

The Painswick Beacon

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Care centre approved by 3 votes

The District Council's Development Control Committee met on Tuesday 9th July to discuss the detailed planning application submitted by Richmond Health Care for the Care Centre on land at Stroud Road above Cotswold Mead.

Before considering that application the committee was asked to determine the variation of a previous condition which, if agreed, would allow the estate road, part of the proposed building and a gazebo to be constructed outside the area identified for development in the previous approval. Councillor John Marjoram said that it would be premature to determine the application at this time because Richmond Health Care had put forward an amendment to the Local Plan which, if agreed, would enable them to develop a greater area of the field.

Senior Planning Officer Michael Muston said that the Local Plan amendment proposal was irrelevant and that members should concern themselves only with the application before them. Councillor Marjoram then moved that consideration

of the application be deferred. The motion was defeated. Councillor Reed said that consent, if granted, should carry a requirement for the nursing home complex to be the subject of a local management scheme.

Councillor Barabara Tait then proposed that the application be approved. The motion was carried by 8 votes to 5. The consent carried the condition that the remaining area should remain undeveloped as open space and maintained as such thereafter. This condition had been recommended to councillors in the interests of visual amenity and to ensure that the development respected the character of the existing locality and its wider setting within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Members then considered the application for the approval of reserved matters following outline permission for the nursing home complex, together with up to 20 associated ancillary dwellings (the detailed planning application). The Parish Council's letter was then read out.

In the letter the council recommended that the application be refused and asked that the revised boundary to the permitted development be extended on condition that the developer first adjusted the location of all or the major part of the service area and staff car park so as to minimise the inconvenience to neighbouring houses. The council also recommended the reduction of the three-storey building to two storeys.

Responding to the letter, Mr Muston said that he believed the distance from the development to the neighbouring houses was acceptable. He also commented that the building heights had been modified. Mr Muston said that he understood the reason why the Parish Council wished to move the development further up the site away from existing houses, but the application was constrained by the area defined in the previously agreed outline permission. The recommendation for approval was then tabled and carried by 8 votes to 4.

Is the Hawk Moth find a rarity?

This is a photograph of a Privet Hawk Moth found by a Beacon reader on the gatepost of his daughter's house in Berry Close. He had never seen one before, and would be interested in other Painswickians' experiences. He picked the following details from the Internet.

Also known as Sphinx Ligustri, this is Britain's largest moth, with a wingspan of over 10cm. It's an incredibly strong flyer, and will happily fly into windows at 30mph - their brain capacity is incredibly small. As a native animal, its population is declining, so it's worth trying to breed them for release into the wild. If you do intend to breed them, try to buy them as eggs, which are available from all good stockists in April and early May.

The caterpillars are quite pretty; a light green with diagonal white/lilac stripes. Feed them on lilac or privet, changing the food every day. Use a small brush to get them off the old food. They



only take four weeks or so to reach their full-size of 10 - 12cm when they go off their food and start turning a bit brown. At this point, put 15cm of soil in a plant pot, cover it over, and place them in. They dig deep down to pupate. Put the pot away somewhere quiet, and ignore it until next July, when the pupa will magically hatch within a few days. For some reason they

often seem to come out two-by-two.

Once hatched, give them some sort of flight space, and put a small baby-food jar filled with sugared water topped with cotton wool as food. They're almost guaranteed to mate, and will lay eggs on the privet that you've so thoughtfully provided. A couple of years of this and you've done your bit for the environment.

Parish Council 17th July

This column seeks to report at least some of the matters of significance arising at the monthly meeting of the Parish Council, usually including those that occur within the meeting of the Planning Committee which immediately precedes the full Council.

This month the Planning Committee, made up of 11 of the 12 Members of the Council, was not quorate until a few moments before it was scheduled to conclude at 7.30pm, only four Members being present. Martin Slinger was welcomed back at that point, having reached the closing stages of recovery from surgery to a knee. The Council itself had only half its number present, and it may have been a helpful coincidence that little of moment was discussed and/or decided upon.

Affordable Housing

The enquiries which had been pursued with the Chairman of the Gyde Charity Trustees since the last meeting, in the hope that they would release a parcel of land which might receive affordable houses, had led to the offer to meet with representatives of the Parish Council.

While such a meeting would be without preconditions, it had been made clear that no undertakings could be given at that meeting. The Council appointed Terry Parker, Ann Daniels and Johnny Johnston to meet Philip Oakley on 25th July, and a report back might be possible for the next meeting.

Shutway quarry

It was reported that the process of

enforcement of the District Council's non-compliance order relating to unauthorised occupancy of property on this site since 1985 was proceeding energetically.

Edge - new speed restrictions

The Council had made enquiry of the County Council, through Peter Bungard, as to its policy regarding financial contributions sought from Parish Councils towards such projects as introduction of the speed restrictions intended for Edge. No reply had yet been received although it was known that this was under consideration.

The Chairman reported that the necessary works are programmed into the current financial year, subject to the legal requirements being satisfied.

Film company activities

The Council received a lengthy letter from Mr Patterson of Cardynam House regarding the manner in which the activities of a film company had recently dominated much of the village centre, and for which they had asserted permission had been received from the Parish Council.

Terry Parker detailed his response to the enquiry received from that company, Film Partners, about 24 hours prior to their moving into the village, and made clear that his note to the company had specified the need for them to obtain permissions from householders and others who might be affected by their (then) unspecified activities.

He went on to point out that he had been at pains to make clear that the Parish Council did not itself have authority to permit activities which impinged upon private property, policing and parking matters, and so on.

The Parish Council had received an unsolicited 'donation' of £500 when filming took place, and a number of residents had received smaller amounts.

The Parish Council regretted that misunderstandings had arisen, even though its own position had been made clear.

It resolved that for any future events of this type it would insist that consultation took place directly with any businesses which might be affected. Terry Parker will be replying to Mr. Patterson.

