

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Cup Winners!

As reported briefly last month, Painswick has won the 2008 Bledisloe Cup in the 'Large Village' category.

Organised by the Campaign To Protect Rural England (CPRE), in the past the competition has been for the Best Kept Village. This year it was expanded to take into account the extent of community involvement. Modesty almost constrains us mentioning the judges' perception of The Beacon's role in fostering such involvement.

Almost, but not quite... In his written report, John Davidson OBE (the competition's chief judge) concludes:



"In reaching my decision narrowly in favour of Painswick, I have been influenced by the scale of the task that the village community faces and the effective way in which the resources of the residents are marshalled. With five existing meeting rooms and the prospect of more facilities when the Gateway project comes to fruition, those in leadership positions have to think responsibly when taking decisions. The chances of the right decisions being reached are enhanced, it seems to me, by the excellent communications that exist through the website and the Beacon, organs that keep people engaged and encourage active participation in village life."

A number of residents attended the presentation of the cup by Lord Bledisloe to Parish Council Chairman Terry Parker at the Town Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 11th October. Pictured above (*courtesy of the Stroud News & Journal*) are John Davidson, Lord Bledisloe, Terry Parker and Sir John Adye the Chairman of the Gloucestershire CPRE branch. David Hudson was also present, representing the CPRE Stroud Area branch.

Pictured left is the triumphant 'Team Painswick' with Paul Handyman and George Hodder holding the cup, alongside the impressive commemorative signpost, outside the Town Hall. Well done everybody!

*The full judges report is reproduced on page 14.*

## A smashing welcome to Painswick!

Andrew Harris and Rebecca Carter-Boast made more of an impact than they intended when they moved into Star Cottage in Hollyhock Lane last month. Arriving from Plymouth with all their worldly goods packed into a wide-ish (rented) van, they cautiously manoeuvred into the narrow-ish confines of Hollyhock Lane, where even a large wheelbarrow needs a three-point turn. They proceeded to park outside Star Cottage and unload.

Having unloaded, Andrew thought he had better move the van to avoid creating an obstruction and tried to turn round. After some minutes of shunting backwards and forwards and much heaving on the steering wheel, he realised he had a problem. As luck would have it, help was at hand. Enter a certain (apparently) skilled and helpful 'Terry', who offered his services as an experienced van and sometime ambulance driver.

"He seemed a helpful chap who knew what he was doing," said Andrew, "so I let him take the wheel."

The skilful Terry skilfully began to manoeuvre the vehicle at speed up the lane taking a left by the little car park. As Andrew and Rebecca looked on in horror, he skilfully collided with Jilly Speed's parked VW and continued into the garden at the end of the cul de sac. There he tried to turn the van a round but only managed to get it very stuck, whereupon he jumped out and with a cheery, "That's about the best I can do!", he ran off, never to be seen again.

"At least we got to meet all the neighbours very quickly and they were all very nice about it," says Rebecca, "We're really looking forward to being part of the Painswick community."

For his part, Andrew, a keen tennis player, says that bumping into Jilly Speed (so to speak) has given him a fortuitous introduction to the Tennis Club! And the van? Eventually the police came and moved it.



**On other pages this month:** HGVs get limited, kids get fired up, first aid for 4 year-old, Rachel & Alexander, Olivas & Carnival, Gilbertless Sullivan, Angel of The Croft at Rococo, more from Bledisloe, Painswick Matters, from here to infirmity with Julie Andrews and... can we really be that close to Christmas?

## PLANNING

### Ramp into St. Mary's Churchyard

David Hudson reminded the meeting that Listed Building planning applications were concerned only with the effect of the proposed works on the character of the building or on its setting. After much discussion the Chairman invited the Painswick Ward members, individually, to say whether they were in favour of the Listed Building application or against. Ann Daniels, Jason Bullingham, Robert Cox and David Hudson were opposed and Mike Kerton and Terry Parker were in favour; the Council would therefore recommend that the application should not be given consent.

*(The Beacon notes that the discussion ignored the fact that at the previous meeting of the Council it was agreed "6. TO CONSIDER FUNDING A RAMP INTO ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD. The Council agreed to support the Churchyard ramp project and agreed to set aside £500.00 towards the costs in partnership with the PCC, the monies being made available from the Traffic funds." Additionally, the planning application itself was submitted by the Clerk on behalf of both bodies.)*



### Richmond Painswick – Restaurant

Stroud District Council have reported verbally to David Hudson that in their opinion a Change of Use Planning Application would not be required as it was unlikely that the general public would use the restaurant. Mike Kerton and Terry Parker said that as the original Planning Application had not included a restaurant open to the public, a Change of Use Application is required. The meeting agreed that the Chairman would email SDC and ask for an opinion in writing

### Richmond Painswick – Signage

It was the Chairman's understanding that the advertising placard would be removed as it is a distraction to motorists and garish. A tasteful stone sign at the entrance to Richmond Village would be appropriate. It was agreed to wait until the next Parish Council meeting by which time, if the placard had not been removed, the Council would speak to Richmond Village.

### Richmond Painswick – further development

David Hudson reported that Richmond Village's Planning Application to develop the site further would be made by the end of the month. (The Beacon enquired of the Manager, Susie Oakley, and was advised that the application now stands deferred in the light of the current financial climate. Ed.)

### Three Gables – Signage

The practice was emailed at the beginning of September suggesting that it contacted the District Council to establish whether planning permission was needed for its three signs. As no reply was received, a further email was sent on the 10th October. The Parish Council will now contact the District Council directly.

### Cotswold walls

Members were reminded to report whether any stone walls should be considered for listing. Martin Slinger pointed out that established hedgerows could similarly be considered.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Interpretation Centre

James Blockley, the Cotswold Way National Trail Officer, met with Terry Parker and representatives of Painswick Gateway on 9th October. He was impressed with the Gateway project and would make representations supportive of the locating of an Interpretation Centre in Painswick. The Cotswold Trail offices are currently in Northleach where the lease expires in about 2 years.

He will propose in his report that the offices then consider a move to Painswick Gateway if such a centre is built. Mr Parker pointed out that if the Gateway project should not materialise, alternative premises in Painswick could be considered.

### Bench in Hollyhock Lane

Michael Campbell of Avonleigh in Hollyhock Lane has offered to make some of his land available for the siting of a bench which he would donate in memory of his late mother-in-law. He asked that the Council provide the concrete footings for the bench. This offer was warmly welcomed by the Council.

### Bledisloe Cup

The Cup was presented by Lord Bledisloe himself to the Parish Council on 11th October. Particular mention was made by the judges of The Painswick Beacon which, they said, particularly influenced their final decision. The meeting congratulated the Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin, for his hard work in this competition. (See separate full report on page 14)

### Parish Plan

Martin Slinger undertook to pass the draft revisions to the plan to Terry Parker to check through and then to circulate to the chairmen of committees.

### GAPTC - AGM

Terry Parker reported that Cam PC's resolution to change the law so that the holding of annual parish meetings is not mandatory was, as urged by this Council, overwhelmingly defeated at the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils AGM.

### Painswick Chamber of Trade

Robert Cox reported that the meeting to set up a Trade Association for Painswick and surrounding areas planned for the 8th October had been postponed to the 22nd October.

### Tree felling on the Beacon

Terry Parker reported having spoken to the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group and Paul Hackman of English Nature about the felling of trees on the Beacon. The PBCG have taken advice from English Nature which is working on a detailed zoning plan. If too much clearance takes place, insect life could be affected. Also only some areas are suitable for clearance in order to encourage the growth of grasses on limestone. Mature trees will be felled only when it is essential. Paul Hackman will provide the PBCG a detailed map when he has completed his work.

### Painswick Centre - Appointment of a Trustee

The Council received a request from the Painswick Centre to provide a member to be elected as Trustee as required by the Centre's Charter. After lengthy discussion and with no members of the Council willing to put themselves forward for this post, the meeting decided to respond to the Centre that it was more appropriate for the Council to provide a representative rather than a Trustee. Two members of the Council reminded the meeting that they were trustees of other organizations.

