

# The Painswick Beacon

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*Christmas Greetings  
to all our readers  
and Best Wishes for 2014*



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 20th November 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

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had sent apologies for their absence it fell to the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, to open the Meeting and ask the 4 Cllrs present to elect a Chairman for the meeting. Martin Slinger was unanimously elected.

## Matters requiring a decision

There were 4 matters requiring a decision, one application had been withdrawn. Two applications were supported, one subject to a tree that was being felled being replaced. The remaining applications were deferred, one until the Ward Councillor had reported and the other, where Wooden Stables for Donkeys were to be erected in a private garden, until an Environmental Impact Statement had been received.

## PARISH COUNCIL

During the 15 minute period set aside for public questions David Allott asked if it was possible for the Parish Council and members of the Public to "sit" in a circle making the Meeting "Resident Friendly" and easier for members of the public to hear the discussions. Also could members of the Council identify themselves when they spoke or have their names displayed. The Clerk replied stating that the Council were considering installing a hearing loop system in ground floor room. It was not considered necessary for Cllrs to either identify themselves when addressing the meeting or to display their names.

An additional Councillor joined the meeting so that when Chairman Martin Slinger opened the Meeting there were 5 Councillors present.

## Matters of urgency

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Emma Smith, Chair of the local Mothers and Toddlers Group asking for permission to erect a "Fund Raising Thermometer" in front of the Town Hall. This would be used by local Charities when they were raising funds to show the progress to date. After discussion the Council agreed to display an A4 size sheet of paper in the Town Hall notice board that local charities could use.

## Matters Arising

**Painswick Youth Club Project:** The Health and Safety Executive are concerned that a fire door could not be fully opened. A welder was to be employed to remove a small section of metal that was obstructing the door. Once removed the door could then be fully opened.

**Tibbiwell Post Box:** Local MP, Neil Carmichael, and 25 members of the public had walked from this post box to the St Mary's post box – actually in Stamages Lane. This had taken over 20 minutes, considerably longer than estimated by Royal Mail. The MP was taking the matter

up again with Royal Mail in an attempt to recommission the Tibbiwell Post Box.

**The Post Office:** A letter had been received from Post Office Services confirming that although there had been an initial response from local businesses to take over the running of a Post Office, which would be sited in their premises and open the same hours as the business, none had opted to proceed. They described the closure as "temporary" and were seeking a solution. Chairman Martin Slinger outlined another avenue to be explored, the opening of a Community Post Office run by the local Community. Post Office Services would supply a counter, initial stock and staff training. The Council agreed to write to the Trustees of the Community Library to see if they were interested in running the Post Office in conjunction with the Library. Also it was agreed to advertise the opportunity for a Community Group to run the Post Office. Following the sealing of the post box in the old Post Office our MP will ask Post Office Services to provide a post box adjacent to the old telephone box. This will have a wider opening and hopefully will be installed prior to Christmas.

**Canton Acre Turning Circle:** Still ongoing.

**Co-option of Councillors:** The legal notices of the vacancies had been published. Ten electors were required to request an election. No election had been requested. The Clerk advised the Council of the need to Co-opt and that applications would be discussed at the December Meeting. If any local resident wished to have informal discussions over the responsibilities of a Parish Councillor they should contact the Clerk, Roy Balgobin.

## County Councillors Report:

As County Cllr Jason Bullingham was unable to attend the meeting he had submitted a written report. The County Council's financial arrangements had been given a "clean bill of health" by external auditors. Since the start of the financial year and in preparation for the winter, the Council's Highways Dept have resurfaced 41 miles of highways and have applied a new surface dressing to 131 miles of road to protect them from rain and frost. There is still further work to be undertaken.

## District Councillors Report:

Nothing to report

## Parish Plan:

Nothing to report

## Responsible Financial Officers report:

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, confirmed:

1. That all expenses relating to the Pavilion contract would be shown separately from other Council expenses.
2. A request had been received from Slad

Parish Church requesting financial support towards the upkeep of the churchyard. As there was an amount specifically allocated in the Precept for the upkeep of the churchyard payment was agreed by the Council.

3. A request had been received from a Mothers and Toddlers group that met in the Sheepscombe village hall to fund the purchase of four children's folding tables. It was agreed that the Council would purchase the tables, cost £370, and allow the Mothers and Toddlers group to use them.

Roy Balgobin also requested all Cllrs to check the grit bins in their area to ensure that they were full. If they were not full he would arrange for them to be filled.

## Ward Reports:

### Cllr Ann Daniels reported :

1. That both of the old tables from the Town Hall had been sold and that the proceeds would be used to purchase new carpeting and a smaller desk in the first floor outer office.

2. That after attending the Armistice Day service the Vicar had expressed concern over the condition of the names on the War Memorial. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Gyde Trust. In the interim the Clerk suggested that a working party be formed to investigate and report on what action could be taken.

3. That the Council Christmas Tree would not be in place in time for the Goodwill Evening. However, the front windows in the Town Hall would be decorated.

Cllr Roey Parker asked, on behalf of the Community Library, whether any special events were being arranged in Slad in 2014 to mark the Centenary of the birth of Laurie Lee. Cllr Steve Morris stated that events would be held and that Stroud Library would be the central point of contact for local and Community Libraries. He expected that they would shortly be in contact with the Community Library in Painswick.

## The meeting concluded at 8.50pm

## Boxing Day Walk

The Parish Council's annual Boxing Day walk will start from Stamages Lane car park at 10.00am. The circular walk is planned to take approximately two hours. Stout footwear is necessary. Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.

## Get out NOW for coffee!!!

Stroud and District Mencap Homes are hosting a coffee and mince pies morning in the Painswick Centre. Saturday, December 7th from 10am to 12:30pm. There are stalls, cakes for sale, and a raffle. Thanks again for your support for our recent Gloucester Brass concert and hope to see you again.

*John Rohrbeck*

## Christmas Fayre 8th December



Please come along to the Croft Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 8th December from 3.30 - 6pm. The Fayre will open with a Children's

lantern parade (open to all children). Please bring children with lanterns (or jam jars with tealights) to the school hall at 3.45pm and accompany them on a parade to the playground where carols will be sung and we will await the arrival of Father Christmas. There will be hot food served and festive drinks and snacks to consume while you wait to visit Santa in his magical Grotto. Take your turn on the many fun stalls and purchase some Christmas delights from the home produce stall. We look forward to seeing you there.



*Ella Skelston*

## Christmas discounts at the Fiery Beacon Gallery

As you may have seen from the "For Sale" notice on the Fiery Beacon we are moving and although we hope that someone will buy the gallery and continue its long tradition as a craft gallery this may not happen.

Between now and Christmas we will be offering special discounts off purchases from the gallery so there has never been a better time to buy those special presents.

Special offers:-

We are offering 10% off all purchases over £20 and 20% off purchases of £30

**And** 25% if you spend £50 or more

Perfect for buying those special Christmas presents

Between now and Christmas we will open Fridays and Saturdays between 10 and 5 and Sundays we will open between 12 and 5

We do not plan any regular opening times in 2014 but may open on an ad hoc basis so look out for further information on the door or ring us on 01452 812582

Thank you for all your support over the 9 years we have been running the gallery, we will be very sorry to leave.

*Janet and Alison*

## Beacon Village Quiz

One of those few occasions when foursomes who are groups of friends, or representing village clubs or societies, can come together in a good-natured and enjoyable way is to participate in the annual Village Quiz. Next year this will be on Saturday 8th March 6.00ish in the largest venue available, Painswick Centre, and now is the moment to get that date in brand new diaries.

Why is it the right moment? Because as most of us tend to get together over mince pies and, maybe, a drink or two, forming a team and making a commitment to test out what one can or cannot remember in response to absolutely answerable questions produces many a giggle and sheer fun. Do, please, set the wheels in motion and – if entering while there is still time to be assured of a space – we are usually at capacity – a message to [mr@lesliebrotherton.com](mailto:mr@lesliebrotherton.com) will bring acknowledgement and assurance for the New Year. Just ask your friends, and see what happens!



## Christmas Preparations



Painswick's Country Market will be open each Friday, from 10 to 11 am, until 20th December, when pre-ordered Christmas baking can be collected. After a well-earned break, we shall re-open in the New Year on Friday 17th January 2014. In order to beat the 10 o'clock rush, we recommend ordering items in advance; please place an order at the preceding market or contact the Market Manager, Pamela Westcott on tel. 812471. We offer Christmas cakes and puddings, yule logs, mince pies and speciality breads. The last date for ordering Christmas baking and savouries is Friday 13th December. Why not order your free range eggs as well?

If you want to catch up with village news, our coffee table is a good place to start. Along with your cup of coffee (or tea) we offer a taster of one of the cakes available to purchase from the cakes and baking table.

Solve Your Present Dilemmas

We also have four craft-makers selling a wide range of home-produced craft to solve your Christmas present dilemmas. Two producers sell woodcraft: Rowland Appleford makes bird and other wildlife boxes using wood from sustainable sources; Charles Piff produces beautiful wood-turned bowls, tea-light bases, potpourri holders and lamps from attractive British hardwoods. In addition, Gill Gyde makes knitted goods, Christmas decorations and cards, whilst Aileen Poole sells a remarkable range of textile craft including gift bags for bottles.

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

*Jane Rowe, Secretary, [info@painswickmarket.co.uk](mailto:info@painswickmarket.co.uk)*

## Monthly Saturday Market News

The Saturday market on 16th November in the Town Hall was again packed to the brim with fabulous art, craft and produce, including delicious Old Spot sausages, bacon and pork from Popes Pigs, organic vegetables from Duchy Home Farm and mouth watering cakes from The Country Tea Garden and Maz the Gluten Buster!

Teas, coffees and light lunches were also on offer from JK's, and a wide range of hand crafted items, including hand knits, ceramics, jewellery, framed Painswick photographic prints, cards, Painswick Pets and much more.

The market returns again on Saturday 14th December, in Painswick's Town Hall, between 10 am and 4 pm. You will find many fabulous Christmas gift ideas as well as excellent produce! If you haven't as yet tried the market, please give it a go! The traders efforts to bring their produce to the centre of our village deserve our appreciation and custom.

All stall profits from the market are used for the benefit of Painswick.