750th Anniversary of Charter

Although copy of the Charter to hold a market which was granted to Painswick in 1253 has not yet been discovered, references to its existence were reported.

The Council made clear that it is anxious to celebrate this anniversary next year and that it will welcome suggestions as to the form this might take. The Chairman (see elsewhere in this issue) will be writing to invite responses directly or

in writing in advance for a meeting to be held on 11th September.

Painswick Cemetery

Martin Slinger reported upon matters discussed at the first meeting of the re-formed Cemetery and Parish Maintenance Committee, of which he is chairman.

The shortage of space remaining within the cemetery for interments was causing concern and it was decided that any new policy for limiting allocation of plots would be deferred until a future Council meeting to enable Members to give careful consideration to the implications of any suggestion that it be limited to only those who had been on the electoral roll at the time of demise.

Sheepscombe

The Park: passing places

Johnny Johnston reported that new passing places for traffic using this road were likely to be constructed during August.

Trapeze

Alan Shearer reported that a 'traveller' at Bulls Cross had erected a trapeze in some trees at Bulls Cross.



Parish Plan

The Planning Committee was reminded that the District Council has not yet commented upon the Parish Plan.

Their views upon some of the suggestions in the Plan might, in due course, be adopted as supplementary planning guidance. Such will have implications for observations made thereafter by the Parish Council and the decision-making process of the District Council upon subsequent planning applications.

August meeting

The Council does not normally meet during August but, urged by Malcolm Watts, it was decided that a meeting should be held (on 21st) unless the Chairman assessed that the amount of material for its agenda did not warrant this extra meeting.



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Photographed near Painswick by one of the Beacon committee, the owner of this resplendent old AA motor-cycle and sidecar was quite happy to have his machine caught on camera, but declined to be on film himself. Nevertheless, this will bring back memories for many readers. The owner was wearing the helmet shown, but many will recall the peaked cap days and the splendid salute for members of the Automobile Association from the rider. "Worth every penny of your subscription," said another committee member who shall be nameless. Well, it shows your age! Those were the days of real service, long gone unfortunately. But the bike and sidecar were in impeccable condition. What a treat?



The same number as last year, already! Beacon subscribers - at 20th July

	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01
New (or returned)	65	80	91
Renewed	567	552	542
to date	632	632	633

POLICE REPORT

Reported incidents, 15th June to 15th July

Burglaries: Painswick 1, Harescombe 1.
Business premises and sheds: Painswick 2.
Vehicles: Painswick 1, Cranham 1.
Thefts: Harescombe 1, Pitchcombe 1.
Total 8.

Items stolen

Cash, mower, handbag, laptop computer, generator.

Police Information Point

PC Breakwell will be at the PIP in the Library on 22nd August from 10.30am to 11am.

General

At last the summer weather is with us, but please bear in mind that open windows are an easy target for the thief, especially at unattended houses. Garden machinery and tools need to be secured and post coded at this time of year to deter the thief.

Please note: the mobile police station has a new telephone number - 07734 068276.

*PC John Breakwell
and the NW coordinator*

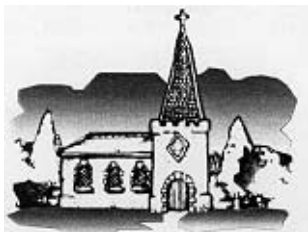
READER SURVEY

As part of a regular concern to respond to reader's opinions about the Beacon's effectiveness and reasons for subscribing or not subscribing, we are currently doing a random survey of 50 households in Painswick with a very brief questionnaire.

If you wish you had been included, please contact any committee member (See Back page).

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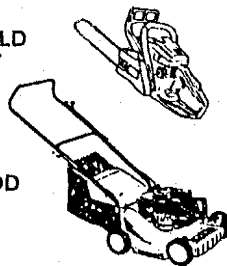
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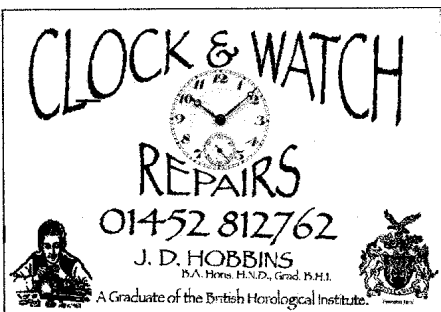
Most of us live busy lives, not allowing ourselves many idle moments. If this is you, consider coming along to The Quiet Garden at Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street on Thursday afternoons during August from 2.30 to 6pm. There is no need to book – simply come along for as short or long a time as you wish. Everyone is welcome.

If you have small children and would like some time on your own, please phone 813177 beforehand and we shall aim to look after the children for you, in the house. Yew Tree House has strong Quaker connections; George Fox (1624-91), a Quaker, wrote “Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit.” Do come – you will be most welcome.

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Crisis looming over affordable housing in rural areas

In its State of the Countryside 2002 report, the Countryside Agency draws attention to the pressure on housing in rural communities with rural homes becoming less and less affordable.

Writing in his organisation's journal, Countryside Focus, the Agency's Chairman, Ewen Cameron, highlights the fact that nearly double the number of new house buyers (57%) in rural areas may have to commit more than half their income to buying a house than urban buyers (32%). Mr Cameron says that, "combined with the lack of social housing – only 14% compared with 23% in urban areas – we will have a housing crisis in the countryside unless more is done to increase the supply of affordable homes".

Countryside Alliance march in London

The Countryside Alliance is holding a rally and march in London on Sunday 22nd September, and is asking for support.

The coach price is £10, but additional donations are welcomed. There are numerous departure points, and local ones are Cranham, Sheepscombe, Painswick and Slad.

Call 01242 821392 for coach booking information, and register for badges etc on the march hotline, 0900 102 0900.

