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Painswick Fire Station to be closed?

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is seeking your views on its future service provision. The Service would like to hear your views on some proposed changes to the way it provides services. It is holding a series of drop-in events, the details of which are set out below.

To find out more and to have your say, go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosfire or attend one of the drop-in events. There is to be a drop-in event at Painswick Town Hall on Tuesday 17th November between 3pm and 8pm.

The Service's paper contains two main proposals. Of particular concern to Painswick residents is Proposal 1 which states that, **"To reduce risk and deliver additional prevention and protection activities in Painswick and the surrounding communities enabling us to provide future emergency response from Stroud and close Painswick Fire Station."** In the paper Painswick has been identified and evidenced "as a low activity, low risk area with ever decreasing demand in terms of emergency response. There are difficulties in recruiting new personnel on a part-time basis to serve at the station and this means that the emergency response cover can be difficult to achieve on all occasions." The paper then sets out the following facts:

- Number of high risk residential areas in Painswick – none
- Number of identified high risk commercial premises in Painswick – none
- 6% reduction in incidents in Painswick over the last 5 years
- 34 incidents in total for 2014/15
- 2 primary dwelling fires in 2014.15
- Stroud attended alongside Painswick on one of these occasions and arrived nearly one minute ahead of Painswick
- 9 primary dwelling fires across the last five years; on four occasions the emergency response came from Stroud or Gloucester as Painswick had insufficient crew
- 83% overall availability for the fire engine and crew
- 73% availability for the fire engine and crew on weekdays (between 08.00 and 18.00 hours)



- £52,282 is the annual cost of running Painswick Fire Station
- Future replacement costs for a fully equipped fire engine and protective clothing for the crew will be in excess of £242,844

The Fire and Rescue Service states in Proposal 1 that:

In our professional opinion this proposal is being put forward because:

- It allows the service to match resources to meet current and future risks, developments and challenges in Painswick
- It is an ideal opportunity to build capacity in the service to further develop and enhance the prevention and protection agenda in Painswick and the wider County by reallocating existing resources
- It will significantly reduce cost whilst still maintaining the existing standards of service

We will do this by reinvestment in enhanced prevention and protection measures to further promote and increase the safety of the community in Painswick. Emergency response cover for Painswick can be provided from either Stroud or Gloucester by full time fire fighters who are available 365 days of the year. If we close Painswick Fire Station, post implementation we will continually monitor and review performance to ensure that prevention and protection measures are working and that emergency response remains at all times within an acceptable level".

Fire and Rescue 'have your say' drop-in events:

- Mon 16 Nov. 3pm-8pm. The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN
- Tue 17 Nov. 3pm-8pm. Painswick Town Hall, Painswick, GL6 6QA
- Wed 18 Nov. 3pm-8pm. Oxtalls Indoor Tennis Centre, Plock Court, Gloucester, GL2 9DW
- Thur 19 Nov. 3pm-8pm. Tewkesbury Town Hall, High Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5AL
- Mon 23 Nov. 3pm-8pm. The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford, GL16 8RH
- Thur 26 Nov. 3pm-8pm. Subscription Rooms, George Street, Stroud, GL5 1AE
- Fri 27 Nov. 3pm-8pm. The Churn Project, The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PY

Goodwill Evening

On Friday 27th November, between 5pm and 9pm, Painswick will host its sixth Small But Perfectly Formed Christmas Goodwill Evening.

Please delay your search for Christmas presents until you've had a chance to peruse the wonderful and unique range of handmade gifts and produce that will be available at the two Christmas Markets, taking place at the Town Hall and the Painswick Centre.

As darkness falls, many of our very own shops, art studios, galleries and businesses will also be opening late, to attract you with their own ranges of Christmas inspiration and tempting you in with delicious aromas of mince pies, mulled wine and bountiful servings of Goodwill!

Take a stroll around beautiful Painswick on Friday 27th November, enjoy the warm welcome and goodwill that Painswick has to offer and discover the unique Christmas gifts you've been searching for.

Services of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St. Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 8th November. On Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November at 10.55am, there will be a short service at the War Memorial during which wreaths will be laid. All local organisations are invited to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Everyone will be most welcome at the services.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held 21st October 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.

Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger opened the meeting and explained that before moving on to the main Council business there would be a short presentation from Art Couture Painswick, (ACP). The presentation included information on the aims and objectives of the Group and stressed their work with young people and raising the profile of Painswick in the wider community. Primarily due to the poor weather conditions in 2015 the group's income had reduced from £46,000 in 2014 to £33,000 in 2015. It was confirmed that planning for the 2016 Festival had begun, with thought being given to ways of increasing the number of visitors to the event. ACP would be writing to both the Parish Council and the Frederick Gyde Trust with details of any support they may need. Chairman Cllr Martin Slinger advised them that the Council needed written details prior to the 21st November 2015.

The Chairman then advised the Council that he wished to bring forward Agenda item 8. This was agreed by the Council and is as follows:

To receive an Update on Changes to the Affordable Housing/Right to Buy Policies

The discussion was led by Cllr Mike Fletcher who introduced Martin Hutchins from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC). During his presentation Mr Hutchins outlined the affect the Bill, currently on its way through Parliament, would have on Rural Communities – defined as communities of less than 3000. If a person living in a property owned by a Housing Association in a Rural Community opted to buy the property the Housing Association is not committed to sell that property but can offer alternative property not necessarily in the same area. Mr Hutchins advised the Council that other local Parish Councils had sent letters of concern to their local MP about the proposed legislation and its impact on Rural Communities. At the conclusion of the presentation Cllr Mike Fletcher recommended that a letter expressing the Council's concern over the proposed legislation be sent to the local MP. This was supported by Cllr Rob Lewis.

The Council then moved on to the main Agenda. The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, advised the Meeting that apologies had been received from Cllrs Steve Morris, Ian James and Emma Smith.

Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger advised that a meeting was to be held on the 2nd November, at the Town Hall, involving the Local Chief of the Fire Brigade, the Council and County Cllr Jason Bullingham to discuss the future of the

Painswick Fire Brigade. There was also to be a period of Public Consultation – See front page article.

County Councillor's Report

The County Cllr Jason Bullingham was present. He confirmed that any decision regarding the future of the fire station in Painswick would be made by the Chief Fire Officer and not by the County Council. Public Consultation events were being arranged and he would ensure that one was held in Painswick. In addition he would also ensure that a copy of the Consultation document was delivered to every household in Painswick. The County Council are seeking volunteers to serve on the County's School Appeals Panel.

The panel would be asked to consider why a child hasn't got a place at a preferred school or why a pupil had been permanently excluded from school. The Council is particularly interested in hearing from parents or carers of children registered at a school in the County. Training will be provided. For more information please contact: democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

District Councillors' Report

Both District Councillors, Nigel Cooper and Julie Job, were present. Cllr Nigel Cooper confirmed that the District Council had been successful in their bid to obtain a grant of £2m as a contribution towards the infrastructure costs at Brimscombe Port. Also that the District Council had recovered 98% of the £3m deposited with the failed Glitnir Bank in Iceland. The deposit had been made in 1998.

Cllr Nigel Cooper had recently visited Sheepscombe to see the new natural scheme for addressing flooding downstream. In Association with a local farmer a low cost scheme by Natural England involves creating structures upstream by felling trees and allowing flood debris to build up there, thus naturally slowing the passage of water. This allows water to soak away and not arrive in a sudden rush at the bottom of Slad Road, as it did in 2007 flooding the road to a depth of 8 feet.

To receive correspondence from Neil Carmichael MP with reference to Post Box at Tibbiwell

Chairman Martin Slinger read out to the Council a copy of the letter the MP had written the Head of Public Affairs at the Royal Mail Group. In the letter the MP expressed the concern of both the Council and local residents about the continued closure of the Tibbiwell Lane post box and the difficulties it was causing to local elderly residents. He again requested that the box be repaired for use and that as a last measure the cost of repairs would be

met by the Parish Council, providing that Royal Mail would continue to collect post from the Tibbiwell Lane post box. On behalf of the Council, Clerk Roy Balgobin, had written a letter of thanks to the MP for the action he has taken.

To approve recommendations from the Land and Buildings Committee

- St Mary's Street Units. Chairman Cllr Rob Lewis advised the meeting that two expressions of interest had been received. It was agreed that Cllr Rob Lewis would arrange to meet the interested parties and then report back to the Council.
- Library Windows. The Council agreed to additional expenditure to cover the cost of fitting safety glass in the library windows and erecting scaffolding to the front of the Town Hall.
- Defibrillators. The Council agreed to lease 3 units which were to be installed at the Painswick Town Hall, The Woolpack at Slad and The Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe.
- Re-set Tombstones were feasible. The Council agreed in principle to the resetting of Memorial Stones, subject to a review of the costs involved. George Hodder would carry out an assessment of the Cemetery and report.
- Agree funding for a Skag deck for the mower. Council agreed the funding

Responsible Financial Officers report

The Council agreed payment of various invoices.

