and a social bogey competition on 7th March with two teams – Duncan Toase / Henry Cownie and Malcolm Booth / Peter Rowe – sharing first place with a score of +1.

The summer season of friendly matches with other clubs started on 21st March with the Seniors' team playing at home to Minchinhampton Old Golf Club. The team was delighted with a first win. And following the match an excellent meal was enjoyed by both teams.

Although the Ladies section is small in numbers, it is very enthusiastic, and members enter many competitions at home and away. The first round of the Mail on Sunday Classic 2013 was played at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. The Painswick Ladies team (comprising Audrey Payne, Angela Woodward, Kate Dennison, Sarah Taylor and Bronwen Godley) played strong golf in very wet conditions, but came off second best. The Ladies team (Sarah Taylor and Kate Dennison) playing in the Daily Mail Foursomes beat a pair from Lilley Brook Golf Club and await the draw for the next round.

The Ladies held their Presentation Evening on 7th March. The photo shows Leslie Wylde (centre) being presented with trophy for winning Club Championship last year by Pauline Williams (Ladies Vice-Captain) and Mike Hoey (Club President).

Painswick Golf Club now has new caterers (from Hatton Court) who are delighted to welcome you to the revamped Clubhouse Bar and Restaurant. Their opening meal was on 7th March for the Ladies Presentation evening and they are open seven days a week. An initial focus is on Sunday Lunches. They can be contacted on 01452 812180.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors and new members - please get in touch with the professional, Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) or Seniors' captain Peter Rowe (813228) for further details. Or if you are a Senior (over 55), why not make a note in your diary to play in this year's Seniors' Open on Wednesday 15th May (further details available from Richard Wright on 01452 552578).



Football

Painswick U8s win 3 games in a row.



Under the expert coaching of Craig, Aaron and Chris, the Painswick U8's football team is going from strength to strength. A month long run of Saturday games with 3 wins has spurred the team on to train harder.

First in a tight game, Painswick beat Cinderford for the first time ever 4-2. Second they won at Frampton, after being tied 1-1, 2-2 and 3-3, in the final quarter Painswick pulled away to win 8-3. Third against Eastcombe, a 5-0 win, the boys kept running despite the cold conditions. Finally the boys showed great skill and effort despite losing to a strong Abbeymead team.

Some great results to build on for the rest of the season.

The squad of local boys includes Sammy, Jacob, Ethan, Freddie, Theo, Hugo, Joe, Finn, and Edward (capt.).

Training is Wednesday 6pm at Stroud Leisure Centre. Matches Saturday morning. If you would like to join us call Craig on 07525 468574.

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With spring is in the air, and blossom coming on the fruit trees I thought we could look at the word "PIP" this month.

As a noun it can be

1. A small hard seed in a fruit
2. A small shape or symbol
3. A disease of poultry or other birds causing thick mucus in the throat and white scale on the tongue (ugh!)

You see; you can learn all sorts of useful information reading the Village Agent articles. What is even more interesting news is that PIP (Personal Independence Payment) is the new benefit coming in to replace DLA (Disability Living Allowance) for people aged 16-64 officially from 8 April 2013, but will come into play in this part of the country from June of this year.

If you are already in receipt of DLA you might be concerned about what to do? Existing claimants do NOT NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW. From October '13 anyone with a DLA award coming up for renewal, young people turning 16 or DLA claimants reporting a change in their condition , will be reassessed for PIP.

From October '15 all remaining DLA claimants will be invited to make a claim for PIP. Their DLA will continue until a decision is made on their PIP claim. If PIP is not awarded or claimed then DLA will stop.

So, what is PIP? It is a non- means tested and non-taxed benefit to help towards some of the extra costs arising from a health condition or disability. It is based on how that condition affects the person, not the condition they have. Claimants can receive PIP whether in or out of work. There are two components to it; one for daily living needs and one for mobility needs, both being paid at a standard or enhanced rate.

How do you apply? First, there will information available from a range of sources, including online, leaflets and support

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organisations. They will explain the eligibility criteria and help you to decide if you want to make a claim. You must have needed help for 3 months and are expecting to need help for the next 9 months. Then you call up the DWP (Department of Works and Pensions) or someone supporting you, and go through a series of identity checks and answer some basic questions. This is also the opportunity to say if you have any special requirements such as large print, braille, other languages etc.

A form will be sent to you in which you can explain how your disability or condition affects your daily life (on good and bad days) and over a range of activities. Supporting evidence can be sent with the form which will be returned to the DWP.