Cobalt Unit Coffee Morning

Suzie Archer and June Gardiner wish to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning at which £714 was raised for the Cheltenham Cobalt Unit.

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Dancing for pleasure

It seems almost impossible that a year has gone by since we decided to start Tea Dances at the Painswick Centre, teaching dances ready for the planned Victorian Ball last month, and that the evening would finally arrive. But it did, and what a wonderful time we had.

Fifty people attended, mostly in Victorian costume as requested. We danced along to some lovely old recorded music by such great orchestras as Sydney Thompson and Harry Davidson, Jim McLeod and Jimmy Shand playing for the Scottish dances, plus the Bryan Smith Old Time Festival Orchestra.

There were visitors from as far away as Oxford, Hemel Hempstead and Southampton among the dancers, and the atmosphere was really great with lots of singing and laughter, especially in the progressive dances.

The ball will now become an annual event to extend the Victorian Market Day activities, with next year's date being 12th July, so if you missed out this year, make a note of that date. We feel that a maximum of 60 would be enough for this type of dance to prevent overcrowding on the dance floor, and we fully expect to have a capacity attendance next year.

Our regular Wednesday Tea Dances restart on 11th September with a mixture of ballroom, latin and sequence dances, so if you are free why not come along and enjoy some gentle exercise and keep fit at the same time?

Finally, a thank you to the local people who have supported us throughout our first year, and to those who attended the Victorian Ball, helping to make it such a success.

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Electorate changes proposed for Stroud

In order to give a more equitable electorate distribution among the six parliamentary seats in Gloucestershire, the Boundary Commission for England has announced recommendations for changes. The existing seats have electorates ranging from 66,055 in the Forest of Dean to 82,153 in Gloucester.

Among other changes, it is proposed to reduce Stroud's electorate from 79,386 to 75,258. This will be achieved by including the whole of the Stroud District ward of Wotton-under-Edge in the Cotswold constituency and transferring the Stroud District ward of Minchinhampton also to the Cotswold constituency.

Provisional recommendations were published on Wednesday of this week (1st August). Recommendations about the proposals must be submitted to the Boundary Commission before 26th September 2002.

Painswick to get new fire engine

At its meeting on 9th July, the County Council agreed the procurement of five new fire engines as part of its vehicle replacement programme.

Painswick Fire Station has one of the five appliances being replaced. The new vehicle will arrive in the next financial year. This is good news for Painswick's firefighters for, although the new engine and the future of the

station are not necessarily linked, it is reassuring that Glouc-estershire Fire and Rescue Service has decided to invest in a new appliance for the station. The cost of replacing the five vehicles is just under one million pounds.

Painswick Four Thanksgiving

The final act of the Painswick Four team of charity cyclists is to hand over the cheques to the four recipient charities. Searching for an appropriate event/occasion to do this, it seemed entirely appropriate to the team to do it in the context of a Thanksgiving Service, mindful that the whole experience has been blessed with help from every conceivable quarter.

Christ Church has kindly agreed to host this at the 10.30am Service on Sunday 15th September.

The Rev. Graham Stephenson will lead the worship. Everyone is invited to give thanks for the success of the venture and to share in the joy of handing over the

benefits to the representatives of the four charities namely, Cot Death Research, James Hopkins Trust, Cheltenham Cobalt Unit and the Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

The final benefit to the charities will be around £20,000, when Gift Aid is added to the £16,000 received in donations.

This overwhelming display of generosity is surely worthy of thanksgiving, and the team look forward to sharing this final act with their many supporters and benefactors.

Jim Hodge

Help seminars for small firms

New and small businesses in and around Painswick are being offered a wide range of free or affordable information and advice as well as important networking

opportunities. All types of business in the area, whether service, manufacturing, retail, sales or consultancy can access advice on generic business planning, sales and marketing, quality, international trade, people development and new technologies. Advisers can also offer specialist help on important sectors for Gloucestershire, including farming, tourism and manufacturing.

Business Link Gloucestershire is currently planning the next season of Ten Golden Tips seminars, due to start in September, and which regularly attract between 70 and 140 businesses. They are promoted via mail to around 7,000 businesses, and through the press.

Attendance has trebled over the time these seminars have been running as local business people discover that there is the double benefit of networking with a range of businesses, as well as building business confidence, not least because the quality of advice given is excellent.

Painswick businesses can access local, regional and national information from Business Link Gloucestershire on 01242 863863, via the web at www.glos.businesslink.co.uk, or by meeting specialists at offices in Cheltenham or Gloucester.

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Victorian Market Day



"Good Lord, what's this, Holmes? A bomb! Must be from that Moriarty chappie. Anyone seen him by the way?"...well, bit of a shock for someone, but clearly not PC John Breakwell. Right, more than 100 years old. No, not John, his father's holly stick!

Exactly as it was 25 years ago, a window in the seemingly permanent grey skies enabled the Jubilee Street Market to be an outstanding success.

Perhaps it was because of the miserable summer that, when the sun began to shine, people decided to take a day out and indeed so many came to support us that by lunch-time the car park on the recreation field was looking very full.

The Victorian Street Market, now an annual event in Painswick's calendar and much appreciated by the majority of residents, endeavoured this year to

portray the legend of the Puppy-Dog Pie, an infamous tale if ever there was. The grand procession in the early afternoon with the pie measuring six feet by four feet (courtesy of Tesco) was the highlight of the day – no puppy dogs this time though – only delicious apple.

The small committee which also organised the highly successful Jubilee Dance could not have coped without the help of many people on the day, and special mention must be made of those stalwarts under the leadership of David Patrick who manned the car park and entrance gate to the recreation field. This is no mean task when every vehicle enters and leaves by the same gateway. Well done all of you.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped including Paul "Bunting" Gray, the only one mad enough to shin up a ladder in New Street and, of course, fellow Painswickian Beverly Gorton without whose guidance, expertise and enthusiasm the street market would probably not exist – and – didn't PC Breakwell enjoy himself.

