

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Farewell Heather



After six and a half years in Painswick, the Reverend Heather Whyte, Minister of Christ Church, will take her last service at 10.30am on Sunday, 26th April. She then faces a major challenge in her new role as Evangelism Enabler and Communications Officer for all the United Reform Churches within the south-west Synod. This covers a vast geographical area and involves a much broader scope of activities with a specific remit for her team.

Far from being daunted, Heather seems to relish the challenge of what lies ahead. Essentially, she will be helping the church to use the media to greater effect and to encourage more discussion and understanding. She feels strongly about the need for Christians to engage fully and recognises the need to change and adapt to modern life and culture. Heather is very much a person of her time with an eye to positive future developments. She wants to use 21st century means to move the church forward, to give it vitality.

Of her time in Painswick, Heather feels there have been challenges but she has learnt many key skills and has enjoyed her ministry. She has confidence in her Painswick congregation whom she sees as a strong team, and feels this bodes well for the future. Christ Church was her first ordained ministry. She is passionate in her beliefs, very vibrant and full of energy and will be greatly missed.

## The Quiz 2009

Once again, on page 8, is the final place list for the 21 teams who took part in this year's Quiz on the 14th March at the Painswick Centre.

We had 12 rounds this year and some rather unusual rounds at that – one on Chocolate and another on the Oddly Logical (at which the Village Idiots excelled) though strangely the round with the lowest scores was News from 2008. The easiest round was Catchphrases with an average of 7 correct answers per team. Our delighted winners the '**Rosie Four**', from Slad are pictured here.



We have received positive feedback from some teams though are told other teams found the questions too difficult. Comments on any aspect of the quiz will be welcomed, and we will bear them in mind for next year.

Thank you all for coming and thank you too for all those who helped.

Charles Dorman, the organiser, can be contacted by email at [chasdorm@googlemail.com](mailto:chasdorm@googlemail.com) or by post at Tilling, Kingsmill Lane, Painswick GL6 6RT or put your letter in the Beacon Box outside Murrays Estate Agents.

## Red nose Day

Dispensing their customary good humour and sense of occasion, we found the Pharmacy staff raising customer spirits by entering into the appeal with gusto. Word soon got around that this was the day to take in prescriptions or make 'essential' purchases, if only to verify the fact that exceptional off-duty apparel can reveal a great deal about these much respected members of our community.

With no pressure exerted upon smiling clients £53.05 was collected, topped up by Mike to £100.



**On other pages this month** - heritage signs, tower ticking, our appealing trees, top hair accolade, naturalists explained, sky falling in, marathon gran, significance of Maundy Thursday, in gaslight, a griffin pondering, Adele in gallery, Calor aims.



**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Planning areas**

With recent changes in membership of the Council it was decided to review the Painswick areas for which each is responsible. When planning applications are received, or other planning issues arise, the councillor responsible for an area is the key person looking at an application, their familiarity with that 'patch' being of advantage. His/her comments are particularly taken into account in ensuing actions, including the expression of views by other members of the Planning Committee and then its Chairman, these influencing the comments forwarded to the District Council prior to preparation for its own decisions. The latest listing of Painswick village areas is set out towards the back of this issue.

**Planning meetings**

Terry Parker reminded members that the current 'brown envelope' system whereby planning applications circulated to councillors for comment was flawed in that views expressed by (say) the last to receive the information were unknown to those who had already expressed their own and could, in some circumstances, prove to have influenced those previously expressed views.

It was agreed to give further consideration to the possibility of twice-monthly meetings of the Painswick Ward members of the committee so that decisions were arrived at through discussion. To this end an item will come before the next meeting.

**Telephone mast - Edge**

News was received that the second mast proposed for Edge was no longer required and will therefore not be erected.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Painswick Village - signs**

The Chairman welcomed Carol Maxwell, current Chairman of the Local History Society, who made a presentation to the Council of proposals they had formulated and researched to prepare and fund several carefully designed interpretation boards to be erected at key points within the village. The detail is set out by Mrs Maxwell on the opposite page. Jason Bullingham reported that Painswick Matters were themselves

intending exactly the same but with the addition of advertising material. The Council agreed to support the proposal but requested that there be consultation between the two organisations prior to precise detail being forthcoming in due course.

**Painswick Gateway**

The press release from the Trustees was noted.

**Allotments**

The Council received a letter from the Chairman of the Gyde House Trustees which included reference to tenure of land for allotments. The Council agreed to proceed with entering into an agreement with the Trustees, subject to the tenancy agreement being on order, noting (a) that all costs entailed would be offset within two to three years as plots are taken up, and (b) the recorded reservations of Mike Kerton.

The Clerk will welcome expressions of interest, the register now being open.

**Survey of meeting halls**

Peter Rowe, an ex-Councillor, made an exhaustive presentation of his report upon meeting halls throughout the civil parish.

He pointed out that he had, with much assistance from the organisations concerned, completed two parts of the survey. The lengthy document included (1) a comprehensive audit/survey of available meeting rooms to identify what facilities were available at each, the extent of usage and plans made to improve them, and (2) surveying current users to assess their views on improvements desired. All this information is now available on [www.painswicketc.org.uk/meeting\\_rooms](http://www.painswicketc.org.uk/meeting_rooms).

The third part of the survey/report had been deferred after discussion early this year with the Chairman of the Council as it was intended that the views of parishioners as to future needs could be obtained within the process of updating the Parish Plan.

Mr Rowe was thanked for the very substantial amount of work he had dedicated to this exercise. Full paper copy available for reading in the Town Hall office.

**Town Hall - heating**

The Council received tenders, based upon the advice obtained from a heating engineer, for central heating to be installed to serve the main lower hall, corridor and office area on the upper floor.

Some scepticism was expressed at the reasonableness of the price quoted but a decision was made to proceed.

**Color village of the year.**

(See report on page 14)

**Village Design Statement**

The Chairman introduced the proposal that instead of updating the Parish Plan arrangements be made to devise a VDS, a document to be devised in full consultation with the community and effectively address the question as to "where the villages regard themselves as being in their development at this time, and where they would like to be in the future".

Members were far from convinced that a VDS would be 'adopted' by the District Council and others as a guideline for planning and/or other purposes. The Nailsworth VDS was discussed as an example of what may be sought for Painswick.

Ela Pathek Sen enquired what value such an exercise would be for the community and it was, in the absence of a satisfactory response, decided to defer further consideration of the idea until the next meeting.

**Gloucester Street - Cheltenham Road**

The council placed on record its continuing concern that larger vehicles negotiating this junction were imperilling pedestrians thereabouts who could be unaware of vehicles of this size arriving.

Apart from the less mobile and parents with small children it was reported that the Chairman of the Council himself had narrowly avoided extinction on this spot.

**Parish Council - logo**

The response to the invitation extended to members of the public to design a logo for Council use had been very limited.

After brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the symbols engraved on the existing chain of office.

**Grit bins**

Those who struggled to gain any safe propulsion with vehicles last winter will be delighted to hear that the County Council is re-assessing needs for the future.

**Information display boards . . for Painswick**

Plans to install information boards at strategic locations in Painswick have been given provisional approval by the Parish Council. This initiative by the Local History Society, which has spent many years researching and verifying many local history topics, aims to showcase Painswick's proud heritage.

Essentially the boards will provide information about historic and architectural aspects of Painswick ranging from factual detail to interesting anecdote, and, although aimed chiefly at enhancing the experience of visitors to our town, they should also be of great interest to local residents. Based on similar lines to those already in Stroud and those about to be installed in Nailsworth, ours will be designed specifically to suit the unique character of Painswick. Depending on the precise locations, the boards will be encased either in simple frames attached to walls, or in pulpit-style stands. Specialists will design the frames and the boards and only the highest quality materials and workmanship will be used.



Four or possibly five boards are planned with the aim of guiding people all round the centre of Painswick with the suggestion that the more inquisitive might like to venture out further, such as down towards the stream and the mills, or up Gloucester Street, and so on. In this way, people will stay longer, see all the shops and businesses and enjoy a more fulfilling and appreciative visit to Painswick.

As for content - well, it's a question of what should be left out as much as what should be included. We have so much of interest to tell. The information has been thoroughly researched by members of Painswick Local History Society and will be compiled in a style to appeal to a wide range of people. It will be attractively presented on each board with appropriate illustration and a small map leading the observer to the other board sites.

The benefits these boards will bring will be extensive. They will give visitors, often currently seen wandering apparently aimlessly and not knowing how to look at our village, an informed focus and a greater awareness of what Painswick is. Our traders will certainly reap the benefits as people stay longer and find more of interest. Painswick residents and children in particular will gain in awareness and understanding. And Painswick itself will present an image of a vital and active community having a real pride in itself and its heritage.



Carol Maxwell

**Our 32nd year**

With 372 issues of the Beacon behind us, today marks another milestone in the efforts made by so many across those years to ensure that everyone in this village of ours is pretty well informed of just what has happened, or is about to happen.

We are indebted to our readers for their sharing information and ideas, and entering into this pleasurable and rewarding exercise. Please keep up the flow of news and ensure that the 1500 copies we produce each month continue to be read with increasing interest.

The Beacon Committee

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## Two musical treats

The Painswick Music Society will present two concerts in April. Today, 4th April we have the extraordinary violinist, Chloë Hanslip, playing an outstanding programme



of music for violin and piano, accompanied by the renowned Ashley Wass who we have entertained before. She will enchant you; together they will thrill you.

It is truly astonishing what Chloë has achieved in her twenty years. She has played in many of the world's great concert halls, with so many famous orchestras and conductors that there isn't room to list them all here. So what is she doing coming to Painswick, you may ask? Well, she loves playing to start with, and Painswick audiences have an enviable and well established reputation for their appreciation of good music, warm receptions and good hospitality, all of which means we can bring you the best.

Their programme opens with a rare Brahms sonata movement, followed by Beethoven's effervescent and sparkling romp, the 'Kreutzer' Sonata. Prokofiev's

Sonata No. 1 that follows is a work of substantial authority that expresses much of the hardship and terror he endured during his lifetime; a profound work and, one might say, awe inspiring. Prokofiev makes great demands of both performers, which must be one reason he is Chloë's favourite composer. The programme ends with Szymanowski's arrangement of two of Paganini's dazzling show pieces. We think she is going to be one of the greats, so you will want to be able to say "I heard Chloë play when she came to Painswick".

On 18th April the Da Vinci Trio, who are in great demand for their repertoire of chamber music, bring us that singularly attractive combination of instruments whose possibilities were first revealed by Mozart – the violin, cello and piano. He never failed to produce great music for everyone's enjoyment and his Trio in C major is a splendid example. This will be followed by a Trio of Ravel's that is full of rhythmic invention that makes it fascinating and likely to implant itself in the memory. The programme concludes with a typical piece of Schubert's brilliance – his Piano Trio in B Flat. Schubert admired Schubert's music and writing about this Trio in 1836 he said: "One glance at it and the troubles of human existence disappear and the whole world is fresh and bright again .....". What more is there to say; that is a recommendation to get yourself to the concert that you just cannot let slip..

