

The Painswick Beacon

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Wishing peace and happiness
to all our readers for
Christmas and the New Year



This issue includes an illustrated reminder of the diversity of local traders for **Christmas shopping**, subscribers who were lucky in the **Christmas Draw**, a **brain teaser** for those still awake after Christmas lunch, **Christmas services** - times and places, a collection of **birds-in-a-box** for younger readers, **conservation cash**, end of an era for the **Senior Circle**, and who painted our **cover picture**.



Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to draw attention to those of wider interest, but remind readers that the full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings as well as Painswick Library.

COUNCIL MEETING

Parking offenders

The Council reiterated its support for the police and traffic wardens who identify drivers who breach regulations. The limited number of designated parking spaces within the village centre, each with sufficient stop-over time to permit most visits (including deliveries) to bank, post office or other retailer, or to private addresses, is most important. However, where thoughtless drivers abuse the time restrictions, or decide to park illegally across double yellow lines, the Parish Council hopes that the legal process unfolds without fear or favour.

The recently reported (*Beacon October p2*) instance, where the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to offer evidence and hence proceed with a case, had led to an exchange of correspondence with the CPS. Regarding the latest response as less than satisfactory, the Council decided to continue to make representations, not least because the offence in question had been observed throughout by a policeman who happened to be on duty at that location at the time.

Fireworks

The Chairman, Terry Parker, reported receiving representations from pet owners and farmers concerning the seeming extended period during which fireworks were used this year; some two weeks of activity were noted.

As this seemed to be a national problem, the Council decided to write to the Member of Parliament on the subject.

Retirement of the Clerk

The Chairman reported that the Clerk, Peter Grant, had indicated his intention to leave his post coincident with the completion of the annual audit of accounts, in other words a month or two after the end of March 2003. Members expressed

their regret and the very significant loss which would result from the departure of Mr. Grant.

The Council agreed that the Working Party currently looking into matters associated with the future organisation of its administration and possible registration for 'quality council' status now also consider the terms and conditions for a replacement Clerk. The advertising of the impending vacancy will be necessary early in the New Year. The Working Party will report at an early date, probably this month, because any Council which wishes to seek the 'quality' status is required to have created and produced a Publication Scheme before the end of December. A Publication Scheme "... is to be a means by which local councils can make a significant amount of information available routinely, without waiting for someone to specifically request it".

Parish Precept 2003-04

A detailed report was received from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Johnny Johnson, upon the forward budget. An 11% increase was required mainly because of three particular items requiring funding in the coming year: a low four-wheel trailer for moving the mower and maintenance equipment around the parish, replacement of the Clerk and possible overlap of service, and substantial increases in insurance premiums - a national trend. A precept of £56,615 (*November Beacon p4*) was approved.

The Council was reminded by John Stephenson-Oliver that there was also a 'planning gain' in the order of £17,000 due upon completion of the St. Mary's site development. No decisions have been made as to the use to which that receipt might be put since the date upon which it would become available is unknown.

Farmers Market

The Council noted reports that little enthusiasm had been expressed for a Farmers Market to be regularly located in Painswick, and decided not to pursue the idea. It was, however, also noted from a report by Tony Crook that occasional one-off markets for such as (say) the Centenary celebrations would be welcomed under the auspices of Painswick Centre.

Painswick Centre - community events

Tony Crook, Parish Council representative on the Trustees of the Centre, drew attention to their being keen to encourage events which would be attractive to as wide a section of the local community as possible.

While the trustees were not able to organise such events themselves, they would be very pleased to consider bookings which led to help for such as the youth club, children's parties and so on.

Edge - speed limits

The Chairman reported that the traffic regulation order applicable to the introduction of revised speed limits in Edge (*Beacon July p3*) had now been approved.

