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Painswickian of the Year

Painswickians of the Year are, invariably, completely taken aback when told this honour has been bestowed upon them. Anne Kenber is no exception. This quiet, unassuming lady is, according to those who nominated her, someone who works tirelessly behind the scenes for the good of others and seeks no public recognition.

Anne has devoted much of her time to helping others for many years. She and husband, Ralph, came to live in Painswick in 1992. "It's a wonderful place to be, there's something for everyone. It has the culture," she says. She herself is a member of various societies, thereby contributing to this culture. Quietly behind the scenes she organises both the coffee rota at St Mary's and the teas for the Music Society concerts – "all carried out with much warmth and a great sense of humour" according to some of her nominees.

Her involvement with Ashwell stretches back to 1995. She is now joint coordinator of the newly named Wednesday Ashwell group, dealing with the finance but also ensuring that hospitality and support are readily available for those who come for

... and Young Painswickian?

In view of the fact that there are in our midst a number of young people notable for their very considerable achievements during the past year, it is somewhat surprising and a little disappointing that there were no nominations for the accolade introduced last year, Young Painswickian of the Year.

It is worth mentioning even just a few who have appeared in the pages of the Beacon during 2012. On the sporting front, Liam Franklin was selected for the England cricket mtd development squad to train with the England coach. This is a wonderful achievement for Liam at only 13 years of age. Alicia Barnett was named Player and Student of the Year for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence by the Lawn Tennis Association. Again, this is a real achievement, putting Alicia at the very top of her game.

In a different category there were young Painswickians who should be acknowledged for their endeavours to raise money for the good of others. Notable among these were Priyana Sen who undertook the Three Peaks Challenge in April to raise money for the Anthony Nolan charity, and Lucy Moir who ran in the Bath Half Marathon in aid of Parkinson's UK. Both girls are currently students. Lucy Speed, also a student, worked in Uganda in the summer helping to build classrooms and raise money as part of Leeds University's Uganda Project which aims to improve the quality of life through education. And Cressida Mawdesley-Thomas, a member of a group of young people working towards greater peace through understanding of different cultures, visited Istanbul in furtherance of her very honourable aims.

There are, of course, others amongst us. Our young people deserve recognition for both their largely selfless endeavours and indeed their amazing sporting achievements. Perhaps next year some well-deserved nominations will reflect this.

Carol Maxwell

On other pages this month:
Jingle and Bells come to Painswick, **Yew trees enlighten**, a matter of convenience, **baking new bread**, information featured, **new Library logo**, the "Heavenly Light", **scrub bashing**, the Royal Flying Corps, **Agape evening**.



companionship and care. Anne insists that the tasks are shared. She is modest about what she does but, as others say, she can always be relied upon to help cheerfully and efficiently with any organisation needing support.

Anne trained as an occupational therapist and worked in Exeter, Birmingham, Southern Rhodesia and Hackney before becoming a full-time mother. In the 1990s, apart from her various activities in Painswick she was keen also to become involved further afield. She worked briefly at the Volunteer Bureau and in 1999 became a Victim Support volunteer for which she undertook a Court Witness Service course. Now attending Stroud Magistrates Court every Monday she is part of the Witness Support team supporting prosecution witnesses who are often frightened and bewildered both by what they have seen and the court and its procedures. She explains the system and also advises the witness solicitor if there are any problems.

This role requires skill and a caring approach both of which Anne displays in abundance. She feels she is able to be professional about it because of her career background, but quite apart from that she is in fact quite simply a sympathetic and very intelligent listener. "That's all I do," she says modestly.

Anne Kenber works tirelessly for the good of others, "always quietly and with a compassionate heart." This modest and dignified lady is certainly deserving of recognition for all that she does and is a worthy recipient of the accolade, Painswickian of the Year.

Carol Maxwell

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 12th December meeting by Terry Parker

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Jason Bullingham chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Rob Lewis.

Public question

A parishioner asked what steps the Parish Council took to validate planning applications. He referred to the application for Kingsley Cottage. Cllr Bullingham explained that the responsibility for validating planning applications lay with Stroud District Council.

Catbrain Quarry

Members were told that the work was proceeding in accordance with the approved planning applications. There were no further updates.

Appeal against refusal notices.

Whytehall End. Insertion of 4no. dormer windows to replace 4no. approved rooflights. The Committee resolved to continue their opposition to this application.

Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street. Restore original glazing bars with slim glaze double glazing. The Committee agreed to continue its support for this application.

Matters for decision.

Gwynfa Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane. Fell Cedar tree. The members expressed disappointment but agreed with Cllr Slinger that the tree was unsafe and supported the application. Kingsley Cottage, Victoria Street. Change of use to 2 bedroomed dwelling. The members heard that the District Council had issued guidelines setting out what were acceptable reasons for objections. Ownership of land was not a valid reason. Objections to Listed Building applications could only relate to the condition of the building. The application was deferred for a site inspection by the Parish Council Planning Committee members.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public questions

A parishioner asked what influence the Parish Council had in the matter of the proposed Incinerator at Javelin Park. The Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, said that the Parish Council was not a statutory consultee and its views would therefore seemingly not carry any more weight than members of the general public. The subject was an agenda item and would be considered later in the meeting.

A resident asked the Parish Council if they would contact County Highways regarding the dangerous state of Lower Tibbiwell and Kings Mill Lane/Knapp Lane because of the accumulation of leaves and subsequent flooding. She was also concerned the erosion of the road alongside Rockleigh at the junction of Stamages Lane and Kings Mill Lane.

Another resident raised similar concerns about the state of Greenhouse Lane. It was agreed to ask the County Highways Officer to carry out a site visit.

Art Couture

There was then a presentation by Wendy Edwards of Art Couture. See report on page nine.

Main agenda

Portas Pilate Scheme. There was to be a meeting with the District Council and the other towns involved in January.

Public Works Loan for the modernisation of the Youth Club building. The Clerk said that the paperwork had been completed and the matter was now with the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils for their endorsement. **Youth Club building asbestos survey.** This was to be completed early in the New Year at a cost of £395.

Voluntary speed checks. This was an ongoing subject. Cllr Lewis said that he would write an article for the Painswick Beacon. The aim was to recruit parishioners to carry out the checks. Cllr Lewis said that to date six volunteers had come forward.

CCTV in Painswick. There was to be a meeting with Mark Gosland, the Police CCTV Advisor, early in the New Year.

County Councillor's report

Broadband. Cllr Mrs Joan Nash in her written report commented that BT had been chosen as the preferred bidder to build a high speed fibre Broadband network for the counties of Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. All premises in the two counties will access 2Mbps and 88% will access 30Mbps, with a range up to 30Mbps. The roll out will be complete by the end of 2015.

Floods. Around 80 homes had been flooded in the County at the end of November. At the beginning of the month the County Council had agreed to commit £1 million into new flood alleviation projects and at the end of November an extra £50,000 had been committed to help flood victims who had suffered hardship. Early education. A Government grant of £4.78 million has come to Gloucestershire to support vulnerable two year olds to access early education. In the County around 1100 children are likely to be eligible for free places from September 2013. The money will be used for capital funding. Rail line to London. The work has started on the upgrading of the track from Kemble to Swindon, and extra car parking will be provided at Kemble Station.

Proposed incinerator at Javelin Park. Cllr Martin Slinger, the Edge Ward representative, said that a survey had been carried out within the Village using the

Edgenet. The result had shown that a considerable majority of the residents were against the proposed incinerator. He said that he believed that where the parishioners of one of the four villages had made a clear recommendation on a particular subject it was the responsibility of the Parish Council to support that recommendation. Cllr Rob Lewis said that he was personally in favour of the incinerator but agreed with Cllr Slinger that the Parish Council should support the Edge parishioners and he would vote accordingly. Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen said that she believed there was a viable alternative to the incinerator. She said that were the incinerator to go ahead it would impact adversely on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and would be a "monstrosity". Cllr Pathak-Sen proposed that the Parish Council indicate its opposition to the incinerator. Cllr Roey Parker seconded the proposal which was passed with no one against. Cllr Daniels abstained as she said that she required more information before reaching a decision.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council received the report of the Working Party which Cllr Slinger read out at the meeting. The Working Party had resolved that the revised plan would not just be a revision of the previous parish plan but would be a new document called the "Painswick Parish Action Plan". This plan will be consulted upon in the New Year in order to clarify priorities and gather public input to the proposals. The intention was to produce a consultation paper which would be made available to parishioners prior to a public meeting currently planned to be held in February 2013.