Ward Reports

Cllr Roey Parker advised the meeting that Sheepscombe residents were becoming increasingly concerned about parking problems at the local school. Was it possible to create a parking bay close to the school? It was agreed to refer the matter to the Traffic Committee to discuss at their next meeting.

Cllr Parker then mentioned that a post box in Wick Street had been damaged and she wondered if parts from that box could be used to repair the post box in Tibbiwell Lane.

The Meeting closed at 08.50pm

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Community Speed Watch – one year on, and other traffic updates

With 15 volunteers trained in October 2014, we have completed a full year of quarterly Speed Watch weeks. Each session has an immediate impact on drivers through Painswick. Whilst most check their speed appropriately, over 630 registrations of those who didn't have been provided to the police. This has been supplemented with regular use of our Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign, which displays the actual speed of traffic. Also manned by our Community Speed Watch volunteers this has been used every 2-3 weeks this year at various locations. Over the last 6 months we have noticed that the average proportion of vehicles exceeding the ACPO speed limit has reduced from approximately 35% to 25%.

Many, many thanks are due to Alan Hudson who leads this Community Speed Watch activity and the willing volunteers who take part whatever the weather – as the numbers show, it is certainly making a difference for all those who use our roads and footways. We would also like to thank those who offer us a friendly wave and the very welcome cups of tea and coffee!

In other news, a good number of people have signed up to the Pace Car initiative. Each and everyone makes a difference by keeping to the speed limit and thus setting the pace of those behind them. You too can make this difference by just sticking to the speed limit and setting an example.

Gloucestershire County Council have also renewed and improved the road markings at the 20mph and 30mph gateways and provided some additional repeaters. So, there is less and less excuse for drivers not to be aware of the legal speed limits in the different parts of Painswick. And, they have approved the match-funding for our permanent Vehicle Activated Signs... watch out for their installation (although this may take a couple more months yet to get it in the contractor's programme!).

We look forward to continuing these endeavours and initiatives – if you would like to get involved please get in touch. In the meantime, thanks to all have made this possible thus far.

Abigail Smith

Chair of Traffic Committee, Painswick Parish Council

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'Full Recognition' for the ACP Work Experience Programme

We are delighted to have achieved the Full Recognition standard of the Skills for Stroud Work Experience Charter!



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County Councillor's Monthly Report October 2015

Consultation – Funded Public Transport

The consultation runs between 6th October 2015 and January 2016.

Following the consultation, responses will be considered together with responses from the recent local bus consultation in the Cotswolds, and recommendations will be made to the County Council's Cabinet. The full consultation is available online at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fundedtransport and paper copies will be distributed on buses, in libraries, education, employment and health centres. Engagement days will be held at supermarkets across the county and invited stakeholder events will also occur to maximise the response rate.

Consultation – Fire and Rescue Service Provision

The fundamental review of the operational response outlined in the Gloucestershire's Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-18 has now been concluded. The outcomes from the review are being published for public consultation, which will close on 4th January 2016. The consultation runs between 1st October 2015 and 4th January 2016.

Public drop in sessions are being held in mid-November. If you wish to comment on the proposals you can do this online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultglosfire.

*Cllr Jason Bullingham – Phone: 01452 812037
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Post Office Outreach – Painswick Town Hall

The Post Office Outreach facility at the Town Hall will be open each Wednesday and Friday between 9.30am and 11.30am up to and including Wednesday 23rd December in the pre-Christmas period. The facility will be closed during the week commencing Monday 28th December. The recommended last posting dates for delivery within the UK are:

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Painswick's Yew Tree Christmas Lights

Many Hands Make Lights Work! - Help Needed Please!

Every year a dedicated team of volunteers prepare, install and maintain the beautiful chains of white Christmas lights that appear, as if by magic, to adorn the yew trees in the Memorial Garden of St Mary's churchyard.

Keeping the lights lit requires the simple daily task of removing the batteries from the 20 trees at about 9:30 am, leaving them on charge in the church for about 6 hours and then returning them to the trees at 4:00 pm.

The lights will be lit for the first time on Friday 27th November, for Painswick's Goodwill Evening, and will remain lit every night until the New Year.

Many hands make 'light' work certainly seems an appropriate saying here! The more helpers involved in the rota of daily battery chargers certainly lightens the load for everyone!

If you would like to volunteer to help keep the Christmas lights burning, please contact me in the first instance at the chairman@btconnect.com or phone me on 07718 624253.

Many thanks!

Chris Mercer

Tewkesbury Abbey - A Choral Celebration

The enthusiastic singers of Stroud Choral Society will be performing their most ambitious programme to date bringing together the works of three of the most celebrated English composers of the twentieth century.

Lead by Huw Williams, Musical Director, Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, with the Regency Sinfonia, mezzo soprano Martha McLorinan and baritone Stuart Young, the concert will take place in the magnificent surroundings of Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, November 14th from 7.30pm.

The concert begins with the Coronation Anthem 'I was Glad' by Sir Hubert Parry. Millions will have enjoyed this splendid music during the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales in 1981 and again in 2011 at the wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge. Elgar's 'The Music Makers' and orchestral work 'Cockaigne Overture,' a lively and colourful portrayal of Edwardian London, complete the first half of the programme.

The concert highlight is a performance of the vivid and dramatic 'Belshazzar's Feast' by William Walton. The story tells of the lavish feast thrown by Belshazzar, the King of Babylon, of greed, excess and the ultimate downfall of his kingdom. Written for double choir, baritone solo and large scale orchestra with extended brass and percussion sections, this music will bring the audience a visual feast as well as the spectacular sound of this powerful masterpiece.

Tickets are available by visiting www.subscriptionrooms.org.uk tel: 01453 760900, from Tewkesbury Abbey shop and on the door, priced £25, £20, £15. Under 18s (accompanied) free. For further information about the choir, please go to www.stroudchoral.org

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New Manager and New Extension at Resthaven

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The new extension comprises seven bedrooms, all with en-suite wet rooms, of which three are on the ground floor, with their own patio area, and the other four on the first floor. Being on the west side of the existing building all have views of Resthaven's extensive grounds with glimpses of Pitchcombe Wood and down the Painswick valley towards Stroud.

Having made her very significant contribution to Resthaven's development, Jayne Roberts retired as Manager at the end of August. Her successor, who started on 1st October, is Stephen Griffin, an old Marlintonian with a working lifetime of experience running other homes in the district where he has a proven track record of managing performance to meet Best Practice.

He has taken over leadership of a dedicated team of nurses and care assistants whose experience and qualifications are second to none in the county. He will give a warm welcome to any Beacon reader who wishes to see the new rooms or discuss the services Resthaven is now able to offer.

For further information please contact Steve on 01452-812682 or visit Resthaven's website: www.resthavenpitchcombe.co.uk

Project St Mary's - Sociable Safari Supper

St Mary's is about to enter an exciting phase as it prepares to improve the facilities of the church to benefit Painswick and also our thousands of visitors.

As a starting point for the fund-raising a progressive supper is being arranged on 19th November when it is hoped that as many people as possible will meet and mix and enjoy one another's company in a variety of different homes.

Starting at 6pm for canapes and drinks in the Church Rooms participants will then move on, in groups of about eight, to their first host's home for their main course. Later they will go to a second host's home for a dessert and coffee.

Please seize this opportunity to support this improvement project for St Mary's and at the same time spend time with friends and enjoy a rather unusual supper experience together!

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Richmond Painswick Annual Christmas Fayre

Richmond Painswick heartily welcome you all to our Annual Christmas Fete which is to be held on Friday 4th December between 3pm and 5pm. We have something for everyone, with lots of lovely stalls, including jewellery, fashion accessories, chutneys, cakes and sweets, fossils, gifts, crafts and more. There will be music and entertainment featuring Colin Dymond, magician and ventriloquist. Refreshments will also be available. It's free entry so please join us for a lovely festive afternoon.

Creative Writing Group

Have you ever wanted to write a Short Story, Children's Stories, tales of our own ups and downs? If so, you have a friendly group which meet most Mondays from 2.15pm until 3.45pm at Richmond Painswick with tutor Dr Sue Houseago. You will be warmly welcomed and offered a chance to enjoy the fun and surprises that words can bring. £8 per session: includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For further information please contact Jay Dexter/Suzanne Varah on 01452 813902.

Bridge Group

Richmond has a regular Monday Bridge Group. If any Painswick residents would like to attend they are more than welcome. The start time is 2.30pm with complimentary refreshments available.

Jay Dexter, Activity Administrator

Rococo Christmas

The Rococo Garden season closed on the 31st October, but for those who cannot wait for the Garden to be reopened on 10th January, The Friends of the Garden are hosting a special two-day Christmas event at the Coach House on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November, noon till 4pm.