*Chris Mercer*

## Christmas Draw

Apart from the après déjeuner pleasure of relaxing we bring extras to the occasion for those subscribers and a business whose names have been selected using our random number gizmo!

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

A **bottle of whisky** to Peter & Tina Sawyer, the first subscribers out of the hat.

A half **bottle of liqueur** of repute to the second fortunate winner, Patrick Ridgwell - so lightning does strike twice! and **boxes of chocolates** to Jane Holford and Miss C S Gyde who were third and fourth in the subscriber department.

A **bottle of brandy** to Bistro, the advertiser who, among the many we value, had drawn lucky.

**Happy Christmas, and thank you all**



## Medieval laws can still apply! - Chancel repair liability

In medieval times, every parish had its own priest - the rector - who had, by virtue of his office, a number of valuable property rights, including the right to receive tithes from parishioners. The profits from the rector's land, and the tithes he received, provided a fund from which he could pay for repairs to the chancel and sanctuary of the parish church. Tithes have since been abolished. However, the land which benefitted from the right to collect the tithes may still carry the chancel repair liability.



*The chancel at St Mary's Church*

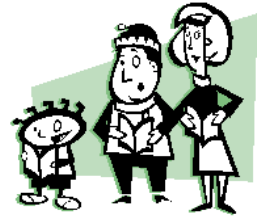
This means that private properties in parishes where there is a medieval church may still be liable for the cost of repairing the chancel. In recent years there have been some notable disputes where unsuspecting householders have been presented with large bills. Research work by officers of Painswick Church at The National Archives and elsewhere has revealed that, a lot of houses in Painswick were, potentially, liable for chancel repair claims. If you have bought a house in recent years, you may have come across this because solicitors have been recommending that buyers take out chancel repair liability insurance.

All this has now changed. Under legislation that was introduced a year or two ago, all churches that believed they had chancel repair claims over local properties and wished to exercise those rights, were required to register those claims with the Land Registry by mid October 2013. Local property owners will be glad to know that the Painswick Church PCC has decided not to register any claims, even although in principle liability could still exist (providing there had been no change in ownership since 13th October 2013) if the PCC paid a fee of £50 per notice. The PCC considers that exercising the rights would be against everything St Mary's Church stands for with regard to the local community. The most immediate effect of this decision is to save a little bit in legal fees if you are buying a house locally - there is no longer a need to pay chancel repair liability insurance saving perhaps £150.

*David Bishop, Churchwarden*

## Carol Singing Around Painswick

Come and join us, everyone welcome to sing traditional carols door to door around the streets of Painswick. Thursday 19th December 6pm. Meet at St Annes in Gloucester Street or Silvercrest, Kingsmill Lane. Tel. Iris 812879 for further details. All proceeds to World Vision Emergency Fund.



*Iris McCormick*

## Please support the homeless

DASH (which stands for Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless) has been supporting the work of Marah for several years. A Stroud charity working with the homeless and disadvantaged, Marah runs 3 drop-in sessions per week, providing hot meals, an advocacy service and emergency food parcels. (The latter are provided via the Stroud Foodbank, which was originally established through Marah, and the two organisations continue to work closely with each other and also with the Salvation Army.)

DASH runs a small change collection (5ps, 2ps & 1ps) which raised £420 in the last year alone. It goes into Marah's emergency funds for such things as transport costs to hospital or family visits, pyjamas (and other necessities) for hospital admissions. In the past we have collected bedding and warm clothing but currently Marah's lack of storage facilities means that these are not being asked for.

However, donations of tinned produce (in date please), especially tinned fruit, small jars of coffee and toiletries (especially men's) are very welcome and, as Christmas approaches, new socks, gloves and woolly hats to make a very acceptable gift for a homeless person. There are collecting boxes at the back of St Mary's church and in Murrays Estate Agency. Whatever you are able to give will be most gratefully received.

And please continue to collect your small change - Frances Watson (812071) or myself, Alison Robinson (812286) are very happy to come and collect it from you - even a small bag of coppers can be surprisingly heavy!

*Alison Robinson*



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# Christmas Shopping time!

## Painswick's shops – not to be overlooked

Before setting off to do your Christmas shopping elsewhere do stop and consider our own outlets here in Painswick. Each of our shops is unique, not part of a corporate identikit chain and all have some very attractive goods which are just that little bit different. In New Street **Painswick Pharmacy** has a surprisingly large range of lovely goods, including special toiletries, gift sets, warmers, health products and Fair Trade edibles, all at very competitive prices. Beautiful and skilfully crafted indigenous hardwood items are to be found in the **Painswick Woodcraft shop**, ranging from the practical to the decorative. **Dawn's Shed** is open for just a few weeks but is crammed full of quirky, unusual, lovely and intriguing goodies and splendid cards.

**The Fiery Beacon** offers beautiful, high quality hand-crafted ceramics, jewellery, textiles, lamps and ornaments, all exclusive and starting at surprisingly reasonable prices. **Painswick Fabrics** has an amazing range of beautiful silks, cottons, velvets, linens, to name but some, plus an interesting assortment of related items such as tassels and throws. You will discover a wonderful range of both new and antique items from furniture to pottery to pictures and lots more at **The Chairman**.

Our charity shop, **Cotswold Care**, in Bisley Street has something for everyone including cards, games, clothes, tableware,

decorations, evening wear, bric-a-brac and lots more. **Olivas** in Friday Street currently has an amazing array of tempting and scrumptious foods and wines very attractively displayed and packaged and perfect for the festive season. **Kate Rich's tiny gem of a shop** in Tibbiwell is packed with delightful and lovely items of china, glass, jewellery, linen, pictures, ornaments, baskets etc, both contemporary and vintage.

**Best One**, quite apart from the usual wide range of provisions and magazines, has plenty of extras, especially confectionary and drinks, for the festive season. And last but not least you will find at the **Country Market**, Friday mornings in the Town Hall, great local fresh produce and some lovely craft items beautifully made by local residents at very reasonable prices. And outside in the Town Hall car park **Pete** will be selling his top quality fresh fish up to and including 20th December. You can also order, from the beginning of December, sides of smoked salmon, hot smoked salmon, king prawns cooked and raw, peeled raw tiger prawns, dressed crab and lobsters. Now there's a real treat.

Our shops are a real joy to visit and you may well find that special gift. So, before thinking further afield, do explore our local outlets first – you may be pleasantly surprised. Our shops need your support.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Come & visit this stunning and inspiring ACP gallery in the Painswick Centre!

We have recently upgraded our furnishings and displays, all under the guidance of our new Gallery Manager, Caroline Crawford, We're delighted that Caroline has stepped into this role, and can already see the benefits of her involvement. We now have a range of wonderful merchandise, costing from only a few pounds to ..... rather more! Come and find inspiration for truly ideal

Christmas presents - from pretty porcelain to delicate jewellery to amazing hats; and from cards & calendars to our beautiful ACP book. A large majority of the items have been made by previous entrants and are truly unique.

Since our opening in August 2013 we have welcomed literally thousands of visitors, all of whom have had the opportunity to experience an intimate appreciation and understanding of the craftsmanship involved in the many exhibited works of wearable art, and we regularly create fresh exhibitions which include opportunities for new artists to showcase their work.

We have been encouraged by the enthusiastic response of visitors to the

gallery and aim to develop this inspirational venue to encourage people to explore their full creative potential. We are in the process of stocking our exciting library with books which we hope will ignite some wild and innovative ideas. Please drop by and browse over a cup of coffee and, who knows, you might even find yourself on the way to creating a vision for our ACP Festival on July 13th 2014! This gallery is fully accessible and ideally located to host high quality workshops and seminars on contemporary arts and crafts. We have currently arranged a variety of workshops, varying in length from half a day to two days, which will be delivered by local, national and international renowned professional artists, craftspeople and teachers.



### Stroud Ambitions Event

ACP were proud contributors at the hugely successful Stroud Ambitions project held on November 6th, at which over 1000 13-14 year olds attended a major careers event at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. ACP offered interactive workshops, led by Paula Marks, all with the aim of showing how creativity and design underpin every walk of life from sports to architecture and from medicine to photography. The evening session also provided the opportunity for ACP to talk to 6th form students and their parents, and to network with many of the other 50+ local businesses represented at this wonderful event.

### How can you get involved?

Thank you for all your feedback so far – we appreciate the time and effort you've made in letting us know where we are succeeding, and where we can do better. If you have good ideas of how we can further enhance the gallery or the festival experience, PLEASE let us know.

ACP is a charity and, as such, is reliant upon sponsors and contributions from the public. This can take the form of funding, value in kind, or voluntary help, so please let us know if you would like to get involved.

We particularly need volunteers who would be happy to 'man the desk' in the Gallery for a few hours at a time. This could be a regular commitment, or on an adhoc basis. The more volunteers we get, the fewer hours each person has to do!

For more information or to buy those beautiful gifts, please visit the gallery. Open Thursday through Sunday from 11am – 3pm. You can also go to our website [www.acpfestival.co.uk](http://www.acpfestival.co.uk) or contact Caroline Crawford on [galleriescp@gmail.com](mailto:galleriescp@gmail.com) OR 07957 867389

*Judie Hill*

# Winter scrub bashing on Cotswold Commons

- Saturday 18th January Rudge Hill Common (near lower cattle trough)
- Sunday 19th January Sheepscombe Common (near Cricket Club gate)
- Saturday 1st February Bulls Cross (top triangle)
- Sunday 2nd February Juniper Hill (near track junction)

Fancy a day out in the fresh air clearing some scrub and enjoying a bonfire? We will be on site from 10am until about 3pm, feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two, just look for the smoke!

Please wear warm comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy footwear. If you are planning to stay all day then you will need to bring lunch - hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. It is also advisable to bring waterproofs in case of light rain. If it rains heavily we may have to stop work early or cancel the task so if the weather is bad on the day it is advisable to ring the mobile number below to check the task is still on. All tools and work gloves will be supplied.

No need to book, just turn up on the day. If you would like any further information please e-mail me (kate.gamez@naturalengland.org.uk) or phone :07747 485136

*Kate Gamez  
Reserve Manager Cotswold Commons and  
Beechwoods National Nature Reserve*

# Psalm's Annual Christmas Quiz Night!

In 1879 Thomas Edison made his first public mass demonstration of electric lights. What year was the first public display of Christmas tree lighting? Hopefully that has whet your appetite for a quiz! Not long now to the annual Club Pulse Quiz night! Different members of Hewitt family have won all 3 competitions so please come and make sure they don't retain the cherished trophy. What you need to know is:

Monday 16th December. 7.30-9 at  
At the Painswick Centre (  
All aged 10+ are welcome!  
£1 entry  
Teams sorted on the night  
Light snacks and refreshments

Be there!