### Broadham Field – footpath

The meeting supported the application to divert the public footpath across Broadham Field to the top of the steep bank provided the path was of a suitable width and a handrail was provided at the top of the slope. A plan of the proposed change is available at the Town Hall.

### Charges, Fees and Precept – 2009-2010

The Council received a report and recommendations from the

Finance and General Purposes Committee and agreed not to increase hire charges for the Town Hall for the time being and will review charges again in October 2009. Cemetery fees will be increased by around 5%.

The precept was approved and will increase just below 5% from £73,500 to £ 77,160. The budget was passed by 9 votes in favour to one against.

**Whitehorse Lane – Handrail**

Ann Daniels reported that many people had expressed their appreciation of the handrail now fitted alongside the steps in Whitehorse Lane.

**Services of Remembrance**  
The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 9th November.

On Remembrance Day itself, Tuesday 11th November, also at 10.50am 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.

This year November 11th has a special significance as it marks the 90th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Everyone will be most welcome at the services.



**HGV Weight Limitation**

In the October Beacon edition we reported on the meeting held in the Town Hall on 25th September to discuss the County Council's proposal for a Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Lorry Management Zone.

The proposal involves an area-wide 7.5 tonne weight restriction to prevent heavy goods vehicles using inappropriate routes for through-journeys. The zone, bounded by the M5, A429, A40/A43/A417 and running parallel with the A419, includes Painswick and the A46. If approved, the pilot scheme is expected to begin early in the new year and run for 12-18 months. The scheme could then become permanent if the trial is deemed a success.

The proposed zone was the subject of a Traffic Regulation Committee meeting at Shire Hall on 14th October. Written objections to the draft order had been received and a number of the objectors including representatives from the Freight Transport and Road Haulage Associations addressed the meeting. Painswick's County Councillor Joan Nash and Parish Council Chairman Terry Parker spoke in favour of the order. After a lengthy debate in which several members of the committee expressed concerns about the ability of the police to enforce the order, the Lorry Management Zone draft order was passed by a majority vote.

Because of the order's considerable significance it was agreed that the Committee's decision should take the form of a recommendation to the County Council's Cabinet. The Cabinet met on 22nd October and endorsed the proposal.

**Beacon articles**

**We remind readers that it is both helpful and important that contributors ensure their articles are acknowledged by us because accidents happen.**

Sometimes, we discover, after publication and much to the frustration of the author, that messages had been sent to the wrong address or we received several simultaneously and overlooked one of them. Contrary to the opinion of some, we are human and make errors too. These can be minimised with your help. Please allow about 48 hours and, if no acknowledgement has been sent to you, do please get in touch without further delay.

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# It can't be Christmas already... can it?

## The Croft School Christmas Fair

The Croft PTA has decided to ring the changes this year and will hold its annual Christmas Fair in the afternoon of Friday 5th December, 3.30 – 6.00pm.

Speaking about the change PTA chairman Julia Churchley said, 'With so many busy weekends and other events in December we are hoping the late afternoon slot will be more convenient for most people. The children all love this event so there will be all the usual festive activities for them as well as a special tea time café.'

Old pupils and local residents are always very welcome at PTA events so do come along and join us for afternoon tea or mulled wine and mince pies. You may even get to meet a VIP who has promised to drop in if time can be found in his busy Christmas schedule.

## Sue Ryder Christmas Fair

Now in its 28th year, the Sue Ryder Christmas Fair in aid of Sue Ryder Care Leckhampton Court Hospice will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 8th November from 9.45am to 12 Noon.

There will be homemade mince pies or homemade biscuits with coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Refills with compliments. All at £1.50, with children free. On sale will be cakes, sausage plaits, savouries, various roulades, homemade blackcurrant jam, Christmas cards, books, children's toys, good quality bric a brac and a lot of bonhomie. There will also be a super raffle! A very warm welcome to all; donations in cash or kind very welcome. Do come to what is always a happy occasion: this is our only fund raising each year.

Finally, we have just had some terracotta pots given to us. They have been planted up by a local nursery with small bulbs, miniature flowers such as dwarf daffodils, etc. An ideal Christmas present!

*Anne Leoni, Co-coordinator Painswick Support Group*



## Resthaven

Resthaven Christmas Bazaar is being held at the home on 6th December 2.00 - 4.00pm.

We're hoping Santa will pop in with some small gifts for the kids. There will also be stalls with books, bric-a-brac etc, games with prizes, tea and coffee, raffle and all the usual festive fun things you would find at a bazaar!

*Sarah, Office Administrator*

## Xmas at Painswick Country Market

Christmas is fast approaching and our bakery needs to have your orders for cakes, puddings and mince pies. These can be given at any Friday Market from 10.00am to 11.00am or by phone at 812471.

The last Market in 2008 will be 19th December and we will re-open on Friday the 16th January 2009.

Do call in on Fridays and see our wide selection of home-made cakes, savouries, jams, marmalade, chutneys and honey. We also have local fresh vegetables, free-range eggs, plants and crafts.

After shopping sit and have a welcome cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

*Patricia Davey*



## Ashwell House Day Centre Christmas Bazaar

Preparations are well underway for our annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Bazaar.

The important date for your diary is Wednesday 12 November. 10.30am - 12 noon. Many of you will remember the buzz of conversation as friends meet up and chat over coffee (or tea) and biscuits. Once more, we must thank Michelle Elliot, the warden, for enabling us to hold this happy occasion in the lounge at Ashwell House.

We shall have our usual selection of delicious cakes, biscuits and preserves for sale and you could be lucky and win a fabulous Christmas cake. Our bric-a-brac stall is well known for bargains and you may even find that 'just right' gift for the friend who has everything.

All the money we raise goes towards taking our members out for the day. Early this year we went to the ballet in Cheltenham which was greatly enjoyed by all, and later in the Spring we had a trip on the canal down to Sharpness which was equally popular. About every four to six weeks, we aim to organize a pub lunch out, and close to Christmas and Easter a trip to a garden centre for shopping is a must - and followed by lunch, of course!

Do come and join us on 12 November at 10.30am - a warm welcome awaits you and your friends.

*Monica Ireland*



## Fairtrade Wines...

**...for Christmas Drinking and/or for Christmas Presents**



A Wine Tasting session in the Church Rooms at 12noon on Saturday 6th December will give you a chance to try several different fairly traded wines in time to place your Christmas orders. Come and be surprised at the variety of wines available and enjoy tasting them. Tickets £2 each in advance from Frances Watson (812071) or Alison Robinson (812286) or £2.50 on the door.

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## Christian Aid

Join your friends at the Town Hall on Saturday 15th November from 10.00am - 12.00.  
Enjoy Fairtrade coffee, a cake stall, a raffle & gifts.



## Red Cross Open Gardens 2009

Many thanks to all who continue to support the British Red Cross Open Gardens scheme in Painswick. We are now beginning to plan for next year before the brochures go to press.



Melanie Ball is the new Area Fundraising Manager for the British Red Cross and recently gave a talk to Painswick Yew Tree Group (WI) where several members expressed an interest in opening their gardens. Some others have expressed an interest to us personally. Following discussions with Melanie we feel there could be room for a second opening in Painswick in any one year, or for two different groups of gardens to open in alternate years. This would give our supporters more variety and also ease the pressure on our stalwart gardeners and caterers.



We have therefore decided to have a coffee morning and open it to all interested parties. This will be held on Tuesday 4th November at 10.30 a.m. in the Cotswold room at the Painswick Centre, Melanie Ball will be attending. If you think you may be willing to open your garden, or would like to help in any other way, then please come along and join us. Don't forget to come with any suggestions, good ideas and even criticisms, plus your diaries, so that we can fix the date for the opening next year.