The bunting is being taken down, albeit much worn following the summer gales, but ready for the big occasion next year, the 750th anniversary of the granting of a Market Charter to Painswick: a most important milestone in the life of this historic, Cotswold market town.

Ideas abound already and with the encouragement and support of the Parish Council, organisations and residents, it could and should be a year to remember. Rest assured, the Street Market Committee will endeavour, as always, to do its very best.

David Archard



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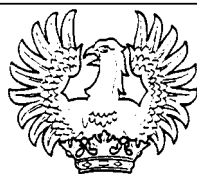
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Appeal from New Zealand for help

I am sending this email to see if you can help us. Last year some friends of ours visited Painswick, and brought back to New Zealand for me various articles etc, and one was the Painswick Beacon of October 2001. The interest behind this is that my husband and I used to live in Painswick, July 1976 - July 1978, our address was Garden Crest, Vicarage Street.

We were married in November 1977, and had our reception at the Tara Hotel, and the blessing of our rings in Painswick church. We then moved to Peterborough until 1987 when we moved here to Auckland, New Zealand.

I looked through the Painswick Beacon, hoping to find an advert for someone who sells prints/photos etc, of Painswick, as I would dearly love to purchase a few, and have no problems in paying extra for postage etc. Hence the reason for sending you this email: Could you give me any information of who would have a reasonable selection, and perhaps even a brochure of which ones they have. I still have various books that I brought with me, with photos of the Cotswolds, and Painswick in particular, and some postcards, but would like to be able to have some prints, so I can get them framed here in Auckland.

I was also surprised to see in the copy of the Beacon Directory 2001 that Dr Peter

LETTERS

Baddeley is still in practice in Painswick. He was our doctor while we were living in Painswick. Other fond memories are of an old lady that used to live in Vicarage Street called Qwen. I am sure by now she is long gone, but she always had a smile and a chat when we used to park our car at the bottom before walking up to our cottage. Also the fabulous food at the Carpenters Arms in Miserden.

Since being in New Zealand, we have enjoyed a very good life, and nearly four years ago, built/designed our first home which is called "Painswick". My husband Bob last year set up his own computer consultancy and yes, it is called Painswick Consulting Ltd. We have had many a comment about the name "Painswick", such as: Where did you get that name from....what does it mean! So all these years on, Painswick still has a soft spot for us.

Hoping that you can send me some information on who I can contact etc, fingers crossed. Best Regards.

**Sue and Bob Crampton
Auckland, New Zealand**

Care Centre go-ahead

Planning approval was given by Stroud District Council on 9th July for an integrated residential care centre to be located off Stroud Road. Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care, has stated that detailed work and placement of contracts will take four to six months, so site work will not become apparent until the turn of the year. A public exhibition of designs is planned for this autumn at which any aspects can be explained.

The need for nursing care within the village of Painswick was recognised many years ago. In the 1980s a planning group was frustrated in its efforts to establish a nursing home. In 1995 they urged us, a group of four from a wide range of backgrounds, to carry their work forward. Our studies confirmed the need, not only for nursing, but for graduated residential care with access to nursing. The high numbers in need surprised us. Surveys made clear a general lack of suitable accommodation within reach of Painswick, with most of the older establishments struggling to comply with newly introduced government standards. Discussions with regulatory and social service bodies confirmed a county and country-wide problem, with no prospect of remedy by government action. We concluded that the needs of the future could be met only by an establishment providing residential and nursing care in which there was a range of services from largely independent living units through to high dependency.

In May 1996 we published our conclusions in the Beacon, asking readers via a five point questionnaire whether or not they wished us to go further and identify ways and means of achieving such an establishment in Painswick itself. We were strongly encouraged to proceed.

A year later, in May 1997, the public was invited to meet in the Painswick Centre to receive our report; little could we have anticipated that this would have been a standing room only event. We laid out in considerable detail the results of our further research, which had included examination of some 13 sites, and our

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Kitchens at Centre to be refurbished

The Painswick Centre Management Committee is delighted to inform all local residents, friends and customers that the kitchens at The Painswick Centre will be completely refurbished over the summer holidays. This includes the small kitchen off the Green Room and the large kitchen.

We would like to thank all our users, clubs, groups, customers, patrons and supporters for making this possible with all their help and support over the past few years. Hopefully the work will be complete by September when the Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen's Exhibition closes. Special thanks to them for putting up with some inconvenience and disturbance over the next few weeks.

If anyone would like to support this effort, please remember that the 'Supporters Wall' still has some spaces for sponsors. Also, if anyone has a small refrigerator that fits under a worktop, and is in good, clean, working condition, we can find it a good home. All enquiries to

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conclusion that an integrated scheme would be most satisfactorily achieved on the lower half of the Stroud Road site.

That evening we published a summary setting out what was proposed (the blue paper), and a week or so later we circulated it with a questionnaire to every household in the village. The response was about 97% support. A week later the Parish Council unanimously supported the proposition.

The key to the realisation of the project was firstly to create a safe access to the site which completely satisfied the Highways officers, and then the offer by the Estates Department of Gloucestershire County Council, owner of the site, to market the land and prepare a detailed and comprehensive document as a basis of bids. Our 'blue paper' prospectus was included as guidance. Among the many mandatory items was a requirement that the nursing home be available on a priority basis, irrespective of means to any Painswick resident. The bidding was open to any developer/operator capable of demonstrating the requisite track record and financial means. We participated in the final selection process, with Richmond Care being the unanimous choice.

The MD of Richmond Care went to great lengths to consult Painswick residents on the way the establishment should be designed, spending several days on two separate occasions in Painswick, first with alternative outline designs and later with more detailed proposals.



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With the approval by Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee for the proposed development on the field north of Cotswold Mead, may we through the Beacon congratulate the people who have encouraged this development.

