

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Community Library bid on course

In the June issue of the Beacon it was reported that the result of Painswick's Community Library bid was hoped to be available in this edition. It is our understanding that the County Council will be issuing a press statement in which it is stated that "Business plans are set to be accepted for community groups to take over libraries and youth centres as part of the Big Community Offer. There are still details to be ironed out, but there are 16 business cases that look to be progressed immediately. On Monday 27th June, Cllr Antonia Noble, cabinet member covering libraries and Cllr Will Windsor Clive, cabinet member for communities, gave notice that they intend to make the decision to accept the first plans. One business case likely to get the green light is the bid from Painswick Parish Council and Community Library in Painswick (CLIP)".

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said: "Each of the projects is different and has been designed to fit the local community it serves and I am confident they will be a big success. Gloucestershire County Council has



worked closely with the organisations to get the plans off the ground and we will continue to support them once the decision has been confirmed through to the community taking it over".

Peter Corley, who chairs the CLIP group, told the Beacon that the positive news concerning the Community Library bid would be welcomed by many Painswick residents. He said, "We aim to develop a community library for the 21st century as the core of a wide range of services to be developed to meet the needs of Painswick and the surrounding area".

Terry Parker, Parish Council Chairman, said that the Painswick bid included strengthening the floor of the upper hall, a toilet for the disabled and improvements to disabled access at the Town Hall. He said what was not yet known was the status of the bid by the Painswick Youth Steering Group in which a grant was requested relating to the refurbishment of the Youth Club building and whether the Community Library bid would receive the full amount of the requested grant.

## A Summer Arts Feast

Throughout July and August Painswick will have an abundance of art exhibitions, theatre, and other events to cater for most tastes. Many of these events have been happening in the village for years but following the initiative in 2009 they have again been brought together under the umbrella of an Arts Festival. The Festival kicks off with the Wearable Arts Parade on Sunday 10th July, with an Art Trail finale on Sunday 28th August. This year's chair of the Festival, Rupert Aker, says that the village is a beautiful backdrop to celebrate the creative talents of Painswick and the surrounding valleys, and he hopes the event will give local residents and tourists alike plenty of opportunities to enjoy and take part in the arts. The Painswick Players are performing 'Duets' at the Church Rooms and a special two day music festival is being held in

St Mary's Church. The organiser Emma Karran notes that the genres represented range from classical to folk, contemporary to gospel, and even an open choral singing workshop. There is also the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen summer exhibition, a sculpture exhibition at the Rococo Garden, a dance workshop and many art exhibitions. More details of these events are given in pages 10 to 14 and further details available at [www.painswickfestival.co.uk](http://www.painswickfestival.co.uk). And on top of all this, we have the welcome return of the Rococo Players to the Rococo Garden from 12th to 16th July.

## Changing face of the Beacon

See report on Page 2 of Planning Committee discussion; there are further photograph in page 8



## A Future for the Falcon

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear. The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



One of those exceptional occasions when the proceedings of both meetings (held on 15th June) were completed, without haste, in under two hours. District Councillor Barbara Tait and County Councillor Joan Nash were in attendance, as were three or four members of the public.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Minutes of previous meetings

Since the minutes of neither the meeting on 18th May nor those for 1st June were provided for the public, or on the Council's web site, we are unable to comment upon their content or approval.

### Change of use: commercial to residential

Note was taken of the apparent intention of HM Government to encourage changes from commercial use of property, i.e. traders and businesses, to private/residential. The committee were strongly of the opinion that such was an inappropriate policy with regard to small settlements and that its implementation would further erode the economic viability of villages such as Painswick.

It was agreed to represent strongly to NALC (the National Association of Local Councils), through whom this matter of obtaining local opinion had been received, the retention of the prevailing presumption of no change of use of commercial premises for villages.

### Planning applications – preliminary consultation

The committee was invited by the Chairman, David Hudson, to consider reversing its long-standing policy of no dialogue whatsoever with intending applicants for planning consent. This had been prompted by a village centre resident who proposed to make alterations to his access and who would appreciate taking soundings with the committee prior to investing in the cost of design and application.

The Clerk reported that such was strongly encouraged by the Phill Skill, Head of Planning at the District Council, since it reinforced localism and the speeding up of planning applications. Terry Parker

quoted from the impending legislation upon increasing localism, and all were reminded that such open and constructive consultation had long been the practice between applicants and planning officers, greatly aiding their mutual approach to issues which arise. Mr Hudson suggested that such policy at Parish Council level was "entirely sensible", whilst reminding the committee that it had no powers beyond recommendations to the District Council.

It was unanimously agreed that such policy be adopted with proposals being brought forward where requested by an impending applicant, either in person or in writing, and that such discussion as ensued be without prejudice for either party.

### Catbrain quarry – recent workings

Members were advised that considerable excavation by tenants Meister Masonry Ltd had taken place, moving closer to the existing boundary and, it was suggested, reinstating the site to its condition when quarrying ceased.

Concerns regarding some diversion of the Cotswold Way where a new gate had been constructed, and the resumption of quarrying as such had been expressed to officers of the County and District Councils respectively, and feedback is awaited.

(See pages 1 & 8 for photographs)

## PARISH COUNCIL

An exceptionally vigilant member of the public took advantage of the time set aside before the meeting went into formal session to question the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May, as posted on the Council's web site.

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, explained that for some reason beyond his comprehension the minutes thus posted had included part of the corresponding meeting for the previous year, and were therefore inapplicable. As soon as this had been discovered the latest version, as agreed by the Chairman, had been republished and apologies offered.

### Manorship – council services

The meeting agreed to amend the minutes

of the previous meeting to include reference to the request accepted from Ela Pathak-Sen that the scope and cost of services rendered by the Parish Handyman upon land of which the Manorship are stewards be included in on-going discussions with Selina Blow.

### Affordable Housing

The Chairman reported that Martin Hutchings, of GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council), had offered various dates upon which to visit and discuss potential sites which had been identified in the area which might at some future date receive affordable homes. Whilst such sites have yet to be listed in the public domain, they will inevitably be of interest or significance to those living nearby.



### Allotments

The saga of creation of a site to receive allotments appears to be drawing to a satisfactory conclusion.

Martin Slinger reported that a letter explaining the position (as reported on page 2 of the last Beacon) had been sent to all who had expressed interest in tenancy of an allotment on the Mop Tree site, pointing out in particular that no parking would be contemplated at or close to the site. Some 21 had responded that they remained interested in availing themselves of a site, a figure which the

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Clerk pointed out made implementation of the project viable. Mr Slinger explained that the existing entrance way to the site is presently restricted to Richard Hinds only, and that no evidence had been obtained to validate the suggestion that there had been an historic second entrance between that and the junction with the A46.

It is now clearly understood by all parties concerned that any advancement of the project can only be on the condition that no parking will be available at or near the site, although the dropping off of users and/or their tools and materials will be permissible. The Council intended offering allotment holders storage of materials at its cemetery depot.

Terry Parker reported that he was awaiting a date to meet Selina Blow to ensure that there were no residual impediments to the Council proceeding to obtain the tenancy of the Mop Tree field. As soon as such 'clearance' had been assured arrangements would be put in hand to (a) obtain a Certificate of Lawful Use, this being a requirement in the absence of a need for planning consent – there being no intention to erect structures on the site, and (b) legal matters including leasehold to the Council. The Clerk assured the meeting that all such could be in place ready for signature at the next meeting.

#### **Boundary Commission – changes of Division**

Mrs Nash reported that with effect from the 2013 elections for the County Council this Division will increase in size as part of the overall objective of reducing the total number of County Councillors from 63 at present to 53 thereafter. The electorate will increase to the largest in the county by including Whiteshill, Randwick and Ruscombe parishes.

#### **Big Community Offer**

The Chairman reported upon a misleading press release that day regarding bids received by the County Council. These, including the collective interest from Painswick, should be determined on 1st July, but an announcement is expected on 22nd June (which will enable reporting in this issue of the Beacon). As Chairman Terry Parker observed, it will be interesting to note black or white smoke emanating from our Town Hall on the 22nd!

## **10th July Street Closures A request from Chris Mercer**

As you are hopefully aware, the second Wearable Art Painswick Festival is almost upon us, as it takes place on Sunday July 10th.

On this day, many of the streets of Painswick will be closed to traffic between 9:30am and 7pm and the streets will be full of stalls, music, entertainment and Wearable Art!

To help the event run smoothly, can all cars please be removed from the relevant streets of Painswick by 9:30 am on Sunday 10th July.

