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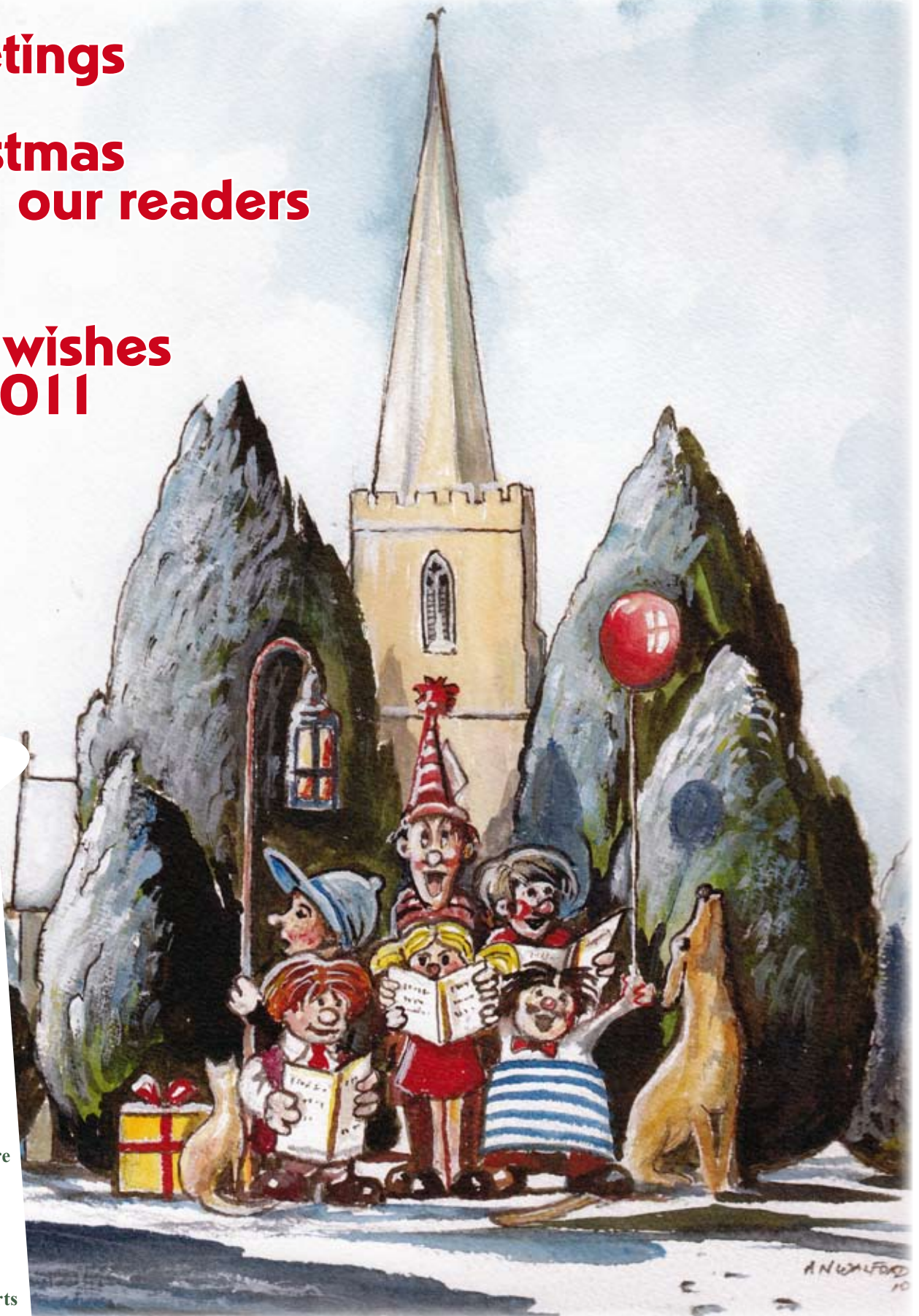
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**Greetings
at
Christmas
to all our readers**

**and
Best wishes
for 2011**

On other pages this month
- cockerel topped, the goodwill opportunity, carols-a-coming, some porkies, Calcutta tale, a mathematical teaser, services at Christmas, Qdog, who painted this cover picture, youngest Councillors, irresistible offer from Shire Hall, work at the elbow, Centre going soft, Chronicle out, the parish plan, winning subscribers, darts aimed.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Charles Dorman

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of wide public interest, based upon what we see and hear. The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and elsewhere.



Seven members of the public and GCC Councillor Joan Nash and SDC Councillor Barbara Tait attended the meeting.

PLANNING

Revised Scheme of Delegation

Cllr Barbara Tait made a presentation to the meeting on the respective roles of the District and Parish Councils in considering planning applications. Unfortunately she had not seen Parish Council comments on applications or the minutes of the Parish Council's planning committee since June this year. This had now been rectified. Cllr Tait stressed that she personally looked at every application and discussed each one with the Planning Officers involved and when necessary she was the person who called for site meetings. She explained that many factors had to be taken into account when considering applications and the view of the Parish Council was just one of those factors. It was important to have valid arguments when coming to a decision on an application, especially when going against a Planning Officer's recommendation or in case of an appeal. Cllr Rob Lewis commented that the Parish Council had no intention of attacking the District Council at the last meeting but rather did not understand why the Parish Council's views appeared to have been ignored in the case of one application. Chairman Cllr David Hudson asked why the DCC (Development Control Committee) had taken a different view to that expressed by the Parish Council. Cllr Jason Bullingham said he was asked by the Planning Officer to provide extra information on one application which appeared to have been ignored in the Officer's decision. Cllr Tait stressed that usually three or four officers were involved in every planning decision and reiterated that the Parish Council's view was only one of the factors considered. However she also stressed that the Parish Council acted as the 'eyes and ears' of the District Council's Planning office and the local information provided was most important. Cllr Tait added that if the Parish Council's view differs from the decision of the Planning Officer, that application is automatically passed to the DCC. She invited the Parish Council to send its comments both to her and the Head of Planning to ensure that the Parish Council's views are always heard.

PARISH COUNCIL

John Goddard

The meeting stood in silence to commemorate John Goddard, a former member of the Parish Council, who died recently.

Allotments

At public questions John Sidwell, a member of the allotments working party, said

he was most concerned at the delay in setting up the allotments, that the applicants had been most tolerant, that the owner of the Moptree site was cooperative and he wanted to know when a contract would be signed. Chairman Terry Parker responded that discussions with the owners were still ongoing regarding access to the site and parking. He had also been to see the local Clattergrove residents to try and allay their concerns. He then read out two emails from those residents, the first from Dr. Blaby and Mr. Turner and the second from Mr. Wallis. Concerns included carrying tools over the fairway, parking in driveways, site security and forcing allotments onto a small community which did not want them. John Sidwell asked that the dissatisfaction of the applicants to the 'wallowing in the undergrowth' (as he put it) be noted. Terry Parker suggested that a further meeting of the working party be called. This was firmly rejected by Cllr Ela. Pathak-Sen who said that the working group had made its recommendation and it was now for the Parish Council to decide, look for an alternative site or abandon the process. Cllr Rob Lewis also said that the long delay was disgraceful. Cllr Jason Bullingham said the Parish Council should decide at the December meeting by when the questions of access and parking should have been clarified. The meeting agreed.

Ashwell Warden

Michelle Elliott, the warden at Ashwell, had applied for another posting for 6 months which would mean she would only be available part time at Ashwell. A replacement had been found to cover her absence. The District Council will decide how to proceed at its meeting on the 16th December.

Reporting of Parish Council meetings in The Beacon

Cllr Jason Bullingham said that there was no note in the minutes of the October meeting about the lack of attendance of District Councillors Frances Roden and Barbara Tait as reported in The Beacon. The proposal was that the Parish Council should write to Cllr Barbara Tait about the decision on the planning application on the change of use of Bell Yard. Cllr Rob Lewis added that the proposed motorway services at Brookthorpe were not discussed as reported in The Beacon. He suggested that the Parish Council should write to The Beacon. Cllr Ann Daniels said that The Beacon reporter, Michael Buckland-Smith, became involved in the meeting. Terry Parker proposed that members' comments be minuted and The Beacon would be asked to respond.

Parish Plan

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen announced that the Proposed Leads for each of the Headings

of the Parish Work Plan had now been selected and that many overlaps had been identified. She will publish an article in the December Beacon about the Plan and invite members of the public to come to a meeting in January if they wish to get involved.

Community Engagement and the Power of Well Being

The Clerk reported to the meeting that the Parish Council met the criteria required to adopt the statement of intent of community engagement, namely at least two thirds of the members were elected, at least 80% of members had been trained, the Clerk had passed the relevant exams which enabled him to carry out his job and the Parish Council was a Quality Council. This then permits the Parish Council to adopt The Power of Well Being which is an informal name given to the statutory power granted under the Local Government Act 2000 as amended. The act gives Councils the legal right to do anything which they consider likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of their area. The meeting agreed unanimously to adopt the statement of intent.

Traffic matters

Report from the Traffic Committee meeting which John Kay of GCC Highways attended.

20 mph speed limit. It was felt that traffic is still speeding through the village. A speed camera would be deployed in different locations to gather statistical information. Painswick did not meet the criteria for a VAS – Vehicle Activated Sign.

Gloucester Street pavement works. These are due to be completed during the first week in December.

Fiddlers Elbow. The Parish Council will receive regular updates.

Other matters: Parking on the A46 opposite the Dental Surgery, Grit bin replenishment, parking outside Cotswold 88, hatched road markings by the Woolpack in Slad and the poor condition of the road surface in Tibbiwell Lane.

St Mary's toilets and Town Hall toilets

Both sets of toilets are in need of refurbishment especially the St. Mary's toilets. Cllr Ann Daniels said a decision must be made at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Jason Bullingham said that the sale of the St. Mary's toilets would save the Parish Council about £4000 per year and the

Parish Council news continued on page 10.