Please give one of us a call so that we know roughly how many are coming, or, if you are unable to join us at this time, let us know whether you would like to participate in 2009. Many thanks

*Jackie Herbert and Lindsay Gardiner*

*British Red Cross Gloucestershire Branch*

## Ashwell House Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club at Ashwell House takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12.00. The Luncheon Club is open to anyone living in the village who is over 60. Come along and enjoy this social occasion, make new friends and enjoy a meal for only £2.50. Please contact Helen Baker on 813091 or Michelle Elliott on 812726 to book your place. Many thanks

*Michelle Elliott, Scheme Manager, Ashwell House Sheltered Housing*

## Coach to London

Do you wish to do some Christmas shopping, go to an exhibition or to the theatre? Then come aboard the coach arranged for Wednesday 3rd December, leaving Stamages Car Park at 8.30am.



The fare is £15 and bookings by cash, or cheque payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings', should be made with Mrs J Truman at 'Little Place', Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH. All enquiries to Joan Truman, 813965 or Pauline Berry, 813227. Early booking is essential.



## Playgroup to go with a bang?

We wanted to notify the village that the playgroup are planning 'child friendly' bonfire night fireworks on Wednesday 5th of November at 5.45pm to last approx 10 minutes. We will try and avoid any very loud fireworks/bangers, but villagers may wish to keep pets indoors at this time. Many thanks



*Lizzie Dunckley, Emma Mercer,*

## CTAP AGM

The Chairman and committee of CTAP warmly invite you, the people of Painswick, to their AGM on Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm in Christ Church Hall, Gloucester St, Painswick.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments, and then Pauline Bayliss will give a talk about the work of the National Star College at Birdlip, and her experiences on her very recent "Trek India" challenge you may have read about in the September issue of the Beacon. As she says,

"Some challenges only last for 10 days - And some last a lifetime"

We look forward to your support.

*Rita Bishop, Secretary CTAP*



## Harvest Lunch

On Sunday October 5th members of the various churches in and around Painswick came together in the Painswick Centre for a Harvest Lunch. 120 parishioners attended and enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by Brian and Ximena Nunez of Olivas. The event was organised by Iris McCormick together with a small group of volunteers who worked extremely hard to make the day a success.

The intention was to have local produce and no better example was there than the cider and apple juice which came from trees in Vicarage Street. The organisers were very grateful to those parishioners who gave valuable prizes for the raffle. 1,000 tickets were sold. During the meal local farmer Martin Slinger gave an extremely interesting talk on the history of farming in the Painswick area.

The charity chosen to benefit from the event was Lideta, a settlement in Ethiopia which can be described as an urban slum. Over £800 was raised.

The event was so well received that discussions are already taking place about another lunch next year.

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# Alexander Technique Update

An end to back pain is the bold claim of new clinical research into the Alexander Technique, reported in the British Medical Journal in August\*.

Rachel Stevens MSTAT, a Painswick based practitioner of the Alexander Technique says that this exciting new research really endorses the benefits of the technique and shows that as few as six sessions have long lasting benefits for back pain sufferers. Rachel has been teaching the Alexander Technique for over 20 years and recently set up a new practice in Painswick. She has now relocated to new, more spacious premises next to the GP Hoyland House Surgery and is offering free half hour taster sessions for the month of November. You will need to phone 812450 to book up.

What is the Technique and who can it help? She says that Alexander lessons help us to become more aware of our bodies, our tension patterns and our postural habits.

"Sessions are therapeutic but also educational in that we are learning what not to do and how to apply our new thinking to everyday life activities from gardening to sitting at our desks, driving the car, dealing with life's stresses etc."

It is especially helpful for chronic pain sufferers and those with lower back and neck problems. Find out more about the Alexander Technique at [www.backcareandposture.co.uk](http://www.backcareandposture.co.uk)

\*"Lessons in the Alexander Technique have long-term benefits for chronic back pain" New Clinical research BMJ August 2008



## Did you see...

### ... the feature on Dennis French of Painswick Woodcrafts in the Saturday Telegraph Magazine?

In a wide ranging interview in the Saturday Telegraph Magazine on 11th October, Denis French described his 16 years here in Painswick and the products he designs, makes and sells in Painswick Woodcrafts. He said that he buys the wood direct from the Forestry Commission's estates, after which it is hauled to a local sawmill and converted to timber.



For his salad bowls, he uses English ash more than 200 years old. He also has a range of goods made from spalted beech, which has lots of black lines in it. The beech trees that have been cut or wind blown are left in the wood for seven years and a mushroom fungus gets into them and causes the black markings.

"My favourite wood," said Denis, "is burr oak and burr elm from Scotland. But both are in short supply."

The bestselling items are salad bowls, from £16.50, platters from £21, earring stands from £23, which are a made from spalted beech, English oak, walnut, elm or ash. He also makes jewellery boxes in brown oak and English walnut, with lined trays inside, from £350 to £400.

And what does he enjoy about the job? "Trying to get better," he says. "There's a terrific amount to learn: new tools and abrasives are always appearing. You have to keep up with the technology or someone else will get better results."



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## Centre NEWS

# New Trustees at the Centre

The AGM of the Trustees of the Painswick Centre got off to a delayed start on the 13th October in the Cotswold room but compensation was at hand in the form of wine and nibbles. David Allott's chairman's report for 2007 described the many different activities which take place in the Centre and the improvements both completed and planned. Whilst the usual users of the Centre

remain much the same, David noted that there has been a sharp drop in the number of wedding parties. So if you're considering marriage in the near future, how about holding your party or reception at the Centre. Contact Rose Smith on 812369 for booking details (for the Centre that is, not for organizing weddings!).

David also announced that the Centre's next AGM will be in April 2009, closer to the Centre's financial year-end of the 31st December. He then thanked Ralph Drew for the many years of work he had put into the Centre and confirmed that both he and Ralph would not be standing for re-election as Trustees.

Five new trustees, Jackie Herbert, David Linsell, Wendy Workman, Jane Roe and Charles Dorman were elected and join Sue Lendon, Simon Graesser and Jacek Wolowiec who were re-elected. Jacek then thanked David for all his hard work for the Centre. The new Trustees subsequently elected Jackie Herbert as Chairman, Sue Lendon as Secretary and Charles Dorman as Treasurer.

## Bird nesting habits

The Club's Autumn programme commenced with an illustrated talk on Breeding Birds of Southern Britain by Graham Wren ARPS, who has a special interest in bird nesting habits.

A creature that flies must weigh as little as possible. Being pregnant would be an impossible burden for a bird. So the incubation of eggs in a nest is the answer.

Graham's photography certainly revealed that birds' eggs come in all shape, sizes and colours, as do the nest types, materials and sites.

His studies in west Oxfordshire alone showed the vast range of nesting habits, from the typical cup-shaped structure of the song thrush nest in a hedgerow to the flimsy twig platform of a wood pigeon's nest in trees, as well as nests in tree holes of the tawny owl and the simple scrape in the gravel pits of a little ringed plover. Curiosities included a blackbird's nest constructed on the back axle of a tractor. The research and conservation value of such work was evident to an enthusiastic audience in the potential for ringing fledglings and the placing of nest boxes to replace sites lost, for example, as a result of Dutch Elm Disease.

The next meeting is at the Town Hall on Tuesday 4th. November at 7.30pm, when we welcome back Helen Williams ARPS for an illustrated talk on 'Finland - Winter to Spring'. Visitors are most welcome.

Bill Boydell



## Christmas Drama!

The Painswick Players renaissance starts with an evening of readings mostly with a Christmas flavour at the Painswick Centre on Friday the 5th December at 7.30 pm including many traditional favourites and a few new items, all accompanied by mince pies. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children, available from Hamptons from the 17th November.

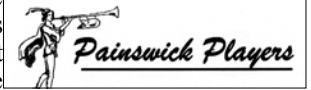
The players no longer 'teeter on the brink' but are back with a vengeance to give the people of Painswick the dramatic experiences they so justly deserve. So come and join us to celebrate the festive season.