The majority of claimants will then be asked to attend a face to face consultation. There will be the option to have this done at home if necessary. This will be a good opportunity to explain in your own words what your support needs are.

Finally a decision will be made based on all the information given to a DWP Case manager. They will make a reasoned decision based on entitlement including the length and level of the award.

Like most benefits, I could write realms more information (at the risk of you falling asleep and the editors getting stressed!)... so I'll end now and invite you to contact me or other support agencies for further information.

I would recommend looking at the government site where there is a wealth of information available about this benefit and others such as Attendance Allowance which affects those over 65. www.gov.uk/pip

Lou Kemp 07776245767

Apology. Lou's telephone's number is as above and not as published in the March issue.

PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

When I sat down to write the report for January we were in the midst of winter with weather to reflect but I never imagined I'd still be seeing snow out of the window as I wrote this at the end of March!

Undeterred by this and the lack of green shoots in our gardens, we are seeing positive activity emerging from the housing market. The Budget announced assistance for homebuyers and house builders through the flagship scheme "Help to Buy", a scheme aimed at assisting those trying to get a foot on the property ladder. Although Painswick tends not to be core first-time-buyer territory, it can only be a good thing that help is at hand for those wishing to own their own home.

Recent reports on pricing trends appear to be continuing the pattern from last year: minor fluctuations up and down but overall the picture is one of stability. The Nationwide have just published data reporting that Q1 prices in Gloucestershire are down 1% year-on-year whilst Rightmove are reporting a monthly rise of 1.8% in March - take your pick!


Closer to home, Hamptons are pleased to announce that they will be staging a Country Living Roadshow next month to showcase our properties in key London venues. This will be supported by extensive marketing throughout our network of 29 London offices and will offer a fantastic opportunity for us to take your property directly to the potential buyers - during 2012, over 70% of our buyers were from outside of our local area!

Once again, I should like to reinforce my advice that the keys to selling in the current market are to take evidence-based

advice on realistic pricing and to select an agent with a proven track record and access to the widest audience - be they local, national or international.

New instructions recently include: Dover House in Vicarage Street, a Grade II* Listed village house with superb valley views and a fine example of Queen Anne architecture; Hillworth Cottage in Gloucester Street, a Grade II Listed Ashlar-fronted 4 bedroom house; Stepping Stone Cottage in Kings Mill Lane, a 3 bedroom period house with scope for improvement offering a generous garden and delightful views over fields; 7 Berry Close, a beautifully presented family house within easy reach of the school and other facilities; 7 Randalls Field, a 4 bedroom modern house with generous gardens; Old Weavers in Pitchcombe, a substantial Grade II Listed detached Cotswold stone house offering extensive gardens and a host of period features; Woodlands Crest on Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe, a modern and generously proportioned house with superb views; Colethrop Cottage in Colethrop, a truly gorgeous thatched cottage with 2 bed annexe; Church Cottage in Great Witcombe, a rare opportunity to secure a substantial period house beautifully sat in 1.3 acres of private gardens in this delightful village; Old Barn in Portway, a red-brick house now in need of modernisation; Eastgate in Cranham, a bungalow on a large plot with planning permission to create two further bedrooms; and The Granary at Pincott Farm, a 4 bed property offering far-reaching views and approximately 6 acres of paddocks.

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Sat	6	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Coffee Morning in aid of Cheltenham Cobalt Appeal Fund	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
		Painswick Music Society Concert: The Carducci Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	8	Probus Women: Shelterbox - an International Response Team Volunteer - Liz Odell	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12.00noon
		Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)	Town Hall	10.30am
		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
		Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
		Bird Club / P. Beacon Conservation Group: Repairing the Scars of Mineral Extraction - Gareth Williams	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Probus AGM	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library) Wednesdays	Town Hall	2.00 to 2.45pm
		Table Tennis - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
		Horticultural Society: "The Versatile Apple..."	Church Rooms	7.30pm
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
		Painswick Centre AGM (Reg. Charity 301595) Cotswold Room. Enq. 812464	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Fri	12	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club: Fascinating Fascinators - Vicki Moore	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	Conservative Bridge Drive with Afternoon Tea	Church Rooms	2.30 to 5.30pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Wine Tasting with the Ladies, followed by Lunch	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	18	Music Appreciation Group: Hector Berlioz	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	20	Copy Date for May Beacon		
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Alessandro Taverna, Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees WI: Surprise Event	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	25	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club guided coach tour to Tewkesbury Abbey, Deerhurst & Newland churches. For info tel. 813228	Stamages Car Park	TBA.
Thu	26	Friday Club: Travellers Tales - Janet Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	27	Theatre Club Outing to The Water Mill, Newbury	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Tue	30	Painswick Valleys Conservation Society AGM & Meeting	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm

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Wed	1	Probus: Keeping The Lights On - Stewart Price	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided Walk: Birds & other wildlife at Dowdeswell Reservoir with Arthur Ball. Enq. 813228	Dowdeswell Reservoir	10.00am
Thu	2	County Council Elections	Town Hall	7.00am to 10.00pm
		Bird Club Field Trip: Nightingales at Dusk with David Cramp RSPB	Highnam Woods	7.00pm
		Music Appreciation Group: Mystery (Concert Room)	Richmond Painswick	7.30pm
Sat	4	May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Mark Stone, Baritone; Simon Lepper, Piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Bird Club Field Trip - Stroud Water Canal Walk: Meet at Bonds Mill Car Park (grid ref. OS 793053)	Stonehouse	10.00am

Tue	7	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	8	Horticultural Society: National Gardens Scheme 85 years	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	9	Painswick Players production: Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Jeffrey Archer (Also 10th & 11th)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Late Spring outing to Gloucester Fire Station & Skill Zone		
Sat	11	Horticultural Society: Malvern Spring Gardening Show	Malvern	
Sun	12	Painswick Beacon Clear-up: meet at car park near Catbrain Quarry	Painswick Beacon	2.00pm
Mon	13	Probus Women: Managing Pain - interactive talk from Specialist Acupuncturist - Adrian Lyster.	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12.00noon
Wed	15	Probus: Making Life Better...One Step at a Time - Steve Morton	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group: AGM & Members' Night	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: All About Painswick - D. Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: Comedy songs & Camper Vans - N. Clark	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: History of the RNLI - Frank Austin	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	31	Friday Club: Walks with Hawks - Clare Lott	Town Hall	2.30pm

JUNE

Tue	4	Cupcakes for Carers	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	7	Chris & Maire: A World / Folk Music evening with renowned Irish Harp & Guitar Duo	Painswick Centre	7.30 for 8.00pm
Mon	10	Probus women: Visit to Chavenage - travel by cars Bird Club Field Trip: Summer Migrants at Nagshead Nature Reserve, Forest of Dean (grid ref. OS 606085)	Visitors Centre	10.30am
Wed	12	Probus: A Journey Through Mexico - Bob Price	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	14	Friday Club: President's Meeting & Cream Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: AGM followed by talk - Fox's Field Finds - Cotswold Archaeology	Croft School	7.30pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Chatsworth & the Cavendish Family 1550 - 1850 - Gillian White	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	26	Probus: Sir Thomas Phillips - a Bibliomaniac B*****d - Chris Annison	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	28	Friday Club: Moths in a Cotswold Garden - Bob Smith	Town Hall	2.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

WASHWELL COTTAGE, Lower Washwell Lane Erection of 2 dwellings.
TOCKNELLS HOUSE

Repairs to main house roof.
SITE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS OVERDALE, Slad Road, Slad Erection of new dwelling
GREENBANK, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge Garage conversion, erection of new attached garage, utility room and single storey extension.

CROMPTON HOUSE, New Street Fell Sycamore and replace with apple tree. Prune Acer, Re-shape Acer.
WOODSEND, Butt Green Fell Larch Tree.

REVISED PLANS

THE RECTORY, Stroud Road, Edge Proposed change of use to Care Home including conversion of the Coach House to provide living accommodation (Maximum number of residents for whole site to be 8)

CONSENT

BAYLISS HOUSE, Sheepscombe Reduce the Contoneaster by the house to its previous height, reduce the spread all round by approx 50% & shape. Cut the lower canopy & the Laurel back to clear the roof by at least 1.5m & to also clear the path. Remove as much Mistletoe as practicable from the Rowan near the swimming pool, pruning out where this will not cause detriment to the tree. Crown raise all around, removing all branches below 1st primary limbs of the Black Walnut in the paddock below the house.
TILING, Kings Mill Lane Single storey extension, external alterations, conversion of garage into habitable space, erection of new detached garage, (demolition of existing outbuilding).

WYCKWAY COTTAGE, Stepping Stone Lane First floor extension and alterations.

NURSES HOUSE, Friday Street Demolition of existing garage and formation of 2 car parking spaces. Conservatory and rear entrance lobby extension. Substitute oak window for second front door. Form wheel chair access and disabled facilities.