*Andy Harding*

# Gloucestershire's Economy

GFirstLEP is the Local Enterprise Partnership for Gloucestershire and we welcomed their Chief Executive, David Owen who gave us an excellent presentation. He introduced his organisation and gave us an upbeat view of the present and future of the county's economy. The LEP relies almost exclusively on local support but has recently attracted £0.25 million from government.



We looked at the county's main strengths as Tourism and Business and although the major emphasis of the partnership is on development of business, the Cotswolds are an important element for the promotion of the county.

The LEP spends a lot of its energy on promoting Gloucestershire abroad with a narrative that includes Cheeses, Wallace & Grommit, Budding's invention of the lawnmower, Whittle and development of the jet engine, Dowty landing gear, Walls ice cream, GCHQ, Superdry clothing and even the production of artificial snow for the film and television industries. We learned that Huffkins the tearooms and bakers went down well at a recent exhibition in Japan earning them substantial revenues.

One of the county's strengths is education with good schools, university and technical apprenticeships and promotion of Gloucestershire stresses the nurturing of high tech skills, creating the right environment for new business start-ups. Businesses such as Renishaw can only develop with access to a highly skilled workforce.

David stressed that the county has good communications with the London rail link, M5, and M4 however the LEP is pressing for improvements. These improvements include the rail improvements between Swindon and Kemble, tackling the bottleneck at Nettleton Bottom, remodelling M5 Junction 10 (Cheltenham North), Superfast Broadband throughout the county and development of Gloucestershire airport.

The partnerships growth plan for the future includes: Attraction of European funding - we do not currently attract much funding as Gloucestershire has a relatively strong economy; Promotion - marketing Gloucestershire as a great place to live and do business; Development along the M5 corridor focusing on; Developments adjacent to junctions; Redevelopment of the Ashchurch MOD site; Development of Staverton Airport; The Incinerator site at Junction 12; Stonehouse; Sharpness

The final messages were: Confidence - Gloucestershire cannot be complacent; Development - embrace it, don't be anti-business; Globalisation - don't panic, we can compete; Our future - we must ensure that our skilled young people stay and work in the county.

The presentation was well received, we learned a lot and we were impressed with the efforts that David and his team are making.

*Glynn H. Nixon*

# Did Yew Know?

On BBC Points West recently there was a story about a crematorium in Weston-Super-Mare that has a large number of Yew trees. The programme detailed how the clippings from the annual cutting of the yew trees are used in producing drugs for cancer treatment. Well...did yew know that St Mary's Church, Painswick, which is well-known for its yew trees, also sends its clippings for the same purpose? Rather than composting or re-cycling, around 2½ tons of the cuttings from the Yew trees each year are sent to be used for production of a breast cancer drug. We have been doing this for quite a few years now. It is thought that St Mary's is one of the largest providers of yew tree cuttings in the country.

*David Bishop*

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As we are now well into the Festive Season, we hope that you enjoyed the recent Goodwill Evening at the Painswick Centre. Still to come this month, the children are sure to enjoy Mazymeg and the Honey Bees on Friday 13th December, a magical adventure for everyone over the age of four. For more information on this see alongside and for this and other events, see our website, details below.



## Mazymeg and The Honey Bees – Friday 13th Dec 6pm at the Centre

Albert lives alone with his beloved honey bees on Dartmoor, a wild and mysterious land where nothing is as it seems.



One day a stranger appears and steals Albert's bees and it's as though the light has gone from Albert's world. But a second visitor comes to his cottage- a

little Pixie girl, called Mazymeg. She promises to find his bees, for she knows who the stranger is - Dark Dewer, the wicked wizard.

'Tis said on Dartmoor that to get lost is to be 'pixie-led'. So join Angel Heart and lose your way with Mazymeg and all the characters she meets as she tries to bring home Albert's bees.

All tickets £10 each – available on 01452 814567 or contact Jennie Barber at [jennie@thepainswickcentre.com](mailto:jennie@thepainswickcentre.com) or Online through ticket source

For the last bulletin of 2013 from the Painswick Centre, we thought it worth reminding ourselves of the variety of activities which the Centre hosts.

This December, for example, we will see the Centre being used by: The Youth Club, Zumba, Pilates, Karate, Skittles, Cupcakes for Carers, Bridge, Badminton, Probus, Crafty Tots, Mencap Coffee Morning, Little Act, Muddy Feet Fitness, Yoga, The Painswick Choir, Painswick Area Fine Arts Society, Kids Pottery, and the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club.

These are in addition to activities at the busy Art Studios and the Art Couture Gallery. There is also a private party scheduled in the Beacon Hall! All in all, the Centre is an active and thriving focal point in the community.

The Centre relies heavily on the many volunteers who generously donate their time and efforts to ensure that things get done. From the Trustees and Friends to our Manager, Jennie Barber, and to all who regularly roll up their sleeves and get stuck in – a heartfelt Thank You!

We are constantly striving to improve and build on the generous gift of the Centre which was given to the village in 1907 by local resident Sarah Williams. After well over 100 years at the centre of Painswick life, we look forward to continuing to serve the community for many years to come.

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Mike Hill, Trustee*

## A new kitchen for the Church Rooms Ready---Steady—Cook !

Present users will be delighted to learn that a shining, new stainless steel kitchen has just been completed in the Church Rooms together with a toilet for the disabled. This finishes the next stage of refurbishment. The developers of the Old Library project, Head/Ruddy, have worked with the Church to extend and enlarge the previous kitchen and to fit it with first class appliances and fixtures.

Now the kitchen can offer a large, high quality range cooker which will enable hot meals to be cooked for up to 100 people. The commercial dishwasher will wash crockery, cutlery and glasses on a three minute cycle. A hot cupboard will keep food warm until it is needed. The wall hung hot water boiler will provide the volume of water needed for endless cups of coffee and tea and a refrigerator will chill wine and keep desserts cool.

The Church Rooms are again available, making full use of the refurbished kitchen, for wedding, christening and funeral gatherings and private parties. Bookings for the Assembly Hall (Capacity 70) or The Derek Hodges Room (Capacity 25), both of which were refurbished recently and have a very effective upgraded heating system, can be made by contacting The Benefice Office at the Lych Gate on 814795

St Mary's P.C.C would like to thank Jim Ruddy and Roger Head and all the generous individual donors that have made this project successful. The Church Rooms can now provide a kitchen which will support church and community functions throughout the years. Thank you everyone!

*Michael Campbell*



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special services and events throughout the area  
Churches Together Around Painswick have co-ordinated information from all the churches which we hope will be helpful.



## Churchyard manager wanted.

St. Mary's Church is surrounded by a magnificent churchyard with 99 yew trees which is an asset to the whole village community. Thanks partly to the generous contributions of many local residents who have sponsored the trees, the churchyard is kept in good condition with well-trimmed trees and neat grass. The church council is responsible for this but, following the retirement of our churchyard manager, we are looking for a volunteer manager from the village to help us look after the churchyard. The main duties would be liaison with the grass cutting and yew tree clipping contractors but willingness to look around the churchyard, say once or twice a week, and fix minor problems, such as broken branches, would be useful. The time commitment is not great – maybe one or two hours a week on average – but it would help us preserve our heritage in the manner to which we have become accustomed. If you can help please could you contact one of us.

*Margaret Radway (813440)  
David Bishop (814205).  
Churchwardens*

Saturday	December 14th	7.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Candlelit Christmas Concert
Sunday	December 15th	4.00 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Carols by candlelight
Tuesday	December 17th	7.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Croft School Carol Service
		8.00 pm	Woolpack Inn	Slad	Carols at the Inn
Wednesday	December 18th	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Sheepscombe	Carols
Thursday	December 19th	6pm- 8pm	Carols around village - in aid of World Vision	Painswick	Telephone Iris on 812879 for meeting point details
Saturday	December 21st	7.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Painswick Singers Xmas Concert
Sunday	December 22nd	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Painswick Praise
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
		11.00 am	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Morning service
		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Service of Lessons & Carols
		6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
Tuesday	December 24th	4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
Wednesday	December 25th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Day		9.00 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass of the Nativity
		9.30 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Christmas rejoicing service
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Family Communion
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Eucharist
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist
Sunday	December 29th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		9.30 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Benefice Communion
		11.00 am	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Morning service
		6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Carols by candlelight
		7.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Compline

*Christmas Blessings to one and all*

*Rita Bishop*

## 2014 Programme Revealed

It's a good time to join the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club, because next year's excursions are being finalised and will include:

- 12th century Malmesbury Abbey, and Oaksey and Dauntsey Churches;
- Lydney Park Spring Gardens & Roman remains (the latter, a source of inspiration for J.R. Tolkein) and Westbury Court Dutch Water Garden (NT) & Church (talk and tea included);
- The Tudor manor and landscaped deer park of Charlecote Park (NT), plus Sezincote, a stunning example of Mogul architecture;
- Downside Abbey, the home of a Benedictine community, with the largest Neo-Gothic style church built in this country since the Reformation;
- Black Country Living Museum near Dudley, where buildings and machines of the industrial revolution, including the only working Newcomen steam engine, are preserved;

Plus the five-day trip in September to Hampshire and Portsmouth where the theme "Defence of the Realm", both historic and

modern, is still so apt.

Our guided walks programme for 2014 is also emerging: interests in wild flowers, butterflies, ancient woodland, classic geological trails, birds and other wildlife will all be catered for. Plus two Cotswolds village walks, one covering the vernacular stone buildings of the cloth-making industry, the other, Arts and Crafts architecture and furniture. We conclude each walk by enjoying an optional meal at a local pub or café.

Annual membership for 2014 still costs just £20 (or £30 for two at the same address). For that you gain access to 9-10 monthly lectures, priority booking on the above coach excursions from Stamages Lane car park, the guided walks, the annual lunch and much more. Please phone me for details (tel. 813228) or pop in to our next lecture (listed in the Beacon Diary).