The Coach House restaurant will be serving delicious home made soup and bread from 12.30 to 2pm, and a fine selection of homemade cakes, tea and coffee will be on offer all afternoon.

The Rococo shop alongside the restaurant will be selling its usual delightful array of gifts and cards. For this special one off event the stock has been extended to offer particular Christmas items, home made goodies and decorations. So if you are looking for a little inspiration for your family, table, tree or pet – not forgetting a little something for you - do come along and join us. All the proceeds will be put back into maintaining what, we are sure you will agree, is a very magical and historically important garden.

Do join us for a snoop around our small but perfectly formed shop; a hot drink, a slurp of tasty soup (usually made entirely from Rococo Garden grown produce) and a sweet treat. Maybe try your hand at the simple craft of decorating your own Christmas candle? Children and non-children allowed!

We would love to welcome you and it would be an opportunity to find out a little more about some of the plans ahead for the garden as it enters its first change of management since the start of its restoration in 1988.

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Get the Library habit !

With the nights drawing in, what better than to curl up with a good book! We have set ourselves a target of reaching 1,000 items loaned in the month of November. Last year's November number was 819, so it is a stretch target. As usual there will be an incentive – all readers, adults and children, will be entered in a draw for the chance to win a fabulous Christmas hamper for the adults, and a stocking for the children, so dig out your Library card, join if you haven't already, and get reading !



November Events

10th November – Author Harvey Sagar

Harvey Sagar, local author, will be talking about his books – two medical stories, the first is semi-autobiographical, and three volumes of poetry. Come along and hear this wonderful speaker. Tickets are limited, so please act swiftly, they cost £3 to include a drink, and are available in the library.

27th November – Goodwill Evening and Prizes draw

Painswick Goodwill Evening is on Friday 27th November. And the Library will be open until late. Vicki Henzel will be helping children to make Christmas Tree Decorations from 5.30 to 7.30pm. We are also lucky to have new, and local children's author Philip Barnes to talk about and sell copies of his first book "My Teacher's a Robot", which is aimed at 7-11 year olds. He will be starting at 6.30pm. At 7.30 we hope Philip and Vicky will be on hand to draw the winning tickets for the Hamper and Stocking.

New Books

A long list of new books (nearly 40 altogether this month) to tempt you into the library. For the complete list, see the library counter – highlights include:

Adult Non-Fiction: Bill Bryson The Road to Little Dribbling; Frederick Forsyth The Outsider – my life in Intrigue

Adult Fiction: Robert Harris Dictator; Andrew Marr Head of State, Edith Wharton The House of Mirth

Junior Non-Fiction: Richard Brassey The story of the Olympics; Deborah Kespert Genius, the most astonishing Inventions of all time

Junior Fiction: David Baddiel The Parent Agency; Rex Stine, Stampede of the giant Reptiles; David Walliams Grandpa's Great Escape

Lost Teddy is still lost!

Here is a picture of our resident Teddy Bear – still without his friendly owner. Please come and collect him if he is yours.

Ian Cridland



Police report for October

Burglary - Gloucestershire Police are appealing for witnesses following a burglary at the Town Hall, Victoria Street, Painswick. Sometime between 5pm on 2 October and 8am on 5 October offenders broke into the building and removed a very heavy iron safe - green/yellow in colour. They made an untidy search of the building and got away with cash, property deeds and cheque books. Police would like to hear from anyone with any information or who saw anything suspicious over the weekend that may help with their enquiries. Please call 101 quoting incident number 68 of 5 October 2015.



Wildlife Crime - We are currently in a period where activity in the Rural Areas pertaining to poaching (deer, fish) and hare coursing is taking place, with the crops cut and fields lit by the moon and clear skies, it makes ideal conditions for the poachers. I am aware many members of public go out for walks in the evening or early morning, and have in the past seen suspicious vehicles in remote areas outside our villages. We would request that if you do see suspicious vehicles or individuals or suspect that Wild Life Crime is taking place:

- Call 999/101
- Give an accurate location if possible
- Do not put yourself or anyone else in danger**
- Observe what is happening and give full details to the call-taker (eg descriptions, car registration numbers)
- Make notes if possible
- Make yourself available to speak to the attending officer

What happens next?

The incident will be fully investigated by, or with the assistance of Rural and Environmental Crime Liaison Officers (RECLOs). If an arrest is made, the offender is likely to be prosecuted and you may be required to be a witness at court. Information on attending court as a witness will be given by the Police.

What else can I do?

Keep informed about the types of wildlife crime that can be committed and don't ignore any suspicious activity. Follow our guidelines if you suspect a wildlife crime is taking place. If you prefer to report anonymously, please contact Crimestoppers 0800555111

Colin Drewett BEM PCSO 49107

Rural Environmental Crime Liaison Officer Stroud LPA (RECLo)



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The Painswick Centre Beacon Hall. In aid of Stroud and District homes, providing accommodation for 30 residents with various degrees of learning disability. The extreme government cuts in funding means Mencap has to rely on the generosity of the public even more.

An evening with ACP.... in colour



A catwalk of costumes and live music
Saturday 28 November 7:30pm - 11:00pm
Starting at St Mary's Church Painswick & continuing with small bites and fizz, a very special auction, live music and dancing at The Beacon Hall
Tickets only £15 in advance, £18 at the door
For sale in the ACP Gallery from Nov 6th, or pre-book now
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Hexagon Players

Painswick Beacon Hall Sat Dec 5th - 7.30pm

The Hexagon Theatre Company who are celebrating 30 years of performing entertaining and thought-provoking plays in Stroud present:

Pyrenees by David Greig

In the Pyrenees a middle-aged man is found unconscious in the snow. He has no papers and no memory of who he is. A young woman from the British Consulate is dispatched to his hotel to see if she can establish his identity. As they talk and begin to work out a story for him, they find themselves connecting on a deeper level. But the arrival of another guest threatens to undermine their conclusions

David Greig has built up a reputation as one of the leading British playwrights of his generation with plays such as Outlying Islands and Dunsinane. His work covers a diverse

range between The Events, a response to the Anders Breivik killings in Norway and the musical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He takes up the post of Artistic Director at the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh in 2016.

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Donkey Sanctuary world-wide



The Speaker at our September meeting was Lizzie Ellis, Welfare Advisor for the Donkey Sanctuary. Over 50 million donkeys and mules exist in the world and many need care and protection from a life of suffering and neglect whilst others have a vital role to play in human survival and happiness.

Donkeys are hard-working, stoical creatures who, sadly, are often badly treated. The Romans brought them here to work when building roads and they were used to pull gun carriages in the First World War. A damp climate with muddy fields and lush grass is really unsuited to these animals, which originate in the deserts of Africa and Asia. Their furry coat is not waterproof and they only thrive if given shelter, exercise and an appropriate diet.

The Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth was founded by Dr Elisabeth Svendsen in 1969. This is now a working farm and visitor centre and is open to the public throughout the year. The charity supports projects in 27 countries. There are 16 Welfare officers in England who will always assist if they receive a report of a donkey in trouble. The Donkeys are given treatment and lifelong care or provided with a home through fostering schemes. They are intelligent, active, gentle beasts and once fully recovered, can offer therapy at riding centres to 75,000 children with special needs each year. The lives of disabled adults can also be immeasurably improved by the therapy that close contact with rescued donkeys provides.

Lizzie had worked in Egypt where donkeys play a pivotal role in the poorest communities particularly in the brick-making industry. The charity also provides vital veterinary care and community training which supports families and makes life better for working animals.

Our next meeting on 24th November is our AGM. The Speaker will be Jayne Morris who will talk about Flowers for Christmas.

Naomi Dunn

Pete's Fish

Fish is such a versatile food. Easy to cook, easy to serve and oh so healthy. We are, therefore, fortunate indeed to have in our midst – well, in the Town Hall car park – Pete the Fishman every Friday morning selling the very best fish available.

Pete's fish van is open for business from 8.30 until 11.00am. His fish could not be fresher, coming from Grimsby overnight. It is also exceptionally good value competing very favourably with supermarket prices (and of course fresher by far). Temptingly displayed in the refrigerated van the fish is always currently seasonal. He also sells a wonderful selection of smoked pates and fishcakes, and samphire when in season.

Pete is always obliging and helpful, and he is very knowledgeable about his stock. With growing concerns about the nation's health we could not do better than to consider eating more fish. If we are not to lose Pete's valuable service we must make every effort to use it regularly.

Carol Maxwell

PSALMS 10th Anniversary

On the evening of Saturday October 3rd, a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving took place at St Laurence's Church, Stroud, to give thanks to God and to review the work of PSALMS in the Painswick and Stroud area over the past 10 years. The service was led by the Rev Canon Helen Sammon and was well attended by young and old. Our guest speaker was Bishop Rachel Treweek, the new Bishop of Gloucester!