Tickets cost £13 each and are available from Clare Haynes (812514) or from "The Chairman", New Street, Painswick. It is still not too late to benefit from taking out membership - which gives entrance to the three remaining concerts for £34.

*Maurice Maggs*

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## Maundy Market

Please note that the Country Market will be open on MAUNDY THURSDAY, 9th April, and not on Good Friday.

Do you want to make extra money?

We are currently looking for new producers.

If you are a gardener with surplus vegetables, flowers or plants, a baker or craft maker, why not sell your produce at the Country Market; you receive 90% of the sale price.



If you want to know more, come along to the Town Hall on a Friday morning between 10.00 and 11.00am and have a chat with the other producers, or call 812471 for further details.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
*Pamela Westcott Market Manager*

## Picture worldwide

Have you a photo to send round the world?

St. Mary's church is looking for a good digital photograph of the church – preferably in landscape format – to make postcards to be sold in church.

Please contact Rita Bishop (814205) – Whitehall Cottages, Stamages Lane, to arrange to send it to her via the internet.

We would like this by the end of April if possible – to produce them in time for the tourist season.

*David Bishop*

## Advance notice Painswick Beacon tidy up

Peter Rowe is organising a Beacon tidy up on Sunday 10th May between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Meet near the Catbrain Quarry entrance. Implements provided. Everyone welcome.

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## Yew and You St Mary's Church Launch Yew Tree Appeal

An appeal is being launched by the Vicar and Church Wardens of St Mary's church Painswick for funds to help support the high maintenance cost of the church grounds and specifically the famous 99 yew trees. Historically the cost of maintaining the grounds



has been paid by the generosity of its congregation. However the annual cost is now in excess of £7000 and the church alone can no longer afford to maintain the grounds to the high standards of the past and is seeking support from the wider community.

At a recent meeting the Parochial Church Council, in an effort to reduce costs, looked at the possibility of reducing the number of grass cuttings each year. The Vicar believed this would be a retrograde step.

The Church Wardens responded by saying that they did not consider it an option to let the grounds gradually deteriorate and the idea of launching a sponsorship appeal to the wider Painswick community was born. The objective is to raise additional income which will ensure that for the next three years the grounds will continue to be maintained at the present high standard which we have all taken for granted. A Yew Tree can be individually sponsored for three years at a cost of £99. Sponsors will receive a free mounted print and acknowledgement as contributors. Smaller donations are also very welcomed and will be used to support the following trees: the business tree, the club tree, the residents' tree, the baptism tree, the marriage tree and the memorial tree.

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- You will be making an important contribution towards ensuring that our yew trees are protected for future generations.

The sponsorship has attracted the interest of the national Ancient Yew Group whose remit is to protect these famous trees some of which may be 1000 years old. St Mary's trees are a little younger, with the first one planted in 1714, but no less deserving of your support.

All the trees will be numbered for 14 days commencing 26th March and can be personally selected. Leaflets and sponsorship forms will be available in the church porch which is open from 10am to 4pm and also in several shops.

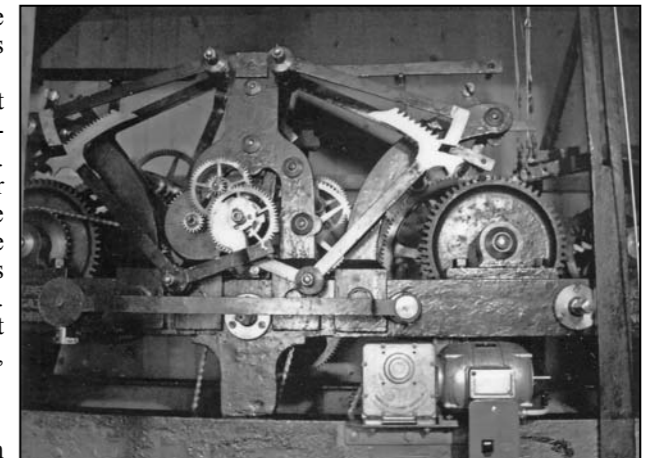
For further information please contact any one of the following: the Church Wardens, Frankie Marsh (812829) and David Bishop (814205), or myself (810935)

*Nigel Burt Hon Secretary*

## Wherefore Summer Time?

In July 1907 a builder in Kent, William Willett, was so incensed by the waste of daylight during the summer months that he proposed a form of Daylight Saving Time. His initial proposal, for the clocks to be altered by 20 minutes at 2am over four consecutive Sundays, was modified to a single one hour change at the suggestion of the British Horological Institute. A Bill was therefore put before Parliament in 1909 but failed to be enacted. Willett died on 4th March 1915 without knowing the Act would be passed in May 1916, a few weeks after the German government decided to adjust their clocks to save on fuel and expenditure during the First World War. Over the years variations have been tried with double summer time adopted in the Second World War, and a permanent 'daylight saving time' or British Standard Time tried between 1968 and 1971. Today there are still frequent discussions on the whole concept but approximately 70 countries around the world now use 'Daylight Saving Time'.

So, what happens to St Mary's Church clock, twice a year? On Saturday, 28th March, after the clock struck ten p.m., I wound it forward exactly



one hour. In the process it chimes the quarters and strikes eleven so I may 'pull off' the bells to allow a silent sequence. Restarted and nearly an



hour later, at eleven o'clock, it will actually strike twelve, at twelve o'clock it will strike one and at one o'clock it will strike two and then become correct because this is the time for alteration. I confess to not doing all this at 1a.m. assuming that (except for one gentleman) nobody will notice the change in the striking pattern. I might also turn off the clock light for the night. On Saturday 24th October it will be easier. I may stop the pendulum at ten p.m. and restart it exactly one hour later, again assuming nobody will notice the changes from then until 2 a.m.

*Douglas Robinson*

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## The Painswick Singers concert Good Friday 10th April

The Painswick Singers Good Friday concerts have now become a popular feature of Painswick's musical life. Encouraged by the success of last year's Mozart Requiem, they will perform an ambitious programme of music by Handel and Weber. The Handel is familiar - the exhilarating "Zadok the Priest" and music suitable for Holy Week from Messiah, such as 'Behold the Lamb of God' and 'He was despised'; The Weber Mass in Eb is less familiar.

Carl Maria von Weber (the aristocratic title was randomly adopted by his father and never queried!) was born a crippled and sickly child, but almost single-handedly founded the German Romantic movement in opera which culminated in the works of Wagner.

After the enormous success of 'Der Freischutz', Weber was commissioned by Covent Garden to write Oberon and to conduct the first performances in London. Despite the warnings from his doctors, Weber went ahead with the plans, knowing unselfishly that he would earn a great deal in London and be able to provide financially for his family. Predictably the English weather and a formidable workload brought about his early death (he was only 40) in 1826.

The Mass in Eb which he wrote for the Dresden court in 1818, is a dramatic and most tuneful work, designed to display the extraordinary talents of the soprano castrato Giovanni Sassaroli. After its first performance the reviewer praised its expressive melodies, spiritual devotion and burning genius.

*Brian Etheridge*

## Gaslight: the plot gets murkier...

"I hear you're having trouble with the lights in here!" A prominent Painswickian has collared me just outside the Painswick Centre.

"Trouble with the lights...?" I respond warily, certain that I should understand what he's going on about but don't.

"Yes: I read your bit in the Beacon last month. Anyway, I know of a damned good electrician that I've used recently but I can't for the life of me remember his name."

Light (so to speak) begins to dawn and I try to explain: "Ah, you mean Gaslight at the Painswick Centre!"

"Gaslight?" he queries, "Oh, well, you shouldn't let an electrician mess around with the gas: that could be disastrous. One spark and you could blow the place up! No, you need a gasfitter - and make sure he's CORGI registered, too!"

I'm confused by the dog reference but carry on, determined to explain.

"No - you don't understand: it's not gaslight at the Painswick Centre, it's Gaslight at the Painswick Centre: the next Painswick Players production. It's an eerie Victorian thriller and a key part of the plot concerns the gaslighting that mysteriously fades up and down."

He looks thoughtful for a moment.

"Fades up and down, does it? No mystery there: that's just changes in the gas pressure. So, you'll definitely be needing a CORGI fitter."

"I know of quite a fit Labrador," I say, with a chuckle, trying to introduce a little humour and changing tack.

Again he looks thoughtful. "Not sure about labradors and gas... Mind you, they used to use canaries down coalmines, so it might work I suppose... Anyway, enough about the lights.

Aren't you people doing another play soon?"

"Yes," I reply, grasping the chance at last to get a plug in, "It's on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April. The Sunday is a matinee - at 2.30pm."

"A Sunday matinee, eh? Well, at least you shouldn't need the lights for the matinee... I might toddle along for that. Where can I get tickets?"

"Hamptons Estate Agents and The Chairman."

"And what's this play called?"

"Gaslight by Patrick Hamilton."

"Patrick Hamilton! That's the fellow!" he exclaims, "The electrician fellow! Didn't know he was a gasfitter, as well though. I must remember that - could come in handy."

*Jack Burgess*

## Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning

Our Annual Coffee morning will be held on Saturday 18th April at 10.00am in the Town Hall.

This year it will be in aid of the Lilian Elizabeth Fund. This charity was founded by a local lady, Jennifer Taylor in memory of her late sister Lilian Elizabeth and it's objective is to bring better health care to the people of Sika in The Gambia. Lilian had spent some time there before her premature death and loved the warmth and friendliness of the Gambian people despite their hardships.

*Gillian Gyde*



## House!

Resthaven Home of Healing is having a "Bingo night" on 24th April starting at 7.30pm to raise money for our Residents activities fund.



Everyone welcome to join in what will be a very enjoyable evening."

Tickets are £5 and include bingo tickets and buffet. Please buy your tickets in advance by calling 812682 or pop in and see us.

*Sarah Martin Office Administrator*

## On this day in the year 2000

Severe weather closed Luton airport for 10 hours on the coldest early April day on record, two weeks into summer time. Swathes of countryside were blanketed by snow.

The snow also brought bad news for sheep farmers. Thousands of newborn lambs were frozen to death in snowstorms. More sheep were smothered as gale-force winds blew snow into drifts up to five feet (1.52 metres) deep.

In Devon, winds reached up to 65 mph (105 km/h), forcing motorists to abandon their cars on Dartmoor.

The blast of icy weather came just a month after meteorologists pronounced the winter the sunniest that century, with a daily average in England and Wales of two-and-a-half hours of sunshine a day.

## Painswick Hairdressers does it again

The Painswick Hairdressers has been nominated for yet another award - the Customer Excellence Awards 2009. This is the latest of many acknowledging our salon's outstanding performance, so how does owner, David Winstone-Ursell, account for such consistent recognition? "It's about keeping the standards up," he says, and expresses justified pride in the high standards for which the shop has been continuously known.