*Jane Rowe, Membership Secretary, 813228*



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## Urgent Request for listeners! Can you spare an hour a week to listen to Croft School children read?

As many of you will know from your own children's school years, it is imperative that children have the opportunity to regularly read out loud to an adult during class time to help with their educational development.

The Croft has always been very well supported by parents/families of pupils, coming in and reading with the children. However, as family lives become more demanding and busier for parents, we are struggling to get the number of reader volunteer as we need.

Therefore, the school would very much welcome and appreciate help from the residents of the Painswick Valley (any age, no qualifications needed!) to come and join our school community meet the children and teachers and spare an hour of your time once a week to sit and listen to

the children read out loud from their reading books. Please contact the school admin. Mrs Rudd if you are able to help (Tel. 01452 812479 or admin@croft.gloucs.sch.uk). We may be able to help with transport to and from the school if necessary. Thank you in advance.



*Emma Smith*

## Flying high for Croft School

The Friends of the Croft School have been looking at ways to raise money for much needed IT equipment for the children. The school is currently using outdated computers and the staff, Governors and parents are keen to improve the learning experiences for the children by providing better equipment to support all areas of the curriculum.



Vicky Mayo, mother of Sienna in Class 2 and Ellis in Class 1 has come up with a very exciting way of raising funds and has persuaded teacher Natalie Greening to join her. In January they will both be jumping from a plane at 15,000 feet in a sky dive!

We would really appreciate as much support as possible. The money we raise is going to benefit all of our children enormously. In addition to supporting the school 20% of the money raised will go to Childline, a charity that provides valuable support and advice for children and young people in need. The school is also going to donate its old laptops in order that they can be reused elsewhere.

The Friends of The Croft School have set up a 'JustTextGiving' account where you can donate using your mobile at your convenience: TEXT 70070 VICK18 - Amount you wish to donate, for example - VICK18£5

If you would prefer donations can be sent or handed in to the school, address The Croft Primary School, Churchill Way, Painswick, GL6 6RQ. Any donation, however great or small, will be most gratefully received.

*Ceris Towler, Headteacher*

## Seasonal News

It's been another busy month for the library.

The first AGM for The Community Library in Painswick (CLIP) was held on November 13th. The main business of the evening was for all the directors to resign and offer themselves for reappointment.

With the exception of John Dickinson who had previously indicated he no longer wished to continue, the following were re-elected – David Glass, Pat Francis, Mike Wilson, Jenny Gaugain, Julia Churchley, Helene Hewett and Ian Cridland. The financial report was accepted and David Glass thanked John Dickinson for the provision of a very comprehensive report and his work as Treasurer.

Further discussion on opening hours was deferred until the forthcoming volunteers meeting when all the volunteers will have an opportunity to discuss this issue. If any library users and current non-users would like to put forward any views please use the "Suggestions Book" in the Library or contact the Library by telephone (814744) or email (painswicklibrary@btconnect.com).

Throughout November all users of library cards have had an opportunity to enter the draw for a magnificent hamper or Christmas stocking both provided by our generous volunteers. They are the library service and the Trustees are very grateful for all their efforts throughout the year. The raffle was drawn on Goodwill Evening when the Library remained open until 8pm.

Looking towards Christmas, the tree and decorations will go up on Saturday December 7th and children are invited to come and help with this as well as making Christmas decorations.


Also available is "The Painswick Calendar" priced at £6.50 with envelope and £6 without.

We will be taking a break over the Christmas period. The Library will be open on Saturday December 21st from 10-1 as usual and then closed until Friday 3rd January. Books that are due back during this period will have an extended loan period, but you may want to take a few more to keep you going. New books are added every month and there is a list displayed on the issue desk. If you can't see anything you like please leave a note in the "Suggestion Book" or tell us.

On behalf of the Trustees and volunteers I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Pat Francis, Librarian*





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## Fleurtations – a growing business

Emma Smith and Holly Lynall have joined forces to run Fleurtations, a wedding floristry company based in Painswick. The business is not new – Holly set it up in 2003 – but together they envisage its development as a thriving, albeit home-based, Painswick enterprise.



Fleurtations is a bespoke service specifically for weddings. It is based on initial one-to-one consultation in order to determine personal style with the emphasis on individuality. All floral aspects of the event are catered for from bouquets to decorations to head dresses. Weddings of course take place in a great variety of venues and Emma and Holly are happy to work in all situations. As they point out, locally there are several stunning wedding venues and they are keen to promote the area generally as a perfect setting for local couples, returning former residents or those from elsewhere.

Emma and Holly regard their business as special inasmuch as they offer a very personal service. Unlike bigger businesses, they engage with only one wedding at a time, making that one their priority. Good relations with both client and venue are essential for a successful and happy occasion. To-date all their work has come through recommendations – an indisputable testimony to their excellence.

Holly trained as a florist eleven years ago when she had her first child. It was an opportunity to do something she really enjoyed and she subsequently started the business in 2003 very much as a low-key activity. Emma, also with a young family, trained more recently explaining that it appeals to her creative nature (she studied design formerly). Now together as a partnership they plan to develop the business but to keep it at the personal level rather than become oversized.

They have a website [www.fleurtationsglos.co.uk](http://www.fleurtationsglos.co.uk) and can be contacted on 813675 or 814193 or email [fleurtations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fleurtations@hotmail.co.uk). On Sunday, 8th December they will also be selling hand-crafted Christmas wreaths, made specially for the occasion, at the Croft School Christmas Fair.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Anne's two businesses'

Anne Polet is a multi-skilled, highly educated lady – and in more than one field of activity. She has recently launched two new home-based businesses in Painswick and she has real expertise in both.



Greenleaves Aromatherapy is a relatively new venture even though Anne undertook the relevant training in 1990. She is highly qualified in a wide range of health care services having been a general nurse since 1980 and also having taken a degree in psychology. With a broad experience of work in medical care, Anne is essentially a clinical aromatherapist. As she points out, this is an alternative or supplementary approach which runs alongside conventional medicine and the industry is, reassuringly, very strictly regulated. Clinical aromatherapy consists of gentle massage plus bespoke treatments - essentially oils - tailored to suit individual needs for a wide range of medical conditions from skin problems to migraines to stress-related conditions etc.

Anne will work from home, allowing flexibility with regard to times. Her approach is based on an initial consultation to ascertain needs for the whole person. She is very knowledgeable about both the products she uses and the procedure, using whole oils rather than selected elements. With her impressive knowledge and very intelligent understanding of the nature of the business, Anne is offering a service with broad appeal. She can be contacted on 07716.605175 or email [annepolet@yahoo.com](mailto:annepolet@yahoo.com).

Her second home-based business, Crazy Cat Antiques, stems from a lifelong interest in 19th and 20th century ceramics and glass. She started this venture earlier this year, specialising in British art pottery. Anne is fascinated by the objects she deals in and by their history. She buys from all over the country and sells worldwide. Most of her very fine stock can be seen on her website [www.crazycatantiques.co.uk](http://www.crazycatantiques.co.uk) and it is also available for viewing by appointment, tel.813903 or 07808.726411, or email [anne@crazycatantiques.co.uk](mailto:anne@crazycatantiques.co.uk).

*Carol Maxwell*

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## Nick wishes to cycle to Paris to support CLIC Sargent



A friend and I are cycling from London to Paris (300 miles) in April 2014 to help raise money for CLIC Sargent, who help treat cancer and leukaemia in children. CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families. They provide clinical, practical, financial and emotional support to help them cope

with cancer and get the most out of life. They are there from diagnosis onwards and aim to help the whole family deal with the impact of cancer and its treatment, life after treatment and, in some cases, bereavement.

My friend, in fact has a friend whose daughter is being supported by this wonderful charity, so we are both pleased to 'put in the miles' on cold wet days to support CLIC Sargent, especially as neither of us are keen cyclists.

We will be riding as part of an organised event, and must each raise a minimum £1,495 by January 2014 in order to secure a place. However we hope that with the continued kind support of our family, friends and community we can raise much more. We would very much appreciate any support that can be offered, as donations of any size are welcomed.

Thanks to the kind support of Mike at The Royal Oak, there will be 3 pub quiz evenings in support of our fundraising effort. These will be held on Tuesday 10th December – 8pm, Tuesday 7th January – 8pm and Tuesday 28th January – 8pm

The quiz is open to teams of up to four people, with a £5 entry per team. There will be prizes on the night, as well as a raffle, so some great nights ahead.

If you wish to support us and this wonderful charity, please visit the following website to make a secure donation: <http://www.doitforcharity.com/NWatkins>. Please also come and join us at The Royal Oak for some great quiz nights.

*Nick Watkins*

## Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble

Candlelit Concert 14th December, St Mary's Church



If you're looking for some Christmas entertainment this year, then the Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble candlelit concert at St Mary's on 14th December at 7:30pm could be the festive outing that you're looking for. The guitar is often seen as a solo instrument, so this is a rare opportunity to hear an ensemble of guitars. Experience this in the atmospheric Painswick Church and enjoy a Festival drink and a mince pie in the interval. (See below for ticket details.)

We are a youth guitar ensemble based in Cirencester but whose members come from all around Gloucestershire, including Painswick. We have over fifty members whose ages range from primary school to adult and there are four different groups of juniors, inters, seniors and adults. At Painswick it will be the seniors (grades 7 and above) and some inters (grades 5 to 6) playing. We play different genres of music, from classical to jazz, as well as Christmas carols.

Every other year the ensemble attends the World Youth Guitar Festival. This is a fantastic opportunity because it gives us the chance to work with well-known professional guitarists and to play in different orchestras. But most of all, the ensemble is a brilliant way to experience playing with other guitarists. We are always welcoming new members and if you would like to find out more please contact Sandra Dukes on (01285 659785).

Tickets are available from the Benefice Office (814795), The Chairman (810820) and Phil Ion in the evenings (813405). Tickets cost £8.00 (adults) and £5.00 for accompanied under-16s, including festive drink and mince pie.

Hope to see you there!

*Natasha Ion*

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# Keeping Painswick Beacon special

There are many aspects of Painswick Beacon that make it special. Painswickians are fortunate to live close to such a place. One aspect is the open and ancient grassland which has retained a richness of wild flowers and wildlife so that it merited inclusion within the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). Much of the Beacon is now managed under a Higher Level Stewardship agreement, an agri-environmental scheme administered by Natural England. In the past the common has been grazed by sheep and cattle. The Beacon, if left unmanaged, would become scrub and eventually woodland; and the fantastic views would be impaired. One of the main aims of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group is to keep the Beacon "special".

