

The Painswick Beacon

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Glorious start for the new Patchwork Mouse

The new Patchwork Mouse opened to a very happy crowd on Friday, 5th April – and it has been busy ever since. Craig and David, seen here behind the impressive mahogany counter, have been really pleased at the response from a broad range of customers.

Service has been constant from 8.30am to 6.00pm every day with walkers, overseas visitors, early morning passing trade and of course many local customers. The wonderful range of cakes and pastries from Painswick's Artisan Baker and other local sources is proving to be very popular and the artwork on display has been very well received. Already well over 600 loyalty cards have been given out.

Reviews on the tripadvisor website are excellent describing it as a 'great tearoom with class' and 'a complete delight'. The new Patchwork Mouse is a great success, adding to Painswick's truly estimable range of excellent cafes, pubs and restaurants.



Painswick's New Saturday Market - update

The Beacon is pleased to report that this exciting new venture for Painswick starts today, Saturday 4th May, in the Town Hall and will run every week until the end of September. If the trial period is successful, it is hoped that the market will grow and bring more commerce and visitors to Painswick, to the benefit of our community.

The Market is on the ground floor and will trade between 9 am and 2 pm. The organisers hope that our readers - and visitors - will support the Market with their custom and enthusiasm.

Chris Mercer has now taken over responsibility for organising the stall arrangements. Chris has asked that if you are able to help for perhaps half an hour a week with the market, even occasionally, setting out or taking down the tables, please contact him on 01452 810820.

On other pages this month:

Painswick Players new production, Christian Aid week, Friday club visits, Help Beacon clear up, Marie Curie Great Tea Party, Parish Council Annual Report, Country Market, Dawn Mallinson, Community library, Polly's London Marathon, Isabella's channel swim, Cup cakes for carers, Painswick Centre items, Painswick in Bloom, BioBlitz at Cranham, Help Beacon cattle, Playgroup, Cobalt coffee morning, Speeding in Painswick Community lunches, Reports from Painswick's societies & clubs.

Remedial planting around Catbrain Quarry

The adjacent photograph is a view of the Beacon overlooking Catbrain Quarry. It is readily apparent why there was an obligation on the owners to provide remedial planting around the quarry to protect the beauty of the surrounding area. Apparently the initial 'planting plan', for the quarry owners, would have resulted in inappropriate trees and shrubs – either out of character or not sensitively located - being planted. The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group offered advice and practical help in achieving more appropriate planting. David Allott, Chairman and David Little, Secretary of the Beacon Conservation Group have given the following progress report: "So far we have planted more than 70 small trees and bushes that were surplus on other areas, along with about 60 buddleia twigs. Those of you with a keen eye will question the inclusion of ash and pine, for example. These are there as 'toughies' to help protect or 'nurse' more tender species on a windy ridge. More planting will follow and the nurse toughies (if they survive!) will be coppiced or removed. An overriding consideration is safety on the Golf Course. To ensure golfers and public can see each other, the planting will generally not be higher than the safety fence already there. We've made a start; wish us luck and perhaps join in?" The bottom photograph shows some of the planting to date inside the fence along the golf course side of the quarry.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 17th April by Mike Kerton

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

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



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman Rob Lewis opened the Meeting and stated that the Community Library wished to erect a sign at the front of the Town Hall advertising the library. Whilst the meeting agreed in principle to the request it was recommended that the Tourist Information Office's name also be included on the sign.

Catbrain Quarry

The Committee Chairman still has to arrange to visit the site and will report following his visit.

Matters requiring a decision.

There were four matters requiring a decision. It was agreed to support all of the applications, subject to a proviso that a tree be planted to replace the Horse Chestnut tree that was being removed at Mill Pool House.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Martin Slinger then opened the Meeting and asked that all present rise and observe a period of silence in memory of the late Councillor Jadwiga Dunn.

Matters of Urgency

Although the application to the Big Lottery for the funding of the Youth Club Project did not seem to have been successful further discussions were being held to explore other opportunities.

A meeting had been held with Post Office Ltd concerning the future of a Post Office in Painswick. At this time the Post Office would not consider a "Community" run Post Office and they

were seeking a suitable business partner within the area. Although the new office would carry out the majority of the services previously offered these would not include car licensing or the checking of passport applications. Local businesses have expressed an interest but it will take at least 6 months to "set up" the new Post Office once a business partner has been selected. The Council agreed to continue to press the Post Office for a speedy solution to the closure of this important local facility, explore the feasibility of a Community run Post Office and request that a mobile Post Office be provided on a temporary basis.

The issues surrounding the decommissioning of the Tibbiwell Post Box have not yet been resolved but the matter is in the hands of the local MP.

Co-options to the Council

An application had been received from Stephen Morris applying to be co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy in the Slad Ward. A letter in support of the application had been received from Councillor Caroline White. The application was unanimously approved.

County Councillor's Report

Retiring County Councillor Joan Nash explained that between the end of March and polling day on the 2nd May the County Council was in "Purdah". Effectively any publicity must be given in a way that does not influence voters in the forthcoming election. The number of Councillors after the election will be reduced from 63 to 53. The division that includes Painswick will now be the largest by both area and number of electors.

The "Fastershire" project, for faster broadband, has started with the Forest of Dean and the rest of the County should be connected by the end of 2016.

Parish Plan

In his report, the Chairman of the Working Group Terry Parker, confirmed that the final draft of the Action Plan was due to be completed by the end of April and to be published on the Parish Council's web site in early May. (See page 15 inviting comments). The Council would be asked to adopt the Plan at its June Meeting.

Painswick Arts Festival

Chairman Martin Slinger read out correspondence that he had received from the Chair of the Festival, Jackie Herbert. The Festival had expanded over the past four years and this year new activities were planned. Last year 2,500 brochures were printed and this year it was proposed to produce 5,000. The Festival were seeking a grant of £500 from the Council to assist with either the printing costs, advertising or the provision of banners.

During a lively discussion the points were made that a grant had been previously made to assist with banners for the Festival and that funding had not been included in the Council's budget for current financial year. A grant of £250 plus the free use of the Town Hall for a weekend and advertising on the Council's web site was agreed.

It would be stressed in writing that requests for future funding must be made by the October of the preceding year to allow the Council to consider the request and include any amount in its budget. Otherwise no subsequent request for grant would be considered.

Ward Reports

The following points were raised by various Councillors:

- The on going problems over litter in Kingsmill Lane and damage to verges apparently caused by workmen. Mrs Sue Shepherd, a local resident, present at the meeting had been directly affected and had complained to both the Contractors and the County Council. The Contractors had taken action and cleared the litter but it reappeared. Councillor Ela Pathak-Sen urged that letters should be sent to contractors before work began outlining the standards site management that were expected from them.
- Traffic was driving the "wrong way" up Bisley Street. The Clerk will speak to the County Highways Dept.
- Councillor Anne Smith advised the meeting that Chris Mercer of Painswick Matters was taking over responsibility for the "Community Market" project. She had had a meeting with the Country Market and confirmed to them that no produce would be sold in the Town Hall by stallholders from the Community Market.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.



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A Special Play for a Special Occasion!



It was in the summer of 1923 that Miss Lucy Hyett produced Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' in her back garden – the idyllic grounds of Painswick House.

Since then, the Painswick Players have staged more than 200 productions. This, our latest, is therefore a very special play for a very special occasion – our 90th anniversary!

Lauded in the press as 'A smash hit', 'A triumph... a winner!', '...a compelling love story that's got the lot – laughter, tears and tension', Jeffrey Archer's 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt' is described by director Kevin Parker as '...a great play and, as we know, Jeffrey Archer can tell a really good story. The key theme is the way that the black and white 'facts' of a criminal court often fail to portray the drama, humour, pain and sadness of real life. It's a drama that we hope will engage you and touch you deeply, and at times will also make you laugh'.

Jeffrey Archer's Beyond Reasonable Doubt is to be performed at the Painswick Centre on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May. Tickets (£9.00 and £5 for teenagers) are available from the former Post Office or by phone from Steve Friar at 01452-814004.

Stephen Friar



Dave Kilmister and Jean Burgess in rehearsal

Visits – open to everyone

On 10th May we will be visiting the Fire Brigade's Skill Zone in Tuffley for 2 hours to learn home and personal safety, watch demonstrations, listen to a talk and enjoy a cup of tea before returning home by 5pm. The coach will leave Stamages Car Park at 1.45 and the cost to non-members is £14.00. To book tel. Ann Williams 812344



Due to dreadful cold and snowy weather the March outing was cancelled but it has now been rebooked and the visit to Adam's Farm near Guiting Power will now be on Friday May 17th to see lambs, ducklings, rare breeds. The coach leaves Stamages Lane Car Park at 11am returning at 4pm allowing a 3 hour visit – cost to non-members £20. There will be spare seats if anyone would like to come.

Jane Robinson

Beacon Clear-up - Can you help?

The Beacon is one of the treasures of Painswick. An iron age hill fort dominates the summit and there are footpaths, bridleways, a golf course and open spaces that many of us enjoy. Most of us come and go leaving no mark on the landscape. A few, less considerate sorts, carelessly drop their litter and one or two visitors fly tip, risking substantial fines if caught.

Again, I would like to thank all those who pick up litter during the year – this really makes a difference. But rubbish gradually accumulates off the well walked paths – particularly that which is blown into the numerous small quarries round Catbrain. Once a year, I am happy to organise a Beacon Clear up, under the aegis of the Parish Council. Will you come and help? There are usually about a dozen or so people willing to lend a hand. An hour of your time can really make a big difference. And as usual, I forecast it will be a gloriously sunny afternoon....