PSALMS began in 2005 in the Beacon Benefice as the brainchild and vision of Rev John Longuet-Higgins, which he shared with a group from the churches in the benefice. He wanted to begin a work of ministry of the Christian faith among the young people of the benefice, using sport as a starting point. This would require funds in order to employ a Strategic Youth Minister, so the group prayed that the required money would be donated quickly... and it was.

A company was formed, with a Board of Directors, and PSALMS was born.

Our first SYMs were Tim Friend and his wife, Kerstin,



both graduates of York University, with a deep Christian faith. Tim also has a love of Rugby, and is a great player and coach, so he began work as a coach at Painswick Rugby Club,

and started a youth club for the lads on Monday nights in St. Mary's Church Rooms - the girls soon joined in too! Kerstin is a skilful dancer and teacher who began to work with the children in the schools. It was great that they were able to share at the celebration along with Odele Harding who had also worked for PSALMS.

Ten years later, the work amongst the youth of the area has spread out to Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Bussage, Chalford, Kemble and beyond, and there have been 10 SYMs and 9 Interns during that time. Our current SYMs are Fiona Gill, Anton Wynn and Andy Poole, and our Interns are Becky Elliot from Painswick and Elliot Grove from Chandlers Ford in Hampshire.

The main weekly, monthly and residential events for Beacon children are:

- Club Pulse at the PYCP in Painswick for Y6 – Y11
- Pulse + in Painswick for Y9+
- Pulsar Clubs at lunchtime in The Croft and Cranham Schools
- Messy Church for children and families in Painswick
- PSALMS Prayer & Praise in Cranham Church
- Residential for Y5/6, the big Sleepover and TRAC for Y7+

Much of the work of PSALMS depends upon the financial and practical support of volunteers, and I have been privileged to make the toast and hot chocolate on a Monday night at Club Pulse at various times over the past 10 years. It has been, and still is, great to get to know the young people of Painswick, and to join in the fun, and learning with them about the difference that Jesus can make in all our lives.

Barbara Gay, Cotswold Mead, Painswick

Picture: Andy Poole interviewing Ben Soutar

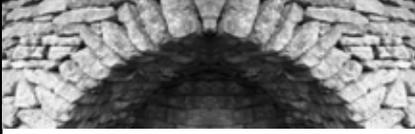


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Messy Church

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What gifts will we bring this Christmas?

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Messy Church is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Any queries: please contact Fiona Gill on 0777 151 3382 or Fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net

Next Messy Church: Thursday 14th January 2016 at St. Mary's Church Rooms



Pan statue

Jonathan Choat has written to The Beacon with an interesting account of activities concerning the Pan statue which was apparently once situated in St. Mary's Churchyard. Jonathan writes "Now that the Painswick Feast is undergoing a vigorous and welcomed revival – albeit without its pagan and even 18th century excesses, it might be time to examine the strange iron studs high on the south wall of St. Mary's church next to a memorial escutcheon, just before the entrance. This was the location of a bas relief of Pan who, in some minds, was linked with previous centuries' promiscuous revels. However, in 1950 the vicar, one Revd Jackson, plotted to curtail the revelry surrounding Feast Sunday. He ordered a team of evidently pious churchgoers to enter the churchyard at night and tear down the Pan statue, which had remained in position for perhaps 200 years. They buried it in an unmarked grave, and those involved were sworn to secrecy over its whereabouts. Today only one or two individuals preserve this precious knowledge and seem reluctant to reveal it". Jonathan goes on to state that St. Mary's is a Grade 1 listed building and he is surprised that this was allowed to take place without redress, but he says there is a possible solution. He explains that he is a sculptor and enjoys the bas relief techniques. He says, "If I can find illustrations of the Pan plaque, I can at least reproduce it for public scrutiny and maybe it could be replaced in its original position on the Church wall. I feel that it is unlikely to cast a baleful or licentious influence over the majority of current Painswick residents – though some might hope for it. Any pictures please?"

Jonathan's address is, Dynevor House, New Street, Painswick GL6 6UN. Tel: 01452 8127805.

Community Lunches

Community Lunches have started this season – each Monday up to December 7th before Christmas – when a local group make home-made vegetable soup, and supply fresh bread & cheese to serve up at ASHWELL CENTRE, off Churchill Way – from 12noon to 1.15pm. This costs £3 – and all profits go to local good causes. This year Cup Cakes for Carers will receive some money and also the Play Painswick Group who are trying to improve the facilities on the Rec.

The top class at the Croft School were our hosts on one October Monday – and were so willing and polite, it was a pleasure to be served their delicious soups – carrot & coriander or leek & potato were on offer.

It is a warm and friendly venue – do come and join us!

Rita Bishop (Coordinator) and David Linsell (Treasurer)

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Well that is it. Another season over, time to start the winter maintenance jobs like path repairs and cleaning and teak oiling all the seats.

Rococo Reflections

It has been a good year for us up at the Garden. Visitor numbers are up by nearly 10% on 2014 and we have seen an even greater increase in the restaurant. There have been a number of factors that have helped. The weather during the snowdrop season was pretty good, (even if the summer was a huge climatic disappointment to us all!) The Casual Vacancy created a lot of public interest in Painswick, and the Garden featured in a BBC2 programme based on a garden design competition.

In addition to a good business year, we have seen the appointment of some fantastic new Trustees, who have strengthened the Governing Board of the Garden as we move forward into a new era.

We hope you were all watching BBC1 on Monday 2nd Nov, when there was interesting piece on the history of the Hyett family.

Finally we would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have given up their time to help in the Garden and man the entrance desk. As always we are looking for additional helpers, particularly over the busy snowdrop time. If you can help then please call us on 01452 813204.

Paul Moir

Ancient Society of Painswick Youth

Observant listeners on 20th October might have wondered why the bells were ringing from 6.30pm rather than 7.30 as is usual on Practice Night in the tower. This was because a quarter peal of 1260 changes of a method called Bob Doubles was being rung to celebrate a 'significant' birthday this year for 3 of the ringers, David Bishop, Jenny Chapman and Gilly Padbury.

The ringers were: 1. Deborah Foreman, 2. Angela Newing (conductor), 3. Janet Crispin, 4. Jacqui Pillinger, 5. Alan Hodges, 6. David Bishop.

20th October was also during the local Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association's 'Peal and Quarter Peal Week', so it will count towards the total for the Stroud Branch.

Angela Newing



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Pauline's back with Approche

It was a tea shop, then a clothes shop, then, very very briefly, a saucy lingerie shop (the latter fictional, of course). The retail premises on the corner of St Mary's Street have remained sadly redundant for some time but it is pleasing to report that once again the shop is now back in business.

Pauline Roche has re-opened this key central shop which she ran as Approche until February 2011. With a bright fresh feel it is now an outlet for knitwear, books, pictures and interesting pieces of furniture. Pauline points out that this is just the start and more lines are likely to be introduced.

With the loss of so many of our shops during the past few years this is certainly excellent and welcome news.

Carol Maxwell

There's no such thing as a "Bad Hair Day" at the Hairdressers!

The Hairdressers is delighted to announce that Sara Davies, known to so many of you, is back in the salon as stylist. Sara will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9-5. Sara is offering a special on colours: "Colour Me Tuesday" for £30, excluding any finish. I know she has many customers who will be thrilled to see her back, so please spread the word or pop in for a tea or coffee to say hello. Meanwhile, Maria, beloved of many for so long, remains busy on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9-5, but is always happy to pack late comers in.

We are also excited to announce that we have a Barber on board. Dane Willey joins us from the great Northern Lights, as his fiancé is relocating to the area (he thought it perspicacious to join her). Dane has packed his suitcase, folding his talents very neatly, tucking his eye for detail into those empty corners, and layering his great sense of humour on top, and we can't wait for him to unpack! So, again, please pop in and welcome him. On the beauty side, Dr Hauschka facial treatments in the fabulous hands of Jane Mann, are available on Wednesdays as of 28th October. Those who know this beauty house and Jane, will eagerly attest to its success and her amazing ability to make you feel utterly rejuvenated. And, as if that is not enough, there will also be a masseuse available; Mary Gellhorn, offering in addition, aromatherapy and craniosacral treatments (for those suffering headaches or feeling generally not "tight") on Thursdays. You can book both Jane and Mary directly through the salon; Jane is available to you as of 28th October, and Mary as of beginning November. The Nail, Brow and Wax room, fully stocked, is available for rent, so if you know of anyone looking to start their own business, please let them know to come and see us. So, while things may have been a little unsettled of late, we are not down and out and we look forward to your continued support as we move into the Christmas build up. We're planning some exciting events and will let you know when dates are fixed. Watch this window!