The cars can be parked, from 7:30 am, for free on the recreation ground for the day, if required. To benefit from free parking, please present proof of your address when parking at the recreation ground.

The principal areas involved in the WAP Festival are Victoria Street and Square, St Mary's Street, Friday Street, Bisley Street, and The Painswick Centre car park.

To ensure the safety of everyone at the Festival, there will be no access for vehicles between 9:30am and 7pm and also no access during this time to the upper ends of Vicarage Street, Tibbiwell Street and the whole of Hale Lane.

The streets will re-open again at 7pm.

Please help us with this so that we can really make the Wearable Art Painswick Festival a great day out for everyone to enjoy.

#### **Bus services**

That the County Council was reviewing the network of services throughout the county was reported in the last issue (page 4) and the options under examination were clearly set out insofar as they might affect Painswick. The most important service, the 46 linking us to Cheltenham to the north or Stroud and Nailsworth to the south, is intended to continue as at present Monday to Friday. For Sundays the Parish Council supported Option 1, two through services which will mostly benefit Sunday workers, with others terminating at Brockworth where change to the No.10 links frequently to both Gloucester and Cheltenham.

Views were also expressed regarding the 256 Eastcombe-Painswick-Gloucester service and the 93 Gloucester-Stroud.

#### **Olympic Torch – route**

The Clerk presented a draft letter, comprehensively extolling the diversity and calibre of sport pursued in this village, and cogently arguing the case for the torch route to pass through this village – poised as it also is at the mid-point of the Cotswold Way.

The council readily endorsed its submission to the organisers, 'Olympic Torch - London 2012 Torch Relay'.

#### **District Council – Standards Committee**

This committee, which monitors the standards of SDC across the board, includes formal representation of constituent Parish and Town Councils. The Parish Council complimented Caroline White, one of the two Ward Councillors for Slad, upon her election (one of two appointees) through a poll of all District Parish Councils.

#### **Street weeds**

Ann Daniels pointed out that with the demise of the Bledisloe Cup competition it was increasingly apparent that there had been a marked reduction in the care exercised by property owners regarding weeds alongside their premises, including some traders in the village. This detracted from the impression gained by visitors and others, and yet required little time to maintain in better order.

The Council strongly endorsed the suggestion that this column be used to convey the hope that owners would take some action in this regard. Consideration will also be given to mounting a local competition to replace the Bledisloe Cup, maybe with differing streets in the heart of the village effectively competing with one another for tidiness. Watch that/this space!

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# Community Library News



The news reported on the front page that Painswick's Community Library bid is likely to get the green light is most encouraging. But we need to see the small print before we can get down to detailed work.

We aim to open the library before Christmas, but this would depend on how soon the improvements to the Town Hall can be finished. As soon as we have the details of the grant, we will seek quotations for shelving and other equipment (as well as books!).

In the meanwhile CLIP has completed its survey of residents in Painswick and neighbouring parishes. Over 200 questionnaires have been returned. This is a very good response and it provides a wide range of information and ideas for the community library - all invaluable. Thank you to all who responded.

The library survey would not have been possible without the help of the distribution team, helpful contacts in Edge and Sheepscombe and especially Karen and her colleagues in the Post Office. Thank you all.

The number of people who have volunteered to help has also been very encouraging. You will be contacted as soon as possible. Later in the year we will arrange training sessions for you. CLIP will have a table in the Painswick Centre during the Wearable Art Painswick Festival on Sunday 10th July. Why not come along and introduce yourself? You will be very welcome. Hopefully the way forward will be clear by then!

*Peter Corley*

## Colour in nature and art: butterflies, church art and the Severn river cliffs

The last of the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club's summer evening meetings will take place on Wednesday, 6th July at 7:30pm, in the Town Hall, when Sue Smith will give an illustrated talk on Butterflies (not 1st July as previously reported!). Some of Gloucestershire's rare butterflies have been in the news lately, including the appearance of Large Blues at Daneway Banks, near Sapperton, and Marsh Fritillaries, at a reserve near Chalford. Sue Smith is chairman of the Gloucestershire branch of Butterfly Conservation, so this will be a splendid opportunity to hear more from a local expert. Visitors are very welcome to our talks.



On trips to Chepstow, have you ever glanced down at the famous red and white cliffs beneath the old Severn Bridge? Find out more about the geology, historical features and plants on a walk with the Field Club to the Aust and Hock cliffs on Saturday 30th July. Contact our Walks Organiser, Joyce Barrus for further details on tel. 812942.

Our final summer outing, on Wednesday 17th August is led by Dr Steven Blake, an expert on medieval churches in Gloucestershire. The day includes guided tours of Meysey Hampton church, noted for its exquisite stained glass windows, and Fairford church, described by Simon Jenkins as 'one of England's outstanding galleries of church art'. Lunch and tea are included in the cost of £28 (£31 non-members). Booking details obtainable from Jenny Jackson, 01242 230755 or myself (see below).

*Jane Rowe, Membership Secretary, tel. 813228*

# Centre Café Opens for the Arts Festival

The Centre Café will open again this year, to provide refreshments during the



Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen's Summer Exhibition in the Beacon Hall and the Art Exhibitions in the Cotswold Room. We will be open on Wednesdays through to Sundays from 30th July to 21st August. Teas, coffees, light lunches and cakes will be available from 10:30am to 4:00pm.

## Painswick Calendar for 2012

Painswick Centre Trustee, Sue Lendon has designed a wall calendar for 2012, featuring twelve local Painswick scenes photographed by members of the Woodchester Photography Group. The calendar will be launched on the day of the Wearable Art Parade on Sunday 10th July (price £6:00). The calendar will also be on sale in The Post Office and the Artists Studios as well as other village retailers, or direct from Sue Lendon (tel. 813791). The calendar will make an ideal gift to send to family and friends as a memento of their visits to our lovely village. This is another fund-raising project for the Painswick Centre and the Trustees thank the twelve local businesses which have generously sponsored one of the monthly pages.

The profits from the café and the calendar will be put towards this year's projects: improved heating in the Cotswolds and Green Rooms, new flooring and furniture in the Green Room, and redecoration of the Beacon Hall.

We also welcome Claire Nayegon who is being co-opted to the Board of Trustees. Claire is one of the founding members of the Artists Studios at the Centre where she also runs all-ability Stained Glass workshops (tel. 07900 606234).

*Jane Rowe,  
for the Trustees of the Painswick Centre  
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## Barbara Thorley - a tribute



Many generations in Painswick have known Barbara Thorley as a teacher at Stroud High School for girls, as a member of the WI, the Friday Club and Painswick Music Society. As well as members of her family, all were represented in full at her funeral on 13th June.

Barbara's association with Painswick started in 1957 when as a young Music

teacher she came for an interview at Stroud High School for Girls. This began an association that gave her lifelong friends and it allowed her to express her love of music and inspire new generations. She enjoyed teaching but her greatest interest and challenge was the Choir which provided her with a number of career highlights including in 1969 the achievement of the Gold Cup at the Cheltenham Festival! Their achievement was remarkable as they defeated all the adult choirs as well as other schools causing the rules to be changed and school choirs were in future barred from competing for the gold cup. Her students also benefited from her sense of adventure; there was the Canadian exchange, music festivals all over the country and in 1974 the Music Cruise on the SS Uganda.

She played an active role in Painswick and Edge WIs and at a county level. For many years she led the Gloucestershire WI Choir and composed a piece called "Zodiac" for them. There was no let up in the standards Barbara demanded from the WI Choir and they, like her school choir, went on to win many awards.

It was her involvement with the music society as Programme Secretary that helped bring it to its present success. She took great pleasure in booking high quality performers and spotting new young talent. A society sponsor, Gerry Mattock, wrote "her legacy of uncompromising quality and integrity will surely live on". It was wonderful that she managed to make it to the last of this year's series, the King's Singers, just before her final admission to Hospital suffering from her third encounter with cancer, which she faced with considerable bravery. Barbara had stated her wish to retire as Programme Secretary, a post she had held since 1992, and it was so fitting that she was thanked during the concert for her services and given a presentation by the chairman, Lawrence Turner, allowing the audience to also show their appreciation.

## Hold a Blooming Great Tea Party and raise money for local Marie Curie nurses



This summer Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on all tea lovers in Gloucestershire to put the kettle on in support of local Marie Curie Nurses.

This year alone Marie Curie's specialised local nurses look to provide free care and support to 175 terminally ill patients and their families in Gloucestershire – yet there are more and more who need this support.

By getting together with friends, family or neighbours and holding a Blooming Great Tea Party of your own you can ensure this care can continue in Gloucestershire.