Goodwill opportunity

On Friday 10th December, between 2.00pm and 9.00pm, Painswick will host its second **Small But Perfectly Formed Christmas Goodwill Event**.

This year the opportunities to do all your Christmas shopping in one place will be even more attractive and inspiring!

Obviously all the local shops, businesses and artists' studios will be brimming with goodwill and ideas from daybreak onwards, but they will also be joined at 2.00pm by a host of tempting craft, art, produce and gift stalls, cramming both the Town Hall and the Painswick Centre, for your delight and delectation!

As darkness falls, you may also hear the sound of festive carols filling our beautiful streets and St Mary's Church and possibly spy a certain Father Christmas staggering about with a sack full of goodies.

Combined with the delicious aromas of mince pies and mulled wine, the bountiful servings of Goodwill washing through Painswick will be something for everyone to enjoy!

To give everyone an even bigger serving of Goodwill and festive feelings this year, it would be wonderful if everyone in Painswick could make an extra effort to decorate their houses, shops and businesses with lights and decorations. On these dark winter evenings a good helping of Christmas Cheer does wonders for lifting the spirits.



Chris Mercer

... and from the consumers standpoint

We will not labour the point, but there is so much available right here on our doorstep that one wonders whether we realise we could not only stock our larders for the Christmas and New Year period from our local outlets, but do so much more when it comes to gifts, or dining out. We hope that these will jog your memory as being ready for our attention, and off-the-shelf if you care to glance around.

Christmas is always a critical time for those who trade in the village - so do give them maximum support.

... and in a niche of their own ... Jack and Ben, the fish and beef men

We are exceptionally lucky to be able to buy the freshest possible fish and meat in Painswick on Fridays. In the run-up to Christmas there are to be even more specials on offer, but both Jack and Ben need you to give in your orders, Jack by 17th December, Ben by 11th December.

In addition to the usual splendid selection, Jack will be offering smoked salmon, crevettes and tiger prawns, crabs and lobsters. In addition, you can order whatever you want and he will endeavour to provide it. All his fish can be frozen.

Any cut of beef can be requested from Ben, for example a sirloin joint for roasting is very special, but orders should be placed quickly or you will miss out. All the beef is fresh, vacuum-packed labelled with the packing date and can be frozen. Or how about a 10kg mixed box?

Ben will be in the Town Hall each Friday, up to and including Friday 17th December, but you can phone or go to the farm at any time. Although the last Country Market is on the 17th Jack will be in his usual place in the car park up to and including the 24th. This is truly exceptional service – do take advantage?



Reporting Parish Council meetings ... a statement on behalf of the Beacon

As readers can see, on the opposite page (centre column), the Beacon was accused - in open Council on 17th November - of reporting events which (it is asserted) did not take place. It was stated by Councillor Jason Bullingham that there was no record in the minutes of lack of attendance at meetings by District Councillors Tait and Roden. Further, Councillor Rob Lewis asserted that there had been no discussion of the views taken by District Councillors who had voted in support of the Motorway Service Area (MSA) contrary to the recommendations of the Parish Council. Our editor for December was present when this accusation was made but, without prior notice and opportunity to check our records, those of our reporter, and those of the Council itself, he was unable to respond other than to signal that such response would be carried, here, in our columns.

The first thing to make clear to readers is that the Beacon is not beholden to the Parish Council or anyone else for what it reports, but will continue to carry information obtained independently - corroborated only by what we see and what we hear. While we have regard to the formal written record of the Council and its proceedings, such does not circumscribe our commentary; neither will it do so in the future.

On the first point Jason Bullingham is correct that neither the minutes of the Planning Committee of 20th October, nor those of 3rd November, contain the criticism of lack of recent attendance at Parish Council meetings by Barbara Tait, or Frances Roden. That the Clerk chose not to set those criticisms out in his record of the meeting was his decision, endorsed by there being no dissent about that omission at subsequent meetings. That the criticisms were levelled, in no uncertain terms, is none the less beyond question from the contemporaneous notes taken and, indeed, a request from our reporter to the meeting as to whether they wanted their vociferous comments reported here and to which they responded affirmatively.

The second point, upon which Rob Lewis was adamant, was that the MSA was not discussed. We would draw his and the public's attention to the Clerk's Minute 4(c) of 20th October and alteration of that minute at his request to omit reference to the MSA at the subsequent meeting on 3rd November in Minute 3. While the full extent of the discussion was, as is customary, not on the Council's record, there is no question but that strong views were expressed in no uncertain terms.

In the Beacon report last month we were minded that it was best to be especially circumspect in our wording of the manner in which these two issues were debated; but reporting strength of feeling and attitudes remains our prerogative if democracy is to be upheld.

Would we prefer only to know the outcome of voting in the House of Commons or the District Council, with no knowledge of debate? We think otherwise.

Lideta News

There has been a heart warming surge in support from around Painswick, Edge and Cranham during this Autumn season, for the community of Lideta in Ethiopia which we support through World Vision in a programme designed to link villages and communities here in the Britain with very poor communities and villages in Africa.

In Painswick, many thanks to all of you who came and supported our annual Harvest lunch in October. Just over 90 people from both St Mary's Church and the Catholic Church gathered at the Painswick Centre and celebrated Harvest with a delicious lunch cooked by Ximena and Brian from Olivas. We had beef and mutton stews made with Painswick bred lamb and beef and huge tasty apple pies and crumbles made with apples from the Burge's allotment garden at Yew Tree House. We also served our own Yew Tree apple juice pressed and pasteurised for the occasion the week before. We raised over £700 for our Ethiopian charity, Lideta, and John Longuett-Higgins gave a talk about the work of the project in Addis Ababa which we visited as guests of World Vision last November. A massive thank you to Yvonne and David Rawson and whole family who gave so much of their time and organised so much for the lunch. Also, a very big thank you to Anne and Brain Shawcross who worked so



hard and were so generous with their beautiful table decorations and raffle prizes.

In Edge, Di Ravenhill and friends from Edge organised a fantastic evening of fun with a talent show, which raised over £500 and was a great success.

In Pitchcombe, the Church congregation, have taken on the sponsorship of a little girl in Lideta.

In Cranham, the fabulous Gospel Choir, led by Penny Lyon and Kevin Washbrook has been out and about at various concerts and gigs around the Stroud area and on every outing have collected money to support Lideta.



. . . . and carols around the village

Coming up soon we are organising Carol singing around Painswick, this on Monday 20th December at 6.00pm.

This year we will have 3 groups of singers and players who will be able to cover a larger area of Painswick. If you would like to join one of the groups on a ramble around Painswick to sing carols or play an instrument, please do contact Iris McCormick 812879. It would be lovely to see you. All money collected during the Carol Singing will go to support our Lideta project.



Cider with . .

. . . .

There is no play reading in December but on Tuesday 25th January we invite you to join us in the Green

Room at the Painswick Centre at 7.30pm when we will be reading an adaptation of Laurie Lee's Cider with Rosie. Be assured, we do this for fun and everyone will receive a very warm welcome (including tea and biscuits).



In the New Year we hope to announce an exciting collaboration with Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre

and a new (and very different) production. So, watch this space!



Stephen Friar



Iris McCormick

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Cock a-doodled



As many will have noted, there have been 'goings on' atop the spire.

There are two schools of thought as to what brought about this tragic situation.

One, which seems to lack the credence it merits, goes something like this. Eight delinquent members of the starling fraternity were looking for trouble when they lit upon this elderly chap who they did not recognise, minding his own business and perched at the very apex of this spire. With classic mindlessness they set about knocking him off his lofty perch and, by sheer numbers only, succeeded in some measure. The evidence is here for all to see and, having been identified on camera, with the Bird Club offering evidence (which the Beacon has seen and reproduces below) as to their parentage and origins, counter measures can now be put in place.

A far more mundane, although authoritative story emanates from no less a personage than Church Warden David Bishop. He has informed the Beacon that he would like the public to be informed of, and we quote, "The fate of the weather cock on the church steeple". He tells us, with a straight face, that "It suffered severe failure during the storm on the night of 7th /8th November and is now beak up – tail down. The insurance company have said they will pay for its retrieval and repair. We have agreed terms with the steeplejacks and hope they will be coming in the next week or so. The costly bit is laddering up the spire to reach the top".

David does not have a reputation for exaggeration, as many will testify, so we were amazed to hear him go on to assert, "I am told the cock is about 6 foot across, made of copper and that it is covered with gold leaf – which

explains why it is still shiny even though it has been 150 feet up in the air for at least 10 years".

The Beacon hopes to be there when Mr C is lowered to the ground and studied at close quarters to verify these outlandish claims.

The Bird Club, after much cogitation, opined:
We are observing a small winter flock of starlings, characteristically perched on a building, with their distinguishing features of short tails, strong bills, and mottled plumage including white seasonal spots! Local population can be boosted by winter visitors from Northern Europe.

. . . and the chimes

Contrary to the opinion of some soothsayers, there is no connection between the limp cockerel and the clock below failing to measure time last month.

David reminds us that "Keen listeners to the local scene will realise that the chimes on St. Mary's clock have not been operating since early November – though the hour bell is still sounding.

The chimes are operated by clock controlled hammers that tap on the side of the bells to mark the

quarter hours. In early November we found that one

of the chime hammers had suffered a failed spindle. The hammer has been removed for repair and we hope that by the time the December Beacon is published normal service will have been resumed."



Wearable art

Few will forget the remarkable day last July when a completely new phenomenon, the presentation of 'Wearable Art', burst upon our streets - and eyes.

The Beacon has been among those anxious to find out whether this success story is to be repeated, and we're delighted to be able to let readers know that it is - and that the date fixed for 2011 is **Sunday 10th July**.