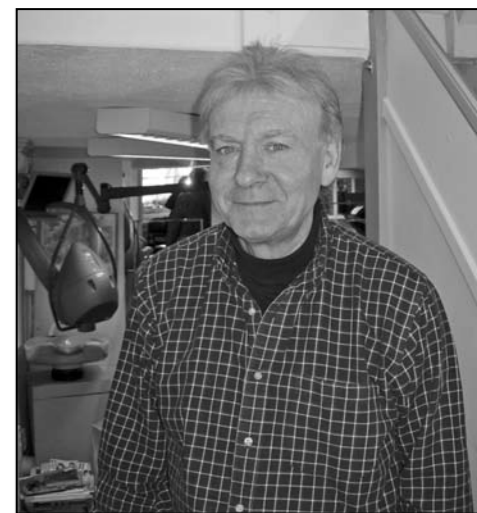
For David, however, this is not enough and he always wants to push it further. Two of the staff have already completed customer service training courses which include good communication skills, particularly the need to convey clearly to customers information of a technical nature. David is proud of his staff and says that feedback from customers is always positive.

Apart from the hairdressing side of the business, a new ear-piercing service has been introduced and a full wedding package is available. There are plans to expand the whole service with the introduction of both a young mothers' and a senior citizens' day. David, never one to stand still in apathy, explains that he would like to increase his already solid local customer base and hopes these new 'days' will appeal to a broader cross-section of Painswickians.

Recently the Good Salon Guide Award, which the business gained with four stars five years ago, was renewed. Four stars are seldom awarded for this very prestigious national accolade but Painswick Hairdressers is considered unique in its set-up and approach. The premises are indeed delightfully appointed, including the lovely tranquil little courtyard.

David clearly loves Painswick and is rightly proud of the business. This nomination will involve displaying posters and questionnaires about customer satisfaction. The results will be announced in September, so watch this space.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Gentlemen!

Come and join the ladies for a Steam Safari through Zimbabwe. Yew Trees WI warmly invites guests of both genders to its April meeting to experience what should be a fascinating talk and slide show. In 1994 Peter Barry boarded a private, British built train, hauled by steam locomotives travelling through Zimbabwe. His audience will view the wonders of the great game parks, Victoria Falls and its railway bridge as well as photos of the local people and animals. Do come along to the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th April. Guests £2.70

"Recycling tends to be a very emotive subject and I am sure our members will have lots of questions to ask Michael Kelly", was what I wrote before our February meeting. How true those words proved to be! It was in fact Michael Towson, Mr Kelly's colleague from The Public Space Service of Stroud District Council, who discovered that his audience needed no encouragement to recycle, as they are already committed eco warriors who showed surprise when he presented them each with a cook book on how to make use of left-over food! Mr Towson faced a barrage of questions, which sadly could not be answered to the satisfaction of his audience. While he was totally in sympathy with their green ideals and ambitions, he had to disappoint them with the reality that we live in tough economic times and some aspects of being green cost too much for current budgets. However, both speaker and audience were in agreement that the battle to persuade supermarkets to use less packaging must continue.

*Celia Lougher*



## Painswick Music Appreciation Group

Once again we are in the choral music season – and have done it full justice, I think!

First, it was Stewart Price's choral music "history lecture" on 5th March, most ably illustrated with recordings spanning the changes that occurred from medieval to present times. We heard the pure all-male singing of Gregorian Chants; Renaissance polyphony: Palestrina and William Byrd; the prolific Baroque period with combined voices and instruments: Monteverdi's Vespers and Vivaldi's Magnificat; Classical & Romantic period: Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, Sanctus from Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, Mendelssohn's Elijah chorus and Dies Irae from Berlioz' Requiem. Lastly, modern times with Angel's Farewell from Elgar's Dream of Gerontius – a fitting ending.



Some of us, still wanting more, went a couple of evenings later to a concert of Passiontide music given by the Stroud Choral Society of which Stewart is Chairman. Some anthems by Mendelssohn and Brahms were followed by Stainer's Crucifixion. Not everybody's favourite, but excellent soloists singing it, with an exciting young tenor in particular.

And so to hear the Royal Opera Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, no less, performing

Verdi's Requiem in Birmingham on 20th March. A great work of extremes, with seven attention riveting movements ranging from the ethereal opening to the earth shattering Day of Judgment.

Great chorus and orchestra and fine soloists, especially the tenor and the outstanding mezzo soprano.

Next month: in the words of a former U.S. President: "back to normalcy".

*Ralph Kenber*

## Adele Lambert

has allowed Burlington Contemporary Art 13 The Courtyard Montpellier Street Cheltenham, to reproduce a range of her paintings of Painswick. One of this range was the cover picture for the December issue of The Beacon. Now named 'Across The Churchyard Painswick' and available in 3 sizes A5 A4 and A3. The prices for these signed open editions start at £42.25 mounted and for a framed print £85.

Burlington Art is arranging for the 3 sizes to be on view in the reception area at Richmond Village Painswick, and for each one sold Burlington will make a donation to Richmond's Charity of the year CLIC SERGENT. Either visit Richmond Painswick and place your order or visit Burlington Contemporary Art and view a wider range of Adele's work which forms part of a current exhibition entitled 'Around Gloucestershire.' If you purchase from the gallery directly and give your address in Painswick Burlington will still make a donation to CLIC SERGENT for any work purchased in the current exhibition.

For more details contact The Gallery 01242.515165.

*Robert Cox*

## Student Art Show

Jane Garbett is hosting an exhibition of her students work at her home studio in Vicarage Street. The show will include a varied selection of work including painting and drawing.



Many of the students have never exhibited before and would welcome your support. Do call in and see what's happening on Saturday 25th April between 11.00am and 4.00pm The studio is situated approximately 200m from the top of the street on the right hand side, refreshments will be available.

## Chelsea Gold comes to Painswick!

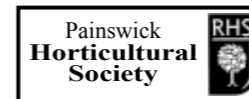
Kim Hurst from The Kitchen Garden Herbery has been specialising in growing herbs for the last thirty-three years and there was a full house for such a popular topic. She gave a fascinating talk, using slides and pots of unusual and beautifully fragrant herbs, which she had brought with her. We learnt that herbs are colourful and edible, including their flowers. We were given detailed instructions on growing conditions, propagation and a look at their hard won Chelsea Gold medal.

A word of warning - if you are able to grow parsley well indoors then you wear the trousers!

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on the 8th April at Pound Farm Shop and Plant Centre at Whaddon. Mr Gerald Hyett will demonstrate making up hanging baskets and produce will be for sale. Tea and coffee are provided but you will need your own transport to get there.

If you are interested please come and join us.

*Elizabeth Gardam 813337*



## Painswick Matters

A few local business men and women recently got together, with the encouragement of Painswick Parish Council and the Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to form Painswick Matters. The members donate their time and energy for one purpose: to put Painswick back on the map.

Painswick has been a beautiful place for many hundreds of years and people have long enjoyed coming here to trade and wander its meandering streets, marvelling at its picturesque church, unusual churchyard and warm welcome. Those lucky enough to live here rarely leave; visitors want to stay. We all enjoy the excellent restaurants, pubs and shops on our doorstep, but such quality businesses cannot survive on our support alone; they need a constant supply of visitors to keep them in business. Without visitors, Painswick will become just another dormitory village with no amenities, no heart and soul; no life.

Recently, visitor numbers have fallen; people need to be reminded of Painswick's existence. Painswick Matters has started the rejuvenation process with five new initiatives:

We are starting a new website for Painswick, www.painswick.uk.com. We hope this will become the main port of call for anyone interested in Painswick; a site full of information on everything that Painswick can offer the visitor, resident and business.

We are producing a reusable jute shopping bag, emblazoned with a new Painswick logo, which I hope everyone will buy and carry far and wide, reminding people of Painswick's existence.

We are producing a Painswick calendar, which I hope people will buy and give as presents to their family and friends, sending beautiful images of Painswick around the world.

We will create a Painswick Trail. This short meandering walk will take in the principal historical sites and attractions of Painswick, illustrated on display boards and visitor information points.

Finally, we will reprint the Painswick leaflet, which will be available locally to visitors and distributed widely to attract more people to visit.

Painswick Matters needs your support:

If you run a business in the Painswick area, please become an advertiser on the website. For only £45 for the first year, you can comprehensively list your business on the site, link to your website and enjoy many inter-business benefits with other local business advertisers. If you don't run a business here, but like what Painswick Matters are trying to do, please donate to our cause (contact The Chairman on 810820). All monies accrued from the sale of jute shopping bags, calendars, donations etc. will be ploughed back into promoting Painswick to the rest of the world.

*Chris Mercer Painswick Matters*

## Quiz scoreboard

THE QUIZ 2009		
Team	Score	Position
The Rosie Four	87	1
3 Glasses and a Bottle of Plonk	84	2
The Searchers	80	3
The Slashers	78	4
Quasimodos	75	5
Freddie's Fan Club	74	6
I Sappienti Ignoranti	70	7
Painswick Music Society	69	8
The Coasters	66	9
Village Idiots	65	10
Four Wags	64	11
Bookworms	62	12=
The Back Handers	62	12=
The Has Beans	62	12=
Seeds and Weeds	59	15
The Conservators	57	16
The Godwits	54	17
JMTD	53	18=
Anything Butt Green	52	18=
Natty Matty Bowlers	43	20
The Recycled Teenagers	27	21

## Bard on the Edge

There will be a production of 'MacBeth' by the Fairgame Theatre Company in Edge Village Hall on 24th April at 7.30pm.

This new working of an old classic will incorporate Fairgame's fast-moving physical style with an original soundtrack played live during the performance. A hard and edgy production: physical, challenging and exciting, with strong themes of power, temptation, downfall and struggle.

Director: Greg Banks Composer and Musical Director: Tom Johnson. Suitable for 12 year olds and above. The show is in two acts approx. 45 mins each act. Tickets £7, 12-19 year old £3.50. Contact Carolyn and John Luke for tickets and further details on 814139.

## Complementary Beacons

We have often been told of how those of us who have had to move into a residential care situation, temporarily or permanently value keeping in touch with what is happening in the village through reading the Beacon.

It is our policy to send complementary copy to ex residents from Painswick experiencing such circumstances. To this end we are reliant upon being informed by others as to names and addresses. Do please help in this regard.



## Centre

The completely voluntary centre reopened for the 2009 season last week.

A small team make themselves available whenever the library is open to respond to questions raised by visitors to the village and their quiet efforts make quite a difference to the village. Not only those offering accommodation can have their services drawn to the attention of those staying over night, but the range of traders and opportunities to take refreshment pointed out.