This will guarantee the inevitable desecration of the southerly aspect of Painswick, the traffic chaos that will ensue, and the change to the character of a beautiful vibrant village to one benefiting only the older age range.

Hilary and David Simpson
Cotswold Mead

Over 100 local residents accepted an invitation to visit the existing Richmond Care facilities at Nantwich. After much consultation, outline consent was granted in July 2001 and full consent has now followed.

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It would not have been possible for us to bring this project along without the encouragement and support of so many Painswick residents. In particular we are most grateful for the hundreds of letters written on its behalf, and for the contributions of those who have entered into helpful dialogue during the period of public consultation. It has been a testing and, at times, exhausting process. Our reward will be the satisfaction of seeing that the care needs of older Painswick residents are met into the future, as well as an establishment which integrates with the village itself.

Tony Bradley, Leslie Brotherton,
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Some rural facts and figures

The Countryside Agency's publication, *The state of the countryside 2002*, contains a wealth of factual information of interest to those of us living in rural areas in this country. Some of the statistical information contained in the publication is set out below.

- around one in four (14 million) people live in rural areas
- the rural population is growing three times faster than the urban population
- 78% of rural settlements have no general store
- 52% of rural settlements do not have a public house
- 92% of rural settlements do not have a doctor's surgery but 85% of rural households are within two and a half miles of a surgery
- 92% of rural households are within a mile and a quarter of a primary school and 75% within two and a half miles of a secondary school
- since 1981 house owner occupation in the UK has increased by over 40% and more people in rural areas (86%) own or privately rent their homes than in urban areas (77%)
- 14% of housing stock in rural areas is public or social rented housing compared with 23% in urban areas
- a higher proportion of rural residents (57%) than urban residents (32%) have to commit more than half their income to buying a house
- 84% of rural households have at least one car compared with 71% of urban households and more rural households own more than one car (41%) than urban (26%)
- rural wages are on average 12% lower than urban wages and rising more slowly
- employment is higher in rural areas (78%) than in urban areas (72%)

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Painswick Cricket Week

The week began with the popular six-a-side tournament at Broadham last Sunday (28th July). The day brought temperatures well into the 70s with a cloudless sky from early afternoon onwards. Friends and visitors meant that there was a large gathering throughout the day with the bar understandably well attended in the warm conditions.

The competition was organised as a round-robin event with each of the five teams playing one another. The two sides with the most points (2 for a win) then contested the final. The five teams were from the Birdlip, Painswick, Randwick and Upton St Leonards' clubs with a guest team from the Waterfront company. Each game consisted of a five overs' innings with each member of the team bowling one over. The wicketkeeper was not required to bowl.

The trophy holders, Birdlip, were unlucky to have been pipped by the closest of margins for a place in the final which brought Randwick and Upton St

Leonards together. Upton batted first and set Randwick the daunting total of 69 for victory. Randwick had a very disappointing start when their opening batsman was bowled with the first delivery of the innings. They lost a second batsman in the same over and never recovered from those early losses, being all out for just 15 runs.

The Painswick Club Chairman, John Hogg, presented the trophy to the winning captain, John Rowles, and shields to each of the finalists. He thanked the players and supporters for making the day so enjoyable and expressed his appreciation to the organisers of the event, in particular, the Painswick Club Secretary, Andrew Wise.

Results (Saturday matches all league games: *indicates not out).

Wed 3 July. (Midweek league) Rockhampton 108-6 Painswick 110-7.

Sat 6 July. Painswick 1st XI 201-8 (A Wise 68 C.Neville 40) Dowty Arle Court 93 (NBressington 4-34, S Base 4-48).

Westbury on Severn 2nd XI 182 Painswick 2nd XI 97 all out.

Wed 10 July. Haresfield 104-8 Painswick 97-6.

Sat 13 July. Churchdown 1st XI 181-7 Painswick 1st XI 150 all out. Painswick 2nd XI 86 Cam 2nd XI 87-3.

Sun 14 July. St Stephens (Cheltenham) 183 all out Painswick 161-9 (D Barnard 45 J Cook 53).

Wed 17 July. Painswick 85-8 Frampton 86-2.

Sat 20 July. Painswick 1st XI 166-9 (D Emery 36 C Neville 80*) Slaughters 134-7.

Sat 27 July. Painswick 1st XI 112 all out Aston Ingham 1st XI 115-2. Huntley 2nd XI 210 (N French 3-44 J Hogg 3-18) Painswick 2nd XI 135 (J Telling 44).

The Painswick players have been very pleased that the Vicar's elder son, Philip, has been available to play in several matches. Philip is a very useful bowler and exceptional fielder.

Painswick Badminton news

The winners of the successful Annual Badminton Tournament were Sharon Hall and Roy Woodward who keep the Yarnold Cup for this year. The year 2002 is the 25th anniversary of the founding of this Badminton Club, so a special

celebratory Silver Jubilee Dinner is to be held on Saturday 12th October at Minchinhampton Golf Club.

Hopefully all previous members that we know of will be contacted, but if you have ever been a member of the club and would like to join us, please contact Judith Courts on 813716 for details.

Current members please note that the new season starts on Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th September.

Juniors start

Junior Badminton begins on Thursday 12th September with the same coach as last season. Young people of eight years upwards are invited to play.

Please contact Di Radway on

Ashley chosen

Following a great winter season, Ashley Barker from Sheepscombe has been selected to train on a part-time basis with the England Alpine Senior Squad with a view to gaining selection over the next couple of years.

Training is at Milton Keynes regularly at weekends, and he is off to Saas Fee, Switzerland for two sets of training during the summer vacation.