Reach for those shiny new diaries and make an entry now; if you missed it last time, you will kick yourself if you do again.

More details could be with us for the New Year edition, meanwhile they are under 'wraps'.





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That WAS the fayre, that WAS

For those who only stretched their legs as far as the Town Hall on 20th November, you truly missed something remarkable. The Stroud and District Mencap Christmas Fayre was, for many years, a fixture in Stroud's Subscription Rooms. They tried elsewhere in Stroud when the Rooms were upgraded, but felt - after much reflection - Painswick should be given the chance of hosting this important fund-raising event in 2010.

The optimists certainly won the day. No fewer than 13 'stalls', excluding such as the tombola and 'bacon butties', were not only presented in a seasonal fashion, but an immediate encounter with Santa and an all-pervading welcome made this an experience with warmth and pleasure for all who came along. Our photograph of Painswick Centre could not capture this spirit, but it does help reveal the extent of support.

And was it all worthwhile? If about £1800 raised in this one four hour period tells us something, you have the answer.



Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

... to the moon ~ and back



On the 9th November at Richmond Village, that community and the Bird Club jointly welcomed Charles Martin (ornithologist and guide) to talk of 'The Mysteries of Migration'. He began with the words of James Fisher (d.1970 - 'Children's Hour' naturalist) as he handled a tiny, wondrous bird in huge awe! Such was the metre of the whole occasion. Amazing is the fact that an arctic tern living thirty years, migrates a distance as to the moon ~ and back! Today's redwings will have arrived at night, by reading the stars. Other species fly

by the sun, recognize infra sound, scents or topography.

Genetic factors came up as did the idea of birds 'seeing' magnetic field though noting forebrain haematite crystals might imply a more prosaic element of "auto pilot."

A record talk for quality, attendance and inspiration greeted with universal approbation!

The Club offers Christmas good wishes to readers and an invitation to enjoy Phoebe Young's talk at the Town Hall on Thursday, 10th February at 7.30pm when she will describe the enthusiastic team activity in the crane school at Slimbridge, an exciting preliminary to the hopefully successful reintroduction of this splendid species to the wild places - near you!

Items to go to the Spring car boot sale would be gratefully received and contributors may arrange this by telephoning 813094 please.



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Cover picture

This reproduction of an original cartoon by Alan Walford, a professional artist, certainly brightens up our Christmas issue, and we are grateful to him.

Alan and his wife Jill moved to Pultens Road in July from Staffordshire. Alan previously ran his own art studio and gallery in the Midlands, and examples of his artistry in their cosy home testify to his undoubted skills. Indeed, upon hearing of his moving away from that area the County Council obtained an example of his art which now hangs permanently in the Council Chamber.

Both are feeling so welcome in Painswick. One cannot help but expect his guitar ditty about the village, as he sees it, will be of interest at a function hereabouts in the future! We were pleased to let Alan know of our choice just the day before he goes into hospital for major surgery - so we wish him a speedy recovery.

That Funclub

It has been a busy start to the school year at Funclub with more activities to entertain the children. The Film & Popcorn Fridays have been popular with the Toy Story trilogy being shown this term. The Toy Story 3 "Premiere" is on 15th December - a Wednesday, but it is a hectic lead up to Christmas!!

Recently the children enjoyed a Guitar Jam session with Ian McCormick-Hicks who taught everyone something new, from those who had never picked up a guitar before up to the well practiced. All the children were able to join in and by the end had managed to strum a tune together in a group.

Everyone enjoyed the Spectacularly Spooky Halloween Party with the Playleaders, volunteers and children all dressed up in the 'spirit' of the occasion. Activities included face painting, doughnut bobbing, biscuit decorating and pumpkin carving to mention a few (see photo).

Play Leader on Thursdays has been a fun chance for children to choose and direct the play (and Playleaders!)

A big thank you to everyone who has supported Funclub this term, if there is anything you would like to see us doing please speak to Sharron. Further information and the booking forms are online www.croft.gloucs.sch.uk or call 07787.325040 in term times.

Jenni Rowlands



New concessionary fares scheme for Gloucestershire

'Free bus travel for the elderly and disabled will be continuing in Gloucestershire', says a recent press release from Shire Hall..

From April next year, Gloucestershire County Council will take over responsibility from the district councils to provide the concessionary fares service. The scheme, introduced in 2006, provides free local bus travel for the over 60's and eligible disabled people throughout England.

In Gloucestershire, currently each district council operates a different scheme, which means what people are eligible for varies from area to area. At the moment, some of the district councils pay for an enhanced service, which in some areas includes earlier start times, travel tokens in lieu of bus passes and taxi tokens/vouchers.

From April 2011, there will be one county-wide scheme operated by the county council so everyone will be entitled to the same level of service.

The new scheme will provide bus passes for people to use between 9.30am and 11.00pm weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays.

The statement goes on to say that 'To protect the more vulnerable in our society there will also be offered a free companion pass for disabled people who are unable to travel unaccompanied'.

Applying for and renewing passes will be simpler as the council will introduce online and library facilities for customers to use.

All existing passes will continue to be valid but anyone renewing after April 2011 will need to deal with the county council instead of their district council to get their new pass.

Concessionary fares is a statutory scheme paid for by the government, but it is not clear yet whether Gloucestershire County Council will receive enough money to cover the cost of the scheme. With the county and district councils already facing significant funding pressures, it is unlikely that additional enhanced services will be provided. This means the current enhanced discretionary elements may stop from April 2011, subject to consultation.

It adds, 'Working with district councils, we will be asking concessionary fare users how these changes will affect them in November and December'.

Cllr Stan Waddington, cabinet member for environment and transport, said: "During our recent conversations with the public, the majority of people told us that concessionary fares were important so I am delighted this scheme will continue.

I do understand that for some people losing the discretionary enhancements may be difficult. Unfortunately, we simply cannot afford to put any additional money into this scheme when we're facing the biggest funding gap we've ever had. The service we are providing will still allow free travel across the county for anyone who is eligible and that has to be our priority."

For further information and to fill in a questionnaire, visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/concessionaryfares or call 01452.426263. Both the website and phone number have been open since Friday 19th November.

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Rugby Balls and other missiles

On 3rd November Mike Speed gave a presentation on the role played by Fylingdales. He explained that its main purpose was a missile early warning system but also space surveillance and other projects.

The old 'golf ball' radar sets have been replaced by a pyramid of three advanced radar arrays which rely on computer power to detect objects in the sky in any direction. It was intriguing to learn that space surveillance involves tracking over 12,000 objects in space to avoid collisions and to warn when any object starts to fall. Objects include any object over 10cm in size, including tools lost by astronauts.



Mike's talk was delivered with humour and panache and revealed great knowledge of the subject.

On 17th November, as a complete contrast, Mike Wallace gave an hilarious talk on refereeing rugby. We looked at some of the tips that experienced rugby refs should know and heard anecdotes and jokes about the game of rugby and the things that happen to refs.

We learned that a referee should have two of everything including whistles, notebooks, pencils etc. The talk was accompanied by recordings of rugby songs and slides of ugly and dangerous players.

Glynn H Nixon

Ludwig van B

Leslie Brotherton declared Beethoven to be his favourite composer (with Tchaikovski a close second), a sentiment many of us would share.

It was thus a special treat to listen to him on 29th October combining a concert of the great man's music with an interesting description of his background and his life. In between listening to a wonderful recording of his Violin Concerto, ravishingly played by Jascha Heifetz, we learned about his personality and his impression on his contemporaries and fellow composers. He made an increasing impact on musical life in Vienna and despite the tragedy of progressive deafness in his thirties continued to maintain a positive outlook and compose increasingly varied, great music.

His Seventh Symphony kept us enthralled at the end of this fascinating presentation.

and Mr Mendelssohn

Was Mendelssohn just a highly gifted composer or one of the greats?

On 12th November, Howard Allan left us to decide with the help of background information about his life and well chosen



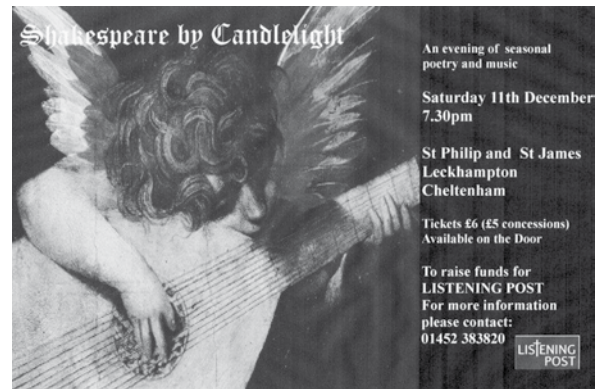
recordings of his most famous works. There is no doubt that he was a musical prodigy: we heard two of his masterpieces, the "Overture to a Midsummer Night's Dream" and the "Octet", composed at the age of 17 and 16, respectively! Whilst some other compositions were less brilliant, we enjoyed the ever popular "Hebrides Overture" and the 4th movement of the exciting "Scottish Symphony", composed after a visit to Scotland.

He loved visiting England and in Birmingham gave the premiere of "Elijah" which was probably the greatest success of any new work of his, and remains still hugely popular with English choral societies. We enjoyed recordings of it provided by Stewart Price before Howard ended proceedings with the "Violin Concerto", one of the most famous works for that instrument. My personal view: he was one of the greats!

Ralph Kenber

Shakespeare and Listening Post

It is easy to 'look on the bright side of life' when contributing to these columns, but it is not always so. A particularly worthy charity, with bases in Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham, has as its purpose to help with the relief of adults suffering with emotional and psychological problems who live in Gloucestershire; this the Listening Post Counselling Service. They offer



counselling at a cost related to the person's individual situation, this the only service of its type available in Gloucestershire. All the volunteer counsellors and supervisors work to BACP (British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists) standards.