This is not only valuable work for others, but it contains a very real measure of job satisfaction. If others could spare a morning or afternoon, even occasionally to relieve the regulars, it would be greatly appreciated. Either phone the TIC on 813552 or Anne Smith on 812427

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## Carer - thank you

A special chance to thank your carer

People suffering from cancer have the chance to say thank you to their carers by treating them to a special night out.

The Hotel du Vin will invite 20 couples to a romantic meal at Cotswold Care Hospice in Minchinhampton, near Stroud.

All people have to do to qualify for the free event is write to Cotswold Care and tell them why their carers deserve a treat.

People suffering from illnesses such as MND, Parkinson's, Muscular Sclerosis, Huntingdon's, heart, lung and renal diseases and cancer, are invited to write.

The dinner will take place on 27th April. The hospice near Stroud is wheelchair accessible and has a large car park. Hospice staff will be on hand to provide assistance.

To qualify for the special event, please write in no more than 200 words why you would like to treat your carer. Please include a bit about what illness you suffer from and any dietary requirements you may have. Letters have to reach Cotswold Care by next Monday, 7th April.

Send your letter, along with your name, address, email and phone to Marianne Sweet, Cotswold Care Hospice, Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Glos GL5 2PQ. For further information contact Marianne on 01453. 886868 or email marianne.sweet@cotswoldcare.org.uk

## Richmond activities

Richmond Painswick has a number of activities that we would love to offer to the Painswick community, they are

### Scrapbooking

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month. The next sessions will be Tuesday 7th April and Tuesday 5th May 10am-12 noon. Come along whether you are an experienced scrap booker, new to the craft or just curious! Each session is £5 you will be able to use equipment and papers to mount and decorate your favourite photographs and create beautiful scrapbook pages. We have an experienced scrapbooker to guide you.

### Dance Classes

We have a Strictly Style Ballroom instructor who will teach you how to dance like the stars! Classes will take place in the Auditorium every Tuesday 10.00am to 12 noon. The price is £7.50 per person per session and the bar will be open to purchase refreshments.

### Mark Kelland Art Course

Mark Kelland will start a new 10 week course for the spring/summer commencing on Wednesday 22nd April. Each session will be held in the Auditorium 9.30am-12.30pm, all materials are provided. The course is £100 for non Spa Members £70 for Spa Members.

For more information or to book a place on any of the above please contact me on 813902.

Melissa Gough-Rundle

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## Grandmother's First Marathon 15 years into her fight against cancer

Jennifer Price of Edge, was diagnosed with a form of cancer known as retroperitoneal liposarcoma in 1994. The disease is incurable and it is almost unheard of for sufferers to survive for more than 10 years. The only effective palliative treatment is radical surgery.

Jen has had 10 major abdominal operations losing, in the process, much of her bowel, a kidney, her spleen and part of both pancreas and stomach. She has a colostomy. Yet, on the 26th April, four days prior to her 60th birthday, Jen will run the London Marathon, aiming for a time of under five hours.

Jen only took up running after her third operation having never previously participated in sport of any kind. If you ask her why she will be hard pressed to answer but her husband, Malcolm, is in no doubt. He says: "She would simply not accept her fate. She wanted to fight: to show that she would not give in to this hideous disease."

Jen has, between operations, run a Gloucester 20 Miles, three Great North Runs, numerous Stroud Half Marathons, Weston Super Mare Tough 10 Miles and many 10Ks.

Her last operation saw her hospitalised for some six weeks in the summer of 2008 but she is now in full training. Jen says: "I suspect that my running has had little or no effect on the progress of the disease. What it has done is to ensure that I go into theatre supremely fit. I know that each such visit may be fatal and it has been close to that on more than one occasion but I'm still here."

Jen pays tribute to the medical care she has received. Although maximum dose radiotherapy and chemotherapy proved ineffective she has nothing but praise for The Cobalt Unit in Cheltenham and its wonderfully dedicated staff. Most of all her gratitude goes to those at Gloucester Royal Hospital and, in particular, lead surgeon Mr Mark Vipond and his team. Another member of that team, a good friend and neighbour of the Prices is Professor Hugh Barr, the 2008 'Gloucestershire Public Sector Hero', who has been enormously supportive of Jen.

If there are benefits to be gained from Jen's struggle they are, perhaps, twofold. The most important is the encouragement that her story can give to others suffering incurable or life threatening illness and the greater the publicity for her achievements the greater that benefit. There is also the opportunity for charitable fundraising. Jen has raised in excess of £6.5K this time around; approximately £2000 for RNID who provided her Marathon place and more than that for the trust funds set up by the surgeons mentioned above. She continues to collect for them

and for Macmillan Cancer Care to which people can donate via [www.justgiving.co.uk/jennifer-price5](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/jennifer-price5).



## The Friday Club in April and beyond



Man Friday has emerged from his Igloo to discover that, not only have the snowdrops come and gone, the sun is shining and the daffodils are flaunting and preening themselves all over the place. So it is time for all folk still unacquainted with the way Friday Club members enjoy their Club, to get wise to what they are missing. We are very proud of our annual programmes and 2009 has a lot of interest to offer anyone looking for something to do every other Friday afternoon. We have just been entertained by the Stroud Playback Theatre – a small group of mimers who re-enact stories and incidents anyone cares to relate to them – and really expert they are too, you should have seen how they conjured up their impression of a helicopter rescue incident on the M5 and Man Friday making his first-ever cottage pie in kitchen chaos.

Another trick we have up our sleeve is our outings. We have just seen the secrets of the Birmingham Silver Vaults (What! you don't mean to say you essayed the Assay!), we are going to have a guided tour of Coventry Cathedral, have a car Boot Sale, hold a Fundraising Flower Festival, have a trip to Weston Super Mare, have more than a sniff at the Cotswold Perfumery and, last of all, a Christmas Market trip to Bath. Now all these out-of-doors activities are open to all you lucky people, you do not have to be a Club member. All you do is to keep a lookout in the Beacon for what is on and when, (better still, get a programme) then ring Ann Williams on 812344 and she will fix it for you.

Man Friday

## DASH - Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

Following on the article (headed Dash for Marah) in last month's Beacon and notices given out in the churches, a mountain of warm clothing and shoes was collected and has been very gratefully received.

Having taken care of the immediate clothing needs, this month we are appealing for a mixture of items. There is one specific request for an under-counter fridge for a homeless person who has just been housed. If you have an old one (in working order) you are prepared to donate, please ring Chris Campbell on 812600. There is also an on-going need for single sheets. And to celebrate Easter, we have agreed this month to collect items that can be regarded as little treats: small bite-sized Mars bars or Milky Ways, Kit-Kat or Twix bars that can be shared out. We are also asked for tomato ketchup, brown sauce and salad cream - in squeezey bottles, please. These are very much appreciated at the meals provided at the "drop in" sessions held three times a week.

We now have collection containers in Murrays and the Royal Oak in addition to the churches and all gifts, however small, are welcome.

This, on behalf of the DASH group, from

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## Painswick Library News

During the past few weeks well over 200 BRAND NEW books have been added to the library. This is in addition to a continuing programme of exchange with other libraries.

By the time you read this we hope to have moved the Large Print books so that they are nearer the door – and provided a chair in that area. Don't forget that if a person is visually impaired, CDs and Tapes of books are free. You may also be eligible for free membership of the RNIB library. Do ask a member of staff.

If you are going away on holiday and wish to take out books for longer than three weeks, do let a member of staff know at the counter and this can be simply arranged.

**CALLING ALL TEENAGERS:** Have you read the Torchwood books – or perhaps you are into graphic novels or Manga? Don't spend all your hard earned money on buying books – borrow them from your library instead. We have Louise Rennison and Darren Shan. New Books include "The Pursuit of Liberty Belle" by Amber Deckens, "Angel" by Cliff McNish, "Weirdo's War" by Michael Coleman and "Only in your Dreams" by Cecily von Zeigesar. If we haven't got the title you want we can get it from another library – FREE.

**CHILDREN'S NEWS** "Baby Bounce" is on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm and finishes in time to collect older children from school. It is suitable for children aged 0 to 30 months. Your child is never too young to start enjoying action rhymes and songs – now with a short story as well.

There will be no Storytime in April – but there will be a HOLIDAY ACTIVITY on Tuesday, 14th April at 3.15 pm. We will be making kites and the activity will be suitable for children aged 6 – 11 years. Children will need a length of string to attach to their kites.

### Opening Hours

Monday	Closed All Day
Tuesday	10.00am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday	Closed All Day
Thursday	10.00am – 1.00pm
Friday	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am – Noon

The Library will be closed on Good Friday- 12th April and Saturday 11th April.

Kath, Lesley and Sheila

## WWDP

Olive Freeman and Jennifer Watts have asked, and we are pleased to print their report that the collections from the Women's World Day of Prayer services amounted to £117.

The Ashwell service was very well attended. They said "Thank you to all who attended and helped in so many ways, it was good to be such a 'churches together' gathering both at Cranham and Ashwell".

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## School News

### Next school year - term dates

Term 1: Tues 1st Sept – Wed 21st Oct 2009	37 days
<i>(N.B. Teachers only Tues 1st &amp; 2nd Sept)</i>	
Term 2: Mon 2nd Nov – Fri 18th Dec 2009	35 days
Term 3: Mon 4th Jan - Fri 12th Feb 2010	30 days
Term 4: Mon 22nd Feb – Thurs 1st April 2010	29 days
Term 5: Mon 19th April - Fri 28th May 2010	29 days
Term 6: Mon 7th June - Fri 23rd July 2010	35 days

### Extracts from Janet Hoyle's letters to parents

#### Red nose Day

Much fun has been had by all raising £164 for Comic Relief. There were a series of enterprising activities from a competition organised for break times by Toby Reid and Daniel Needham in Class 4, to several children attempting (with various degrees of success!) a sponsored silence. I have never seen such a fabulous range of outfits and costumes – thanks for your part in that.

#### Open evenings

It was good to have the chance to speak to so many of you at recent Open Evenings. The almost 100% attendance of Croft parents is excellent and your support of the school is part of what makes this school special.

#### Playgroup news

The Playgroup has so much demand for places that from September they will be running sessions in the afternoon as well as the morning. The sessions will be as follows:

9.00 – 12.00	Morning session
12.00 – 12.30	Lunch Club
12.30 – 3.30	Afternoon session (except Wednesdays)

Tuesdays will be for children in their pre-school year only. For more information phone 813316 or look at the playgroup website: [www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk)

#### Photography competition

I was pleased to send several photographs off for this competition. Four Croft entries were commended by the Cheltenham Camera Club judges and chosen to be displayed in their exhibition. Congratulations to Beth Hiatt, Olivia Holmes, Daniel Needham and Molly Nicholls.

#### Mock trial

Members of Year 6 recently took part in the annual Mock Trial competition at Stroud Magistrates Court.

#### Bullying policy

The School Council have been working hard with Mrs Bedford to rewrite our bullying policy. When it is complete they will present it to you.