## A Slashers and Burners Morning



Felled Trees Photos by Peter Llewellyn

The "Slashers" have been meeting regularly to take out many of the self-sown pines and ash. This is opening up some of the limestone grassland slopes for regeneration of the native flora, including especially cowslips and junipers.

There have been cattle in three paddocks this year to graze down the grass and to enable other plants to flourish. A rota of "Cattle Checkers" has maintained a daily watch on the condition of the cows, fences, food and water supplies.

*Joyce Barrus,  
PBCG Committee Member.*



# A momentous year!

"This Conservation Group is now 21, and has had a momentous year". At the AGM on 6th November, the Chairman, David Allott congratulated members on several substantial achievements. Large areas of the Beacon have been impressively improved, while the Group's projected income for the current year has increased from a



typical £570 in 2011 to £4,500 now. A staggering eight-fold increase! This has come at the price of increased work party loads and the need to change the condition of specific areas from 'unfavourable' to 'favourable' in compliance with the specification in Ellie Phillips' 120+ page (A4)

Implementation Plan, for the ten year Higher Level Stewardship scheme that Selina Blow (owner of Painswick Beacon - the Common) signed up to in 2010/11.

Grateful recognition was made to the large number of volunteer members, Cotswold Wardens, Stroud Valley Project, and Golf Course employees who helped to double the work output. And thanks to Committee Member, Polly Lillico, who organised our summer Butterfly Walk. Top of the list for thanks were the Watts family of Hardwicke. They brought the lovely Gloucester cattle to graze our paddocks, 1, 2 and 3. They also taught us how to chase them up and down a paddock when their cattle were disinclined to enter the waiting trailer. Also, special thanks to the AONB's Sustainability Fund, the Summerfield Trust, and "Plantlife" (on behalf of No. 1 London Gin) for their contributions of £3,500+, £1,000 and £1,000 respectively. This crucial money enabled the group to purchase tools, training, protective clothing, fencing equipment, and to begin an extensive restoration of Long Quarry to encourage more flowers and butterflies, as well as creating areas where Painswick's record number of Junipers can be increased. The hundred or so large pine trees to be removed from Long Quarry are going for chipping and drying before being burnt for heating on a local Estate. It is pleasing to know that the tons of carbon captured by the pine needles over 40 or more years is being put to good use. The Beacon's trees are "consuming" Carbon Dioxide daily.

Looking ahead, there are five work parties in December; the regular work parties on Saturdays 7th and 21st, plus the ad hoc one on the 14th, and also joint ones with the Cotswold Wardens on 3rd and 17th. The Long Quarry and other areas need to be 'practically complete' by the end of December to comply with the terms of their payments. Volunteers are always welcome; please contact our Secretary/Treasurer, David Little on 813734. As our Treasurer/Secretary he reported that the finances are sound, £1,200 is in reserve, (for possible republication of the A5 Booklet "Painswick Beacon and Popes Wood", only 3 copies are left). And the annual £286 from Natural England (via Selina Blow), for maintenance of three areas is imminent. A pleasant surprise was a donation of £500 (matched by another £500 from an anonymous donor) in recognition of help received (and more promised) with the required landscaping of Catbrain Quarry. Sadly, as

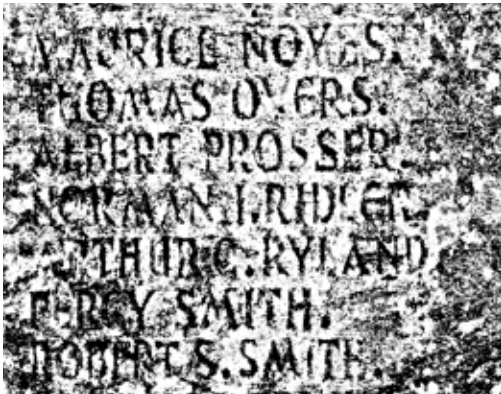
last winter went on and on, most of the plants transplanted to the quarry boundary, - to kickstart the landscaping - perished. More planting will take place after 25th November - a much surer time to move trees, shrubs etc. - to advance the new planting schedule being prepared by Paul Hackman of Natural England to replace the one by Stroud District Council Planners, containing (to me) a curious selection of trees.

Looking ahead, there are ambitious plans to use the new income to pay for quality training in the use of chainsaws and applying killer chemicals to minimise regrowth of unwanted trees. If you, or some agile, responsible young person that you know, would like to join in the group's work activities, free training could be on offer. "Free" firewood and manure are now available to those who help us! We have some hardwood trees to remove; and now that the grazing Gloucesters have gone home to Hardwicke, please collect remaining dung pats for your roses! We are expected to reduce the fertility of many Beacon areas. Taking N, P and K to your garden surely qualifies?

*David Allott Acting Chairman*

# Remembrance Day Service

In recent years it has become the practice for communities to pause at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars of the last century and in other conflicts since 1945. The Act of Remembrance is held at War Memorials throughout the land and takes the form of a service prepared by the Churches Together of Britain and Ireland organisation. Essentially a civic service, it is attended by local council members, representatives of various organisations and members of the public who are invited to lay wreaths. It is customary for a church leader to preside.



*Some of the names now virtually illegible*

The short service at Painswick's war memorial was conducted by Rev. Mike Holloway who emphasised that the purpose of the service was not to glorify war but to remind the present generation of its horrors and the tragic loss of life war brought. He noted with sadness that since the end of the Second World War a British soldier had been killed in armed conflict every single year, apart from 1968. Rev. Mike read out the names which were inscribed on the memorial. He said that it was very important to remember them as individuals. He also commented that the ravages of the weather had made many of the names on the memorial almost illegible. He went on to say that it would be wonderful if the names could be made more legible as a tribute to those who had died and also if we could find a way of including those who had died since the end of the second world war.

## Painswick Goodwill Evening

The fifth Goodwill Evening held on 29th November turned out to be another great success, helped by kind dry weather. Chris Mercer who initiated the first event expressed his satisfaction - each year it has grown and he thought this year's the best yet. He thought there was a lovely atmosphere, helped no doubt by the mulled wine and mince pies everywhere. The Christmas lights on the church's yew trees added to the festive occasion. Traders in the Town Hall market seemed generally very pleased. Your reporter did not have time to visit all the ale houses and shops but they all looked busy.

The studios and market in the Painswick Centre were full of visitors from 5pm to 9pm. Sue Lendon who organised the event said she was delighted and said all traders seemed very pleased on the whole, including the four charity stall holders. The bar was very busy - no doubt helped by some very friendly and helpful barmen. A delicious cake made by Chris West was raffled - won by Peter Roberts, lucky man! In the skittle alley Real Ale supplied by Royal Oak was available and in the car park the Hog Roast was sold out. Entertainments on the stage helped the atmosphere - the picture below and alongside shows Sophie conducting the Painswick Community choir - just one of the entertainments.



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## Cover picture

We are indebted to Pete Llewellyn for our cover picture this year - a photograph he took early in the year but it could have been taken yesterday - the lights are again on the yew trees. It was good to have several photographs from which to make a choice; so our thanks to those who offered their selection to challenge us. One submitted by Trevor Radway is featured in the back page.



*A happy barman*





# Managing Memory

An initiative by “Cup Cakes for Carers” led to a most helpful talk about memory on Wed. 13th November by



the Gloucester NHS service: ‘Managing Memory 2gether’. A large group of people gathered at the Painswick Centre from the Stroud area to hear Kathy Holmes and Rose McDowell talk about this Gloucestershire service that is available to all by a phone call to 0800 694 8800 or referral by GP. They offer:

- Memory Assessment, diagnosis and treatment
- Information, advice and group information sessions
- Community Dementia Nursing Service

Memory loss is well known to be a feature of the aging process but it is not always so and it is reassuring to know that treatment may be found possible if the assessment and diagnosis process is undertaken. It was obvious from the questions raised that quite a few people who attended were seeking information with regard to someone with whom they were living, some experiencing Dementia. They found the talk very helpful. The overriding fact that came across quite strongly was that help is available from MM2gether on 0800 694 8800.

“Cup Cakes” is very pleased to make this known and hopes to introduce other health subjects of wide interest from time to time.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 14th January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm in The Green Room, The Painswick Centre. Information: 01452 813326 or 814092.

*Patricia Burrows*

# Painswick Local History Society

## So much symbolism...

At the November meeting of the Society Dr Frances Wilson-Copp gave members a clear and comprehensive lesson in how to look at Christian art. Using splendid examples including paintings, sculpture and glassware and spanning a thousand years from the 5th to the 15th centuries, she explained clearly how the symbolism, or iconography, appearing throughout had powerful and enduring meaning. Much if not most of this is little understood in the present age mainly because it relates closely to the culture of the time of execution.

Frances chose three topics – the Nativity, the Crucifixion and Madonna and Child. She demonstrated that the same format using the same symbolism for each of these was used regardless of where the work was produced. Only the style of presentation differed, affected by both place and time. In all three topics the same people, animals, gestures, structures, shapes, plants, colours and composition are present, each with a distinct symbolic meaning. As examples, in Nativity art the building represented is always in a state of deterioration which signifies the demise of former beliefs, and in Crucifixion art the blind man to Christ’s right symbolises spiritual blindness.

Each picture showed many such identical details each with its powerful meaning. Any differences are rather superficial and generally relate to time and place, such as for example, the background buildings and the clothing being contemporary and local whether that be 5th or 15th century Constantinople, Greece or Northern Europe. This very informative and detailed presentation certainly left members much better equipped to appreciate and understand such art work.

The Society does not meet in December. The next meeting will take place at the Croft School on Tuesday, 21st January when the subject will be the origins of pub signs. Everyone is welcome.

## Painswick Chronicle Number 16 – hot off the press

Painswick’s history is both fascinating and multifarious. The latest edition of Painswick Chronicle, the history society’s annual publication, sheds yet more light on a range of aspects of the town’s history.