Their Stroud office, where our Village Agent Lou Kemp is herself a volunteer member of staff, takes referrals from the whole area, including Painswick and its surrounds.

Listening Post is desperately in need of a fundraising event, as they are operating on a deficit at this time,

It is not our normal practice to use actual fliers to give details of events, but this one says a great deal. Next Saturday, at St Philip and St James in Cheltenham for poetry and music. Looks good!

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Letters



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20mph Speed restriction

Harold Wood, who reminds us that he has driven well over 1 million miles, has 60 years clean licence, and holds the IAM Certificate, writes:

Further to, and in support of Mr Legg's letter in the November Beacon, why should we submit to the ill mannered yobs who want to ignore all symbols of authority?

There are two methods of slowing traffic successfully. The first are bumps in the road surface, to which I do not subscribe.

The other is flashing 'slow down' signs, which are effective!

I know that many people do not agree with this, but my experience is proved by the fact that this driver, for one, complies with them. Please don't mention the cost when we are talking about people's safety and lives.

District Councillors

Stephen Friar writes from Gyde House: The Parish Council's vilification of Cllr. Barbara Tait is deplorable. A district councillor is not obliged to attend parish council meetings and members of local planning authorities are required by law not to represent factional interests but to take into account both professional advice and public opinion while exercising their individual judgment. In this regard Cllr. Mrs. Tait has acted entirely correctly. Furthermore, her critics are clearly ignorant of the onerous responsibilities of a district councillor, especially those who,

like Barbara Tait, serve on a Council's Cabinet.

While I do not necessarily share Cllr. Mrs. Tait's political views I am convinced that we are very well served by a dedicated, conscientious councillor who gives of her time unsparingly on behalf of the community.

Pavement signs

Peter Rowe asks:

Did you see the article in the Daily Telegraph on Saturday 6th November? Cotswold88 hotel was taken to court by Stroud District Council for the "garish" small advertising board along the A46. I was gently irritated for two reasons. First, I quite like the small advertising boards round Painswick – it shows we are alive and not a picture-postcard dormitory; and it may also help our local businesses in a small way. Secondly, I worry that our local council thinks this is a good way of spending the hard earned money that we pay them in rates.

Hambutts Field

Readers may not know a great deal about Hambutts Field, the triangular field bordered by Edge Lane, Dry Knapps Field, and the houses along Kingsmead, other than that it is a useful walking place for dogs and, as a tiny section of the Cotswold Way, a public footpath.

Hambutts Field is a registered charity run by a small committee of local residents for the benefit of Painswick residents and of walkers. The Trustees meet twice a year to discuss maintenance of the field and for administrative purposes. The field contains an ancient and historic hedge, several interesting trees, an agreeable open grassy space to walk or play in and comfortable wooden benches from which to enjoy the view. The field was bought by a small consortium of local residents to prevent it being developed during the 1980s. It was gifted initially to the Open Spaces Society but due to mainly administrative reasons then became a registered charity.

In years past we had a serious problem with dog fouling but more recently this has completely disappeared, thanks to good citizenship from the dog-walkers who use our bin, which is emptied by the council. Obviously the field is an asset to many villagers. Its maintenance requires funds and, as mentioned, we rely wholly on donations. If any reader feels he or she would like to donate an amount (however small) we would be extremely grateful. This can be done at the Town Hall (preferred method) or direct to our Treasurer, Patrick Ridgwell at Hambutts House, Edge Lane. We are also happy to organise plaques in memory of loved ones (or loved dogs!) who enjoyed the field in the past; these could be mounted on the gate or the bench or, if preferred, on a tree. Obviously the trustees are entirely unremunerated and do not benefit personally from the charity in any way.

If a reader wishes to discuss this further I would be happy to talk to them. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Virginia Falconer

Chairman of Trustees of the Hambutts Field Trust 814009

The Field Club Malaya in the Fifties

The Cotswolds Naturalists' Field Club will be holding its first illustrated lecture of the year on Wednesday 5th January at 2.30pm in the Town Hall, when Dennis Cartwright will talk about 'Malaya in the Fifties'.

Visitors are welcome to attend the Field Club's lectures, which are followed by light refreshments. For membership information, please contact 813228.

Jane Rowe Membership Secretary

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refurbishment of the the Town Hall toilets, including installing disabled facilities and carrying out the necessary building work so that they could be used as public toilets. Cllr Ann Daniels stressed that public toilets would always be available in the centre of the village.

Wooden Tombstone in Cemetary

The Parish Council has received a request to erect a wooden tombstone in the cemetery. The height and size would be the same as the existing stone ones. There followed a lengthy discussion about members preferences and the appropriateness of a wooden tombstone. Cllr Jackie Woof said that there was a wooden one in the Slad graveyard. The vote at the end of the discussion was four in favour and four against with the Chairman's casting vote being against.

Croft School Council meeting in the Town Hall

The Chairman Terry Parker reported on

a visit by the School Council made up of 14 pupils from the Croft. They came with a list of questions and suggested improvements in the village including the deployment of an ice cream van, doing something about the 'rather smelly' toilets and holding a Green Village Day, some of which will be taken up by Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen in the Parish Plan. The agenda list may be seen on page 11, opposite.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Joan Nash made the following points:

Clearing footpaths – the Snow Code publication published by the Dept. of Transport says there are no laws against householders clearing the footpath in front of their properties of snow and ice.

Grit bins. New bins will not provided by GCC. Parish Councils must work with GCC in the siting of bins and arranging refilling.

County Waste Project. This has been delayed because of the withdrawal of funds by DEFRA. An alternative to landfill is still needed. GCC will look at ways of taking the project forward.

Food Waste in Schools. Children with

packed lunches will be encouraged to bring only food which they eat. Those taking school meals will be encouraged to take care in the size of the portions they choose..

Police. The funding of 63 officers by GCC will continue until at least May 2013.

Road maintenance. Pothole repair and gully clearing remain priorities.

Public transport. There will be a review of subsidised buses and paid for services to faith and grammar schools.

Youth services. No longer to be building based. More voluntary sector involvement. Buildings to be handed back to communities. Funding increase for 'at risk' youth.

Office costs. £40 million cut in costs.

Assets. Libraries, youth facilities etc will be offered at a peppercorn rent to local communities or on a 50% asset split share.

Library services. To be modernised - 9 main libraries, 11 library express, 7+ library link (sharing premises) and 12+ offered to local communities. A 24 hour virtual library will be developed. Support for the elderly and vulnerable will continue.

Sue Ryder Care
Christmas Fair



This event, now a firm fixture for pre-Christmas events, was held on 20th November in the Town Hall, raising no less than £1,339.02 on the day, and £196.00 at Ashwell House from the sale of Christmas cards.

As Anne Leoni told us, on behalf of herself and her team, "The usual happy busy day where everyone had a chance to meet friends and exchange views!



Thanks to all the "Regulars". God Bless and Happy Christmas".

So you've a sharp brain?

To while away a few minutes over Christmas, we offer a famous problem from 1882; a prize of \$1000 was awarded for the best solution, but the Beacon can only admire, indeed praise the first correct solution to be received.

The task is to arrange the seven numbers **4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,** and **0,** and eight dots in such a way that an addition approximates the number 82 as close as possible. Each of the numbers can be used only once. The dots can be used in two ways: as decimal point and as symbol for a recurring decimal.

For example, the fraction 1/3 can be written as $.3\dot{3}$. The dot on top of the three denotes that this number is repeated infinitely.

If a group of numbers needs to be repeated, two dots are used: one to denote the beginning of the recurring part and one to denote the end of it. For example, the fraction 1/7 can be written as $.142857$

Note that '0.5' is written as '.5'.

The Question: How close can you get to the number 82?

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Inter-Council Croft School and the Parish Council

Have you ever wondered whether the next generation will ever match us for ideas, for concerns about the fabric or welfare of the village?

Well, be assured that there seems to be no shortage of aspirations, and this was made manifest when the Croft School Council, comprising representatives elected by each year group, met with five members of the Parish Council a couple of weeks ago. The agenda, reproduced here, was prepared by the School Council led by Chairperson Nina Perry. Each item was verbally introduced and expanded upon and debated with absolute seriousness. Not once were the young distracted, indeed they had to be reminded to make use of the refreshments right in front of them.

Explanations of the reasons why some of the agenda proposals could or could not be met were explained by Parish Councillors, led by Terry Parker, while others were assured the most serious consideration or action. Interesting that solar powered lamp posts and additional street lighting concerned pupils, and that it is conceivable that potholes are overfilled.

This was not a 'dream' situation at all; we took a photograph to prove

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it, with Nina standing on the right, with her own 'Clerk' Alice Bradley - on our back page.

Plants for Hot Spots

The Horticultural Society listened to a fascinating talk by Rachel Salisbury which dealt with difficulty of finding plants that will thrive successfully in a hot, dry location yet still manage to survive our Cotswold winters.

A plant that will survive in a hot, dry location is one whose natural habitat is a Mediterranean climate. These conditions also exist in parts of New Zealand and South Africa where they have warm, wet winters, not cold wet winters as in Painswick. Therein lies the secret of success or failure. Plants, which thrive in hot, dry locations, have modified their structure to conserve what moisture is available to them. They may have needle-like foliage, small leaves curled in on themselves to hold tiny droplets of water, silver grey foliage, waxy leaves or grow low to the ground to minimise evaporation. The broom for example loses its small leaves early in the year and continues to photosynthesise through its green stems. They have often modified their life cycle so that they grow during the warm, wet winter, flower during the spring and become dormant during the summer when the heat is at its most intense. This means that they will not flower and be at their most attractive during the summer months in Britain when many gardeners want to enjoy their plants.