PLANNING MEETING

Gyde House land - fence/hedge

The Chairman of the committee, Malcolm Watts, reported that the Enforcement Officer of the District Council had confirmed that the fencing which had been erected parallel to the Gyde Road did require planning consent. The fence had recently been removed and an evergreen hedge planted instead; a hedge does not, it seems, require planning approval.

Mr. Watts acknowledged the concerns expressed by David Hudson and others that the hedge had the effect of demarcating land with the possibility of a planning application being contemplated. The hedge had the effect of disfiguring the appearance of the grounds. It was agreed to make strong representations to the District Council and keep the representative of residents informed of actions taken.

St. Mary's development - drainage

Malcolm Watts reported that layout for the storm drainage for this site had now been placed in the hands of Severn Trent.

Parish Plan - District Council

The committee agreed to press the District Council for a response to the request made in February that both Part One and Part Two of the Parish Plan be endorsed.

Shutway Quarry

Concerns were expressed that a lengthy report in the Stroud News upon the continued occupancy of this site for residential purposes were less accurate than should have been the case. The Parish Council supports the District Council in any action against the unapproved use of the site.

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Worship at Christmas Time

11th December (Wednesday)

6.00pm Croft School - Churches Together Around Painswick *Carol Service*

15th December Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am St. John - Sheepscombe *Christingle*

4.00pm St. James - Cranham *Christingle*

18th December (Wednesday)

6.00pm Sheepscombe school procession with Bishop David from Butcher's Arms Pub Sheepscombe to St John's Church

19th December (Thursday)

2.30pm Bishop David at St. Mary's for Croft School's *Nativity service*

20th December (Friday)

6.00pm St. John the Baptist - Edge *Carols by candlelight*

21st December (Saturday)

6.30pm Brookthorpe (redundant) Church [opened specially] *Carol Service*

22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am St. Mary's - Painswick *BCP Communion*

8.30am Our Lady and St. Thérèse *Mass*

9.00am St. John the Baptist - Pitchcombe *BCP Communion*

9.30am St. Mary's - Painswick *CW Communion*

10.30am St. John the Baptist - Edge - *CW Communion*

10.30am Friends Meeting House - Painswick *Family Service and Carols*

11.00am St. John - Sheepscombe *Communion and Baptism*

2.30pm St. James the Great - Cranham *Carol Concert in the Village Hall*

4.00pm Christ Church Baptist URC - Painswick *Carol Service*

6.00pm St. John the Baptist - Pitchcombe *Lessons & Carols*

6.15pm St. Mary's - Painswick *Lessons & Carols*

6.30pm Methodist Chapel - Sheepscombe *Carol Service*

6.30pm St. James the Great - Cranham *Evensong*

24th December (Tuesday) CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm St. James the Great - Cranham *Crib Service (Posada)*

4.00pm St. John the Baptist - Edge *Crib Service*

4.30pm St. John - Sheepscombe *Crib Service (Posada)*

5.00pm St. John the Baptist - Harescombe *Crib Service*

6.30pm St. Mary's - Painswick *Crib Service (Posada)*

11.30pm St. John the Baptist - Edge *Midnight Communion*

11.30pm St. Mary's - Painswick *Midnight Communion*

25th December (Wednesday) CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am St. Mary's - Painswick *BCP Communion*

8.30am Our Lady and St. Thérèse *Mass*

9.00am St. John the Baptist - Harescombe *Christmas Communion*

9.30am St. John - Edge *Informal Worship*

9.30am St. John - Sheepscombe *Christmas Communion*

10.00am Christ Church - Painswick *Short Service*

10.00am St. Mary's - Painswick *Family Service*

10.30am St. John the Baptist - Pitchcombe *Christmas Communion*

10.55am St. Mary's - Painswick *Shortened Communion*

11.00am St. James the Great - Cranham *Christmas Communion*

11.00am Friends Meeting House - Painswick *Short Meeting*

29th December The First Sunday after Christmas

6.30pm St. James the Great - Cranham *Nine Lessons and Carols*

Prinknash Abbey service details can be seen on the notice board of Our Lady and St. Thérèse in Painswick.