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Toddling for Dr Barnardo's

Painswick Mothers and Toddlers raised £231 for Dr Barnardo's children's charity when the children toddled around the Croft School playing field. Afterwards there was a picnic to refresh and reward the 13 exhausted tots, their mummies and nannies. Here we show the youngsters who took part: Abigail Gardner, Maddison Davies, Lukas James, Ben Archard, Charlie Brill, Matthew Robinson, Henry Archard, William Robinson, Lora Babbs, Anna and Lauren Valentine, Charlie Pugh, Amy Randall and Alex Gould.



Book your flu vaccination!

At the time of writing, we are enjoying some wonderful weather. However, the flu season will be with us before we know it and it is important to get your flu vaccination booked to ensure you are immunised against this illness.

All our patients at the surgery are welcome to have a flu vaccination although patients who are over 65 years old, those with diabetes, asthma, kidney and lung diseases are especially at risk and should have a flu vaccination every year.

We are holding four Flu Clinic sessions this year as follows:

Friday 4th October, 9 am to 12 noon at Ashwell House.

Tuesday 16th October, 4 pm to 6 pm at Ashwell House.

Thursday 24th October, 4 pm to 6 pm at Ashwell House.

Wednesday 30th October, 2 pm to 6 pm at The Surgery.

Please contact the surgery to book your appointment for one of the sessions above.

Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager

Brave the elements at the Fiery

The new summer exhibition that opens at the Fiery Beacon Gallery next Tuesday, 6th August, is called Four Elements & Five Senses.

The four elements are all taken care of in gallery and garden, but the five senses will have to be brought with you. Ceramics (Jane Gibson, Phil Gummer, Bettina Mack, David Parry and Bill Rickinson) employ earth, air and fire, while, in the garden, Jeremy Baines, Susanna Birley, David England and Maureen Watkins add greatly to the character of the burgeoning plant life and use all four elements. Painters abound.

Beacon

This time, both new to the Fiery Beacon, Fenella Stonor uses her two unsuspecting cats as models while farmyard inhabitants form the subject matter for dry point etchings by Araminta Page.

Visiting from Vancouver, Anna Milton adds her singular paintings of daffy girls and, in more profound mood, her dreams on canvas which would provide an entire study day for any passing psychiatrist.

Old friends Elizabeth Hatt and Gerald Cox continue to weave their magic. Jewellery from Caroline Tetley, finely drawn, etched and enamelled, delivers welcome colour, and light 'knitted' jewellery is well worth looking out for from Rachel Reilly. Slender mirrors, painted cushions and carved totem poles for a modern garden are all waiting to be enjoyed.

The exhibition opens on Tuesday, 6th August until Saturday, 31st August. Tuesday-Saturday 11am to 5pm.

Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August, 2pm to 5pm. 814068.

New trophy for Painswick Show

Painswick Show is next weekend, and all the entries for the Horticultural Tent competitions need to be at Court Garden Cottage, Hale Lane by 12 noon on Monday 5th August.

This year we are delighted to announce that there is a new trophy to be won. The family of the late Bill Wear are most generously offering a cup to be presented, this year only, to the winner of the Annual Sweet Peas Class 6 in the Local Section.

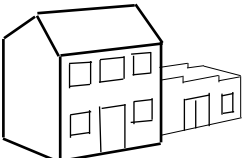
In future years it will be specifically for novice gardeners and the schedule will make clear which class will carry the award.

It is intended that this will commemorate the great interest and support Bill always gave to inexperienced horticulturalists.

We would like to thank the Wear family for their continued support of Painswick Show.

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Harry Pearce, the sadness and the fun

Painswick Players, along with many others in Painswick, have suffered a sad loss with the passing of Harry Pearce. And yet, as I sit here writing this piece, I can't think of Harry, his MG, his garden railway network and that eye-catching polka-dot frock and remain sad. He joined the Players just 18 months ago, a mere adolescent, 74 years young. He had clearly decided that we needed livening up. Did he have any drama experience? Well, no... but he he was ready to have a bash. Would he mind being dragged up on stage to be humiliated? No, of course not! In a polka-dot frock? Yes, why not?

Having cracked the acting, Harry became our Social Secretary, a role he filled to overflowing. He quickly set in train a calendar of events and activities from which we and our digestive systems are still recovering. Harry, you see, was an enthusiast, fully engaged with everything and everyone he came in contact with. He was also a caring, glass half-full, 'can

Painswick Players

do' sort of fellow, who believed that life should be fun. I suspect even now that he is busy planning extra-curricular activities for the Angelic Host. God bless you, Harry!

There is little doubt where Harry would stand in the great Panto versus Farce debate, which is still raging over what our December production should be. "Let's do the Panto and sort out the impossible bits as we go," he would say. Other (possibly) wiser counsels are still hoping to prevail with Don't Dress for Dinner, a rollicking French farce – French farces are always rollicking – by Marc Camoletti. By the time you read this, the decision will have been made and you will all know more about it than I do. "No change there, then," as The Most Organised One is bound to say.

Whatever the decision, auditions will be held on Tuesday 3rd September in the Painswick Centre (Green Room), right after the Painswick Players AGM. The AGM begins at 7.30 pm and, as ever, is guaranteed to be a mix of both panto and farce, possibly with the odd spot of melodrama thrown in. This year, rumour has it that the entire committee will be tarred and feathered. Not before time! Come and enjoy the fun. As an added inducement, I am reliably informed that the infamous stock of cheap Hungarian red has finally been exhausted and replaced by something almost palatable.

Finally, more on the dramatic theft of our banner and display board on the opening night of Stepping Out! It seems that bringing in Mr Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson to open Victorian Market Day last month has had an effect. The police have recovered the display banner. We may all rest a little easier in our beds.

Jack Burgess

Care Hospice celebration supper

On 6th July, the Cotswold Care Hospice committee held a fund-raising supper in the Church Rooms, marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

More than 60 people attended the evening which consisted of a supper of salmon or coronation chicken. The guest speaker was a resident of Painswick, his Honour Judge Alistair Macduff QC, who gave a very amusing talk.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to set up the hall and provided food and flowers to make this a very enjoyable evening. It raised £760 for the hospice.