It is the wet followed by cold temperatures that will kill plants because the plants take up water during a wet autumn which dilutes the sap, rather like car anti freeze, and the cold then freezes the plant and causes cell damage.

There is hope, however, if you observe what is in flower in other gardens, garden centres and research plant details. Examples which will give summer interest, are cistus, euphorbias, santolina, helianthus, ceonothus, ornamental grasses and most herbs.

The next meeting of the Society is our Christmas Social with a talk – Winter Colour

and interest in the Garden with Duncan Coombs on 8th December at 7.30 in the Town Hall. If you are interested please come and join us.

N.B. Richard Umpelby's talk on 9th March has been changed to 'Weeds in the Garden'.

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AGENDA

Parish Council meeting
17th October 2010 - 1-30 pm
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- A limit for lorries
- Should we have the 20mph limit?
- Lollipop lady should come more often
- Ice cream van in the summer
- Library van to come outside school time
- Public toilets are a bit shabby
- Solar powered lampposts
- Display some of our school work in the village
- Have a green village day
- More cycle paths
- Don't overfill the potholes
- More signs about where the lollipop lady is
- More fun things to do in the village
- Water fountain in the park
- Market stalls
- More street lights
- Another climbing frame in the Rec.
- Signs to the Rec.
- Goal posts in Rec.

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The Parish Plan

What would you like to see in your community in the next three years?

The Parish Plan Steering Group is in the process of developing their work plan for the next three years. They would like to hear from you on the kinds of things that should be included in this plan.

There are 16 areas that they are developing plans for and there is a 'lead' Parish Councillor for each of these. Inevitably some areas do overlap but they want to make sure they capture everything they might need to work on.

A consultation event is planned for **Friday 28th January 2011, at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall** and everyone is invited to take part.

If you cannot attend this event but would still like to have your suggestions and ideas taken into account you can contact one of the Parish Councillors or write in to the Town Clerk at: Roy Balgobin, The Town Hall, Victoria Square, Painswick, GL6 6QA Email: clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com

To help you, opposite, is a list of the headings and each of the leads and their contact details.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen

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Police report

Not a great deal to report at this time beyond Incident 147 of 23rd November.



Between 8.00am and 3.30pm on Monday 22nd November "unknown offenders stole two advertising banners for JKs restaurant from the Painswick Golf Club. One was recovered on the golf course but the other has not yet been found".

Local History Teaser

Quite a touching scene, but where and what was this place? What was its purpose in Painswick? Please let us know.

Last month's photograph showed one of Painswick's past football teams. Back row left to right: Chapelowe, V.Workman, T.Kimberley, W.Mills, H.Tranter, Croome, T.Ryland. Middle row left to right: S.Adams, Gyde, Gyde, the curate Mr Hollis. Front row left to right: S.Merchant, B.Luker (Captain), J.Fryer.

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The Calcutta Christmas Pig

One Christmas season when we had family arriving from all corners of the globe my mother thought it would be a good idea if we had roast-suckling pig for Christmas lunch. Now my mother was prone to fanciful ideas about Christmas. One year she decided that we would have a proper English Christmas with turkey and trimmings. Trying to have a proper English Christmas in the depths of a Calcutta 'winter' our only experience of an English Christmas between us was a Dickensian novel and black and white footage on old cinema reels of 'White Christmas' says something about my mother's optimistic spirit. The turkey, the live gobbling kind with a wattle that wobbled was brought home from the New Market and installed in the outhouse where it was fed on scraps and boiled rice. It became the seven-day wonder of the neighbourhood and visitors flocked to see the bird and enquire as to its future. Our cook, never one to miss a trick, sold the feathers to the Mattress maker and my mother promised the feet to Mrs. Liu next door. Sadly, on Christmas Eve the turkey turned up its tail, succumbed to some mysterious disease and went to that great turkey heaven in the sky. We had chicken curry and pilaf rice for Christmas lunch and for pudding some brown sweetened glutinous balls topped with plastic holly set alight with my father's best brandy. In revenge christened 'turkey droppings' by my irreverent father.

Against this background we went ahead with my mother's pig plans. After ascertaining that none of our Jewish or Muslim friends would be gracing our Christmas table we set off in the car to visit Father Michael at the Don Bosco Priest House, a good two hour drive outside Calcutta. Father Michael kindly supplied the pig wrapped in an old gunny sack, still dripping blood and a black snout peeping from the top. Pig stowed in the boot of our old Ambassador, we, full of Christmas cheer piled in and bawled Christmas carols all the way home.

At this point my mother had a brainwave, now that we had the pig we should try a Chinese roast. Undeterred that no one in the family knew how to cook one and that one look at the contents of the car boot our Muslim cook promptly handed in his notice 'till after the Burra din (Christmas in Hindustani)



my mother rounded up her contacts. Mrs. Liu was sent off to telephone various members of her family, Charlie Wong the Anglo-Chinese Dry Cleaners was pressed into service and Uncle Peter (who definitely had some oriental heritage, but never mentioned this) and I were dispatched, pig in tow, to China Town in the old part of the city. The answer was the same, to cook a pig Chinese style they needed at least five days and it was now Christmas Eve. Cajoling and haggling having drunk innumerable cups of tea and sampled Chinese cake and buns, we made our sorry way home.

But we had reckoned without the mighty force of my Auntie Jeannie who had just flown in from San Francisco. Now with my mother's family you never say 'I can't' the phrase just doesn't exist. Having grown up in a family of fourteen siblings each had fought for their place in the family and carried this fight on in the outside world. The first problem was the oven, an old Baby Belling, bought second hand from the British High Commission, the oven was pressed into service occasionally for birthday cakes and macaroni cheese. Temperamental to say the least this time the problem was size! How on earth were we going to fit the pig in that!!

Saddened, we children with visions of another curry Christmas were sent off to midnight mass. The rest of the day passed in a whirl of wrapping paper and presents, crackers and Christmas cake. Mr. Bose from next door discovered that 'mince' pies weren't really mince and Dr Singh, our family GP, declaimed passionately his annual recitation of the romantic poets, helped with Auntie Muriel's ginger wine laced with rum.

And at last the pig, sizzling and crackling on my grandma's German platter, surrounded by Aloo mokullah (Jewish deep fried whole potatoes). The de riguer apple was in the mouth and a somewhat drunken paper crown on its head! Oh a truly English Christmas! How had Auntie Jeanie done this, what miracle had she worked? "Have a little faith" she said and brandished a Black & Decker chainsaw fresh from its Christmas paper wrappings still bearing my father's name on the label.

Father Michael saying the Christmas grace thanked God for truly useful Christmas presents.

Ela Pathak-Sen

Painswick Centre's Christmas Fair

A Christmas Fair will take place from 2.00 to 9.00pm on Friday 10th December.

Over 20 stallholders will be offering quality crafts, art and festive food in the Centre's Main Hall. Stalls run by local charities are represented in the Cotswold Room, where further artwork produced by members of Jane Garbett's art classes will be on display and available for purchase. The Artists Studios will also be open to visitors.

Santa Claus will be travelling on foot through the village to the Painswick Centre's Christmas Fair. His sack has been filled with children's presents generously funded by local Painswick businesses. Look out for him!

Doors open 2.00pm

Magician's tricks every ½-hour from 3.30 to 5.30pm

The Community Choir sings: 6.30 and 7.30pm

Refreshments including mulled wine

Full bar opens 6.00pm.

New Signage

During December, the Centre will have new signage installed to provide a more welcoming appearance to the Painswick Centre, as well as guide visitors more effectively to the wide range of facilities on offer. It has also been agreed to re-introduce an older name for the main hall, which will be known as the Beacon Hall.

Jane Rowe



Welcome to
The Painswick
Centre
Guild Gallery
Art Studios
Meeting Rooms
Beacon Hall
Skittle Alley

Gloucestershire County Council's Big Community Offer

Much publicity has attached to the announcement, on 12th November, that **"More than 30 buildings or assets worth millions of pounds will be handed over to communities across Gloucestershire in a bid to make services more local"**.

This 'offer' announcement was coincident with others to impact upon the Council's corporate strategy and their 2011-12 budget; this the start of a process across four years to find savings of £108m.

The others mentioned were stated as:

Libraries: Proposing that Gloucestershire's library service will be completely redesigned, with libraries becoming one-stop shops for all local services and communities and technology playing a much bigger role. (*See more below.*)

Records storage facility for archives: Gloucestershire County Council is not going ahead with a new £5.7million records storage facility. There had been plans to build a large new facility at Gloucestershire Archives' Alvin Street site to house county council records.

Highways: We will get less funding from government for highways improvements in the future, so from now on we will be focusing on maintaining the roads, filling pot holes and emptying gulleys.

'Handed over'

Seemingly 5, 10 or 15 year fully repairing **leaseholds** at peppercorn rents. No clarity at this stage about factors such as right of renewal, claw back terms, etc. Lessee to insure property, for public liability, etc.. Sub-letting only with landlord consent.

Purchase on vacant possession valuation, eligible for 20% community discount.

Claw back in event of disposal.

Libraries

This service is to **"be completely redesigned, with libraries becoming one-stop shops for local services and communities and technology playing a much bigger role"**.

The framework is anticipated to be:

9 Main libraries with comprehensive range of fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, access to technology, events and advice. These at Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Stroud, Cirencester, Newent, Dursley, Coleford and Stow.

24/7 Virtual library, an on-line service to be developed to reserve books from home or search catalogues and other on-line

services, download eBooks and eAudio, arrange direct postal delivery or receive through local pick-up point.

11 Library Express: Less range of stock than a main library, lesser opening hours. Self serve facility. Open three days weekly and Saturday half day. These at Chipping Campden, Fairford, Tetbury, Winchcombe, Lydney, Bishop's Cleeve, Charlton Kings, Up Hatherley, Quedgeley, Longleavens and Hucclecote.

