

The Painswick Beacon

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Washbrook tunnel works completed

The Beacon asked Parish Council Chairman and local farmer, Martin Slinger, for advice about the works that have recently been carried out on the A46 near Broadham. Martin gave the Beacon the following report.

“The tunnel which carries the Washbrook under the A46 at the bottom of the Stroud Road has recently been repointed, hence the temporary traffic control on the main road. The tunnel is stone built and round with a flat floor which is totally flat so you can see the water flowing down



covering the whole floor. It is big enough for a fully grown man to walk upright all the way through, and could be 250 to 300 feet long. The entrance with its winged entrance walls, some ten feet tall has a stone and debris trap at the tunnel's opening. The tunnel (pictured) could be as much as 50 feet below the main road.

When the A46 was built, the bottom of Jenkins Lane and the entrance to Kingsmill Lane were not where they are now. If you go up Jenkins Lane to the first corner, the old lane went down to the first corner (Stroud side) of the A46, across what is now the A46, down over the bank and circled round to come out at the field gate just above Kingsmill to join the lane. Hence all the debris dug out at the bottom of Jenkins Lane and the steep entrance of Kingsmill Lane was dug out to form part of the viaduct above the tunnel”.

Services of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St. Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 13th November. On Remembrance Day, Friday 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.

Hotel of the Year

The Painswick Hotel has been named as The Sunday Times Hotel of the Year 2016. The Sunday Times Travel Editor, Stephen Bleach, writes of the hotel, “It's simply a beautiful building in a beautiful place, run with enthusiasm, care and a touch of humour. It offers simple things done well – and when you do lots of those, as the Painswick does, they add up to something special”.

Many congratulations to the management and staff on receiving this prestigious award.

Fireworks ... remember, remember!

Today is November 5th. Please remember that pets and livestock can be petrified by explosions.

The Croft School Fireworks Tonight, 5pm - 7pm



Launch of User Friendly Parish Council Web Site

Today, 5th November, the Parish Council is launching its new and exciting user friendly web site: www.painswick-pc.gov.uk

The web site will provide links to all the services undertaken by the Parish, District and County Councils. In addition it will feature news updates and details of all Parish Council meetings and committee meetings.

It has also been designed to carry links to a raft of local community groups and allow those groups to use it as their host web site.

Further information on this exciting development can be obtained by contacting the Deputy Clerk, Irena Litton, on 01452 812722, Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 12 noon.

Goodwill Evening

Friday 25th November is the date of Painswick's seventh Small But Perfectly Formed Christmas Goodwill Evening which happens between 5pm and 9pm. There will be two Christmas Markets, one in the Town Hall and the other at the Painswick Centre. Our own shops, art galleries and businesses will also be opening late. Why not delay your search for Christmas presents until the Goodwill Evening. You will not be disappointed with the range of handmade gifts and produce available whilst at the same time enjoying the delicious aromas, not least of mince pies and mulled wine.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held October 19th 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 asked a member of the public, Mr Ross Munro, to read out the question he had e-mailed to the Council. The question: The Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have failed to slow traffic in the 30mph limit. The actual problem was the speed of traffic in the 20mph zone and that problem continues. The claimed reduction in speed in the Stroud Rd 30mph limit does not exist. It is as a result of the signs being sited further into the 30mph limit, round a bend and up a hill from the previous survey site. The VAS are a failure, an expensive failure, nearly £7,500 wasted. We read that because this money has been spent it will be harder to make a case for further traffic calming measures. These signs were purchased and located on the expert advice of the County Council. If this were a domestic issue you would be demanding your money back. Why is it different just because it is public money? The County Council should buy back these signs. The refunded money can be used to fund effective traffic calming in Painswick. Will the Parish Council demand that the County buy back these signs?

The Chairman asked Cllr Abigail Smith, Chair of the Traffic Committee to respond. She confirmed that she would be giving careful thought to the points raised and stated that the Traffic Committee did not fully understand all of the data provided from the VAS and that it may not be reliable. Currently vehicle speeds were measured some 100m from the signs, consideration was being given to shortening this distance. The cost of the signs was shared 50/50 with the County and by working closely with the Police to improve the measures to control traffic speed in the area a Police enforcement area had now been

established at Broadham. The Council were concerned about the average speed in the 20mph zone but they considered that the VAS had an important role in controlling average traffic speed.

The Chairman then introduced Mr Mike Hammon from Stroud District Council who had been invited to the meeting to hold a question and answer session on the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme. Initially there had been 4 Wardens thinly spread across the district. The number had now been increased to 8, funded by the District Council. There are two Senior Wardens who are each responsible for 3 Wardens. Painswick is one of the larger areas and the Warden is Carol Novoth. Additional financial support was sought from Town and Parish Councils to assist with funding the Wardens and although the majority made a contribution a few did not. Letters of thanks have been sent to the supporting Councils and letters seeking funds to those who are currently not contributing. Wardens are encouraged to submit regular reports to Parish Councils. Cllr Mike Fletcher suggested that those Councils who made a financial contribution were "paying twice" - Council Tax plus contribution from Parish Councils Precept that was also raised from Council Tax. Questions were also raised about the size of Carol Novoth's area. Councillors were assured that if necessary she always received assistance from Wardens in neighbouring areas.

Apologies for Absence

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin advised the Meeting that apologies had been received from Cllrs James Cross, Ian James and Steve Morris.

Matters of Urgency

Chairman Martin Slinger reported to the Meeting that there had been a series of "break-ins", five in the past two weeks at local properties. The Police say that they are looking for a silver Audi A1. The vehicle cruises areas looking for unoccupied houses. When such a property is found a male leaves the car, allegedly breaks - in and steals property. A female remains in the vehicle and drives off when the male returns. The Police are warning householders to be vigilant.

County Councillors and District Councillors Reports

As no County or District Councillors were present or reports submitted the Chairman moved swiftly on to the next item on the Agenda.

To receive correspondence regarding the sale of the Fire Station and to consider requesting a community payback from Gloucestershire County Council

A letter has been received from the Chief Fire Officer confirming that the Fire Station buildings in Painswick were surplus to requirements and that the County Council would be selling the land on the open market. An e-mail had been received from the County Council confirming that they would be selling the land to the highest bidder. Various Cllrs raised strong objection to the land being sold in this manner and recommended that the land be used to build "affordable or social housing" for which there was an urgent need in the area. Also the closure of the fire station had resulted in loss of employment and a reduction in income for several of the Retained Firemen. It was resolved to send a strongly worded letter of complaint to the County Council reminding them that the Parish Council had not been consulted over this decision and that the Parish Council expected part of the proceeds of the sale to be distributed to them as Community Payback for the Play Painswick Project.

To consider the recommendation from the Land and Buildings Committee, made during their Meeting

- The Council unanimously agreed to a request to rent out part of the Cemetery Store (initially for a 6 month agreement).
- To receive an update on the Play Equipment. Despite meetings with both the Manufacturers of the Zip Line and the Contractors problems were still being experienced with the Zip Line. It was finally agreed that the installation would be for a single and not a double line. To compensate for the loss of one line the Manufacturers will provide additional

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- A new lease needed to be drawn up for the renting of the Cemetery Store at a cost of £500. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

To preview the new Parish Council Website

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, explained the benefits of the new web site. On behalf of the Council, Cllr Abigail Smith thanked the Deputy Clerk, Irena Litton, for her hard work which had ensured the success of the project. SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE.

Responsible Finance Officer's Report

- The Council agreed payment of the various invoices.
- The Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2016 was unanimously accepted.
- There was now a need to appoint an Internal Accounts Checker who must not be a member of the Finance Committee. This person would check the accounts on a quarterly basis to ensure that records were up to date and that the Bank Statement tallied with the cheques issued. Cllr John Clifford was unanimously elected.
- The Clerk outlined the new Statutory Financial Regulations. These were unanimously adopted by the Council.