This year the Beacon Clear-up will be from 2.00 to 3.00pm on Sunday 12th May. We meet in the car park on the road across the Beacon near Catbrain Quarry. Litter-pickers, gloves, bags etc are provided by the Parish Council. For more details please get in touch.

Peter Rowe (Tel 813228)

christian aid Week 2013

At the Church Rooms:

Salmon Supper, 7.30pm, Thursday 16th May
Tickets £12.50, including complimentary glass of wine. Advance purchase necessary, call 812966 to book

CA shop (Garden shop, gifts, napkins, cakes, preserves) - open from 6.30pm

Morning Coffee, Cold Buffet & Puddings
10am - 2.30pm Friday 17th May

CA shop open:

Coffee, Soup & All-Day Cream Teas

11am - 4.30pm Saturday 18th May

CA shop open

Church tower visits

On 17th and 18th May there is an opportunity to climb St. Mary's tower in Painswick to view and photograph the village from on high. On the way up you will also be able to view the famous bells, see how they are rung, examine the workings of the clock and see the inside of the spire. Each tour will last about one hour and can be for up to 6 people. All this for a minimum donation of £20 per group of up to six people to Christian Aid

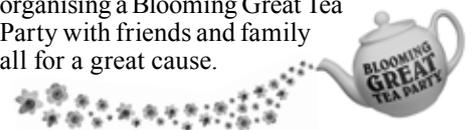
Fuller details of how to make a booking, times etc are given on a notice in the church porch or can be found on the web at stmaryspainswick.org.uk/tower-visits-may-2013/.

Alternatively send an e-mail to : painswick.tower@btinternet.com or ring 01452 812966

David Bishop

You eat the cake - we gain the pounds

With Spring still around the corner why not start thinking ahead to Summer and celebrate the warmer weather by organising a Blooming Great Tea Party with friends and family all for a great cause.



This year we need your help to make the Blooming Great Tea Party bigger and better in Gloucestershire! Get together with family and friends at home, or get your colleagues involved and tuck into your favourite slice of cake and raise the much needed funds for Marie Curie Nurses in Gloucestershire. From a tea party fit for a queen to a competition bake sale at work it doesn't matter how you get involved, just eat cake!

You can hold your tea party at any point in June or July. It really couldn't be simpler. Register today and receive your free fundraising pack complete with balloons and invitations and get scoffing!!

Go online at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0845 052 4184

Catherine Butt

Painswick Parish Council - Annual Report 2012/13

The year has ended on a very sad note with the passing of Councillor Jagwiga Dunn. Jadwiga was relatively new to the Council but contributed to several committees and her enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

On a positive note we welcomed new Members in May; Cllrs Anne Smith, Ben Nicholls and Roey Parker. We also bestowed the title of 'Honorary Freeman' to Terry Parker in recognition of his eminent service to this Council and the wider community.

The Council is moving forward with several projects, these include upgrading of the Youth Pavilion, the refreshment of the Parish Plan and the review of St Mary's St. Toilets.

The Council has again been able to freeze its element of the Council tax, despite changes to the national calculations.

Finances

Cllr Ian James reports; The Parish Council are especially mindful of the current financial climate and have taken great care in ensuring that when managing the income and expenditure that there has been no need to increase the local tax requirement for the financial year 2013/2014. I would like to thank Roy Balgobin who is responsible for the maintaining of the Council's finances. The audited accounts are available for inspection in the Parish Council Office.

Planning

Cllr Rob Lewis; This is my first report as Planning Chairman having taken over from Cllr David Hudson in May last year. I would like to thank him for the work he has done and for his continued support and advice.

Over the last year the newer electronic method of viewing planning applications has been in place. This has improved transparency between District and Parish Council with the general public being able to view all plans and documentation on the Stroud District Council Website.

The Planning Committee has full delegated powers from Parish Council and we meet twice monthly in order to review all applications and to reply in a timely manner.

We continue to work closely with all of Stroud District Council's Planning Officers and our District Ward Councillor, Nigel Cooper who is a member of the Development Control Committee. This gives us a more flexible approach should we have the need to call applications before DCC in the event of our objection.

In 2012 the Planning Committee dealt with 119 planning applications of which 97 were supported and 17 were objected to with 4 being referred to DCC. The remainder were uncertain or withdrawn - 2 of which were dealt with as a variation to the original application.

This year to 3rd April we have dealt with 25 applications, 20 of which were supported and 5 were objected to with 1 being referred to DCC.

The vast majority of applications are for extensions or alterations with a fairly high number being Grade 2 (or Grade 1) building consents. We also deal with a number of tree applications which are overseen by Cllr Ann Daniels.

Traffic

Cllr Rob Lewis reports; This is my first report in the role as Traffic Chairman having taken over from Cllr Ann Burges Watson in May last year. Ann has been co-opted to the Traffic Committee and continues to provide support.

One of the main issues 'inherited' from previous Traffic Committees continues to be speeding, both on main and secondary routes through all wards with a number of 'hot spots' having been identified. It is our aim to work more closely with the Police through forming a volunteer group. We will also pursue the purchase and use of a mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) in order to further assist with the monitoring and control of speeds.

Road surfaces and potholes continue to be an issue throughout our wards and indeed the whole of the County. We will continue to work closely with County Highways, in order to secure relevant funding and repairs.

Through our persistent representations to County Highways, we have finally managed to secure advance funding in next year's budget for repairs to drainage and the re-surfacing of Damsells Lane from the A46 through to Sheepscombe.

I would like to thank members of the public for their observations, suggestions, and support. Please continue to keep doing so.

Finally, many thanks for all the support from our County Councillor, Joan Nash who retires this year. I would like to wish her all the best in her retirement and look forward to building an equally 'special relationship' with her successor.

Land and Buildings

Cllr Caroline White reports; The Committee has been active this year. I outline below some of the key activities.

The refurbishment of the Pavilion next to the Recreation Ground is a key project for this year and next. Planning the works programme is under way. A contract for funding of £45,000 from the County has been agreed and the council has committed £20,000. Fund raising is on going for additional sums.

In the Town Hall, a new fire alarm system has been installed together with new curtains. Outside, a new notice board has been constructed and installed.

Slad has received a new notice board and had an area of parking re-surfaced and the War Memorial has been cleaned.

The Parish Council has consulted upon the future use of St Marys St WC's. Following this, revised options have been scoped and a further consultation period will be held in June 2013.

The committee are keen to progress new play facilities on the Recreation Ground but require input from a fundraising committee at The Croft School to action further.

A working party from the Leyhill Prison spent a week in the summer clearing the cemetery footpaths and edging.

The committee oversees general maintenance of our land and buildings such as drain clearance, wall repairs, cutting back foliage and monitoring tomb stones.

Work currently outstanding includes repairs and painting to the roof timbers at the Cemetery Chapel.

Rural Environment Committee

Cllr Ann Daniels reports; We had only one Footpath Committee meeting in 2012, due to the Parish Council being very busy with the Olympics and Jubilee celebrations.

However the footpaths continued to be monitored by our footpath inspectors and repairs duly done.

The Plantation Committee did not meet in

2012 but the work considered necessary by our Agent - for the Grant - continued with the help of George Hodder and Paul Cooke.

At the start of the new Parish Council we decided to amalgamate the two committees and at our meeting in March 2013 renamed it Rural Environment Committee.

Footpath repairs can be reported to any of the committee, the footpath inspectors or the Parish Clerk.

The Grant allocated to the Parish Council for the Plantation comes to an end this year. Natural England and the Woodland Trust identified what work was necessary and it has been carried out under the guidance of Mr Terry Fenton, to our great benefit.

We hope you will all continue to enjoy walking the Plantation and our many footpaths in the Parish.

Slad

Report by Cllr Caroline White; I have made representation on a variety of planning applications affecting the Ward. There has been funding towards the Slad Valley News, Slad Valley Jubilee-Lympics, the village Christmas nativity show for costume and prop materials and the Holy Trinity Church Yard for upkeep. We have a new Parish Notice Board for the Vatch/Rifleman at Upper Vatch Mill. The War Memorial has been cleaned. The "parking area" by Steanbridge Lane has been re-surfaced and I continue to notify Highways about potholes, grit bins that need re-filling and the requesting of a snow plough when required.

Edge

Report by Cllr Martin Slinger; Edge has run smoothly again with the exception of speeding through the village, the A4173 and Whiteshill Road. We have had more planning applications this year but as this is now electronic it is easily accessed through Edgenet. I have and will continue to hold my regular surgeries for anyone wishing to raise concerns. The Council now subscribe to the Voice magazine and a copy is circulated to all members.

Sheepscombe

Report by Cllr Ian James; The Village Hall continues to be well used by the community. The road to Painswick is to be re-surfaced at long last, after County Cllr Joan Nash agreed to spend some of her allocated highways funding to ensure that it qualified under the priority scheme.

Appreciations

I would like to extend my thanks to the many volunteers that help run the Community Library and Tourist Information Office and all the other organisations within our villages that provide guidance free of charge. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the snow clearance, those who regularly patrol our footpaths and those who just get on and help where it is needed.

As this is my first year in the post I would like to thank my fellow Members for their tremendous support, patience and guidance during what has been a very busy year. I also wish to congratulate Irena Litton on her new post as Deputy Clerk and Roy Balgobin for his continued support and finally to George Hodder for all the excellent work he carries out on behalf of the Council. And finally, to Mrs Joan Nash who is retiring as a County Councillor.

