

# The Painswick Beacon

*Sine praeiudicio*

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## Library moves



It was evident from the meeting on Tuesday 8th February in the Town Hall that there is strong support for setting up a community library, run by volunteers, assisted by financial and other support under the Gloucestershire County Council's Big Community Offer.

Various possibilities for a location were discussed: the upper room in the Town Hall; the Green Room in the Painswick Centre; a possible future extension to the Painswick Centre; and the conversion of the cellar of the Church Rooms. Of these only the first two were available now. The meeting concluded with agreement to set up a working group to take forward a proposal for a community library and to seek financial support from the County Council.

The working group held its first meeting on Friday 18th February. The following attended: David Allott, Peter Corley, Dylan Davies (Church Rooms Committee), Pat Francis, Jenny Gaugain, Grace Haworth, Jackie Herbert (Painswick Centre), Mike Kerton, Hugh McGregor Ross, Elizabeth Mcmeekan, Terry Parker (Parish Council) and Jane Rowe (Painswick Centre). Peter Corley was elected as Chairman.

County Council funding and support was available by way of:

- A grant of up to 50% of the proceeds from the eventual sale of the Painswick Library building;
- As well as support by way of grants, equipment and books for setting up a library in an existing building. £10,000 was potentially available in the first year of operation and £5,000 in each subsequent year. The latter would require endorsement by a newly elected County Council.

Three applications had been made for support: from the Parish Council, the Painswick Centre and the Parochial Church

Council Church Rooms Committee (the latter being subject to confirmation by the Parochial Church Council).

The group agreed that these three applications would be merged under the name of the Friends of CLIP (Community Library in Painswick) and that the working group would seek to open discussions with the GCC on the basis that the choice of an interim location (i.e. the Painswick Centre or the Town Hall) remains open for the time being. A fourth application for funding had been made to the GCC but as no details had been made available the working party had been unable to take it into account.

An outline work programme was circulated. The formal bid for GCC funding had to be in by 1 June 2011 and a decision should be made by the GCC by 30 June. A detailed comparison of the two interim locations would be put in hand as a basis for decision. Any other possible location could be considered at this stage.

A charity would need to be set up to provide the legal framework for running a library and this would probably be an unincorporated charity following the example of other Community Libraries and the Painswick Centre. A general meeting would be held to adopt the constitution and appoint trustees at an appropriate stage.

Painswick Library had been included on a list of buildings for transfer to the community, but the status of this offer was now uncertain and was not within the remit of the working group.

Since the timing and amount of any funding from the sale of the Library building was uncertain it was not possible to make any long term plans for using the money. The approach to the County Council would therefore have to be flexible on this point.

*Peter Corley*

## Our ambassadors

We may list our committee by name on the back page every month, but there is a far bigger cadre whose names do not appear - but whose efforts make the whole exercise of getting the completed Beacon to your letter box possible.

Every couple of years or so we invite the 60 or so distributors to come together over nibbles and a drink so that appreciation

of all they do can be expressed as strongly as we may. It also provides a time for feedback about experiences gained - not least hairy stories of encountering four-legged friends, overcoming the vagaries of the weather, and even outstretched hands as they approach a front door.

We did this most recently last month, and believe you will join with us and our C-in-C distribution Celia Lougher in thanking them for ensuring that everyone in the village gets their Beacon promptly.

**On other pages this month: super Broadband opportunity, pirates invade the garden, last quiz call, exceptional pianist, brain test, crafts for the Show, shovelling snow, boundary check, parking charges, oil slipping away, sleeping rough, cat and mouse game, playgroup welcome, money on the crest, Edge integrated, plants adapt, the crane is back, Richard Angwin coming, Paul knows his plants, and last but not least subscription request.**



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

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.



## PLANNING COMMITTEE

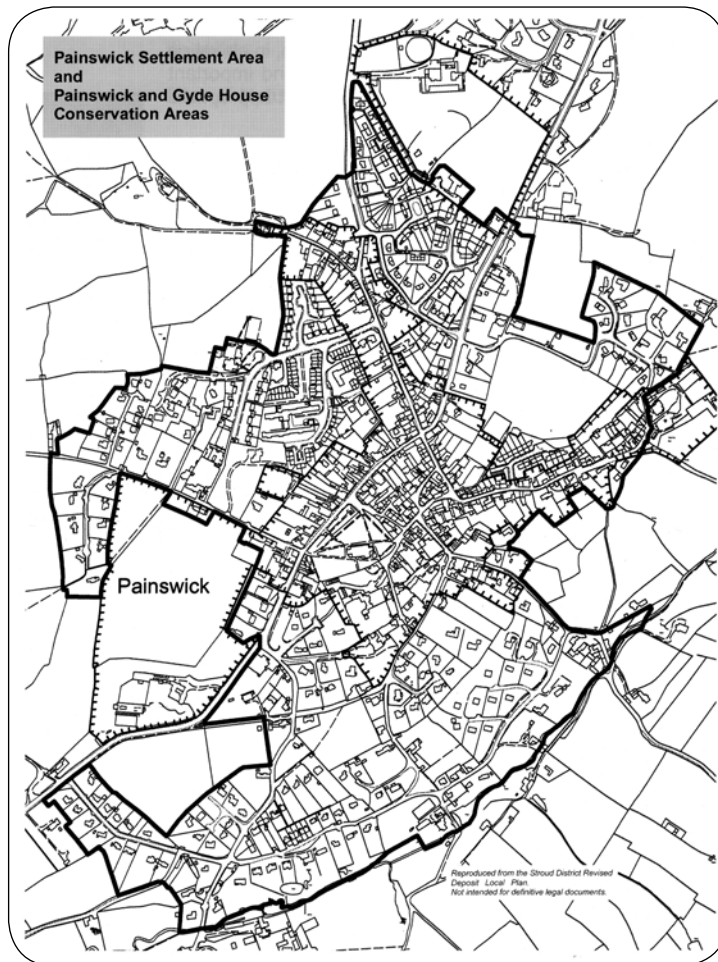
### Settlement boundary - initial review

The committee noted a request from the District Council to make known its initial views upon updating of the settlement boundary for Painswick village.

Some urgency was attached to the request and it was decided to study the matter through a Working Party and report to the Planning Committee on 2nd March (last Wednesday).

*As quite a number of resident readers may have a direct interest in this exercise and wish to communicate views directly to the District Council we reproduce the boundary plan for Painswick here. This is as was provided by the District Council and used on page 15 of the Parish Plan in 2002. Another such Settlement Area relates to Sheepscombe, but Edge and Slad are undefined in this regard.*

*The continuous heavy line defines the settlement boundary while the hatched lines indicate the two conservation areas.*



### Motorway Service Area call for a Judicial Review

The committee received from David Hudson, Chairman, a detailed summary of the grounds upon which a Judicial Review may be sought by one of the commercially interested parties opposed to the decision of the District Council to approve this MSA within the Brookthorpe civil parish. Brookthorpe Parish Council had invited this council to join with them in supporting this review, all costs of which were intended to be borne by the appellant.

The committee, mindful that it had previously opposed the application, discussed associating the council with this exceptional proposition which would, if successful, overturn the District Council's decision. There was a particular realisation that opposition had in considerable measure rested upon recognition of the concerns voiced by many Edge residents that traffic servicing the MSA may distinctly increase traffic using the A4173.

The ensuing discussion appreciated the fact that while such misgivings doubtless prevailed, any further action needed to also take into account the realities of circumstances now that formal approval had been granted. It was agreed that aligning with a commercial interest in the matter was also unattractive.

It was agreed that this council be not associated with the impending judicial review.

### Cherry Croft - Pullens Road

Whilst the committee supported the application to erect a detached garage within the grounds of this bungalow, it had not escaped attention that the applicant had not made clear that a substantial yew tree would need to be removed.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Public Questions

David Allott sought to raise questions on a number of matters, not least as to whether the Parish Council (which separately but en bloc act as Trustees of the Recreation Field) would be willing to consider reversion of the governance of that open space to reflect the original deed of gift of 1907 which had (then) stipulated four Members of the Parish Council and five others.

Chairman Terry Parker, under pressure from Mr Allott, insisted that the prevail-

ing arrangement was compliant with the Charity Commission's regulations but that reversion was not ruled out.

### Car Park - charges

After comparing parking charges throughout the district with those elsewhere in the County, as well as NCP and railway station figures, the District Council are proposing to modify their fees after reference to Cabinet in March.

Those for Painswick's Stamages Lane car park are widely recognised as among the lowest in the country and by way of illustration it is proposed that the charge for one hour increase from 10p to 30p and 5 hours from £1.10 to £1.50. Season tickets will be reintroduced and such would, for Painswick, equate to about £1.00 per day on 1, 3 or 12 month basis.

The Council felt unable to demur from these proposals.

### Wearable Art - financial support

A request for financial support for this prestigious event to be repeated this summer was deferred until the next meeting.