Finance

The Council was informed that the Government had still to determine the level of Rate Support Grant for the Counties. The District Council had called a meeting for the 13th of January to explain the impact of its tax calculations. The Council agreed to a request from Slad mothers for a grant of £50 towards the cost of a Nativity Play. Lych Gate, Sheepscombe Churchyard. The Council agreed to the sum of £510 in respect of repairs.

Ward reports

Information Boards

The members expressed their appreciation for the Information Boards now located around the Village centre.

Kings Mill flooding.

Cllr Ela Pathak-Sen raised the matter of flooding at Kings Mill and along the A46 towards Broadham. It was agreed that this subject would be included in the site meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.



St. Mary's Church Clock

Douglas Robinson of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Churchwarden David Bishop drew the Beacon's attention to the marks on the lower face of the clock that had been caused by an unidentified liquid. The liquid had seemingly been "fired" at the clock from the churchyard below by persons unknown. The problem faced by the PCC was how to access the clock face to carry out the necessary cleaning. The PCC was informed by the Diocese that the Cotswolds-based business "forrester access" provided specialist access platforms for work at height. Their machines are selected for their exceptional versatility and the ability to work in places where an old fashioned access platform would not be able to go. The "Spider" type tracked machines represent the cutting edge of current design, and the company reports that they have proven time and time again that they are the best machines for work in or on historic buildings. Our photo shows David Bishop with the company's adviser aloft in the machine's basket.

Painswick Parish Council

Consultation regarding the future use of St Mary's Toilets, Painswick

Painswick Parish Council will be holding a public consultation for four weeks, from Monday 7th January 2013 to Monday 4th February 2013.

The Parish Council currently spend £4500 on maintaining and cleaning these toilets, but the Council considers that the current condition of the facilities is an embarrassment to the Village.

The Parish Council note that there are enhanced WC facilities available within the Town Hall, which is open more frequently due to the presence of the Community Library and Tourist Information facilities, and public WC's available at the Stamages Lane Car Park.

The Council is considering three options and is seeking views of the public, prior to making a decision.

Option A) To do the minimum refurbishment works to the WC's (less than £10,000) and close them during the winter/ off season months.

Option B) To do a full refurbishment and upgrading to the facilities (at a cost of circa £25,000-30,000 with a Public Works Loan) and keep them open all year round.

Option C) Dispose of the property. There could be an estimated capital receipt of between £50,000 - £100,000, depending upon the future use, and invest this sum in other community projects in the Parish.

Consultation forms and feedback boxes will be made available in January from the Parish Council Office, the Tourist Information Office and the Post office.

The consultation will be advertised on Parish Notice Boards and via the Parish Council Website.

Directory 2013

We are pleased to enclose your free copy of the Painswick Beacon Directory. We wish to thank everyone who has assisted in its preparation by forwarding updating information and by so doing making the information it contains as current as possible.

Goodbye 2012

2012 was a good year for Painswick. The creation of the Community Library has been an enviable example of what a group of parishioners with the support of its Parish Council has been able to achieve. Concern about the future of the Tourist Information Centre has been resolved with the Parish Council making available an office in the

Town Hall. Plans are in hand for the modernisation of the Youth Club building on the Recreation Ground following approval of a

grant from the County Council. The Royal Oak has reopened and the development of the former Library building will enable the long awaited path between Stamages Lane car park and St Mary's Churchyard to be created. This will enable visitors in particular to avoid the hazardous Lychgate corner. The History Society has obtained planning consent for its information boards and these are now in place at a number of

locations in the village. They are proving to be a source of interest to visitors and to those parishioners more recently settled in the village. New businesses are appearing and we hear the excellent news that Christ Church is expected to be developed as an arts and crafts centre. Finally, Painswick has some 40 plus clubs and organisations which provide recreational activities designed to cater for everyone's needs. However, no-one should be complacent about Painswick's future and the updating of the parish plan will give parishioners the opportunity to express their opinions.



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Dr. Michael Leach has been a full time naturalist and author since 1997, filming TV documentaries for 5 years in the 80s, before moving on to 1/20,000 sec. rapid-sequence photography for study

and stills of animal species worldwide, the latter appearing in some 600 books such as Attenborough's 'Life of Birds.'

At a combined meeting of Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society and Painswick Bird Club at the Town Hall on 22nd November, we had the rare privilege of joining him "Beneath the Dark Canopy!" His experiences, amazing and exacting, sometimes alarming, were of the tropical rainforest, surely the richest and most diverse habitat on earth with some 50% of all animal species known to man. Beneath the forest roof at some 40 metres, it is too dark to read during most of the day with T40-42C., no mammals are seen, the birds only heard, rain often falling continuously for 10 days while seasons are wet and wetter! Lying water is black from tannins, brown only in frequent flash flood. Macheting through dense undergrowth is a no-no, pursuit of light and locomotion feasible only by 7ft. canoe (cost £4,00) along the waterways- halting 10.30-2.30 to avoid sunburn and anticipating 6.30 sunset-lots of scope there?

An account then, only of extremes, from the humming bird's 1,000/ minute heart beat to the innumerable tarantulae (up to dinner plate size) from the 2 metre otters to the thimble- sized bats, and from the nearly 2 metre wing- span flying fox to minute 'pepper' ants! The indigenous Jaguar people count on 1,300 medicinal plants for health and longevity. The audience, though inspired seemed content to enjoy the speaker's experiences purely second-hand!


The next meeting will be on February 5th when Graham Mapies, Vice President of the Friends of Slimbridge will talk about "World Wildfowl and their Conservation."

Martin and Wendy Addy

Community Lunches

We are pleased to report that the 10 Lunches held this Autumn have raised over £560 so far this session for our 2 local charities, Painswick Junior Football Club and Cup Cakes for Carers, as well as Christian Aid. Many thanks to all in the community who have contributed so far, by providing soup and service, and by coming as customers. The Lunches start again on Monday 14th January from 12 noon until 1.15pm at Ashwell Centre. Please put the date in your new diary and come and enjoy homemade vegetable soups, fresh bread and cheese, costing £2.50 with 50p for tea or coffee if you want it.

Rita Bishop and David Linsell

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Auditions



Our next production is to be Jeffrey Archer's Beyond Reasonable Doubt, which will be performed at the Painswick Centre on 9th-10th-11th May.

This is a serious and challenging play for the principal actors, but there are several minor parts which are ideally suited to those of you who would like to return to the stage or try acting for the first time. Auditions will be held in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre on Thursday 10th January beginning at 7.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us on this occasion when we will be recruiting a production crew as well as a cast. If you would like further details, please 'phone me at (01452) 814004.

Play Readings

Our monthly play readings resume on Tuesday 29th January with Move Over Mrs Markham by Ray Cooney and John Chapman and Out of Focus by Peter Gordon to be read on Tuesday 27th February. Play readings are held in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre on the last Tuesday of most months, beginning at 7.30 pm (see the Village Diary). These are always informal and very enjoyable occasions to which everyone is welcome.

Steve Friar

Scrub bashing

Juniper Hill Saturday 12th January

Bulls Cross Sunday 13th January

If you fancy working off a bit of that Christmas Pudding then why not come and join us for a bit of scrub bashing? We will be working from 10am until about 3pm on both days: find us by looking for the smoke! Feel free to come along for the whole day or even just an hour or two.

Please wear warm comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, and sturdy footwear. If you are planning to stay all day then you will need to bring lunch – hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. It is also advisable to bring waterproofs in case of light rain. If it rains heavily we may have to stop work early or cancel the task; so if the weather is bad on the day it is worth ringing the mobile number below to check the task is still on. All tools and work gloves will be supplied. No need to book, just turn up on the day. If you would like further information, please get in touch with Kate Gamez: details below.

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“The Record Collection of an Eccentric” was Dennis Morgan’s title of his presentation of music on 29th November. We agreed that its diversity fully lived up to the description!