Martin Slinger, Chairman



New At the Country Market

Wildlife Nest Boxes

We are delighted to welcome a new producer of wood-craft, Rowland Appleford, to Painswick Country Market. Every Friday, he offers a range of home-produced craft including homeware and wildlife nest boxes. Rowland, pictured holding two of his bee houses, also makes bird boxes and tables. He is happy to discuss customer's requirements and provide advice on where best to locate the boxes. He also builds more specialised nest boxes, including bat and owl boxes. Rowland supports the sustainable use of wood, by sourcing his materials from forests and suppliers certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council.



Rowland Appleford with Bee Houses

Fresh Bread

Every week Ori Hellerstein, the artisan baker, supplies the market with fresh breads. As well as the traditional choices of wholemeal, white and sourdough loaves, Ori offers a weekly selection of his speciality breads, including the Nelson loaf, a South African-inspired seeded bread named after Nelson Mandela, and the Painswick loaf, an organic dark rye and white flour bread with just a hint of tea in memory of Thomas Twining, the famous tea merchant, who was born in Painswick in 1675.

Gardeners Wanted!

If you have a well-stocked garden or smallholding and would like to sell your surplus produce (e.g. vegetables, fruit and/or cut flowers), we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more, please contact Pamela Westcott, the Market Manager, or call into the Market on Friday mornings in the Painswick Town Hall from 10 to 11 am.

Jane Rowe, tel: 813228; email: info@painswickmarket.co.uk

Roman Villa or Gothic Mansion? Time-travels with the Field Club

The Field Club's summer excursion programme is in full swing with visits to Cirencester and Chedworth Roman Villa to view its brilliantly-restored mosaics on Wednesday 22nd May, followed by Tyntesfield House and Gardens in Somerset on Wednesday 12th June. Both excursions have departures from Stamages Lane Car Park. There are still some seats available for these tours and non-members will be most welcome to join us.

The Beacon's 'Dr Who' followers will already be familiar with Tyntesfield (pictured), a recent episode of the time-traveller's ghost-hunting adventures having been filmed there. For the benefit of the rest of us, we have Terry Stevens coming to talk to us on Wednesday 15th May about the family who built the house. Now owned by the National Trust, Terry will tell us about the Trust's restoration work and its vision for the future of this unique Victorian 'Gothic Revival' house, which was saved for the nation by a public appeal only ten years ago. This will be the first of our summer evening lecture meetings, taking advantage of the lighter evenings, with refreshments served from 7pm, and the talk starting at 7.30pm. For more details about the Field Club's programme and membership, please contact me or drop into the next meeting. My thanks to Andrew Butler for the use of his photograph.



Jane Rowe, tel. 813228

Letters

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

Thank you Karen Judd

Ann Mortimore writes:

The announcement, in April's Beacon, of the closure of the Painswick Post Office facility at Westhaven House has, no doubt, been received with dismay by the one third of the local population who made use of it. However, there was no mention in your article of the cheerful and professional service that Karen Judd has offered us during her time as postmistress. I am sure many villagers have appreciated her help and willingness to meet our needs. There are obviously particular circumstances that have led her to make a reluctant decision to offer her resignation. In our "inconvenienced state" we should be churlish and remiss not to acknowledge Karen's hard work and generosity whilst our sub-postmistress – so, thank you Karen and good luck with your new venture.

Jasper comes home

Bill and Sarah Pigott write:

We would like to thank everyone who has been so kind and thoughtful with their help in tracking down our grey cat, Jasper, who went missing from our home near the churchyard, during the Easter weekend.

We are delighted to announce that he returned home very thin, hungry and bedraggled five days later.

An apology

Jane and Chris Hey write:

A note of apology to drivers on Stamages Lane on Tuesday 8th December who found their way blocked by a lorry delivering a large heavy load. Unfortunately the size of the lorry was larger than expected and the driver was unable to manouver it off the highway for unloading. Whilst most drivers were understanding and took the short detour, some were obviously not happy which is understandable. Frantic calls to the company who were responsible for the delivery to seek alternatives were to no avail. Our thanks to our immediate neighbours Jenny and Helen for offering the use of their driveways to try and solve the problem.

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Dawn

Dawn Mallinson closed the doors of the old Patchwork Mouse on Christmas Eve. It was the end of an era as far as many local people were concerned and certainly the end of almost a lifetime of trading for Dawn.

The Country Mouse in the Wirral was Dawn's first major business enterprise. From small beginnings in 1973 – she sold homemade lemonade and biscuits from her kitchen – it expanded into shops and a restaurant seating 120 and employed 25 people. It is still running. Dawn also found time to give talks on interior design, a subject close to her heart.

When she moved to Painswick in 1987 she opened another restaurant, The Mouse Trap in New Street which she ran together with a B&B for two years. At that time Canton House and the Mouse Trap were joined making the premises a significant site. Then, caring for her father became almost a full-time job for the next four years though she did help in the Post Office and the Woodcraft shop and ran a stall in the Shambles market in Stroud.

The Patchwork Mouse opened in 1997 and for many it quickly became something of a social centre. "I felt privileged that people felt they could talk to me," says Dawn, gracious and ever-discreet. With its wonderfully quirky and beautiful merchandise, especially the greetings cards, its little tea tables and Dawn's ever-



welcoming presence it was indeed a joy to visit. According to Dawn, some really interesting characters used to come in from near and far and she heard many life stories. On occasions even on-line dating couples would meet there!

"I'm lucky. I'm an optimist and have had an interesting life. I've travelled and met wonderful people," says Dawn. Mother of three and grandmother of five, she has certainly led a busy and interesting life in many different places but is settled in Painswick.

And four months after the closing of the shop? Dawn misses the structure of the routine and adds that every day was different. "I love being busy and I want to throw myself into my arts and crafts activities." Her real love is interior design – her lovely little house is testimony to that. At last she does have the time to indulge her passion, but she and her shop will be thought of very fondly by many for a long time to come.

Carol Maxwell

Computer novices rejoice



There was another first for Painswick Community Library on Friday 19th April when we held an introductory computer course for "nervous novices". Sylvia Steer had very kindly agreed to run the course and by the end of the allotted time there were smiles and enthusiasm all round. The six participants are now looking forward to a follow-up session in early May.

By the end of the course we hope the participants will feel confident about using the library computers. There are four available for public use. To help this process a "computer buddy" system is being organised. However all of our volunteers are willing to help when needed.

For those of you who prefer the printed word there is now a selection of leaflets available which provide a starting point for various issues. Information recently received comes from the Arthritis Research Council, The Law Society and the Department of Health. There are also numerous other topics to be found on the black revolving stand towards the back of the library. Why not come and have a browse through them. It's all free.

Our central display is reserved for Painswick posters and local information on various organisations. If you would like your information included please bring it into the library on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 and 1 or 3 -6pm or Saturday from 10-1.

We haven't forgotten about new books. The following titles were added to the shelves in April:

- Katherine Boo "Behind the Beautiful Forevers"
- Mary Soames "A Daughter's Tale"
- Alexander McCall Smith "The Limpopo Academy of Private Detectives"
- Plus new crime titles from John Grisham and Anne Holt.

In anticipation of the Reading Challenge for children there will be over 150 new junior books available by mid July. Look out for more information from the local schools and future issues of the Beacon.

Pat Francis, Librarian.

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I Did It!!!!



Crossing the finishing line of the London Marathon has to be one of the most memorable days of my life. With four months of early mornings, long runs in rain and snow and almost constant self-doubt behind me it's hard to believe it's finally at an end. The actual day was surprisingly great fun - the weather could not have been better, the atmosphere of Boston remembrance and also cheerful defiance was incredibly inspiring and the crowds of wildly enthusiastic spectators along the way helped to make it all the more worthwhile. My low points were mile 15 when my iPod ran out of batteries and my lifeline of upbeat music lost with it and mile 23 when I felt two of my toenails disengage with my foot! All in all it was a brilliant day, not to be repeated in the near future, but remembered until I'm in my 80's.

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored me. I raised over £1900 for the West London Action for Children's charity thus hitting my target. Any surplus will be donated to a charity in Boston.

Polly Aspinall

Friendship for Carers

One of the many reasons we started Cupcakes for Carers was because we realize how much people who look after a child, parent, spouse or friend that they love may be so bound up in their more than full-time tasks that they have little or no time for themselves. We hope that our first Tuesday of the month drop-in tea party at the Green Room in the Painswick Centre would give some of these devoted people a chance to meet others in similar situations and maybe find ways of making each other's lives easier. Also if somebody dies then there is already a sympathetic group of friends to be found at Cupcakes. Our next meeting is on 7th May and we look forward to welcoming carers with or without their dependants then. Phone me on 01452 813326 for more information.



Pat Burrows

Isabella's Channel Swim

On the 23rd March, 10 year old Isabella Weatherall started swimming the 1st of 1300 lengths of the Virgin Active Pool in Gloucester. Her aim was to swim the distance of the English Channel



(21miles) over 8 days to raise money for two local charities, The Help a Hedgehog Hospital and the Painswick Girl Guides, of which she is a member. Over the course of the next 8 days she swam on average 170 lengths of the 25m pool each day to finally reach her target on Sat 30th March. In total she had swam 1300 lengths in an overall time of 12hrs 53mins and had raised £350 for the Hedgehogs Hospital and £400 for the Girl Guides.

Isabella would like to thank everyone who has already sponsored her and also Karen Judd from the post office for having a sponsor form in there, however, if you still wish to sponsor Isabella after her amazing challenge please visit JustGiving.Com, and search for Isabella Weatherall. Well done Isabella.