Gilly Hill

Most of us are aware that there are films that have background music and others that have none. Michael Clark showed us on 1st October in his short history of film music that this fell into 3 stages. Before 1927, we had the silent film that was sometimes accompanied by incidental outside music. Progress then came, much due to the influence of the Austrian Jewish composers in the late 1930s as they escaped from persecution to the USA. They produced the first of the great, loud and exciting orchestral music. One could hear the sounds of war, or even walking in the desert! For some 50 years, orchestral music was composed of a type that fitted into films of similar types – a case of mutual stimulation. Lastly, since then, music was progressively composed commercially to promote film production and allied sales. We heard excerpts of music for "Gone with the Wind" in 1939 all the way up to "Ladies in Lavender" in 2004. Most instructive and enjoyable.

Alex Nichols' speciality knowledge of operatic arias came to great effect in his presentation of "The Art of Singing" on 15th October. Before regaling us with some gorgeous recordings, we learned what successful singing required: voice, range (2 or even 3 octaves), breathing: for volume and for spinning it out.

Lack of space permits highlighting only a few arias: Stracciari: Barber of Seville; Eva Turner: Turandot; Felicia Weathers: Don Carlos, Matteuzzi: L'Italiana in Algeri, not to mention 2 choral works: The Rodolfus Choir: Elgar's O Wls an Epitaph and Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia: Verdi's Te Deum. He finished with the wonderful recording of Kathleen Ferrier singing "Blow the wind southerly" showing excellent control.

Ralph Kenber

Industrial Archaeology in your Garage, Shed and Attic



At the Probus meeting on Wednesday 14th October the members were entertained by a talk from Bill King entitled "Industrial Archaeology in your Garage, Shed and Attic". Bill explained that archaeology is the study of past cultures through their artefacts that remain today, but does not necessarily require the excavation of holes in the ground. We all have objects around our houses (some more than others) that we have collected or inherited, that can inform us of the way people worked and played in the past.

We have heard of the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, the Iron Age and so on, and understand how cultures developed with the development of new materials and tools, but we also can get a fascinating insight into more recent times by examination of the artefacts that were used even by us as children, our parents and their parents. With the exponential progress in materials and technologies we don't have to look very far back to appreciate the extensive changes in the way we live and work.

Bill illustrated his point with many examples of how items such as children's toys, tradesman's tools, farm implements, household goods, transport, communications and computers have developed over time and how these developments have impacted our lives. Many of the items Bill used to illustrate his talk were from his own personal collection and from this and his enthusiasm it was evident that, with people like him, our recent archaeological history will be secure. The talk was well received by the Probus members.

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CNFC welcomes back the Elephant Man



The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's (CNFC) programme of talks continues with the welcome return of David Lemon on Wednesday 2nd December. Known affectionately by many as the Elephant Man for his work championing the African elephant, David will tell us about his latest adventures and life-threatening scrapes when 'Walking the Zambezi', Africa's fourth longest river. The meeting starts at 2.30pm and is held in the Beacon Hall, at the Painswick Centre. Further details: 813228.

Over at The Hub in Minchinhampton, Rachel Hemming will surprise us with some of the benefits that trees bring to our lives in her talk 'What Trees Do For Us', on Tuesday 17th November at 2.30pm. For more details of this event, please contact Sue Brown on 01453 836618.

The annual subscription is £20 (or £30 for two people at the same address). New members joining now are covered through to December 2016. To keep the subscription as low as possible, we charge members £1 per meeting to help cover costs. Visitors are very welcome (£3) to both meetings which conclude with light refreshments.

Jane Rowe, tel. 813228

30th Anniversary Celebrations Ashwell House Day Centre

The Beacon of July 1985 published a report of the Painswick Parish Council meeting that had taken place on 19th June. In the Report of the business of the Parish Council it was recorded that: 'Age Concern was hoping to set up a Day Centre at Ashwell where elderly housebound people could be taken for one day a week.' The hope was expressed that the Council would support the venture and that volunteers would be available to help with the work and with publicity. The preparations for the opening of the Centre moved on apace during the months of August and September. The first meeting of the Day Centre took place on 6th October 1985.

The Centre continues to thrive and recently has updated its title to the Wednesday Ashwell Group. Currently the membership is at capacity, however, there is always a need for helpers and support. The volunteers who help to manage the Centre and provide essential transport celebrated their 30th anniversary in style with a lunch on 15th October at the Burleigh Court Hotel. It was also most pleasing that some of the earliest volunteers were able to join in the celebrations.

Committee of Wednesday Ashwell Group

Environmental Stewardship



Notwithstanding many years of ecological study, man has failed to recognize and respond to the severity, complexity and extent of his own environmental depredations. Timely, proportionate local reaction was the topic on 7th October 2015 at the excellent joint meeting of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club and the Bird Club which took place at the Painswick Centre and was addressed by Ian Boyd, third generation Whittington Lodge Farmer. His training had been focussed on high productivity with ever heavier machinery, chemicals and fertilisers resulting in an easily eroded, shallow soil of low organic content. First initiatives such as fallow field margins were of limited advantage so this decade has seen much of his land turned over from arable to pasture, inducing a vast array of wild "flowers" and insect varieties with a consequent surge in bird species and numbers. No longer is there under-grazing with up to 70 pedigree Herefords on site. Also imaginative planting of late seeding flora has alleviated birds' late winter hunger months.

Thus Ian Boyd, showing great natural history photographic skills, was able to give us insights into the achieving of a wonderful botanical and avian reserve, compatible with a commercially effective farming strategy. So many tasty cuts of local beef are freely available! His elegant photos also subtly demonstrated the critical interdependence of our threatened flora and fauna. Can one imagine the sight of a skylark flock (!) and the vision of 1,000 linnets, so no surprise then that Ian had won the Cotswold Grey Partridge Award from the data base externally assessed. Thus shown were the true skills of environmental stewardship – a contribution applauded by a large audience.

The last Bird Club meeting of 2015 will be on Tuesday, December 1st at 10.30am when we have organised a Field Trip around Frampton Lakes. Gordon Kirk will lead us on a search for winter migrants. Meet at small car park off Watery Lane, Frampton on Severn. Visitors are welcome, £3.00.

Martin and Wendy Addy

Progress on Painswick Beacon

The four cows and one calf, kindly loaned by a local grazier, left Painswick Beacon in mid-October after successfully grazing, two of the four designated paddocks. Experts from Natural England and Butterfly Conservation have expressed their delight with the effects of the grazing. Now that the cattle have repeatedly eaten off the long grass a widening range of plants is again prospering at ground level.



The Cotswold Way and more

On the evening of Thursday, November 12th you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Cotswold Way and other National Trails. Painswick is at the mid-point of the 102 mile trail, from near Bath to Chipping Campden. Wysis Way crosses it near Catbrain Quarry.

James Blockley, who manages the Cotswold Way from the Cotswold Conservation Board's offices at Northleach, will give an illustrated talk on the Cotswold Way and other similar routes. Before that The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group will have its Annual General Meeting, including reports on recent activities and plans for the future. Please come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm; visitors at £2 each will be warmly welcome.

David Allott, Committee Member



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Tourist Information Centre Celebration

Volunteers from Painswick's Tourist Information Centre gathered in the Church Rooms on 31st October to express their appreciation to the local residents who had done so much to see the creation of the Tourist Information Centre in the former gravedigger's hut. Anne Smith, the manager of the Centre, said that she wished to thank a number of people, in particular, former churchwarden David Bishop, members of St Mary's Church Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council, Painswick Matters, Stroud District Council and, not least, Messrs A J Bullingham, the contractors, who had carried out the conversion work. She said that Jason Bullingham and his brother Alan had been especially helpful with advice on planning and other matters. Norman Ward had been responsible for the heating and Audrey Timpson had provided the carpet. A plaque had been commissioned giving the names of the volunteers and those who had contributed to the building's acquisition and conversion. The plaque was the work of Valerie Dougan and had been positioned on the far wall of the Centre. Anne had made a splendid cake which was very much enjoyed by everyone. Our picture shows David Bishop cutting the cake.



Painswickian and Young Painswickian of the Year

It's that time of year when we ask for your nomination for Painswickian of the Year and young Painswickian of the Year. We are asking readers to put forward nominations to the Beacon committee for the committee's consideration. The two awards are given in recognition of those residents who have brought credit to the village in the past year or more, or who have given exceptional service to the local community. Your nominee for Painswickian of the Year should be over 21. You may wish to nominate a couple. Nominees for Young Painswickian of the Year should be 21 years or younger.

Nominations should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box in New Street or sent by email to: beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for nominations is Monday 23rd November.

We hope that you will give thought to putting forward a nomination and thank you for your interest.

as it coincided with the closure of the Tourist Information Centre for the year. It would reopen on Monday 7th March 2016. In the seven months between April and October 2015 a total of 3,600 people had visited the Centre.