“Sketches of Spain” with Miles Davis playing horn and trumpet was followed by the Love Theme from the film Romeo and Juliet, featuring Andre Rieu, “waltz King of Europe”. Then Dawn Upshaw singing a 15th C. Polish prayer in a 1976 symphony by Gorecki, followed by a lovely “new age” song on a guitar by William Ackerman. After the interval came a beautiful “Requiem for my Friend” by Zbigniew Preisner, then Pizarro playing a Pavane by Maurice Ravel, “Marooned” by Pink Floyd and Roxy Music Group’s soprano saxophone player in interplay with a violinist in “Tara”. And to end on a high note with one of the finest singers this country has produced: Kathleen Ferrier, singing “Blow the Wind Southerly” and then “What is life without you”.

I asked Dennis about the sources of his unusual selection, ranging from the profound to the not so profound: “listening to Radio 3 and Classic FM” was the answer. Seems we must listen more in future.

Ralph Kenber

Painswick Music Appreciation Group celebrated the 25 years since its foundation by having a special Christmas Party on 13th December. Ralph Kenber, in his usual recherche style, set a quiz on the theme of "Around the World in Twenty Tunes". Amidst a certain amount of laughter and doubtful questioning from the audience, this journey took us to many cities in Europe and then landed us in the Appalachian Mountains, Brazil and more before taking us as far afield as Sri Lanka and China. Most of us were left scratching our heads. We turned gratefully to the excellent food and drink thoughtfully provided. We were lucky to have amongst us one of the original founding members, Leslie Brotherton, who gave us a short insight into its history before he cut the superb cake decorated with musical symbols presented by our Chairman Alex Nichols. We shall long remember this splendid party.

Richard Burges Watson

Reindeer steal the show

There was a surprise for both children and adults when they visited the Richmond Christmas Fair. Outside the main building entrance was a stall in which



were two female reindeer called Jingle and Bells. Both were four years old and had been brought from their home in Westbury on Severn to add to the residents and visitors enjoyment of the seasonal occasion. Reindeer have a diet of grasses, moss and lichen. So popular is lichen with the reindeer that the amount they eat has to be controlled as too much can adversely affect them. Jingle and Bells’ parental

home is in Norway. They are intelligent animals and the Beacon was told that a practice they employ during snow storms and poor visibility generally is to click their cloven hooves together, creating a distinctive sound so as to make their position known to other reindeer. Male reindeer shed their antlers in spring and female reindeer in summer. They are not good travellers in vehicles and for that reason their excursions are restricted to the Gloucester area. Our photograph is of Jingle.

The event was organised to raise money for Winston’s Wish, the children’s bereavement charity based in Cheltenham, as well as providing a Christmas shopping opportunity for residents and their families. In addition to the reindeer, there were a number of stalls from local arts and crafts suppliers, along with tombola and plenty of Christmas cheer. Susie Oakley, the Richmond Manager, commented that “the event had been extremely successful”. Over £400 was raised for the charity.

Catbrain Quarry

Parishioners will have read in the Parish Council News about the creation of the storage facility at Catbrain Quarry on Painswick Beacon. Our photo shows the framework of the structure prior to the Christmas holiday.





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Week of Christian Unity

January 14th – 21st 2013

Monday 14th Community Lunch

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Thursday 17th Speaker & afternoon tea

Rev. Richard Atkins – BBC Radio Gloucestershire will talk about Methodism.

2.30pm in St Mary's Church Rooms £2.50.

Monday 21st Agape at The Bistro – 7pm.

Bring your choice of readings, music, poetry etc. and enjoy a light supper.

Tickets £10 available in January from Terry Parker or your church.



DASH

Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless

As a result of the wonderful response to our request in the November Beacon for warm clothing, Marah (the Stroud charity which works with the homeless and disadvantaged) currently has enough clothing stocks but still needs easily heated tinned meals (baked beans, stew etc). Please put any items you can spare in the boxes which can be found at the back of Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe and Pitchcombe churches or at Murrays Estate Agents.

The steady flow of small change has continued and we have just delivered another cheque for £100 to Marah in time for Christmas. Please keep saving your loose coppers and fivepence pieces and give them to Alison Robinson (812 286) or Frances Watson (812 071). It is amazing how the small coins soon mount up - in the past three years, you have contributed £1050 this way and Marah is very grateful for every penny.

Rita Bishop, Secretary

Re-discover the taste with The Artisan Baker

Taste some of Ori Hellerstein's bread and you'll be converted. This is real artisan bread, full of flavour and with no additives. It is, quite simply, delicious. Ori, together with his wife, Yvonne, and three month old baby, George, moved to Painswick at the beginning of November and he is hoping to establish his baking business across the local area.

Ori studied with Le Cordon Bleu London, the world renowned culinary school teaching classic French cuisine. His first job was in the pastry section of a Michelin star restaurant. "You can be really creative," he says about being a pastry chef, "it's very precise." His next post was in catering, to a very high standard, to various wealthy business organisations in London.

He always wanted to start his own enterprise and with several years experience as a chef in such top quality establishments, he assumed this would happen in London. However, a weekend stay in Cotswold88 – Yvonne's present for his 30th birthday – changed the plan. They both fell in love with Painswick and a year or so later came to live here. Ori is currently working from a kitchen in Nailsworth and supplying his bread, cakes and chocolate to various outlets. In Painswick both Olivias and the Country Market on Friday mornings are already selling some of his breads and cakes. Further afield he is supplying a chain of delis in Bristol and Bath and he has started to trade at Cheltenham market.

Ori's plan for Painswick is to bake bread to order for collection from Olivias every Tuesday. This is a big step and one which will be enormously beneficial to local residents. Orders must be in by Monday for baking ready for the next day. Ori makes seven types of loaf: plain white, wholemeal, the Painswick loaf (rye bread with a hint of Twinings tea to give it its local connection!), the Nelson loaf (a South African seeded bread), wild rice wholemeal, focaccia and sour dough. As he points out "It's real bread."

With the apt name of The Artisan Baker, Ori is hoping to establish not only his

business locally but also a re-discovery of really good bread and cakes. His bread is certainly very special and really delicious. This is a wonderful opportunity to give your taste buds a treat with bread available in Painswick. Ori's Painswick bread orders start in January. To place your order telephone 07854.854088 or email enquiries@theartisanbaker.co.uk

Carol Maxwell





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Information Boards

The formal “opening” of Painswick’s Information Boards on Saturday 8th December was carried out by Lord Dickinson, President of Painswick’s Local History Society, pictured below with Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Slinger. Lord Dickinson paid tribute to those who had brought the project to fruition, saying that the boards would be a valuable asset to Painswick. He expressed his and the Society’s appreciation for the sponsorship given by the local business community whose details are set out below. There are six boards situated at various locations in the Village centre streets and in Stamages Lane car park. Pictured right are Carol Maxwell who researched the data for the boards and Andy Lovell whose artwork has made the boards such an attractive Village feature. The Beacon understands that there is a shortfall of about £300 with the cost of the boards. If any reader wishes to make a contribution would they please contact Carol on 813387.



Painswick Local History Society wishes to thank the following sponsors of the History Board Project: Goddards Garage, John Dandy Motors, Murrays Estate Agents, Olivias Delicatessen, Panswick Fabrics, Painswick Hairdressers, Painswick Pharmacy, Painswick Post Office, Patchwork Mouse, R Hinds & Sons, The Chairman, The Falcon, the Royal Oak, the Painswick Beacon, Painswick Conservation Society, Painswick Probus, Alan and Audrey Fielder, Gwen Welch, Lawrence Turner, Peter and Jane Rowe, Stroud District Council, and another who wished to remain anonymous.



Carol writes that the project came about because it became apparent that visitors had no immediately accessible information to engage their interest and that, bearing in mind the rich history, architectural features, legends etc to be found in every street and corner, we felt we could easily enhance visitor experience by providing a sort of guided tour via the information boards. That way visitors would stay longer and use more of our shops, restaurants etc. The Local History Society was more than happy to initiate the project. I wanted to keep it very local and therefore was determined that all sponsorship should come from local businesses and organisations. This is one reason why the whole thing took so long – nearly four years from inception to completion! Many local traders and other groups plus several individuals were both very supportive and generous. There were many unforeseen difficulties to overcome, mainly with the various agencies involved of necessity, which also account for the prolonged completion. Andy Lovell, an artist living in Painswick produced the splendid designs and I produced the text and pictures. The real problem was what to leave out rather than what to include! We feel the final result is very appropriate for Painswick. Roy Balgobin and Irena Litton were a constant source of encouragement, help and support, particularly each time a new hurdle or difficulty arose, and we are most grateful to them. In the corner of each board there is a QR code so that more information can be assessed if desired. However, this last is still in the process of being developed. This is definitely a local community project and one which, it is hoped, will have beneficial effects for Painswick.