### Vouchers

Croft School is collecting Times and Sunday Times Books for Schools vouchers and also Tesco vouchers.

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## International musicians



At 2.00pm on Monday 16th March we had a concert at the school by a professional group, The Carducci Quartet. This visit has been sponsored by the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust and the Painswick Music Society.

This was an interactive concert and proved to be an amazing opportunity for the children. I would like to express our thanks to the Painswick Music Society who have been most generous to the school, including giving us a Music Cup to be awarded to an outstanding musician each year.

## Local History Teaser

This group of locals, resplendent in their dramatic costumes, is something of a mystery as we do not know who the people are, what the occasion was or when the photograph was taken. If you can throw any light at all on this conundrum we would love to hear from you.

Last month's teaser elicited some interesting responses. Mrs Pauline Berry recognised Mr Hollister-Short and his wife. Both Mrs Betty Wixey and Mr Andrew Ellis, who points out that the photograph was taken outside the Institute, were able to identify quite a number of the children as follows: Melvin Window, Anthony Pocket, Bernard Offer, Michael Toms (Gyde), Lynn Cross, Heather Mason, Angela Wicks, David Bessant, Peter Gyde, David Haviland (Gyde), David Barnfield, Timothy Webb, Graham Barnard and Peter Walklett. Mrs Wixey is fairly certain the occasion was Mr Hollister-Short's retirement as teacher at Painswick School. Mr Ellis has also provided further information about February's picture viz Mrs Harper, wife of the Headmaster of Painswick School, 4th row back 3rd from the right and David Archard's mother is next but one to her right in the row behind.

If you have any photographs which would pose a challenge to readers, please get in touch.  
*Carol Maxwell*



## The Schubert Ensemble - review

For the opening concert of their 2009 series the Painswick Music Society were lucky enough to host the internationally acclaimed Schubert Ensemble. Despite their busy schedule (they perform 50-60 concerts a year and have played in 40 different countries) this was their third visit to Painswick (the others being in 1997 and 2001). They played piano quartets by Schumann and Fauré on either side of Piers Hellawell's 'Building of Curves', a gripping and remarkably vivid reflection on Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, commissioned by the Schubert Ensemble.

Schumann's piano quartet in E flat was composed in 1942, a year devoted to chamber music, in which he also composed the famous Piano Quintet—again in E flat. The Ensemble's pianist, William Howard, described the dominant emotion as 'radiant happiness'; Schumann's wife, Clara, was apparently delighted by its youthfulness and freshness. Beginning with a hymnic prelude which breaks into an energetic allegro, the quartet oscillates between passionate dynamism and inwardness, suggesting the competing elements of Schumann's psyche which he called 'Eusebius' and 'Florestan'. Even the diabolic virtuosity of the scherzo, played with dexterous good humour by the Schubert Ensemble, is interrupted by slow lyrical passages. Most memorable was the poignant melody of the Adagio, first heard on the cello (Jane Salmon) and then taken over by the violin (Simon Blendis) and viola (Douglas Patterson), accompanied by repeated chords on the piano. The solos were beautifully expressive and beautifully matched in their phrasing. Ending with another burst of energy, the quartet seemed the perfect choice for the first day of Spring.

Piers Hellawell's 'Building of Curves' is marked by a similar contrast between vigorous energy and subdued reflection, this time distributed between the two movements. In the first movement, described by Simon Blendis as a 'riot of curves', the players were faithful to the score's instruction: 'competitive and headlong'. This begins with great tension and excitement with unison strings playing a high-pitched repeated motif. The frenzied activity of the strings seems vividly to capture the effect of light flashing on the Guggenheim's titanium surface. The 2nd movement, by contrast, turns away from the brilliant exterior of the building to an inner 'elegiac' world, conveying grief at the death of a policeman shot by Basque separatists on the museum's steps a week before the gala opening.

The second half of the concert was devoted to Fauré, whom the Schubert Ensemble are celebrating in a month-long concert series in April (information online). The C minor quartet (Fauré's first) is, like the Schumann quartet, fresh and radiantly lyrical with beautiful melodic dialogue between the piano and the strings and graceful arabesque accompaniment from the piano, all exquisitely rendered by William Howard. Like Schumann, Fauré knew how to find extraordinary colours and sonorities in the piano. His lush harmonic world is highly distinctive and captures the most ephemeral and delicate images in sound, but his music is breezier and less introspective than that of Schumann.

The performance was well-attended and warmly received. The Schubert Ensemble returned for a final encore with an arrangement by Douglas Patterson of one of Dvorak's 'Songs My Mother Taught Me'. The wistful tune seemed perfectly timed as the sun went down in the Painswick Church Yard. Over tea in the church rooms afterwards, I was amazed to discover that the players had a plethora of higher degrees between them, several in subjects entirely unrelated to music. Obviously the Muses like to visit in groups....

*Sarah Burges Watson*

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## Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year 2009

Painswick has been very successful over the past two years in this competition. However, this year has seen changes to the competition which will encourage more villages to enter. Increased competition!

Traditionally our entry has been led by the Parish Council but the changes to the competition mean that there is an opportunity to involve YOU, the local community. This means that when the application is submitted, it will be truly Painswick Village who are entering with the Parish Council in a supporting role.

The closing date for the application to be submitted is Friday 8th May. It is proposed to hold two events in the village to enable maximum participation. The Parish Council will arrange the events in the Town Hall, the first being on Tuesday 7th April at 7.00pm and the second on Saturday 18th April at 10.00pm. The categories are:

- Children and Young People
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Economic Development and Enterprise
- Natural Built Environment

Nominated members from our local community will be invited to attend but if you feel you would like to contribute please do contact either Mike or Ela. Telephone numbers below. The events will serve two purposes, to thank those who attend for helping to enrich life in the village and asking them to tell us what should be included in our application. Refreshments will be provided at both meetings.

This is an exciting opportunity for YOUR views to be included in our application for this prestigious competition. We will be advertising the meetings and contacting various organisations and individuals asking them to attend. The Parish Council will be responsible for completing the forms and submitting the application. We will keep you updated as our application progresses.

Mike Kerton - 810878 Ela Pathak-Sen - 813458

## A watery story for the Society

Painswick Local History Society members were treated to a very enthusiastic presentation on the history and restoration of two local canals at its March meeting. Bruce Hall explained the background to the Stroudwater Navigation Canal and its main function of bringing coal to the cloth mills on trows. After the last cargo in 1954 an Act was passed extinguishing the right of navigation and from that time the waterway, tow paths and bridges quickly succumbed to nature's onslaught. In 1970 the building of the M5 accounted for further filling in.

Bruce explained how the process is now being reversed, largely through the efforts of the Cotswolds Canals Trust. The process is a huge undertaking involving clearing, tunnelling, re-building, diverting etc. Whole sections are completely missing and many bridges have to be converted back to swing or lift from their now solid form. There are many challenges including that of funding. Notwithstanding, dereliction is gradually being transformed into lovely development with breathtaking scenery along the entire length. A good example is the installation of a new swing bridge at Bonds Mill. Local people feel strongly about preservation and of course tourism is important to the area.

Bruce then went on to describe the history and work being carried out to restore 36 miles of the Severn and Thames Canal from Stroud to the River Thames, again a massive undertaking with a myriad of challenges. Volunteers are working on the whole length, restoring the waterway to its former glory. At the Stroud end the canal has not been used since 1933 and there are huge problems to overcome. The HQ of the Thames and Severn Company was at Brimscombe, later becoming Brimscombe Polytechnic. Brimscombe Port ceased to function in 1962 and was largely filled in. It had been the widest point, the trows not being able to go further. The plan now is to re-introduce the water.

Renovation has to be conservation-led as the valley becomes a nature conservation area. In 7 miles from Stroud the canal has climbed 28 locks. On the Bathurst Estate the two and a half mile tunnel was regarded as one of the wonders of the world in the time of George III.

There is still much to be done – all volunteers welcome – and in a real tour de force Bruce took us through a densely potted history of the waterways from Saul Junction to Stroud, from Stroud to Daneway to Siddington to the River Thames.

The next meeting will be a research evening when three members will present their very different findings – Pan and Painswick, Coombe House investigations and the compilation of a large collection of newspaper cuttings and court records relating to Painswick covering at least two centuries. Croft School, 7.30pm, 21st April. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell



## Pyrenées to Avalon

At the Town Hall on 3rd March, Mike Robinson, club member, gave an enthusiastic account of "The Beauty of Spain," to general enjoyment, recounting an exciting party trip with a Catalan guide, heading for the Pyrenees from Barcelona. His pictures were a delight with a fascinating array of bird life from melodious warbler to red-backed shrike, from circling bunting to golden oriole, from crested lark to the great vultures. Of the latter, the griffin vultures (*pictured here*) in flight, with their eight feet wingspan, were clearly an utterly amazing spectacle.

It was an added pleasure to see all these wonderful birds in the context of the local flora such as wild antirrhinums, spurge and the varying blues of chicory and gentian, around the heights of the Pyrenees and descending to the Ebro delta. The party's picnic sandwiches were also mountainous and the ledged, vast stone piles to 2000 feet, venue for nesting vultures, a somewhat tricky surface to traverse!

What heights to scale literally and metaphorically!

And on next Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, we can look forward to the return of Chris Sperring, MBE ~ well known naturalist, conservationist and media presenter ~ who, with slides and recordings, will help us recognise some sights and sounds of spring in his "Birdsong Identification."

Better weather will hopefully encourage yet more people to consider joining the weekend field trip to the Mendips and Avalon Marshes, 12-14th June. Suggest contacting Joy (813823) or Bill(8813094) soon for further information, please.

Wendy Addy



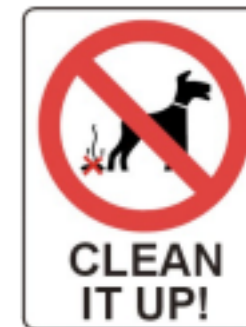
## Foul deeds afoot

The Beacon occasionally receives requests to convey concerns on a range of topics, but none more passionately stated than that towards dog-owners who knowingly disregard the implications of fouling public areas. We fully appreciate some are reluctant to be identified as a complainant, in case the dog or its owner is inclined to be fierce!

Having received some complaints recently, we draw then to the attention of all who own dogs - not least those who permit indiscriminate fouling of pavements near the school or such as the Recreation Field, both being places where children walk or play. It can be pretty grim for anyone when footwear and carpets need to be cleaned as well.

Our observation is that by far the majority of owners are considerate, and meticulously clean up. It would be pleasing to report in these columns that there are no exceptions to this practice!

LWB



## PUBLIC ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council is now in the advance stages of obtaining land for use as Public Allotments, the intended land is the Gyde Field situated between the Surgery and the A46.

It is anticipated that works to prepare the allotments for rental will commence shortly. The rental cost per allotment plot will be £25.00 per annum.