Before that Yuletide extravaganza, come and join us at the next play reading on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre where will be reading the stage version of the television hit 'Allo 'Allo. Experts or novices in funny accents and saucy dialogue may come and practice their skills. For further information, please contact Charles Dorman 814548 or chasdorm@googlemail.com.

We will be holding auditions for our Spring Production on the 13th January 2009 at the Painswick Centre. More details to follow in December - put it in your Diary! The provisional performance dates are Friday, Saturday, Sunday 24th, 25th & 26th April 2009.

Finally let's mention the Autumn Production 2009 - anything is possible now!

Please come along and join the fun. No experience required - Just enthusiasm. If you would like more information on joining the Painswick Players please contact Dave Carlile on 812381 or membership@painswickplayers.org.uk




## First Aid for a 4-year-old

Melanie Ball, the Regional Fund Raising Manager for the British Red Cross, was the speaker at our September meeting. Her audience was greatly impressed by Melanie's warm personality and her enthusiasm for her work, as she related its history and described the activities of the Red Cross. It is perhaps best known to most of us for providing First Aid at public events, but its remit also includes lending various medical appliances to the sick and disabled, running First Aid courses for companies and voluntary organisations, and perhaps most importantly, providing logistical support at times of crisis and national disasters.

November sees Yew Trees WI celebrate its fourth "birthday". One American authority on child development writes "Energetic" and "imaginative" best describes the 4-year-old! To see if the same can be said for Yew Trees, come and find out on Tuesday, 25th November at 7.30 pm in The Town Hall, when after our Annual Meeting, we are going to sample the delights of a nineteenth century evening with a Magic Lantern Show presented by David Bayley. Visitors (of the female persuasion) warmly welcome £2.50 each.

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# Olivas celebrates success with Carnival!

With just a year of trading behind them, Brian and Ximena Nunez, as featured on our front page in August, won the coveted Retailer of the Year in the Cotswold Life Food and Drinks Awards. This was an excellent achievement after so short a time and quite rightly has given Olivas county-wide recognition.

Ximena's cooking and cake decorating skills had for some years provided a supplementary income for their Stud and Livery business, and this was the basis of the shop they established in Friday Street in 2007. Taking over the premises which had for many years been a butcher's shop, they worked hard to transform it into the cosy and welcoming delicatessen we see now. Using recycled wood from old show jumps and friends' gardens they have created a rustic and very individual atmosphere which has proved very popular – that, and, of course, the produce and service on offer.

From such a small shop Brian and Ximena offer an astonishingly wide range. "We are simply a different concept," they say. Apart from the goods on sale which range from locally sourced food and drinks to Columbian coffee and delicacies from around the world, there is also the attraction of enjoying coffee and cake either inside or in front of the shop. There is an ordering service for take-away home-made food which includes paella, tapas, lasagne, marinated pork, toffee slices, chocolate cake etc etc. And it doesn't end there. You can book a lively Tapas evening with the sounds of salsa and merengue.

The success of Olivas is the result of sheer hard work and the high quality of the products.

It is unique. It is not surprising, therefore, that the shop was a strong contender despite some powerful competition. Brian and Ximena however, were somewhat taken aback initially. "It was a big surprise when we found out we were nominated for the award, especially being such a young business. It's the boost we needed after all the hard work. Like most small businesses we needed to be put on the map and we think that this award has done exactly that. We would like to thank all the Painswick locals that gave us the support from day one."

So what lies ahead for Olivas? Well, for one thing, a year-end Carnival Fiesta Party at the Painswick Centre on December 31st with dancing to a Latinpop- Merengue Salsa band. The evening will include a three course meal, two bottles of their excellent wine, one bottle of cava, plus canapés for each table of six.



"It'll be a night to remember!" promises Brian, "And there will be a donation to Croft School PTA and the Air Ambulance."

For the future, Brian and Ximena plan to introduce more organic and local produce and to improve on what they have already achieved. They have a definite belief in the quality of the food and service they offer and this prestigious award has provided the impetus to maintain the standard and develop the enterprise even further. A gem of a business, appropriately recognised, in the heart of Painswick.

*Carol Maxwell*

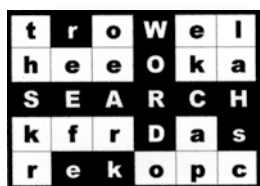
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This is indeed a generous offer to the village and all you have to do is to fill in a simple form at the hotel on or after 10 November. There are no obligations and the benefits begin immediately. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy top quality service at a privileged price?

*Carol Maxwell*

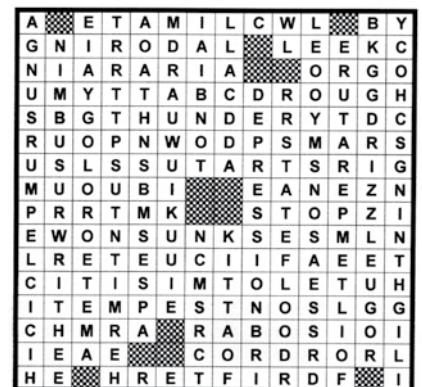


With winter weather upon us we thought we would invite you to identify 26 words associated with just that - words weather forecasters would include in their vocabulary.

Did you get the answers to last month's bewitching puzzle? The 26 words associated with Halloween were:



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# PaMAG wowed by...

## ... Bryn, Beethoven and... the Beatles!

The Painswick Music Appreciation Group Committee did us proud on 3rd October, widening our horizon with some recordings of less well known albeit beautiful compositions.

We loved Bryn Terfel, accompanied by Malcolm Martineau singing Schubert's "Litany for the Feast of All Souls" followed by two songs from his Swan Song cycle; "La Fanciulla del West" with Placido Domingo, and - wait for it, this was modern! - Einojuhani Rautavaara's 3rd Symphony.



Followed by - wait for it again - The Beatles, complete with Ann Burges Watson's photograph with them in New York in 1964, reproduced by the Daily Mirror! Then "back to normalcy" - Victoria de los Angeles, hauntingly wonderful in the last act of Otello and to finish, Pablo Casals' arrangement of a Catalan Christmas song, Elgar's very early "Ave Maria", sung by the Stroud Choral Society and an equally early Beethoven quintet. Wow!

*Ralph Kenber*

## ... Gilbertless Sullivan



Ian Hancock gave a well-attended presentation on Arthur Sullivan, The Romantic Composer, whom he had studied at university. Sullivan, 1842 - 1900, was precociously gifted. After studies at the RAM, he went to Leipzig. He made his name with his music for a performance of The Tempest at the Crystal Palace in 1862. Other pieces were The Masque at Kenilworth, 1864, his Irish Symphony, a considerable work with Wagnerian touches, and a cello concerto with a lovely second movement, both of 1866: we heard extracts from several of these pieces, including The Lost Cord composed in 1877 on the deathbed of his brother.

After the interval, we heard Orpheus and His Lute, with an interesting piano accompaniment; and then some church music, The Light of The World, which expressed powerful emotion. His best known Oratorio was The Golden Legend, composed in 1886 for the Leeds Festival. He may have regarded his Grand

Opera Ivanhoe as his masterpiece. Among his few later successes was The Emerald Isle, 1900, almost a farewell. He would probably have liked to be remembered for his serious music; but for the public the greatest appreciation was for the operettas he composed with Gilbert.

Ian was the enthusiastic master of his material, and he gave us a rewarding and informative evening.

*Richard Burges Watson*

## ... not to mention...

PaMAG is continuing its very active series of Concert Outings this season. We are currently inviting visitors to join us on the next, rather innovative, outing in February to Cardiff Bay, to attend a Welsh National Opera production of Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" at the Wales Millennium Centre. The plan is to leave Painswick early afternoon giving plenty of time to explore the exciting Cardiff Bay development, then take in a meal before the Opera which starts at 7.15pm.

The date is Thursday 12th February 2009. Good circle tickets will cost about £32.00 plus coach travel at around £12.00. If you're interested, please call me on 814241.