Seasonal cover

The Beacon Committee is most grateful to Len Taylor for providing this year's front page illustration.

Len drew our first December issue cover picture in 1979 and, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary next April, we thought it appropriate that Len should be invited to produce our traditional Christmas illustration again this year.

Boxing Day Walk

The annual Parish Council Boxing Day walk will start from Stages Lane at 10.00am. The circular walk will return to the car park at approximately noon.

Details of this year's route will be published on the Town hall notice board nearer the day. Dogs are welcome but walkers must ensure their pets are kept on a lead at all times.



Collection(s)

of the season

The Beacon has made enquiry of the District Council about refuse collection and they said that the Christmas Day and Boxing Day collections will be held over until the following Wednesday and Thursday.

New Years Day will be a normal collection.

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Pictured above are Ian Shearman and Valerie Dugan who mounted a joint exhibition in the Town Hall recently.

Valerie told the Beacon that she had been pleased to see a considerable number of local people at the exhibition.

Nature AONB Conservation

on

Painswick Beacon

As part of the Caring for the Cotswolds Project, funding has been granted to Painswick Beacon Conservation Group to carry out some limestone grassland restoration. The project is funded partly by the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Nature, Countryside Agency and the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership.

The contractors will be removing scrub and a small number of Scots Pine trees that are growing on the grassland in and around Long Quarry. Some work will also be carried out to protect Juniper bushes.

of

local commons

Approval has also been given, as part of the Caring for the Cotswold Project, to carry out a feasibility study for cattle grids on Juniper Hill, Bulls Cross, Cud Hill Common and Huddinknoll Hill.

Discussion is taking place with the parish councils concerned, English Nature and the land owner into where it is appropriate to re-introduce grazing on these important wild flower sites.

funding

information

For further information on these and the Caring for the Cotswold Project please contact Jenny Phelps on 01451 862000 at the Cotswold AONB Partnership.

Catholic Church restoration

Painswick's Catholic community is playing a major part in the restoration of the Catholic Church at Beeches Green in Stroud. The church was built in 1857 and approximately £165,000 is needed to carry out the necessary refurbishment. The first major fund raising event, a Promises Auction, is taking place at the Rosary School on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to what should be an interesting evening with many unusual items in the catalogue which is available from Clare Haynes (812514).

Paradise Christmas fair

Paradise House Christmas Fair is being held today (Saturday 7th December) in the Town Hall from 10.00am to 1.00 pm.

Admission 50p includes coffee/tea and homemade mince pies. Many stalls including beautiful woodwork, weavery, craftwork and knitted items, bric-a-brac, Christmas gifts and a Raffle.

Mavis Mandel

Autumn Fair in aid of Hospice

The Autumn Fair held in Painswick Town Hall on November 2nd, in aid of Cotswold Care Hospice, raised £1020.

The Painswick Committee are most grateful to everyone who helped us raise such a wonderful amount.

Anne Leoni

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New light at the Town Hall

A traditional style of lantern has recently been installed outside the Town Hall, together with a plaque, to mark the Queen's Jubilee. First suggested on aesthetic grounds by Carolyn Luke of the Conservation Society, it replaces the functional MEB street light which looked both dilapidated and inappropriate.

Following Parish Council approval of a scaled down design drawing, all the metal work was hand forged in mild steel by Richard Overs of Firecraft in Catbrain Quarry. As a craftsman he used 'traditional methods' - which means a very hot fire and a heavy hammer. Details to note include the crucifix back plate, the careful tapering and shaping of the scrolls, and the fretwork around the lamp itself which appears to be suspended but is actually fixed. The top scroll has a hand chiselled groove to hide the wiring and the whole structure has been zinc sprayed for protection.

While the Conservation Society made a substantial donation toward the cost, a greater sum came from a Jubilee grant from the District Council with the Parish Council paying for the plaque and ancillary work.