Help a Hedgehog hospital (HHH)

HHH is based in Brimscombe, with satellite hospitals in King's Stanley and Frampton, and is run entirely by volunteers. It was founded by Annie Parfitt in 2008; initially she was a one woman band. Since then the hospital has grown and now has a committee of eight, and many friends who also foster hedgehogs and help at events



Isabella presenting her cheque to Annie Parfitt

Hedgehogs have declined by an estimated 25% over the last decade or so, due to a range of factors - eg intensive farming, loss of hedgerows, pesticides, road casualties and badger predation. Julien Crowther, HHH Secretary, states "The winter which has just ended was a busy one, with 160 hedgehog patients cared for over the winter. The majority of these were underweight juveniles, which would have stood no chance of surviving hibernation without care. Most of these have now reached a safe weight for release and now that the weather has improved, the release programme is under way.

The patients are found by members of the public, and are often sick, injured or underweight and dehydrated. Our carers have all undertaken a course at the Vale Wildlife Hospital, in conjunction with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, and are able to give medication under the supervision of our vet. The Hospital's food bills alone for the past year came to several thousand pounds, which necessitates constant fundraising efforts, so Isabella's contribution was especially welcome".



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Painswick Centre AGM: this was held on Thursday April 11th, and was well attended by 28 stalwart Painswickians, the majority of whom were past Trustees, so our intention to recruit from the floor sadly met with little enthusiasm. It was a lively meeting, with a Treasurer's report from Judie



Hill painting a robust fiscal picture for 2011-2012. The Chairman's Report from David Linsell also painted a rosy picture with a number of improvements and achievements, not least of which was an award given to Sue Lendon from The Glosassembly for the Voluntary and Community Sector, for her work on promoting local businesses through her annual Painswick Calendar.

Four Trustees were re-elected. David Linsell remains as Chairman. Following a question from the floor, David Linsell explained that there has been no firm agreement regarding the Gardiner Room, but negotiations are continuing.

The meeting closed in good spirits, which were further enhanced by the social gathering and chat afterwards.

The PROBUS Ladies Wine tasting and luncheon: was well attended, much enjoyed and naturally, very convivial.

The Summer Café in the Skittle Alley: by popular demand, will indeed be held during the August festival, and we will announce the dates as soon as they are firmed up.

Get ready for summer with more Pilates Classes

I recently moved into the Village and wanted to introduce myself and the Pilates classes that I will be holding at the Painswick Centre. Having quickly realised the popularity of the Beacon, I thought that writing an entry in here would be the best way to reach you all! You may or may not have already tried Pilates at the Centre; classes have been running on a Monday for a while now and have proved to be extremely popular! On qualifying as a teacher of 'Realistic Pilates' at the Energywise Academy in Edinburgh; I decided to return to Gloucestershire and run some small classes around here. I will be holding classes at the Painswick Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at varying times each day and would love to see you there! There are a maximum of eight places in each class so please get in touch ASAP to ensure your place and avoid disappointment. Whether you want to get fit, increase your flexibility or simply tone up and achieve that beach body you've been longing for; come along and see what Pilates can do for you! For more information on group classes or for one to one sessions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by phone 07896 239857 or email pennie@live-arete.com

Pennie Shonk

Craft Courses running through-out this term

I am running the craft courses below for the Painswick community, wanting all to enjoy being creative together. I am a Ceramic Artist based in Stroud and am a fully qualified Art and Crafts Tutor, with up to date CRB and own public liability insurance. An Exhibition, showing my own ceramic pieces will be at The Painswick Centre, the week commencing 28th July, plus a few taster workshops over the summer holidays for all ages and abilities. Do visit my website to view my creative ceramics pieces.

Crafty Tots for parents/grandparents with young children 18 months plus. Be creative and have a fun enjoyable time together with a variety of crafts and a chance for a little messy play, without a messy home afterwards! These are running at two places Tuesday's 1.30 till 3 o'clock at the Children Centre, Croft School and Thursday's 9.30 till 11 o'clock at The Painswick Centre (Skittle Alley). Costs £4.50 per child. Sibling half price and Parents free.

Pottery workshops for all ages, have a go at being creative with clay, trying out a number of hand-building and decorative techniques. This course will be starting end of May in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre. Cost £9 per session or pay in advance for 6 weeks £50.

If you would like to know more regarding the courses, and find-out about booking individual workshops, please view www.vjh-ceramics.com or contact me on 07812024623

Vicky Walker

Your Centre needs YOU! With only four Trustees on board, we are keen to increase our number, and invite anyone who has an interest in matters communal, to come to speak with anyone of us to find out more if they are interested, or come to one of our meetings. Please feel free to call David Linsell on 812464 or Gilly Hill on 07583011326 for more information.

As always we are very grateful to our supporters and volunteers, so if you feel Trustee-ship is a step too far, your assistance at selected events is always welcome. Again, please call one of us and we will put you on the list. Alternatively you can go to the website, www.thepainswickcentre.com where all Trustee numbers are listed should you wish to call one of us.

Irish harp & Acoustic guitar concert

The celebrated virtuoso partnership of Máire Ní Chathasaigh, "the doyenne of Irish harpers" and Chris Newman, "one of the UK's most staggering and influential acoustic guitarists", will be playing at the Painswick Centre on Friday 7th June from 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained from; Gilly Hill 07583011326, gilly.hill@hotmail.com, or Jeannie Barber on 07769182229; through our website www.thepainswickcentre.com, or on the door on the night.

Tickets are £8.50 each. The bar will be available from 7.00pm and after the event



Gilly Hill on behalf of the Trustees.

Painswick Singers Good Friday concert

A near capacity audience turned out on an unseasonably cold Good Friday evening and left thoroughly warmed by a concert of sacred music performed in St. Mary's Church by the Painswick Singers under their conductor, the ex-opera singer Andrew Hopwood.

Mozart's mature and poignant Ave Verum Corpus, and the harmonic excursions of Bruckner's Christus factus est set the way for the main work, Cherubini's Requiem, with the orchestral role ably taken by organist Christopher Boodle. Cherubini is one of those great but eclipsed figures of music and his masterpiece, the Requiem, composed in 1816 among the ashes and corpses of a quarter-century of revolution and war, is a magnificent and heartfelt work which after two centuries was deeply moving and an experience unlikely to be forgotten by the listeners.

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Mineral Extraction and Cotswold Water Park



The Industrial Revolution brought power and wealth to the country, also havoc to the natural world around. Landscape wounds would slowly heal, others left permanent scars. Likewise from the 1900s in 40 square miles of the upper Thames Valley, vast gravel extractions dramatically cratered the scene but this time, an almost seamless transition ensued from farmland to 1,250 hectares of open water ~now the Cotswold Water Park (CWP) Meanwhile, the steady influx of the altering fauna now find some 20,000 wintering water birds – equating with the local population of that dubious species, Homo sapiens!

Rather aptly at a joint meeting of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group and the Bird Club at the Town Hall (April 9th) Gareth Harris, Biodiversity Officer, recounted with enviable enthusiasm, that story of “Repairing the Scars of Mineral Extraction!” Obtaining the cooperation of four local authorities (-67) and six “Aggregates” was no mean task, nor was negotiating such minefields as joint development planning and commercial process, funding versus humans control, execution of works versus avian habitat.

An array of statistical data vividly showed the enormity and complexity of the task, indeed of the success of the CWP Society, now Trust. How many of us know that there are 152 lakes, some catering for sailing, wind surfing and water skiing etc? On the face of it, the presence of so many water sports and hotel/residential development must raise the fear that Man is as usual selfishly exploiting ---. Reassurance comes in the knowledge of 74 angling lakes and from important ornithological data of the decade. Of the threatened nightingale, 30 males sang lakeside in 2004. The little ringed plover, said to be summer visitors only in the S.E. are now breeding locally! With the aid of the mineral operators, revealed banks go unthreatened in the breeding season of both these plovers and the sand martins (1,300 pairs/2004) Did we know that the Park sits next to RAF Fairford with Europe’s largest runway? We could fairly say that the Trust too, has certainly taken off in a big way!

Two field trips will ensue starting with “Nightingales at Dusk” at Highnam Woods Nature Reserve on Thursday 2nd May at 7.00pm (meet at car park off A40) then secondly, on Monday, 13th May at 10.00am, a Canal Walk with Martin Wright. Meet at Bond's Mill car park, near Stonehouse, Grid ref. OS793053.

Martin and Wendy Addy

Come & help look after Beacon cattle

After the extraordinary dry cold winds and low temperatures in March and April (remember?) we eventually had some warmish rain, the Spring flowers exploded and the grass grew. So, finally, the Paddock grazing, by Gloucester cattle is expected to begin before the end of April. We are still short of ‘Lookers’ to do occasional inspection of the fences and cattle. If you might be able to help, please contact the Coordinator Joyce Barrus on 812942 or 07706124685

David Allott, Chairman 812624 & David Little, Secretary, 813734



Painswick in Bloom 2013



Painswick Horticultural Society (PHS) would love individuals and businesses to get behind Painswick in Bloom '13 and make Painswick even prettier than it already is.

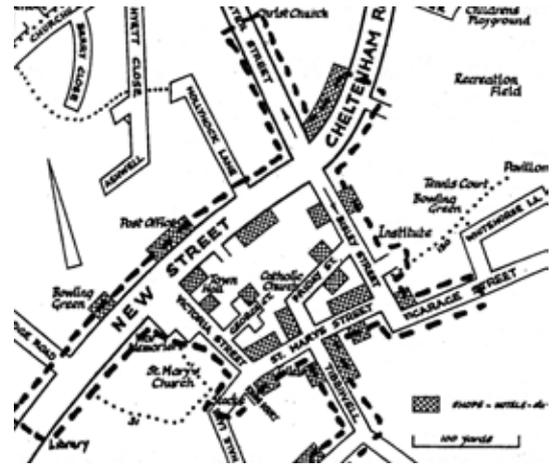
As always, the competition is free to join and covers all plantings in any type of container or hanging basket; you can be as inventive or traditional as you wish - the only condition is that they need to be viewed from the road.