TV actress and baking enthusiast Fay Ripley is supporting The Blooming Great Tea Party and said: 'I'm planning to hold a children's tea party and get the kids involved but it can be as simple or as extravagant as you like, from a builder's cuppa with colleagues to getting the whole family round for a gathering in the garden, so what are you waiting for?'

Please register today online at [www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty) or call 08700 340040 for your free Tea Party fundraising pack.

*Catherine Butt*

## The Big Apple Day

Attention all apple lovers. Do you have an apple tree? Or even an apple orchard? We are planning an Apple day and Harvest lunch on Saturday 2nd October at the Recreation Ground. We are looking for people who have orchards or have an interest in orchards to get involved. Do you know how to make cider? Do you know anything about the history of apple orchards in Painswick? Or can you identify old fruit tree varieties? Do you have a family recipe involving apples or autumn fruit. Would you be able to spend a few hours picking apples for the event?

We will have an apple press so people can bring their own fruit to be crushed for juice and a cooking competition, expert talks, a harvest lunch, music and stalls selling all manner of fruity things from juice to jam to baby apple trees. Put the date in your diary so you can come along on the day and share a harvest lunch with friends or take home a jug or two of juice. Telephone 812879 for more details. This is a charity event also supporting our village link with Lideta in Ethiopia.

*Greg & Iris McCormick*



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# A46 Cooper's Hill Landslip

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Work continued to the eastbound verge which is above the new retaining wall. Fig. 1 shows the new safety barrier in place between the carriageway and the retaining wall also the pedestrian guard rail along the top of the wall and in the foreground the granular fill to the verge prior to the placing of bituminous bound surfacing.

Fig. 2 shows various sections of the new retaining wall viewed from the down slope side with the anchorages to the tension piles clearly visible on the face of the retaining wall in each section and pedestrian guard rail along the top.

The contract was substantially complete on 27th May with all traffic management removed from the A46 on the Friday afternoon prior to the Bank Holiday Monday in anticipation of the increased traffic bringing revellers to the traditional Cheese Rolling event on Coopers Hill.

Following the Bank Holiday break and up to and including 10th June work continued off carriageway to complete hydro seeding to the road verges and shaping top soiling and hydro seeding of down slope embankments. Accommodation works were also undertaken for the landowners each side of the carriageway whose land we had used for the duration of the contract to provide carriageway diversions, site compound and storage areas. Without the use of this adjacent land we would have had to close the A46 for the duration of the works.

Fig. 3 shows hydro seeding to down slope embankment and stock proof fencing to adjacent farmland

Both Gloucestershire County Council and Dawnus Construction wish to thank you for your patience during the works and for your interest in the scheme. I trust these bulletins have been of benefit to you and have helped you keep up to date with progress on site. For further details and information about the scheme as well as previous issued bulletins please visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=98677JPT/14th June 2011>

Patrick Tiffney, Projects Manager



Fig. 1 Safety Barrier in place between carriageway and retaining wall



Fig. 2 West End of new retaining wall with tension pile anchorages visible in the foreground



Fig. 3

## Thank you Painswick

The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee would like to say a big thank you to



all those who gave so generously this Christian Aid week. Even in the hard financial times of today, the communities of Cranham, Edge, Harescombe, Painswick, Pitchcombe and Sheepscombe, displayed incredible generosity. The house-to-house collections, supper, lunches, shop and St. Mary's tower tours generated a fantastic £9,543 for Christian Aid. With gift aid reclaimed, £10,844 will go to projects across the globe aimed at eradicating poverty regardless of faith or nationality.

We would also like to thank the 100+ volunteers who went from door to door, devoted weeks to cultivating so many varieties of plants for the garden stall, prepared and served the delicious salmon supper and lunchtime meals, staffed the CA shop, donated cakes and produce, hosted entertaining tower tours as well as those who came along and supported the events. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Dylan Davies

## Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir concert

The Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir concert in St Mary's on the 21st May was very well received by a large audience and raised over £1000. The two charities supported, the Family Haven and the Marah Trust have each received a cheque for £500. The collection by the choir to support their forthcoming visit to St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey raised £425, a figure far in excess of the choir's expectation. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

Nigel Burt



May I, on behalf of the Painswick Centre of the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross thank the people of Painswick for their generosity during our collection week.

We raised the sum of £154.92

Joan Ashton

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## Don't Forget Painswick Dog Show and Charity Fun Day

The day is Saturday 9th July at the Recreation Ground Lower Washwell Lane, in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

The show opens at 10.30am., judging of the Pedigree Classes begins at 11am and judging of the Novelty and the Obedience classes at 1.00pm. Refreshments will be available and a selection of charity stalls. For more information contact Fiona Chapman (01452 812462) or Chris Campbell (01452 812600).



Fiona Chapman

## Voices of the Cotswolds

Richmond Painswick would like to invite you to join them for an evening of elegance and musical delight as they play host to the Cotswold Male Voice Choir on Saturday 13th August. Thirty members of the Choir will be performing an extensive repertoire of classic, operatic, big show numbers and male voice choir favourites to delight us. The Cotswold Male Voice Choir was formed in 1949 and has become one of the best known male voice choirs in the Midlands and the South West. Sixty years later the choir is thriving with a busy programme mostly supporting good causes.

Please do come and join us at Richmond Villages, Stroud Road, Painswick for what will prove to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The event will kick off at 7pm with an opportunity to purchase drinks from the bar during the interval. Tickets cost £5 for non-residents with all profits going to our chosen charity of the year, Help for Heroes, but places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your ticket please ring 01452 813902.



Catherine Moore, Activities Coordinator

## More from your Post Office

In case you are still a little unsure, the Post Office is in fact continuously open from 9.00 until 5.30 from Monday to Friday and from 9.00 until 12.30 on Saturday. So, no lunchtime closing or Wednesday afternoon as of old.

As it's holiday time again it's worth noting that euros, US dollars and Turkish lira are kept in stock and that other currencies can be ordered to arrive the next day. An additional advantage, apart from the convenience of course, is that a Post Office credit card incurs no charges when buying your currency or when you are abroad, currently offering 0% balance transfers for the first months. Travel insurance is also available, and you can arrange to have your post kept back safely whilst you are away.

There's a special offer on at present – take out Post Office home insurance and receive a £25 gift card to spend at B&Q.

These are just a few of the many services available and we are indeed lucky in Painswick to have our Post Office with its friendly staff. However, its continuation is certain only if we make use of all the services it provides, so it is important that you are aware of and use the full range. **We really do not want to lose it, do we?**

Carol Maxwell



## Letters



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

### Disappearing signs

Adele Lambert writes from the Painswick Centre:

The silly sign stealer returns. Open Studio Artists Adele Lambert and Ange Mullen-Bryan are saddened and tickled by this constant removal of signage (authorised by G.C.C. and paid for by the Artists). Any suggestions? We can't spend all this effort and money every year on signs that are taken away.

**BUT WE WILL NOT STOP OUR ARTISTIC ENDEAVOURS.**

Our work can be seen all year round at the Painswick Centre.

## Tourist Office fun



We invite you to come and see what good fun being part of the Tourist Office Team can be. When you have done your shopping and had your coffee after the market on Friday 12th August pop up and see us.

We are not looking for a commitment, but for a list of reserves who would be willing to stand in if someone is ill or on holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you on 12th August, 10.30 to 12noon.

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# Surveys of GP Practices

During the last few months, some of our patients may recall having received a 'GP Patient Survey' sent to them directly from the Dept of Health. The total number of patients who were sent a survey was 661, randomly selected by computer (total practice population 4772) and 57% of patients responded. I thought that you may be interested to know the results which have just been made available to us.

Of those who responded, 82% of patients agreed they could be seen on the same day or within the next 2 days and 86% stated they could book an appointment more than 2 days in advance. Patients should be aware we offer advance booking often up to 3 months or more. A total of 88% of patients agreed they could get through to the surgery easily on the telephone – this is encouraging as last year we doubled the telephone line capacity so we now have 6 incoming lines for patients. Interestingly, the PCT average for surgeries in the county is 75% so we are doing much better than 'average'! 84% of patients are satisfied with the surgery opening hours, and a whopping 94% of patients are

very satisfied with the care they receive from us.