Considerable research has gone into producing the articles in this edition. Our retained fire fighters have been serving Painswick for well over a century and the history of the service is traced from the very beginning. An eminent member of the Gyde family, Alfred, a surgeon, is shown to have received national acclaim in his lifetime; and a former local school teacher’s colourful memories of several decades ago are reproduced in her own handwriting. Together with the history of one of the oldest houses in Painswick, a peek at the life style of a 19th century professional resident of Edge gleaned from a miscellany of surviving papers and a follow-up article on the Almshouses from last year’s Chronicle – celebrating their centenary this year – this edition adds yet more detail to our picture of Painswick’s past.

The Chronicles are a good read covering a range of subjects from the light-hearted to the scholarly. This edition is on sale at Dawn’s Shed, the Royal Oak, Painswick Pharmacy, Kate Rich and the Cotswold Care shop. It makes an excellent present too. Previous editions, except 1 and 2, are available from Carol Maxwell tel. 813387. Other publications also available are: Gyde Orphanage Remembered, Painswick: Time Chart of a Cotswold Village, Barks and Bites from Bow-Bow Land (the legends of longevity in Painswick and Puppy Dog Pie).

*Carol Maxwell*



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# Letters



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## Concern regarding fencing and loss of habitat on Beacon Common

*Carolyn and John Luke write:*

As conservation volunteers on our local Common, we were saddened that, on part of Painswick Beacon by Golf Course Road, mature trees have been felled and all undergrowth removed, with resulting loss of habitat for wildlife. It appears a fence surrounding the site is being constructed.

We understand that the Secretary of State should have been informed by start of the fencing, and a notice placed on site; neither was done. As a consequence a Commons Act consent application is now necessary.

We understand the new owners of this piece of the Common intend to plant a hedge around it and leave the fence until the hedge has matured. We consider this would effectively separate the site from the rest of the Common and impede public access.

We would like to see the fence removed and the site allowed to regenerate naturally.

## Offer for transport to a Post Office to post Christmas parcels

*Chris West writes:*

With the Christmas season upon us there may well be residents without a car who would like to be taken to a local post office to send letters and parcels. I am very happy to provide transport. Please call me on 01452 812360.

## And another offer to elderly residents

*Damian Akram writes:*

If there are any elderly residents who would like post taking to Stroud, I would be happy to collect and drop off at the Post Office free of charge. This will be available twice per week in the afternoons. Please feel free to call me on 07886 534831 or 01452 812009.

## Thank you, Almshouse wardens

*Ken Watkins No8 Almshouse writes*

Being a tenant of an almshouse I was pleased to see the Beacon acknowledged the centenary anniversary, but I and the other tenants were disappointed that you made no mention of our warden Joan who supplied us with a super buffet lunch (mainly financed by the trust) ably assisted by the former warden Joyce Lamort and Shirley Birtwell who all worked hard and harmoniously together.

## Orchard Group News

### Researcher Required

Do you like gardening/horticulture? Would you like to research the local varieties of fruit tree grown in the Painswick Valley? We have remnants of ancient orchards scattered about the Painswick Valley with a fascinating variety of fruit. We need someone to identify the local fruit and find out the history of planting and use of apples and other fruit. We would love someone to take on this vital role for the Orchard Group. If you think you could help please do get in touch – call Greg or myself on 812879.

*Iris McCormick*

### “Wassail Wassail All Over The Town” Saturday 11th Jan 2014

Once again we go to the orchards to bless the trees in the traditional sense. To hope that the coming year is productive and fertile. This has been carried out in many places across the country on & off since the Middle Ages. Wassailing also lends excitement to the middle of winter; to rush off to the orchards with drums a-banging, sticks ablaze; bless the trees and back to the warm, noisy hall to eat, drink & be merry for who knows what the future may bring.

Meet at 5pm. Outside the Church Rooms for Wassail Back to Church Rooms for 6.30 for mulled apple juice, cider, food & Folk Band. “Our toast it is white & our Ale it is brown, Our bowl is made of the white maple tree, With the Wassailing bowl we’ll drink to thee”

For More Info Call John 812709 Wassail is Free: Entrance to Church Rooms £3 Drinks for sale: Food £3.50 per portion

*John Rhodes*

## Christmas Fair

*Sue Ryder*

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Fair such a success on November 7th. We managed to raise the fantastic amount of £1,000.00 for the hospice at Leckhampton. The coffee and mince pies went down well, and thank you to everyone who gave us such lovely cakes. The raffle and tombola were very successful and we are so grateful to our local traders, The Patchwork Mouse, The Pharmacy, The Bistro, The Royal Oak, Best Buy, Cotswold 88 and the Golf Club for donating prizes.

*Ann Williams*

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# Stroud News and Journal – Sue Smith



Stroud Journal started around 1850, Stroud News began in 1863 to counteract the radical views of the Journal and the two papers existed as rivals for 90 years before merging in 1957. Sue Smith has been the editor for the past 14 years and has seen a great many changes to the paper itself and to the journalism profession. At our October meeting, which was open to non-members as well as members, Sue told us that she originally became a journalist to fight for just causes particularly those that relate to local people. She explained that although the job involves long hours and poor pay, she still finds it rewarding and would encourage any of her children to join the profession.

At the start of Sue's career the print unions were very dominant and could, and did, hold papers to ransom. Over the years the power of the unions has waned but despite this it is still financially difficult for local papers to survive solely in their current form. This is largely due to the rise in the number of forms of information technology. Gone are the days when everyone bought a daily newspaper; nowadays there is the internet, radio, television and all types of social media but Sue remained convinced that local newspapers will continue to survive in some form. The power of the press is very potent in championing and solving local problems. No one wants to be the subject of negative publicity so the mere threat of an adverse front page headline can produce a rapid result!

The News and Journal has a small staff of six full time journalists and a photographer and three part time staff. The headlines are written in Newport (which may explain some anomalies) and the paper is printed in Worcester. Its ethos is largely driven by advertising and indeed, the skeleton layout of adverts is done by the head office and then sent to the Stroud office to fill in the gaps with news.

At the meeting after Sue's talk we were told about WI events taking place in the next few weeks. These include:

- \* Floodlit Swan Suppers at Slimbridge which will run from November to February.
- \* Skittles tournament against Probus Men in late November at the Painswick Centre.
- \* WI Christmas Event in the Church Hall on Tuesday December 10th at 7.30pm

Vicky Aspinall

## Zeb Rhodes Rescues Cat after spending night up tree - (the cat not Zeb).

Zeb's tree surgery skills came in useful as the poor old moggy from Valley House refused all temptations to come down from Eucalyptus tree. The cat was last seen heading back home at the speed of light after breaking out of his cage at 5ft from ground.

John Rhodes



## Musical evenings

"The greatest composer for the human voice the world has known" and "Verdi never forgot to sing to the people which is why the people will never forget to listen" – two statements made by Alex Nichols on 31st



October in the course of his quite fascinating talk about the great composer's music in which he emphasised some of the lesser aspects of his wonderful art. Waltz and ballet music took us to four different excerpts from "Simon Boccanegra", beautifully sung by famous soloists at "La Scala", then via Aida and the Messa per Rossini to his last two operas, "Otello" and "Falstaff", composed at the age of 80. Like Wagner's, this year is Verdi's bicentenary – both great composers, but totally different!

Ian Hiscock, Director of Music at The Crypt School in Gloucester, and harpsichord player, struck a new note on 14th November that was a real treat for everyone, being so unexpected and different from our usual pattern. Entitled "British Pictures at an Exhibition", he took on a tour of Britain accompanied by 20 British composers from Stanford and his madrigal the Blue Bird to the Welshman Mathias and his Anniversary Dances via the likes of Rutland Boughton, Edward Elgar, Eric Coates, Arthur Sullivan, Donald Swan (The London bus with Flanders), Vaughan Williams and Richard Rodney Bennett, just to mention a few strange bedfellows.

These were accompanied with excellently screened photographs or words of songs creating an exhibition of both the British countryside at its best and an intriguing selection of British musical associations.

Our next meeting will be on 12th December with buffet supper and light-hearted musical entertainment. Cost members £10, guests welcome £13

Ralph Kenber

## - join us on a concert outing

As always, non-members of PMAG are welcome to join our concert outings; our next such trip is to the popular Birmingham Symphony Hall for a matinee performance at 2.15pm on Wednesday 19th February 2014.

The CBSO performance will comprise Mozart ( Magic Flute Overture and Piano Concerto no. 24) and the lyrical, much underrated, Symphony No. 1 by Elgar.

The outing includes coach travel to the door of Symphony Hall, leaving Stamages at 10.30 am (leaving time for a quick browse around Birmingham and lunch), and arriving back in Painswick at about 6.00pm.

Total cost for Circle tickets and coach travel approximately £37 (depending on final numbers)

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## The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

### 10 years ago

Successful promises auction at the Croft School. With 80 exciting lots on offer and 55+ bidders £4000 was raised for the school during an enjoyable evening.

In the first Painswick Giant Pumpkin competition Mike Sanderson won with a massive 9½ stone (130lbs) pumpkin of over 1 metre in circumference. Local residents are encouraged to enter next year's competition which will be judged at the Falcon Hotel on October 26 2004.

### 20 years ago

The new surgery on Gyde Field has been approved by Stroud District Council

### 30 years ago

The Common Preservation Society is pleased to announce in its Autumn Publication the acquisition of an open space in the village of Painswick. The field in question is adjacent to Edge Lane and is part of the Cotswold Way. For the benefit of long distance walkers the open space will be available for campers overnight with a maximum of 3 tents. The Society is indebted to a group of local residents for the purchasing and then the conveying of this field to the Society

## Painswick Singers entertain

This year's autumn concert displayed The Painswick Singers in an interesting contrast. The eyes enjoyed the choir's elegant new emerald satin scarfs and pocket handkerchiefs, while the ears were dazzled by a wide range of music of witches and mischiefs. Nobody can say the October 26th programme held at The Painswick Centre failed to take Halloween seriously, with emotions ranging from the fearsome Witches Chorus of Verdi's opera Macbeth to the gentle satires and romances of Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore, in which 20 generations of Dukes of Murgatroyd are condemned to perpetuate some crime every day, until redeemed by love. Several singers performed very convincingly in solo roles, and in the most daemonic number conductor Andrew Hopwood faced the audience to reveal his powerful operatic baritone voice. John Dickinson's entertainingly interjected narrations helpfully navigated the Gilbert's improbable plot and the operetta flowed without a hitch.