Members of the public are invited to register an interest for an allotment in writing to the Clerk, in the Town Hall or by Email.

Roy Balgobin  
Clerk to the Parish Council

## The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club

What is the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club? It is a club, founded in 1846 to promote interest in natural history, the environment, antiquities, and cultural history of Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds.

In the winter there are six or seven lectures (illustrated) held in Painswick in the afternoons. For example recent lectures have been on Jurassic Gloucestershire, English mediaeval wall paintings, and wild life in the Forest of Dean.

In the summer the club organises one day outings by coach to country houses, gardens, and other places of interest. There is also a long excursion of six days (five nights) by coach to an area in the United Kingdom, staying in a university or other similar accommodation from which daily outings are made. Recent long excursions have visited Kent, Yorkshire, Dorset, and North Wales. There are also half day Field Walks for geology and botany.

The annual subscription is £12 per person, £22 for two people living at the same address. This gives admission to all winter lectures and to a copy of the club annual journal, known as the "Proceedings".

If you are interested in joining the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club or would like more information please contact Mrs Pamela Stewart 814157.

Anne Curtoys and Gwen Welch

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**Golf**

Painswick Golf Club celebrated a successful year at recent sections dinners. The A Team achieved promotion to Division 1 of the N Gloucestershire League and both Mens and Ladies have progressed to round 2 of the national Mail on Sunday knockout.

The club have announced a new package of memberships for all categories, details are available from Ann Smith on 01452. 380279, and all newcomers are welcome

The newly re-formed Junior section now numbers 40 boys, and for the first time in 20 years have a team in the County Junior League. Kenny Overthrow was appointed County U 14 Captain and leads the team. Should be no problem for Kenny as he has regularly played in the A Team. Club nights through the summer on Thursday evenings are run by Simon Overthrow who is responsible for the junior re-emergence. Simon welcomes all new members and can be contacted on 01452.543055.

The course is undergoing extensive work ahead of the new season, when Norman Pullen will be appointed President of the Gloucestershire Golf Captains and will welcome all past and present club captains from the whole county to Painswick on 20th May.

Dining is available in the clubhouse through the week except Mondays and non-members are welcome.



Captain Kishna Venkatasami (right) presented trophies to Club Champion Carl Gyde (left) and 'A' team Captain Rob Anthony at the club's Annual Presentation Supper recently.

**Rugby**

Painswick United had a convincing victory against Dursley United in the Stroud Junior Combination Cup. The United ran in eight tries with James Wynn scoring four. The other try scorers were Rob Andrews, John Sangiovanni, Chris Coombs, and Marc Pratt. Tom Mahendran was successful with three conversions and James Wynn with one to give Painswick a total of 48 points. The United will now play Stroud Nomads in the Cup Semi-Final at Stroud on 4th April. Last Saturday the United played Matson at Broadham in the final match of the Citizen Merit Division 2 season. The result was victory for the Gloucester side by 24 points to 7. On the same day Painswick's first fifteen were away to Dursley in a Gloucestershire League Division I match. The Cherry and Whites lost by 19 points to 10.

**March results** [(L) indicates league match: (M) Citiuzen Merit Table]  
 Sat 7th. (L) Ross on Wye 1st XV 32 Painswick 1st XV 16. (M) Painswick United 8 Old Patesians 10.  
 Sat 14th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 12 Old Bristolians 1st 17. (M) Cirencester 2nd XV 16 Painswick United 0.  
 Sat 21st. Painswick United 48 Dursley 2nd XV 5.  
 Sat 28th. (L) Dursley 1st XV 19 Painswick 1st XV 10. (M) Painswick United 7 Matson 2nd XV 24.

**April fixtures**

Sat 4th. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Brockworth 1st XV.  
 Stroud Combination Junior Cup Semi-Final. Painswick United v Stroud Nomads.  
 Sat 18th. (L) Aretians 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick United v Berry Hill 3rd XV.

**Cricket**

Spring is here and with it the comes the new cricket season. Painswick first eleven have friendly matches away at Frocester on 18th April and at Ruadean Hill on 26th April.

The league season starts on May 2nd with the first eleven away to Dumbleton and the second eleven at home also against Dumbleton. Painswick's third eleven are playing Slimbridge at the Marling School ground in a home fixture.

**Marathon man**

It is always of interest to hear when a local resident enters the London Marathon.



Michael Stevenson, a veterinary surgeon and Beacon subscriber, has asked us to let readers know that he has entered his third and possibly final London marathon this April. He tells us he is "running it in aid of the Alzheimers Society, a very deserving cause as the research and care available for this devastating condition is very limited by finance and low priority amongst the drug companies".

It is his first run as a veteran (over 40) but his aim is to finally break the 3 hrs 30 barrier.

Donations can be given online at [www.justgiving.com/michaelstevenson1](http://www.justgiving.com/michaelstevenson1) or sent by cheque to Allanhay, Stockend Edge GL6 6PJ or dropped in to any of the (AAS Vets) surgeries in Abbeylea, Quedgley or Stroud.

**Tennis**

Painswick Tennis Academy will again be holding their popular tennis camps over the Easter holidays. Mini tennis camps will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (April 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th) 2.00-4.00pm, for five to ten year olds. These sessions will concentrate on agility, balance, co-ordination and speed as well as the all-important technical work essential to develop at this age to maximise tennis playing potential. £10 for members, £12 for non-members.

All day camps are open to eight to sixteen year olds of all standards, providing coaching through fun drills and competition. These will be held on the Tuesdays and Wednesdays (7th, 8th, 14th and 15th) from 10.00am to 4.00pm and are £20 for members, £25 for non-members. In addition, there will also be an afternoon camp for twelve to sixteen year olds on Thursdays 9th and 16th of April 1.00pm to 4.00pm, £10 for members, £12 for non-members. For booking forms or further information please contact Sharon Hall on 07766732392.

**Margaret Boucher**

Painswick Tennis Club members were saddened at the news of founder member Margaret Boucher's death which was reported in the March issue of the Beacon. Margaret who lived at Magpie House in Vicarage Street was an enthusiastic supporter of Club morning sessions at the Recreation Ground, a talented player and delightful personality with a great sense of humour. When she was, reluctantly, forced to give up playing she retained a keen interest in both Club tournaments and social events.

Members will recall a very pleasant event on a Sunday afternoon in October 2007 when the Presidents Honours Board was "unveiled" at the Broadham Tennis Clubhouse. The board which lists all the Presidents since the Club's formation was presented in memory of founder member Philip Boucher by Margaret, his wife, and their sons Matthew and Oliver.

The family had requested that donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to the Painswick Lawn Tennis Club.

**Badminton**

The Painswick Badminton Club held a very successful and enjoyable social evening on Saturday, 28th February in the Cotswold Room of the Painswick Centre. Nine Club members performed a murder mystery play with an Italian theme, organised by Sylvia Walker. Italian refreshments were served between acts – lasagne after act 1 and tiramisù after Act 2, which was all washed down with Italian wine.



The script had been

Back Row L-R Hamish Mclean, David Simpson, Roy Woodward, John Wylde  
 Front Row L-R Alan Hudson, Angie Woodward, Sylvia Walker, Sarah Taylor

"adapted" by the participants who kept everyone, including themselves, entertained and amused all

evening. Is there any limit to the social talents of the members of the Badminton Club? Only 1 person identified the murderer correctly, but not for the right reasons!

The Club is always seeking new members with playing experience and a sense of humour. If you are interested please contact either David Linsell (812464) or myself (812104).

Sylvia Steer Secretary

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# El Contador

We have been following your "Winter Wonderland" snow adventures in "The Beacon" and the efforts made to keep the streets clear. Because we are virtually guaranteed snow up here, usually during January and February, the village is geared up. We have had two major snowfalls this last winter, the second one cut us off for a couple of days. Almost every house in the village has a garage large enough to house a tractor or two, so the snow clearing kit is already in situ. When it stops snowing, two or three giant John Deere machines plough the streets with the delicacy of ballet dancers, we have narrow streets as Painswick does. While this is being done a Council lorry appears in the square (after following a tractor from its depot) loaded with grit which is manually spread onto the streets. Any buried or stuck vehicles are towed free by the tractors. The police, with tractor escort, check isolated houses and farmsteads to make sure everyone is OK - there are some very elderly but fiercely independent folk, with no telephones, who cause them concern. We have a "Tibbiwell" here too, the tractors have to approach it from both ends because there is a flight of steps halfway down, without which it would be even steeper.



Because of these large garages we do not have a street parking problem, most private cars are always tucked up for the night indoors. No obstructions for our "Bomberos" (doesn't that sound more dramatic than Firefighters!) until you realise with some unease that our nearest fire station is 45 minutes away - and that's in a fast car. I have unsettling visions of a long chain of people handing buckets backwards and forwards. Still, let's not tempt fate.

I had to break off at this point, when one of our neighbours has just delivered a brace of quail which I had to hang in the aforementioned garage, Quail are a game bird here and their eggs are also a delicacy, served as a Tapa in many bars. Yew Trees W.I. would give me a prize for my pickled quail eggs with peppers. I'll present them with a jar when we are next in Painswick in exchange for a quail recipe!

At time of writing, the almond blossom has appeared and will soon be followed by the absolute riot of wild flowers on the roadsides including, (it seems to me) the enigmatic poppy, which always makes me feel terribly homesick.... Looking forward to the Gaslight review.

*Christopher Piper-Short*

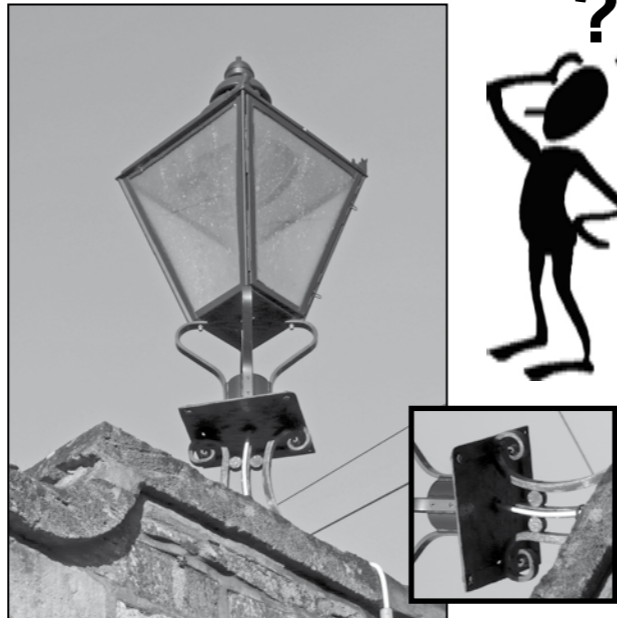
# ArchiTecs

We confess that we played a trick last month, although it was not for the first time. Were you among those who realised our picture was from the end of Edge Road?

This month (*see left*) is also a challenge to name the building.