Support for older and vulnerable residents

Mike Godwin, Stroud District Council’s Community Support Officer, writes that he is in the very fortunate position of running Stroud District Council’s Careline Service, supporting the elderly and vulnerable within the parishes. With the older population projected to double within the next 15 years the Careline offers a valuable resource.

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Men's Probus History in Pictures

Our November meetings were about the early 20th century. Howard Beard has a large collection of historic photographs and postcards. He presented a fascinating social history of the people of the Stroud Valleys, covering many aspects of life showing people at work and play in the area. Delivered with humour, the presentation included much historic information as well as some 'then and now' images.

Our second talk by James Tabor featured digital photographs presenting an interesting perspective on the Royal Flying Corps. The first recorded flight by the Wright Brothers was in 1903 yet the RFC was formed only 9 years later.

The RFC's role in the war was reconnaissance involving flying behind enemy lines in slow, primitive craft without parachutes or radio communication and armed only with pistols. They were, of course, prey to anti-aircraft fire and armed enemy aircraft. Flyers faced extreme conditions - in the open air with no heating in subzero temperatures. The aircraft were very basic machines and this talk was a tribute to those exceptionally brave and tough men.

The Probus versus Yew Trees WI skittles match was held at the Painswick Centre. In a keenly contested match Probus were winners and retained the Cup in spite of a very spirited challenge from the WI ladies. We look forward to the return match next year.

Probus membership has continued to grow and we rounded off a successful year with an excellent Christmas Dinner at The Hill.

Glynn Nixon



Probus Women

We start our 2013 programme with an alteration. Our speaker on January 14th will be Jim McNamara, who worked for Camelot and will speak to us about the launch of the National Lottery. Hopefully we can gain some insight into those elusive winning numbers.

Speakers for the rest of the year include Peter Roberts an ex BA Pilot on February 11th and a talk on March 11th by Jude Morris, an ex JP, who will set up a court-room scenario where the members form part of the jury. On April 8th we have a talk by Liz Odell who is part of a rapid response team which takes aid to disaster areas.

There is also a change to the date for the Tyntesfield visit and this will now take place on June 10th rather than May, as originally planned. This change is to enable us to take full advantage of the beautiful gardens. Members enjoyed the informal lunch at The Tivoli which followed our Waitrose visit and it is proposed that future optional lunches will take place throughout the year.

Subscriptions have been set at £18 for January 2013 through to the AGM in October.

Please remember that it is possible to attend a meeting as a 'visitor' at a cost of £3. Meetings are held in the Church Rooms with coffee at 10.00 for a 10.30am start.

Jill Roberts, Secretary



Snowdrops at Colesbourne Park Guided Walk

The Field Club's first outing of 2013 will be a guided walk around the Colesbourne Park on Thursday 14th February. We aim to arrive about 10:40 am in time for coffee and biscuits and a short talk on the history of the property, the family and the famous collection. We will then have a leisurely Guided Tour lasting about 1¼ hours around parts of the ten acre garden with its woodland and lakeside paths, and alongside drifts of cyclamen, hellebores and other winter plants. Our guides will be Sir Henry and Lady Elwes.

The surrounding park, arboretum and nearby church will also be open for those who wish to explore these independently. Plants will be available for sale. This outing will be by car and I hope to accommodate all those without access to transport by offers of lifts from other members. The cost is £14 (£1 extra for non-members). Our trip will conclude with an optional lunch at the Colesbourne Inn. Further details tel. 01452 813228.

Jane Rowe

Seeing the light

Most people have heard or read at some time about the 'Heavenly Light', but few of us can claim to have seen it. Until now. It happened at the W.I.'s November meeting,



when 30 ladies saw it and were deeply impressed. But it was Richard Cann, an expert on the history and making of stained glass who revealed all, using a superb PowerPoint presentation, and a seemingly bottomless mine of information on all aspects of stained glass. As a Guide at Gloucester Cathedral he has acquired a vast knowledge of the Cathedral's stained glass windows, from how and when they were made, interpreting their design and the cost and required skills to repair and maintain them. He was also heavily involved in compiling a detailed inventory of the windows, which was started in 2005 and took 3 years to complete. The enormous east window, for example, is virtually priceless, and miraculously, despite bombing raids by the Germans on Gloucester during the Second World War, neither it nor any other of the Cathedral's windows were damaged. Perhaps a case of Divine Intervention....

The next W.I. meeting will be held on 22nd January in the Church Rooms, when Richard Aspinall will give a talk about 'My Life as a Vet'.

Maggie Drake





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Pictured are the group of walkers about to set off on the Boxing Day Parish Council Walk. No dogs this year!

Moulton Haus Charity Hunt

2012 has been Moulton Haus' first year of trading and the company is looking to support a local charity. If you would like to nominate a local charity or even propose suggestions for the type of event you would be interested in supporting, please email Tobi at tobi@moultonhaus.co.uk or drop in for a cup of coffee at our Hoyland House office.

Tobi Moulton

Counselling

Louise Kemp, MBACP Accredited Counsellor and Psychotherapist, has set up in private practice at Hoyland House GP Surgery and at Churchdown Osteopaths, 102 Chosen Drive, Churchdown. The practice is called LK Counselling. Her telephone number is 07977 508811 or email louisekempcounselling@gmail.com

Art Couture

Wendy Edwards of Art Couture gave a presentation to the Parish Council at the December meeting. Ms Edwards told the Council that the projected cost of the 2013 Art Couture event was £30,000. She said that her committee was requesting a grant of £2,800 from the Parish Council. The numbers attending had risen from 2,000 in 2010 to nearer 10,000 in 2012. The event was linked to 15 schools. Ms Edwards said that her committee's desire was to create an exciting event to bring Painswick people together. The aim was to promote Painswick and, in particular, its businesses. She said that there was a need to work with the Parish Council if the aim was to be realised. Ms Edwards asked for Parish Council support to effect car parking charges on the Recreation Ground. The suggested charge was £5 per car which included a programme. The Painswick Centre had offered the use of the Gardiner Room. The Council Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger, thanked Ms Edwards for her presentation and invited questions. The members asked for a breakdown of the £2,800. Ms Edwards said that £1,000 was for insurance, £1,000 for first aid cover and £800 for traffic management. The members also asked whether Art Couture's accounts could be made available to them. They were told that the accounts would be available shortly.

Later in the meeting the Councillors discussed the Art Couture Committee's request. Answering a question from Cllr Rob Lewis, the Clerk said that the Parish Council might be able to achieve a reduced amount for insurance and traffic management. Cllr Slinger said that it would be for the members of the Recreation Ground Trust to determine whether they would permit parking on the ground. Their next meeting was scheduled for 23rd January. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet with the Art Couture Committee before the next meeting of the Parish Council on 16th January. Libby Graesser who was present at the meeting said that the timescale was crucial as sponsorship depended on the availability of parking. The Parish Council agreed that they would seek to make a financial contribution towards the Art Couture costs. The amount would depend on the outcome of the Clerk's inquiries regarding the possible reduction in insurance and traffic management costs. The Clerk said that the Art Couture Committee had the use of the Town Hall on four occasions in any one year. The Parish Council Handyman would help with the traffic signs. The Art Couture members present thanked the Parish Council for the consideration they had given to their request.



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Goodwill evening

The Painswick Centre Trustees would like to thank the following people for making the Goodwill Evening such a resounding success: all the stall holders presented a variety

of beautiful items which clearly delighted and tempted those who came from both near and far; Hugh Tarran and Caroline, for their beautiful country serenades; the Painswick Community Choir for their mellifluous melodies, and last but by no means least, Ali Bennett for her robust and lively display of Zumba which, for many of us, was wonderful to watch!

Book-keeper wanted

We need help with bookkeeping at the Centre for 4-6 hours per week. If you are methodical and organized and fancy a new challenge this may be just the opportunity for you. Please contact Judie Hill at jhillpainswickcentre@gmail.com or on 812605.