The conductor's vocal experience was also discernable in the choir's vocal production and accuracy of diction in Italian, German (the male voices making a beautiful job of Mozart's sublime Zoroastrian Priests Chorus of 'The Magic Flute'). And American, because the concert opened with highlights from the hit musical 'Wicked' (Stephen Schwarz's Oz prequel of 2003). This certainly tested the choir's sense of rhythm to the utmost, but succeeded amazingly well, especially in the engaging final number: 'Defying Gravity'.

The Singers were ably accompanied by their regular pianist Geoffrey Poole, who joined up in January. At Andrew Hopwood's suggestion, Geoffrey drew upon his extensive career as a composer to create a setting of Herrick's poem 'The Hag'. 'The Ballad of Halloween Hag' drew a warm reception from the audience. New classical music is invariably bewildering at first, and the rhythms may have vexed some of the singers at times, but the public premiere was coherent and drew a good deal of praise. It certainly succeeded in conjuring up spooks, broomsticks, ghosts a fearful storm - right across the country, St. Jude!"

*Ralph Kenber*

## El Contador

We've retired the old Land Rover. The old boy has featured many times in these pages, but he was long overdue for the pasture. You will, like us, be pleased to know that he will be used by Sr. Moya, the Main Dealer himself for light duties, whilst we swan around in a newer, more powerful model.

So, at Yuletide, remember absent friends.....

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*Christopher & Geraldine Piper-Short*



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# Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

## Football

**Painswick U/12s 6 Charfield Whites 0**  
Painswick came out winners with a great brace of goals by Yvan Louvard. Chris Norman, Ewan Gegg, Ethan Roberts and Harry Chudley were also on target.

**Charfield Blues 1 Painswick U/12s 1**  
Painswick had to put in a defensive display to keep a strong Charfield side at bay. Finn Burford grabbed the Painswick goal  
The Painswick U/12s are currently top of their division in the Mid-Glos mini soccer league

## Rugby

**Painswick 13 Frampton Cotterell 19**  
In a tightly fought first half Painswick took an eight point lead into the interval. Their hardworking back row of Kurt Herbert, Ken Boon and Drew Britton dominated the loose and compensated for the lack and quality of the first phase possession. After 20 minutes a strong run from skipper Jake Saunders caused Frampton Cotterell to kill the ball and Herbert kicked the penalty. Winger Austen Smith then took the ball on a lovely curving angle to add a try to give Painswick a deserved lead. The bigger Frampton pack took control down the slope and scored three tries in a 10 minute spell to turn the game. In spite of getting little ball the Painswick backs used every chance to counter and full back Will Hewer produced a weaving run and 2 superbly controlled kicks and an extra burst of pace to score a fantastic individual try to give his team a chance to snatch a victory. Injuries to forwards Sam Gabb, Paul Watson and sub Paul Craddock hindered the effort and the Frampton defence held out. Teenage scrum half Joe Marshall, returning from injury, was the Painswick man of the match, with a gritty performance behind his pack.

**Match on Saturday 9 November. Dursley 14 Painswick 12**  
**December Home matches**  
Saturday 7 December Painswick v Newent  
Saturday 14 December Painswick v St Mary's Old Boys

## Tennis

### Junior awards at recent AGM

#### Pete Bolton Cup

The Pete Bolton Cup was presented this year to Luke Cox for his ceaseless efforts as a coaching assistant in the Painswick Tennis Academy coaching programme. His unfaltering enthusiasm, smile and energy are exactly the characteristics

that Pete himself portrayed over the 10 years that he was coach at the club. Sadly now we are coming in to an era where the juniors at the club are either too young to remember him or joined Painswick after he passed away. But this award and indeed Luke himself ensures that Pete's amazing legacy to junior tennis here at Painswick continues.

#### The Maureen Connolly Cup

This year the award goes to 11 year old Jessica Jackson who it was agreed unanimously by all of the coaches as the most improved junior girl. Jessica has worked so hard over the Winter and Summer months and has now developed a really lovely all round game with strong technical precision and a wonderful attitude to learning. Well done Jessica!

#### The Boris Becker Cup

We were delighted to award this cup to Dominic Perris as the most improved boy. He has grown in strength and athleticism hugely over the last year representing Painswick Men in the summer leagues and earning his place in the top training squad at the club. I am absolutely delighted that he has returned to tennis again after a long break where he concentrated on football. Again his energy, enthusiasm and personality make him a tremendous pleasure to coach and his help as a volunteer assistant coach in the tennis programme is greatly appreciated.

#### Senior awards

"Most improved player" award went to Andy Harris "Player of the year" to Liz Cowen. "Member of the year" to Nigel Barnett

### Success for club coach Lorraine Ristic

Lorraine played in the finals of the Aegon National over 35's tennis tournament held in Dudley. She won the mixed doubles competition with her partner, but lost the ladies doubles final in a very close match, losing in a final set tie break.

April 2014 will see her in Palm Beach, Florida where Lorraine has been selected to play and also captain the Great Britain's over 35's tennis team.

From left to right: Mrs Perris, Jessica Jackson, Lorraine Ristic, Luke Cox, Joan Griffiths



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Seasonal greetings to you all. Yet again, I have had lovely feedback again from so many of you who I have talked to either on the phone, by email and at the different events held across the wide patch I cover as your Village Agent. I have even had requests asking me to write about specific topics this month, so I shall attempt to give some brief information regarding arranging Power of Attorney, and free prescription criteria.



them, so think carefully about the practicalities of choosing a number of people to act on your behalf and please arrange this sooner rather than later. Age UK have lots of information on their website which you can download or which you can ask to be sent to you<sup>1</sup>.

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Speaking to a lady at the new Lunch Club meeting at the Carpenters Arms in Miserden (excellent value at £5 and lovely company), she described the difficulties she and her 2 sisters have acting as joint attorneys for their other sister. Every single document and decision has to be agreed and signed by all of

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Please call me for any further information you might require, or to arrange a home visit to discuss how I can help you in my role as your Village Agent. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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## PROPERTY REPORT for November from Hamptons International

In the words of the Bank of England Governor, Mark Carney "For the first time in a long time, you don't have to be an optimist to see the glass as half full. The recovery has finally taken hold." The evidence is clear in data for the third quarter: economic growth reached 0.8%, unemployment fell to 7.6% and inflation fell unexpectedly quickly to 2.2% in October. These figures combined are the strongest that they have been in over three years.

However, there is good news and bad for the housing market. The Bank believes that the economy is recovering well and expects to keep interest rates at 0.5% for some time – especially now inflation is softening. But the financial markets are wowed by the pick-up in the economy and the Bank's upbeat forecasts and now have to be convinced that rates won't rise sooner than the Bank is trying to suggest. If the markets price in earlier rate rises, that will feed into higher mortgage rates.

Improved mortgage availability and increasing expectations of future house price growth have encouraged new activity in the market over 2013. In the face of a slow response in supply from both new build and existing homeowners selling their homes, the housing market has seen upward pressure on house prices. As usual, price growth will vary in different parts of the market. Hamptons' research indicates that house prices in London and the South of England will continue to outperform the average for England and Wales. Our forecast for 2014 is for growth in London and the South East of 8% whilst here in the South West

we will see 6% growth. Over the next 5 years, we forecast 27% growth here in the South West.

Transaction levels have increased 5% year-on-year as mortgage finance has become more available but are still a shadow of their former selves. Transactions are an important indicator of market health but they certainly suffer from something of a "Goldilocks complex": their level needs to be 'just right'. "Too hot" and it could be a sign that the market is overheating through high expectations and overly easy credit - classic bubble territory, particularly if prices are rising rapidly. "Too cold" and it could be a sign that credit markets are dysfunctional or that economic conditions and household finances are too weak to allow households to move. But when things are 'just right' there is a healthy mix of buyers and sellers willing and able to trade.

Looking very briefly at recent activity, we have taken on: Michaelmas Cottage in Vicarage Street, Cromwell Cottage in Kemps Lane, Star Cottage in Hollyhock Lane, Forge Cottage and Hedgerow in Pitchcombe, The Coach House in Upton St Leonards and Pen-y-Bryn in Slad. In Vicarage Street alone, we have now agreed sales on South View and Oakleigh as well as completing sales on Dover House, Weavers Cottage, Setonfield and Longridge View bringing our total sales on Vicarage Street to eight for 2013 – this must be some kind of a Village record!

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## DECEMBER

Sat	<b>7</b>	Christmas Bazaar Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing Working Party: location check - 813734 Coffee Morning in aid of Mencap Children's Craft Session - make decorations & dress the Christmas Tree (free)	Resthaven, Pitchcombe Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Sun	<b>8</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Family Eucharist	Painswick Centre Library	10.00am to 12.30pm 10.30am to 12.30pm
Mon	<b>9</b>	Probus Women: Cranham Handbell Ringers Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hosts - Terry & John Rohrbeck Club Pulse for school years 5 - 8: Mondays (next to Recreation Ground Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Church Rooms Town Hall Ashwell House Centre P'wick . Youth Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	8.00am 8.30am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am 10.30am 12 noon to 1.15pm 5.30 to 7.00pm 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	<b>10</b>	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £5 pp Tuesdays Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 814890 Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering	Painswick Centre Ashwell House Church Rooms	10.00am 6.30 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	<b>11</b>	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Christmas Dinner with the ladies Table Tennis sessions - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 Parish Council Meeting	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall The Hill, Stroud Painswick Centre Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	<b>12</b>	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	<b>13</b>	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Mazymeg and the Honey Bees Bingo Session in aid of the Cobalt Unit	Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 6.00 to 9.00pm 7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	<b>14</b>	Saturday Market; various stalls Saturday Walking Group: for info Tel: 812965 Candlelit Christmas Concert	Town Hall. Lower Room Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am 7.30pm
Sun	<b>15</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Wed	<b>18</b>	Last Table Tennis Session	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	<b>19</b>	Carol singing around Painswick to raise funds for World Vision Emergency Fund: Tel Iris for details 812879	Village	6.00pm
Sat	<b>21</b>	<b>Copy Date for January Beacon</b> Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearance Working Party: location check - 813734 Painswick Singers pre-Christmas Concert	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Sun	<b>22</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Service of the Word Service of Lessons & Carols	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	7.30pm 8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 4.00pm
Tue	<b>24</b>	Crib Service Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	4.00pm 11.30pm
Wed	<b>25</b>	Holy Communion Family Eucharist	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 9.30am
Thu	<b>26</b>	Boxing Day Walk	Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Sun	<b>29</b>	Benefice Eucharist Service	St Mary's Church	9.30am