From one man and his dog ... Richard builds on

"In the beginning there was me, and my dog," says Richard Lovell about his building business. Then Wayne joined as Richard's reputation grew and work increased. All was progressing well until 2011 when Richard slipped and fell and what he thought at first was a minor incident in fact was quite serious. His shoulder was badly injured and he now has six screws in that shoulder.

The upshot was that Richard was no longer able to complete a whole job himself and, as demand continued, "I took on another, and another, and then another, and now we are five." Originally therefore a sole trader Richard decided to change the business to a limited company and on 1st July it became Painswick Building Services Ltd. He explains that all work is local and would like the team to grow to keep up with the demand. Preferably he would like two teams.

Richard himself is a qualified carpenter but, like the rest of the team, has developed a wide range of building skills over the years. He is proud of his team who, he says, are truly multi-skilled and able to cover a whole job whether big or small. He confesses to being very fussy about workmanship, determined to do an excellent job every time, and is fastidious about cleanliness and tidiness on site. "Experience teaches you the importance of this," he says.

With a reputation for reliability and high standards of workmanship Richard and his team are understandably much in demand in Painswick. This is a busy man who has lived and worked in Painswick for 15 years. (He also runs a highly thought of B&B in Tibbiwell). There is a website - www.painswickbuildingservices.com and Richard can be contacted by tel. 812748 or email lovell_richard@hotmail.com

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PROBUS Women

Our talk, Walking in Wales, by Liz Atkins on 12th October wasn't just all about walking 757 miles of coastland in Wales. It was also about why. Liz and her trekking partner John Plant are both totally committed to raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity developed 20+ years ago which provides bright cheerful specialized units full to the brim with teenage technology and offers care, treatment and support for young people aged 13-24 years and for their families.

Their 'Walk in Wales' raised £10,500 which was split between University Hospital in Cardiff and Alder Hey Childrens Hospital in Liverpool.

Liz and John (a very fit 76) and Matty the Airdale Terrier who joined in at times and belongs to Liz, started their walk with support of their Family and friends on 21/8/14 at Chester a place not recommended as a starting point by Liz as too much tarmac here was not foot-friendly! but, once in more natural surroundings, the beauty of Wales shone through illuminating spectacular and memorable sights. Beautiful sea views, pods of dolphins, Castles galore, magnificent mountains, wandering Welsh mountain goats and stunning golden stretching sandy beaches and quaint harbours to pick out just a few mentioned. Some parts were "not lovely" as Liz kindly phrased it but mostly the Welsh coastline was breathtaking. When they reached Castle Martin Tank Range they were relieved not to have Matty with them as practice was live. The noise of gunfire was ear shattering and very frightening. At Lydstep beach they celebrated their 500 mile mark in true Teenage Cancer Trust trekking style with a 'Rusty Nail' (whiskey cocktail) Warmed the cockles! Eventually after walking an average of 12-20 miles per day over 44 days they reached the end of their goal standing right in the middle of Chepstow Bridge. Another trek to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust over. Diolch yn fawr Liz and John . . . not forgetting Matty. The welcome they kept in those Welsh hillsides was worth every effort. Apparently the Sahara is the next trek up!

Next meeting on 9th November, 10 for 10.30. Cake Decorations with Christine West. Guests £3. All welcome

Delia Mason

Annual General Meeting 2015

The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their AGM on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms (Assembly Hall), Painswick.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments, and then there will be a talk given by Denise Magauran, entitled, "An Easter Pilgrimage to Jordan" which Denise & Pat Burrows joined this year.

This should prove a most interesting evening. We look forward to your support – ALL ARE WELCOME.

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP



Croft School Reports



Reception News at The Croft

The new children in Class 'R' have had a super start to the autumn term. The children are now in school full time and have settled brilliantly in to school life. It's been lovely to see lots of new faces and welcome new families to the area. We have started with a favourite topic, 'New Friends' and the children have loved our first story called 'Owl babies'. We are very excited to meet more new friends this week as we welcome, 'Birds of Prey' with James Harris as part of our art topic day. The children will be displaying their creations in school for everyone to see.

Mrs Hartley

Class 2 visited Stroud Museum on Tuesday the 13th of October because there topic is "Inventors"

When we went to Stroud Museum we saw some inventors. They were a bit funny. Some had beards and some didn't. When it was nearly home time we saw some broken pieces of glass that had been dug up in Painswick. I had fun.

By James, aged 6

Mr Budding

Mr Budding invented the lawnmower. We saw him on our school trip. But the person that was doing that was actually an actor. He worked in a factory.

Mr Hubert Cecil Booth

Herbert Cecil Booth invented the Hoover, but you should not call a Hoover a Hoover, you should call it a vacuum cleaner or a Boother.

By Georgia, aged 6

Football report

On the 8th of October 2015 the Croft played against Hillview for an interesting match. Hillview took kick-off and the game commenced with a strong Croft team: Thomas Selick, Harry Cook, Edward Phillips, Hugo Mercer, Owen Howie, Freddie Little, Fin Lynam, Sammy Loftus and Joe Slater. Rushing towards the ball we soon had possession and headed for their goal and soon Harry's strong right foot struck the ball in to the net. 1-0 to the Croft.

Soon we had possession again and had won a corner. Hugo launched the ball into the box and Harry scored a fantastic goal AGAIN. We reached half-time and it was 2-0 to the Croft. Hillview were on the counterattack and soon the ball was fired into the back of the net. Unfortunately Sammy could not stop it. Battling hard the game was coming to a close but we were determined to score again. Soon the ball was in our box and once again Harry shot the ball into the back of the net. The fulltime whistle was blown and we had won 3-1.

By Hugo Mercer, Edward Phillips and Sammy Loftus, Aged 10

Exhibition of Paintings and Pottery

John Bailey will be holding his annual exhibition of watercolour paintings and pottery at Winsley Cottage, Oakridge Lynch, from Saturday 28th November until Sunday 6th December, from 11am to 4pm each day. The exhibition is in aid of Cancer research and John is trying to achieve his target of £10,000 for this important charity this year.

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A Touch of Strictly ...

Love to dance? Well now Britannia Dance brings the opportunity to do so at the Painswick Centre every month. Based in Stroud, where they run many classes in Latin, Ballroom and Sequence dancing, Sam and Martina Ellis offer a social tea dance at the Centre on Sunday afternoon once a month. Aimed at people of all ages, including children, with some basic knowledge the sessions last from 2.30-5.00pm, with tea, cakes and refreshments an added bonus. Sam and Martina already run a dance fitness zumba class at 10.00am on Tuesdays in the Centre.

Dancing in all its forms is recognised as an excellent form of enjoyable exercise with a whole range of benefits both physical and mental. It is of course also a very sociable activity. If you haven't danced before and would like to begin to learn, 6-week courses are held at Britannia Dance's studio in Stroud. And now is a good time to start if you would like to be up and dancing confidently by Christmas.

The Painswick sessions are friendly and sociable when people can enjoy dancing to good music in the Centre, an ideal hall, and meeting fellow dancers. The atmosphere



is relaxed and fun, indeed a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to know more the contact details are: tel. 07766101790, email dance@britanniadance.co.uk, web www.britanniadance.co.uk.

The next dances are on 15th November and 13th December.

Carol Maxwell

If the Beacon had existed 100 years ago ...

You would have been reading the following tragic report.

'Probably the saddest news that has yet reached Painswick in the course of the present war was that which conveyed to Mr and Mrs Arthur Ireland, of Butt Green, Painswick, the sad intelligence that two of their sons, Privates John Francis Ireland, better known as Jack, and Frederick James Ireland, had both been killed at the same time. ... They were fighting side by side, and the news was received in a letter from the third brother to his sister, which was as follows:

Have you heard the sad news about Jack and Fred, for I have got the Quartermaster of their Company to write Mr Seddon and break the news at home. What a blow it must be for you all and I don't know however mother will stand this terrible news. It was on the 13th that it happened. We had to attack and try and take a trench a hundred yards away which the Germans were in, but our boys could not take it for barbed wire and machine fire. It was the machine guns that had poor Jack and Fred down. I never saw them after they were killed but they were brought back to our firing line by a mate of theirs who came and told me. The poor boys never suffered any pain. I could not go back to see them for we were on the move when I heard of it. I hope you will all try and bear this great strain for war is a terrible thing. Good-bye and try and cheer up, your broken-hearted brother, WILL.'

A full account of this tragedy and Will's vivid description of the Loos Offensive is given in the book Painswick and the Great War.

Carol Maxwell

Jottings for October

We know, from the news on television and the radio, that we have had a good growing season for our crops. Forage maize and potato harvesting are under way. This year has been good, but in more years than not, it is very wet and harvesters, tractors and trailers have problems getting around the fields.

But the wild berries of our hedgerows this season have been poor - blackberries, hawthorn berries, and sloes for your Gin etc.. There are hardly any wild plums.