### Parish Plan report - public meeting

The Council received notes prepared by Ela Pathak-Sen upon the meeting held on 28th January; in her absence discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

It may be worthy of note at this stage that in addition to the three councillors who attended the meeting many of the fourteen others were potentially affected by the rumoured development of the field below 'Coffin Walk' for 25 residences and critical views were expressed. The meeting considered a paper prepared by the Manager of Richmond Painswick, Susie Oakley, setting out the significant demographic changes already apparent and magnifying in the coming years and her belief that such warranted careful investigations by the Council as an integral part of its plan to meet up-coming needs - including down-sizing of homesteads by the elderly and increasing reliance upon affordable alternatives. Those present were more inclined towards mixed housing than affordable properties. Discussion and the start of formulation of policy ideas also included Croft School now being over-subscribed, library provision, traffic and parking, vehicles parked or mounting pavements, conservation of the Beacon and the ever increasing need for volunteers for many community tasks.

### Broadband - upgrading

The Chairman reported that the MP Neil Carmichael is making representations for upgrading throughout the Stroud valleys.

### County Council

Joan Nash reported upon the budget



# Cordelia Williams



The Music Society's 66th season starts with a truly brilliant young pianist who first made a name for herself by becoming the Piano Winner of BBC Young Musician 2006: Cordelia Williams. She gave her first public piano recital to celebrate her eighth birthday, read Theology at Clare College, Cambridge, while also studying piano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She now studies there as a postgraduate. Cordelia has since given piano recital and concerto performances throughout Great Britain, France, Italy, and the Gulf States, continually building a career as one of the outstanding pianists of her generation.



Her programme on 19th March in St Mary's Church, commencing at 3.00pm, is particularly exciting, getting the season off to a cracking start. Opening with Tchaikovsky's The Seasons, which shows him in a gay and playful mood with every month of the year and hardly a cloud in his sky. This is followed by Shostakovitch as you may not have heard him before, in sparkingly brilliant mood with two Preludes and Fugues; gone is his anguished soul. As if that were not enough, two of Schubert's sublime Impromptus add to general feelings of great joy.

Cordelia Williams concludes her programme with Liszt's *Après une Lecture du Dante*. This is Liszt at his most demonic. It subjects the pianist to extremes of muscular and emotional endeavour depicting Dante's *Inferno* in a whirlwind of dramatic confusion but, finally, bringing her programme to a triumphant end.

Maurice Maggs

## Police matters

PCSO Colin Drewett attended the Parish Council meeting and was at pains to emphasise the range of criminal activity in the area. In particular he made mention of

- Both locally and county wide there has been an increase in the theft of high value metals, such as lead and copper.
- The community are asked to be vigilant and report any vehicles or individuals in the area asking for scrap metal to Gloucestershire Police.
- PCSO Drewett advised that there had been an increase in the theft of wood and oil from insecure tanks and advises owners to put locks on their tanks to prevent such crimes.

- There has been an increase in fly-tipping especially in the wooded areas around Painswick and Painswick Beacon - if you see this taking place please report it to Stroud District Council or the Police, giving as much information as possible (for example vehicle details, description of the individual).
- Enquiries are currently continuing into three motorcyclists using the Juniper Hill SSSI site.



On a more encouraging note the recently reported boisterous behaviour between dogs and children had attracted the Dog Warden's attention. Further, as planned, three Dartmoor ponies are now grazing on Juniper Hill.

### PARISH COUNCIL continued

meeting of GCC held that day. She also reported that 43 expressions of interest had been received to take over properties under the GCC's 'Big Community Offer' programme. An unexpected £500k had been identified by Stroud District Council pertaining to increased Council Tax relating to new properties in the district and GCC were allocating such to library services.

She also reported consideration being given to reducing the number of county councillors from 62 to 53 by increasing the size of divisions represented.

Ann Burges Watson expressed the hope that the Chief Executive of GCC is remunerated at a lower cost than the Prime Minister. To this no response was forthcoming.

#### Allotments

The Chairman reported that an historic record had been identified evidencing there being an alternative entrance to the Mop Tree site and this was to be formally discussed with the Manorship within a matter of days.

#### Community library - public meeting

The Chairman reported that sixty residents had attended a meeting on 8th February, eight of whom had volunteered to serve on a Working Party and/or operate such a library.

A meeting between representatives of St Mary's regarding the Church Rooms, Painswick Centre, and the Parish Council was scheduled for 18th February in the hope that a single local bid may be made for funding grant towards establishing a community library, this being the desired option of the GCC.

The public meeting had been unanimous in its desire for creation of such a library.

#### Snow clearance plan

Martin Slinger presented a detailed report upon snow clearance arrangements which may in future take full advantage of the volunteer group and others for direct community action centering upon footways and pavements in or close to the village centre. The scope of this plan is set out on page 10; this in the hope that their services are not required for many months to come.

#### Police matters

(See report above.)

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# Ashwell House – New Manager

Ashwell House is to have a new manager in the Spring. Trudy Brinkworth, whose job title will be Supported Housing Officer, is due to take up her new role in April or May according to the Sheltered Housing department of Stroud District Council. Michelle Elliott will also have a new, bigger role as Supported Housing New Initiatives Officer but this is not specific to any one unit as it covers the scheme for the whole Stroud district.

A major review of the sheltered housing scheme took place during the course of last year resulting in several structural changes to the management system. Ashwell House is affected inasmuch as it will no longer have a resident manager. Trudy, who is currently based at The Corriett in Cam, will attend on a part-time daily basis from Monday to Friday and will be managing a similar scheme in Stroud simultaneously. She will always be contactable during working hours so that continuity is assured. In the interim, agency cover will continue. In all other respects the system will remain the same. The warden call system and care-line, and weekend duty managers scheme will continue as before.

Stroud District Council is keen to point out that within the new system 24-hour contact facilities will always be available.

*Carol Maxwell*

# Annual Show

In order to give members good time to prepare their entries, here is an advance listing of twelve items to be included in the Handicraft Section of the Society's Show on 10th September.

- A collage of a stained glass window
- A knitted Teddy bear
- A wooden letter rack
- A hand made bag of your choice
- A hand made poster advertising the Olympics
- A decoration for a Christmas tree
- A painting of a Painswick scene
- An item of calligraphy with a decorated border
- A photograph of water
- A photograph of nature 'Small is beautiful'
- A photograph of a landscape
- A photograph 'activity' with an amusing caption.



*Philip Berry Chairman and Show Secretary*

# Stroud library

I am writing to inform you that Stroud Library will be closed from Monday 14th March, re-opening on Friday 1st April to allow for the installation of new self-service kiosks and related modifications to the library. The new self-service operation will allow library customers to issue and return their own items, increasing the efficiency of operations. The library counter will be reduced in size to create more space for display of books, CDs and DVDs. The adult and children's areas will be redecorated and replacement shelving installed.

During the closure books and other items can be returned to any other Gloucestershire Library or renewed via the customer contact centre: 0845 230 5420.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

*Gloria Curtis  
Customer Service Librarian GCC*

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## No roof over their heads

The Marah Trust arranged a "Cardboard City" event in the Bank Gardens in Stroud on Friday, 4th February. Over fifty volunteer supporters, including some from Painswick, were prepared to experience what it was like to be sleeping rough all night and to have no roof over their heads. Those from Painswick & Sheepscombe included Brian Court, Jo Weatherall and Tim Waller (pictured), Martyn Hewitt and Andy Harding with young people from Psalms. Apologies to any not mentioned. The other volunteers included our local MP, our former MP, the local Mayor, the Vicar of St Laurence and members of the Marah team.



The aims of the event were to highlight the plight of the increasing number of homeless and vulnerable people and to raise money for the Marah Drop-in Centre at the Congregational Church in Bedford Street, Stroud. Each week the Centre provides help to many such individuals in finding accommodation. Plans are also in hand to procure residential rehabilitation and dry house facilities in Stroud. Many of those sleeping out were sponsored and to date a total of over £15,000 has been raised. Further donations would be very welcome and can be sent to Marah Trust Office, Stroud Congregational Church, Bedford Street, Stroud, GL5 1AY.

Jo Weatherall's account of the event is given below. Martyn Hewitt also recalls that the noise from the high winds and the rain meant that not a lot of sleeping went on, and that fortunately the lightning didn't come too close! ...Of course it was all a bit artificial, said Martyn - none of us were going to be attacked, or have our possessions stolen, and at 7.00am we were all able to go home to catch up on some sleep in our dry, warm homes - but it left me feeling grateful that I didn't have to sleep out every night, and appreciating the importance of the work that Marah does.