Douglas Robinson.



*New light shed upon the Town Hall
Richard Overs, the craftsman, Carolyn Luke
together with Douglas Robinson Chairman of
the Conservation Society, with Chairman of
the Parish Council Terry Parker.*



Our Christmas Draw has taken place



...and the names of all 647 subscribers were entered

We are delighted to announce that it is an all-ladies listing and

1st was receipt number 646 to Jane Otway, to whom we will deliver a bottle of whisky

2nd was number 475 Mrs. VQ Ballinger who will be receiving a bottle of sherry

3rd and 4th were 77 Mrs. DL Bruton and 102 Mrs. BK Beale who will each be receiving a box of chocolates.

We also make a draw for the lucky one among this year's 49 regular **advertisers** and are pleased to say ²⁰⁰² that a bottle of brandy is on its way to Cheltenham Mowers. - 2003

This gives us another opportunity to express our thanks to those who support us through their subscriptions or advertising, without which our efforts would be in vain.

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Senior Circle pays tribute

- with ringing in his ears

At the Senior Circle's AGM on 22nd November Pat Daly retired as Chairman, with Anne Smith succeeding him. The Committee for the coming year is as follows: Averil Dorey - Treasurer, Naomi McClaren Jones and Jane Otway - Outings Secretaries, with Doreen Birt, Lena Hope, Jane Otway, Jean Ryland and Daphne Hudson the other members. The post of Secretary is vacant. *(The Beacon understands that Maurice Maggs later volunteered his services as Secretary.)*

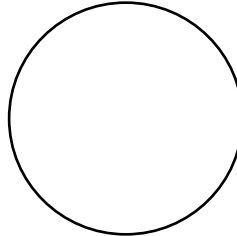
And so we said our thanks and farewell to Pat Daly who, with Mair, has steered the Senior Circle so successfully through almost ten years when it could so easily have disappeared. We gave him a very handsome Garden Token (and the inevitable bottle of wine and poster which was always his way of thanking guests) and another page of Painswick's history was written.

The afternoon was not all formal, or sad about the ending of Pat's stewardship as Chairman. Just about all 'circlers' joined

Steve Coleman who was making a return visit to demonstrate the art of hand-bell ringing. Many seasonal or well known tunes were 'rung', with barely an error!

Anne Mills, who is well known here for her past work not only as a Parish Councillor but with various other Parish surveys and activities, and with her friendly and youthful approach is an ideal person to follow Pat as Chairman. We wish her well.

Daphne Hudson



Mary Page, who spoke with feeling about the service Pat and Mair had given the Senior Circle across ten years, made a further presentation at the end of the meeting.



Remember When?

Forty years ago, or thereabouts, a young lady, tall and slim, moved forward in a throng of others on Heathrow airfield. A hesitant voice behind her asked (much as she would a London bus conductor if the LA went to Knightsbridge) "Does this plane go to Calcutta?"

A few hours later and with some relief she and perhaps Pamela Stewart as well, (for that is who the young lady was) stepped on to the tarmac of Calcutta aerodrome to begin a cruise along the Hoogly River, across to the Andaman Islands and Phuket.

But first immigration.

"Address?"

"The Minerva."

"No no. Address please."

"But we are in transit."

"Sorry. Must have address."

"ohhh....very well. Wall Street."

"Thank you". And thump went the stamp and out into the sub-continent walked Pamela.

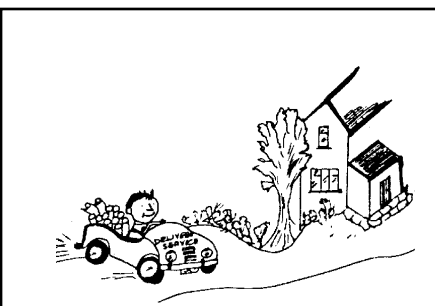
With a mere fifteen inches between keel and riverbed the Minerva was in danger of going nowhere at all, either up or down the Hoogly. But neither Master nor ship was to be denied and both sailed as planned, though for the last time, as it turned out.