The judging for this competition will take place at the end of July or early August and the area of the village to be judged is within the dotted line on the map shown. If you fall outside this area and would love to take part, please just call me on 01452 814115 before 28th June.

As in previous years, there is one class for residents and one for businesses with the winner of each class being presented with the Society's silver trophy. To encourage greater participation, no winner in either class will be awarded first place in 2 consecutive years.

The results of the competition will be announced in the September edition of the Beacon. - Go on.....have a go!"

Caroline Bodington,



Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods BioBlitz



Everyone is invited to join us for the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods National Nature Reserve (NNR) BioBlitz on Friday, 5th and Saturday, 6th July 2013. A BioBlitz is an exciting event where naturalists, students, school children and members of the public come together to explore and record the local wildlife, in our case that of Cranham Common and Buckholt Wood, both part of the Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods NNR. The event is organised by Natural England’s Gloucestershire NNR Team and will span 28 hours, from 10 am on Friday to 2 pm on Saturday, allowing us to discover both day and night time species.

Friday morning and early afternoon are mainly dedicated to local primary schools which will participate in surveys and walks exploring the two reserves. After this, activities for the general public will take place which will include guided walks looking for bats, moths, butterflies, fungi and much more. A range of natural history and conservation organisations will be present on Saturday, running activities and informing visitors about their work. All sightings during the 28 hours will be recorded and will help to create a better picture of what is there.

The whole event is suitable for families and offers something for everyone with an interest in wildlife, from the novice to the professional ecologist. The base camp of the event is Cranham Scout Centre where visitors will also be able to purchase drinks, cakes and sandwiches. For more information and updates on the programme and participating organisations please have a look at the website www.cotswoldnnrbioblitz.weebly.com.

We are very keen to hear from anyone who wants to volunteer at the BioBlitz, either as a naturalist or a general event volunteer. More information on this can be found on our website. If you are interested in volunteering, or for any queries about the event, please get in touch: britta.kohler@naturalengland.org.uk or 07964246113.

*Britta Koehler
Cotswold Commons & Beechwoods NNR
BioBlitz Co-ordinator
Gloucestershire National Nature Reserves*

Playgroup's Easter Success

A sunny, but unseasonably chilly day, greeted us for this year's Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt held at Rococo Gardens. The extremely cold weeks previous had our team biting their nails believing that perhaps this was the year, we would be defeated by the weather. Although overall, numbers were down understandably, the day was a great success with beaming children running around, chasing clues, trying to spot Tinkerbell and Peter Pan in their winter wardrobes, while Easter Bonnets of the upmost quality and creativity were on display. An incredible turnout of Bonnets made judging even more challenging for Painswick's own Fascinator Designer, Vicki Moore, who chose two worthy winners, both receiving their Easter chocolate baskets donated by Moulton Haus.

An excellent £2,400 was raised to go towards the continued running and maintenance of our Playgroup building. As one of the organisers of this year's event, I was totally overwhelmed by the willing and un-waiving generous support of our local community, and I would like to take this opportunity to offer our huge thanks and gratitude to Paul at Rococo, Hamptons, Psalms, The Croft, The Post Office, The Falcon, The Royal Oak, Patchwork Mouse, Wayne Lee of Painswick Decorators, Kate Rich, Jo Weatherall, The Fiery Beacon, Emma Hiatt, Chloe McCarthy, Mike Powis, and Anne-Marie Randall.



*The crocodile and Peter Pan
(Richard Cater and Lizzie Gordon)*

Photos by Anne-Marie Randall



*Captain Hook (Sharron Andrews)
and Georgie Milner*

And also to the parents who gave up their day to man the stalls. Without you all the event just couldn't take place. There's no doubt the Playgroup Easter Hunt has become an anticipated event in the Painswick calendar and all the hard work and weather watching makes it all worthwhile when you receive the wonderful feedback from our children, who have benefited so much from our outstanding Community Playgroup, long may it continue.

Lizzie Gordon

Top of their game in the gardens

Steve Quinton and Owen Vaughan are definitely forging ahead in their gardening careers. Still only in their mid-twenties, they have both achieved enviable success already, Steve as head gardener at the Rococo and Owen at Richmond Village.



In fact they knew each other very well before finding themselves both working in Painswick. As students together from the age of 16 at Pershore College, where they obtained their degrees, they both went on to develop their careers – Steve at Slimbridge and with a landscape company and Owen at Highgrove during a gap year and subsequently as a horticultural warden at WWT. Both remark on the importance of these opportunities. Both are ambitious and very focused which gave them a strong sense of direction and drive. They note that they are the only two from their original tutor group now working in horticulture, but, as they point out, this was always their intention.

Owen has looked after the gardens at Richmond for almost four years. The whole site covers nearly four acres and he manages it alone. He is really proud of the wild flower meadow which he is currently nurturing as 'his baby'. 'It was uncultivated meadowland for at least forty years,' he says and is thus rich in natural seed and plant life. His aim overall is to create gardens for the enjoyment of the residents. He has re-designed the planting and managed the 90ft herbaceous border and the rooftop gardens.

Last autumn the RHS presented Owen with the Neighbourhood Heart of England in Bloom Award for the Richmond gardens. He also received the personal award for Gardening Excellence – 'the culmination of three years hard work,' he adds. Owen is rightly proud of this achievement which has been a real fillip, and he is pleased for the residents. The gardens at Richmond will be open to the public in July/August as part of the NGS scheme. Volunteers are welcome to help with preparations beforehand and can contact Owen at Richmond.

Steve has been head gardener at the Rococo since January with two under-gardeners and a few volunteers. His aim is different inasmuch as the emphasis is on heritage planting and he needs expertise in all areas of this unique garden. His current project involves planting around the plunge pool now that the hard landscaping is complete, to be followed by the planting of a vineyard as a second phase. The Exhedra border will be replanted with some redesigning in the autumn. There is much development work to be done for which he is responsible 'so lots of research still to be done,' he notes. Quite apart from these projects there is of course all the usual maintenance to undertake too.

Steve's purpose is two-fold: heritage management/development and providing a good visitor experience. He is currently vice chairman of the Institute of Horticulture and will become chairman in June. 'Ask Rococo' is a gardening programme filmed by Cotswold TV every month and can be viewed on the Rococo website.

The achievements of these two young men are remarkable and, as they happily point out, they most certainly have not looked back since coming to Painswick.

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Carducci quartet delights

We were delighted to welcome again the internationally renowned Carducci quartet for the second of their annual concerts.

The quartet began with Hadyn's String Quartet in C Major (Op. 54, no. 2) whose effervescent first movement was played with panache and exceptional integration by the quartet, half of which is a married couple! The quartet concludes, exceptionally among Hadyn's quartets, with an Adagio, whose violin solos were beautifully rendered.

The quartet's second contribution, Shostakovich's String Quartet no. 11 was dedicated to the memory of Shostakovich's friend Vasili Pyotrovich Shirinsky, a violinist in the Beethoven Quartet, who died shortly before the piece was composed. The quartet, which unusually consists in seven short movements played without a break, begins and ends with the violin and is permeated by dissonant ostinato figures.

The final piece in the programme was Dvorak's American Quartet (no. 12), inspired by a vacation among farmers in Iowa. The lyrical solo playing of the first violin and cello was particularly memorable, as was the energetic rhythmical finale. The encore was by Britten.

Richard Burges Watson

Rave review for Alessandro Taverna



We welcomed the young Venetian pianist Alessandro Taverna for the season's third concert on 20th April. It began with Beethoven's fifteen 'Eroica Variations' on a theme from his third symphony. This was over twenty minutes of sustained virtuosity: no pauses for an orchestra,

no breaks between movements: nowhere to hide: everything from the build up from a simple tune to sturm-und-drang contrasts between soft and ferociously loud, with some musical lollipops and a fugue buried deep in the score. All played with sparkling precision and alone worth the price of the ticket. Debussy's Images Book One calmed us down with some high grade salon music before we had more red meat with Chopin's Ballade Op 47 and the Steinway shook. We were enjoying this.

More Debussy in the second half, Images Book Two three pieces building up from simple impressionism to something more serious in its final movement. Then Busoni's 'Sonatina super Carmen' We may think sonatinas are little pieces for youngsters to learn before tackling Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven but this was different: virtuoso playing peppered with popular tunes from Bizet's opera: sad opera maybe but fun music and resoundingly played too.

Finally Stravinsky's Petrushka, three movements for piano, more bravura: masses of tunes, masses of notes, masses of energy, masses of precision: the cheers were so loud I missed the name of the encore. If you think this is a rave review it is: if you get the chance, go and hear this man. The final concert of the season is at St Mary's on 4th May when Mark Stone and Simon Lepper will bring us songs by English composers including some 'local heroes'

John Parfitt

June and Cobalt

June Gardiner, together with John Hogg and Sue Coates, doesn't take many breaths between fund-raising activities for the Cobalt cause. June, a previous Painswickian of the Year with Sue, is totally committed to the many events involved but, true to character, sees the participation of others as worthy of acknowledgement. She wishes, therefore, to say a big thank you to all the supporters and helpers.