*Stewart Price*



## supanet.com RIP

Some have not noted that we have now disconnected the old Beacon email address, [painswickbeacon@supanet.com](mailto:painswickbeacon@supanet.com). From now on, please send all copy to:

**beacon@painswick.net**

Over 90% of Beacon contributions are now submitted by email, mostly in the form of attached MS Word files.

This we greatly appreciate. But one tiny plea: it is quite understandable for you to name these files something like "Beacon article.doc". However, it means that we often end up with a dozen or more identically named files, which can sometimes cause a smidgeon of confusion amongst our already confused editors. So how about some more descriptive file names - eg "Painswick TumFu Soc article.doc"?

Thanks. And keep the stories coming!



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# Croft School News

## Internet Safety

Families with children in years 2 and above should have received a copy of a resource provided by Childnet entitled 'Know IT All.' Please take time to look at this as it contains excellent advice about keeping your child safe online. We do not have enough copies to give to all the families of younger children, but there some spare copies in the school office. Please ask if you would like one.



On the above website you will find information about all of the Gloucestershire services for children and young people, as well as many links to other services offering advice and support. Amongst others, there are sections on education, health, childcare, recreation and support for children and families in times of crisis.

## Pantomime

Thank you to all those of you who have already sent in the payment and permission slip for children to take part in the visit to the Everyman Theatre to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' on Wednesday 17th December. If you have not yet sent in the permission slip and payment we would be grateful for this as soon as possible.

## Cycle Training

Congratulations to the children who have taken in cycle training. They have all been given certificates. If your child was involved, please look at the certificate and the individual comments on the back. Some children still have areas to improve and some have been recommended adult supervision when cycling on the road, so please check.

## Fun Club

It is important that Fun Club bookings, and cancellations, are made by adults and not by a message with a child. This can be done directly with Fun Club staff or via the school office. In order to book Fun Club sessions for term 2, please note that no clubs will run after 5th December.

## Scarecrows at the Rococo Gardens

The Rococo Gardens is running a scarecrow competition for local schools and some of our children have been busy making a highly imaginative scarecrow, *pictured right*, dubbed 'The Angel of The Croft'. It's now in place at Rococo and - if you're quick, you may just see him/her before 5th November! Thanks to Jo Casling, Anne Haworth and Kim Brockett for their help.

## Meal times

I am delighted to say that school dinners are even more popular than ever this term, with up to 90 children eating lunch each day. This is in no small measure due to the expert cooking and food preparation by Theresa and Cheryl in our kitchen. However, the numbers eating are causing a long wait for food for some children, so we will try a slight change to the timetable after the holiday week. This should mean that the children do not have to wait too long to be served and will have a good amount of time to go out and play after lunch. The lunch break will remain at 12.15 to 1.15 for infants, but the juniors will go in to lunch at 12.25 and the afternoon will start for them at 1.25. We will trial this for a week and then decide whether to continue.

## Open Evenings

Our Open Evenings this term will take place on:

Wednesday 12th November 5.00 – 7.30pm

Thursday 13th November 3.30 – 6.00pm

This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher and to see the work that they have done so far this term. Please come along. Sheets to sign up for appointment slots will be up in school when we come back in term 2 (from 3rd November). If you are not able to get into school, please phone the school office after this date to make an appointment.





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## Book Fair

We will have a visiting Scholastic Book Fair during November, open from 3.00 and 3.45pm on Friday 7th November to Wednesday 12th November. It will also be open during the Wednesday Open Evening. Last year there was an excellent selection of books and we received many books for the school on commission, so please support it. Further details to follow.

## Uniform

I am noticing an increase in non-uniform items being worn by a few children. Please ensure that you support the school and your child by providing the correct uniform, including PE kit and plain dark coloured shoes. Bulky boots and trainers should not be worn, please. Now that it is getting colder, please ensure that your child has a coat every day, even if it is a sunny morning.

## School photographs

Wednesday 12th November brings us the school photographer and a great opportunity for a Christmas present for proud grandparents. All children will have their photo taken on their own and in family groups, with no obligation to buy. If you would like your pre-school child included in a photograph, bring your children into the hall between 8.30 and 8.50am.

## Brass instrumental lessons

We would love to recruit some more junior children to learn to play a brass instrument. Please let me know if your child is interested.

## PSALMS: SUPA Saturday

*Message from Jess Duffield:* SUPA Saturday is a joint event between The Croft, Cranham and Sheepscombe SUPA Clubs and will be held on 22nd November at The Croft from 4pm-6pm. It will consist of games, Bible stories, drama, quizzes and crafts. Although SUPA Clubs normally run for school years 3-6, SUPA Saturday will be for all children in Reception- Year 6. There will be pre-registration forms available from the school office from Monday 20th October, please fill these in and return to the office before 7th November. You can also register on the day but places are limited. There will be a cost of £1.50 for the event which you can pay on the day. Hope to see you there!

## Latin Club at Birdlip School

Joan Barraclough, a retired Classics teacher, has been running a 'Minimus' Latin club at Birdlip Primary School for a number of years. She plans to run a club after Christmas – probably on a Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:15ish at Birdlip. She would be happy to involve both children and parents from other schools. Please let me know by the end of next week if you are interested in joining her.

## Parents Meeting: Assessment For Learning

We have developed new ways of marking children's work called



Assessment For Learning, which involves using assessment in the classroom to raise children's achievement. It is based on the idea that they will improve most if they understand the aim of their learning, where they are in relation to this aim and how they can achieve the aim (or close the gap in their knowledge). It is assessment for (to enable more) learning. This is different to assessment of learning which is what tests do, in judging pupils' performance against national standards. Assessment For Learning happens all the time in the classroom. It involves:

- sharing learning goals with children (i.e. what they are aiming to achieve)
- helping them to know and recognise the standards to aim for
- giving different types of feedback to help children to know how to improve
- both the teacher and children reviewing and reflecting on their performance and progress
- pupils learning self-assessment techniques to discover areas they need to improve

In short, it helps children to become good independent learners who are motivated to learn and to improve.

In order to make it a bit clearer to parents, and to answer questions, we invite all parents to a meeting on Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm. We will particularly talk about how we use marking and how children can assess themselves and assess the work of a partner (peer marking).

We were involved in a Gloucestershire Assessment for Learning project last year. As we were recognised as developing good practice, we have been asked to lead a small network of five schools to further develop this area this year. Mrs Towler and Mrs Hartley lead this work at The Croft and Mrs Towler is facilitating the network. I am very proud that our school has been asked to do this, and it is a great credit to all our staff.

## What's on in the next few weeks?

Monday 3rd November:  
Bonfire safety assembly

Tuesday 4th November:  
Second World war dance morning (Classes 3 to 5)  
Sodexo cooking afternoon with Class 2

Wednesday 5th November:  
Sodexo cooking afternoon with Year 3

Thursday 6th November:  
Wartime Memories Day, Richmond Painswick, Classes 3 - 5

*Janet Hoyle*

## PTA Christmas Fair

The Croft PTA has decided to ring the changes this year and will hold its annual Christmas Fair in the afternoon of Friday 5th December, 3.30 – 6.00pm. (See page 4 for further details)



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**Tennis**

**Annual Tournament**

The Tennis Club's Annual Tournament finals were played on the evening of Sunday 28th September. Spectators were not only treated to a glorious evening but also some thrilling tennis. Alicia Barnett won the Ladies' Singles Final against Megan Butterworth in a match of quality tennis. Dan Omnes was up against Paul Duncliffe in the Men's Singles Final and took the fiercely competitive first set. With both players due to play in the doubles and needing to conserve some energy it was the slightly more youthful Dan who won the match. Alicia and her partner, Sarah Thomas, won the Ladies Doubles event against Mary Omnes and Michele Sidwell in another fine display of ladies' tennis, but it was the Men's doubles which proved the 'match of the day'. Paul Duncliffe and Duncan Ross took the first set from the pairing of Dan Omnes and Jimmy Haycroft-Mee who went on to win a very close second set. The third set went to a tie break with Jimmy and Dan having three match points which they failed to convert giving victory to Paul and Duncan. Duncan with his partner, Philippa James, were the winners of the mixed doubles event. It was an exciting evening for players and spectators alike, many of whom stayed on until the last ball had been served. The August Tournament, which should have been reported last month, was won by Gill Willoughby and Stuart Hall for the second year running. Congratulations to them and to all the Club finalists, some of whom are pictured below.