*Janet Jenkins*



### Jo Weatherall's account

I took part as a way of helping the work of the Marah Trust and to bring awareness to the struggles of the homeless. I could have chosen a better night, though! It was really noisy with the stormy winds but at first my cardboard box protected me from branches which had fallen from the trees and which were being constantly blown around. However, the drizzle of rain made my box soggy and by 1am it had collapsed, so at that time having had little sleep I left it there for shelter alongside some big walls. In fact, because of

the weather we had all sought out shelter from the walls, so it meant we were quite spread out. However the spirit and determination kept us all staying put - that and once your box had collapsed on you, you couldn't move anyway!! But nothing had prepared me for the absolute misery of being uncomfortable for so many hours. I was lying in every way possible but the hard ground didn't give in. At 6.00 the floodlight was switched on and most of the other sleepers had breakfast together - I had to dash home to see my husband off to work and look after the children. I want to take this opportunity to thank all who sponsored me including the staff and residents of Richmond Painswick, where I work in the Wellness Spa Hair Salon. (I raised over £300)

*Jo Weatherall*

## Trees and Iron Curtain



On 2nd February Mike Walker gave us some reminiscences of his time in Military Intelligence during the Cold War. There were revealing insights into the barrier between East & West Germany which was not simply a fence but elaborate defences and traps for the unwary.

He was unable to give us too many details of his exploits to avoid being obliged to shoot us but we received a flavour of the games of cat and mouse played by protagonists on both sides. We learned that surveillance operations required meticulous planning, fast driving and huge commitments in manpower to avoid tipping off well trained espionage operatives.

On 16th February Peter Higginbotham gave us an interesting talk about The National Arboretum at Westonbirt. His illustrated presentation started with the history of the Westonbirt Estate which was established by one of the wealthiest families in the country. In particular Robert Stayner Holford who built the mansion which is now the school and who also established the arboretum - sending out plant hunters throughout the world.


We learned about events at the site and how the arboretum is managed but, above all we were treated to a feast of information about the trees.

*Glynn Nixon*

## Social and Bridge Evening in aid of Cotswold Care Hospice

The Painswick fund raising group for Cotswold Care are organising a Social Bridge Evening on Friday 8th April. This will take place in the St Mary's Church Rooms at 7.00pm. The cost is £12.50 to include supper, prizes and a free glass of wine. For more information and tickets please contact 813141. All proceeds will be given to the hospice.

*Sylvia Walker*



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# Croft School Concert

*Sponsored by The Painswick Music Society and the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust*

For the third year the Carducci Quartet gave their concert to the children of Croft School on 20th January.

This time a clarinettist, Catriona Scott, came with the quartet. The programme was educational and entertaining, with movements from Mozart and Beethoven quartets, contrasting items by Ravel and Phillip Glass, and a really lively Broomstick Boogie.

After the quiet and serious introduction things got more animated with the Quartet first explaining how in the Beethoven movement the tune went from player to player and back again. Then they played it again but this time every time a player had the tune they had to stand up-not easy for the cellist. Then they played it a third time, this time four children stood, one behind each player, and had to put a hat on the head of the player with the tune, and take it off as soon as it went to someone else. As the hats were large and furry it was extremely amusing and the children loved it.



The Broomstick Boogie had them all laughing and clapping, and when that had finished the clarinettist, came on and proceeded to demonstrate the instrument by playing a piece of music and then steadily dismantling the instrument bit by bit, playing on what was left, until only the mouthpiece and reed remained, from whence no sound issued at all.

Lastly they all played the final movement of the Mozart Clarinet Quintet and the jolly pace of the music soon had them all clapping more or less in time with the music.

They learnt a lot and enjoyed it immensely, and so did all the adults present!

*Alan Price Painswick Music Society*

## Outdoor class

Painswick Playgroup are organising a table top sale to raise money for a canopy for an outdoor classroom. The sale will include good quality baby and children's clothes, equipment, toys, books and games and some household items, bricabrac etc.

There will also be a cake stall and little cafe area serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes and biscuits.

The sale will take place on Saturday, 2nd April at The Painswick Centre between 10.00 and 12.00pm. If you would like to book a table to sell items the cost is £7 plus an honesty donation of 20% of your takings.

Please contact Jo Living on 07747.011247.

*Ella Skelston*



and April. We offer morning sessions from 9.00am – 12.00pm, lunch club from 12.00 – 12.30pm and afternoon sessions from 12.30 – 3.30pm (except Wednesdays). Tuesdays are for children in their pre-school year only. (Picture of a 'Pirates' afternoon.)

For further information, to arrange a visit or to request a registration form please phone 813316 or visit our website at [www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.painswickplaygroup.co.uk).

*Alex Milner – Secretary*

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# Painswick Playgroup

## Applications for September



We are now taking applications for children for September 2011 (deadline 30th April).

Painswick Playgroup was delighted to be awarded Outstanding in all categories after our Ofsted inspection in July 2010. The Ofsted report stated that 'The provision at Painswick Playgroup is outstanding. Activities are interesting and very well-organised and children are fully included in these and achieve well. Children enjoy coming to playgroup because staff take into account their individual needs and interests.' The report concluded that Painswick Playgroup is a 'bright, stimulating and inclusive setting'.

Painswick Playgroup is located within the beautiful grounds of The Croft School. Children have the use of the school grounds and playground as well as our own well-equipped outdoor play area. The playgroup is run independently and is a registered charity. We take children aged between 2 years 9 months and school age. If your child does not reach this age until after the start of the academic year (i.e. September) it is possible to reserve a place until this age has been reached. We have three intakes, September, January



# Pirates Easter Treasure Trail at the Rococo Gardens



Many families in the area will remember the Easter Egg Trail at the Rococo Gardens organised by Painswick Playgroup a couple of years ago. It was such an overwhelming success that the Playgroup are having a rest for this year only and handing it over to the Friends of the Croft School. We thank Paul Moir and the Rococo Gardens Trust for allowing the event to be held there once again.

**The date for your diaries is  
Friday 22nd April 1.00- 4.00pm**

Entrance is by ticket, sold in advance, and priced at £3.00 per person (under 1's are free). The ticket price includes entrance to Rococo Gardens for the Easter Treasure Trail (with a set of questions and challenges for 4 years and over and another set for the under 4's) with craft activities, face painting, walk the plank and of course Chocolate Treasures... There will be lots of fun for all ages.



Tickets are available from The Croft School/ The Painswick Post office/ and Rococo Gardens - for more information please contact Marc Weatherall on 813684.

*Jo Weatherall*

## Number cruncher

Last month we included a number problem and sure enough later in the day we had the first correct answer from Wally Walters. For those still struggling there are three more ways of arranging the digits from 1 to 9 in three rows so that the second and third row numbers are twice and three times respectively the first row number. The three other first row numbers are: 192, 219 and 273. Wally used logic to reduce the possible combinations to a manageable number but then used a computer to derive the correct solutions. We tried to cry cheat but there was nothing to preclude the use of a computer and anyway it is just as clever. Wally's prize was to offer a puzzle himself and this we give below. Wally will be intrigued to see if anyone can solve his rather arcane challenge!

## An Ancient & Modern Story

Ponsonby's family have always been obsessive about weighing things. 16th or 17th century manuscripts record the weight of one of his ancestors, enigmatically, as CC pounds, exactly the same as his suit of armour. Ponsonby recently weighed himself, using a state of the art computerised weighing machine, which, equally enigmatically, also gave his weight as CC pounds. However, when he used it to weigh the suit of armour, it showed it was 4 pounds lighter than himself. This puzzled him. The armour had remained unchanged for centuries and must surely weigh the same as it did then, CC pounds. But CC can't possibly be equal to CC - 4. Or can it? Can you explain the apparent anomaly and work out the weight of the armour?

## Ashwell Day Centre

Good News! After publicity the Centre has every chance of continuing with an influx of new members.

Having lost several helpers whilst in the doldrums we are now desperately in need of new helpers. If you have a half day on a Wednesday just once a month or casually on request your help would be more than welcome. New members have appreciated what the Day Centre has to offer. For information please ring Etelle James 813358 or Ann Kenber 813259.

*Sandra Glass 814186*

## Twins

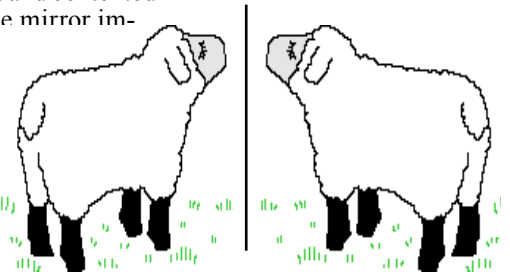
Here is a tale of a sheep that 'ewe' won't see on Countryfile.

About three weeks before lambing one of my ewes suffered a prolapse. I took the necessary remedial action and then fitted a restraining device. In order that the device was not dislodged she was placed in a shed on her own.

The shed contained some items of old furniture due to be placed in a skip. The next day as I set about this task I could see that the ewe was clearly missing her companions, and looking rather glum. When I returned to get the last item, a large mirror that had previously been hidden, I could see a sudden change - a bright and contented sheep standing next to the mirror image, a friend indeed!

Obviously the mirror didn't go into the skip, and my ewe remains "as happy as Larry" despite having the wool pulled over her eyes.