Ward Reports

- Cllr Mike Fletcher reported that there was a light out at the bottom of the path that leads to the Surgery.
- Cllr Roey Parker reported that a barrier by the side of the stream had started to subside.
- Cllr Ann Daniels reported that trees had been cut down inside the entrance to Catbrain Quarry. Although local enquires had been made she was unable to ascertain who had given permission for this work to be carried out.

The Clerk will action these reports.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm



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County Councillor's monthly report New Road Safety Hub Launches

The Road Safety Community Hub has been launched by Gloucestershire Road Safety partnership, made up of Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Constabulary, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office and Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service. The new one-stop hub was launched on Friday 28th October and will be the main point of contact for residents to report any concerns they have about road safety in their local area. Reports can be made via the Road Safety Partnership's website at : <http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/>

The Hub is an addition to the existing services offered by the Road Safety Partnership and joins forces with colleagues in police and highways to provide the best possible service to the County's communities. By working more closely together, they will be able to improve the quality of life for people living, working and travelling within Gloucestershire by reducing collisions and casualties on our roads and promoting road safety skills. The launch event took place at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's headquarters in Gloucester. The GRCC has been instrumental in putting together the original speed toolkit that gave community groups a range of practical ideas and advice on ways they help themselves to improve road safety.

Cllr. Jason Bullingham – 01452 812037

Email: jason.bullingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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 9.30am, leaving them on charge in the church for about six hours and then returning them to the trees at 4pm.

The lights will be lit for the first time on Friday 25th 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 preferably by email at amyleivers@btinternet.com or phone me on 07810 358200

Amy Leivers

Christmas Wreath making

Ione Woodger-Smith is running a Christmas door wreath workshop at The Rococo Garden café on Friday the 9th and Saturday 10th December from 10am until 12 noon on both days. All the materials are provided to make a large and luxurious wreath to adorn your door. Tea or coffee and cake or mince pies are also included. Workshop price is £45. Spaces are limited. To book your place call Ione on 07790429920 or email Ione at crazy.daisy@btinternet.com

Ione Woodger-Smith



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Head at the Croft

Rebecca Gore has been in post as Head Teacher at the Croft School since April this year. Now well-established after more than a term she is pleased with the progress being made at the school, much of it of course a continuation of previous good practice.

Rebecca comes to Painswick with impressive experience in the primary sector. She was Head of Oakhill C. of E. Primary School for six years and taught in other Gloucestershire schools before that for about 20 years. The Croft has approximately 155 children attending, which makes it larger than her previous school. As she points out, it is also lucky to have such



splendid premises and extensive facilities.

Schools are under intense pressure nowadays to achieve high ratings. The Croft scores well in this respect but Rebecca is keen to ensure that the children also develop all those other skills necessary to become well-rounded individuals. To this end, many of the activities reach outwards to a wider scene. These include engaging with other local schools in the area and, in particular, competing in county league games namely football and netball. Further afield and very topical, the school currently proudly sponsors a boy in Sierra Leone – a very worthy cause and one which of course raises the children's awareness of the wider world in an educational way.

Other extra-curricular activities include music and art and Rebecca hopes that gardening will feature later in the year. There is also fundraising for various worthwhile causes, again raising the children's awareness of others. She does not envisage big changes to current

practice, just small adaptations to ensure the children are being provided with the best possible. The resource she values most of all at the Croft is the staff. "They are so committed," she says, "an amazing team."

Rebecca has lived most of her life in Gloucestershire, leaving only to study for a degree in geography in Plymouth. She is married with two children which means a busy life indeed. Notwithstanding, her commitment to her role at the Croft and to the children's development is very much in evidence.

Carol Maxwell

Annual General Meeting 2016

The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you to their AGM on Wednesday 16th 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 Frances Watson entitled "Building Circles in Gloucestershire".

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

Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP



Stroud & District Mencap Society

Our Coffee and Cakes morning held at the Painswick Centre on 24th September raised over £500 – too late to get our response into the September Beacon. Our grateful thanks go to all who helped in any way to achieve this – those involved with "making it happen", those who helped on the day and all who turned out on a bright sunny morning to sample the cakes and coffee and browse the stalls. Painswick has always been most generous with its support and in these days of savage cuts in funding that generosity is doubly important.

We have just opened a new bungalow in Leonard Stanley to accommodate some of our residents who have complex needs. The bungalow is called "Huddlestone" in memory of Freda and her son William who will be remembered by many people in the village.

Thank you Painswick.

Marion Sadler

PSALMS Annual Christmas Quiz Night!

In which part of the body would you find the stirrup & anvil? Polaris is an important star for navigators. What is it more commonly called?

Any ideas? If so, I hope you're feeling brainy because it's that time of year again – it's the annual Club Pulse Quiz night! Put on those lucky socks and brush up on your trivia to be in with a shot of winning the coveted Club Pulse Quiz night trophy!

What you need to know is:

When: Monday 5th December at 7:00 - 8:30pm, Where: Painswick Youth & Community Centre

Who: All ages

How much: £1 entry

Teams sorted on the night

Light snacks and refreshments

See you there!

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Worldwide debut for Painswick girl

Emily Elgar's debut novel is poised to take the literary world by storm – literally. The translation rights to her about-to-be-published psychological thriller, *If You Knew Her*, have already been sold to countries in Europe and South America and the book has been described as 'an amazing debut'.



Emily, aged 35, is the third daughter of Edward and Sandy Elgar (no, not that Edward Elgar) of Brook House, Painswick. They came to live here in 1993 and Emily was educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College and Edinburgh University. In September she was married in St Mary's Church to James Linnard.

If You Knew Her was very well received at the Frankfurt Book Fair and is regarded as exceptional not simply because it is a first novel. The Editorial Director of Sphere Publishing said "If You

Knew Her is an absolute masterclass in building perfect suspense combined with heart-stopping emotional pull. This novel made me cry, made me think and left me breathless. Emily is an exceptional writer."

The book will be published in paperback and ebook on 26th January 2017. Do look out for it.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Orchard Group News

Apple Pressing dates

After a wonderful day pressing at Painswick Feast we have planned a couple of dates for November:

5th/6th with Greg and Iris

12th/13th with Jo and Ben

Where: The Park, Painswick

Saturdays: serious pressers with plenty of fruit to press. 3 hour pressing session with Orchard Group equipment and helper. £60 with optional pasteurising session to follow £40.

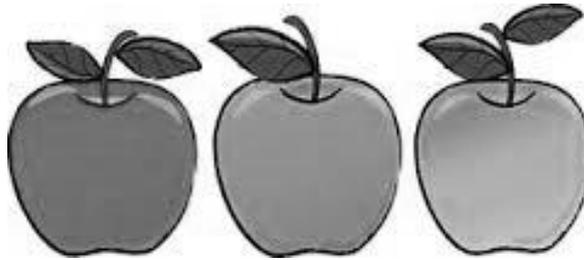
Sundays: casual pressers with the odd bag to enjoy a communal pressing with others. £20 for the session. No pasteurising. Take the juice home in containers to freeze or pasteurise.

Ring or email to book: Greg and Iris McCormick. 01452 812879.

Email: greg.iris@btinternet.com

Jo and Ben Living. Tel: 07747011247.

Website: www.painswickapplegroup.blogspot.co.uk



News from St Mary's

On the first Sunday of the month 6th November, we are celebrating "All Souls Day". This is a special day when we remember loved ones who have died particularly during the past year but also in previous years. We give thanks for their lives and the memories we cherish. There is a special benefice service at St Mary's at 4pm during which names of loved ones to be remembered are read out. If you have a loved one you would like remembered please hand in their full name to the benefice office well before 6th November.