## JANUARY

Sat	<b>4</b>	<b>January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearance Working Party: location check - 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
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Wed	8	Probus: Life & Times of Glubb Pasha - Brian Ashworth	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Canals in the Landscape - Tony Conder. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Conservatory & House Plants - a Survival Guide - Philip Aubrey	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	9	Music Appreciation Group: Three B's	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Friday club: The History of Inn Signs - Angela Panrucker	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	14	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Sat	18	Saturday Market; various stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearance Working Party: location check - 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: The Origins of Pub Signs - Angela Panrucker	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Why Restoration Matters - Mike Guest, Chairman	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotswold Canals Trust		
Thu	23	Music Appreciation Group: The Romantic Piano	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: Teddy Bear's Triumph - Harvey Sagar	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	27	Bird Club: Winter Migrants: A walk in the Cotswold Water Park with Philip Williams; Meet at Gateway Centre (grid ref; SU072971)	Cotswold Water Park	10.00am
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: My Career in Policing - Dr Tim Brain	Church Rooms	7.30pm
		Painswick Players playreading: Everyone welcome	2 Gyde House	7.30pm

## FEBRUARY

Sat	1	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearance Working Party: location check - 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Theatre Club Outing to Bath	Stamages Car Park	11.30am
Wed	5	Probus: Gloucester Cathedral Through the Ages - Peter Petrie	Painswick Centre	10.00am
		Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: A Medieval Norwegian Pilgrimage - Dr Steve Blake. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thu	6	Music Appreciation Group: Up Down and Around	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	11	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	12	Horticultural Society: Plant Hunting in the Mountains of South America - Dr K Ferguson	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	13	Bird Club: Bulgarian Wildlife - Helen Mugridge ARPS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	15	Saturday Market; various stalls	Town Hall. Lower Room	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearance Working Party: location check - 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: Do You Remember Adlestrop - Tony Condor	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: The War Years in Words and Music - Malcolm Lewis	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	20	Music Appreciation Group: Handbells	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Shelterbox - Disaster Relief Charity: Liz Odell	Church Rooms	7.30pm

## MARCH

Tue	11	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room	1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	12	Horticultural Society: A Perennial Year - Julie Ritchie (Hoo House)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	19	Horticultural Society: Bookings close for Trip 1 - Elgar Museum and Spetchley Park		

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## The Friday Club

On the 8th November we held our AGM at which Gilly Hill was elected Chairman, replacing Pamela Stewart who has been obliged to resign due to ill health. We all send her our very best wishes.

We then had a short talk about the 4G mobile services which are spreading out across the UK and may well affect our TV reception. This will only affect those of us with Freeview and any problems can be solved by the fitting of an approved filter. FREE to those of us "advanced in years".

Following this useful information our main speaker was from the Gloucestershire Deaf Association who help those who are Hard of Hearing. Apparently we usually take about 10 years of saying "pardon" and "what did you say" before going to our GP! A very informative and interesting talk.

By the time you read this we will all be expert festive wreath arrangers! And will be looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at Egypt Mill in December.

New members are always welcome, we meet at 2.30pm every alternate Friday in the Town Hall



*Gilly Padbury.*

## Tribute to John Warland

John Warland arrived in Painswick in 1993, and married Elizabeth, owner of Hambutts Mynd B & B establishment the following year. He soon found his niche in the business as "Master of the Kitchen", and woe betide anyone who dared enter while he was preparing food or attending the cooking process. He regularly cooked and served breakfasts to the paying guests each morning.

John was a good driver; having driven on our roads since he was 16, and never having taken a driving test (which he and a few others besides him would have failed in this day and age). At the grand age of 94 he bought his first convertible and soon became victim of an unfriendly Gloucester speed camera! He lovingly tended his small garden, and did most of the driving, cooking, and shopping with Elizabeth.

Until his recent short stay in Gloucester Hospital with a fractured hip, caused through a fall at home, (just one more after several over the past years), he led an active life and was planning his 100th birthday celebrations in August 2014. He died peacefully on Tuesday 5th November.

No-one who knew him expected his sudden demise, and his sudden departure from this life has left a large void in the lives of Elizabeth, his son Trevor, his two daughters Pamela and Marcelle, and his grandchildren.

*Trevor Warland*

## PLANNING MATTERS

*Information received from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

**SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE**, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Internal alterations to cellar floor.

**SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE**, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Free standing aluminium and glass structure over outdoor wimming pool.

**KNAPP FARM**, The Vatch: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic dwelling. Proposed new garage, extension, new boundary fence & new access gates/walls.  
**MARLING HOUSE**, Gyde Road: Norway Maple – Remove lowest 3 branches over stone wall, crown raise over lawn to approx 5m, reduce crown spread towards house by approx 2.5m and remove significant deadwood and lightly thin crown. Silver Birch – Crown raise all round to approx 2m and remove 2 small low branches over garage roof. Silver Birch – Crown raise all round to approx 2m and remove 2 larger low branches on house side. Norway Maple – Fell.

**THE COACH HOUSE**, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge: Erection of two 3.6m x 3.6m sectional wooden stables.

**VALLEY WAY**, Vicarage Street: Palm – Fell by sections to near ground level.

**LAND ADJOINING CORVARA**, Cotswold Mead: Proposed new dwelling.

**LAND AT SUMMER STREET**, Stroud Outline planning permission for the erection of approximately 112 dwellings; highways, drainage & associated works; provision of open space and children's play area; creation of a county/community park; demolition of existing buildings. (revised application following refusal of S.13/0166/OUT)

**SITE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS OVERDALE**, Slad Road, Slad ; Revision to approved scheme S.13/0779/FUL for erection of a dwelling; including omission of drop in ridgeline over lounge/bedroom; raise main ridge and eaves line by 150mm, addition of one dormer

window in front elevation and two dormers in rear elevation; alterations to fenestration and amend materials to natural stone on front and rear elevations.

**LITTLE ORCHARD**, Slad Road, Slad: Erection of a new timber framed and clad carport with timber clad undercroft storage.

**TURNSTONE HOUSE**, Greenhouse Lane Small alteration to already granted glazed link between main house and outbuildings from triangular shaped roof to flat roof with small gradient.

### CONSENT

#### HOLCOMBE HOUSE

Refurbishment and internal alterations to main house with kitchen/garden room extension. Repairs and internal alterations to barn to form library. Alterations to dog room and cottage. New metal fence to boundary wall. Removal of garage and new garden steps.

**EASTLEA**, Back Edge Lane, Edge: Refurbishment of existing dwelling including removal of existing roof and Replacement with new steeper pitched roof with attic. Accommodation and provision of new oak framed garage.

**THE COACH HOUSE**, Paradise: Works include the replacement of modern timber boarding to a single storey wing of the building to form a loggia/BBQ area, replacement of Velux roof lights with conservation roof lights and additional minor internal alterations.

**THE COACH HOUSE**, Paradise: Construction of an outdoor swimming pool.  
**CASTLE GODWYN**, Paradise: Minor internal alterations and improvements in addition to the consented works.

**THE LAUREL**, Jacks Green: Construction of Detached Garage (Revision to S.12/1252/HHOLD)

**BROWNSHILL COURT**, Wick Street Works to the annexe, including; Demolition of the cartilage wall, outbuilding and garage, removal of internal partitions and floors, insertion of new windows, replacement of rooflights, repairs to masonry, upgrading of insulation and internal finishes.

**MILL POOL HOUSE**, Ticklestone Lane T1

**Oak** – Crown reduction to 6ft away from house, remove deadwood, remove large dead limb back to major growth point, slight crown lift and minor thinning of low branches, reduce/remove large lower limb on tree due to imbalance and deadwood the canopy. T2 Oak – Crown reduction to 6ft away from house, remove deadwood, slight crown lift and minor thinning of lower branches, reduce/remove large lower limb on tree due to imbalance and deadwood canopy.

**BUTT HOUSE**, Butt Green :Replacement windows (3no)

**NEW HALL**, Bisley Street: Flowering Plum. Reduce in height from 8.54m to 3.66m.

**MARLING HOUSE**, Gyde Road: Details as under New Applications.

**DUMBLEDORE**, Beacons Close Replacement dwelling and new garage.

**1 SEVERN COTTAGES**, Vicarage Street  
**2 Mature Sycamores** – Crown raise by 8m and thin by 15%. Fell Mature Sycamore.

### WITHDRAWN

**KNAPP FARM**, The Vatch: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic dwelling.

Proposed new garage, extension, new boundary fence & new access gates/walls

**TOPHAMS**, Friday Street: Demolition of existing single storey extension, to be replaced with new single storey extension and alterations to existing stair.

**DOLPHIN HOUSE**, Vicarage Street  
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## The Personal Column

*Jenny Gaugain*

### Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of DR SONIA JONES and JOHN WARLAND who have died recently (See personal Tribute to John Warland on P 25 )

### Thank you

SHIRLEY BIRTWELL and FAMILY would like to thank all friends, doctors, nurses, Joan our Warden, my friend Joyce, for all their support given us. And to David Archard and Andrew for a beautiful service. Thank you all.

### Changes of address

The REV DAVID NEWELL and his wife JEAN have moved from Woodside to 5 Berry Close, their telephone and e-mail have stayed the same.

and MURIEL and NORMAN MANN have moved from Wynstowe, Lower Washwell Lane and will be moving to Woodcote, The Highlands from the middle of December. They will be keeping their same telephone number.

### Belated welcome

We would like to welcome BEN and VICTORIA COMPTON, and daughters SOPHIE and LOTTIE who have moved into Fieldgate, The Highlands.

## Three reminders of the year:

We had a cold start - see photo by Trevor Radway; but a glorious summer which seemed to go on for ever. This added to the enjoyment of the Art Couture Festival. See photo by Michael Hall from top of Beacon House. Eventually this was followed by a glorious Autumn with a good harvest. The bottom picture was taken by Pete Llewellyn showing Philip Berry out late with his combine in early September. Pete Llewellyn also sent the picture to Countryfile where it won the monthly competition for November. Congratulations, Pete!



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