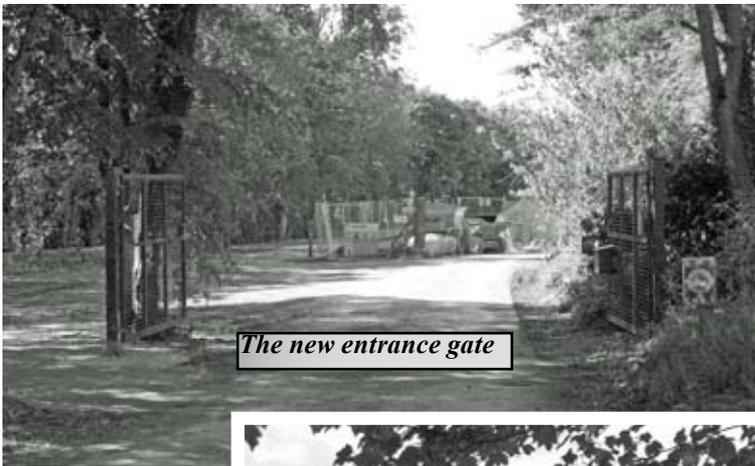
I am concerned however, that a small number of patients are still not aware that we offer surgery sessions outside of the normal opening hours. Dr Jansen runs a very early clinic on a Monday morning (6.30am to 7.45am) and a very late evening session on a Wednesday (6.30pm to 7.30 pm) and these appointments are very useful for those patients who work full time and those commuting outside of the area.

All in all, the results are very encouraging and it is always important that we know your views. If you receive a survey from the Dept of Health, I would encourage patients to fill it in. If you are unsure of any of the services we offer, please contact us or check the surgery website for further information. The full table of results can be viewed at: [www.gp-patient.co.uk](http://www.gp-patient.co.uk). The surgery code to find us is: L84025)

*Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager*

# Changes at Catbrain Quarry

See Page 2 for discussion at the Planning Committee on changes at Catbrain Quarry



*The new entrance gate*



In mediaeval times stone from Painswick quarries was used in the construction of Llanthony Priory and Gloucester and Westminster cathedrals. A feature of Painswick stone is that it naturally breaks into large blocks which makes it very suitable as a building stone. It has a pleasing golden colour.



*Looking towards entrance along Cotswold Way*

*Road widening*



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## Local History Teaser

These local men, and the pony and the dog, are all, apparently, posing nicely for the camera. But do you recognise the exact location in Painswick and are you able to explain the buildings and the activity? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's photograph showed part of Friday Street in the 1920s when a frequent sight was the arrival of sheep waiting to be herded into butcher Webb's slaughter house, now the Catholic church. Thorne was at the time a cafe and customers were not always delighted by the scene outside!

If you have a photograph which might interest readers do make contact.

demise of many such churches.

In the 1980s a church near to Abergavenny was due to be demolished. The FFC decided it was worth saving because it contained some unusual and lovely sgraffito art work internally. It is now Grade 1 listed as a major work of art. Others have very simple interiors but have been transformed into usable spaces for local communities. Overall, many of the restored buildings have become places of diverse community activity – concerts, meetings, exhibitions etc.

The most local one hereabouts is at Brownhill near Thrupp. It was constructed in the 1930s but is an unfinished building. It does contain some Arts and Crafts windows. Acquired relatively recently, the FFC is hopeful that it will be ready for visitors by Heritage open weekend early in September.

The Society does not meet in July and August, and the new season will start on Tuesday, 20th September. The speaker will be David Mullin taking as his subject our local museum, the Cowle Museum in Stratford Park, Stroud. Croft School, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Cotteswold Field Club Walk

Eleven Members joined County Recorders Claire and Mark Kitchen for a walk on Cleeve Hill on Tuesday, 24th May. We met up with the Conservation Officer, Ellie, who was able to explain current ideas of grazing to maximize biodiversity. Tor Grass was encroaching in the grassy areas – a curse as grazing stock do not like eating it. There are no deer grazing in this area, instead, a sheep crossbreed called “mules” had been put out to graze. Ellie had recorded dotterel, ring ouzel, and yellow hammers this year. House martins were skimming over the water by the Sheep Dip, collecting water. Further upstream a large grass snake meandering through the Fool's Watercress. Claire and Mark stressed that this plant was poisonous, unlike the ordinary watercress.

We were already being besieged by garden chafers as we walked along the track towards the sheep dip. This structure, originating from 1897, is at the confluence of two valleys leading into the Winchcombe Valley. There was much speculation as to how the farmers put all their sheep through the one pool of

solution. Claire and Mark's intention was to note plant species for the county records giving the tetrad for each record. The area is calcareous, ideal for lime lovers like quaking grass. But we were caught out with the Common Tormentil and *Potentilla erecta* which prefer more acid soil. We were able to see pockets of different soil – especially on to higher areas. On the top were sandy patches growing gorse. This area would originally have been under the sea. We also some Wood Anemone leaves normally associated with woodland, indicating something of the history of the area. A special feature of this Common is a fern – the largest population of its species - making Cleeve a “Limestone Polypody”. We were shown several interesting species, including some orchids – the last of the Common Spotted Orchids of this year and a couple of Pyramidal Orchid buds.

A very rewarding morning's survey. We thanked Claire and Mark for their patience in answering our questions. We adjourned to the Cleeve Hill Golf Club House for a superb value lunch and feedback before Clare and Mark drove to their second venue for an afternoon of recording. True dedication.

*Joyce Barrus.*

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**The Wearable Art Festival**  
**Village centre 11am to 7pm**



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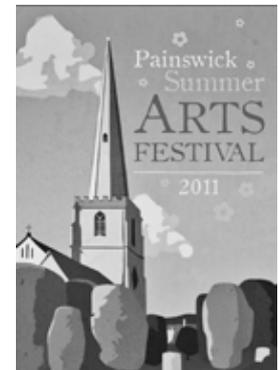
Savannah Miller - Wearable Art – Street Stalls – Unique – Festival – Fun  
 – Stephen Jones – Family – Local Produce – Dan Chadwick – Ice Cream  
 – Painswick – Entertainment – Cool Music – Face Painting – Selina Blow  
 – Art – Free Day Out – Incomparable Keith Allen – Competition – Glamorous  
 – Grayson Perry – Street Performers – Beatrix Ong – Fashion – Unusual Gifts  
 – Lulu Guinness – Creative – Ample Parking – Tim Noble & Sue Webster  
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Chris Mercer

**Painswick  
 Arts  
 Festival**

**Events**



**14th, 15th and 16th July**  
**The Play 'Duets' by Peter Quilter**

**Church Rooms**  
**Tickets £8 available from Post Office**

**7.30pm**



*Painswick Players*

They're an eclectic mix, the characters in Peter Quilter's Duets: a couple on a blind date, a millionaire and his devoted secretary, a husband and wife reluctantly holidaying together and a brother and his sister anxiously contemplating her third marriage. But they all have one thing in common: they're craving companionship and love. And it is their often desperate pursuit of the perfect partner that creates both the comedy and the pathos of this extraordinary collection of plays...

Wine and soft drinks will be available during the interval and we intend making this a really entertaining night out for you and your friends. £8 tickets are available from Painswick Post Office – seating is limited so book yours now!

*Stephen Friar*



*Sarah Kilmister and Swithin Fry in rehearsal for Duets.*

**13th August**  
**Painswick Valley Guided Walk with Roydon Hales**  
**From St Mary's Church 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**27th August**  
**Contemporary Free Dance**  
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## Painswick Music Festival

### 1st July 'Musical Selection Box'

Mary's Church

2.30pm

Tickets £5 available from Post Office

#### Robert Burgess and Emma Karran (flute and piano)

Robert Burgess has performed extensively in public concerts and competitions: as a soloist and as an accompanist to both vocal and instrumental musicians. Most recently, he was a founder member of The Real Tonic, a chamber music ensemble featuring flute, piano, flutes and cello.

Emma has played in a wide range of musical ensembles. She began teaching flute and piano in the local area three years ago and upon moving to Painswick, she was invited to incorporate local music talent into the annual Arts Festival in the town. She and Rob began collaboration especially for the Festival.

#### James Robinson (contemp. piano and voice)

James is at present a music scholar studying near Newbury and especially loves singing and accompanying herself on the piano. Her favourites genres are pop, soul and soul music – Adele being one of her favourite artists.

#### Lucy Rutter and Rob Harbron (folk: fiddle and concertina)

Lucy performs extensively in a variety of folk ensembles, including the Painswick Metheras and Boldwood. She has collaborated with a range of well-known artists and is a tutor, with Rob Harbron, at the English Acoustic Collective Summer School at Ruskin Mill in July.

Rob has emerged as one of the leading lights in the ongoing renaissance of English concertina. Considered to be one of the finest concertina players of his generation, he is well known as a teacher and workshop leader, has performed and broadcast widely in the UK, Europe and North America, and is constantly creating mesmerising compositions.