Sunday 13th November is Remembrance Sunday when we think of all those who died in two world wars and other wars and give thanks for their sacrifice. There will be special remembrance services at all the churches in our benefice commencing at 10.50am. The service at St Mary's will be led by the Vicar, Revd. Mike Holloway.

On the first Wednesday of each month we hold a communion service at Richmond Village. This is primarily for Richmond residents but others are welcome to attend as well. The Richmond communion service this month is on 2nd November at 11am and will be conducted by Revd David Newell. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month which this month is the 9th there is a mid week communion service at St Mary's at 12 noon when there is an open invitation to anyone to attend.

Painswick village is holding its goodwill evening on Friday 25th November. The church will be open during the evening. Take the opportunity to wander into the church for a few moments of quiet reflection in its peaceful atmosphere. As you look around or sit in contemplation discover something in the church you have never noticed before.

The final Sunday of the month the 27th is Advent Sunday. This heralds the beginning of a new church year when we start preparing for Christmas. The liturgical colour changes to purple in recognition of this preparation.

David Newell

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Visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

On 4th October 2016 a number of Probus members visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home of the Mary Rose and the Victory, on a blustery but pleasantly warm autumn day. The site is well worth the two hour coach journey, other attractions being HMS Warrior, a Jutland exhibition, the Royal Navy museum, Boathouse 4 (boat building skills), HMS M.33, Harbour Tours, the Royal Navy Submarine museum, the Royal Marines museum and the Museum of Naval Firepower – all included on the ticket but too much for one day's visit!



Those that have not seen Mary Rose since she was dredged from the Solent in 1982 would be impressed by the presentation of the vessel today and the many associated artefacts in a purpose built environmentally controlled building opened 3 years ago. She was Henry VIII's favourite warship and sank in battle in 1545. It is easy to see what an impressive vessel she would have been in her day. Equally impressive is Victory, Nelson's flagship on which he was killed in 1805 at the battle of Trafalgar. Although famous as Nelson's ship she had served the Navy for forty years prior to Trafalgar. Her renovation continues today.

Henry Hall

The Big Heart

Renowned international artist Antony Gormley is helping Longfield harness the power of art to transform lives.

Gormley, whose work includes Angel of the North, has donated a piece of art for the Big Heart auction to raise money for our community-based art for health groups.

Scores of artists and celebrities have donated work to the Big Heart. The online auction will run on eBay from November 22 - December 1. There will be something to suit every taste and every pocket book.

"While we are fortunate to have some international artists and celebrities taking part, the auction will include something to suit everyone's taste and budget. The important thing is that by supporting us you will enable our team to continue to care and support people in Gloucestershire," said Longfield Chief Executive Andrew Fletcher.

It is the second year Longfield has run Big Heart. All proceeds will go to our community-based art for health groups.

Art for health provides people with a focus and an outlet for their feeling and emotions. It also helps people relax and relieve anxiety and stress.

Longfield will take the art on tour with the Big Heart Roadshow. Selections of the art up for sale will be on show at:

November 5-6: The Museum in the Park, Stroud

November 7-11: Corinium, Cirencester

November 21-27: The Wilson, Cheltenham.

People can see also see the art in the Big Heart Finale Exhibition at Longfield from 10am on December 1. People can join in the the finale party from 6-9pm. There will be drinks and canapes and a chance to make final bids before the auction closes.

To see the art on offer go to www.longfield.org.uk/bigheart. To register your interest in the Big Heart auction email bigheart@longfield.org.uk. If you would like to attend the finale party please RSVP bigheart@longfield.org.uk



The Guild of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

The Guild of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital is having a Fund Raising Event for St John Eye Hospital, Gaza, on Sunday 20th November 6.30pm - 9pm in the Stroud Catholic Church Parish Hall at Beeches Green.

There will be a film screening and presentation, also Middle Eastern refreshments. Tickets £10 per person. Ring Denise Magauran on 01452 814570 or Email: denisemagauran@aol.com

Painswick Centre Cinema

Friday November 11th at 7pm
Warhorse (12A)
Adults £6 (inc free drink).

Children 17 and under £4

(Including free drink also).



Painswickian and Young Painswickian of the Year

Each year in the November edition of the Beacon we invite nominations for Painswickian of the Year and Young Painswickian of the Year. Readers are asked to put forward the names of those parishioners who they believe have brought credit to the village in the past year or more, or who have given exceptional service to the local community in the longer term. The nominations are then considered by the Beacon committee. 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.

Nomination details should not exceed 100 words. They should be marked 'POY' and placed in the Beacon Box by the telephone kiosk in New Street or Sent by email to: beacon@painswick.net with 'POY' in the subject line. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Monday 21st November.

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

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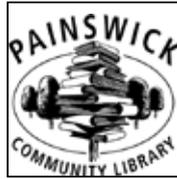



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Andrew Taylor Event a Success!



The library welcomed Andrew Taylor in October. Andrew has been described as 'British crime fiction's best kept secret'. His novels include psychological thrillers and historical novels and he has won and been shortlisted for many awards.

He described how he became a writer and how historical crime novels became his trademark following the runaway success of *The American Boy*, a novel selected by *The Times* as one of the top ten crime novels of the decade.

His most recent novel *The Ashes of London* (see new books list below) is a thriller set during the Great Fire of London and it was particularly interesting to listen to him read from the novel and answer questions about this period of London history.

Reasons for visiting the Library – 1 Seasonal Hamper

Starting Monday November 14th, anyone using their library card is entitled to a free raffle ticket for our seasonal hamper for adults, and a stocking for the children. The Draw will take place in December, (not on the Goodwill Evening as this year we will not be open), details of the draw in next month's Beacon.

Reasons for visiting the Library – 2 Reading Passport

Please see the booklets on the desk about the Reading Passport for adults – read through the decades and get your "passport" stamped for each decade and enter the draw to win a suitcase of books

Reasons for Visiting the Library – 3 Recommendations for Books

See the notice board for book recommendations from our readers – more are welcome at any time. No prizes here, I'm afraid!

New Books for this month include:

Adult Fiction: Rosy Drohan, *Ice Cuba*, Edna O'Brian, *The Little Red Chairs* Andrew Taylor, *Ashes of London*. David Lodge *The man who wouldn't get up*

Junior Fiction: Enid Blyton *The Sea of Adventure*, Daisy Meadows *Katie Prettywhiskers to the Rescue*. The full list is at the Library desk.

Ian Cridland

Sue Ryder Autumn Fair

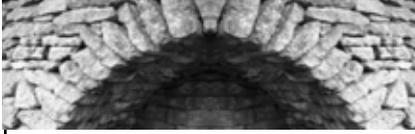
Just a reminder that our Autumn Fair will be taking place on Saturday 12th November between 10am and 1pm in the Town Hall. Please join us for coffee and a mince pie. Donations for bric a brac, cake stall, tombola and raffle would be very welcome.

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Waterlife



Anticipation rises as our ninth 2016 meeting in December draws near – the Slimbridge field trip to view arriving migrants. At the time of writing suddenly comes an influx of white-fronted geese – coincidentally the very sighting of which in 1945, brought Peter Scott to that Severn Estuary marsh which was to become the internationally famous Wildlife Trust, the following year. Already too, the Bewick swans, the Siberian arrivals, are here enabling us to revise the array of beak yellow patterns that Scott found as specific as our finger prints.

Going to the other extreme, this week's record includes a rare Asian visitor, the yellow-browed warbler. Keen eyes and ears will be required to capture this tiny and elusive one of sharp, 'sweet' song. Meanwhile this quarter's Waterlife (WWT periodical) relates the amazing panoply of historic conservation achievement. So the Club (and visitors) meeting in Reception on the 6th of December at 10.45am (normal admission charges apply) can surely much rejoice at the sights on offer at Slimbridge, particularly in seventy year anniversary context.