Walking the fields passed a badger set you could see where they have been taking grass and other material down underground for their babies and bedding for the winter. They do this by walking backwards pulling the grass etc. along with their front legs. Then on sunny days you may find this same material laid out at the set entrance to air and dry, before being taken back down below.

With the impending autumn and winter, the hedge trimmers are now allowed out to trim our hedges round the fields. The law changed, meaning we were not allowed to trim until the end of August.

With the combines getting bigger and the cutter bar getting up to 35 feet wide, a lot more straw comes out of the rear of these machines to be baled for bedding or eating. So much that only the modern balers can cope with the quantity.

When the balers have finished, it is time to get the straw off the fields and into storage. At this time of year you see these big lorries down Crickley Hill on their way to deliver the straw into the deep south west and across into Wales where little corn is grown.

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Sports reports assembled by John Barrus

Painswick Golf Club

Ladies section

The last friendly match of the season was against Cotswold Edge at home, with Painswick winning 2:1. It was nice to see a newcomer winning one of our recent competitions, the LMS knockout, when Jenny Wilson beat Sylvia Walker in the finals. Other competition results are as follows: The Autumn Par was won by Sarah Taylor, and the Mixed Greensomes winners were Sarah Taylor and Martin Taylor.



Captain and President's Day

This was open to all members, and was played on a gloriously sunny Saturday, with the



men's prize going to Reg Clarke and the ladies prize going to Lesley Wyld. Picture shows Peter Rowe (Past Seniors Captain,) David Walker (Club Captain), Angela Woodward (Ladies Vice Captain), and John Courts (Seniors Vice Captain). All the prizes for the day were generously donated by Mike Hoey (Club President) and David Walker (Club Captain.)

The Ladies and Seniors of Painswick Golf Club combine with their counterparts at Minchinhampton Old Golf Club for the Margaret Kemp Texas Scramble, a friendly but hotly competitive event, probably because the prizes are bottles of wine! This year it was played at Minchinhampton Old, and after a very wet start, sultry middle and a wet finish, the winning team was Jenny Wilson (Painswick), Mike Carter (Painswick), Gill Miles (Minchinhampton Old) and Derek Barnes (Minchinhampton Old).

Seniors Golf

A very sociable Texas scramble was held between the ladies and seniors sections of the club on 13 October. The winners were Henry Hall, Peter Sibley, John Hitchcock and Ian Smethurst. On 15 October, Henry Hall won the Seniors' October Stableford competition with a superb score of 47 points. Duncan Toase also organised two social bowmaker competitions: the first on October 1 was won by David Warren, Roger Anthony and Ian Pringle with a combined score of 43 points; and the second on 22 October with a different format was won by John Hitchcock, Gerry Wilson and Vern Watkin with 136 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

The club is offering a special Winter membership deal for new members (or those coming back to Painswick after a gap of 5 years) of only £150. The offer entitles all those joining full club membership until 31 March 2016. For more details, please contact the club secretary by email on secretary.painswick@virginmedia.com or call in to the clubhouse for an information pack.

Non-members are always welcome for a round of golf (green fee payable) or at the clubhouse. If you are looking for a venue for your Christmas lunch, please contact Mike Horton at the clubhouse on 01452 812180.

Angela Woodward/Peter Rowe

Tennis

Tennis Club Championship



The annual finals day was blessed with a hot sunny day. The men's final was of a high standard between James Barnett and Jamie Morgan. The experience and variation of play by Barnett resulting in him retaining his singles title 6-2 6-4. This bringing his total to 5 singles titles.

The match of the day was Liz Cowan, an experienced county player versus 13 year old Isabella Nunez (pictures below with James Barnett). Liz took the first set with Isabella equalling the match with the second set. Isabella won a near perfect 3rd set with great consistency, moving Liz around the court and ending as a worthy winner of a great match.

The men's doubles went to 3 sets but James Barnett and Graham Britton's experience showed through, leading to a defeat for Jamie Morgan and Freddie Speed.

The ladies and mixed doubles resulted in success for Liz Cowan as she and her regular doubles partner Vanessa Roderick beat Lorraine Ristic and Regi Ristic-North. Then finally, after two long hard-fought matches, Liz stepped on court with Mark Wontumi to win against Ruth Smith and Freddie Speed.



Tennis Club Annual Awards

A successful afternoon took place where 21 tennis players played a team golf match at Painswick Golf Club, with the comfortable winners being revealed as John Barrus, John Shipman and Lyndall McLean.

This was followed by the Annual Awards which were presented to:

Best Player – Lorraine Ristic for winning the over 50s National Championship and for captaincy of the over 50s GB team.

Most Improved Player – Hannah Scott who has matured into a top ladies player and thoroughly deserved her award.

The brilliant evening was rounded off with our own tennis club band led by Graham Britton and Richard Bailey with vocals by Hannah Scott, congratulations to them for their entertaining set!



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Bishop Rachel Treweek

Pictured is the Rt. Revd Rachel Treweek, the newly appointed Bishop of Gloucester, speaking at the PSALMS 30th Anniversary Celebration and Thanksgiving Service, which is reported on page 7.

Put to work on the canal



At the October meeting of the Society members were treated to a somewhat different experience from the usual – they were put to work! Three members of the Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity explained how the organisation aims to digitise all the extant documents (about 95,000 sheets) relating to the canal and to work towards inclusion of the subject in the school curriculum.

The building of the canal had an enormous impact on Stroud and the surrounding area. It introduced new skills, provided long-term work for many and brought about a more efficient means of bringing commodities to the people and essential supplies such as coal for the rapidly developing industrial scene. It was of course a very profitable time for some and the usual names of local notables who were involved in the financing and management of the scheme crop up with regularity in the documents.

Much of the evening was given over to members working in small groups studying a bundle of facsimiles of documents from the 1775 Minute Book. Transcribing requires concentration as the writing is not always easy for the modern eye to interpret accurately. With perseverance however members were able to see from this small number of documents just how important the canal was to the area.

At next month's meeting, Tuesday, 17th November, Rose Hewlett will give a presentation on the Great Severn Estuary Flood. Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Rugby Union World Cup



Painswick along with other local sides had no matches last Saturday (31st October) so that the players could be free to watch the final of the Rugby Union World Cup which was being played at Twickenham. The final was between Australia and New Zealand. Both countries had won the cup twice before with New Zealand attempting to be the first nation to retain the trophy. New Zealand won the match by 34 points to 17.



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This month I thought it would be helpful to pass on some information I have found doing research on behalf of some Village Agent clients I visited recently. I've learnt lots about some of the different mobile phones available if you have difficulty using standard designs.



The first is called "OwnFone". I found this looking for a phone that would be easy to use for a person who was in the early stages of dementia. He enjoys going out on his own but is beginning to feel disorientated occasionally. He also now finds it too complicated to operate a standard mobile. Anyone who finds it difficult to use a general mobile might find this really useful.

The OwnFone allows you to make and receive calls at a touch of a button. The phone is personalised with up to 12 pre-programmed numbers or images of your choice. There's no need to dial, just press a name or picture and you're connected. It arrives ready to use, costs from £40 and there are 3 price plans to choose from and no contract. You can also contact the emergency services by pressing the 999 button 3 times (this will need to be 1 of the prechosen numbers). The OwnFone can be bought through Age UK by calling 0800 669 6644. You will need details of how many people you want to call (up to 12) their names and contact numbers, your payment details and where you want it delivered.

I also needed to find a suitable phone that was easy to use with arthritic fingers and compatible with digital hearing aids. As always, the Gloucestershire Deaf Association (GDA) were very helpful and Samantha Quinson the Hard of Hearing service Coordinator, is happy to show you products at their base in Barnwood and order them for you. Postage is free and there is no VAT on their prices. Products recommended were "the Doro 612 PhoneEasy (£82.94) and the "Amplicomms M7000i (£64.27). I will give contact details at the end of this article.

In the same week I was able to help a lady who is losing her sight and unable to use her current phone. The RNIB have a lot of information on their website, and having also spoken to a young friend of mine recently who has Macular Degeneration

she agrees with them in their recommendation of touch phones, especially the iPhones. They come with a built in screen reader called VoiceOver and a screen magnifier called Zoom. They don't need extra software and come with Bluetooth refreshable braille displays. The Insight shop in Cheltenham is also a great place to go to try out products.

And lastly, there is a Free Telephone Directory Service for people who are registered blind. By simply dialling 195 you can register for this service. When registered you are allocated a card and pin number which when you need a telephone number you quote your pin number and they can tell you the number for free, they can also help to dial a number for you if necessary.

There is a Blind person's tax allowance for those people who are registered blind or severely sight impaired and registered with the local council as being so. For the tax year 2015-2016 the amount is £2290. A couple can both claim this allowance. You can transfer your allowance to your spouse or civil partner if you don't pay tax or don't earn enough to use all of your allowance. This information and more can be found on the GOV.UK website

Please contact me for any information or advice in regards to this article or to any other matter you might need help with. This is a free service for over 50's in this parish.