*Philip Berry*



*Trust Philip to ewelogsie about sheep. Ed.*

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## The Beacon Quiz

Last call! Last call! The Quiz is nearly upon us. At the time of writing – 18th February – eighteen teams had enrolled. We can take a further eight.

So if you still haven't enrolled and want to join the fun there might still be place. As time is short email me on chasdorm@gmail.com or phone me on 814548. Teams should be of four people and I will need a cheque for £16 made out to The Painswick Beacon which can be left with your team's name in the Beacon Post Box outside Murray's Estate Agents in New Street. If you write, please also confirm by email or phone. Please remember to let me know if anyone in your team has special dietary requirement.

*Charles Dorman*



## Helen and Anne's Spring Coffee Morning

This will be held in Painswick Town Hall on Saturday 26th March from 9.45am until 12noon.

This year our main charity is **SMILE TRAIN UK**. This raises funds to carry out operations on children with cleft palates and/or cleft lips in third world countries. We will also be sending a donation to Father Franco in Papua New Guinea and to Our Lady and St Thérèse in Friday Street.

All offers of help, cakes, donations, goods or raffle prizes will be appreciated.

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*Contacts Helen Baker on 812091, or Anne Leoni 812521*



## Edge and Pitchcombe On-line

Nice to be made aware of local initiatives, not least those using technology to the full. Two neighbouring villages, Edge and Pitchcombe, have recently set up a joint website, with news, photographs, useful information, web space for local societies, advertising and much more. The site was launched with an online competition, with the prize of a bottle of champagne donated by the landlord of the Edgemoor Inn.

There has been a parish magazine covering Edge, Harescombe and Brookthorpe since the 1920s, with Pitchcombe joining later, which has recently switched to colour. This will continue, for those who prefer their news in print, but magazine editions are now being archived on the new website, following the Beacon's example, so they can also be read by friends and family anywhere in the world. As it happens, Edge and Pitchcombe also already run two free email news services, Edgenet and Pitchcombe Net, providing immediacy and focus, plus a joint on-line calendar of events. Edgenet evolved from ad hoc messaging in 2007 when mains water had been cut off following the flooding of the water treatment plant at Tewkesbury. Pitchcombe Net started just over a year ago. Altogether, these three services reach about 85% of households along the Cotswolds ridge, from the Stroud side of Pitchcombe to Brookthorpe and Holcombe, and along both flanks from Stockend and Harescombe to the Washbrook below Painswick. However, none can provide readily accessible reference material, sound or video, or offer users the opportunity to interact directly. The new website does all this, incorporated the on-line calendar and been picked up by internet search engines such as Google. Moreover, as subscribers can also receive notification of new posts by email, the website may replace Edgenet and Pitchcombe Net in due course, once numbers reach comparable levels. However, the team running the new site, which includes the editors of the parish magazine and the two email news services, are in no hurry to do this. They want to see how the new website is used by residents, relatives, contacts and advertisers.

Michael Buckland-Smith, who is one of the editors, tells us that the website will include details about local walks and rides, local societies such as the Womens' Institute, church services and activities at the two village halls. The police, local councils and other official bodies are providing useful contact details. Natural England will provide updates on Edge and Huddinknoll Commons. In addition, residents are being encouraged to submit photographs, sound files, recipes, small ads, links to other nearby websites and news about local activities, as well as suggestions for improvement. So, as the residents of these two villages often come to Painswick to see friends or patronise local businesses, the new website also provides a platform for event organisers and businesses to attract their attention. The Beacon is already listed. Well worth a look at [www.edgeandpitchcombe.com](http://www.edgeandpitchcombe.com).

*Leslie Brotherton*



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## Local History Teaser

Here's a lovely local rustic scene from days gone by. Can you identify the location, the time and any of the folk in the picture?

Last month's photograph roused much interest. For Diana Barclay it brought back memories of the 1940s and 50s and Horne's Garage, proprietor Daniel Horne. It was, as she points out, in New Street where the block of flats now stands. The top garage was on the corner of Cheltenham Road and Bisley Street, and housed the hire cars. Several local people worked for Hornes over the years including Reg Musty, Reg Hawkins, Percy Simmonds (who drove the taxi and hire cars during the War), Ted Cowburn and Doreen Hartley nee Thornton (receptionist during the 1940s) who wrote a very informative article about the garage in Painswick Chronicle No.4.

If you have an old photograph which you think might present a challenge to readers, please let us know.



Carol Maxwell

## ... and the Local History Society Revealing the Early Buildings of Stroud

At the February meeting the members of the Society enjoyed an absorbing talk by Nigel Patterson, illustrated with many slides, on the history and development of buildings in Stroud.

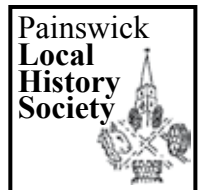
The earliest reference to the town of Stroud is in 1221 and by the end of the 16th century the market hall was built within the medieval lower town. The 17th century saw the expansion of the town up the hill towards Bisley and it is in the Middle Street area that many of these older properties are most visible. However, lower down in the town many old buildings survive behind newer frontages. Looking up or behind buildings fronting the High Street can often give glimpses of earlier buildings on the site, some dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

In the 1960s there were plans to redevelop swathes of the town centre for a ring road. However, there was around this time an awakening of interest in the character and architecture of ordinary towns, often led by small groups of enthusiasts. Whilst many buildings, particularly poor quality housing stock, were demolished as unfit, others were saved, often by the intervention of organisations such as the Stroud Campaign Against the Ring-road and the Stroud Preservation Trust. Several High Street shops have been given a new lease of life and today Stroud is proud of its heritage.

The next meeting on 15th March will hear about the Trials, Tribulations and Joys of Owning an Old House, from John Goom.

The summer outing will be on Tuesday 17th May at 6.00pm meeting at St Michael's Tower, The Cross, Gloucester where we will have a guided walk of the Westgate Street area by members of Gloucester Civic Trust. Cost £3.00. Please submit names at meetings to follow.

Carolyn Luke



## The Bible - through music

On 21st January, the Painswick Music Appreciation Group heard a presentation by Mick Harris, a retired Baptist Minister, entitled Creation to Culmination. He took his audience through the relevant passages of The Bible, mainly The Old Testament, giving musical illustrations to this theme. He began with Genesis and played an extract from Haydn's Creation, and continued with the Flight into Egypt, whence the Israelites were delivered by Moses. At this point he played a very lyrical duet between Moses and his daughter Miriam, by Rossini. We moved on to the fall of the walls of Jericho, illustrated by the well-known negro spiritual. The Israelites had taken to evil ways, from which they were saved by Solomon, and we heard Handel's arrival of The Queen of Sheba. Mendelssohn reminded us of the prophecies of Elijah, while Verdi's Nabucco recorded the enslavement of the Israelites by Nebuchadnezzar. In the course of their 73 year exile in Babylon, they were obliged to sing of their misery, recounted in Verdi's Chorus of The Hebrew Slaves. Two pieces by Walton recalled the death of Belshazzar, following his Feast, after which the Israelites were allowed home to rebuild their Temple and the walls of Jericho.

Attention now turned to the coming of The Messiah. We heard Handel, on Shepherds abiding in the fields, He shall feed his sheep; and Come unto me. The death of Christ was recalled in Bach's Matthew's Passion. Mick Harris intended to relate the Resurrection via the Easter Hymn in Cavalleria Rusticana, but the machine would not oblige. So we ended with Handel's Lift up your heads and his Alleluiah Chorus.

This was an interesting and illuminating talk, outside the usual range of the Group.  
Richard Burges Watson



  
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## Money for sunlit uplands!

I am delighted that thousands of pounds have been awarded to a Higher Level Scheme for environment-friendly management of the Painswick Beacon and associated woods. This will run for ten years and should release sufficient funds each year so that much can be done in the areas of;



- Long grass mowing (so we have more flowers and their associated butterflies and bees etc)
- Grazing, by cattle or sheep, of hillside areas beside the golf course and on the west of the Hillfort (from the topograph at the top, down to the B4073 road from Painswick to Gloucester).
- Removing intrusive trees and excess brambles and brushwood. (Some wood is excellent for log fires and wood burning stoves. When sold, the proceeds can be recycled to pay for new plants, new machinery, training and insurance for the growing band of hands-on members of PBCG.

An extra source of satisfaction is knowing that this money is, effectively, the EC 'returning' some of the UK's VAT receipts, and is mostly beyond any of George Osborne's cuts.



We have achieved a lot of clearance work already this winter season, and with help from the admirable Cotswold Wardens and kindred spirits from Upton's USCAN (Upton St Leonard's Community Action Network), we hope

to have a major push to open up more of the 'wildlife corridor' that links Painswick Common and Cudhill Common. Walkers and drivers approaching Painswick from Upton will again see the striking view of the highest point in Painswick (the Trig point on top of the Hillfort ramparts) and also see the butterflies and birds winging and singing their way from our Common to Cud Hill and back again! All as envisaged by Cedric Nielsen, our founder, working in collaboration with English Nature (now Natural England), and with the Blow Estate and Upton Parish.