Terry Causon

'Prey' will you stay?

The Painswick area may have become the temporary or permanent territory of a magnificent bird of prey. It is about the size of a rook, has grey plumage on its back and wings, with a lighter coloured chest covered with dark horizontal strips. The black moustache down from each eye is very conspicuous. As with many birds of prey, the male is smaller than the female. Yes, it is a peregrine falcon.

There is a famous nesting site at Symonds Yat which is protected by the RSPB each breeding season. The meadows between the Slimbridge WWT reserve and the River Severn often has a peregrine falcon sitting on the grass. Once I watched three carrion crows distracting one while it was resting following a kill but before the meal was eaten. The crows won!

The peregrine falcon population plummeted in the 1960s due to pesticides which caused the egg shells to thin and incubation broke the shells. Many eggs were infertile. Following the banning of these pesticides the population has increased. An example of birds being sensitive indicators of environmental mishaps or improvements!

Our peregrine falcon has been seen three times this month, perched on the side of the St Mary's Church spire. It selects the highest narrow opening just below the weather vane overlooking the Town Hall. There is a stone projection at the top of the opening and the bird perches on it. The fourth sighting was in the middle of Jenkins Lane off the A46. The motorist had to stop because the bird appeared stunned. When approached, it flew into

a tree nearby; probably overfed and resting.

The peregrine falcon hunts birds like wood pigeons, sea birds, waders, corvids etc whilst they are flying. The technique used is called the 'stoop.' The peregrine rise well above the flying prey then folds back its wings, and descends at around 150 mph. The talons injure or kill the prey which falls to the ground and is retrieved by the hunter. Rabbits might be attacked in an open field; the bird can fly horizontally at 50 mph. Each peregrine requires daily 40ozs. or 100 gm. of food which is probably one kill per day.

If you do see the Painswick peregrine falcon, please telephone any one of Martyn Sheppard 813671, Gwen and Brian Welch 812540 or me on 813089. We are keen to monitor its presence.

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James plus James equals James!

Last summer, the Beacon reported on Robert James, a talented young pianist from Painswick, who was seeking a fellow musician or musicians with a view to performing together.

Amongst those responding was James Prince, a gifted tenor and former Painswickian (who once ran Chancellors restaurant). James had made the life-changing decision to pack in the day-job and concentrate on singing for his suppers. The pair soon established a strong musical partnership and decided to launch themselves as a professional duo.

They spent some time deciding about what they should call themselves. "We tried to think what Robert James and James Prince had in common," explained (Robert) James, "and then it jumped out at us: it was James!"

And so **James!** it is.

Over the next few months **James!** rehearsed and built up a considerable repertoire, amongst which were a large number of Victorian drawing room ballads and Edwardian Music Hall songs. From these, they created a nostalgic programme entitled **Upstairs, Downstairs**, which they have tried out successfully in charity concerts for senior citizens at



James Prince holds the Festival Shield with Robert James at the Painswick Hotel

local residential care homes, including the Ashwell Day Centre.

These have been universally well received but are **James!** really any good? Well, we wondered that," said James (Prince), "so last month we entered the Bailey Lane End Music Festival. And we won the Festival Shield."

To celebrate this success and to launch their professional careers, **James!** have been booked to perform **Upstairs, Downstairs** at The Painswick Hotel on 22nd August, accompanied by a gourmet Edwardian dinner.

James! can be contacted on 814170 or email them at wooster@dial.pipex.com

PROPERTY REPORT at 28th July from Hamptons Painswick agency

There are signs that the property market is coming off the boil, despite prices still rising in the Painswick area. The cool-down that has started in London seems set to spread to other regions soon. Across our network of 53 local offices, of which 16 are in London, people registering to buy, viewings and offers are down based on last year. This is not solely due to the traditional slowdown at this time of the year. Here in Painswick there is a reluctance of vendors to place their property on the market because there is nothing out there for them to move too.

Sales over the past month include in Painswick: 14 Churchill Way, two more

at Painswick Heights, leaving only one three-bedroom remaining, Court Barn in New Street, Yew Tree Cottage, Slad and 39 Ashwell; where the local authority restriction worked in the favour of a young couple buying their first home, and Byways in Sheepscombe.

Recent instructions include: Baraclough House - a luxurious modern house, as featured in the recent Evening Standard's report on Painswick; 8 Canton Acre which has been fully refurbished; 13 Berry Close and 4 Hyett Close - which agreed a sale within a few days; similarly Ashton House in Gloucester Street; Moonrakers with its spacious

accommodation, retail use and garden and garaging. (Please note the fabrics shop is relocating up the road). In Upton: Millside - a spacious four-bedroomed house with conservatory; and The Barn at Cannons Court - internal viewing is a must for those who like superb space. Yeomans Cottage on Upton Hill and in Cranham, Crofters Hollow - with views to die for!

We still have many good buyers and in order to increase our stock we are offering special commission rates at the Painswick office in August. Please contact Diane Mearns on 812354 for a free market appraisal and for details of our special competitive fee structure for the month.