*Jillie Speed*



*Back row: Jimmy Haycroft-Mee John Courts Dan Omnes Duncan Ross.  
Front row: Alicia Barnett Mary Omnes Sarah Thomas Phillipa James Megan Butterworth*

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**Tennis Club AGM**

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held last week. John Courts was re-elected President with Ruth Smith continuing as Honorary Secretary and John Barrus becoming Honorary Treasurer. Our picture shows John presenting the Ladies' Singles Cup to Alicia Barnett.

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## Rugby

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### Results

*(L) indicates league match: (M) Citizen Merit Table*

Sat 4th Oct. (L) Tewkesbury 1st XV 37 Painswick 1st XV 0 (M) Painswick United 54 Stroud Nomads 5

Sat 11th Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 52 Ashley Down OB 1st XV 17.

(M) Cheltenham Sabres 34 Painswick United 17.

Sat 18th Oct. Painswick United 36 Drybrook 2nd XV 21.

Sat 25th Oct. (L) Chipping Sodbury 1st XV 21 Painswick 1st XV 0

(M) Painswick United 13 Old Centralians 26

### November fixtures

Sat 1st. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Longlevens 1st XV. (M) Brockworth 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 8th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Bishopston 1st XV. (M) Spartans 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 15th. (L) Cheltenham 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Chosen Hill 2nd XV.

Sat 22nd. Painswick United v Tewkesbury 2nd XV.

Sat 29th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Aretians 1st XV. (M) Matson 2nd XV v Painswick United.

### December

Sat 6th. (L) Brockworth 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Cirencester 2nd XV.

## Cricket

Last month we reported Painswick Cricket Club's Annual Dinner/Dance.

Our picture below shows guest speaker Russell Hillier (left) with June Gardiner and Club Chairman John Hogg.

John announced at the dinner that he would not be seeking re-election at the AGM as he felt it was time for a younger man to assume the office of Chairman.



## Chloe's Open House

Chloe Smith, who formerly ran her beauty clinic, Revive, at Hoyland House, has a lot to offer especially during the next few weeks.

Keen to point out that her treatments are not just about beauty but with an emphasis on the feel-good factor, this is a young woman with a very professional approach to her work. Chloe is very serious about her aims – the main one of which is to provide a unique experience for each of her clients. "Everyone has individual needs," she says, and this is why she offers a very personal service. She already has a very loyal local client base (ages ranging from 14 to 92) and explains that her treatments are beneficial in many ways, from relieving tension and pain to making the most of one's appearance.

Chloe is now offering a very flexible service which she feels has great advantages for her clients. By prior booking she will provide treatments in clients' own homes, or alternatively she has a very peaceful and welcoming base in Cranham where she has lived all her life. In other words, clients can choose when and where they would like their treatments, including some evenings and Saturdays. Chloe is pleased with this arrangement as she feels it suits clients' needs really well.

She offers a range of treatments including Thalgo facials, tanning, massage, head massage, manicure and pedicure (discount offer for the two), nail extensions, or how about a pamper day of four full treatments with lunch including wine – a very special treat.

On Saturday, 6th December from 11.00-3.00 Chloe will be hosting an Open House session, mulled wine and mince pies on arrival, when you can find out more about what's on offer. There will be demonstrations at 12.00 and 2.00, various products and gift vouchers for treatments on sale (now there's an idea for a Christmas present), home-made marmalade and a raffle in aid of Alzheimer's Society, a cause close to Chloe's heart as her grandfather has this condition.

Do go along and discover for yourself the range of services for men and women of all ages, and some of the special offers this very friendly and professional young lady is organising for the festive season. Tel. 07859.880641 for directions.

*Carol Maxwell*



Contributors are reminded of the closing date for copy, as printed on the back page each month; this being a tight cut-off date for our editing the next issue.

We have noticed, of late, that we sometimes receive two fairly weighty items for an event two months hence. Unfortunately this can mean that we become short of space for the one closest to the date of the event itself, which means we may seek to precis the second one to the disadvantage of the organisers. We much prefer a short 'advance notice' and the most important pre-event item later.

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## Bledisloe Cup 2008: The Full Report

Painswick is a village of considerable architectural merit with 385 listed buildings and some splendid seventeenth and eighteenth houses and mills, all set within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A prominent feature, captured in postcards and etched in the minds of all who visit Painswick, even those who only pass through on the main road, is St Mary's Church, with its 99 yew trees and unique collection of chest tombs and monuments.

In short, the centre of Painswick epitomises the prosperity of Gloucestershire at the peak of the woollen industry. But, as the report prepared in support of the submission indicates, Painswick does not dwell on the past. It strives to protect the essential character it has inherited whilst also accepting that there will be changes in the way buildings are used, in the activities people wish to pursue, the demographic profile and the travel patterns. The continuing demand from people wishing to live in the area presents a challenge.

For such a visually attractive place it is remarkable that the many visitors who come to enjoy Painswick leave such a small "footprint". It has good parking well hidden from view, with what must be the cleanest toilets in the Cotswolds but the village never appears to be overloaded with visitors. It is one of the most understated destinations in the AONB. But for those who care to linger and look, the village community has done a great deal to make the stay memorable. A group of volunteers staffs the Tourist Information Office in the library building during the holiday months. Guided tours of the Parish Church are also organised.

The countryside around Painswick is extremely attractive for walking – a real benefit for both local people and visitors. There are 21 footpath stewards who monitor conditions and help identify problems. The regular Monday walks by the village walking group is a good way to keep paths open. The Cotswold Way passes close by. A funding bid to provide a central information point to promote the use of the Way was not, unfortunately, successful but discussions are continuing with officers of the AONB Board. There are a wide range of facilities for outdoor and indoor recreation. The playing field has plenty of seating and good litter bins, regularly emptied. The children's play area is well looked after too. The Parish handyman does a very good job.

There are 5 halls within the village. They are well used by the many clubs and societies. The town hall is an asset, well used and maintained. Concern for global issues is evident in the work that so many people and businesses put into gaining Fairtrade for Painswick. The Croft school played an active part in communicating the Fairtrade message. To meet the strict criteria of the Fairtrade Foundation requires concerted effort, indicative of the strong community spirit in Painswick.

All of the above activities are superbly recorded in the Painswick Beacon, a professional looking local newspaper compiled and edited, as I understand it, entirely by volunteers and containing news and information from the Parish Council and numerous voluntary organisations. Published monthly it is distributed free of charge to all households in the village and on subscription to anyone who cares to sign up. More than 500 do so, many of whom, some former residents, live abroad. The Beacon was launched in the 1970s and has been going strong ever since, supported these days by a website with easy to access archive material.

*John Davidson OBE, CPRE Final Assessor*

## Painswick Matters...

...is the name of the newly formed forum of businesses and traders in Painswick, an organisation of which we are likely to hear more from time to time. On the initiative of the Parish Council, and followed through by Robert Cox on their behalf and the Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a meeting of representatives of about twenty local businesses was held last week at the Falcon Inn. Information and guidance was received about ways in which other villages and townships have seized the initiative to further their local and mutual interests, including a source of £1,000 funding in the current financial year (which has to be matched locally or through such as the District Council) to facilitate the first year of operation. Additionally, direct access can be obtained to a South West regional web site to promote Painswick businesses in a variety of ways, updated as frequently as local volunteers could attend to the input of information.

The meeting was undoubtedly animated, those attending quickly discovering that they shared strong ideas, the over-riding one being to attract visitors for whatever reason and have immediacy of information for them which strongly holds their attention long enough to encourage them to spend money while here. Several realistic ideas were aired including a well publicised village trail, with copies imprinted on widely available re-usable shopping bags, signage along such a trail to encourage those strolling around to explore parts of the village little visited at present, and the significance of a constantly updated web site with numerous links to other web information which might capture prospective visitors.