Pamela kept us, that is the Senior Circle, entertained with her perceptive comments as the cruise progressed.

Her slides were refreshingly empty of people and tourists. One was reminded of an old Ealing Studios film which showed a solitary London bus and two taxi cabs going around Trafalgar Square. A monk in meditation crossing a courtyard and three girls in gorgeous dress and Pamela had the temples, palaces and statues seemingly to herself.

It was good to be reminded of the way things were before touring became so important and the appetite for travel became insatiable.

Pat Daly



History of Venice and its Relics by an Art Historian

To quote Chambers Dictionary "Relics are a personal memorial of a saint held in reverence as an incentive to faith and piety (R.C.)" and it was this angle that made interesting listening at our 8th November meeting.

Venice, Peter Clarkson told us, has a distinct personality. Unlike all other major Italian cities it does not claim descent from Rome. Venice has more important forbears, none other than the Apostle Mark, who in a dream was told that his body would come to rest there and that this would be a divine city. His relics have influenced the myth of Venice and account for Venezianita. They came to rest in Venice in 829 and were visited by many pilgrims. When in 1204 the Venetians sacked Constantinople they plundered the Passion relics and brought back the Crown of Thorns and the nails of the True Cross amongst many others. These they distributed around Christian Europe - Relics of Christ were associated with St.Peter and hence Rome - and as such they endangered the privacy of St.Mark whom they identified with independence.

For those who have visited Venice it was all the more fascinating and for those who have not, surely an idea for the future."

Painswick Playgroup

The highlight of the year, so far, for the children and staff of Painswick Playgroup must have been the letter they received from Her Majesty The Queen. The letter said how pleased her majesty was to hear that the children enjoyed a tea party held in her honour to mark her Golden Jubilee year. The staff and parents of the children were joined by trustees Terry Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Semark and Roger Harding - headmaster of the Croft School, at the party in June of this year. A letter and a photograph was sent to the Queen informing her of this event.

Red, white and blue decorations hung from every corner of the classroom and the staff dressed up for the occasion. The children played games, followed by party food. Mr. and Mrs. Semark then gave each of the children a Golden Jubilee Commemorative mug. All had a good time.

Meals with care

A home delivered frozen meal service is being offered to the residents of Painswick and surrounding area.

This service is available to anyone who may find shopping or cooking difficult or just plain inconvenient. You do not need an assessment or a referral.

The delivery drivers of this service are all volunteers trained to offer the best advice on selection and heating the meals.

Frozen meals offer a more flexible alternative to the hot delivery service. You can eat a 'Roast Meal' any time or day of the week if you so choose. You can order and pay for what food you enjoy not just a set meal.

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The WRVS is committed to offering support to the elderly and disabled, enabling them to remain independent, to live in their own home and community for as

Other News

The Playgroup has some 31 children attending the playgroup building, which is in the grounds of the Croft School in Painswick. This year in particular sees an all time high for the number of younger siblings. Beaty Bell and her Deputy, Linsey Grant run the playgroup. Two assistants also help with the group, Christine Thompson and Sandra Chandler.

Staff and parents are currently busy arranging fund-raising activities. All monies raised will go towards the new Adventure Playground, which hopefully will be ordered for just after Christmas. The Gyde Trust has already generously given money for this cause.

With only 6 weeks (at the time of writing) to go until Christmas the children will soon be busy rehearsing for their Nativity Play, along with making lots of lovely decorations, cards and calendars for Christmas.

Sandra Chandler

from the WRVS

long as possible.

Any profits from this service will go to the WRVS charity, which is well known for its Emergency Services and hospital shops, and of course the Meals on Wheels service, to name just a few.

For a free colour brochure or just to find out more about Meals with Care telephone 01452.527391/520005 between 9.00am and 4.00 pm.