Martin and Wendy Addy

November 1916

News came in November that the Somme had claimed the lives of yet another two young men from Painswick. Sgt. Frank Birt was killed instantly when a shell landed in his trench. He was 32, recently married and a postman, and had previously served in the Boer War. Private Albert Messenger left a widow and two young children. His sergeant wrote to explain the circumstances:

'He was on sentry duty about an hour before reliefs were expected, and the Germans expected us to attack and started shelling heavily. A shell dropped in the trench near your husband, breaking a leg and arm and also causing internal injury. I had made him as comfortable as possible and started to get him away to the dressing station. He seemed quite cheerful, but before we could get to the dressing station he died. He did not complain and passed away quite peacefully without a word. He was buried quite near where he died with a comrade...'

Both were in unmarked graves and are therefore among the 72,194 Somme casualties with no known graves who are commemorated at the Thiepval memorial.

Perhaps somewhat ironically the following advert appeared in Stroud News;

'Many lives have been saved at the Front by means of cigarette cases stopping a bullet. We have a beautiful selection from 4/6 at Hammonds, the Jewellers, Gloucester St., Stroud.'

Carol Maxwell

Yew Trees Women's Institute

Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard

The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard is not to be confused with the "Beefeaters" or Yeomen Warders at the Tower of London. Company Sergeant Major Shaun McCormack explained to us on September 27th that the Queen's Bodyguard is the oldest in the world as it was established in 1485 in the reign of Henry V11. Theirs is a purely ceremonial role attending the Queen at State occasions such as the Opening of Parliament, Investitures, State visits by foreign dignitaries, Royal Garden Parties and royal weddings and funerals.

He brought with him a wide range of items to illustrate his talk. Particularly striking were his pieces of clothing such as a black Tudor bonnet with red, white and blue ribbons, a fine scarlet tunic trimmed with gold braid and embellished with symbols such as a rose thistle and shamrock and red stockings held up with suspenders!

His fast moving delivery held our attention and so did his anecdotes like the one describing the annual search of the cellars of the Palace of Westminster following the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 when Guy Fawkes tried to blow it up.

On 22nd November Nell Gifford will talk on "The History of Gifford's Circus" and this will be followed by the AGM.

Janet Jenkins



Yew Tree WI has been delighted to help fund the restoration of the Town Hall frontage using profits from its "Exploring Painswick" leaflet. The small leaflet costing 30p and subtitled "A short walk around an old Cotswold Wool Town" is popular with visitors to the Tourist Information Centre where it is one of the best selling items. The leaflet was originally compiled by The Painswick WI and in 2007 was brought up to date by Yew Tree WI. Since then it has been regularly reprinted and in the past profits have been donated to help fund the Churchyard's Christmas lights.



The restoration of the Town Hall frontage project was designed, costed and implemented by Parish Council apprentice Leighanne Mills as part of her NVQ assessment.

The photo shows Leighanne outside the Town Hall.

Friday Club

Chocolates for Christmas. Friday Club Invite you to join them on a visit to Cadbury World on November 11th. The coach leaves Stamages Lane car park at 10am arriving back at 4pm. The cost for non members is £20 and includes entrance fee. Please call Ann Williams on 812344 to reserve a place. Jane Robinson 812590.



Abstraction

Jane Garbett (pictured right) writes that she is exhibiting her paintings during November weekends from 10am until 4pm at her studio in Vicarage Street. The exhibition is entitled Abstraction. Jane says that Abstract paintings explore expression through the use of colour, gesture and texture rather than a specific subject. She will give a short informal talk about the work explaining her process and inspiration at 3pm on the first Saturday and again on the last Saturday in November. Space is limited and Jane asks that you book a place on 01452 812176. She says that it will be lovely to meet old and new friends at her studio and that all visitors will be made very welcome.



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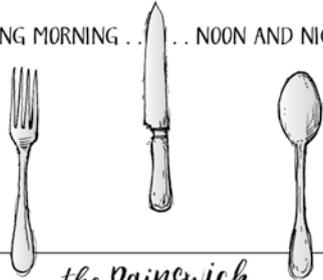
 

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Cotteswold Naturalists

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (CNFC) enjoyed a sunny week in Southern Ireland, based at Cork and Killarney. The varied programme included Irish dancing, a boat trip to Garinish Island (Bantry Bay) to spot eagles and seals. They kissed the Blarney stone and experienced conditions on the Titanic. After a visit to a Jameson's Distillery, where a few drams were enjoyed, they went to Cork City Gaol. In the nineteenth century the standard punishment for drunkenness was one month's hard labour. Fortunately the Gaol closed in 1923 but they experienced an insight into prison life on a tour giving true life histories from 1865 records. For instance, each prisoner's ration then was plain bread and three pints (of milk) each day. Pictured are the CNFC members who went on the excursion.



The club has monthly meetings in Painswick and Minchinhampton and regular outings to places of interest. Meetings are open to non-members.

Peter Wilson (CNFC)

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Silver Linings

Homemade cakes and refreshments welcomed members back for the new season. The Church rooms were buzzing with lively conversation, 7.30 was fast approaching, and with it the sinking realisation that our speaker had not arrived. A swift phone call confirmed our worst fears....he'd forgotten.



An apology to the audience was met with a voice saying "I'm a NAFAS demonstrator, if you like I'll pop home and puts some bits together."

Well they say every cloud has a silver lining – ours was pure Gold. Ione Woodger-Smith with just a few flowers and twigs proceeded to produce a hand-tied bouquet whilst simultaneously keeping us in fits of laughter with her anecdotes of life as a florist which included bouquets for the Queen, Chelsea, Celebrity weddings etc. We didn't want her to stop.

So two more dates to put in your diaries. Nov 9th, 7.30. Philip Aubrey on 'The Artists Garden' and Fri 2nd Dec 11am-1pm for a Festive 'Drop In' with our legendary refreshments and the opportunity to make a door wreath and table decorations. Just come along with secateurs and £10, All materials and help supplied.

Details on the website, the next meeting or Muriel 01452 813535.

C & G Bond

A very happy home

Frampton Court, home to the Clifford family since the 12th century, is recognised as a grand house. Its immediate predecessor was much smaller but, as Rose Hewlett explained to the meeting of the Society in October, it was certainly a well-loved and happy family home.

In 1651 Captain John instigated the building of the house which was classically designed and painted in fashionable red. Fortunately for today's researchers there are several extant documents from the time giving precise details of both the building materials used – exact numbers of bricks, tiles, nails etc - and the contents of every room in the house. A clear picture of the interior can be gained, from the various types of tables, chairs, pictures, carpets, table cloths, books, maps, jewellery and so on down to the stocks of rich foods to be found in the kitchens. Even Captain John's secret cupboards for hiding money are listed.

His account books and inventories show that he was a fashionable dresser and enjoyed entertaining. His gardens were grand though there was a serious mole problem for which he employed mole, or want, catchers. Overall this was a house of pleasurable living and contented family life. The present house was built in the 1830s by Captain John's great-grandson.

At the next meeting Simon Draper will give a presentation on the origin and history of surnames. Croft School, Tuesday 15th November, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Launch of User Friendly Parish Council Web Site

As mentioned on the front cover the Parish Council is launching its new and exciting user friendly web site: www.painswick-pc.gov.uk

To the right is a screenshot of the website. Pictured below is Irena Litton.



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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group



The cattle have now been moved to paddock 4 which includes the Beacon summit. How long they stay there will depend on the mild weather continuing. As the weather cools the grass will stop growing, they will run out of feed and start to loose condition.