Do come and join us; we have three more working parties on March 12th and 26th; and finally on April 9th. (Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm). In addition there may be some ad hoc Tuesdays and Thursdays when the Cotswold Warden's dozen-or-so join in with us from 10 am to 4 pm. Several warming bonfires in prospect!

Join us as a member too. We are about half way through our year so the subscription to the end of September is £3 now; or £8 if you want 18 months until September 2012.

David Allott, Chairman, Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

## Snow clearance volunteers

At its last meeting Martin Slinger reported to the council the discussions held and action taken to introduce the 'standby' team of volunteers who had offered to make themselves available to clear pavements and footways in the village centre when necessary. The Council expressed its appreciation of this public-spirited gesture.

The streets in which such may occur are Gloucester Street, Churchill Way as far as the school and Ashwell House, Hollyhock Lane, Bisley Street, Vicarage Street, St Mary's Street to the stocks, Friday Street, Tibbiwell to the junction of Kemps Lane, Victoria Street, New Street and Edge Road to Hambutts.

The intention is to clear snow and grit pavements on one side of the road, or a strip where no pavement exists.

The group of six volunteers will organise themselves, but are minded that they are not insured for such activity. Further, on the advice of the County Council, who will be supplying grit as needed, volunteers are advised not to tackle the roadways.

## Other snowy news

- It is illegal to move snow and ice off carriageways on to private property.
- Use of grit in bins provided by GCC is forbidden for private driveways.
- Volunteer snow-wardens are wanted and will receive guidance upon calling out a snow plough when circumstances dictate.
- Mr Slinger is the GCC's local plough operator but can only act upon their instructions.
- Public grit bins are refilled as fast as possible, but with 4000 in the county it can not always be immediate.



## Local composer

Herbert Howells was a Gloucestershire composer, organist and teacher whose very varied life and equally varied music was described by Philip Lancaster on 4th February. Best known for short orchestral music like "Puck's Minuet", chamber music but above all religious music, quietly lyrical and poetically fanciful in style, with his "Hymnus Paradisi" described by one critic as "the greatest piece of English church music".



Born in 1892, he was stricken with Graves' disease when aged 23, given 6 months to live, became the first person to receive radium treatment, recovered and lived to the age of 90! Hostile reception of his 2nd piano concerto silenced his compositional activities for some 10 years when his beloved son's death further affected him deeply. Nevertheless, it unleashed a new period of creativity culminating with several large-scale sacred choral works, some published with the encouragement of his close friend Vaughan Williams.

We were treated to a wide variety of recordings which made me wonder why this most interesting composer never became as well-known as some of his more famous contemporary English composers.

## and an orchestra leader

On 18th February we were privileged to listen to Christopher Hiron, an outstanding and extremely versatile musician who told us most eloquently about his instrument, the violin and its music.

He has spent much of his varied career leading and directing chamber orchestras including Northern Sinfonia, English String Orchestras, Academy of St. Martin's in the Fields and Academy of Ancient Music, working with many international soloists like James Bowman, George Malcolm, Rostropovich and Yehudi Menuhin. As a freelance session musician he worked on film, pop and TV sessions as well as opera recordings with the National Philharmonic orchestra under George Solti. We enjoyed hearing Joan Sutherland and Pavarotti in one such and, among the dozen others, Vivaldi's Spring, Bach's Italian concerto, Fischer Dieskau in "The Trout" and Tippett's Fantasia on a theme of Corelli gave your reviewer special pleasure.

Christopher, currently teaching privately and at the Royal College of Music, fully deserved the enthusiastic applause of the large audience.

Ralph Kenber

## At Last, Superfast Broadband for Painswick!

Loop Scorpio Ltd, a high-speed broadband provider based in Gloucester, is proposing a super-fast 100Mbps broadband link into the centre of Painswick, which could go live this summer.

After many years of unsuccessful campaigning to BT, businesses and residents in the town and surrounding villages are being informed that their broadband service can now be brought into the 21st Century by a local company.

Loop Scorpio, which has received much critical acclaim in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, hopes to cover large areas of Painswick, Longridge, Sheepscombe, Cranham and Edge with the service. The company has provided rural broadband services to Ledbury, Newent, Highnam and Painswick since 2003/4 and launched in Arlingham during 2010. The upgraded feed to Painswick would enable speeds of up to 20Mbps, possibly more, and wider coverage over the area. The company's Symmetric Pro 'Fast Both Ways' Business Class service would also become available in some areas. Loop Scorpio recently upgraded its backhaul from Gloucester to Telehouse in London up to a blistering 1000Mbps in preparation for the launch of its Superfast Broadband service range.

Last year, the company stole the broadband headlines with their deployment of a fibre-wireless infrastructure at Ullenwood, near Cheltenham, achieving both radio and TV coverage. The business park was typically receiving 0.5Mbps at best until Loop Scorpio installed their 100Mbps feed allowing tenants to subscribe to the company's full range of connection speeds.

A presentation and discussion has been arranged for 7.30pm at Painswick Town Hall on 22nd March. All interested parties may attend. Refreshments will be provided.



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

## Library services

Peter Hubbard has written: As a previous supporter of the Painswick Gateway project I read your lead article in last month's Beacon with some horror. The thought that the Parish Council

could seek to apply local taxes to fund a Library Service is quite amazing. If I have read the Gloucestershire CC material correctly the majority of Council Tax payers when questioned elected to support the provision of Care to elderly and disadvantaged people above the maintenance of Libraries. To see the powers of the Parish Council then used to fund the Library ignoring these views would seem, in my view, to be quite undemocratic and I for one would certainly not support this.

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## What happened to Private Cecil Home?

I had known Mrs Gladys Home of Tibbiwell gardens, who died in December 2000, as a neighbour, friend and patient. She learned of my interest in family history research, particularly those with military history. She left me with the story of her brother-in-law Cecil Home, he had died in World War 1, but his family could learn nothing of the circumstances of his death, or where he was entered on a Commonwealth War Graves Memorial. Mrs Home knew of no one in the family who would be interested and she gave me the large 'Death penny' inscribed CECIL HOME, which his parents had received.

Cecil Home is entered on the War Memorial in Painswick churchyard and on the Roll of Honour in St Mary's church.

Over the years I attempted to find information, but it was not until 1911 census details became available that I learned positive facts. Robert Home and his wife Katherine lived in Cheltenham Road, Painswick with their three sons. Robert was grocer's assistant and the eldest son Henry Cecil aged 15 grocer apprentice. His birth certificate confirmed that Henry Cecil Home was born 26th June 1895 in Shrewsbury, the son of Robert Home a Grocer's assistant and Mary Ann Catherine Home.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had no entry for Cecil Home.

Ancestry.co.uk had no Cecil Home entry, but who was this Cecil Horne born in Shrewsbury service number 11696. Also WW1 Medal Rolls index cards 1914-1920 had entry for Cecil Horne, reg no 11696 in Glos Reg.

Also Cecil Horne is entered with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on their web site.

The web site at Gloucestershire military museum have Cecil Home born Shrewsbury service no. 011696.

Following a meeting with the archivist, we are of the opinion these entries referred to the same person. His service number showing he entered the war early, which confirmed what Mrs Home had told me. Cecil Home probably enlisted in 8th Glos Reg in July 1915. Officers' diaries in the museum can follow movement of the regiment.

Press in the the Stroud area recorded C Horne was reported wounded 11th August 1916, he was associated with Painswick.

No record was found when Cecil joined 14th Glos Reg, but from 1st October 1917 movements of the 14th are well recorded and we know Cecil was killed 21st October 1917 when they were in Houlthulst forest, during heavy fire.

I returned to contacting the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. After a few months of them following my research, they have agreed that their entry is spelled incorrectly. They will amend their records, but wish to enter his parents as from Shrewsbury, which although true they lived their latter years, and when Cecil was home with them in Painswick. Also their deaths are entered in the Stroud district.

The entry on the Tyne Cot memorial will be amended at a later date to fit in with structural maintenance.

What would appear to be a simple spelling mistake made a devastating effect on a whole family, because they never knew what had happened to their boy. During my research other spelling mistakes were also noticed. Cecil's mother was entered differently Mary A.C, Catherine and Katherine. Mrs Gladys Home would be amazed to know that her marriage entry at General Registry Office is also spelt incorrectly. Reginald R Home married a person with surname Keene, whereas Gladys K Keene married a Horne!

*Gay Seguro who lived and worked in Painswick 1982 to 1999.*

## Fees Halved - Room Rates Frozen



The Trustees review the rates for room-hire and services

on an annual basis. This year, we have been mindful of the difficult economic climate in which our hirers operate particularly the clubs and classes that support the Centre on a long-term basis. We have decided to halve the affiliation fee for our regular users from £100 to £50. As mentioned in last month's article, this entitles affiliated clubs and classes to discounted rates for room-hire. The Trustees have decided to increase the affiliated discount from 40% to 50% of the standard rates and to keep room-hire rates fixed at their current level. Full details are available from the Centre's Booking Secretary Rose Smith on tel. 813269.