#### St Paul's Gospel Choir

St Paul's Gospel Choir sings a whole range of Gospel songs both old and new, including some they have written themselves. Since their formation five years ago, the choir has grown to more than thirty members and has developed into something both

serious and joyful, with a growing number of members. They are supported by their own band and have been bringing life to churches throughout Gloucestershire.

*Emma Karran*



### 24th July 'Snappy Solos and Singing with the Singers'

St Mary's Church

2.30pm

£5 ticket

**Rising Stars** – a range of solos from talented local musicians

#### Sue Pack (piano)

Sue is a local musician who has reached post-diploma level on the piano. She enjoys playing a wide range of musical styles, including 20th Century composers such as Hindemith.

#### Chris Swain (organ)

Christopher Swain has been Organist and Choirmaster at St Mary's Church since April 2003. He was Director of Music at Wycliffe College in Stonehouse for many years: teaching, conducting the Choir, Orchestra and String Group, and organising concerts throughout Europe and the U.S.

#### Painswick Singers (including open choral workshop)

The Painswick Singers, long established for their concerts of sacred and secular music in Painswick, will hold an Open Choral Workshop, conducted by the Singers new Music Director, Andrew Hopwood. A range of part song music, including songs from the musical "Les Miserables", will be rehearsed. Concert goers will be invited, if they so wish, to sit and sing in voice parts with the choir. It will be an entertaining experience for both audience and participants. This is an opportunity for anyone to try out their voice alongside an experienced group of singers. Previous experience is not necessary. A small additional charge will be made for hire of music.

*Emma Karran*

### 1st July to 21st August

#### Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen

#### Summer Show

Painswick Centre 10.00am to 5.00pm

The Guild's annual summer event features a wealth of new and established craftspeople of outstanding quality making collectable and saleable ceramics, jewellery, textiles, glass, wood and prints. Guest artist Louise Evans will be also showing her intriguing jewellery incorporating found objects and vintage textiles alongside work by selected graduates from Hereford College of Arts. There is a lively programme of demonstrations and workshops (pre-booking required) by Guild members as part of the exhibition.

*MaryGreensted*

### 1st August to 31st August

#### Art In The Garden

#### Rococo Gardens

11.00am to 5.00pm

2010 saw the first of this now to be annual sculpture exhibition as part of the Painswick Art Festival. Art in the Garden is a multi discipline art exhibition which explores a yearly theme. Artists are invited by the Rococo Garden Trust to exhibit work during August. The Rococo Garden Trust also actively accepts applications to exhibit work from Artists who are inspired by the Garden and yearly theme. Our theme for 2011 is 'Parabola - Shadows on the breeze, echoes in the wood. Over 60 works of art will be displayed around the grounds.

*Claire Nayegon*

#### Workshop

10.30am to 6.00pm £25

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#### 28th August

#### Painswick Art Trail

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11.00am to 5.00pm



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## **Painswick Festival - Art Exhibitions** *(Information provided the exhibitors)*

**11th to 19th July  
Town Hall**

**Gloucestershire Society of Artists  
10.00am to 4.30pm**

Gloucestershire Society of Artists has approximately 150 members who enjoy all aspects of art. This will be the first time we have had an exhibition in Painswick when you will be able to see works in oils, acrylics, watercolour, and pastels, plus sculptures, many being landscapes, and wildlife of the beautiful County we live in

**16th & 17th July**

**Rupert Aker, Landscapes in oil  
Painswick Centre, Cotswold Room 10.00am to 5.00pm**

Local artist (and this years' chair of the Painswick Arts Festival) Rupert Aker will be exhibiting his oil landscapes of Painswick and the Cotswolds in the suitably named Cotswold Room. Rupert is well known for his cow parsley paintings, capturing the essence of our local landscapes in the spring and early summer.

**20th to 28th July  
Town Hall**

**Barbara Wyatt  
10.30am to 4.30pm**

" Barbara has been holding summer exhibitions in Painswick for the last 12 years, originally in the library.

She works exclusively in oils and mostly depicts local scenes, which seem to be popular with tourists. She also enjoys painting flowers to co ordinate with bedroom colour schemes".

**30th July to 7th August  
Town Hall**

**Lansdown Arts Club Group  
10.00am to 5.00pm**

We are a thriving group of 60 local amateur and professional painters who are passionate about their art and once again are pleased to participate in the Painswick Arts Festival. Most members will contribute up to 3 paintings. There will be a variety of styles and sizes using different media. They will also donate 5"x5" and 7"x5" paintings which will be sold for £5 each making affordable original gifts.

Although admission to the exhibition is free, donations to Cotswold Care Hospice will be welcome.

**29th July to 6th August  
Group**

**Woodchester Photography  
Painswick Centre, Cotswold Room 10.30am to 4.30 pm**

Woodchester Exposed is the title of this years' exhibition of photographs This inspired exhibition, captured over the past year, reflects the mood and life in this diverse Cotswold Village.

**7th to 13th August**

**Painswick Centre Cotswold Room**

**Angela Cash  
10.00am to 5.00pm**

An exhibition of watercolours and oils specialising in landscape, street scenes and interiors.

**8th to 14th August**

**New works by local artists Ange Mullen-Bryan and Nadine James**

**Town Hall 10.00am to 4.00pm**

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**14th to 20th  
Town Hall**

**Ahrabella Heabe Lewis  
10.30am to 4.30pm**

Ahrabella Heabe Lewis is a contemporary abstract artist who paints rich vibrant colourful paintings filled with energy that uplift and inspire. Her paintings are characterized by dynamic juxtapositions of colour combined with mixed media of everyday found objects such as bottle tops, wheel hubs and buttons to give added texture on the picture plane.

Over the last two years, Ahrabella Heabe has focused entirely on painting circles finding endless inspiration depicting this eternal symbol from the world around her and from the vast mystery of the Universe.

**15th to 19th**

**Art Fair**

**Landscapes, figurative and abstract paintings by six local artists**

**Town Hall**

**9.30am to 6.00pm**

**20th to 29th**

**The Country Studio Exhibition**

**Town Hall**

**2.00pm to 5.00pm**

The Country Studio meets in the Church Rooms on a Tuesday morning. Members work with a range of techniques and occasionally there are visiting speakers and workshops.

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## **Open Studios Painswick Centre Art Studio**

**9th, 10th, 30th, 31st July  
& 28th, 29th August  
Claire Nayegon**

**10.00am to 5pm  
Stained Glass**

Claire is a full time Stained Glass Artist based at the Painswick Centre Art Studios in Bisley Street Painswick - working mainly to commission designing and producing a variety of fun and colourful windows, door panels, transoms, miniature copperfoil panels, glass mosaics, lamp and candle shades.

**Note: Other artists will be present on 9th and 10th July who offer a warm welcome to visitors**

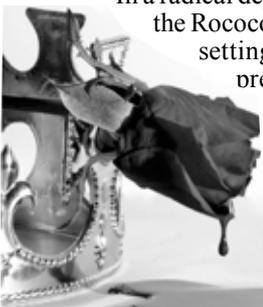
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**Wednesdays to Sundays in August 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Ange Mullen-Bryan and Adele Lambert**

Ange Mullen-Bryan's paintings include landscapes inspired by the forests and lakes of Sweden). Adele Lambert's paintings are inspired by her travels and memories of exotic images from Opera and Ballet.

**The Rococo Players  
July 12th – 16th**

**Richard III**



In a radical departure from their recent series of Shakespearean comedies, the Rococo Players are this year staging Richard III. In the picturesque setting of the Rococo Garden, Painswick, the Rococo Players present a tale of murder, greed and jealousy, based on the events at the end of the War of the Roses. Richard III tells the story of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, the Machiavellian and endlessly charismatic schemer and brother of the King at the start of the play, plotting and murdering his way to the throne, with the help of Buckingham, his loyal accomplice. Directed by Rococo's youngest director to date, 19 year-old Joe Hackett, this show promises to amuse, enthrall and entertain as you watch Richard's rapid ascension and his decline and eventual destruction, with piercing wit and

horrifying treachery.

Tickets for covered (£15) or uncovered (£10) available online [www.rococoplayers.co.uk](http://www.rococoplayers.co.uk) or e-mail [trpprod@live.co.uk](mailto:trpprod@live.co.uk). Tel 07518 574711 for information

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# Sports reports *assembled by John Barrus*

## TENNIS

### Family and Friends Barbecue

The Tennis Club held a very successful family and friends barbecue on Saturday 7th May from 5pm - 10pm. Despite the mixed weather there were 36 adults and 22 juniors who came along to enjoy a bit of tennis, social and B.B.Q. Lorraine Ristic (Coach) also came along with her family and created a lot of fun for the juniors on the court.