The 8th Oct work party was in Long Quarry. Fourteen members cut and dabbed ash saplings, cut back brambles with the brush cutter and felled four large ash from the east end. One member had a first lesson with a scythe..... very successful!

The next few work parties will concentrate on the banks of the Madam's Wood track. This area was cleared in early 2015 but the stumps weren't treated. In two summers the regrowth is over four feet tall. This is quite depressing as we have to do all the work again before the stumps can be treated. PLEASE do come and help; 07971633242 for details.

This summer has been poor for butterflies, the annual national survey shows that although some species have increased numbers for the majority are down by up to 50%. The cause is uncertain at present.

The juniper project is looking good however. The original scrape [seeded 5 yrs ago] now has approx. 50 seedlings and we are investigating whether some could be successfully transplanted to other areas. Some of the older established plants now have a significant number of seedlings around them. Meister Masonry have given permission to seed the new backfill slopes behind the concrete retaining walls as part of the landscaping project.

Finally, PLEASE come to the AGM. 7.30 @ Church Rooms 10th Nov This is your chance to hear Natural England's plans for a nature reserve, ask question, renew membership or join PBCG for the first time.

Paul Baxter

Jottings - Badgers – continued from the October Beacon

Defra is funding teams from Universities such as Nottingham, Surrey and Liverpool to find out if badgers living in counties around the edge of the expanding bTB epidemic in cattle are infected (not so in Gloucestershire): they are collecting recently ro9ad killed badgers for investigation. Once bTB is endemic in badgers it is difficult to control, so we need to ensure clean badgers do not become infected.

bTB in humans used to be fairly common in England, but is now rare mainly because of pasteurisation of milk, but also due to the control of removing infected animals early and quickly. We all have our cattle bTB tested every year. If we wish to sell cattle at other times they must have a bTB test before they leave the farm. If you have a failed test, failed animals are destroyed and we cannot sell any animals at all until you have two clear tests 60 days apart and declared free of bTB. This is devastating for farmers who are fattening for the demanding supermarkets.

Early in 2009 Defra had planned to use vaccine in areas of high incidence of bTB, but then (2010) only delivered to the Stroud area. We have had our badgers vaccinated over the last five years. They are clean. There are a lot of issues with this and it is very expensive and labour intensive. Imagine individually catching and injecting hundreds of badgers! The vaccine has to be kept cold, so is taken to sites in portable fridges. Research has shown that the vaccine is most effective in cows when given to calves less than six weeks old. If this is applied to badgers, this could be impossible since the cubs do not emerge from their sets until 6-8 weeks old. Researchers hope to develop cattle vaccination, but current vaccines are not 100% effective. There is a lot of research going on!

Martin Slinger

Painswick Music Appreciation Group



At our meeting on 29th September Robert Nichols demonstrated recent methods of listening to music. Using Google Chromecast Audio he downloaded examples from the Internet which have a greater fidelity than CDs. Music varied from Johnny Cash to Bach's St Matthew Passion and included a soundtrack recording from "The Detectorists". He also included some poetry readings. Next came a demonstration of music making via Sonic Pi the sort of technique used to teach children for example. He used the song "Frere Jacques" to show how a basic melody can be composed and then have the harmony added. A very entertaining and instructive evening.

We joined with the bird club on 13th October, a meeting dedicated to the memory of Leslie Brotherton who was an active member of both groups, he is much missed. Gordon Kirk presented pictures of birds and gave samples of their songs – though mostly screeches with the selected species! Alex Nichols then played some appropriate music. For example we heard the merlin and the overture to the opera "Merlin" by Albeniz, the swan and Saint-Saens famous "Le Cygne", the hoopoe and raven in an aria from "Il Trovatore" by Verdi and the starling and yellowhammer with songs by Liza Lehmann. Other birds featured were robin, goose, sparrowhawk, partridge and seagull each illustrated with a piece of music.

Our next meeting will feature the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan and the meetings in November will be about Church Music and Robert Schumann.

Alex Nichols

Messy Church



Thursday 24th November
3.30pm to 5.30pm, St.
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Nothing new on 'bonfire night'

Bonfires and fireworks are probably to be seen and heard in Painswick even as you read this today, 5th November. However, it is not simply a recent annual celebration. In November 1862 a very interesting case concerning 13 young men from Painswick was brought before the Magistrates. They were charged with having made 'a bonfire in Tibbywell-Street.' This long report of the case appeared in Stroud Journal 15th November.

'Amblin Swayne, William Foxwell, John Scott, George Scott, George Hatton, George Neale, Thomas Gardner, Alfred Hawkes, Enoch Swayne, Job Swayne, Jeremiah Merchant, William Cooke and Edwin Musty, thirteen labourers of Painswick appeared to summonses charging them with having on the 5th instant assisted in making a bonfire in Tibbywell-street, Painswick.

P.C.Davis deposed that on the evening of the 5th November, about 8 o'clock, he saw the defendants make a bonfire in Tibbywell-street, Painswick. The first faggot was laid on by Amblin Swayne and the next by Foxwell. John Scott said there was some straw in his garden, which George Scott thereupon fetched, and John set fire to it.

He specified all the other defendants as having carried faggots to the fire and stirred it up. Witness said that for four years he had known Painswick, and bonfires, effigies, and tar barrels had on each 5th Nov. been burnt there. Some of the inhabitants requested him to put a stop to it, and he accordingly had a number of handbills issued cautioning all persons against making bonfires in the street. When he went to the scene of this conflagration, the people assembled called out "caution". As the two first faggots were laid, some person called out "I will knock down the first who touches it." Witness said he was not going to touch it, but should take the names of all who did. There were about 150 persons present.

All the defendants began talking at once, and seemed to complain that more than themselves had not been summoned, and two or three of them stated that Davis's son was the lad who set fire to the faggots. They said that the money for purchasing the faggots was subscribed by the inhabitants, and only four or five were opposed to the bonfires.

The Chairman said that Davis had simply done his duty, and if others were concerned in making the fire, the police could not tell who all of them were, and it did not appear that an unfair selection had been made. The act was unlawful and the magistrate had no power but to convict. There might remain an impression upon the minds of some of the defendants that they had a right to make this bonfire, from a custom existing for a great number of years. He wished to disabuse them of that notion, and explained that the law prevented a bonfire being made within 50 feet of a highway, and in this case a public caution had also been given. It was most dangerous to make a fire in the public highway, as accidents might have happened from vehicles passing, and fire being thrown about in a town might lead to heavy losses, as was often the case in London. If these people wished to have a bonfire on the 5th November they must go to some common or field, where they could have a fire without danger to passengers or buildings, but the magistrates wished this to operate as a warning, and therefore merely inflicted a fine of 3s. each, including costs, which amounted to 2s.11d each, or 7 days' imprisonment.

Something like a "scene in court" ensued. Some of the parties paid the amount, while others protested against the fine, and declared they would not pay. Musty was particularly energetic in his demand to be sent to prison, although the fine was paid for him. At length some were allowed time, and all defendants were discharged. They left the court in the most noisy and disorderly manner, making all sorts of insinuations against the police, and set up a cheer when they got outside. It was certainly all happening in Tibbiwell in 1862!

Carol Maxwell



The inclusion of letters, maximum 200 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.

Get our money back

We read in the Beacon that the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have had no effect on traffic speeds in the 30mph limit and it will be harder to get funding for further traffic calming measures. The Parish Council needs to remember that residents complained about traffic speeds, not in the 30mph limit, but in the 20mph zone. We can safely assume that the signs have had no effect there. These signs cost £7,400 and were bought and placed on the expert advice of Gloucestershire County Council. They achieve nothing, they exist only to remind us of an ineffective waste of public money. They should be bought back by the County and the money used on effective traffic calming measures. The Parish Council have declined this option citing the need to better understand the data and our County Councillor has not responded. The County can manipulate the data as much as they wish but it will not reduce traffic speeds in the 20mph zone.