### New Seating

We recently took delivery of 150 new chairs for use in the Beacon Hall, to provide greater comfort for audiences. The Trustees thank, in particular, the Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society (PADFAS) for their donation to this purchase. We now have a quantity of surplus stackable blue plastic chairs to give away - please contact Jackie Herbert on 813229, if interested.

### Candidate for a Community Library

The Trustees of the Painswick Centre support the concept of a Community Library in Painswick (CLIP). At the first meeting of the new organising committee on Friday 18th February, representatives of the Trustees circulated details of the facilities on offer in the short term at the Painswick Centre, including the availability of the Green Room for daytime use as a library and the Cotswold Room as a support room, possibly for computer use, for those sessions each week not used by our regular hirers.

The Annual General Meeting of the Painswick Centre will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12th April in the Centre's Cotswold Room. Painswick residents are invited to attend the AGM to hear about the work of the Trustees over the past year and their future plans for the Centre. Further details about the AGM may be obtained from the Secretary, Sue Lendon, 813791.


*Jane Rowe, on behalf of the Trustees*

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## Unloved and rejected

At the Horticultural Society's meeting on 9th February we were given some insight into the adaptations plants have made to survive the inhospitable conditions of different deserts varying from the Saharan to the Icelandic. Miss Saunders shared some of her amazing photography and experiences of these regions in her intriguing talk.



On 9th March we have our first evening meeting of the year at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. In a change of schedule the very popular Roger Umpelby will be giving us a talk on "Weeds...The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". His last visit went into overtime as it was just too good to shorten! All members and visitors will be most welcome.



Sue Kerton

Instead of counting your days, make your days count.

## Ash Wednesday at St. Mary's

Ash Wednesday - this year on 9th March - marks the beginning of Lent, a time for reflection and awareness when traditionally we give up excesses or take on life-giving works of some kind. This is a positive thing and doesn't mean that it's a bleak, dismal time to be miserable. The tradition of "giving something up for Lent" has survived in popular culture to a surprising extent. Here in Painswick, St. Mary's Church has, for many years, observed an ancient custom which supports and affirms people as they begin their time of giving something up or taking something on during Lent.

At 7.00pm on March 9th at St. Mary's, we shall have the annual "ashing" ceremony, (from which Ash Wednesday takes its name). In this service, ashes, made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year, are smeared on the foreheads of all who wish to receive this. The traditions of Ash Wednesday date back as far as the late 5th century, but unlike the old days, we no longer wear sackcloth or sit in dust and ashes. However, the customs of fasting and putting ashes on one's forehead have survived to this day.

If you would like to affirm and strengthen your determination to keep your Lent resolutions in company with others, do come and join us on that evening.

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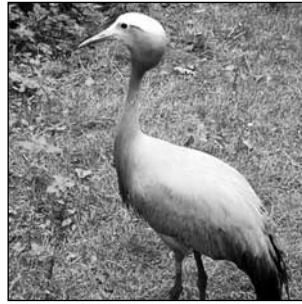
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## The crane



The regional programme to reintroduce the crane was celebrated on the 10th February with Amy King's address, "The Crane ~ Back from the Brink!"



With a height of 4ft and 7ft wing span, the crane, trumpeting, leaping and bowing in Spring dance and formation flying ~ signified longevity to the Oriental ancients but a good lunch for Henry VIIIth! So with hunting and drainage destroying habitat, the great bird was extinct by 1600.

But in April 2010, two dozen eggs were collected from the continent, hatching out within days of arrival at Slimbridge. Amy and Roland,

amorphously cloaked and with crane's head appendage, were in "parenting", feeding/exercising mode, enabling vast growth rates and by chick separation avoiding fatal "sibling" rivalry ~ and all to conditioning "Somerset sound," before removal at 10-16 weeks to the Somerset levels (communication equipped) for their education ~ and flight trials from September 2010!

A rapt audience had heard the "crane parent" enthuse and wondered at the sheer complexity and dedication required for this great experiment ~ the return of the magnificent crane! All those wishing they had attended might go to [www.thegreatcraneproject.org.uk](http://www.thegreatcraneproject.org.uk) instead?

Those seeking further inspiration will surely wish to attend the Town Hall on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm when Paul Richardson of "The Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre" will recount his experiences of many years in rescuing wildlife. The traditionally very brief AGM will follow the meeting. Items for the annual car boot sale will be happily received either at the next meeting or by phoning 813094.

Martin and Wendy Addy

## Antique v Vintage



When does 'antique' become 'vintage', how does a savvy buyer instantly detect the difference between paste stones and crystals, and genuine tortoiseshell or ivory and cheap imitations? At Yew Trees WI meeting in February we were given the answers to all these questions by Ruth Jacobs, who, from her wide knowledge and experience of the subject of ladies' fashion accessories dating from the Victorian era to the 1920's, gave us a fascinating talk from behind the large array of relevant items she had brought to illustrate her talk. As well as countless pieces of jewellery, embroidered and beaded bags and hair ornaments, she

demonstrated how the inadvertent slip of a fan could convey a completely wrong message to an ardent suitor, and described the designs of some vicious-looking hatpins over a foot long! Ruth was, for many years, the make-up artist and hairdresser to the world famous German opera singer, Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, a career which had led her to begin her vast collection of fashion-related pieces, and becoming a dealer and hugely-knowledgeable speaker on the subject.

The subject of this month's talk will be 'Medical Women Through the Ages', to be given by Dr Jenny du Toit.

Maggie Drake

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## **Painswick RFC U12's hosting of the County Cup**

You may have noticed that Painswick was a little busy on Sunday 6th Feb. This was due to Painswick RFC U12's hosting the first round of the County Cup festival and it was a great pleasure to welcome teams from as far afield as Bristol, Thornbury, Cinderford and Stow as well as teams from a little closer to home.

The weather was very kind to us, the heavy rain that was forecast held off and the winds helped to dry the pitches but made for a rather chilly touchline for all those hundreds of spectators.

We were tasked with getting the teams through the pool stages and the quarter finals as the semi-finals and finals are to be held at St Marys Old Boys, Bristol on 27th March. Twenty teams took part in all with varied abilities but the quality of rugby from all teams was superb. It must be said that our Painswick team did look a little dwarfed against some of their opposition so we need to feed our lads up!! There was a tremendous team of dedicated volunteers which meant that the day ran very smoothly.

Although Painswick did not get through to the quarters, all of our boys should be proud of the way they presented themselves as host team including members of the squad that didn't play but still turned up to cheer and support their other team members.

With comments and feedback at the end of the day coming back from other team coaches, players and supporters Painswick should feel proud to have hosted a great day of rugby. Well done to one and all.

The Club wishes to thank Dr Rhys Evans for his assistance on the day with first aid cover, and to apologise to all the neighbours of Broadham Fields for any inconvenience which may have been caused by the event.

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## **Success in the County Cup for the U/11's**

Painswick U/11's through open attractive and running rugby won all their games in the pool stages beating Stroud, St Mary's Old Boys, and St Brendans without conceding any tries. Tries were scored by George Blennerhassett, Jack Curtis, Harry Lovell and Sol Farrer.

The quarter finals were played in atrocious bog like conditions with no tries scored by either side. This resulted in Painswick winning the game on tries scored in the pool section and are now looking forward to semi-finals at the end of March.

## **Football going from strength to strength**

Painswick FC is now in its third season and has grown from just one team of 7 a-side football to 4 teams of 7 a-side and one 11 a-side team. We have young players from within and outside of Painswick ranging from 6 year olds to 14 year olds. In total there are 70 players registered with the club. We have 9 qualified coaches and 3 additional volunteers helping to run the club.

The club was set up to provide quality football training and competition in a friendly and supportive manner. The coaches are supported by Tom Davis and Harry Churchley from our first ever team who won the treble in their first season and now are giving something back to the club. The Club has won 5 trophies in two seasons and our current crop of teams are in two semi finals of the cup and two are on course to win the league. We are passionate about our football and at the end of each year

we celebrate with the kids and each child is presented with a trophy along with some special achievement awards.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the club and of course new players. Our website has the contact details [www.painswickfc.co.uk](http://www.painswickfc.co.uk)

## **and recently**

In a recent home match our under 8's won 3:1 in very wet and windy conditions against Frampton U8.

In the early stages the teams were evenly matched then Painswick through strong tackling and better passing enabled Jacob to get the first goal assisted by Gus and Alfie. Strong defence by Sam and Joe kept Frampton's strikers at bay enabling Painswick to consolidate their lead in the second half with a penalty shot from Gus and a second score from Jacob. Other outstanding performances came from Louis, Ben and Henry and from Lawrence in goal. Well done boys.



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## Television Weather Man coming

Richard Angwin of BBC's Points West will be giving an entertaining talk at JK's Restaurant at the Painswick Golf Club on Thursday 24th March.

Tickets are available in advance for £14.95, including a light supper, by telephoning 812180.