Library Link: Other unspecified locations where, with partners, share facilities with some book stock, self-serve facilities and Internet access. Limited short visit

staffing. Possible locations Nailsworth, Moreton, Stonehouse, Churchdown, Prestbury, Bourton and Wotton.

Community run libraries: For all other existing libraries an offer to the community to take over the building for community use "to run their own library service to suit local demand", this with the offer of Library Link back up for which a charge would be made.

Additionally, the Council is examining ways in which vulnerable people, and those in rural areas, might best be served through volunteers, Village Agents, postal services, etc..

What does this mean, if anything, for Painswick?

The short answer, at the time of going to press, is 'Don't know yet!'

Manifestly there is a County Council empty building in Stroud Road, premises which have been under maintained across many years, and can only have deteriorated further since they were closed for 'Health and Safety' reasons last December.

There is a 25-minutes per week mobile library visiting late on Monday mornings, with limited capabilities relative to those previously enjoyed. An inconvenient park-up location, and out of reach for children at school or those in full time employment.

It seemingly follows that the County Council policy, reproduced above, **"more than 30 buildings will be handed over to communities in a bid to make services more local"** applies. However, Painswick is not specifically mentioned.

Painswick Gateway tabled a proposal, reinforced by a detailed and publicly endorsed Prospectus and Business Plan, way back in January 2008; a proposal which sought to create a library operated as the community desired, and included the freehold of the property. Conditions imposed upon the sale and the operation of a library were unacceptable to the trustees; hence their withdrawing from negotiations.

Young People's Services: We are proposing a fundamental change to the way we run our youth service. Our focus in the future will be on the vulnerable, at-risk and teenag-

ers most in need.

The future for Transport: A fundamental review of council-run bus services in Gloucestershire is being carried out in a bid to save £2million.

Home to School Transport: We are proposing to help those most in need as we look to reduce spending on home to school transport and create a clearer, fairer system.

Getting our own house in order: Find out how Gloucestershire County Council is getting its own house in order as part of Meeting the Challenge.

Extra Police: Gloucestershire County Council currently funds 63 police officers based across the county. This contract will run until 2013.

Older and vulnerable people and day centres: Gloucestershire County Council is protecting its spending on older and vulnerable people, but some service charges will be made to meet the cost of rising demand.

See www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/meetingthechallenge

Local History Society contemplates Gloucester's heritage

At the November meeting of the Local History Society Lisa Donel, a very experienced archaeologist, explained the current situation with regard to Blackfriars, Gloucester. After the Dissolution of the monasteries, Blackfriars was saved because it was taken over by an entrepreneur who converted it into a factory and house. Subsequently, it accommodated various businesses including Talbots mineral waters and a clutch clinic. Recent excavations have shown evidence of all these enterprises.

The site has had monastic, industrial and domestic functions in its long existence and the difficult decision is what to show as representative. Deemed by English Heritage as the fourth most important monument in the country, its future is uncertain. Ideally it should be a venue for public enjoyment but in the current financial situation it is unlikely there will be further excavation in the foreseeable future. With so much history, from Roman times to the present, what should Gloucester's image be with regard to its rich heritage, certainly not currently displayed to advantage?

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Chronicle No. 13 – hot off the press

If you live in Painswick the Chronicles are a must. The town's history is fascinating and the latest issue, number 13, now available, provides insights into yet more features. Considerable research and time has gone into producing the interesting range of articles in this edition. It is easy to think of the chapel on the corner in New Street as the home of an estate agent and an accountancy firm, but as a Baptist Chapel it was a significant building in the lives of Painswick families for quite some time. And talking of families, the Gydes have been in Painswick for generations. Tracing a family back over hundreds of years is no easy task and the Gyde family history in this edition makes interesting reading including, as it does, reference to the two famous Gyde benefactors.

We live in what has been a very agricultural area and one lady's personal recollections, written fifty years ago, of farming locally before that time demonstrate just how much it has all moved on. Of course much has disappeared and there is an article about the attempts to track down the whereabouts of what had been an important house in Edge. Conversely, an article on the building of the Nurse's House on the corner of Friday Street tells of the thirteen-year struggle to deal with the bomb site after Painswick's night of the blitz in 1941.

With other short pieces about youthful heroism and past presentations this edition makes for a good read. Other History Society publications include Gyde Orphanage Remembered, Painswick: Time Chart of a Cotswold Village, Barks and Bites from Bow-Wow Land (the stories of longevity in Painswick and Puppy Dog Pie) and numbers 3 to 12 of the Chronicle. All are very reasonably priced, are essential reading for all Painswickians and make lovely Christmas presents. They are available from various shops in Painswick or direct from Carol Maxwell (813387) or Gwen Welch (812540).

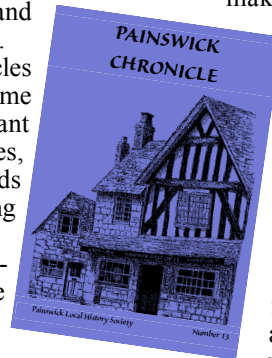
Carol Maxwell

Chloe's Open Day

Since Chloe Smith returned to Painswick to practise her beauty and therapy business at the Three Gables in Cheltenham Road every Thursday she has been delighted at the response from her Painswick clients. She has therefore decided to hold a Xmas Open Day on Saturday, 4th December from 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Three Gables centre. Everyone is welcome.

Chloe's open days are always a delight and on this occasion she has also asked Christina Ashby of Painswick to demonstrate her sound healing technique at 12.00. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Chloe's grandmother.

A noticeable increase in requests for manicures lately has prompted Chloe to make December a special



month for nail care. She knows that the condition of your nails is important for many reasons and will undertake to do a full analysis with every manicure, and with the added bonus of 10% discount on nail products. This is a great opportunity for everyone to improve the

condition of their nails all set for 2011. She will, of course, be available for all the other treatments as usual.

Why not go along on the open day to see the range of services which Revive, Chloe's business, offers? And throughout the month of December take advantage of the opportunity to improve the condition and appearance of your nails. For more information phone Chloe on 07859.880641.

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A46 Cooper's Hill Landslip

Shortly before we went to press we received copy of a note prepared by engineers regarding activity on this major piece of road reconstruction. Anyone travelling to/from Cheltenham by car or bus will be aware of the efforts being made to stabilise the road below Fiddler's Elbow.

The report states that the main contractor, Dawnus, arrived on site Monday 1st November and commenced setting up traffic management, establishing site offices and compounds required to accommodate their work force plant and materials necessary to complete the works.

The traffic management, shuttle working under signal control, has worked well during this first two weeks with minimal disruption to the travelling public. The majority of the work to date has taken place behind the scene, with the contractor preparing access to the rear of the existing King Post Wall in readiness for piling the foundations to the new retaining wall and the drilling in of tension piles (ground anchors) through the existing King Post Wall.

Probe drilling below and to the west of the carriageway, as the picture kindly provided to us by Patrick Tiffney the Projects Manager shows, has already commenced to confirm the strength of the rock which will allow the final length of the



tension piles and the forces to be applied to them to be calculated.

This has been followed by work in the carriageway with the commencement of piling to the landslip area. Anyone wanting more information or the latest reports can use <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=98677>

Moor to Oak Help for Heroes

I would like to express my sincere thanks for being given the honour of featuring my walk from Dartmoor to Selly Oak published in your excellent publication.

My wife Sue and I spent a very successful and enjoyable three weeks on the road, the highlight being of course the kindness and generosity we received on arrival at your beautiful town. We enjoyed three lovely nights hospitality with delicious breakfasts (which I had to work hard to walk off) as the guests of Andi and Arthur Lock at Meadowcote as their most generous contribution to our cause. We were also given a warm welcome by Rachel Taylor and Leslie Brotherton which of course required us to take receipt of more generous donations.

With slightly heavy heart but many happy memories and excited to be moving onward we departed Painswick and headed northward, collecting in Gloucester and Cheltenham on the way. We enjoyed a leisurely day collecting in Tewkesbury having been joined by one of my daughters, son-in-law and three grandchildren plus my son-in-laws family. As we had made such good progress and had a day to spare we drove to Stratford-upon-Avon which was off our walking route, again accompanied by my daughter and family and met up with ex fire chief and Rotarian Joe Nash and wife Grace. Unfortunately due to torrential rain the day was a complete washout so we retired early. As happened so often a bad day was followed by a good one, namely in Evesham, where again the weather wasn't kind to us and being a small town and a Bank holiday there were virtually no people about so getting despondent and about to pack up, somebody suggested trying Morrisons supermarket.

So my daughter and I asked the duty Manager permission to collect in their foyer which he duly granted. What a revelation, within minutes we had queues forming to donate, it was chaotic, it was by far the greatest % of available mem-

bers of the public we had seen contribute anywhere. Well done Evesham and thank you Morrisons and special thanks to the Manager who allowed us to raise our total by an amazing £826. Our final two days were spent once again in the company of Rotarians collecting in Worcester and Redditch.

At this point with just one day to go we hit a bit of a downer, the reason for this was that coincidentally my arrival at Selly Oak coincided with the opening of Headley Court resulting in a complete dearth of Help for Heroes members available to meet us, making us fear the finale would fall a bit flat, but as usual Rotarians rose to the occasion.

After the photos had been taken outside the Hospital sign to show we had made it, Rosie (who was only expecting the two of us, but this had now grown to include our eldest daughter, our son, three grandchildren and my daughter's in-laws) never the less invited us all back for something to eat. We said that a cup of tea would be gratefully accepted, being very aware of our large numbers. On arrival at their lovely home, we were treated to a marvellous bar-b-que along with our cup of tea!!! This kindness really touched us and instead of what seemed as if nobody was interested in the fact the Doug had walked all the way from Dartmoor, it rounded off the walk in an excellent way.