Forthcoming Events at the Centre

We are trying out a series of new events in 2013. Please support us and come along. More details of all events can be found on our website at www.thepainswickcentre.com.

Attic Sale Sunday 3rd February 10am - 4pm. Too many hankies from Auntie and socks from Granny? Have YOU got potential cash in your attic? Then this is the sale for you! Tables £8. Table requests to Sue Lendon on sue@thepainswickcentre.com or on 813791.

An Introduction to Social Networking. Saturday 26th January 2013. 9.00am to 1.00pm. Do you understand how to use Twitter and Facebook and other interactive networks? Would you like to know why your children and grandchildren find these networks so fascinating? This workshop is intended to demystify the world of social networking and show you what useful things you can do with them (if you wanted to). Places cost £25 and are limited but can be reserved by emailing kate@thepainswickcentre.com.

Cracking Cryptics Friday 8th February 2013 at 7.30 pm. A must for everyone interested in mastering cryptic crosswords. A humorous look at this most addictive of hobbies. An evening which everyone from the complete novice to the more experienced will enjoy. Tickets are £10 and can be bought online at (www.thepainswickcentre.com) or from the Post Office.

Play in a Week – Half Term – 11th – 15th February 2013. This is a 5 day workshop for children with 2 sessions each day, one in the mornings for 7-11 year olds and one in the afternoons for 12-16 year olds. Participants will improvise and write a play during the week and perform it for family and friends on the Beacon Hall stage on the Friday night. Places cost £50 and are limited but can be reserved by emailing kate@thepainswickcentre.com.

Fun With Fiction. Saturday 23rd February 2013 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. This is a creative writing workshop, led by two local authors, aimed at all levels of experience. If you're bursting with creative writing ideas, but need help to focus them then this day is for you. Places cost £40 and can be reserved by emailing kate@thepainswickcentre.com.

Devious Minds Saturday 23rd February 2013 at 7.30 pm. An evening of mind reading or trickery – you decide. Fresh from the Edinburgh Festival, Shoemith and Maudsley, both members of the Magical Circle, will amaze and surprise you. But can they outwit you? Tickets are £8.50 and can be bought online on our website.

The Croft Christmas Fayre

We had an extremely successful outdoor Christmas Fayre and raised an amazing £1,150.00.

"Friends of The Croft" would like to thank everyone who came and supported us.

Particular thanks to the following businesses who sponsored the snow machine: Mike Dandy Motors, The Falcon Inn Meister Masonry Ltd., Catbrain Quarry Also to Core Lighting who provided the essential lighting and to Hamptons for advertising the event.

Cupcakes for Carers


At our December meeting where we consumed mincepies and mulled wine kindly donated by The Painswick Centre, we had an impromptu talk about Gingerbread Houses by Jenny, the Centre Manager. She had made two magnificent ones which were used as Raffle prizes on the Goodwill Evening and she took one or two orders from us on the spot!!

If there are any husbands or wives looking after one or the other who sometimes find it tiring or depressing maybe, do contemplate coming to our teaparties which are very friendly and can sometimes help. You can both come if not housebound. Andrea always brings a whole range of gadgets which can sort out with various difficulties around the house or car and it is interesting to have a look at those.

Our next Cupcakes is from 1.30 – 3.30 on Tuesday 8th January and thereafter on the first Tuesday of the month.

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Painswick Local History Society

Remedies to make you wince!

The November talk at the Local History Society was 'Roman medicus' presented by John Putley from the Gloucestershire Archives. This is a topic of particular passion for John, who even dresses as a Roman, to add authenticity to the often uncomfortable descriptions of ancient remedies.

Essentially many of their methods remained unchanged right through to the emergence of modern medicine. The Romans particularly valued medicine as a way of keeping their legionaries in good health. As we know, baths were an important part of social life, but cleanliness was also considered essential to maintain health. Some of the potions supposed to help ailments could include unlikely and unpleasant constituents such as slugs and snails. Other remedies included herbs and spices and especially the belief that cabbage is good for you.

The description of various surgical procedures made people wince! However it was interesting to find out that cataracts were surgically treated. If all else failed, the help of the Gods would be invoked with offerings, as is still the tradition throughout the world today.

At the next meeting of the Society, Tony Condor will give a presentation on Gloucester Docks, an important topic in our area. Tuesday, 15th January, 7.30pm, Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carolyn Luke

Beacon VILLAGE QUIZ of the Year - 9th March

The Beacon committee gain great pleasure in promoting this village challenge, and attracting teams of four from clubs, societies and groupings of neighbours or other friendship quartets.

In 2011 we introduced a truly unique trophy to pass to the team with the highest score to look after for the year ahead. Using local stone it represents the highest level of the Painswick Beacon itself, symbolising the old triangulation point complete with etched bearings towards landmarks and topographical features of each horizon. Since last March this has been held by a group of friends who had entered from Cotswold Mead competing as '3 Glasses and a Bottle of Plonk', one point ahead of a tie for the second place for 'Slad Village', and 'Tina and Friends'; in the first year it required a tie-break to even determine the winners!

Will you be in a team this year? Bookings are now open for the 24 tables we can fit into Painswick Centre, strictly on a first-come-first-allocated basis. Questions will, as ever, fall well short of 'University Challenge' standards; with our hoping all who enter will enjoy the event for its own sake.

We try to take into account much learned from previous years, the level at which questions are pitched, their diversity, the timing of rounds and even the refreshments in the interval. We are looking forward to welcoming teams but urge booking well in advance so that all is prepared to make the evening go smoothly. Team entry fees are a little higher this year at £20, with the bar will be open all evening from 7.15, and a 'platter' of refreshments included and brought to each table in the interval. Carriages about 10.30pm, or thereabouts. Entries please by E-mail to mr@lesliebrotherton.com or post to his home Longhope, Blakewell Mead GL6 6UR; cheques payable to The Painswick Beacon at £20 per team.

There is not only the trophy for which to compete, but prizes for the top three teams and for the team judged to have brought the most apt and striking mascot. Do join in, it is regularly reported as 'Good fun!'.

Saturday 9th March at 7.15 for 7.30pm prompt in Painswick Centre.

Local History Teaser

Could this be party time? Are you able to name the occasion, say what the group is, where is the action taking place, when was this and are you able to name any of these good Painswick people?

Last month's picture stirred some interest among readers and Joyce Lamort was able to name many of the ladies smiling out at us. They were, as she correctly points out, the ladies from the Institute Bowling Club. Some of those on the back row are Mrs Swain, Mrs Monk and Mrs Hale (Joyce's mother), and included on the front row are Mrs Tinker, Mrs Damsel, Miss Topham, Mrs Merchant.

Many thanks to Ann Daniels, whose mother, Mrs Monk is in the picture, for providing the photograph. If you have a picture which you think would be of interest or would present a challenge to readers we should love to hear from you.

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The Croft School report

Head Teacher Ceris Fowler writes in her letter to parents.

Colouring Competition. Thanks to Hamptons for sponsoring the Christmas colouring competition again this year. The winners were presented with creative gift packs, and in addition Hamptons donated £100 to the school. The winners were:

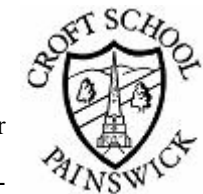
Reception: Emily Brady. Year 1: Louis Irving. Year 2: Ben Bailey. Year 3: Eloise Little. Year 4: Matilda Simonin. Year 5: Walter Lovell. Year 6: Helena Cox.

Ceris says that the school is very grateful for Hamptons continued support and in particular for their generous sponsorship of the Christmas Fair through the printing of posters and flyers, and their innovative use of For Sale boards to advertise the Fair.

Drains. Work was scheduled to start after Christmas to reroute part of the storm water drainage system at the side of the school and along part of Hambutts Mead. This means that the side entrance near Class 5 will be out of action for about three weeks. There will also be a small section of the infant playground cordoned off for the contractors.

Carol Concert. The junior carol concert held at St Mary's Church was "a real delight". The children sang beautifully and the Year 6s read their readings clearly. Well done to the three recorders players who started the concert. Particular mention must go to the fantastic music group who sang several songs to an extremely high standard. Many thanks to Mrs Skipp who organised the concert, and to her parents for their involvement.