We occasionally receive a photograph for inclusion in the Personal Column, and this is always appreciated. However, we cannot guarantee to use every one if space does not permit.



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# Holy Week and Eastertide

## Maundy Thursday 9th April

7.00pm Holy Communion and Vigil. St. Mary's C of E Painswick  
 7.00pm Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion. Christ Church Baptist/URC Painswick.

## Good Friday 10th April

9.30am Good Friday Devotion at St. John's C of E Sheepscombe  
 10.30am Procession of Witness starting at Our Lady & St. Therese (R.C.) Friday Street, Painswick via Lychgate to Christ Church.  
 12.00 - 3.00pm Meditations, St. Mary's C of E, Painswick  
 1.30 - 3.30pm Young People's workshop, St. Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick  
 7.00pm Compline and the Cross' story - St. John's C of E Sheepscombe  
 7.30pm Weber - Mass in E minor - St. Mary's Painswick

## Easter Saturday 11th April

8.00pm Exsultet and lighting of Easter fire, St. John's C of E Sheepscombe

## Easter Day 12th April

6.00am Sunrise service, St. John's C of E, Edge  
 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion. St. Mary's C of E. Painswick  
 8.30am Mass of the Resurrection. R.C. Church of Our Lady & St. Therese, P'k  
 9.00am Family Communion, St. John's C of E Edge.  
 9.00am Easter Breakfast. Christ Church Baptist/URC, Painswick  
 9.30am Holy Communion. St. Mary's C of E Painswick  
 10.00am Toddlers' Service, St. John's C of E Edge  
 10.30am Easter Sunday Morning Worship & Holy Communion. Christ Church. Baptist/URC, Painswick  
 10.30am Meeting for Worship. Friends' Meeting House.  
 11.00am Holy Communion, St. John's C of E Pitchcombe  
 11.00am Holy Communion, St. John's C of E Sheepscombe  
 6.30pm Beacon Service and Communion, St. Mary's Church Rooms, P'k

For the details of other Holy Week and Easter Day church services in the area, please see the various church notice boards. Details of services at Prinknash Abbey are displayed on the notice board at the Church of Our Lady & St. Therese, Painswick

*Rita Bishop*

# A meteorite?

On Tuesday 10th March I was walking down Kemps Lane at 6.45pm when I saw a light fall from high in the western sky and plunge to the earth over the Stroud area.

It was shaped like a candle with yellow centre and blue surround, exhibiting a faint 'tail'. There was no bang to be heard.

Did anyone see this? Was it a meteorite burning up as it entered the earth's atmosphere?

*Ros Harris 812116*

# Help for Heroes coffee morning

This was held in the Town Hall last week, on Saturday the 28th of March.

The hall was beautifully decorated in a yellow theme; we would like to thank all who helped on the day, baked and gave goods and raffle prizes. Without this support it would all be to no avail.

The total raised was over £847.55. Many thanks and God Bless.

*Helen Baker & Anne Leoni*

# The Beacon Village Directory

As well as the printed version enclosed with the January Beacon, you can also access the full Directory on line at our web site [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk). It now boasts 'a fully interactive index', ie click on a heading and you'll be whisked in a nanosecond to the relevant entry.



# BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, Beaco-doku replaces the numbers with letters. Last month's answer used the letters from SPRING - as you can see, top right.

This month being April, we'll try to fool you with a SHOWER.

See if you can fill the blank squares in the grid on the right so that each column, each row and each block of six squares contains each of the six letters, S-H-O-W-E-R, without repetition.

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## Treat Yourself at the Shopping & Pamper Fair

The Centre is hosting a Shopping & Pamper Fair on Friday 1st May, from 3.00 to 8.00 p.m. We have more than 20 stalls offering a range of beauty treatments and therapies, fashion accessories and jewellery. We are raffling many exciting products donated by the stallholders. Light refreshments including cakes and biscuits will be served and drinks from the bar will also be available. Entrance is £2.00 for adults and free for children (U14) when accompanied by an adult. A small number of tables are still available; please contact Wendy Workman for details (814022).

Local artists have now taken up occupation of the Artists' Studios at The Painswick Centre – six painters and one stained glass artist. Whenever one of the artists is working in the studios, the public will be most welcome between 10:00am and 4:00pm to view work in progress and purchase any works available for sale. There will also be opportunities to have a go yourself. The Studios are situated in rooms on the ground floor opposite the Gloucestershire Guild Gallery. For more details, visit their new website at [www.artinpainswick.com](http://www.artinpainswick.com).

Over half the tables available for the Crafts & Antiques Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May have been booked. Entrance to the Fair will be free and refreshments will be served. To book a table (£15, or £10 for charities), please contact Jane Rowe (813228).

The Trustees also gratefully acknowledge a grant of £3,000 received from the Community Hall Energy Efficiency & Renewables Scheme (CHEERS), which is funded by Stroud District Council and managed by Severn Wye Energy Agency. This very welcome sum, gained with the help of former Trustees David Allott and David Crispin, has been put towards the costs of installing secondary glazing in the Cotswolds, Green and Gardiner Rooms and adjacent areas.

Jane Rowe (813228); Wendy Workman (814022)

## Thanks from Wotton Lawn Hospital

So many Beacon readers supported the concert at St Mary's to raise money for Wotton Lawn Hospital last September that we would like to share an edited letter just received:

"I am now in a position to write to you all and thank you for all the goods the money you raised for us has bought. We decided to purchase one larger item for the hospital to enjoy and then each ward or department was given a sum of money to buy items, so that activities can also take place on the wards.

For the hospital we bought a professional karaoke machine. Other items purchased after consultation with the wards included: Wii machines, smoothie makers, George Foreman and digital cameras to take on trips. The Art Therapy Department was given a large supply of specialist clay. What a fantastic amount of equipment your generous actions have allowed us to purchase; this will make such a difference to the service we provide to the people in our care and hopefully help to make their stay with us a positive and healing experience. Once again our sincere thanks to you all, on behalf of us at Wotton Lawn."

Joy Gardner Ward Manager: Abbey Ward

## PROPERTY REPORT for March from Hamptons International

We have had our best month for agreed sales in almost a year, as a result of new buyers registering and an increase of 36% of London buyers viewing. This has coincided with fewer properties coming onto the market – a shift in supply and demand that suggests the market is nearing its bottom

Buyers remain very cautious and are often viewing a property 3-4 times before offering and then negotiations can take some time to conclude. The average sale price across our country offices suggests that the main focus of activity appears to be in the £450,000 to £600,000 market and the knock-on effect of this could be renewed interest in the £1m+ market. February certainly saw demand outstrip supply with new properties coming onto the market down by some 30% on February 2008, fuelling multiple bids on some well priced properties. We anticipate April will continue to be busy with many properties coming onto the market and a healthy number of proceedable buyers (66% of our database in rented or have nothing to sell) deciding to purchase. Market conditions remain promising thanks to record low interest rates, news of lenders earmarking funds for the residential market, and a wave of buyers recognising that buying is cheaper than renting. Pricing is still the fundamental element that determines whether a property sells or not and

over optimistic pricing is a dangerous tactic to adopt at the moment as it will just sit on the market and get stale on the internet. To take advantage of the number of London buyers looking for property we have our London Property Exhibition in our Grosvenor Square head office on April 23rd where all our Cotswold properties are shown to an invited audience of London buyers. Our properties are also marketed in the windows of our 17 London offices the week before the event. If you want your property to go to London please give us a call for a free Market Appraisal by April 13th.

New Instructions: 1 Hambutts Mead (under offer) - a 4 bed house, Rose Cottage, Vicarage Street- a delightful 3 bed cottage, A retirement one bedroom suite in the Richmond complex, The Orchard (Edge) - 4 bed family house, and Mardens Cottage (Upton St Leonards) - a 5 bed house.

Sold – Hinchley in the Highlands, Clovers in Kingsmead, New House in Stamages Lane, East Barn in Brookthorpe. Under offer- Ashleigh in Painswick, 1 Hambutts Mead, Field House in Longridge, Monterosso in Pitchcombe and Scrubs Bottom near Bisley.

Miranda Heynes Manager



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## The Painswick Beacon detailed as far as space permits

# THE VILLAGE DIARY

### APRIL

Sat	4	Painswick Music Soc. Concert - Chloe Hanslip (violin) & Ashley Wass (piano)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	6	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Clothes Sale (also Wed. Thur. and Friday) Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall The Patchwork Mouse Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 10.00am to 4.00pm 7.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Painswick Through the Ages - David Archard Horticultural Society: Pound Farm Shop & Plant Centre - own transport necessary (page 9) Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Shires Room, Falcon Whaddon	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 813072 Country Market - Coffee available (page 4) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance - Thursdays Bird Club: Birdsong Identification - Chris Sperring (page 16)	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall	7.30 to 10.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 10.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	10	Please Note - No Country Market Today (Thur 9th instead) Painswick Singers: Weber Mass in E flat (page 6)	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	15	Women's Fellowship: Holidays in Greenland - Pamela Sparrow Parish Council	Christ Church Hall Slad Church	7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group: Singers "Live"	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	17	Country Market - Coffee available	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	18	<b>Copy dateline for May Beacon</b> Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning (page 6) Painswick Music Soc. Concert - Da Vinci Trio	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12noon 3.00pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: AGM	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	24	Country Market - Coffee available Friday Club: "Reflexology for Health" - Caroline Staunton Painswick Players production "Gaslight" - by Patrick Hamilton - 1st night Resthaven Bingo Night. £5 incl. Buffet. (page 7) Fairgame Theatre Co. - MacBeth. Tickets 814139 (page 8)	Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre Resthaven, Pitchcombe Edge Village Hall	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Players production "Gaslight" - by Patrick Hamilton - 2nd night Student Art Show (page 9)	Painswick Centre Garbett Studio	7.30pm 11.00am - 4.00pm
Sun	26	Painswick Players production "Gaslight" - by Patrick Hamilton - Matinee London Marathon - local entries (pages 10 and 17)	Painswick Centre London	2.30pm 9.00am (first group)
Tue	28	Yew Trees W.I.: South African Steam Safari (page 7)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM. Speaker Bruce Hall - The Cotswold Canal Trust	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	30	Horticultural Society Outing to Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton (NT) Music Appreciation Group: Just Brass	Stamages Car Park Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.30pm
<b>MAY</b>				
Fri	1	Shopping and Pamper Fair. Enquiries to 814022 Theatre Club Outing to The Cotswold Playhouse, Stroud	Painswick Centre The Falcon	3.00 to 8.00pm 6.45pm
Sat	2	<b>May Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Painswick Music Soc. Concert - The Barbirolli Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	5	Bird Club field trip - Morning stroll with Jane Rowe along Kingsmill Lane & Painswick Stream	Stamages Car Park	9.30am