There was unanimity about progressing the forum, and Painswick Matters will meet again on Wednesday 19th November at 6.30pm at the Falcon. In the interim a smaller group will give thought to practicalities under the stewardship of Robert Cox. He and his colleagues will build an e-mail directory of all businesses interested in joining and commence circulation before then, so that projects can be worked up into reality. Those unable to attend last week are urged to contact Robert on [brookhousemill@btinternet.com](mailto:brookhousemill@btinternet.com)

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# Local History Teaser

Taken at a time when Painswick had many more shops than it has now, this photograph shows one business and one of its proprietresses in a location probably unrecognisable now. Can you name the shop, say where it was, who the lady was and approximately when this picture was taken? Any extra information would be a bonus. Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month our picture showed a grand bunch of men and women taken at the Falcon Bowling Green in 1938. It was sent in by Ann Reeves and J.F.Cooke, the grandson of Tom Tuck who is first left on the back row of the picture. Tom Tuck lived at Ashcroft opposite the Rugby ground after retiring to Painswick in the 1930s. Ann's mother was evacuated there at the outbreak of war and Ann was born there. Tom Tuck was her uncle. She thinks the man with the dog was Mr Skinner. Unfortunately, no-one responded to our request for information so the identities of all the other people remain unknown. Our thanks to Ann for providing the picture. If you have a photograph suitable for the teaser please let us know.

*Carol Maxwell*

## ... and the History Society

At the October meeting Geoff and Bet King and David Murray showed their film, Stroud Before Traffic Lights. Using many interesting archival photographs this film showed the development of several aspects of Stroud and other nearby villages including Painswick. It was loosely based on the rhyme, Mincing Hampton Painswick Proud, Beggarly Bisley Strutting Stroud. There were also additions such as wild Whiteway, and the overall effect was to awaken awareness of the very interesting histories which can still be seen in each of the communities in the form of buildings and roadways.

Geoff and Bet King can make this film available for raising funds for local charities.

The next meeting will take place at 7.30 at the Croft School on Tuesday, 18th November when Ian Mackintosh will give a presentation on Prosperity and Decline around Stroudend Tythings Mills. Everyone is welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*



## ArchiTecs



On the left, a fragment of a quite distinguishing feature, close to premises which are themselves of some note. Any ideas?

And, on the right, last month we asked if you knew where this significant plaque was laid, and it is one of two on land south of the New Street bus shelter.



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# From here... to infirmity

We bring you two views of life from both ends of the age spectrum. On the left, 18 year old Painswickian, Tom Elliott, describes his life as a student in Bristol. On the right Julie Andrews muses on 'some of her favourite things' as sung by her at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall at a gala evening to celebrate entering her 70th year. This little gem was unearthed by our ever youthful Personal Column correspondent, Rachel Taylor.



## Student life by Tom Elliott

Student life never fails to be an exciting time of one's life. Having just started my degree, I have already started to feel pressures of work, yet am fully enjoying my course. The title of my degree is "Youth and community work, and applied theology".

It's a Christian faith based course, seeking to train those wishing to work with young people in a Christian or secular based setting. I spend two days a week at Bristol Baptist College, (just round the corner from Bristol Zoo!!) and the rest of the week, I spend working at a placement church in South Cheltenham. I will also be undertaking a 90 hour placement in a secular community / youth project.

Having worked with PSALMS and various other projects on a voluntary basis for a while, it occurred to me that I enjoyed working with young people, sharing my faith and encouraging them in their lives. I enjoy using my interest in comedy illusions (as some of you may have seen me in action) and I felt the need to take it further and seek more training.



If interested about what I do, I keep a regularly updated online blog. Often combining news of youth work, my performance based work and humour; it serves as a medium of letting people know what I am up to. The web address is as follows; [www.laughingwithtomnews.blogspot.com](http://www.laughingwithtomnews.blogspot.com)

## 'My Favorite Things'

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food nor food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin'  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

## PROPERTY REPORT for November from Murrays Estate Agents

It would appear that we are now in a recession, or so the government have informed us, so how and what is the property market doing at this present moment?

We have seen the sharpest period of property market turmoil in living memory. The market will not correct itself overnight and there will still be uncertainty for the foreseeable future, it would seem at least until the beginning of 2010. Prices in some areas may have to fall further before they reach their optimum sales level and therefore the point where the market can really begin to rally. But this does not mean there is no activity in the meantime. In fact September/October was, in many parts of the country, and for ourselves in Painswick, a relatively good month for sales. Why was this? Well firstly life continues. The second reason is more profound. As both the banks and the stock markets are hardly attractive places to deposit hard-earned cash at the moment, investors are seeking sounder alternatives. There is one place that consistently performs as a sound investor, despite several ups and downs over the past fifty years, and that is the property market. As long as you consider buying a property in the current climate as a medium to long-term investment, even if the property prices do drop further in the next year then your property is sure to rise again in the coming years. Therefore in order to keep your money safe buying a house seems to be the way forward.

We have taken on some very exciting properties in the past month and these include Doveton Lodge, a large and extremely well presented family house with a 28ft kitchen/living area in Hambutts Mead, Belle View and South View which is a fantastic opportunity to acquire two cottages together on Vicarage Street, Verland Cottage a charming two bedroom cottage also on Vicarage Street, Beehcote, a large family house with outstanding views in Sheepscombe, Stonecrop a good sized bungalow with attic rooms and lots of potential and Highfield a four bedroom house with lovely garden both in Cranham and beautifully converted in Upton St Leonards, The Barn with its impressive galleried dining hall and sitting room and 5 Juniper Cottages a two bedroom cottage with attractive high gables and panoramic views in Wick Street.

Properties that are currently UNDER OFFER are The Croft in Pitchcombe, 33 Ashwell in Painswick and Nightingale Cottage in Ruscombe, and properties that have now SOLD are Glendale House and 1 Hyett Close in Painswick, The Briars and Knapp House in Sheepscombe and Ravenscourt in Edge.

*James C Murray*



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## NOVEMBER

Sat	1	Coffee & Gateaux Morning Conservatives Wine Tasting. - Cancelled	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	2	All Souls Day: Service of Thanksgiving	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	3	Short Mat Bowls (Mondays) contact 813627 Community Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Christ Church Hall Sheepscombe V Hall	10.30am & 6.30pm 12.00noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	4	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) <b>Red Cross Open Gardens</b> - Coffee Morning Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays Bird Club: Finland - winter to spring: Helen Williams Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 10.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm
Wed	5	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Archers at Crecy 1346 - Ian Shapter Bingo: Wednesdays	Sheepscombe V Hall Shires Room, Falcon Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	6	T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting at the Hospice Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30am 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays)	Minchinhampton	2.30pm
Sat	8	Sue Ryder Care Christmas Fair Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party, location 812709	Richmond Painswick Town Hall Town Hall	7.30pm 10.00am 9.45am to 12noon
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	11	Remembrance Service Painswick Players Play Reading - 'Allo 'Allo	Christ Church Hall War Memorial Green Room, P. Centre	12.00noon to 1.15pm 10.50am for 11.00 7.30pm
Wed	12	Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale for Ashwell House Day Centre Soul Café - Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev Whyte	Ashwell House Christ Church Hall	10.30am to 12noon 2.00pm
Fri	14	Friday Club outing: A Day at the Races Children in Need Day Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing	Croft School B'ham Symphony Town Hall	7.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon
Sat	15	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Mon	17	Community Lunch: Hosts - Puffins		
Tue	18	Fashion Show in aid of Cotswold Care. Tickets £10 to include glass of wine Local History Society: Prosperity & Decline Stroudend Tything Mills - Ian Mackintosh Probus:	Painswick Golf Club Croft School	
Wed	19	Life upon the wicked stage - Diane Hayman Women's Fellowship: Bookbinding - Anne Weare	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	20	CTAP AGM		
Sat	22	<b>Copy dateline for December Beacon</b> Conservatives Bridge Drive: tickets £7 to include afternoon tea. Tel 813259	Church Rooms	2.30 to 5.00pm
Sun	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party,	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	24	Community Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: AGM & 19th cent evening, magic lantern show: David Bayley	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Vaughan Williams	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: AGM followed by 'Preparing for Xmas'	Town Hall	2.30pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Mon	1	Community Lunch: Hosts - Arthur & Andy Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Coach to London: £15 - Tel: 813965/813227 Probus: Memoirs of Japan - Marion Begley	Stamages Car Park Shires Room, Falcon	8.30am 10.00am