Nativity. This year's infant nativity was an excellent production of the Supersonic Lamb. Lewi Cross played the role very well, remembering all his lines, and was well supported by clear narrators and a cast of animals, angels, stars, shepherds, kings, and of course, Mary and Joseph. The singing was fantastic and the costumes looked amazing. Well done to all the infants and many thanks to the adults involved in putting on the show.



Leslie Brotherton

The members of the Beacon editorial team wish to express their considerable appreciation for the contribution made by Leslie Brotherton to the production of the Painswick Beacon over many years. Leslie has decided to retire from the role of editor, a position he has held, alternating with others, since May 2002. Leslie has been a member of the editorial team since March 1983 when he assumed the position of treasurer, a position he held until March 2002. He was very much involved in the creation of the Beacon Quiz. Leslie has made a major contribution in the modernisation of the Beacon's production techniques and has agreed to continue as a member of the editorial team acting as advisor in desktop publishing and associated technical matters.

Library news -Introducing our new logo!

We now have our own logo, specially designed for us by Andy Lovell. It appears at the head of this article and will be used in future as our brand image on library notices and handouts. The design makes clever use of the Yew Tree theme. The colour version is in yellow and green. Thank you Andy!



The Library was open for the Painswick Goodwill Evening on November 30th. An incredible 311 visitors came into the library, beating our previous record on Wearable Art Day. They included our MP, Neil Carmichael and County Councillor Mrs. Joan Nash as well as present and former Parish Councillors. Mrs. Edwina Buttrey won the Christmas Hamper draw. The Book Sale made £94.50.

Our website is now up and running thanks to James Wilkes of Big Cat Digital at Pitchcombe. Please visit us at www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk and add this address to your favourites list. In addition to information about the library itself, the website provides direct links to the websites of other Painswick and District organisations and societies.

We now have to think about how the library is to be financed in the long term when the County grant comes to an end in 2015. If you regularly shop online there is a simple way in which you can raise funds for the library at no cost to yourself. Many online retailers have agreed to make a small donation to the charity of your choice if you channel your order through the Easy Fundraising website. If you are not already registered go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and follow the on-screen instructions to set up an account. Select Painswick Community Library as the charity you wish to benefit.

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Baby Bounce and Rhyme will resume in the Library on Wednesday 9th January at 2pm.

All good wishes for 2013.

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Historic Barnsley



The Society was truly impressed by Davinia Wynne-Jones, daughter of the highly respected Rosemary Verey, when she spoke on 5th December of her creation of herbal gardens close by Barnsley House. Not only were memories of visits to those gardens recalled, but much interest aroused in the remarkable properties of herbs and their uses in the domestic garden - decorative, medicinal and culinary among them. Membership of the Society increased further at this second meeting of the new talks programme, and the opportunity to socialise with wine and nibbles was appreciated.

Talks into the new year are already arousing keen interest.

Paul Moir will be sharing 'Our Rococo experience - into the future' next week, on the 9th at 2.30 in the Church Rooms. New ideas are firmly in the pipeline, and all will be revealed! He will be joined by Vicky Aspinall to talk about 'Friends of the Rococo' and possible future relationships with PHS. Visitors are welcome too for a modest £2.00.

On 13th February, also at 2.30pm, we will gain a photographic insight to the 'Royal Gardens' from one whose close association with them highly qualifies him to make the presentation - Austen Perkins.

We revert to 7.30pm from March, for which the speaker will be the well known garden designer, with an increasing international reputation - Paul Hervey-Brookes, who lives in the village - on the theme of 'Art in the garden - Grand Rococo to the modest patio'. More information about this exceptional evening, which may be 'ticket only', in a future issue. Further information will appear here for the final two evening talks, in due course; Greg McCormick on 'The versatile apple' and Norman Jeffrey, the County Organiser on the 'National Garden Scheme - 85 years'.

Occasional newsletters will now be limited to members, although a few spares may find their way into the library or such as the TIC. Membership through to next November can be obtained through Audrey Timpson on 812296, or other information via myself on 813101.

Leslie Brotherton

The Beacon archive

In this month, we reported

10 years ago

Clerk to the Parish Council retires. Peter Grant retires after 10 years' service. He is the 13th to hold that position since the first appointment in 1894. Is digital television reception possible in Painswick? The Beacon asked around the village as to whether residents were enjoying the 30 or so free channels on offer. Not much success, in fact the answer was zero. Even a free set top box was purchased on a sale and return basis and tried without success.

20 years ago

Last month there was a welcomed Christmas present for the sports clubs of Painswick in the form of a £50,000 grant offered to the Painswick Sports Council. 12 months ago the Painswick Sports Council submitted an application on behalf of 10 sports clubs in the Parish to the National Foundation for Sports and Arts hoping that a joint application would have a better chance of success.

30 years ago

Derek Hodges retires after 21 years as Headmaster of Painswick Primary School. A presentation was made to Derek at the Institute Hall by the Chairman of the Governors, Dr H J Hoyland. Derek's original appointment had been to the Primary School in Stroud Road and he now retires from the new premises at The Croft Primary School.

Royal British Legion 2012 Poppy Appeal

With almost all receipts now in it is time to report the total collection figures for Painswick and to thank you all for your generous contributions. The total came to £3192.36 which was, perhaps unsurprisingly during these difficult times, 15% down on the 2011 collection.

We sadly suffered the theft of one collecting box, but the sustained bright spot of each annual collection comes from the 'Best One' store in St Mary's Street, which achieved an individual collection record and ran out of poppies! Well done Mr Shah and family.

My sincere thanks to all collectors for all their enthusiasm and hard work and my gratitude to all who contributed.

Russell Herbert

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Rugby

Gloucestershire Premier Division Saturday 8th December Painswick 1st XV 48 Gordon League 1st XV 20



After twenty minutes Painswick had already secured a bonus point by scoring four tries. The first came after only five minutes when centre Tom Fox, who was impressive throughout, sliced open the Gordon League defence and offloaded to fellow centre Aussie Smith to touchdown under the posts. Alastair Bressington added the simple conversion. Minutes later Bressington scored the second try, crossing in the corner after a well-worked backs' move. He was successful with the conversion. With their tails up Painswick continued to batter the League defence and were rewarded when winger Will Hewer dived over in the corner. From the restart Painswick secured the bonus point when Bressington outstripped the defence from his own half to score under the posts. He duly added the extra points to give them a 26-0 lead.

This seemed to inspire League and they started to put pressure on Painswick being successful with a drop-goal and a well struck penalty. With the half coming to a close, a lapse in the Painswick defence allowed League's centre to score a converted try which took their score to 13 points at the interval.

Playing down the slope in the second half Painswick added to their total with a Bressington penalty. Tries then followed from Russell Thornton, Alastair Bressington and Tom Fox. Bressington added two conversions to give him a match total of 28 points. Gordon League were awarded a penalty try in the closing moments of the game.

Gloucester Reserve Division 2

Painswick United 45 Gloucester Old Boys 2nd XV 10

The United forwards won plenty of good ball to give their threequarters the opportunities to show their skills and speed. Chris Coombs scored a hat-trick of tries while Olly Hall, Chad Williams-Lomberg, Sam Williams and skipper Criag all got over the line with Mayo adding five conversions.

Gloucester Premier Division Saturday 15th December Widden Old Boys 1st XV 11 Painswick 1st XV 5

With the going very heavy underfoot Painswick were prevented from playing their normal expansive game. Dropped passes didn't help their cause in what was a very frustrating afternoon. Winger Will Hewer scored Painswick's unconverted try which gave them a losing bonus point.

Gloucester Reserve Division 2 Hucclecote 2nd XV 6 Painswick United 10

The United maintained their unbeaten record with a hard fought victory against Hucclecote to keep them top of the table at the half way stage of the season. The conditions were awful and it affected the quality of the rugby. For the United Sam Andrews scored a try with Chad Williams-Lomberg adding the conversion and then completing the scoring with a penalty goal.

Painswick travel to Bristol today, 5th January, to play St Mary's Old Boys in the Gloucester Premier Division. On 12th January there is to be a Sponsors and Vice Presidents day with a 1pm start. The first fifteen will then host Stroud with a 2.30pm kick-off.