A coffee morning at the Town Hall in April raised £381 which June rightly considers a wonderful effort. She particularly wishes to thank Hoggy for staying out on the very cold pavement coaxing customers in with the promise of delicious coffee and cakes. Unsuspecting Cotswold Way walkers were diverted with talk of every kind of cake ever made as sustenance for their onward journey!

A further sum was raised at a bingo session before Christmas and John took part in a seven-mile sponsored walk recently raising the grand total of £225. A further £86.50 resulted from a skittles raffle in April. Sue has been an invaluable help behind the scenes on these occasions.

Next year Cobalt, a medical charity providing advanced early diagnostic imaging, will celebrate 50 years of fund-raising for scanning equipment. Thousands of people have already benefitted from this service, not only with cancer but other life-limiting conditions too.

June and the team have to-date raised over £60,000, an amazing feat indeed. They put in a great deal of time and hard work but always have fun and are immensely grateful to their helpers and to the people of Painswick who have been so generous. It is only right in return to say a big thank you to June for everything she and the team have accomplished and continue, seemingly relentlessly, to work for.

Carol Maxwell

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Speeding in Painswick

During my first year as Chairman of Traffic for Parish Council one of the main concerns raised by a number of residents has been speeding. There is a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of Painswick and surrounding areas but this seems to have made little or no difference. It is becoming increasingly difficult and time consuming for the Police to set up speed checks on a regular basis.

To this end, Parish Council has decided to take part in an initiative run by the Police to set up a voluntary speed group. This will involve locals in the process of regular speed checks at known hot spots and the gathering of information and statistics for both the Police and Gloucestershire Highways. Full training and assistance will be provided by the Police. Similar initiatives have been running successfully; in particular within Rodborough Parish Council.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take part in this initiative, could you please contact the Parish Clerk on 01452 812722 and leave your contact details? If you require any further information, I can be contacted on 01452 810910 or by email - lewisbob@btconnect.com.

Rob Lewis
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The Annual Research Evening -



- was held on 16th April when members presented the results of research work they have done recently.

Barbara Blatchley talked about the work of Sydney Barnsley, who though he came from Birmingham moved to the Gloucestershire countryside with other members of the Arts and Crafts movement towards the end of the 19th century. He had furniture workshops at Pinbury Park and Daneway House, and built himself a house at Sapperton. He was responsible for the design of the Painswick almshouses built in 1913 and worked with Eric Gill on the building of the Bath House at The Cross in Painswick in 1924.

Mark Bowden, who works for English Heritage, explained some of the problems of identifying the origins of earthworks. He took the example of a "Roman Camp" at Dowdeswell which was clearly so marked on Ordnance Survey maps of the 19th century, there being large earth banks along two sides of a large field. Doubts were raised both on account of the presence of a ditch on the inside, not the outside, of one of the banks and on account of the bends in the same bank. The problem was not resolved until the picture of Dowdeswell Manor in Robert Atkyns's history of Gloucestershire showed that the area between the two banks formed a part of the house's laid out gardens.

Carol Maxwell, the Society's chairman, explained something of recent work she and a colleague have been doing on the county muster roll of 1608, now kept in the Record Office and with supplementary documents at Berkeley Castle. It is a listing of the able bodied men of the county available for fighting. She drew particular attention to the listing of the men of Painswick, showing how they were identified by age, by height and by the type of arms they were thought suitable to bear. The information available also showed the occupations of the men. Very many were engaged in agriculture, but there were many weavers among them too. There is further scope for research in this field if the rolls can be cross-related to the parish records of the time.

At the next meeting David Archard and Helen Briggs will give a presentation on a Painswick-based subject. Tuesday, 21st May, 7.30pm at the Croft School. This replaces the outing. Everyone welcome.

Hywel James

Local History Teaser



Another of our early 20th century glass slides. This one has no label accompanying it so is something of a mystery. It may, of course, appear here the wrong way round. If you recognise the location we should love to hear from you.

Last month's picture was labelled simply Goddard's House 1905. No-one has been able to shed any light on its whereabouts so it too remains a mystery. If you have a photograph which you think would challenge readers please do make contact.

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We had a busy March and April!

First, a painstakingly researched presentation by Howard Allen which resulted in a fabulous concert on 7th March, featuring 'The Big Five' great orchestras of North America with some of the most famous conductors playing classical music in the first half - George Szell and Dvorak's 'New World' symphony, Charles Munch and Saint-Sans 'Organ' symphony and Eugene Ormandy and Tchaikovsky's 'Pathetique' symphony, just to name a few. By contrast, the second part was devoted to music by American composers, some more modern like Copland's 'Appalachian Spring', and Stravinsky's 'Firebird' providing an electrifying finale.

'The Future of the Music in the Home' was the title of a presentation to be given by Ian Rocchi and Norman Solomon last November, to show some of the latest home hi-fi equipment. It was postponed and held on 9th March in their new "UHES" (Ultimate Homes Entertainment Solution) building near Moreton-in-Marsh. There we were impressed by the wonderful improvement in clarity and depth of sound achieved with loudspeakers and rooms of different sizes.

Lastly, on 21st March Ian Edmunds presented 'Alternative Piano'. He enjoyed his piano lessons as a child, built upon them and shared his enthusiasm and insights with our Group, illustrating his skills on his Yamaha Portable Grand which gave us live music and an understanding of its construction. He aptly demonstrated how anyone could master all the elements of piano playing within a matter of weeks!

On 4th April Gordon Collins resumed his delightful musical reminiscences from where he left off last year, playing the rest of his personal choice. It is difficult to single out any special items - all 14 were interesting and covered a wide range. Just a few: Rachmaninov's Polka; Roundelay by Alan Richardson; William Walton's 1st Symphony, 2nd movement; La Jongleuse by Moszkowski; Sweet Seventeen by Eric Coates; Folks who live on the Hill by Jerome Kern and Rondo alla Turca by Mozart give an idea of the originality of Gordon's selection - a super presentation!

On listening to Jane Rowe's exciting recordings on 18th April one cannot help wondering why Hector Berlioz remained one of the lesser-known composers for so long. It is only now that the great originality of his music is fully appreciated.

We started with the Messe Sonelle, miraculously discovered in 1991, a first major work of stunning invention, melody and audacity in which themes and ideas later emerged in the Symphony Fantastique, which followed, and in Requiem Le Grand Messe des Morts, the most overwhelming and magnificent of Berlioz' compositions. We also heard some parts of The Childhood of Christ, a Christmas oratorio of delicacy and originality, an excerpt of his epic operatic masterpiece, The Trojans and, to end on the most exciting note, the famous and exhilarating Hungarian March from the concert opera The Damnation of Faust.

Yes - he remains my favourite composer!

Ralph Kenber

Community Lunches 2012/2013

Thank you to all who have supported the lunches held each Monday from October to Easter at Ashwell House Centre from 12noon to 1.15pm. Special thanks go to the 20 different village clubs, societies and groups of friends who have provided the homemade soups, fresh bread and cheese each week.

Our Treasurer, David Linsell, says that there has been £1240 raised this season - similar to last year. This money will be distributed to the two local charities - Cup Cakes for Carers, who meet for a friendly tea party on the first Tuesday of each month at Painswick Centre to support carers and their charges - and Painswick Youth Football Club, who are building up this new and thriving club for lads aged 6 to 14- as well as to Christian Aid which has received support for over 30 years.

Although numbers supporting have not always been as great as in bygone years, we do think this 44-year-old village initiative should continue - and we hope to resume at the beginning of October. We would also like suggestions for 2 more local charities or good causes to support - with YOUR help.

*Rita Bishop (814205)
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Painswick Bowls Club

Are you looking to take up a new activity or rediscover an old one?

Painswick Bowls Club is set in a lovely location with expansive views across the valley looking out towards Longridge. With an excellent green, colourful spring boarders and great club house, the club members very much enjoyed the opening of their new season on the Saturday 13th April.

They also had a good start to the season winning their first friendly match away at Bradley Stoke on Sunday 14th April.

The club will be giving a warm welcome to a touring side from Pontycymer on the 5th May.

With a full season of fixtures running through to the end of September catering for members wishing to play mixed friendly matches, men leagues, senior citizens and interclub competitions.

There is a good social aspect to the club with shortmat (indoor) played during the winter months, along with skittle evenings.

The club celebrated its centenary in 2012, and although boasts a long history is always looking to welcome new members.

We will be holding an open coffee morning on Saturday 25th May between 10.30 and 12.00 for anyone interested in joining the club, learning more about bowls or simply to come and see the Green. So why not drop by and visit the club.

We are located on Bisley Street, next to the Painswick Centre. If you are unable to make our coffee morning but would like to know more about us or the game, please visit our website by selecting Painswick Bowls club from the following webpage: community.stroud.gov.uk or alternatively contact the club secretary; Jill Rogers, on 01453 765482.



Painswick Golf Club

Seniors Open

If you are over 55 and enjoy a round of golf, you are invited to enter the Painswick Seniors Open on Wednesday 15th May. This year the competition is a pairs event – a four-ball better ball competition – with the better stableford score counting for each hole. It is a great way of playing Painswick, as the odd bad hole isn't quite so penalising provided your partner doesn't also suffer on the same hole! If you would like to try but are on your own, the organisers will try to find you a partner for the day. The entry fee is £12 per person. For further details please contact Richard Wright (01452 552578 or John Courts (01452 813716).