Our next family and friends barbecue will be held on Saturday 16th July from 5pm onwards at Broadham. Please bring your own food and drink and tennis racket and we will supply the barbecue and our own resident chef on and off the court - Nigella Barnett!

### Gardens Walk in aid of charity

Over 30 members from the Tennis Club met at Stamages Lane car park for the start of our Gardens Walk on Saturday, 28th May in aid of Maggie's Cancer Care Centres. The sun came out just in time - We had a most enjoyable walk first to the Barrus's, then to Sheephouse, with kind permission of Laurie and Lyn Gardiner, passing on to the Ruddy's and finally back to the Barnetts where tea and cakes were provided. All the gardens were very different and inspired us to take a few ideas home with us. Sian Davies kindly came along and gave a short talk on Maggie's Cancer Care Homes. Not only was this an enjoyable couple of hours but the Tennis Club managed to raise £130 for Maggie's Cancer Care Centre with donations during the afternoon.

### Golf Club

The summer golf season is now well underway with matches and competitions every week.

The seniors' section has been particularly active. The Seniors Championship took place in the second half of May. This competition is over two rounds. The winner of the first round was Mick McGarr with a gross score of 74. A week later in difficult playing conditions

David Walker led the field with a gross score of 77. The overall winner with the best aggregate score of 160 was Mick McGarr.

Then at the start of June we had our "away day" - this year at Thornbury golf course. A bacon bap started the day before taking on the 18 hole par 3 course. After an early lunch we then tackled the main course - which was in excellent condition. The sun belted down all day and several of us were beginning to fade in the heat. Three people ended up with the best score - with the outcome decided (as always) by who had the best score on the last nine holes. Congratulations go to Anthony Fisher.

In addition there was a Texas scramble with the ladies' section and three seniors' matches including a very creditable draw away at Cleeve Cloud.

If you would like to play with a very friendly group of senior golfers - whether just on a friendly basis or more competitively - please get in touch with Jim McNamara (813478).

### Cricket

After the exceptionally fine weather in the early part of the season, a number of matches have had to be cancelled in recent weeks because of rain. Painswick's first eleven, as at 20th June, continues to head Gloucester Division One of the West of England Premier league. July brings the annual cricket "week" with a 20/20 Tournament replacing the six-a-side event on Sunday 24th. There are matches each day at Broadham from Friday 22nd until Tuesday 26th. A warm welcome is extended to everyone. On Wednesday 27th the club has been invited to a Golf Day at the Painswick Golf Club.

### June results

**Sat 4th.** Painswick 1st XI 228 (G Ayland 75) Redmarley 1st XI 132 all out.  
Redmarley 2nd XI 248-2 (B Lawrence 136\*) Painswick 2nd XI 247-7 (P Wilkie 61).  
Painswick 3rd XI 197-7 (P Giles 74) Randwick 1st XI 189-7.

**Wed 8th.** Painswick 164-9 Shurdington 116 all out.

**Sat 11th.** Painswick 1st XI 159-9 Tewkesbury 1st XI 160-6.

Tewkesbury 2nd XI 266-6 Painswick 2nd XI 178 all out.

Painswick 4th XI 36 all out Minchinhampton 2nd XI 37-1.

Painswick 3rd XI 165 all out Eastington 1st XI 125 all out.

**Wed 15th.** Painswick 265-4 (D Cave 100\*) Churchdown 90 all out.

**Sat 18th.** Lydney 2nd XI 161-6 (P Morris 4-47) Painswick 2nd XI 166-4 (A Wager 57\*)

**Sun 19th.** Frenchay 241-5 Painswick 231-8.

### July fixtures at Broadham Fields

**Sat 2nd.** Painswick 2nd XI v Bredon 2nd XI.

**Sat 9th.** Painswick 1st XI v Woodmancote 1st XI.

**Sat 16th.** Painswick 2nd XI v Kingsholm 2nd XI.

**Sun 17th.** Painswick v Sherston

**Fri 22nd.** Painswick v Chairman's Eleven

**Sat 23rd.** Painswick 1st XI v Cinderford St John.

**Sun 24th.** 20/20 Tournament

**Mon 25th.** Painswick v Tattenhall CC (20 Overs).

**Tue 26th.** Painswick v Lymington CC.

**Sat 30th.** Painswick 2nd XI v Redmarley 2nd XI.

**Cricket, however, has more in it than mere efficiency. There is something called the spirit of cricket, which cannot be defined.**

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## The Falcon – a fresh start



At last, and after much uncertainty, the future of the Falcon is set fair. David Nott has bought the business on a lease and, though Enterprise Inns are still the landlord, David is effectively the new owner.

This is good news for Painswick as the Falcon is an important part of our local heritage and a rather fine building in the heart of the town. In need of some serious care, it has, according to David, 'so much potential'. He comes with all the right experience after thirty years in the business, twenty-five of which were managing big company hotels. So why the Falcon? David says he has always wanted to run his own business and he felt too that it was time to go back to being more 'hands-on' and at the heart of the enterprise. This, of course, is exactly what the Falcon needs.

With an infectious enthusiasm David explains that the bedrooms – there are eleven letting rooms at present – are already receiving a new coat of paint. The rest of the interior is also due to be repainted in shades appropriate to the character of the building. David is anxious not only to freshen up the whole place but to ensure that it is done sympathetically and respectfully. He is very impressed with the building and wants it to be right for Painswick. There are other plans afoot including improving the frontage, some long overdue alterations in the bar area and complete restoration of the patio. However, as he points out, it can't all be done immediately and will take time. It is a huge undertaking for him and represents a massive investment in both time and money.

The Falcon has an excellent chef in Michal and the menu is competitively priced. 'Our fresh ingredients are locally sourced and our desserts are all home-made,' says David. There is an impressive wine list too. The staff are loyal and supportive and the atmosphere hospitable, friendly and cheerful, (just like David himself, in fact). The new website is up and running with a convenient booking facility – [www.falconpainswick.co.uk](http://www.falconpainswick.co.uk).

Currently David and his wife, Viv, who runs a floristry business, live near Moreton-in-Marsh but intend to move to Painswick within the next few months. They have been overwhelmed by 'the very warm welcome' they have received from Painswick people so far, but this is not hard to believe when they themselves are so welcoming and enthusiastic. David has a real passion for making this project work. 'We'll give it everything we've got,' he says with feeling, and there's a definite sense of optimism at last in our fine historic inn. This is good news indeed for the Falcon and for Painswick.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Thistledown



This summer's third field trip was to Thistledown Environmental Centre near Nympsfield

on Tuesday 7th June! Arrival was marked by a dramatic baptism but our band of fifteen gathered at the summit with Philip Williams (bird - ringer) who led us enjoyably, to sample a good range of bird song starting at once with greenfinch, gold-finch and a chiffchaff on high, before descending through the magnificent greenery to pond and wood. Then came the blackcap, whitethroat and blackbird in hysterical vein but only the song thrush could so excel. Brief sightings were of gold crest and tree creeper in the wood and a mistlethrush searched the grass. Finally a magnificent jay posed amazingly long on low bough and the green woodpecker flew by sinistra, warning us of the rain's return.



*The jay felt he was in a bit of a cleft stick*

The deferred car boot sale will now take place on Sunday 10th July at Aston Down. Donation of further items suitable for sale, would be extremely welcome. Please telephone 01452 813094 to arrange collection.

Now excitement gathers as the Blenheim and The Thames trip (26th - 28th September) draws near! A guided walk in the Park led by local expert, Steve Ally will be followed by visits to riverside bird reserves in later days. Non-members would be extremely welcome to join the group subject to a fee of £3.00 per day ( 01452-813094).

*Martin and Wendy Addy*

## A Festival of Gloucestershire Composers

The presence once more of many Painswick Singers in the Stroud Choral Society's choir prompts a brief mention of their exuberant performance in the Subscription Rooms on 18th June. We heard a wide variety of "local" composers' choral and soloist music, based on the folk song revival of the "English Renaissance", by among them Elgar, Holst and Vaughan Williams. As always, the choir, excitingly led by Huw Williams, sang their hearts out whilst Jonathan Hyde, the 18 year old guest baritone deserves special mention: he has an excellent voice and should go far. Jenny Rees, the Society's pianist, was particularly good in Herbert Sumsion's piece about sea in ships. Most of us knew some of the songs and were perhaps most impressed by the beginning: "The Cotswolds" by John Sanders and the resounding end: the Five Mystical Songs by Vaughan Williams.