Mainly due to Peter Mayer, who was on the Charities Board for Selly Oak Hospital, we were invited to the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital where the critically injured are now treated, Selly Oak being closed, we had a guided tour and they accepted our cheque for £5000, part of the final £13,400 we raised, towards equipment to help with the rehabilitation of the wounded.

At the moment I am looking into the possibility of walking from John O'Groats to Lands End, as this will involve a lot more than one man and his back-up car, it is not quite so easy. I may see you again on my way through!!

*Doug
Hamilton-Cox*

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Advent and Christmas 2010

special services and events throughout the area

Churches Together Around Painswick have co-ordinated information from all the churches which we hope will be helpful.

Sunday	December 12th	10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Christmas Meeting
Sunday	December 19th	8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass for Advent
		10.30 am	Friends Meeting House	Painswick	Weekly Meeting
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Family Christmas service
		4.00 pm	Methodist Chapel	Sheepscombe	Christmas candlelight service
		5.00 pm	St. Mary's Church Rooms	Painswick	Beacon Family Christmas
		6.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Carol Service
		6.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Carol Service
Monday	December 20th	6.00 pm	Carols around village (in aid of Lideta (Ethiopia))	Painswick	See Painswick Beacon for details
Wednesday	December 22nd	8.00 pm	Woolpack Inn	Slad	Carols at the Inn
Friday	December 24th	4.00 pm	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Crib Service
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Christingle & Blessing of Crib
		4.00 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Crib Service
		4.00 pm	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Crib Service
		11.30 pm	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Midnight Service
		11.30 pm	St. James the Great, C of E	Cranham	Midnight Service
Saturday	December 25th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Day		9.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Christmas Mass
		9.30 am	St. John the Apostle, C of E	Sheepscombe	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. John the Baptist, C of E	Edge	Family Communion
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Family Service
		11.00 am	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Christmas Eucharist & Crib Blessing
		11.15 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion (shortened)
Sunday	December 26th	8.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	BCP Communion
		8.30 am	Our Lady & St. Thérèse, RC	Painswick	Mass
		10.00 am	St. Mary's, C of E	Painswick	Holy Communion
Sunday	January 2nd	6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, C of E	Slad	Carols by candlelight



There are services at St. Peter's Grange at Prinknash Abbey on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 11 pm and Midnight and on Christmas Day at 8.15 am, 10.30 am and 6pm. For details see www.prinknashabbey.org or the notice board in the foyer of the RC Church in Friday Street



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Last month's fruit was **O-R-A-N-G-E**: how did you fare?

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G	A	N	E	R	O
R	E	G	O	N	A
N	O	A	R	G	E
A	N	O	G	E	R
E	G	R	A	O	N

We stay seasonal with **F-R-O-Z-E-N** this month, and well it may be. Can you place the full word along each row in each direction, and in each of the six boxes.

	E		Z	
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	O		R	E
F			N	

On their pins

A delightful demonstration of the art of enamelling held the attention of members at our October meeting. Jeff Ford, who lives near Cirencester where he runs courses on enamelling, crafted three disks out of copper and enamel, showing the intricate working needed to produce lovely colours and designs. These could then be used to make necklaces or be inserted into small boxes, a selection of which were on display.

In early November members and friends relished the challenge of a game of skittles at The Painswick Centre Alley.



There was much leg pulling and good humour, and some good bowling, so much so that members are now keen to take part in the WI County skittle challenge next year!

This month Yew Trees committee will be entertaining members at the Christmas Gathering on 14th December, and offering festive refreshments to round off the excellent year enjoyed by the club.

We would like to thank the Beacon for publishing our reports during the year, and wish the Beacon Team and all Beacon readers a Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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If you would be interested in a taster session or finding out more information, please contact David Linsell on 812464. Please let us know whether you would prefer an afternoon or evening session.

Jane Rowe Trustee Painswick Centre

Falcon Hotel Darts Do It Again

Summer Mixed Darts saw the "A" team win the Consolation Cup in the Stroud District Darts League.

Well done to the "B" and "C" teams. Thanks once again to the Falcon Hotel for their continued support.

Linda Cooke



Rugby

Painswick first fifteen suffered a surprise defeat on 20th October when they lost at home to Longlevens. The previous Saturday Painswick were away to newly promoted Kingswood where they won by 34 points to 8. On the same day Painswick United had an excellent home victory against Old Cryptians 2nd XV, winning by 48 points to 21.

December fixtures

Sat 4th. Painswick 1st XV v Spartans 1st XV. Brockworth 2nd XV v Painswick United.

Sat 11th. Aretians 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick United v Berry Hill 2nd XV.

Sat 18th. Painswick 1st XV v Bishopston 1st XV. Old Richians 3rd v Painswick United.

January

Sat 8th. Bream 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick United v Stroud Nomads.

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Badminton mix

The Painswick Badminton Club Annual Mixed Tournament was held on Monday 8th November at the Painswick Centre.



After an evening of 'round robin' matches the final was contested by the best scoring two men and the best two ladies. The winners were Angie and Roy Woodward (pictured with the trophy) who narrowly defeated Julia Richardson and Ron Bridgeman.

Sylvia Steer Club Secretary

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Boxing Day Walk

The Parish Council's annual Boxing Day walk will start from Stamages Lane car park at 10.00am.

The circular walk is planned to take approximately two hours. Stout footwear is necessary.

Everyone is very welcome.

Dogs are also welcomed but must be on a lead at all times.

Tennis

Tennis Club says goodbye to retiring President John Coats. The Painswick Tennis Club held their AGM on 10th November and said thank you to their retiring President John Coats. As a mark of gratitude for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the club during the ten years of his Presidency, he was presented with Life Membership of the club. Tribute was paid to his achievements which include the pavilion at Broadham and the two new courts that were opened earlier this year.

Another highlight of the evening was the Junior Awards Ceremony. The Boris Becker cup, for the most improved junior boy was presented to Joe McCririck. The Maureen Connolly cup to the most improved girl went to Sophie Barnett. The Peter Bolton cup was presented to Lara Evans for her positive and enthusiastic attitude to tennis. A new cup donated by Jim and Carol Ruddy for the U-12 girls' tournament was presented to Lara Fair.

The club look forward to further successes under the new President Joan Griffiths.



Pictured from left to right are: John Coats, Lara Evans, Lara Fair, Sophie Barnett, Joe McCririck and Head Coach Lorraine Ristic.

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Perhaps you are having an elderly relative to stay for a little while and are not too sure what you need to help make their stay comfortable and safe. Don't forget that you can go to the Red Cross in Quedgeley and borrow (giving a donation) all sorts of things such as wheelchairs, frames and commodes. You can register someone at the GP surgery as a temporary patient for up to three months. It's a good idea to have all the details of medication taken, medi-

cal conditions and the contact details of key health professionals involved written down just in case there is a problem. Age UK provide a free Life Book which is an

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easy to use and safe method of recording the practical details of someone's life.

If the relative or friend who you are planning to have to stay has dementia, this might be very confusing and stressful for them to be away from their familiar environment. You might find it helpful to discuss the full implications with their GP first.

Happy Christmas to you all and I look forward to another year as your Village Agent. I will be unavailable from December 20th -31st. If you need urgent help in that period please ring the Adult Help Desk.

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Christopher and Geraldine Piper Short

PROPERTY REPORT for November from Hamptons International

Property market conditions are continuing to be fascinating and unpredictable as we draw towards the end of what has been an unusual and varied year. After a record breaking July, August and September were relatively quiet but activity levels did pick up in October and have continued through into November. Across our network of offices we have seen an element of caution creeping into the market however there are many positive indicators around us: demand is up 50% on the same period in 2008; stock levels are up 50% on 2009; the FTSE 100 remains strong having reached 2-year highs recently; and interest rates have been held at 0.5% for a record 20th month with most commentators not anticipating a rise until Q3/Q4 2011.

Looking ahead, I expect we will see the same mixed messages coming from the market commentators: only this month we have seen the Halifax, Nationwide and Land Registry all reporting prices are up year-on-year by 1.2%, 1.4% and 5.2% respectively but when you dig down to the detail in these figures you will find monthly and three-monthly fluctuations that make far less straight-forward reading. We are all too aware that market sentiment remains fragile. This is likely to subdue expectations of any price growth in 2011. In the meantime, sellers are encouraged to remember the fundamentals of preparing

their property for a successful sale and to price sensibly for the current market. Well presented and well-priced properties will continue to sell.

We have taken on many new instructions in Painswick recently including: Eden Cottage, a delightful 3 bedroom Cotswold stone cottage with parking and a generous garden; 16 Gyde House, a 2 bedroom second floor apartment; 7 Canton Acre, a newly refurbished three bedroom house; 1 Hambutts Cottages, a charming 2 bedroom cottage with planning permission to extend; and two properties in Hyett Orchard – a two bedroom house and a two bedroom first floor apartment. Further afield, we have taken instructions on: Clovermead, a stunning new-build house in Brookthorpe; Sweetbriar, a family house in Cranham; and Crestwood, a superb eco-friendly house again in Cranham.

Sales have been agreed recently on Owlcote in Stamages Lane, Staddlestones in The Highlands, Vatch Cottage in The Vatch and Edge House in Edge whilst recent properties to have sold include: Byways in Cockshoot, The Orchard in Harescombe, Colethrop Cottage in Colethrop, Woodstock in Upton St Leonards, Torwin in Painswick and The Homestead in France Lynch.