Other Golf

Two competitions have been completed in the Seniors' section over the last month. The winter four-ball competition concluded with the winners being John Courts and Nigel Barnett with an aggregate score of 228 points. The first competition of the summer season, the Arthur Paget trophy, took place in difficult weather conditions and resulted in David Warren winning with a score of 37 points. And Phil Taylor won the monthly medal on 11th April with a score of 35 points. Congratulations to all the winners. The Seniors' team has played two matches – with a home win against Puckrup and losing away at Cotswold Edge.

Painswick Golf Club welcomes visitors and new members. If you are interested in playing, please get in touch with the professional, Marc Cottrell (01452 812615) or Seniors' captain Peter Rowe (813228) for further details.

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Tennis

Every winter Painswick play in the Stroud Winter League, which is a Sunday tournament, played between local Stroud area clubs. This Winter Painswick entered 4 teams each consisting of two mixed pairs. This year the results were particularly good for the club with the A and B teams finishing respectively 1st and 2nd in the first division. In division 2 the C team was 3rd and in division 3 the D team was 4th.

In the Gloucestershire Winter League the Painswick results were more mixed. In division 1 the A team was 3rd whilst the B team finished 6th and was demoted. In division 3 the C team was 2nd and will be promoted and in division 4 the D team was 5th.

The over fifties club tournament took place as usual during April. Graham Britton and Ruth Smith won the mixed tournament and Graham Britton and Nigel Barnett the mens. The ladies was won by Joan Griffiths and Angela Higgins.

The club is looking for local businesses, which would like to advertise on the club's web site. Interested parties should get in touch with Ruth Smith on 01452 813693 as should any prospective new members to the club.

Memorial event for renowned rambler Tony Drake

On Wednesday 22nd May at 1 pm, the Ramblers Association (Gloucestershire Area) and Tony Drake's executors will commemorate the life and work of Tony Drake, MBE, 1923-2012, in Hambutts Field, alongside the memorial to be erected there at the end of April.

Tony Drake made an impressive contribution to the outdoor movement, and served for more than 60 years with the Ramblers Association. He co-developed the Cotswold Way and is personally responsible for the Cambrian Way in Wales. He was awarded his MBE in 2001 for services to public rights of way. For more information read his obituary in The Guardian: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/travel/2012/mar/14/tony-drake-obituary>.

Distinguished speakers will pay tributes to Tony prior to the unveiling of the memorial. The Ramblers Association expect many of their members to walk to the site for the event. It is publicised on the Glos Ramblers website: <http://www.gloucestershirearearamblers.org.uk/page6.htm>, and there may be national coverage including possibly TV. The memorial is the Footpath Heritage Trophy, which the Glos Ramblers used to award to the Gloucestershire parish that had done the most to improve its paths during the previous year. Tony Drake was a key player in this initiative.

Hambutts Field Trust invite any Painswickians who are interested to come along to the Event. We would also ask local dogwalkers to be assiduous in their poop-scooping over the next few weeks, as this would be an undignified way of spoiling what we hope will be a most successful event to celebrate the life of a quietly great man.

*Virginia Falconer
Chairman, Hambutts Field Trust*

Painswick Parish Action Plan

The final Action Plan draft has been completed. Copies of the draft are available in the Parish Council office and also in the Library. The draft will be published on the Parish Council web site during the coming month. The Parish Council will be asked to adopt the Plan at its meeting on 19th June. The Plan covers a range of issues which include the need to preserve "green spaces" within the villages, emergency planning and longstanding concerns about speeding traffic and the requirement for more parking to the north of Painswick. Comments on the draft should be submitted to Roy Balgobin, the Clerk to the Parish Council, at the Town Hall office or to his email address: clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com by no later than Friday 31st May.

Terry Parker, Chairman, Parish Plan Working Group

El Contador

Painswick's narrow streets and its nooks and crannies charm visitors, but are a nightmare for the emergency services, removal men, delivery drivers and the odd European 40 tonne truck with a malicious sat nav. Likewise in El Contador. It recently took over two hours to get a misdirected artic out of the village square.

So it was on a recent visit to a small town here in search of a clockmaker that we turned into a maze of streets just wide enough to squeeze in the old Land Rover. The town, like Painswick, tumbled down a hillside, so many of the streets were Tibbiwell steep. We became totally lost. The car seemed wider on the inside than on the outside. We were now so disorientated that panic was setting in. Suddenly a tiny Fiat shot out of a side alleyway and disappeared. I had the fleeting impression that instead of going around the Fiat went under us! On we crept down a steep street that suddenly narrowed - no way forward. Imagine reversing up Tibbiwell and yes, you guessed it, there was a vehicle behind us. Sweating profusely, I managed to reverse through a sort of archway (donkey doors probably) into someone's piazza to let it pass. The other driver, wreathed in smiles, blithely careered down the slope. Finally we made it, more by luck than navigation, and it seemed to us, back into the sunlight.

The clock still needs repair but coffee Americano restarted my heart.....
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As a Specialist Agent I have a similar role, but I am there to support anyone over 18 affected by cancer (the person themselves, or someone close to them).

Sometimes people say to me "what are you doing about Mrs X; she shouldn't be at home... or Mr X's house is a mess, he can't cope. The difficulty here is that unless Mr or Mrs X have asked for help and are happy to have it, nobody can make that decision for them unless they have lost their mental capacity. What is an especially difficult situation is when the person may be losing capacity but there has not been a diagnosis made and the person is convinced that they are fine. I need the person to contact me directly or to give permission for me to contact them.

Something that I do hear very often in my travels out and about, is the experiences you or your loved ones have had with our local health services or social care. Sometimes these are very positive, but like most news, we are inclined to focus more on the negatives. From April this year, Healthwatch Gloucestershire has been set up to replace what was known as LINKs.

Healthwatch will give children, young people and adults a powerful voice locally and nationally. Local Healthwatch will work to help people get the best out of their local health and

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social care services. Local Healthwatch is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local services. Not just people who use them, but anyone who might need them in the future.

The aim is to represent local needs and in doing so, to achieve the best health and social care services.

Healthwatch Gloucestershire will do this by having a visible local presence out in the six districts of the county on a regular basis, listening to your views and experiences of health and social care and sharing them with the people who plan and deliver those services locally. These views will be passed onto the Care Quality Commission as regulator and Healthwatch England, who will use them to identify regional and national issues and trends. In addition, they will provide or signpost people to information, advice and Independent Health Complaints Advocacy, to help you make informed choices about health and care services or raise concerns/complain about your experiences.

Your voice really does count and can change health and social care for the better. Freephone 0800 652 519301452 504989 www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk email info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

Spring coming? Can you beat this?

On 23rd April Anne Daniels heard the Cuckoo at Bulls Cross at 5.30pm.

PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

Finally some warmer weather has arrived after the longest winter I can remember. Despite the weather though we have been extremely busy with a record amount of new properties coming to the market, a huge surge in viewing numbers and a marked rise in property sales which clearly goes to show that there is more confidence from both buyers and sellers in our area.

Nationwide figures show that there was no change in UK house prices between February and March this year however, in annual terms, house price growth moved into positive territory for the first time since March 2012. In recent months buyer demand and confidence has been supported by healthy employment growth as well as the introduction of "The funding for lending Scheme" which has helped to reduce mortgage costs and increase credit availability. We have particularly noticed a large increase of first time buyers viewing our properties in the area, which is always a good sign as this can kick off the rest of the market.

Don't forget that both Richard and I will be working in our Mayfair Office in London in the second week of May to promote all our properties to the London market, if you haven't put your property on with us yet I suggest you do so quickly so as not to miss this ideal opportunity. If you would like further information then please call us on 01452814655.

We have had a record take on rate over the past couple of months and these include; Hinchley, an impressive contemporary 6 bed house on The Highlands, Little Place, a 3 bedroom detached house with garage and parking in the centre of the village,

Wynstowe, a beautifully presented 3 bed bungalow also in the centre of Painswick, Torwin a recently renovated 4 bed family house on Cheltenham Road, Honeysuckle Lodge, an impressive detached 4 bed family house on Knapp Lane, 44 Acres of arable and grass farming land in Holcombe, 38 Ashwell an extended modern 3 bed close to the centre, 10 Randalls Field, a beautifully presented 4 bed with ¾ acre garden, Mullions a spacious 4 bed in Queensmead, Weavers Cottage a 2 bed Cotswold stone property on Vicarage Street, Lynton, a 3 bed house with fantastic views in Paradise, Smalls Mill, a spacious mill house with large garden in Pitchcombe, Elmbank, a spacious detached 4 bed house with lovely views also in Pitchcombe, Branfield a modern detached family house with panoramic views in Sheepscombe, Chandos, a modern 5 bed family house with 2.5 acres of land and fantastic view in Cranham and Pottery Cottage, a pretty 3 bed stone cottage in need of modernisation also in Cranham.

Properties that we currently have under offer are King's Mill House on Kingsmill Lane in Painswick, 8 Hyett Close in Painswick, Orchards Bungalow in Pitchcombe and 4 Vatch Cottages in Slad and property that has now sold/completed are Holcombe Farm near Painswick, Woodbury on Vicarage Street in Painswick, The Stables on Yokehouse Lane in Painswick, Greyholme on Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe and 1 Springfield Cottages in Birdlip.