FALCON BOWLING CLUB, New Street Reduce height of 5 Yew trees by approximately one third and trim the sides. Fell one small Yew, to the right of the club house, to the ground. Fell two dead/dying Conifers on the back boundary to near ground level. Trim the Conifer hedge on the side boundary.

THE PATCHWORK MOUSE Internal and external alterations. Plus Change of Use from (A1) to Tea and Coffee Café (A3) with ancillary sells (A1) and alterations including replacements windows and doors, new rooflights

THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING, Stroud Road Change of use conversion of disused library building to form 4 dwellings & parking spaces, the demolition of existing outbuildings and the provision of a new pedestrian route between the church and Stroud Road public car park.

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Gertrude Bell 1868 – 1926 by Jan Long

At the March meeting the members of the WI were given a lecture by Jan Long on the life of



Gertrude Bell, an intrepid woman who was years ahead of her time. Gertrude was a highly intelligent pretty woman, 5'6" tall with red hair and green eyes. She was the eldest daughter of a wealthy steel magnate from Redcar in Yorkshire who attended Lady Margaret Hall in Oxford - a great achievement for any woman at that time. After graduating she travelled widely around Europe, Cappadocia, Burma, Korea and Jerusalem always chaperoned by her devoted brother Morris and always staying with minor royalty or in embassies. She developed a love of climbing, scaling many difficult alpine peaks, and of photography - her archive of almost 7,000 photographs can be found in Newcastle University. She also learnt classical and colloquial Arabic which allowed her to explore Arab countries freely and to be able to communicate with the inhabitants.

While living in Persia she met and fell in love with Henry Cadogan, a charming gambler and drinker. When they became engaged to be married her father was furious and demanded that she break off the engagement and return home. This she did leaving Henry to later die from pneumonia after falling into a river. Gertrude was then given a job in British Intelligence in India and Iraq where she continued with her work in archaeology while feeding information to Britain - by this time WW1 was looming. She became friends with the likes of TE Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) Ibn Saud (the founder of Saudi Arabia) and King Faisal who she recommended to the British Government should become the King of Iraq. She made numerous maps of Arabia and helped to change Mesopotamia into modern Iraq.

In 1921 she was invited to Cairo to take part in the Cairo conference where along with Churchill, TE Lawrence and General Allenby decisions were taken as to how to carve up the Arab territories - decisions that still have repercussions today. Photographs of that conference appear to have been redacted to erase all records of Gertrude's attendance possibly because she wanted Arab rule for the Arabs but the British and the French disagreed as they wanted access to the oil fields. Gertrude Bell died aged 57 while living in Baghdad and was given a state funeral.

Jan Long's lecture fascinated us all not because of Gertrude Bell's enormous achievements but because she achieved them at a time when the majority of women were expected to stay at home, look decorative, wash, cook and care for their children

Vicky Aspinall

The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Engagement

TONY and MARGARET PHILLIPS of Ferndale, Queens Mead are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter MICHELLE ELIZABETH PHILIPS to GAVIN JOHN CLARK from Barnet, London.

Change of address

MIKE and SUE KERTON have moved to Nol6 Richmond Village. Mrs E BUTLER has moved into Englewood, Cotswold Mead.

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.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to the Painswick firemen who recently came to our rescue when our chimney caught fire. It was quite a frightening experience but from the moment we dialled 999 the problem was taken out of our hands. The crew arrived very quickly and got the situation under control in a very professional, calm and fast manner which was a great relief for us. Thanks again lads you do a great job.

David and Ingrid Ward, Foxbury Cottage, Damsells Lane

Croft School News

In addition to the Bake-off competition and the Fairtrade Coffee Morning reported elsewhere in this issue, there have been other events of interest at the school. One was the Mock Trial competition in which the Year 6 children took part. For this they had to learn a script as though they were the prosecution team at a magistrate's court and then act it out against another school that played the defence team. The case involved a teenager accused of spraying graffiti and the children had to think of questions to ask the defence in order to prove his guilt. Head Teacher Ceris Towler writing in the School Newsletter says that it is a great opportunity for children to extend their analytical and logical skills. In her letter Mrs Towler reports that it was great to see all the fantastic projects that had been brought in during the term just ended. She says that it has certainly been a great opportunity for children to show their strengths and use their imagination and creativity. Mrs Towler thanks all the parents who supported their children so well to achieve such masterpieces.



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Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MARY GREVETT, DOROTHY HAYGARTH and PHYLLIS VARAH who have all died recently.

Congratulations

Congratulations to JOAN WOOD of Gyde Road who celebrates her 96 Birthday on April 7th.

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