Badminton



The Badminton Club had their annual Christmas "Fun and Games" night where 22 members enjoyed wine and nibbles and a selection of silly games with Badminton racquets. The Club resumes in the New Year on Monday and Thursday evenings at 8pm. Interested potential new members should contact John Wylde on 01452 814349. (See photograph).

'Learn By Play' Bridge in Sheepscombe

Many people start playing bridge with friends or go to classes but then stop playing for a variety of reasons. Others play occasionally with friends and would like to play a bit more or would like to improve their play. If this is you then you may like to try out Tuesday morning 'Learn by Play'. Sessions are spent playing the cards but with a chance to ask questions. We even play some of the hands the bridge club played last week to see if we can do better.

People have holidays, baby-sit, etc. so people rarely make every week, but this is not a structured course. There is repetition of 'topics' and re-use of teaching hands over time. My aim is for people to play enjoyable bridge and (hopefully) from experience learn improved card play and consistent bidding. We meet every Tuesday morning and re-start Tuesday 15 January in Sheepscombe village hall, to include a cuppa/biscuit as long as I don't wash up. Cost is £5/session.

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Football

The poor weather during November and December has led to a lot of games being called off. However, based on the games played, Painswick is having a good season with the under10s fifth in their division of the Mid-Gloucestershire Mini League (see picture). Recent results show Painswick 12 v Wotton Lions 0, and Ashleworth 1 Painswick 6. The Painswick under 11s team is doing extremely well and is currently lying first in their division of the Mini League out of 14 teams and the under 12s are third in theirs.



Tennis

LTA President Visits Painswick Lawn Tennis Club (See photograph)

Painswick LTC were honoured to welcome the President of the LTA, Peter Bretherton, and his wife, Anne, to Painswick, who took office in 2010, is the third President to visit the club. He is a keen sportsman, having played tennis for Kent and Lancashire and won the National Veterans 45+ Grass Court Doubles Championships of GB in 1990.

After lunch, Peter and Anne spent time viewing the club and talking to members. They were extremely interested in the way the club had expanded over the past 50 years and of the future plans and activities. Peter praised the high standard of facilities and the beautiful location of the courts and wished the club continued success in the future.

Prospective new members should contact Ruth Smith on 01452 813693.

Joan Griffiths, President Painswick LTC



Painswick Head Coach wins prestigious award

Lorraine Ristic, the head coach at Painswick Lawn Tennis Club won this year's Gloucestershire "Coach of the Year" award. Lorraine has developed the Painswick Tennis Academy over the last 6 years to one of the best in the county, with a comprehensive coaching programme for all ages. This year also saw Lorraine runner-up in the national Tennis

Singles Championships in her age group and she won the Doubles. She represented Great Britain in Turkey in the World Team Championships again in her age category. Congratulations to Lorraine for her prestigious award. Coaching enquiries should go to Lorraine on 07775 606399.

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INDEPENDENT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Happy 2013 from your Village Agent

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Can you believe it; here we are again at the beginning of another year? Where has the time gone? I

am really very proud to be able to say that I have been a Village Agent for this area for just over 6 years and so happy that this very useful scheme is now running county-wide. My articles go to all the different parish magazines in my "patch", so to give you an idea of where I cover; it's over to Haresfield, up to Upton, across to Miserden, down to Bisley, Slad and Painswick, 13 villages in total.

Some readers will have ploughed through over 60 editions of my articles while others are only just beginning to know what they are letting themselves in for! Joking apart, it is really great when I get your feedback and I am very grateful for the helpful comments and suggestions. A lady from Painswick called me to ask if I could mention the Ring and Ride scheme that operates through Stroud Volunteer and Community Agency (SVCA). She makes use of the weekly minibus that calls at her village on a Thursday to take her and others to the supermarket in Stroud. She had nothing but praise for this really useful service and said that she even gets help to get her shopping into her home. Please call SVCA to join this scheme or to discuss your personal transport requirements.

I would also like to thank the lovely lady who had a chat with me last month while we watched the village panto. She said how useful she found these articles (she has her magazine sent to her now that she has moved into Cheltenham) and she passes on the information given to her friends, and recently helped one to sort out a care package by ringing the Social Care Adult Help Desk. There is a very useful free event coming our way this month which might be of interest to you if you want

to know about housing options for older people. There will be stands and talks on: Help at home, cost of running home, sheltered and extra care sheltered housing, housing register eligibility and Power of Attorney. The event is organised by "In Touch" and will be at Stroud Sub Rooms on Wednesday 23rd of January, 10.15 am-12.30pm.

I have noticed that often when the subject of "Power of Attorney" is brought up when I meet people, it can seem like a "taboo" subject; only something we should talk about right at the end of a person's life (and then possibly only in whispers, if at all) and if we talk about it before this time, we are being depressing, or presumptuous or trying to take control. Too often fate intervenes and the person is unable to state who they want to represent them or what decisions they would like have about their health and welfare. Often their partner or family member is left in a mess because they cannot sort out the finances or legal matters. If all these subjects can be talked about and decided when a person is still well and able to make calm, considered decisions, life can be so much easier all round. Age UK, The Alzheimer's association, and Government UK are all excellent sources of information, or contact your solicitor. There is also a very useful free booklet called "NHS Gloucestershire Planning for your future care" which helps to look at the different issues that might be important to record, thinking about the future. It is available through GUIDE and PALS or can be downloaded.

Please keep the calls coming, and don't forget that I am happy to come and see you in your home. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Lou Kemp: Tel.07776 245767

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PROPERTY REPORT for December from Murrays

Murrays Estate Agents would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Firstly we would like to wish you a happy New Year and hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festivities.

So what do we think will happen to the housing market in the New Year? We at Murrays have seen a very good end to 2012 with plenty of properties receiving offers and lots of those becoming under offer right up until the week before Christmas which is usually one of the quietest times of the year. We have also seen a vast increase in viewings and properties coming to the market than the same time last year. Hopefully this is all a positive sign of things to come.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders has predicted a positive rise in the housing market for next year as a steady increase in lending for house purchases has signalled more activity. However first time buyers are being asked for at least 20% deposit to put down on a property before being considered. The most important thing that the market needs is confidence and looking at the last year and the next years predictions we can hopefully look forward to a positive year ahead. Remember that if you are thinking of selling in the New Year then all you need to do is give us a ring

on 01452814655 and we will give you a free market valuation, or visit our NEW website – www.murraysestateagents.co.uk.

Despite the time of year we have continued to take on new properties including Chapel Cottage, an immaculately presented and recently renovated 2 bed detached cottage off Gloucester Street in Painswick, Avalon, an extremely impressive 4 bedrooms chalet bungalow with 44ft kitchen/living room and lovely views on Upton Hill, The Old Coach House, a 3 bed barn conversion in Brookthorpe with planning to extend, Hazeling, a large detached 1920's 4 bed family house with lots of potential for holiday lets in the Slad Valley and Thythe End, a spacious 3 bed barn conversion in Bisley.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Holcombe Farm and land near Painswick, Ashcroft House on the Stroud Road in Painswick, 8 Canton Acre in Painswick, The Stables on Yokehouse lane in Painswick, Lyndale on Twyver Close in Upton St Leonards, 1 Springfield Cottages in Birdlip and Greyholme in Pitchcombe. Properties that have now sold are Englewood on Cotswold Mead in Painswick and Green Bank on The Green in Edge.