Ross Munro

The lonely sign

We asked in last month's Beacon whether anyone recognised where the abandoned sign to Cockshoot, Longridge and Painswick came from?

Caroline Roberts from Blackstable House at Longridge has written to say, "I expect by now you have probably found a home for this – but just in case, we think it may well be from the signpost on the corner of Sam Scott's Lane and Jack's Green in Sheepscombe. The existing pole, which has space for more signs, has at the moment one rectangular sign for Sheepscombe and logically would have the lost one and another pointing down the hill towards the village".



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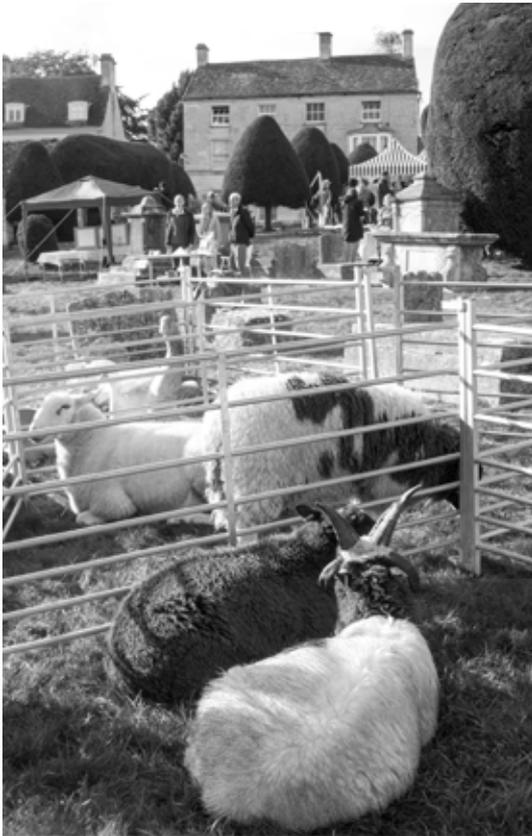


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Painswick Feast/ Clipping Service

The timing of the Feast and the Beacon's printing deadline meant that we could only give a brief report in the October edition on what was a very successful day. Below are some more photos of the day.



Pictured from left to right are: Rev Canon Tom Gunning, Rev Andrew Leach, and Churchwarden Sue Welbourn with Painswick youngsters Darcy Johnson, Georgia Milner and Scarlett Johnson.

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Cricket



The club held its end of season Dinner & Presentation evening at The Falcon Inn on 23rd September.

Chairman Ian Hogg reflected on a generally good season for all the sides. Highlights were the first team cementing their position as Gloucestershire Division One and the 3rd eleven gaining promotion to the Stroud Premier League. Ian highlighted the number of youngsters in the first eleven and believed this situation assured a good future for the club.

The evening was a great success and the club would like to thank The Falcon for a lovely meal and fantastic hospitality. The awards went to the following players: 1st team player of the year: James Harber 2nd team player of the year: Dom Barnard 3rd team player of the year: Henry Bonham

4th team player of the year: Mike Powis

Young player of the year: Reece Morris

Club Man of the year: Reece Morris

Steve Pegram Vice Chair Painswick CC

Falcon Bowls



The outdoor season at Falcon has now come to an end but it finished well. There was a great win in the last friendly fixture away at Churchdown and Falcon's Jeff Russell and June Gardner reached the final of the Ken Griffin Trophy at Barnwood losing out there to the reigning champions.

The focus for Falcon members now switches to the indoor season. Members play at all three indoor clubs in the area GL1 in the Gloucester Leisure Centre, Midglos in Brockworth and Cotswold in Stroud. The club takes part in the inter club K.O competitions which run at Midglos and Cotswold. Falcon members take part in club leagues and national/club competitions throughout the indoor season which runs from Sept – April.

Falcon continued its quest to recruit more people from Painswick community by having a table at the Painswick Feast. We had quite a bit of interest and may have recruited another 5 locals?

Don't forget next season you can join Falcon for just £10! This gives you use of our green from April – Sept and you'll also be eligible to play in all our games. After the success of our coaching day this season we will be offering free coaching sessions to all new members for the 2017 season!

To join or to find out more about Falcon contact Jon on 01452 506513/07950558682

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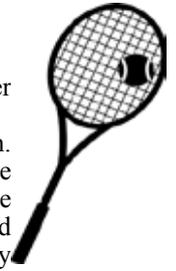
The Painswick tennis club tournament was played at the end of September with the sun shining and spectators enjoying afternoon tea.

The champion of the afternoon was 14 year old Regi Ristic-North. Regi managed to win the ladies singles beating Michele Sidwell, the ladies doubles partnering Lorraine Ristic against Ness Fair and Charlie Gravestock and the mixed with Mark Wontumi against Vicki Smith and Jamie Morgan. All three finals were competitive and the tennis of a very high standard.

The men's singles was won by James Barnett in another very close contest defeating Jamie Morgan. Finally, in the men's doubles Mark Wontumi and Dan Venn beat Jamie Morgan and Richard Bailey.

The club has a full winter's programme of competitive tennis with over 100 matches to be completed. There are mixed matches in the Gloucester winter league and in the Stroud winter league, both with 4 teams entered and in the Senior leagues for ladies and men of over 60 years of age.

Pictured are: Left to right: James Barnett, Regi Ristic-North, Jamie Morgan and Michele Sidwell



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Painswick Golf Club

Golf at this time of year is rather subject to the vagaries of the weather. Glorious sun one day, and fog and rain another. Fortunately, the excellent drainage of natural limestone means that the Painswick course is rarely affected by being waterlogged.

Within the Seniors' section, the summer competitions have come to a close. The "Iron Man", an individual knockout match play competition was won by Phil Taylor. The Millennium Trophy, delayed by the weather on two occasions was won by Nigel Barnett with a score of 41 stableford points. And a social texas scramble at the end of September was won by David Warren, John Hitchcock and David Walker. Congratulations to the winners.

Visitors are welcome to both the course and for refreshments and meals in the clubhouse. During the winter, a green fee of £15 is payable by non-members (£10 if playing with a member) at the clubhouse before starting your round. Please contact Mike Horton on 01452 812180 for opening times for meals and refreshments.



Peter Rowe

Fastershire – Have your say about the County's Broadband

Residents and businesses in Gloucestershire are being invited to contribute to a major survey of Broadband availability across the County. The survey is being undertaken by independent researchers at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU) as part of the evaluation of the impact of superfast fibre Broadband in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire due to be published in 2017. The survey will be live until the end of November and the responses will directly feed into the Fastershire project. The results will also help demonstrate the level of demand in communities that are yet to benefit from the Fastershire rollout and help raise their profile for better Broadband with potential suppliers. The survey takes around 5 minutes to complete, with questions relating to how residents and businesses currently use Broadband and Internet services and where better Broadband services are required.

The Fastershire project began in December 2012, and has so far brought access to faster connections over 30Mbps to thousands of rural premises in the County. Fastershire's ultimate aim is that by 2018 there will be access to Broadband speeds of 24Mbps and above for all who need it. Fastershire's new Broadband strategy for 2015-2018 is available at: www.fastershire.com/strategy. In phase one of the project, Gloucestershire County Council invested £7.5m, matched funded by central government, through a contract with BT to improve faster Broadband speeds across the County. Phase two of the project sees faster Broadband extend even further with an additional £6.2m, matched funded by central government, being invested by the authority. The second phase has already started in some areas, with Gigaclear targeting over 6,500 additional homes and businesses, upgrading speeds specifically in the Cotswolds. The County Council has also agreed a £500,000 investment to be match funded by Cotswold District to extend Phase Two even further.