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VILLAGE DIARY to SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2002 and FORWARD DATES FOR 2002

August

Sat 3rd	Lansdown Art Club Exhibition - Preview	Town Hall	2 - 6pm
Until 26th	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Annual Exhibition & Market daily until 26th August	Painswick Centre	Daily
4th	Lansdown Art Club Exhibition: Free admission. Donations to Cotswold Care Hospice - daily until 11th August	Town Hall	10am - 6pm daily
	British Red Cross Open Gardens: Mr & Mrs A A Lock; Mrs B Dunn; Mr & Mrs J W Allen; Mr & Mrs R Herbert; Mr & Mrs L E Gardner.	Painswick	2 - 6pm
5th	Painswick Show - All horticultural entries to Court Garden Cottage, Hale Lane		By noon
6th	Painswick Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) - Puppies and Beginners Intermediate Advanced Dogs	Christ Church Hall	9.30 - 10.15am 10.15 - 11am 11 - 12 noon
	Four Elements & Five Senses - new summer exhibition: Tues - Sat Sundays	Fiery Beacon Gallery	11am - 5pm 2 - 5pm
8th	Senior Circle Outing to Sidmouth Folk Festival. Tel. John McCabe 813125	Stamages Car Park	9am
	Quiet Garden Time. Every Thursday in August.	Yew Tree House	2.30 - 6pm
9th	W.I. Market: Fridays	Town Hall	10am
10th	Painswick Show	The Park, Painswick House	
15th	Mary Hosler Art Exhibition Daily until 18th August	Town Hall	Daily
20th	Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry charge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
21st	Probus Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10am
22nd	<i>James!</i> Music Hall ballads, plus dinner. Call 812160 for reservations	Painswick Hotel	
Sat 24th	Cotswold Artists Exhibition of Paintings - Daily until 31st August	Library Room	10am - 6pm
25th	COPY DATE: All items to Beacon Mailbox in New Street or Iris McCormick, St Anne's, Gloucester Street.		
26th	Four Elements & Five Senses - new summer exhibition:	Fiery Beacon Gallery	11am - 5pm
29th	DIARY DEADLINE: All items to Mrs Edwina Buttrey, 14 The Croft, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street		
Sat 31st	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	12.30pm
September			
3rd	Painswick Players AGM, followed by Open Auditions for Christmas Production. Potential new members especially welcome	Painswick Centre, Green Room	7.30pm
4th	Probus Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10am
5th	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat 7th	SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE PAINSWICK BEACON PUBLISHED		
11th	Traditional Tea Dances re-start	Painswick Centre	2 - 4pm



13th	Senior Circle re-starts. Richard Williams on chiropody	Town Hall	
Sat 14th	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3 - 5pm
15th	Painswick Four Thansgiving Service and charity donation.	Christ Church	10.30am
18th	Coach to Bath. Enquiries: 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	10am
22nd	Countryside Alliance March in London. Call 01242 821392 for pick-up arrangements		
30th	Calligraphy for Beginners & Improvers - 'Introducing/Revising the attractive Carolingian Script'. Details from James Skinner; Gloucester 611614. (Also 7th & 14th October)	Church Rooms	10am - 4pm
October			
12th	Painswick Badminton Club's Silver Jubilee Dinner. Tickets, Judith Courts on 813716.	Minchinhampton Golf Club	
Sat 19th	Village Quiz: For entry forms, call Leslie Brotherton, 813101	Painswick Centre	6.45pm
November			
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The lady with the dogs

Linda Evans and her beautiful border collies are well-known around Painswick, but few people will know that horses were, in fact, her first love. Horses, however, don't fit very easily into vicarage life, so she decided to have a dog instead. "I'm very much an outdoor person," she says, "and with dogs you get lots of exercise."

She lost her heart to a blue merle collie puppy in 1976. She called her Jo and together they went to the local dog-handling club...and that's where it all began. In 1980 she started in Obedience competitions with a puppy called Sian.

Now she goes to shows all over the country (thinks nothing of driving up to Edinburgh in a day), and her dogs have so many awards that she has lost count. But, however famous they become, first and foremost, they are part of the family.

When her husband, Eric, was appointed Dean of St. Paul's she was told in no uncertain terms, by one of the canons' wives, that it would be quite impossible to keep dogs in London. This idea didn't suit Linda at all and, to prove her point, a litter was born in their first year at the Deanery.

It must have been a nightmare trying to exercise dogs in the City of London. Their house had no garden, so each morning and evening she would bundle them into the car for a run in St. James's or Battersea Park, and many is the time, after an evening engagement, she could be seen in her ball-gown, giving them a late-night trot up Leadenhall Street.

For eight years she was a member of the Brixton dog training club, and is now President and Show Manager. She spends much of her time ferrying Craig Gamble, her protege, to shows, and is very proud of his achievements. She gave Daisy, a third time Crufts prize-winner, to him and looks after her while he is at college.

Paula Woodcock

Herewith some rugby, tennis and cricket news. If you have space the cricket fixtures (which have just been printed) are as follows:-

Cricket fixtures (All Saturday games are league matches).

Sat 1 June Painswick 1st XI v Arcadians (Away).

Painswick 2nd XI v Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XI (Home).

Sun 2 June v Painswick XI v Cranham (Home).

Tue 4 June v Stroud/Rockhampton (20 overs knock-out).

Wed 5 June Midweek league v Haresfield (Away).

Sat 8 June Painswick 1st XI v Corse and Staunton 1st XI (Home).

Painswick 2nd XI v Dymock 2nd XI (Away).

Wed 12 June v Frampton (Home).

Sat 15 June 1st XI v Ruardean Hill 1st XI (Away).

Painswick 2nd XI v Ryeworth 2nd XI (Home).

Sun 16 June v Painswick XI v Dave Emery's Touring Side (Home).

Sat 22 June Painswick 1st XI v Poulton. Painswick 2nd XI v Old Richians 2nd XI (Away).

Sun 23 June v Painswick XI v Ampney Crucis (Home).

Mon 24 June v Painswick XI v Essex Plough Boys (Home).

Wed 26 June v Kings Stanley (Home).

Sat 29 June Painswick 1st XI v Rockhampton 1st XI (Home).

Painswick 2nd XI v Cheltenham Civil

Service 2nd XI (Away).

Mon 1 July v Painswick XI v Brasted Chart & Invicta.

Wed 3 July v Rockhampton (Away).

Sat 6 July 1st XI v Dowty Arle Court 1st XI (Home).

Painswick 2nd XI v Westbury on Severn 2nd XI (Away).

Sun 7 July v Painswick XI v Stanway (Home)

Terry P.

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