Sat	6	<b>December Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Knitwear Sale: Great labels - cashmere, botany, lambswool etc. Conservatives Christmas Mince Pies party - cancelled New Year event to be held on 10 January	Town Hall	10.30am to 2.30pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	8	Bird Club: field trip - Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust Community Lunch: Hosts - Margaret Hodge	Slimbridge Christ Church Hall	10.45am 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Yew Trees WI: Puds & Puzzles	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10	Theatre Club outing to Malvern Soul Café – Contemporary Spiritual Bible Study - Rev Whyte	The Falcon	1.00pm
Thu	11	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Christ Church Hall Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	2.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	12	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch		
Sat	13	Painswick Singers Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.30pm
Mon	15	Croft School juniors Christmas Concert	Christ Church	7.00pm
Tue	16	Everyman Pantomime workshop at school	Croft School	
Wed	17	Probus: Better Lucky than Talented - Geoff Clark Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Shires Room, Falcon Ashwell House	10.00am 7.30pm
Sun	21	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Wed	31	End of Year Party: Merengue & Salsa Band; food by Olivas Delicatessen. £85 per person	Painswick Centre	8.00pm to 2.00am

## JANUARY

Wed	7	Probus: Old Inns of Gloucester - Philip Moss	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	8	Music Appreciation Group - Strauss	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	10	Conservatives New Year event - details to follow	Church Rooms	
Tue	13	Auditions Painswick Players Spring production	Painswick Centre	
Tue	20	Local History Society: Pubs & Breweries of the Stroud Valleys: Geoff Sandles	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: Neither Rhyme or Reason - Ron Nott Women's Fellowship: "A Policeman's Lot" - Harold Clarke	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	22	CTAP Christian Unity Week Talk, Afternoon Tea Music Appreciation Group - Concert	Christ Church Hall Church Rooms Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sun	25	CTAP Unity Agape	Christ Church Hall	6.30pm

## FEBRUARY

Wed	4	Probus: British Energy -Future Energy Policy - David Norfolk	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	5	Music Appreciation Group - Glazunov	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	14	Valentine Tapas Candle Lit Romantic Evening		
Tue	17	Local History Society: A Briggs/Archard Production	Croft School	7.30pm

## MARCH

Tue	17	Local History Society: Stroudwater Navigation - Bruce Hall	Croft School	7.30pm
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## APRIL

Fri	24, 25 & 26	Painswick Players production <i>Gaslight</i>	Painswick Centre	
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# PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

HILLMANS COTTAGE, PARADISE. Erection of extensions and alterations. Installation of solar panels.

JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Remedial works to cedar tree.

SPRING COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Erection of single storey extension.

MARY'S ACRE, STAMAGES LANE. Erection of a porch.

SPRING COTTAGE, TICKLESTONE LANE. Demolish existing one and two storey rear extensions and dormer and replace with new one and two storey rear extensions and associated alterations.

GLENDALE, VICARAGE STREET. Removal of block pier. Erection of extensions.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, STROUD ROAD. Removal of steps and replace with a ramp.

JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of a dwelling.

BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE WARD. Erection of extension to provide annexe accommodation.

PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Demolition of existing walled garden and stables. Erection of new stables, ancillary buildings and walled enclosure.

MARY'S ORCHARD, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a conservatory, toilet and external steps.

COCKSHOOT COTTAGE, COCKSHOOT QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE. Two storey extension.

WELL FARM, WICK STREET. Installation of secondary glazing to 28 windows.

## CONSENT

KNAPP FARM, THE VATCH, CATSWOOD LANE, SLAD WARD. Conversion of barn and ancillary buildings into a live-work unit.

EXTRA COVER, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Single storey extension and loft conversion.

18 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Single storey front extension.

## REFUSAL

OLIVERS BARN, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Retrospective change of use from barn to residential accommodation and ancillary equestrian use.

## PLANS WITHDRAWN

ROCOCO GARDEN, PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Structural repairs to vault and masonry; change of roof covering.

BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of extension to provide annexe accommodation.

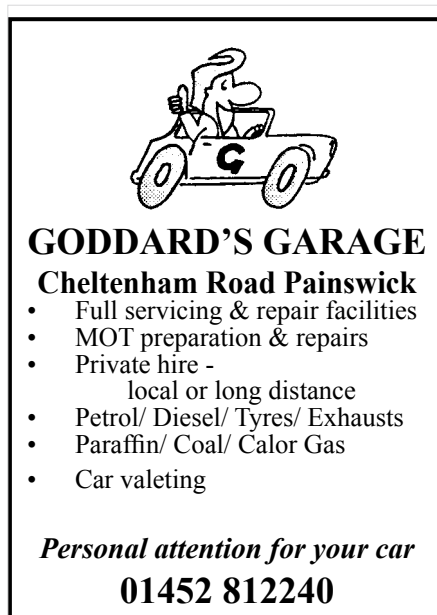


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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to KAREN and KEITH JORDAN on the birth of a son, Finlay, on 29th September, a brother for Mollie and Nathaniel;  
and belated congratulations to CHARLOTTE and SIMON LEWIS on the birth of a son, Thomas, on 24th May, a brother for Verity and a sixth grandchild for Sarah and Hywel James.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs D J McCARTHY who have moved to Knapp House, Sheepscombe;  
and Mr and Mrs POOLE who are moving into The Lamp House, Victoria Square;  
and LIZZIE and PAUL DUNCKLEY and their children, GABRIELLE and SAM, to Lower Washwell Lane, from Oxfordshire;  
and Mr and Mrs I SMITH to The Briars, Sheepscombe;  
and Mr TOM KIRBY to Ravenscourt, Edge;  
and REBECCA CARTER-BOAST and ANDREW HARRIS from Plymouth to Star Cottage, Hollyhock Lane, where they have already made an impact! (*see frontpage*)

## Moves within Painswick

MIDGE LENEY has moved from Hyett Close to Glendale, Vicarage Street;  
and Mr and Mrs M HOWES have moved to 1 Hyett Close

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to PAULINE BERRY, PHILLIP BERRY, PEGGY BRADSHAW and LESLIE GRIFFITHS.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of SEAN CASEY, FRANK DRINKWATER, MARGARET ELLISON and FRED ARTHUR (*see below*) who have all died recently.

## Frederick Arthur

Caroline Dicks reports that her grandfather, Frederick Arthur died in Berkeley hospital on 25th September following pneumonia.  
Fred had lived in Vicarage Street at Southview Cottage for over 60 years. His daughter and son-in-law, Kath and Ivor Dicks, lived next door for over 40 years.



Paying tribute to him, Caroline said "Fred was a private person who lived for his family. He was a perfect Gentleman and role model who maintained old fashioned standards. He always dressed in a shirt and tie and could be recognised by his trilby. He had enjoyed 92 wonderful years of life and embraced them all."

Fred is pictured above on the occasion of his recent 92nd birthday and, on the left, a couple of years ago - for once minus trilby - just after a first helicopter flight.

His family arranged a Humanist ceremony at the Gloucester Crematorium and gathered at The Painswick golf club afterwards.

At Fred's request all donations were given to The Alzheimer's Society in memory of his late wife Phyllis who passed away in 2005. Fred will be dearly missed by his family, but never forgotten.

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