Fastershire is in process of tendering a second phase of rollout valued at £20m that will see faster Broadband extend further across both counties. The results of the survey will be presented to prospective suppliers and could help influence which areas they target their bids.

To complete the survey, please visit: www.broadband-feedback.com
Cllr Jason Bullingham – 01452 812027
Email: Jason.bullingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk

COPD – have your say

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) is looking to improve the experience of patients with COPD. If you have COPD, or care for someone who does, GCCG would like to talk to you about your ideas for supporting people to:

- manage their condition day-to-day
- recover after a stay in hospital
- access advice and care when needed
- connect with their local community

GCCG wants to understand what currently helps you to stay well and what would make a difference to you in the future.

Two workshops have been arranged, one in Stroud and none in the Forest of Dean, and GCCG would like to invite you to attend:

Thursday 10th November, 2.30 – 4pm, The Main Place, Coleford GL16 8RH.

Friday 11th November, 2 – 3.30pm, GL11 Community Hub, Cam GL11 5JS.

Please contact Lucy Bird if you would like to attend either workshop, and also let her know if you require help with transport. Email: lucy.bird1@nhs.net or tel: 0300 421 1554.

This information notice has been sent to the Beacon by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

An invitation from the Painswick Art Club

The Painswick Art Club Committee has agreed its outline programme of activities for the next twelve months. In addition to the regular weekly meetings in the Church Rooms, members will have the opportunity to discuss and arrange demonstrations and workshops of mutual interest during the year.

Club Chairman Malcolm Mennie, says, "Club members have a wide range of artistic abilities from the highly skilled to those who are on a learning curve and benefit from the weekly club sessions and the help and advice that is always on offer. We all work on our own individual projects at a pace that suits us. At every session you will find a variety of media being used from oils and acrylics to water colours and pastels. The subject matter ranges from still life to landscapes and portraiture - whatever each individual member decides.

We are a very relaxed group. New members are always welcome. If you are interested pop in to the Church Rooms any Tuesday morning between 10am and midday to see if what we do can be of help in your artistic endeavours. You'll find we are a friendly crowd!"

A permanent exhibition of over 40 paintings by Painswick Art Club members can be seen in the Church Rooms.



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Liberal Democrat lunch

Painswick Liberal Democrats hosted the Stroud Constituency annual lunch at Painswick Golf Club on 30th September. Guest speaker was one of the unsung heroes of the Stroud Valleys, namely Juliet Davenport, OBE, who founded and is the Chief Executive of Good Energy Limited, (www.goodenergy.co.uk), a leading renewable energy company in the United Kingdom

Juliet gave an authoritative and entertaining account of the alternatives to Hinkley Point C, the massive nuclear power station in Somerset, for which HM Government has just given the go-ahead. In her view this might never be completed as similar projects in France and Finland had already hit serious problems that had yet to be resolved. The last few years had seen the most amazing growth in alternatives and she felt a country like ours, with its history of technological R & D should be taking the lead in developing and commissioning these other options.

Juliet was warmly thanked for her talk. Apart from the intellectual nourishment members enjoyed an excellent meal provided by the family team of Hortons, now the established caterers at Painswick Golf Club.
Michael Little



Painswick Centre

What's On in November

Sunday 6th. Tea dance. Beacon Hall. 2.30pm.
Friday 11th. Wick-Flicks – Warhorse. Beacon Hall. 7pm.
Friday 18th. Play – Spaniel in the Works – Grim tales of the Brothers Grim. Beacon Hall. 8pm.
Friday 25th. GOODWILL EVENING. 5 – 9pm.
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PROPERTY REPORT for October from Murrays

Murrays Estate Agents have again had a very successful few months with a high level of new stock and sales, a couple of which have been under offer within the first few days of marketing. We have also taken on a large portfolio of rental properties within the village itself and have therefore added two new members of staff to our team – Andrea Richardson-Wood brings us years of experience in sales within Gloucestershire and Bristol and Jo Gardiner brings us dynamic local experience and expertise in rentals, having worked in the Stroud Valleys all her life.

Nationwide say annual house price growth slowed marginally to 5.3% in September.

We have again taken on lots of new property within the Painswick area, including Amberwood, a recently renovated detached 3 bed modern family house with the benefit of an annexe on the ground floor off Knapp Lane; a 1st & 2nd Floor apartment in The Old Fleece, a stunning 2 bed Grade II listed conversion on Bisley Street; Hillcrest a detached Cotswold Stone family house with coach house on the corner of Gloucester Street and Butt Street with lovely views; Cromwell Cottage a beautifully positioned semidetached cottage with stunning views off Kemps Lane with garage and parking in Painswick; The Gables a detached modern

family house in immaculate condition close to the school in Cranham (already under offer); Meads, an impressive detached 4 bedroom family house complete with 3 bed annexe, outbuilding and lovely views in Pitchcombe; Elmbank a detached 4 bedroom family house with large and lovely views also in Pitchcombe (already under offer); West Tythe, a beautifully renovated barn conversion again with annexe in the centre of Bisley (already under offer); Brookthorpe Lodge, an impressive Regency 12 bed B & B in Brookthorpe, and Netherleigh a 4 bed detached family house with lovely views, stables and paddocks of 2 acres in Winstone.

Properties and land that we currently have under offer are 5/6 acres of land on Yokehouse Lane, 3.6 acres of land on Ticklestone Lane both in Painswick, Tres Tabernae on Bisley Street, Painswick, Elmbank in Pitchcombe, Tansley on Halfway Pitch in Pitchcombe, West Tythe in Bisley and Tunley Cottage in Sheepscombe.

Properties that have now sold are 3 Prospect Terrace in Tibbiwell, Painswick which we will shortly be renting out and Groves Close on the Gloucester Road in Edge.

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NOVEMBER

Sun	6	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist Benefice All Souls Service Ballroom, Latin & Sequence Tea Dance: £6 at the door - Tea & Cakes included - dancers of all abilities welcome	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 4.00pm 2.30 to 5.00pm
Mon	7	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins (Off Churchill Way) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623 Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Library Town Hall Ashwell Centre Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 12.00 to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	8	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Church Rooms Youth & Community Pavilion Painswick Centre Town Hall Ashwell House	9.30am 10.00am to 12 noon 10.00am 2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	9	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Holy Communion Art Class (Oils) - Wednesdays: contact Jane - 812176 Table Tennis - Wednesdays Gardening Club: Artists' Gardens - Bill Laws	Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL Sheepscombe Vill. Hall St. Mary's Church Painswick Centre Church Rooms	9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00 noon Afternoons 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Art Class (Oils) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 Art Class (Watercolours) - Thursdays: contact Jane - 812176 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 Music Appreciation Group: Robert Schumann	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon Mornings Afternoons 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club Outing to Cadburys World Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available Armistice Day Service	Town Hall War Memorial Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 11.00am 10.00am to 1.00pm
Sat	12	Sue Ryder Fair: Mince Pies, Stalls, Tombola	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	13	Mass Holy Communion (shortened) Remembrance Service	Catholic Church St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	8.30am 9.30am 10.50am
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts - Wednesday Ashwell Group (Off Churchill Way) Probus Women: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Elaine Clarkson	Ashwell Centre Church Rooms	12.00 to 1.15pm 10.00am for 10.30am
Tue	15	Health Walk (One Hour) - Enq. 813228 Local History Society: Surnames & Local History - Simon Draper	Town Hall Croft School	2.15 for 2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: House History - tracing history of your own house - Rose Hewlett Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Symphony Hall, Birmingham Evening Prayer Churches Together AGM Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church Church Rooms Town Hall	10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm

Sun	20	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	21	Copy Date for December Beacon		
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Parish Council (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	22	No Health Walk today Cotteswold Naturalists' :Talk & Tea: Reading Houses - Michael Hemming. Enq 01453 836618 Yew Trees W.i.: The History of Gifford's Circus - Nell Gifford	The Hub, Minchinhampton Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	24	Messy Church Music Appreciation Group: Sacred Music	Church Rooms Town Hall	3.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: Vocal Entertainment Goodwill Evening	Painswick Centre Around Village	2.30pm 5.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	27	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	28	Community Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	29	No Health Walk today		
Wed	30	Probus: Universal Misunderstanding - Richard Aylward	Painswick Centre	10.00am
DECEMBER				
Fri	2	Gardening Club: Mince Pie "Drop In" & Wreath Making	Church Rooms	11.00am to 1.00pm
Sat	3	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	5	Community Lunch	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	6	Bird Club: Slimbridge Field Trip - Guided Visit to see Winter Migrants	Reception Area	10.45am
Wed	7	Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: The Antarctic - David Fletcher. Enq. 814570 Probus: Christmas Dinner with the Ladies Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud Town Hall	2.30pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Tea Party with Musical Entertainment	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	9	Christmas door-wreath workshop: materials provided, refreshments included: £45 - spaces limited - also Sat 10th To book: Tel: 07790429920 / crazy.daisy@btinternet .com Friday Club Christmas Lunch	Rococo Garden Café	10.00am to 12noon
Mon	12	Probus Women: Social Fun Morning - visitors very welcome	Church Rooms	10.00 for 10.30am
Tue	13	Cotteswold Naturalists' Talk & Tea: Celtic Harps - Creag & Morwenna. Enq. 01453 836618	The Hub, Minchinhampton	2,30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.16/2058/TCA COTSWOLD VILLA,
Gloucester Street

Tree strangled by ivy and is dead/dying – Remove Tree strangled by ivy and is dead/dying – Remove

S.16/2051/TCA S T O N E W Y C K ,
Cheltenham Road

T1 & T2 Yew trees: Overall canopy reduction by 1.5m. T3 Liquid Amber: Height reduction by 3m. T4 Whitebeam: canopy reduction by 2m. T5 Cherry tree – removal.

S.16/2047/VAR FOLLY COTTAGE,
Gloucestershire Road.

Variation of Condition 4 – Application Reference Number S.03/79. Varied in relation to the use of the log store to enable the creation of a residential annexe for elderly relatives.

S.16/2192/TCA 2COURTORCHARD.
T1-Copper Beech removal of dead wood within the crown.

S.16/2184/TCA BRAESIDE, Slad.

T1, T2, T3 Apple Trees; prune tops by 1-1.5m. T4 Cherry; Reduce by 30%. T5 Quince; light prune to reshape maximum 0.5m. T6 Lilac; Fell.

S.16/2240/TCA GYDE HOUSE, Gyde Road

T1 Ash – Crown lift drive side up to 5m and remove dead wood. T2 Sycamore – Crown lift up to 5m, reduce back some of the extended low branches by 2.3m, thin and remove dead wood. T4 Copper Beech x 6 – Remove all dead wood, crown lift up to 2.5m (secondary branches only).

S.16/2210/TCA BAYLISS HOUSE,
Sheepscombe.

1 Cotoneaster: reduce the height to near previous, reduce the spread all round by approx. 2-3m. Cut the lower canopy and the Laurel back to clear the roof by at least 1.5m. (2) Hazel: crown raise lawn side to approx. 4m and drive side to approx. 3m. (3) Rowan: Fell to near ground level. (4) Chestnut: crown raise uphill side to approx. 3m and follow this line around. (5) Sycamore: fell to near ground level.

S.16/2211/TCA BEACON HOUSE,
New Street.

T1 Silver Birch: fell by sections to near ground level. T3 Purple Plum: reduce all over by up to 2.0m to leave in smaller 'ball' shape.

S.16/2263/TCA LOVEDAYS HOUSE,
St Marys Street.

T1 – T11: Fell all. H1 Cupressus hedge – Fell. All details on application form, proposed re-planting as part of garden restoration.

S.16/2042/HHOLD BAY TREE
HOUSE, Far End, Sheepscombe.

To extend to the rear and raise the height of the roof to the central link.

S.16/2225/HHOLD V I N E R S
WOOD HOUSE, Wick Street.

Proposed lantern and roof covering to

open courtyard.

S.16/2215/HHOLD & S.16/2216/LBC
TRILLGATE, Slad.

Internal and external alterations and extensions.

S.16/2243/HHOLD K N A P P
FARM, The Vatch.

Proposed new garage.

S.16/2281/FUL Stamages House,
Stamages Lane. Residential development of nine houses (including three affordable houses)

CONSENT

S.16/0286/HHOLD C A R T E R S
COTTAGE, Hammonds Farm

Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding, construction of two storey courtyard extension, new garage block and alterations to existing porch.

S.16/1562/FUL BEACON HEIGHTS,
Cheltenham Road

Replacement dwelling. Resubmission of previously approved application S.14/0290/FUL. Amendment to access arrangements and garage.

S.16/1764/HHOLD 3 WHITE
HORSE LANE

Construction of hardstanding for one vehicle. Erection of front entrance porch. S.16/1723/HHOLD MOP TREE
COTTAGE, Clattergrove

Part two storey, part single storey side extension to dwelling an insertion of roof lights to side elevations to facilitate loft conversion. Raise ridge height of garage to facilitate conversion to office.

S.16/1911/TCA THE ROWANS ,
Sheepscombe

Conifers (x6) – Fell all due to decay/disease. Silver Birch (x2) – 30m in height, shape and reduce by 6m (20%).

S.16/1920/TCA THE LITTLEFLEECE,
Bisley Street

2 x Leylandii – fell to ground level due to becoming too large, excessive shading and low conservation value.

S.16/1936/TCA VALLEY WAY ,
Vicarage Street

Eucalyptus – Fell.

S.16/2058/TCA COTSWOLD VILLA,
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S.16/2051/TCA S T O N E W Y C K ,
Cheltenham Road

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REFUSED

S.16/1329/LBC PAINSWICK MILL,
Ticklestone Lane

Replacement external door to main entrance hall.

MINI-ADS

For Sale: Wood veneer **book case**, height 33 inches, 36 inches long, 3 adjustable shelves. £8. Three cane seated **bedroom chairs** £15 each. Telephone 01452 814360.

Gardener required for local house near Painswick, 3 hours per week. Mowing and border maintenance required. Call Belinda for more information 07787554877.

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The Personal Column

Thank You

From GILLY YOUNG to all her kind friends and neighbours for their cards, pressies and good wishes following her recent couple of spells in hospital. They were very much appreciated and she is now recovering slowly.

Found

On Painswick Beacon, a pale tabby and white male cat approximately two years old.

Contact Claire on 07900606234

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.

December Issue

Seasonal Cover Picture

For many years the Beacon's policy has been to have a seasonal painting or photograph in colour on the front cover page of the December edition. We therefore invite readers to forward their picture for possible publication in the December 2016 edition. Please forward the picture to the Beacon address: beacon@painswick.net. The picture should, ideally, be of a Painswick setting. It should be able to be scanned within A4 size and be of high quality definition. Originals will be returned. The closing date for receipt of contributions is Saturday 12th November.



Congratulations

To JANE AND JIM HOYLAND who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on September 15th. They also celebrated the birth of their first great grandchild, Hector, at 9lbs, on October 13th.

To RAY LE PAGE of The Highlands, who celebrated his 90th birthday on October 16th at home in the company of his family.

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