After concerts on 3rd December in Nailsworth and 24th March 2012 in Stroud, the Society will perform works by Faure and Dvorak on 16th June 2012 in St.Mary's, Painswick.

*Ralph Kenber*

## Promoting good relations with our neighbours

Stroud is twinned with St Ismier, a small town near Grenoble and Stroud's Twinning Society promotes links between the two towns. It also encourages links between schools, rambling, sports and youth clubs as well as other friendships.

Locally the Society organises an interesting programme of events including wine-tastings, quizzes, dinners and occasional visits to St Ismier. The next social event is an evening of croquet followed by a buffet at The Bear, Rodborough on Friday, 8th July at 7.00pm. Some Painswickians are already members, but everyone is welcome. You can book yourself a place by phoning Carole Oosthuizen on 01453 872446 or Warren Knock on 01452 813933. In September there will be a French meal and in November a French wine-tasting evening. And you don't have to know the language to join in!

*Carol Maxwell*

# July News



I've been kept a busy bee in the last few days looking into the whole business of home and personal security. Many of you throughout the parish have had telesales calls offering "special deals" if you sign up on the day etc. While they are not actually doing anything wrong, a pressurised sale can lead to wrong decisions being made.

Anyone signing a contract at home MUST have a 7 day cooling off period and there has to be notice of this in the paperwork to that effect. The Police have given me the following advice if you're looking to have alarms installed;

Get at least 3 quotes, ensuring that you get the service to meet your individual needs.

Use companies who are registered with either of the following: SSAIB or NSI.

Donna Hayes from the Police (01452 752264) has given me the contact details of the 4 registered companies nearest to us.

Stroud Alarms 01453 750519

Micro Vision 0845 3036575

Al Cooper 01452 372626

CIA Fire and Security LTD 01285 651025

I am not recommending these companies over any others registered, but have simply taken the details from the police.

I've also been doing some work helping a client who may have a complaint to make in regards to a diagnosis made by an optician. I will get all the relevant information together and then pass it on to PALS (Patients Advise and Liaison Service). PALS focuses on improving peoples' experiences of their NHS services. If you wish to ask about your health services, if you wish to compliment or comment, raise a concern or complain, then PALS can help you. They can also feed back your comments and concerns to the NHS Trusts.

Community PALS deals with all the community NHS services including community hospitals, GPs, Dentists, Podiatry and 2gether NHS Trust for Mental Health and Learning Disability. There is also the hospital PALS service which provides similar services for Gloucestershire Royal and Cheltenham General

Hospitals, they can be contacted on 0800 019 3282.

I was advised to use PALS when I called up our local health, disability and Social Care information service GUIDE. I have used them in the past to help me with queries such as, finding NHS dentists, and opticians who will do home visits. It's not like ringing up a call centre which can be a daunting experience. I have always found GUIDE to be very helpful and if they haven't got the answer for you there and then, they will call you back later. Call them on free phone 0800 0151 548.

Finally, Gloucestershire County Council has developed a website [www.yourcircle.org.uk](http://www.yourcircle.org.uk) which gives you access to a wide range of advice and support available in Gloucestershire. If you can't get access to the site, you can call the Adult Help Desk and ask for a copy of the leaflet "Live life your way" which explains the steps that you can take to build or enhance your circle of support.

As always, thank you for the support you give to the Village Agent role and please feel free to call me up to arrange a home visit to talk over any concerns or queries you may have.

Lou Kemp Tel: 0777 624 5767

## Police Report A non- crime wave?



Alexa Collicott reports that from 1st June to 14th June and there were no details suitable to give as crime has been very low, for example no burglaries and no thefts etc...for incidents she only has a report of a branch in the road that was removed and found dog.

Regarding Inc 251 of 2nd May Alexa states that a number of enquiries have been carried out to try and locate the stolen items and to arrest the offenders but as yet no arrests have been made. Officers investigating continue to appeal to anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity in the area to contact them.

## PROPERTY REPORT for July from Murrays

The last few months have again been busy and fruitful ones for us at Murray's. We have again increased on both sales and new instructions and are getting ready for a busy summer! Nationwide have said that house prices rose by 0.3% in May and on the three month on three month measure prices rose by 0.6%, a slow and slight increase but an increase nevertheless! This and a slight rise throughout the nation in employment is all, finally, some positive news for the housing market. The outlook remains good in and around the Painswick area despite what some other agents may tell you and our increase in viewings and sales only goes to prove this. Buyers are looking to secure a deal before the summer holidays start so that they are settled into their new home before the children return to school in September.

We have again taken on a considerable amount of properties over the past month including Candlewick Cottage, a very pretty 2 bed Cotswold Stone Cottage in Clattergrove, Painswick which went under offer in only 2 days, Corner Cottage, a substantial 5

bedroom house in the middle of Painswick, Numbers 2 and 8 Hyett Close in Painswick both of which already have interest and offers, one of which is an asking price offer, Hornbeams, a detached family house with lovely views in Slad, Whisledown, a spacious bungalow in a stunning position in Cranham, Green Hedges, an attractive Victorian 3 bed on The Plain in Whiteshill, Pendaran a newly renovated and extended detached house in Upton St Leonards, 4 Winnycroft Cottages, a pretty 2 bed also in Upton St Leonards.

Properties that are currently under offer include Candlewick Cottage in Clattergrove, Orchard Cottage in Blakewell Mead, Hillcrest in Pitchcombe and Lorely also in Pitchcombe and properties that have now sold are Lovedays Cottage in Painswick, Bisley Farm in Bisley and Greenways in Pitchcombe which has taken nearly a year to complete as an unknown ancient right of way had to be moved and diverted!

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**JULY**

Sat	2	Painswick Conservatives Summer Garden Party at "Woodridings" - Cotswold Mead	Cotswold Mead	6.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	4	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries Adrian 07855404147)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	6	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Edwardians - Malcolm Lewis Parish Council Planning & Recreational Field Trust Meeting	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00a 10.00am 7.00pm
		Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Butterflies - Sue Smith. Details 813228	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	7	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	9	Dog Show and Charity Fun Day Lakeside Concert Band outdoor concert in aid of Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice. £4, children free Victorian Costume Ball - for info. Tel. 01453 833150 Open Studio: Claire Nayegon, Stained Glass - also 10th	Recreation Field Sheephouse Painswick Centre P. Centre Art Studios	10.30am 3.00 to 5.00pm 7.30 to 11.00pm Daily
Sun	10	Wearable Arts Parade	Village	11.00am to 6.00pm
Mon	11	Gloucestershire Society of Artists exhibition - daily until 19th	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.30pm
Thu	14	Painswick Players production: "Duets" by Peter Quilter (also 15th & 16th)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: A Newcomer to Painswick - Jane Jennings-Taylor	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	16	Exhibition: Rupert Aker, Landscapes in oil (also Sun 17th)	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 5.00pm
Wed	20	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Outing to Boughton House & Gardens Art Exhibition: Barbara Wyatt - daily until 28th July Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon Parish Council Meeting	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	8.25am 10.30 to 4.30pm
Thu	21	Horticultural Society Outing to Barnsdale Garden, Oakham, Leicestershire	Edge Village Hall Stamages Car Park	7.30pm 9.00am
Sat	23	<b>Copy dateline for August Beacon</b> Painswick Music Festival: Classical, contemporary piano, St Mary's Church folk & gospel. Tickets £5 from Post Office		2.30 to 5.30pm
		Walk along lanes & footpaths in Painswick Valley to look at development of landscape since 16th century. Booking - Carolyn Luke 814139		10.00am to 12 noon
Sun	24	Walk past some mills associated with the former cloth industry in Painswick Valley. Booking - Carolyn Luke 814139 Painswick Music Festival: Solo instrumental, singing workshop. Tickets £5	St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12 noon 2.30 to 5.00pm
		Wine tasting of bio-dynamic & organic wines. £5	Vill. Hall Sheepscombe	4.30 to 6.30pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: The Auction Business - James Taylor	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Summer Lunch, Minchinhampton Golf Club. Details 813228		12 noon for 1.00pm
Fri	29	Friday Club: Tea Party for Cotswold Care Woodchester Exposed Photographic Exhibition - daily until 6th August	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 10.30am to 4.30pm
Sat	30	Field Club walk: Aust (am) & Hock (pm) Cliffs for Geology, History & Plantlife Leader Joe Angseesing. Enq. 812942 Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Summer Exhibition: Painswick Centre Daily until 21st August Lansdown Art Club group exhibition - daily until 7th Aug Open Studio: Claire Nayegon, Stained Glass - also 31st	Old Passage, Aust Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Art Studios	10.00am 10.00am to 5.00pm 10.00am to 5.00pm Daily