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Mon	6	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Club Pulse for school years 5 - 8: Mondays (next to Recreation Ground) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall 10.30am P'wick . Youth Centre 5.30 to 7.00pm Sheepscombe Vill. Hall 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138)	Painswick Centre 7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	7	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	P. Centre Green Room 1.30 to 4.30pm Ashwell House 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library) Wednesdays Horticultural Society: National Gardens Scheme 85 years	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall 9.30 to 11.00am Town Hall 2.00 to 2.45pm Church Rooms 7.30pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Painswick Players production: Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Jeffrey Archer (Also 10th & 11th)	Painswick Centre 9.30 to 11.00am Town Hall 9.30am Church Rooms 9.30 to 12.00noon Town Hall 12.00 to 1.00pm Town Hall 12.30 to 1.30pm Painswick Centre 7.30pm daily
Fri	10	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Friday Club: Late Spring outing to Gloucester Fire Station & Skill Zone	Town Hall 10.00am
Sat	11	Horticultural Society: Malvern Spring Gardening Show	Stamages Car Park 9.30am
Sun	12	Painswick Beacon Clear-up: meet at car park near Catbrain Quarry Christian Aid Service: Speaker - Nigel Quarrell, C.A. West Manager	Painswick Beacon 2.00pm St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Mon	13	Probus Women: Managing Pain - interactive talk from Specialist Acupuncturist - Adrian Lyster. Bird Club Field Trip - Stroud Water Canal Walk: Meet at Bonds Mill Car Park (grid ref. OS 793053)	Church Rooms 10.00am to 12.00noon Stonehouse 10.00am
Wed	15	Probus: Making Life Better...One Step at a Time - Steve Morton Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Tyntesfield - the house, the family, the vision - Terry Stevens (813228) Parish Council Annual Meeting	Painswick Centre 10.00am Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm Town Hall 7.30pm
Thu	16	Christian Aid Salmon Supper & Shop Music Appreciation Group: AGM & Members' Night	Church Rooms 6.30 to 9.00pm Town Hall 7.30pm
Fri	17	Christian Aid cold Buffet Lunches & Shop Friday Club Trip to Adam's Farm	Church rooms 10.30am to 2.30pm Stamages Car Park 11.00am
Sat	18	Copy Date for June Beacon Christian Aid Soup, All-Day Cream Teas & Shop	Church rooms 11.00am to 4.30pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: All About Painswick - D. Archard	Croft School 7.30pm
Wed	22	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club visit to Cirencester & Chedworth Roman Villa. Enq. 01453 873419	Stamages Car Park
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: Comedy songs & Camper Vans - N. Clark	Church Rooms 7.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: History of the RNLI - Frank Austin	Painswick Centre 10.00am
Fri	31	Friday Club: Walks with Hawks - Clare Lott	Town Hall 2.30pm
JUNE			
Sat	1	June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published	
Tue	4	Cupcakes for Carers & dependents: for info tel: 813326	P. Centre Green Room 1.30 to 4.30pm
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Fungi - Dave Shorten. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	Messy Church	Church Rooms 3.30 to 5.30pm



Fri	7	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Landscape & Geology Walk - Car Share South Wales Coast: Enq. 813228 Chris & Maire: A World / Folk Music evening with renowned Irish Harp & Guitar Duo	Painswick Centre	7.30 for 8.00pm
Mon	10	Probus women: Visit to Chavenage - travel by cars Bird Club Field Trip: Summer Migrants at Nagshead Nature Reserve, Forest of Dean (grid ref. OS 606085)	Visitors Centre	10.30am
Wed	12	Probus: A Journey Through Mexico - Bob Price Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Visit to Tyntesfield House & Gardens, Somerset	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park	10.00am
Thu	13	Theatre Club Outing to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park	6.45pm
Fri	14	Friday Club: President's Meeting & Cream Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: AGM followed by talk - Fox's Field Finds - Cotswold Archaeology	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	21	Horticultural Society Outing to Blenheim Palace & Flower Show	Stamages Car Park	9.30am
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Chatsworth & the Cavendish Family 1550 - 1850 - Gillian White	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	26	Probus: Sir Thomas Phillips - a Bibliomaniac B*****d - Chris Arnison	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Fri	28	Friday Club: Moths in a Cotswold Garden - Bob Smith Painswick Beacon Distributors' / 35th Birthday Party	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.30pm
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Sat	6	Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 11.00pm
Mon	8	Probus Women: Antarctica - Brian / Sally Lamerton; followed by Social Lunch	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Wed	10	Probus: My Ancestors - the Bloody Vikings - Tore Fauske Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: Greek Flowers - Dr Makis Aperghis. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	12	Friday Club: Boat Trip from Gloucester Docks		
Sat	13	Sue Ryder Tea Party	Church Rooms	t.b.a.
Fri	19	Friday Club: Antiki Expedition - John Russell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	23	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Guided tour of Bletchley Park. Enq. 01453 872243 Yew Trees W.I.: Demonstration of Indian Cooking - Ela Pathak-Sen	Stamages Car Park Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon Horticultural Society Outing: Westbury Court, picnic & Severn Bore	Stamages Car Park	8.45am

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PLANNING MATTERS

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NEW APPLICATIONS

3 GLOUCESTER ROAD - Two storey rear and side extension. Single storey extension to the front.

MILL POOL HOUSE, Ticklestone Lane Dismantle Horse Chestnut Tree (TPO 310).

WINDRUSH, Beacon Close - Proposed single storey extension to rear.

HYETT ORCHARD, Hyett Close

Remove first four branches overhanging parking spaces on Scyamore (T1).

Reduce group of Portuguese Laurel all over by up to 3m (T2).

SITE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS OVERDALE, Slad Road, Slad - Erection of dwelling

WOODLANDS, Edge Lane, Edge - Erection of detached garage

WITHDRAWN PLANS

SITE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS OVERDALE, Slad Road, Slad - Erection of new dwelling (see above new plans have now been submitted)

THE OLD VICARAGE, Damsells Mill Lane - Fell 7 Larch Trees

CONSENT

BENEDICTS COTTAGE, Paradise Alterations to existing kitchen, garage and bedroom areas. Replace existing windows and door areas.

2 FOXBURY COTTAGES, Damsells Mill Lane - Erection of an extension.

AMBERWOOD, Knapp Lane

Replacement of existing flat roof dormer with a pitched roof dormer. Replacement of existing "lean to" with a "lean to" type conservatory.

TOCKNELLS HOUSE - Repairs to main house roof.

MILL POOL HOUSE, Ticklestone Lane Dismantle Horse Chestnut Tree (TPO 310).

FIELDGATE, The Highlands - Single storey extension and two storey extension with loft conversion.

CROMPTON HOUSE, New Street - Fell Sycamore and replace with apple tree. Prune Acer, Re-shape Acer.

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School Governor Vacancies (Voluntary role)

The Croft Primary School has vacancies for two Community Governors, which are voluntary positions appointed by the Governing Body. Community Governors can be persons who live or work in the community served by the school, or persons who do not work or live close to the school but are committed to the school's success. The term of office is four years, beginning September 2013.

Although we would especially welcome interest from those with a background in law or primary education, we appreciate applications from all sections of the community.

To register your interest, please provide a statement of no more than 250 words describing the skills and experiences you can bring to the role, and return to the school office by Friday 17 May 2013.

For more information, please contact either Mrs Ceris Towler, Headteacher, on 01452 812479, or Mrs Liz Little, Chair of Governors, at lizziebee212@hotmail.com. Alternatively, please visit the Governing Body section on our website at: www.croft.gloucs.sch.uk.

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Thank You

JOAN WOOD would like to thank all her family, friends and neighbours for their lovely cards, flowers and gifts that were so kindly given to her on her 96th Birthday.

Wedding

Congratulations to REBECCA CARTER-BOASE and ANDREW HARRIS who were married at Hatton Court on 2nd March.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to AVRIL DOREY who has been in Hospital recently.

Personal message

Congratulations and best wishes to EMMA ROBINSON and BRIAN SMITH on their forthcoming wedding on 11th May in Chelmsford, Essex from Emma's sister, Ruth, and all Painswick neighbours and friends.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of DEREK HODGES who died recently. Derek was Headmaster at Croft School for 20 years - from 1962 to 1982. There will be a Service of Remembrance for Derek on Friday 17th May, at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church

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

Vicarage Street volunteer wanted

A volunteer is wanted to distribute The Beacon each month to approximately 50 houses in Vicarage Street. It would be wonderful if we had several volunteers who could then deputise for each other. If you are interested please phone me, Celia Lougher, on 812624 and I will explain what is involved.

Ken Farlow and his son meet the Queen

Last Maundy Thursday Ken Farlow had an early-morning phone call from his son, Andrew, who asked "what you are doing for lunch today? Do you want to come for lunch with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh?". Ken was told to put on his best clothes and be ready by 10am. The occasion was a lunch at Oriel College, University of Oxford that the Queen was due to attend after the Maundy Money service at the cathedral. The Queen is the Visitor of Oriel, the most senior person in its governance structure and Andrew, who had been invited to the lunch, had asked the Provost if his guest could be his father and the Provost said that he would be delighted if he came.

After lunch, the staff and guests lined up in the front quad of the college to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Ken says he was one of the first to be spoken to by the Queen. Ken modestly surmises it was because he was the shortest, oldest guest there, and not wearing college regalia but wearing war medals (6 years as an electrician in the RAF with 4 years overseas in the Middle East)! Ken refuses to divulge the content of his 'tête à tête' with her majesty - but the picture shows she enjoyed it! Andrew is just visible behind Ken.

Ken's son, Andrew, was brought up in Painswick, and afterwards studied economics at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford. Currently he is Research Fellow in Economics at Oriel College and works in a range of areas of financial economics and global health, and provides advice to a wide variety of public and private sector organizations including, the World Health Organization, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many others as well as a range of governments. Andrew has just published a book 'Crash and Beyond: Causes and Consequences of the Global Financial Crisis'. The book devotes four chapters to the global financial crash and its causes and eight chapters to policy responses to the crash.



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