Helping to keep our footpaths passable

There are over 150 approved footpaths in Painswick's valleys, mainly around Painswick and Sheepscombe. Some are only a few yards long, others extend for half a mile.

Part of the Parish Council's task is to ensure that these paths are kept free from over-growth and are passable, are clearly signposted, and that stiles and gates are safe. While any maintenance work required is carried out by the landowner, by the Cotswold Wardens, or by the County Council, the Parish Council itself needs to inspect the footpaths on a regular basis to make sure all is well, or to identify any problems.

To do this we require volunteer inspectors to walk designated paths at least once a year, and to report their findings to the clerk to the council. It is not an onerous task, indeed it is rather a pleasant one, just a stroll really, but it is a necessary one if we are to maintain this valuable facility which we rather take for granted!

We are short of inspectors, so if you would like to walk two or three paths please call Peter Grant, Clerk to the Council, on 812722, or to me as Chairman of the Footpath Committee on 813815.



Alan Shearer

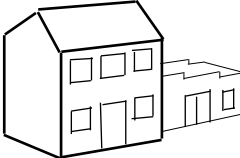
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Many thanks to all those who supported us at the coffee morning last Saturday, November 30th, and especially to those who gave donations, raffle prizes, and their time on the day.

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Rev Heather Whyte



Left to right - Jim Hodge Christ Church Painswick Secretary, Rev Elizabeth Welch URC Moderator Provincial, Rev Heather Whyte the New Minister, Rev Arthur MacArthur, Mrs Esme MacArthur and Alan Simpson the Rodborough Secretary.

The new minister for Christ Church Baptist/United Reformed Church was ordained and inducted to the Joint Pastorate of Christ Church, Painswick and Rodborough Tabernacle, Stroud on 26th October and has already been active in Painswick. Heather graduated as a mature student at Westminster College, following many years of church involvement and raising the family with her husband Norman. Their two daughters are both now working in the Northampton area.

The Rev. Elizabeth Welch, URC Provincial Moderator officiated at the service in which the Gloucester District of the URC presented Heather to fill the vacancy. Two of Heather's college tutors and her minister at Northampton during her final training took part in the service, together with the choir, readers and the folk group, Taboo, from the Tab. Supporters came from far and wide, including Scotland, Essex and Northampton together with representatives of the Gloucester District of the URC, the West of England Baptist Association, Churches Together in Painswick and in Stroud and of many local Churches, in what was a truly ecumenical gathering. Councils in Stroud and Painswick were also represented with Terry Parker from Painswick in attendance. Vicar John of St. Marys was present.

The laying on of hands, during the induction and ordination, involved everyone present being connected to Heather through linked hands; people in the balcony were

connected by ribbons to those below, so that all participated in accordance with Heather's vision and wishes. The right hand of fellowship was given by representatives of the two Churches and the organisations present.

Heather, now the Rev. Heather Whyte gave the blessing before the assembled host were provided with refreshments by the ladies of both churches in a most delicious and efficient combination.

The photograph taken after the service shows Heather in the centre flanked by Rev. Elizabeth Welch on her left and Rev. Arthur MacArthur and his wife Esme. Heather and Arthur are, as it were, at the opposite ends of the ministerial spectrum; she newly ordained and he celebrating 65 years in the ministry during the next week. Jim Hodge on the extreme left and Alan Simpson on the right, as secretaries of Christ Church and the Tabernacle respectively, complete the group.

Heather led worship at Christ Church on the Sunday following the induction and will be preaching at least once a month and on other occasions. Norman and Heather will be in residence at the Manse at Rodborough.

Jim Hodge

Three down, more to come

The third Painswick Blues night has come and gone. The organisers note that time flies by so quickly that it seems only a short time ago they were sweating over their first event.