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PROPERTY REPORT for November from Murrays

Murrays Estate Agents have again had a very busy few months with the start of Autumn and we are continuing to be busy as we are approaching the end of the year. After a slightly quieter August and the end of the summer holidays we saw a sudden increase in our client register, sales and new properties coming to the market. September is traditionally a time for buyers to start looking again after the summer so that they can find a home to move into before Christmas however we are still seeing a lack of new property coming to the market, the buyers are still outweighing the demand. We have had a considerable amount of people registering from all over the world and in particular from London but a lack of stock to show them. Nationwide property index has reported that house prices increased by 0.5% in September with annual house price growth increased to 3.8% in September. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors say that due a smaller amount of property coming to the market, sales rising at a faster pace and demand continuing to soar then this is likely to push property prices up; the number of new buyer enquiries has increased for a sixth consecutive month. We are looking for new properties all the time to be able to tell our clients about so if you are thinking of selling please give us a call – 01452814655.

Despite this we have taken on some lovely new properties including Greenstede, an impressive detached 4 bed family house in a stunning elevated position in the sought after private road Castle Close, Painswick with views all the way to Coaley Peak,

Mount Pleasant Cottage a hidden away 2 bed detached Cotswold cottage in need of renovation with large garden off Vicarage Street, Painswick (already under offer after having over 30 viewings in the first week!), 9a Tres Tabernae, a fascinating 3 bed Grade II listed "apartment" over 4 floors that also needs renovation with pretty garden right in the centre on Bisley Street, Painswick, 33 Ashwell a well presented modern 4 bed house close to the centre of Painswick (already under offer), Abbots Leigh, a spacious 3 bed semi-detached family house with lovely garden and views on Stamages Lane, Painswick, Berry Brow and beautifully renovated and extended 4 bed bungalow in an elevated position on The Knoll in Cranham, Springfield, a charming 2 bed semi-detached cottage with large garden and annexe in the centre of Cranham and Nation House, an impressive 5 bed Grade II listed Cotswold family house full of character and history right in the centre of Bisley.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Columbus Cottage on Cheltenham Road, Painswick, 12 Hyett Orchard, Painswick, 33 Ashwell, Painswick, 6 Stamages Lane, Painswick, Mount Pleasant Cottage, Vicarage Street, Painswick, Sunnybank, Halfway Pitch, Pitchcombe and 7 Haresfield Court in Harsefield. Properties that have now sold are Yew Tree Cottage, New Street, Painswick, Ellis Cottage in Harwicke and 3 Wellersley Cottages in Bisley.

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NOVEMBER

Sat	7	Coffee & Cakes In aid of Stroud & District Mencap Society	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12.30pm
Sun	8	Mass Holy Communion (Shortened) Remembrance Service	Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.30am 9.30am 10.50am
Mon	9	Painswick Valley Toddler Group - Mondays (school term time only) Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins (Off Churchill Way) Probus Women: Ideas for Christmas Cake Decorations Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138) Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Pitchcombe Vill. Hall Town Hall Ashwell Centre Church Rooms Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.50 to 11.30am 10.30am 12.00 to 1.15pm 10.00am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	10	Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel 813326 Bingo: Tuesdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House	10.00am 1.45 for 2.00pm 2.00 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	11	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Peru - In Search of Paddington Bear - Bob Price Painswick Toddler Group - held at Painswick Children's Centre: Wednesdays Armistice Day Service Holy Communion Table Tennis - Wednesdays Painswick Gardening Club: 50 Ways to Bump Off a Loved One - Paul Hervey-Brookes	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre Croft School War Memorial St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 10.30am to 12noon 10.55am 12 noon 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	12	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com Messy Church Music Appreciation Group - Bijou Opera Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM: Speaker - James Blockley, Cotswold Conservancy Board	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm 3.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market: Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
Sat	14	Sue Ryder Christmas Fair Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734	Town Hall Painswick Beacon	10.00am 9.00am to 12noon
Sun	15	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	16	Community Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	17	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club meeting: What Trees Do for Us - Rachel Hemming Enq. 01453 836618 Local History Society: The 1607 Great Severn Estuary Flood - Rose Hewlett Churches Together around Painswick AGM & Talk by Denise Magauran	The Hub Minchinhampton Croft School Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.00pm



Wed	18	Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	St Mary's Church Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	19	Theatre Club Outing to Oxford	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Fri	20	Rococo Christmas (also Sat 21st) in the Coach House Friday Club: Christmas Entertainment	Rococo Garden Town Hall	12.30 to 4.00pm 2.30pm
Sat	21	Copy Date for December Beacon Arts & Crafts Market	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	22	Mass Benefice Service	Catholic Church St. Mary's Church	8.30am 10.00am
Mon	23	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Parish Council (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Flowers for Christmas - Jayne Morriss	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Air Traffic - Woman in a Man's World - Lynn Hilditch	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	26	Music Appreciation Group: An Eccentric Collector Play Reading - contact Sue Leighton-Boyce 01452 676723	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	27	Goodwill Evening	Village	5.00 to 9.00pm
Sat	28	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon
Sun	29	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	30	Community Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm

DECEMBER

Tue	1	Bird Club: Frampton Lakes Field Trip: Guided walk with Gordon Kirk. (meet at car park off Watery Lane)	Frampton on Severn	2.30pm
Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Walking the Zambezi - David Lemmon Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	4	Friday Club Christmas Lunch		
Sat	5	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Liberal Democrats Coffee Morning & Book Sale: All Welcome	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.30pm
Mon	7	Last Community Choir of this Session Community Lunch: Hosts - Wednesday Ashwell Group (Off Churchill Way)	Painswick Centre Ashwell Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm 12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	9	Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies Gardening Club: Christmas Quiz	The Hill, Stroud Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm 7.00 for 7.30pm start
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Tea Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	9.00am to 12noon

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HOUSE, Stamages Lane
New Oak framed extension.
S.15/2178/TCA COTSWOLD 88
HOTEL, Kemps Lane
Eucalyptus – Remove and replace with
dwarf shrubs.
S.15/1985/FUL HAMMONDS FARM,
Wick Street
Addition of 50 Solar Panels to steel portal
frame barn.
S.15/2402/LBC FLAT 18, Gyde House,
Gyde Road
Internal and external alterations.
S.15/2403/TCA MULBERRY HOUSE,
Churchill Way
T1 Taxus (Yew) – Crown lift to clear
trunk to 2m (Height 7m, Spread 6m).
Existing lateral branches 1m from ground
– finished vertical height 2m from ground.

CONSENT

S.15/1002/FUL LAND ADJOINING
GREENACRES, Cheltenham Road
New dwelling.
S.15/1530/HHOLD DAMSELLS
COTTAGE.
Erection of extensions and detached
garage.
S.15/1789/HHOLD 6 CANTON
ACRE.
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side.
S.15/1720/FUL 2 & 3 VATCH
COTTAGES, Catswood Lane
Single and three storey extension to the
rear of the cottages including alterations
to the roof. Alteration to the existing
access and neighbours right of way to the
rear of the properties.
FOLLY ACRES, Folly Lane
Change of Use from Rural Conservation
Organic Study Centre to Live Work unit
and Agricultural Small Holding. This
includes demolition of timber barn and
conversion to Artists Studio.
GREENLEAS, Stroud Road
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The Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and many friends of Kirsty Louise Bailey (grand daughter of John and Pam Bailey) who has died after a long battle with cancer. The burial service took place recently at Little Dunkeld, Perthshire. John and Pam wish to thank all those kind people in Painswick who have prayed for her and those who have sent letters. "A light has gone out of our lives"

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of MARGARET SAY who passed away on the 22nd of October.

Thank you

Pat and Alan Pinnegar moved into "Gerrans", Orchard Mead last November and would like to thank everyone who has helped them in the past year.

Welcome

Glenn and Julia Orr who have moved to The Highlands.

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

Sheepscombe Mid Summer Ball 2016

We are now taking bookings for the village ball to be held in a beautiful marquee at the VH on Friday 24th June. Tickets are £65 before 28th February and £70 thereafter.

Fizz & canapes on arrival, two course sit down dinner with coffee by Birch Catering. Dance the night away to Patsy Gamble & her band.

To reserve a table we require a £25 deposit. Please email lindabuxton57@gmail.com

Tables are for 10 or 12 people. If you would like individual tickets, please contact Linda.

Book early to ensure we have enough interest to hold the village ball in 2016.



December Issue - Seasonal Cover Picture

The Beacon is seeking a suitable picture or artwork to provide a seasonal front page for the December issue. Any offerings for consideration should ideally have some link to Painswick and be emailed to the Beacon email address or placed in the Beacon post box by Saturday 21st November. The picture or artwork should be of sufficient quality for scanning and printing and less than A4 size. Originals can be returned.

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