## Tennis

Winter Leagues drawing to a close

The Club enters, each winter, two mixed tennis leagues which provide matches for around 50 Club members. In the Stroud Winter League, which covers teams from mainly the Stroud area, the Club has 5 teams entered. There are 2 divisions each with 8 teams. Currently they lie...

Div 1. Painswick A is 1st, Painswick B is 2nd, and Painswick C is 6th.

Div 2. Painswick D is 1st and Painswick E is in 8th position. The Gloucestershire Winter League is a Countywide league with 4 Divisions each with 7 teams.

Div 1 Painswick A is 6th,

Div 2 Painswick B is 4th,

Div 3 Painswick C is 2nd and finally in Division 4 Painswick D is 6th.

The Club held a very successful Quiz Night held on the 26th February at the Broadham Fields Sports Pavilion.

## Paul's Impressive Expertise

Paul Hervey-Brookes is certainly a busy young man. With many strings to his horticultural bow his skills and talents are currently much valued at the Rococo Garden where, with Yochanan Hervey, he is following his passion for propagating and growing rare plants. As he explains, this has always been important to him, but he is in fact doing lots more besides.

Paul arrived at the Rococo in January 2009 when Paul Moir offered him space in which to grow his specialist rare plants. Since then all sorts of new and interesting projects have developed. In particular, the gardening courses he offers have gone from strength to strength and are now so successful they number nine or ten per year. This year's courses are already beginning to fill with bookings. He was also very instrumental in organising last summer's Art in the Garden month in which eight sculptors displayed twenty-five pieces. It was a great success and this year's follow-up exhibition will be even bigger, with many more artists using a range of materials throughout the whole of August. He hopes it will become an annual event.

Apart from his work with rare plants, running courses and organising garden art exhibitions, Paul is very involved with landscape gardening and design, running his own garden design practice, Paul Hervey-Brookes Associates. He is currently engaged in two major projects: a civic garden landscaping development in Harrogate and a national project named Urban Jungle which focuses on secondary schools in London.

Paul's horticultural background is impressive. He studied botanical nomenclature for three years at Edinburgh Royal Botanic Garden then went to Italy to work in one of the few surviving Renaissance gardens. Here he realised how important design can be as an emotional influence. He then went on to work for the Rothschilds near Paris. These experiences have been invaluable and he has since completed another degree in landscape gardening.

Paul is very modest about his achievements of which there are many. He has exhibited at both the Malvern and Chelsea shows where, as he says, he has 'won a few RHS medals'. In fact, he has a string of impressive wins. He won the Chris Beardshaw Scholarship at Malvern in 2009 and this year has been invited to create the Garden in Harmony Theatre there. He considers this is a great honour. In 2010 he won a silver medal at Chelsea for the Bradstone Garden and a product he designed won International Best Practice Award.

As he says, designing doesn't get easier with experience because one's own and everyone else's expectations grow. However, he is aware of the tremendous potential of the Rococo Garden and is keen to work with Paul Moir to develop and progress projects and ideas here. Without a doubt, the Rococo has a real asset in this young man.



*Carol Maxwell*

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## March News

Lots to tell you this month ("oh no", groan our editors!). There is a newly set up Stroke Club which will be held monthly at Richmond, Painswick on the last Tuesday of the month, so that will be March 29th for this month. If you would like to volunteer or to attend this club, the contact details will be at the end of this article. I am happy to help with transport and to accompany you if you'd like to try it out.

Some of you living in Painswick may have noticed that the ladies who volunteer to organise the Wednesday Day centre held at Ashwell, have been putting out fliers and posters to remind you of this great service. It's an opportunity to meet other people in a very relaxed and friendly environment all for the princely sum of £6. That will give you coffee, an aperitif, lunch and tea. If a whole day seems a bit daunting, then what about going just for lunch on a Tuesday or Thursday. The meals all come from the WRVS and are very good value for money.

Your 2011 census questionnaire will arrive in March. It's vital that you complete your confidential census questionnaire as the statistics are used to make decisions about our community. Our area receives funding from government, based on the number of people living here, funding that can be used for schools, hospitals, transport and refuse collection. Everyday facilities like play parks, water pipes and even where your local supermarket branch is located are based on census statistics. It's all confidential, so no one will see your personal information. If you need help or know someone who will need a hand filling this out, please call me.

Stroud Library is desperately looking for volunteers to help with their "Homebound Service" for outlying villages around Stroud. You'll need to be reasonably fit to be able to carry the books and be available every 3 to 4 weeks for your customer. I needed to use this service recently for a lady who could no

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longer read and who I suggested might like to try listening to an audio book. I was really sad to find out that there were no volunteers to do this very worthy service.

Saturday the 14th of March will see the wonderful Super Trouper choir singing as Holy Trinity Church, Stroud (next to the hospital). It starts at 7.30pm and entrance is £5 and proceeds will be split between Holt Trinity and Age UK Gloucestershire.

Last but by no means least; the dreaded Digital Switchover. I know this has caused enormous confusion especially where there is a cross-over area with people receiving the BBC Switchover Scheme literature, who are already digital. If you have a digital TV or switched over last year, then please ignore the literature; you will not be affected. If you haven't joined the scheme, and are not digital and are eligible, you need to take action quickly. You will start to lose channels from April 6th if you haven't converted to digital. Please have a think about anyone you are aware of who might not be able to do this by themselves. Either offer to help them or tell them about me and I will call on them.

*Lou Kemp 07776.245767*

Stroke Association: Caroline Seguro - 01452.520723  
Ashwell Day Centre; Anne Kember - 01452.813259  
Ashwell Lunch: Helen Baker, Tues & Thurs - 01452.813091  
Stroud Library Customer Service: Gloria Curtis - 01453.751651

## Almshouse

A vacancy has arisen for a two bedroomed almshouse at Gyde Road, Painswick.

More information on qualifying for an almshouse and application forms can be obtained from Mrs. D. Baker, Clerk to the Trustees, Gyde Almshouses, 37 Hill Paul, Stroud GL5 3BL

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## PROPERTY REPORT for February from Murrays

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Nationwide has announced that property market entered 2011 on a whimper rather than a bang with house prices edging down slightly in January. Prices fell by 0.1% month on month, leaving prices 1.1% lower than January 2010.

However the start of 2011 has been a very successful one for us so far and long may it continue. Our sales have been up for both January and the first two weeks of February, the main problem that we are finding is the lack of new properties coming on to the market to replace the ones that are now currently either under offer or sold. We have many new buyers registering but no new properties to show them! There is never a wrong time to put a property on the market even when it is not necessarily looking its best. A lot of people wait until Springtime when the flowers are out and although this may make the appearance of the property improve, if everybody does this then it could become more difficult to sell especially if a lot of similar properties are coming on to the market all at the same time. If you are considering selling this year then why not take the step and put it on the market when there are plenty of buyers around. We

are available to come out and give you a free valuation at any time, please call the office on 01452814655.

We have taken on a selection of new properties in and around the Painswick area including Loveday's Cottage, a beautiful example of a 4 bed Cotswold Cottage dating back nearly 400 years right in the center of the village, Southview, a fantastic renovation of a 3 bed cottage on Vicarage Street combining modern and period living, 2 Rockmill Cottages a spacious 3 bed Cottage with a huge garden between Painswick and Stroud, 7 Callowell Cottages end of terrace 3 bed Cotswold Stone Cottage in Callowell with a large garden and Littledene a beautifully presented 3 bed house set in an elevated position with fantastic panoramic views in Cockshoot, Sheepscombe.

Properties that are currently under offer are 1 Cup House on Bisley Street, Green Banks in Blakewell Mead, Loreley in Pitchcombe, Greenways also in Pitchcombe, Maurica in The Colony in Whiteway and Bisley Farm in Bisley. The land at the rear of Verland Cottage has now sold.