This venture has attracted about eighty people from as far afield as Bristol, Cardiff, Swindon and Oxford, with many regulars from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Painswick; all being present to see the great Eddie Martin give a wonderful and enjoyable evening with his brilliant guitar playing backed by his band of excellent musicians. Much depends, in such events, upon the staff who serve behind the bar, Steve who operates the mixing desk, and indispensable Tony with the lighting.

More will be welcome to visit and enjoy themselves. The Painswick Centre has been booked for the whole of 2003, and bands have been booked for nearly every third Saturday of each month - except August.

**PAINSWICK
BLUES**

The December night, the Christmas Party, is already sold out; there are quite a few on the waiting list so no more bookings can be taken. It is hoped to have another party in the summer, so booking for that seems to require early decisions!

On 18th January the great Clarence Tex Walker and his band will be in Painswick, February will see Dr. JJ's Blues Band, which some will remember used to perform at the Old Blues Room. In March a band called Trafficker; those who came to the first event will have seen the band's lead guitarist Tommy Allen. In April the Pocket Rockets, seen by many at the Gloucester Blues Festival where they had the Guildhall rocking, an amazing band.

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Music on a Sunday afternoon

Readers will be interested to know that Caroline MacBrayne has once more offered to give a recital at Hambutts Mead on a Sunday afternoon in February, probably it will be February 9th or the 16th, but I will put up some notices when I finally know.

Music lovers will remember Caroline MacBrayne from her previous recital. She is a pupil of Phyllis Sellick and is rapidly being acknowledged as a very distinguished recitalist.

Diana Feilden

Jazz at The Falcon

The band playing at the Falcon on 17th December will be led by Geof Burgon on trumpet. Geof is a well known composer of scores for film and television.

The rest of the band comprises Mike Lindsay on Double Bass, Terry Howard on Drums and Robin Grayson on Piano. There will also be an excellent guest artist with Bob Jones on Saxophones and Clarinet.

The set kicks off at 8.30pm.

Carol Concert Churches Together Round

Painswick

The Painswick Carol Concert will be held at The Croft School at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th December.

Although this is taking place at the school, we hope it will appeal to all members of our community.

In the run up to Christmas, when we are all taken up with spending and shopping, giving time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas may enable us all to give thanks and appreciate what we have and enjoy. Why do we make such efforts to make a Christmas particularly within family and friendship groups?

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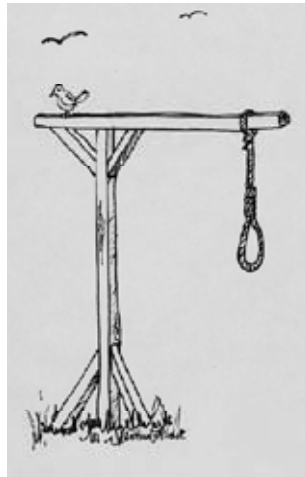
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A Gibbet for Painswick!

Yes, even Painswick had its own gallows and its own hangman. However, its exact location is a matter for conjecture and, of course, further research.

This is just one of the fascinating facts contained in the new Painswick Chronicle, Painswick Local History Society's annual publication. This edition, number 6, is probably the most wide-ranging to date in content. It includes some intriguing research that has revealed Painswick's very own 19th century emigration home, preparing dozens of pauper children for a new life in Canada. There is the account of a dedicated lay preacher who walked several miles every Sunday from Painswick to spread the word; the history of a local house and common is investigated; the survival of a herd of local cattle is considered and some personal memories going back 150 years are recalled. A history and analysis of Painswick's wool industry, the discovery of a bridle boss, an entry for Painswick in a topographical dictionary of 1832 and other



items too all make this year's Chronicle a really good read.

There is even an 18th century Painswick recipe – Painswick Wigs – which should pose a challenge for anyone of a culinary inclination.

Painswick's history is certainly crammed with interest and the Chronicles are carefully and painstakingly illustrated records of many aspects of that history, from the light-hearted to the erudite. Number 6 is fresh off the press and numbers 3, 4 and 5 are also still available. They make excellent presents too.