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JANUARY			
Mon	7	Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 813627) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre
			10.30am 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
Tue	8	Painswick Community Choir - Mondays (Enquiries: Sophie 01453 298138) Cupcakes for Carers Bingo: Tuesdays – Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	P. Centre Green Room Ashwell House Sheepscombe Vill. Hall
			1.30 to 4.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30 to 11.00am
Wed	9	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: Inside a Beehive - Howard Pitts Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Library) Wednesdays Hort.Soc: Talk on 'Our Rococo Experience - into the future'	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Painswick Centre
			10.00am 2.00 to 2.45pm 2.30pm 7.00 to 9.00pm
Thu	10	Table Tennis - Wednesdays. Enq. 812464 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 Music Appreciation Group: Ella Fitzgerald Painswick Players Auditions for 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt' by Jeffrey Archer. New members welcome	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall P. Centre, Cots. Room
			9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	11	Friday Club: The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear by Dr Gillian White	Town Hall
			2.30pm
Sat	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Painswick Community Orchard Group: Wassailing Enq.812879 (meet at Painswick Centre)	Painswick Beacon
			10.00am T.B.A.
Mon	14	Probus Women: Launch of the National Lottery - Jim Community Lunch: Hosts - Churches Together	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre
			10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Gloucester Docks - Tony Condor	Croft School
			7.30pm
Thu	17	Christian Unity Week: Churches Together Around Painswick; Speaker Rev. Richard Atkins; & Afternoon Tea	Church Rooms
			2.30pm
Fri	18	Country Market re-opens - Fridays - coffee available	Town Hall
			10.00am
Sat	19	Copy Date for February Beacon	
Mon	21	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Centre Trustees Christian Unity Week: CTAP Agape - Tickets £10	Ashwell Centre The Bistro
			12noon to 1.15pm 7.00pm
Wed	23	Probus: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Elaine Clarkson	Painswick Centre
			10.00am
Thu	24	Music Appreciation Group: The Edwardians	Town Hall
			7.30pm
Fri	25	Friday Club: Stories of Marathon Running - Celia Hargreave	Town Hall
			2.30pm
Sat	26	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Workshop: An introduction to Social Networking - Facebook & Twitter demystified. Enq. 813718	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre
			10.00am 9.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	28	Community Lunch: Hosts - Yew Trees W.I.	Ashwell Centre
			12noon to 1.15pm
FEBRUARY			
Sat	2	February Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre
			12.45pm 10.00am to 4.00pm
Sun	3	Flea Market Sale: Enquiries / Tables 813791	Painswick Centre
			10.00am to 4.00pm
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Golf Club	Ashwell Centre
			12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers Bird Club: World Wildfowl and their Conservation - Graham Maples, Vice-President of Friends of Slimbridge	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall
			1.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: 25 years with the NHS - The experiences of a Hospital Acupuncturist - Adrian Lyster Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Special General Meeting & Lecture: Gloucestershire's Norman Churches - Dr Steve Blake Enq. 813228 (please note earlier time)	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre
			10.00am 2.00pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Concert Outing to Colston Hall	Stamages Car Park
			4.00pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: An Olympic Armourer - Michael Compton	Town Hall
			2.30pm

		Cracking Cryptics - Mastering Crosswords! Talk by Tony Long for novices & experienced players, Enq 813718	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	11	Probus Women: Birds and a Lancaster - Peter Roberts Community Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club Play in a Week: Half-term workshops - 11-15th Feb for children (am for 7-11yrs; pm for 12-16 yrs). Pre-book on 813718 / kate@thepainswickcentre.com	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm 10.00am to 12noon or 2.00 to 4.00pm
Wed	13	Hort.Soc.: Talk 'Royal Gardens'	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	14	Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Guided Walk - Colesbourne Park snowdrop collection & Gardens. Pre-book tickets on 813228	Colesbourne Park	10.40am
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Friday club	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	19	Local History Society: Illustrated Presentation by David	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Invasion of Sicily 1943 - Bill Affleck	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: Operatic Duets	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club: The Proms - Mike Kerton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	23	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Fun with Fiction: Creative Writing Workshop: Enq. 813228 Shoemsmith and Maudsley in Devious Minds: Comedy, Magic & mind-Reading! Enq. 813718	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 10.00am to 3.00pm 7.30 for 8.00pm
Mon	25	Community Lunch: Hosts - Richmond village	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
MARCH				
Mon	4	Community Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Bird club	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Tue	5	Cupcakes for Carers Bird Club: The Birds of Gloucestershire - David Cramp, Group Leader RSPB Glos. Branch, followed by AGM	P. Centre Green Room Town Hall	1.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	6	Probus: Paul Sparks - Wine Tasting: Joint Meeting with the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club Lecture: Stromboli - Modern & Traditional Sicily - Dr Simon Jones. Enq. 813228	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: The Big four	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Easter Crafts - Adele Lambert	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing working party: location check 813734 Village Quiz	Painswick Beacon Painswick Centre	10.00am
Mon	11	Probus Women: Magistrates Court / Court Room Scenario - Jude Morris Community Lunch: Hosts - Our Lady & St Therese Church	Church Rooms Ashwell Centre	10.00 for 10.30am 12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	13	Hort.Soc.: 'Art in the Garden - Grand Rococo to the modest patio' Paul Hervey-Brookes	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	15	Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir Concert: Doors & Bar open 7.00pm Enq. 489599	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon	18	Community Lunch: Hosts - Park Residents	Ashwell Centre	12noon to 1.15pm
Wed	20	Probus: Archery - Barry Groves (ex World Champion)	Painswick Centre	10.00am
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: The Piano	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Early Spring Outing to Adam's Farm near Stow-on-the-Wold		

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NEW APPLICATION.

COURT HOUSE, Hale Lane
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LONG MYND, The Highlands
Extensions to provide new front door approach and to replace existing conservatory. Loft conversion. Erection of detached garage/carport with integral studio and workshop.

JASMINE COTTAGE, Stroud Road
Replacement of the existing sun room.
GWYNFA COTTAGE, Tibbiwell Lane
Fell Cedar tree

KINGSLEY COTTAGE, Victoria Street
Change of use to 2 bedroomed dwelling.

GYDE BARN, Cheltenham Road
Modifications to the internal layout, including upgrading the existing in-fill gallery. Proposals include stripping away pond in the central courtyard.

DYNEVOR HOUSE, New Street
Enlargement of existing rear extension by infilling alley and lightwell.

Reopening of groundfloor fireplaces. Replacement of stair flight. Formation of 2nd floor bathroom and new window. Excavation of garden to form patio.

Raising of boundary wall at west end of garden.

WINDYRIDGE, Longridge, Sheepscombe
Replacement dwelling.

2 BROOKHOUSE MILL, Greenhouse Lane

Erection of single storey side extension. **JAYS HILL**, The Park
Installation of dormers to rear (SE) and side (SW) elevations and rooflights to the front (NW) elevation to facilitate loft conversion. Conversion of existing garage to form kitchen extension. Erection of new attached double garage. Amendment to previous permission to increase the size of proposed rear dormers.

REVISED PLANS

THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING, Stroud Road

Change of use conversion of disused library building to form 4 dwellings & parking spaces, the demolition of existing outbuildings and the provision of a new pedestrian route between the church and Stroud Road public car park.

CONSENT

STONE COTTAGE, Vicarage Street
Reduce Yew Tree by approximately 50% all over and sever the Ivy.

Cut Yew back to boundary.

GREYCOT, Far End, Sheepscombe.
Proposed new external parking and bin/refuse store.

CHURCH ORCHARD, Far End, Sheepscombe

Removal of Scots Pine Tree.

WOODSIDE, Sheepscombe

External renovation to existing property, a summer room extension on east elevation to replace existing conservatory and the construction of new free-standing garage/car port/shed.

MINI-ADS

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The Personal Column

Jenny Gaugain

Welcome

We welcome YVONNE AND ORI HELLERSTEIN with baby GEORGE to Tibbiwell Gardens from London. We also welcome REBEKAH SWANN, ALEXANDRA, WILLIAM AND LAURIE TO Tibbiwell Lane from Stroud.

Thank you

KEN MORTON LLOYD thanks the Tennis Club, neighbours and friends for their Best Wishes on his 90th Birthday last month.

Goodbye

Goodbye to our mum BRENDA DUNN. Our family would like to thank everyone involved in making the Service of Thanksgiving on December 10th at St Mary's Painswick such a memorable event, especially the Rev Andrew Leach, the church organist, choir and churchwardens, the flower guild and Philip Berry for his tribute. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Browning for providing a

splendid tea in the Church Rooms. It was wonderful to see so many people there to exchange memories of mum. We are particularly grateful to the Funeral Directors Philip Ford and Son for their impeccable service and the staff of Gloucester Crematorium.

From the Dunn family.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JOAN TRUMAN who has died recently.

Change of address

Our congratulations to GORDON OWEN and JANET McEWEN who were married at Gloucester Cathedral on 26th October and who are now living at 16 Groveland, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3JF.

Get well soon

Get well soon to ELIZABETH WARLAND who is now back home after a spell in hospital following a bad fall.

You could help Jenny Gaugain, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.



Yew tree lights

This seasonal photograph by Pete Llewellyn

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