Guy Tabony



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Sat	4	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	6	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Community Lunch: Hostess Terry Rohrbeck Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Ashwell House Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries Adrian 07855404147)	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	7	Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
Wed	8	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays Probus: Christmas Dinner Parish Council Meeting Horticultural Society: Christmas Social with Talk	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre The Hill, Stroud Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	9	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays Village Goodwill (see page 3) Christmas Fair & Goodwill Evening. Enquiries 813791	Town Hall Village shops etc. Painswick Centre & Town Hall	10.00am 2.00pm to 9.00pm 2.00 to 9.00pm
Sun	12	Christmas Fayre in aid of Sheepscombe School	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	12.00 to 3.00pm
Tue	14	Yew Trees W I: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: Falkland Islands - Paul Stevenson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	17	Friday Club: The Art of Belly Dancing - Ann Blagdon Painswick Music Appreciation Group - Christmas Social	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	18	Copy dateline for January Beacon Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party. Location check 812709 Painswick Singers Christmas Concert - Followed by Mince Pies & Mulled Wine in the Church Rooms	Painswick Beacon St Mary's Church	10.00am to 1.00pm 7.30pm
Mon	20	Carol singing around Painswick: Contact Iris McCormick 812879		6.00pm
Sun	26	Boxing Day walk (see page 19)	Stamages	10.00am

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Wed	5	Probus: Freemasonry & its Secrets - Ray Pearson Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Malaya in the Fifties - Dennis Cartwright enq. 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Cotswold Care - Adele Laing Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Music For Children	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	8	January Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	10	Street Cleaning	New Street	
Tue	11	Street Cleaning	Ashwell & Hyett Close	
Wed	12	Horticultural Society: Wildflowers of the Cotswolds (remedies, myths & legends) - Sue Dodd & Sue Smith	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	17	Community Lunch: Hosts - Churches Together	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: Orchards in the Gloucestershire Landscape - Dave Kaspar	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: The Story of Tea - Pam Slater	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	20	CTAP: Afternoon Tea & Talk What Quakerism means to me - Roz Harris	Richmond Village	2.30pm
Fri	21	Friday Club: Travels in China - Jenny Jackson Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Creation to Culmination	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm



Mon	24	Community Lunch: Hosts Tennis Club CTAP: Agape at the Bistro for Christian Unity Week	Ashwell House Bistro	12.00 to 1.15pm 7.00pm
Tue	25	Painswick Players Playreading - New members especially welcome Yew Trees W.I.: Birds & A Lancaster Pilot - Peter Roberts	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	31	Community Lunch: Hosts Yew Trees W.I.	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm

FEBRUARY

Wed	2	Probus: The Soviet Union - My Part in Bringing its Downfall: Mike Walker Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Sri Lanka Flowers & Wildlife - Michael Robinson. enq. 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Fri	4	Friday Club: Memories of an Evacuee - Midge Leney Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Herbert Howells	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	7	Community Lunch: Hosts Painswick Golf Club	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thu	10	Bird Club: The Crane - back from the brink : Phoebe Young	Town Hall	7.30pm
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts Falcon Bowling Club	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Revealing Stroud's Oldest Buildings - Nigel Patterson	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: Westonbirt Arboretum - Jenny Barnett	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	18	Friday Club: Computers for the Elderly - Age UK Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The Violin	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Painswick Players Playreading - New members especially welcome Yew Trees W.I.: Vintage Wonders - Ruth Jacobs	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Richmond Village	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm

MARCH

Wed	2	Probus: The Battle of the Atlantic - Fred Jones Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Sudden Cyprus - Nicholas Clark. enq. 813228	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Fri	4	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Friday Club Spring Outing to Cabot Circus Shopping Centre, Bristol Women's World Day of Prayer	Stamages Car Park Catholic Church	4.00pm
Sat	5	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club & Glos. Geology Trust Walk - Chase End Hill & British Camp. Details 813228		10.00am
Tue	8	Bird Club: The Oak & Furrow Wildlife Rescue Centre - Paul Richardson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	9	Horticultural Society: The Kitchen Garden Today - Roger Umpelby	Town Hall	7.30pm
Mon	14	Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday Club	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: The Trials, Tribulations & Joys of Owning an Old House - John Goom	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Probus: Joint meeting with the Ladies: The Barge Ladies and Wine Tasting	Church Rooms	10.00am
Fri	18	Friday Club: Diaries of a Durham - Alan Parker	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	19	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury Beacon Quiz	Painswick Centre	5.00pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Tres W.I.: Medical Women Through The Ages - Jenny Barraclough	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	29	Painswick Players Playreading - New members especially welcome	P. Centre Green Room	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: King Cotton - Norman Brown Bookings Morning for Horticultural Society Outings	Shires Room, Falcon Church Rooms	10.00am 10.00am to 12noon

JULY

Sun	10	Wearable Art Painswick 2011		
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Reminder Entries for the Village Diary should be sent direct to **Eddie Buttrey**, as shown on our back page;

em-m.buttrey@virgin.net

Articles sent to the Beacon for publication which also contain details of forthcoming events still require the sender to inform Eddie directly, please.



The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Weddings

Congratulations to CAMERON MAULTBY and NICOLA ANDERSON who are being married at St Mary's on 11th December,

and to ALISTAIR MILNE of Castle Godwin and AMELIA MARLING-ROBERTS who were married in Hampshire in November,

and to PHILIP WARNER and JOAN WELLS who are marrying in St Mary's on 30th December.

90th Birthday

Best wishes to MARY KRILL who celebrated her 90th on 11th November,

also to GEORGE WARREN who was 90 on 14th November.

100th Birthday

Congratulations to BARBARA LEIGH-SMITH (*pictured*) who will be 100 years old on 15th this month.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs HEY who have moved into Whyte Wall End in Stamages Lane



Get well soon

Our wishes for a speedy recovery to MARY FRANCIS and HAIN RYAN.

Deaths

Condolences to the friends and family of JOHN GODDARD, JOHN KILMISTER, FREDA RENNIS, BRIDGET SADLER and DOROTHY BOYDELL who have all died recently.

Our commiserations to John Longuet-Higgins whose mother died recently.

Personal messages

Marion and Peter Sadler and family wish to thank everyone who took part in the service at Christ Church, led by Mike Campbell, to celebrate Bridget's life. We were particularly touched by the attend-

ance of those who remember Bridget from nearly forty years ago and who "rescued" her on the many occasions when she climbed gates and fences, scrambled out of windows and ran ... and ran....

We especially need to thank the Christ Church folk who took over the arrangements for flowers and for refreshments after the service. We always knew that the Christ Church was an all encompassing fellowship – on this occasion it provided overwhelming support. There was huge support too from Painswick in general and we have been much touched by all the care shown in the form of cards and phone calls. Thank you.

Ruth Robinson wishes to "extend my personal thanks for the offers of help when I moved from 'Whyte Wall End', in Stamages Lane to 'Roseleigh' on the Cheltenham Road. I want to say thank

you very much indeed to our friends and neighbours in Stamages Lane. Also for the warm welcome I have received in Cheltenham Road since I moved here in August".

Andy and Arthur Lock

would like to thank all their friends for all their cards, wishes and gifts received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Helen Kilmister and family wish to thank everyone who helped them during John's illness, particularly the doctors and nurses. They have been overwhelmed by the kind condolences and tributes to John they have received from all sections of the community.

Elizabeth Burge and family would like to thank everyone for the support and loving kindness shown to us all throughout Ted's long illness, and especially in these last weeks.

PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

BERRY BARN, Paradise. Addition of an outbuilding for use as a garage and home workshop, with an option for a cellar underneath.

THE TYTHE BARN, Painswick. Erection of Garaging/Storage. Revised application following approval S.09/1277/HHOLD (Retrospective).

DAMSELLS FARM Change of use from agricultural to domestic use (garden)

THE LODGE, Gyde House. Application to renew extant permission S.07/1789/

FUL for erection of side extension.

IVY COTTAGE, Slad. Erection of 2 storey rear extension, single storey first floor side extension, re-build chimney and install decked balcony area.

THE OLD VICARAGE, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscot. (*Several trees to receive attention or felling.*)

CONSENT

EDGE FARM, Edge. Discharge of condition 3 of permitted application S.10/0051/DISCON and S.09/0971/LBC – further information.

MINI-ADS

Table Tennis Table Wanted. If anyone has a table tennis table they no longer need, we would be delighted to hear from them. Telephone 812979

3' Single mattress, little used, for sale £20 812293

Wilson Fat Shaft graphite golf irons 3 to SW. £40, Good condition. 812293

Baby sitting services. Responsible, reliable 16 year old is available for babysitting during evenings and weekends. References available. Please contact Vicky Smith on 812243 or 07920.464029

Brand new Calor gas living room coal fireplace look. 2-bar heater with gas bottle. No chimney needed. £100. Phone 813252

VACANCIES

Richmond Painswick seeks:-

Occasional Host/Hostesses

– lunchtime & evenings

Reliable staff needed to assist with waiting in the Restaurant and delivering room service meals. Variety of shifts available (including school-time hours, evenings and weekends).

Carers (part-time and Bank)

We have vacancies for part-time and bank carers in our domiciliary care agency. Variety of shifts available (early mornings, daytime, evenings and weekends). Experience is essential (NVQ qualifications are preferred). Duties will include all aspects of care.

For information, contact Lois Grant on 813902

PROSPECT HOUSE, Bulls Cross, Sheepscot. Erection of extensions.

GAZEBO AND BLOW FAMILY MEMORIALS, Severnleaze Lane, Edge. Erection of metal entrance gates

TOWER COTTAGE, Kemps Lane. Reduce height and spread of Bramley Apple Tree

LITTLE ACRE, Cheltenham Road. Loft Conversion to include dormer windows.

THE TYTHE BARN, Painswick. Discharge of condition 2 of approved applications S.09/1277/HHOLD for the erection of a garage.

WOODBOROUGH, Knapp Lane. Erection of a dwelling and widening of existing private road.

REFUSED

WASHWELL FARM. Appeal refused for erection of a dwelling.



Ashwell gift boxes



Croft School Council



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