## AUGUST

Mon	1	Rococo Gardens: Art in the Garden sculpture exhibition: Rococo Gardens <b>daily until 31 August</b>		11.00am to 5.00pm
Wed	3	Ange Mullen-Bryan - Open Studio & Adele Lambert Open Studio. <b>Wednesdays - Sundays throughout August</b>	P. Centre Art Studios	10.00am to 4.00pm
Sat	6	<b>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Sun	7	Angela Cash Watercolours and Oils <b>- daily until 13 August</b>	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 5.00pm
Mon	8	'Escape' - New works by local artists Ange Mullen-Bryan & Nadine James <b>- daily until 14th August</b>	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm
Fri	12	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Stamages Car Park	6.30pm
Sat	13	Painswick Valley Guided Walk with Royden Hales	start - St. Mary's Church	10.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	14	Art exhibition - Ahrabella Heabe Lewis <b>- daily until 20 Aug.</b>	Town Hall	10.30am
Mon	15	Art Fair - Landscapes, figurative and abstract paintings by six local artists <b>- daily until 19th August</b>	Town Hall	9.30am to 6.00pm
Wed	17	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Excursion: Tour of Meysey Hampton & Fairford Churches + lunch & tea	Stamages Car Park	10.45am
Thu	18	Horticultural Society Outing: Hidcote Manor Garden, Chipping Campden	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Sat	20	The Country Studio group exhibition <b>- daily until 19th August</b>	Town Hall	9.30am to 5.00pm
Sat	27	Contemporary Free Dance Workshop: Your Individual Dance is Art: Tel: J. Lynch 813220 / 07812882618 £25 Jewellery & Fine Crafts Event	Church Rooms	10.30am to 6.00pm
Sun	28	Painswick Art Trail Open Studio: Claire Nayegon, Stained Glass <b>- also 29th</b>	start - the Royal Oak P. Centre Art Studios	2.00 to 5.00pm 11.00am to 5.00pm Daily

## SEPTEMBER

Fri	2	Friday Club: A Walk in The Alps - Anne Burges-Watson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	7	Probus: The Extraordinary Life & Death of Edward II - Peter Petrie	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	10	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: Textile Art - Gill Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	21	Probus Outing to Dean Forest Railway	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sat	24	Friday Club Autumn Outing to Malvern Show		
Sun	25	Annual Clypping Service - Preacher: Rev. Tim Hastie-Smith	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Mon	26	Painswick Bird Club Residential Field Trip to Oxfordshire, Blenheim & The Thames	Oxfordshire	
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Medical Women Through The Ages - Jenny Barraclough.	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	29	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford	Stamages Car Park	10.00am

## OCTOBER

Wed	5	Probus: National Parks - Anne Saunders Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Windmills in Art & Design - Amy Woolcott. Enq. 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
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# PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

**THE OLD VICARAGE**, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe: Re-instate top half of chimney stack previously removed.

**EDGE HOUSE**, The Green, Edge: Internal and External Alterations

**NUTGROVE HOUSE**, New Street Whitebeam. Crown lift to 1m. Crown clean – remove Ivy and dead branches.

**TOCKNELLS HOUSE**, Painswick  
Proposed ancillary room to provide storage solution for fuel (wood pellets) for new boiler.

**CHRIST CHURCH**, Gloucester Street  
Remove pipe organ

**BARLEY MOW**, Slad : Increase existing porch to rear elevation.

**BLUEBELL COTTAGE**

Butt Green, Painswick: New window to ground floor on southern elevation.

**ELM COTTAGE**, Far End, Sheepscombe: Crown reduction of ash tree.

**THE BARN AT STROUD SLAD FARM**, Slad Lane: Change of use of barn to 2 holiday let units, farm office and kitchen for pasty company. Retention of external works already carried out and further external alterations.

**THE BARN**, Wick Street: Replacement of existing storm proof wooden window frames and glass with wooden double glazed units of traditional casement style.

**HYETT ORCHARD**, Hyett Close: Reduce two lime trees by approximately 30%.

**THE MILL HOUSE**, Sheepscombe: Fell 1 lime tree and lop back another lime tree.

**WASHBROOK MILL**, Edge Road: Proposed new garden store. Resubmission following refusal: S.11/0464/HHOLD.

## CONSENT

**6 CANTON ACRE**, Painswick: Erection of single storey side extension, detached garage and construction of dormer window to front elevation. Resubmission following withdrawn application S.10/1442/HHOLD

**THE TYTHE BARN**, Painswick: Part retrospective application for: The insertion of French Doors in the eastern elevation of

the thatched outbuilding, and relocation of wall from the rear of the courtyard

**3 UPPER WASHWELL**, Painswick:

Construction of conservatory

**1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGES**, Cheltenham Road: Extension to Garden Room.

**WASHBROOK FARM**, Edge Road  
Listed Building Consent Change of use of existing annexe from workshop space into a 3 bedroom holiday-let cottage. Minimal alteration to building exterior with some changes to existing windows and doors, repointing of stonework and reproofing.

**GYLEEN**, Edge Road, Painswick: Removal of existing upvc porch. Addition of entrance porch in new location. Replacement of existing garden door with french doors.

**13 UPPER WASHWELL**, Painswick  
Erection of a two storey side and rear extension.

**LONGRIDGE MEEND**, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe. Demolition of existing house, studio and outbuildings.

Construction of new house and detached garage with new drive and entrance gates.

**BROOKLANDS COTTAGE**, Sheepscombe. Erection of detached garage. Demolition of existing garage.

**NUTGROVE HOUSE**, New Street Whitebeam. Crown lift to 1m. Crown clean – remove

**HAZELBURY HOUSE**, New Street. Raise canopy of 1 Beech & 1 Yew by 3 metres. Reduce and reshape 1 Walnut.

**BUNCH OF GRAPES**, Cheltenham Road. Removal of Cupressaceae tree.

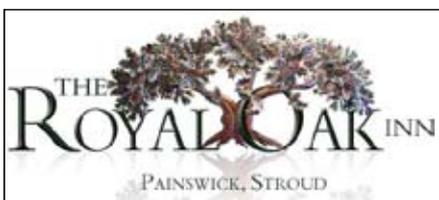
**MULBERRY HOUSE**, Churchill Way. Prune & reduce to 4 Yew trees & remove 1 ornamental tree.

**BROOKLANDS COTTAGE**, Sheepscombe. Fell and remove 1 Ash tree.

**SCHOOL HOUSE**, Far End, Sheepscombe. Replacement of existing slate tiled roof with zinc roof.

## REFUSED PLANS

**WASHBROOK MILL**, Edge Road  
Proposed new garden store.



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# The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

## Wedding

Congratulations to SIAN WESTERN and ALEX BREEZE who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on August 6th.

## Congratulations

Best wishes to BILL MORELAND of Edge who celebrated his 90th birthday on 27th May by holding a party on June 5th with his wife Ann, their four children, including his son from China, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, friends and other family members some of whom had travelled from Switzerland.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of BARBARA THORLEY who died recently, Barbara was head of music at Stroud Girls High School, also to the family and friends of MAY HAMILTON of Longridge who died aged ninety-three.

*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.*

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to ELLA ADLAM who is in Stroud Hospital and to GEORGINA SUTTON who is in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

## Personal Messages

**Rose Smith** writes: I would like to thank Jackie Herbert and Trustees of the Painswick Centre for organising donations from Painswick Centre users and anyone else who made donations upon my retirement.

The money has bought me a beautiful electric rise and recline chair.

It is with heartfelt thanks and warmth and generosity of the people that enables me to enjoy such luxury. Thank you so much

**Barbara Thorley's family** would like to thank her friends and neighbours for the wonderful support that they gave to Barbara during her illness, your thoughtfulness meant such a lot to her. We would also like to thank you for your kindness to us which we are very grateful for.

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Did you use part of a rainy day last month to fit 42 **G-N-O-M-E-S** into our 6x6 grid? We hear they were elusive!

S	E	G	O	M	N
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O	S	M	E	N	G
M	O	S	N	G	E
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Staying in the garden, we thought we would move over to flowers. So test yourself with the perennial **V-I-O-L-E-T**.

Maybe let us know if you succeed?

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## News of Henry Butt

After last month's item on Henry Butt, the great-grandfather of Rosemary Kernohan who was visiting from Australia hoping to discover information about him, a very comprehensive response came from Chris Sandwell who was able to provide a considerable family history of the Butts. This information has been passed on to Rosemary who is, of course, delighted. Many thanks to Chris.

*Carol Maxwell*

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