Wed	6	Probus: The Archers at Agincourt - Ian Shapter The nature reserves of the Slad Valley - Pete Bradshaw (Stroud area Reserves manager, Glos. Wildlife Trust)	Shires Room, Falcon Church rooms	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Members Night & AGM	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club outing to Coventry Cathedral		
Sat	9	Horticultural Society Outing to Kiftsgate Court, nr Chipping Campden	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Sun	10	Christian Aid Service	Christ Church	6.30pm
Tue	12	Horticultural Society Outing to Dyrham Park (NT) nr Bath	Stamages Car Park	11.00am
Wed	13	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches Horticultural Society AGM followed by Tea/Coffee & Quiz	Christ Church Hall Town Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	14	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Fri	15	Christian Aid Shop: Morning Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
Tue	19	Local History Society Annual Outing to Blackfriars Priory, Gloucester	Gloucester	6.00pm
Wed	20	Probus: Climbing Mount Everest - Bronco Lane Women's Fellowship: Fun of Gardening - Chris Evans	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: "Inca trail" - Janet Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	Friday Club Car Boot Sale. (Cars £5)	Recreation Field	10.00am
Mon	25	Crafts and Antiques Fair. Enquiries to 813228	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: The River Severn from Source to Sea	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	30	Bird Club field trip with Frances Meredith, Chelt. Bird Club (Daisy Bank Road, Leckhampton Hill - SO 950189)	Tramway Car Park	9.45am
<b>JUNE</b>				
Wed	3	Probus Summer Outing		
Fri	5	Friday Club: The Rococo Gardens with Paul Moir	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	12	Bird Club Field Trip to Mendip Hills & Avalon Marshes. Tel: 813094 or 813823		
Sun	14	Teddy Bear Parachuting in aid of Lideta, Ethiopia	St Mary's Churchyard	12.00noon
Tue	16	Local History Society - AGM	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Bonaparte's Disaster 1812 - John Falcon Women's Fellowship: Scrap Booking - Jane Peterson / Lorna Freeman	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Life on the Roof of the World - John Aldis	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I.: Early Postal Services in Painswick	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	26	Fundraising Flower Demonstration with Katherine Kear. Tickets £10 Horticultural Society Outing to Royal National Rose Society Garden, St Albans	Town Hall Stamages Car Park	2.30pm 9.00am
<b>JULY</b>				
Wed	1	Probus: Members Talk	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	10	Friday Club Outing to Weston Super Mare		
Wed	15	Probus: I K Brunel - Links of Iron; Eric Williams Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchetts	Shires Room, Falcon Kingsmead	10.00am 7.00pm
Wed	22	Horticultural Society Outing to Royal Botanic Garden, Kew Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
Fri	24	Friday Club Presidents Day: Talk by Pat Daly followed by Afternoon Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Razzamatazz Robots: Children's Holiday Club (also Wed. 29th & Thur. 30th) Yew Trees W.I.: Hatching a Novel - Jane Bayley to 30th PSALMS Annual holiday club. 'Razzamatazz Robots'	Croft School Town Hall Croft School	10.00am to 12.00noon 7.30pm 10.00am - noon daily
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Wed	19	Horticultural Soc. Outing to RHS Gardens - Wisley, Surrey	Stamages Car Park	9.00am
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Thu	3	Croft School term start (page 12)		
Wed	9	Probus: Schubert - the young genius: Anne Dunn	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	11	Friday Club: Orchard Flower Craft with Yvonne Mort	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm

## PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

### Local planning Councillor contacts

#### J BULLINGHAM

Castle Hale  
Castle Close  
Court Orchard  
New Street  
Victoria Street  
Bisley Street  
St Mary's Street  
Friday Street  
Tibbiwell  
Tibbiwell Gardens  
Holcombe

#### A BURGESS WATSON

Gloucester Street  
Ashwell  
Ashwell House  
Hollyhock Lane  
Hyett Close  
Hyett Orchard  
Berry Close  
Churchill Way  
The Croft

#### E PATHAK-SEN

Greenhouse Lane  
Kingsmill Lane  
Randalls Field  
Knapp Lane  
Orchard Mead  
Kemps Lane  
Tibbiwell Lane

#### A DANIELS

Pullens Road  
Canton Acre  
Hale Lane  
Upper Washwell  
Gloucester Road  
Gyde Road  
Lower Washwell Lane  
Vicarage Street  
Whitehorse Lane

#### D HUDSON

Butt Green  
Hambutts  
Hambutts Drive  
Hambutts Mead  
Edge Road  
Kings Mead  
Blakewell Mead

#### M KERTON

Stroud Road  
Stamages Lane  
Queens Mead  
Richmond  
Stepping Stone Lane  
Wick Street  
Yokehouse Lane  
Pincot Lane  
Cotswold Mead

#### T PARKER

Cheltenham Road  
Golf Course Road  
The Highlands  
The Park  
Paradise  
Beacon Close

### NEW APPLICATIONS

COURTSIDE, HALE LANE. Erection of new car port/garage. Installation of gates and gate posts.  
BELLSTONE HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET. Erection of ground floor extension.  
BEECHVIEW, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of replacement dwelling.  
WOODY STEEPS, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Extensions and alterations.  
DIAL TRYST, VICARAGE STREET. Installation of glazed doors in rear wall and internal alterations.  
COTSWOLD HEIGHTS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of 1.4m metal railing.  
8 BROOKHOUSE MILL, GREENHOUSE LANE. Erection of single storey entry level ground floor extension to side elevation.  
WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE. Change to the approved design S.07/2264/FUL. Proposed addition of natural stone gables to the 3 storey extension.  
BRAESIDE, SLAD. Resubmission of application 08/2251/FUL for proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.  
BACK EDGE HALL, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Replacement of existing entrance gate and stone walls.

### REVISED PLANS

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

### CONSENT

WELL FARM, WICK STREET. Installation of secondary glazing to 28 windows.  
DOWN FARM, SLAD. Addition of roof to existing horse walker.  
SHEEPSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL. Single storey extension.  
THE BRIARS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of 2 storey extension.  
GLENDALE COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Internal and external alterations.  
ORCHARD HOUSE, COTSWOLD MEAD. Conversion of part of house loft into bedroom and bathroom. Provision of external stairs & doors to existing room above garage.  
BEECH HOUSE, THE PARK. Replacement dwelling with attached garage.  
PYLL BARN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Single storey rear extension.  
THE GARTH, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a 2 storey extension.  
THE NEW HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET. Erection of 1st floor extension and renewal of front & rear windows.  
MANTLE, KNAPP LANE. Erection of 2 storey rear extension.  
BEECH COTTAGE, KINGS MILL LANE. Erection of a conservatory  
LOVEDAYS COTTAGE, ST MARY'S STREET. Internal secondary glazed windows.

### REFUSAL

BACK EDGE HALL, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Replacement of existing entrance gate and stone wall with new gates/stone piers. Rebuild stone walls.  
THE RETREAT, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retention of dwelling.

## MINI-ADS

**Clothes sale.** Spring is in the air - add some sunshine to your summer wardrobe. Sale starts on Tuesday 7th April until Friday 10th April - at The Patchwork Mouse. Enquiries 813122

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**Speech recognition.** A software programme which enables dictation into Word 2007 will be appreciated, if anyone has an unused copy, please. £10 donation to charity of your choice. 813101

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# The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

## Baby

Congratulations to EMMA ( nee WILSON-COPP ) and MARTIN FALSHAW on the birth of their daughter, Jemima Victoria, on December 22nd

## Golden Wedding

Our Congratulations to LIZ and KEN WEBB who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 21st

## Sapphire Wedding

Congratulations to Barbara and David Harley who celebrated their 45th anniversary on 28th March

## 100th Birthday

SHEILA LOMAS is to be congratulated on reaching her 100th anniversary on April 7th



## Welcome

We would like to welcome DAVID and ALEXANDRA MILNER and their small son KIT to Cloth Hall from London;

Jayne Knowles Smith would like to thank, all her friends for all the get well wishes following her recent stay in hospital and special thanks to Elaine, Angela, and Anne for all their support.

On Saturday 28th February **Wynne J.H. Roberts** died in Leeds after a short illness. Wynne was a pilot in the RAF during the second world war. After leaving the RAF he was director of the Community Council for Gloucestershire. He and his wife Helen had 60 happy years together, 26 of them in Painswick -first at Cotswold House in New Street and later at Hyett Orchard. They were both avid readers and occasional contributors to The Painswick Beacon and delivered it during the winter months. During the Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester they often had friends to stay. Helen is now living near her family at Headingley Hall Care Home, 5 Shire Oak Road, Leeds where she still receives The Beacon.

**Joan Lamont** who died recently was born in South Wales and trained as a nurse at the Middlesex Hospital. Whilst there, she contracted TB and despite suspending her studies for a year this proved to be the source of a great lifetime interest in disease prevention and the promotion of health. After learning midwifery she trained and worked as a health visitor in Bristol and later as a health visitor tutor in which profession she became one of the most respected in the UK. She became very involved in the field of health visiting education including going to the USA and Sweden on World Health scholarships and to South Africa to advise on setting up health visitor schools. By the end of her career she rose to be head of health visiting at Robert Gordons College. She retired to Painswick to be near her sister, Pauline and made many friends in the village. She died 3rd March 2009 aged 91 years.

**Diana Feilden** has moved from Hambutts Mead to Moreton Hill Nursing. In her 90th year, she has settled well, made friends and is very popular. The staff are so kind and Moreton Hill is set above Standish with magnificent views over the Severn Vale. Mummy loves visiting the animals, especially the donkeys, doves and chickens!

Ros (Harris) and Tabby and Philip (Angier) thank everyone in Painswick for the years of kindness, friendship and support.

## Beacon survey

The Beacon Editorial Committee has decided to ask our readers for their views concerning the content, style and format of the Beacon. The aim is to get some feedback to help us assess and hopefully improve what we hope is an appreciated part of Painswickian life. The survey form comes with your Beacon this month.

We would be most grateful if you could find the time to 'tick the boxes' and add any other comments you have. Please put the completed form in The Beacon post box outside Murrays Estate Agents in New Street or alternatively you may return it to any member of the Editorial Committee. As you can see, the responses are anonymous.

If, for any reason, you haven't received a form but would still like to have your say, send an email to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) and we'll send a form to you.

also MR and MRS CALVER to Hinchley, The Highlands;

and MR and MRS ROBERTS to the New House in Stamages Lane.

Welcome back to STEPHEN FRIAR who has moved to 2 Gyde House,

and WALTER KOLLER and MARCO GUERZONI, with puppy 'Fritz', to Lilac Cottage

## Farewell

We say goodbye to MR and MRS BUXTON and to Mrs MORRIS who has left Gyde House to live near her daughter and grandchildren

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of WYNNE ROBERTS, JOAN LAMONT, TONI KEBLE, EDWIN HANNIS and VI BIRT who have all died recently.

## The Sick List

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JOHN STANGROOM, JOAN BRADLEY and SYLVIA WILCE.

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