*James C Murray - Partner*



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## MARCH

Sat	5	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club & Glos. Geology Trust Walk - Chase End Hill & British Camp. Details 813228		10.00am
		Painswick Players / Everyman Drama Workshops £35 - contact Jean Burgess 812167	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	7	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627)	Town Hall	10.30am
		Community Lunch: Hosts - Probus Ladies	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
		Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	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	8	Bingo: Tuesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Ashwell House	6.30 to 9.00pm
		Bird Club: The Oak & Furrow Wildlife Rescue Centre - Paul Richardson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	9	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Table Tennis Club - Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	7.00 to 9.00pm
		Horticultural Society: The Kitchen Garden Today - Roger Umpelby	Town Hall 7.30pm	7.30pm
Thu	10	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344	Town Hall	9.30am
		Dog Training Club (Thursdays)	Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market - Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
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
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Diaries of a Durham - Alan Parker	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	19	<b>Copy dateline for April Beacon</b>		
		Painswick Players / Everyman Drama Workshops £35 - contact Jean Burgess 812167	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Cordelia Williams	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury		5.00pm
		Beacon Quiz	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents	Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Medical Women Through The Ages - Jenny Barraclough	town Hall	7.30pm
		Broadband: Loop Scorpio presentation and discussion	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	British nature photography through the 4 seasons - Susanna Bird (Glos. Wildlife Trust). £3	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sat	26	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Helen & Anne's Spring Coffee Morning in aid of Smile Train	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00noon
Tue	29	Painswick Players Playreading - New members especially welcome	P. Centre Green Room	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: King Cotton - Norman Brown	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Bookings Morning for Horticultural Society Outings	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12noon

## APRIL

Fri	1	Friday Club: Jerusalem Eye Hospital - Denise Magouran	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The 17th Century	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	2	<b>April Issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		
		Painswick Players / Everyman Drama Workshops £35 - contact Jean Burgess 812167	Town Hall	10.00am to 1.00pm





Tue	5	Painswick Music Society Concert: Mandelring Quartet Painswick Players Auditions: "Duets" by Peter Quilter - All Welcome	St Mary's Church Church Rooms	3.00pm From 6.00pm
Wed	6	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club AGM & Lecture: India, Flowers & Wildlife - Philip Mugridge. Details 813228	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre	1.00pm 2.30pm
Fri	8	Cotteswold Care Bridge Evening	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearance working party: location check 812709	Painswick Beacon	10.00am to 1.00pm
Tue	12	AGM of the Painswick Centre: Enq to Secretary Sue Lendon tel: 813791	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Wed	13	Probus: The long thin country - Chile - Bob Price Horticultural Society: Hidcote; A Garden Created by Lawrence Johnston - Duncan Coombs	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	14	Painswick Bird Club/Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Warning colours & survival techniques used by butterflies & moths to avoid bird predators - David Brown	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: Easter Food - Gillian Hancock Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Richard Wagner	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Sat	16	Painswick Music Society Concert: Gould Trio	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	19	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club excursion to North Glos historic Churches + Lunch & Tea. Booking enq. 813228 Local History Society: Research Evening	Stamages Car Park Croft School	9.05am 7.30pm
Wed	20	Horticultural Society outing to Stone House, Wyck Rissington, Cheltenham Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM & Guest Speaker	Stamages Car Park Church Rooms	2.00pm 7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	22	Good Friday Procession of Witness Pirates Easter Treasure Trail: Tickets £3 Painswick Singers Concert: (includes Faure's 'Requiem') Admission free - retiring collection	Start: Catholic Church Rococo Gardens St Mary's Church	10.30am 1.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees W.I.: Mary Queen of Scots - Gillian White	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Probus AGM	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	28	<b>Country Market - Coffee available</b>	Town Hall	10.00am
Fri	29	<b>No country Market Today</b> Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Members Night & AGM	Town Hall	7.30 to 9.30pm

## MAY

Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: A Taste of America - Philip Mugridge. Details 813228	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Friday Club: An Afternoon with "NIP" - Robin Shotter	Resthaven, Pitchcombe	2.30pm
Sat	7	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Kings Singers	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	9	Painswick Bird Club Field trip "Springtime at Slimbridge" - meet at Reception area	Slimbridge	10.45am
Wed	11	Probus: The Changing Face of the Media - Ian Mean Horticultural Society AGM, followed by talk: The Work of the Hedgehog Hospital - Annie Parfitt	Shires Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	14	Horticultural Society Spring Social Event: Rodmarton Manor, Cirencester & supper at Miserden Village Hall	Stamages Car Park	2.00pm
Mon	16	Painswick Bird Club Field trip "Songsters at Miserden" - Martin Wright, Guide	Miserden School Car Park	9.45am
Tue	17	Local History Society Annual Outing: A Guided Tour of Gloucester		
Fri	20	Friday Club: Two Years in the Antarctic - Ken Gibson		
Sat	21	Cathedral Youth Choir		
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Canal Women - Pat Harper / Felicity Ray		
Wed	25	Probus: A Taste of Iceland - Theo Stening		

## JUNE

Wed	1	Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club Lecture: British Wild Flowers - Rosemary Westgate. Details 813228		
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## NEW APPLICATIONS

**THE TYTHE BARN**, Painswick. Part retrospective application for: The insertion of French Doors in the eastern elevation of the thatched outbuilding, and relocation of wall from the rear of the courtyard  
**CHERRY CROFT**, Pullens Road. Erection of a detached garage.  
**STONE HOUSE**, St Mary's Street. Replacement of window.  
**FOURWINDS**, Churchill Way. Reduce the height of 4 trees.  
**STONELEIGH**, Gloucester Street. Restore original glazing bars to all windows on front elevation.

## CONSENT

**HILLFOOT COTTAGE**, 22 Gloucester Road. Single storey extension. (Householder application)  
**PHOENIX COTTAGE**, Tibbiwell Lane. Erection of extensions. Resubmission following permission S.10/0025/HHOLD (change of external materials to natural stone to extensions and render to existing bradstone).  
**7 GLOUCESTER ROAD** Single storey timber outbuilding.  
**TANGIER COTTAGE**, Vicarage Street. To replace application S.07/1781/FUL – erection of extension.  
**RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE**. Addition of a square bay window to ground floor of west elevation (the living room of apartment 0-4).  
**UNDERLEAF**, Orchard Mead. Erection of replacement enlarged, projecting rear double dormer gable.  
**THE LODGE, GYDE HOUSE**. Application to renew extant permission S.07/1789/FUL for erection of side extension.  
**KANTANTA**, Lower Washwell Lane. Change of use of part of garden from agricultural to domestic.  
**IVY COTTAGE**, Slad. Erection of 2 storey rear extension, single storey first floor side extension, re-build chimney and install decked balcony area (revised plans received 10/01/11).

**12 GLOUCESTER ROAD**, Painswick Removal of existing garage and construction of new extensions.

## REFUSED

**DAMSELLS FARM** Change of use from agricultural to domestic use (garden).  
**HIGHBURY**, Cheltenham Road. Retrospective application for revisions to S.03/627/FUL to erect glazed conservatory/porch, enclose retaining walls and enlargement of roof and first floor gable addition. Clarified plans received 17/1/11.  
**HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL**, Bisley Street. 1 externally illuminated fascia sign.

## BEACO-DOKU

Last month we set the seasonal word, and we were right; it **R-A-I-N-E-D**.

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A	N	I	R	E	D
E	R	A	D	I	N
I	D	N	E	A	R
N	I	D	A	R	E
R	A	E	N	D	I

Might as well use the logical follow-up, fearing we will be right again when it will have **P-O-U-R-E-D**. The full word along each row in each direction, and within each of the six boxes, please.

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## MINI-ADS

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**Horse care.** Are you able to look after a horse in Edge when owner not able? May ride horse although would need to be experienced. Paula 813040

**To Let. 3 bedroom house**, Sheepscombe GL6 7RL £825/month. Lots of character and original features, secluded garden, off road parking. Available end April. Contact Pauline 01452.814198 or plindeque@aol.co.uk

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# The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

## Baby

Congratulations to PHILIP and KATIE ALLISON on the birth of their daughter, Claudia Jane in Sussex on 2nd February - a grand-daughter for Paula Errock.

## Weddings

Congratulations to LINSEY GRANT and ASHLEY FILBY who surprised all their family and friends by getting married on the 22nd January at Stroud Registry Office

## Welcome

We would like to welcome KATHERINE and JAMES PARTRIDGE and small son Joshua who have moved into 7 Berry Close.

## 90th Birthday

Congratulations to MARJORIE BENTLEY, organist of Pitchcombe Church for the last 25 years, on celebrating her 90th birthday on 13th February.

## Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of BARBARA WHITING and JOANNE FORAN, as well as TED FELLOWS of Orchard Mead who died recently,

and to those of SHEILA LOMAS who has died aged 102.

## Personal messages

The passing of SHEILA LOMAS (*pictured when 101*) from being among us in Blakewell Mead, despite her many years, has brought deep sadness tempered by treasured memories. We know this will be shared by many associated with St Mary's



Church and the Horticultural Society to which she contributed greatly. Even when her sight and hearing were failing her Sheila retained a lifelong quality of never complaining, a deep interest in the welfare of others, and endless cheerfulness.

JUNE PRIVETT would like to thank everyone for all their calls, cards and best wishes, also visits. Especially offers of lifts during

the snow. Most kind.

*You could help Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain, whose contact details are in the column to the right, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.*

## Drawing?

Jane Garbett tells the Beacon that she had such a good response to the article offering absolute beginners a drawing class, this in our January issue, that she has decided to run the same course on Wednesday evenings starting next week, the 9th March 7.00pm to 9.00pm. She has a couple of spaces left and anyone interested should contact Jane straight away on 812176.



## Painswick Educational Trust

The Trust will be meeting again shortly to deal with applications from young people resident in the Painswick area for financial help with their studies and apprenticeships.

Previous successful applications have been made for money towards books, computers, catering equipment, course fees and educational trips.

If you are interested in finding out more, please telephone Joy Edwards on 812588 or Michael James 812646 for an application form.

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