Other publications by the Society include Carl Moreland's 'Painswick: Time Chart of a Cotswold Village' in both hard- and soft-back versions, a beautifully presented book tracking Painswick's history alongside national events. And, of course, there is the small but essential 'Barks and Bites From Bow-wow Land' which relates the ballads of longevity in Painswick (the three old men of Painswick) and explains Painswick's puppy dog pie stories. The perfect stocking filler.

All of these publications are very reasonably priced, would make the ideal present for friends and relatives near and far and are available from local retailers or direct from Gwen Welch (812540) and myself on (813387).

Carol Maxwell

Something different for the New Year?

Painswick Girls and Painswick Boys are two new 2003 calendars launched to help the Royal Oak 2002 pub charity for Shrubberies School in Stonehouse. The school helps children of infant, junior and post 16 years with all forms of learning disabilities.

The idea conceived by Shirley and some of the regulars of the pub to produce saucy calendars was readily taken up by lots of others willing to pose for the photographs.

The result being two very professional calendars kindly organised by local graphic artist Nicholas Jones.

We want to raise over a £1,000 to help purchase special equipment for the school. So come and help us achieve our goal by purchasing one or both of our calendars, £5.00 for one or £9.00 for both. They can be ordered from either The Shetland Shop or The Royal Oak.

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The Falcon Bowling Green

For those who are new to the village, perhaps a little background about this hidden gem. We are at the rear of the Falcon Inn and are reputed to be the oldest enclosed bowling green in existence, having been established since 1554. With the help of loans and lottery money, we now have an attractive clubhouse with bar and an excellent bowling green which is the envy of many visiting clubs.

Our outdoor season runs from April until September when the green is professionally "put to bed" for the winter. However the members still continue to meet during the closed season for whist and other social

functions, plus skittles matches played at the Civil Service club in Cheltenham. More importantly many members still play bowls during the winter as we have two indoor clubs locally. In Stroud there is Cotswold IBC which has four rinks, and in Brockworth, MidGlos IBC, which is a new club and has seven rinks. Falcon are actively involved in both clubs, and recently at Cotswold our men beat the reigning Stroud League champions Cirencester in the inter club knockout competition. We go forward to meet Stroud, on their home territory, which will be a tough match.

We are a mixed club, and our ladies not only take on other ladies sections but also join with the men in mixed matches.

We play our bowls to a good standard

but winning is not everything. We like to enjoy ourselves, and after the game sit down with our guests to enjoy a bite to eat and a drink. New members are most welcome, novice or experienced. Our Secretary Norman Rampton or our Captain David Ryland would be delighted to hear from you. Norman can be contacted on Painswick 813928, and David on 812700. Perhaps you have enjoyed active contact sport and are now looking for something less vigorous, or maybe you are retired and want to try something new. I can assure you of a warm welcome and that you will find bowls both absorbing and addictive – so be warned!

David Ryland

Ladies Hockey Club

Painswick 9 Stroud 2nd XI 0

Painswick played their local rivals, Stroud, on the grass pitch at Broadham Fields recently in what is usually a very intense game with passionate rivalry felt by both sides. The match opened with a quick response from Painswick with Maggie Morse scoring a spectacular goal within the first 5 minutes. This naturally encouraged Painswick but seemed to have punched a hole in Stroud's spirits. Painswick controlled the game with excellent communication and persistent skill leaving no area of the pitch unused.

Methodical passing and teamwork gave the home team the advantage. Anticipating Lisa Bircher's intentions, Painswick wing Karen Davis pushed herself into space to confidently run onto the neatly placed ball to take the play into Stroud's defence, crossing it cleanly to Sophie Hinds who achieved the second goal. Attempts were made by the visitors to reach Painswick's defence but Emma Watkins, Sharon Gillson and Sarah Vocking gave Stroud a taste of their defensive skills. Stroud looked uncomfortable on the grass pitch and could not seem to find the inspiration to put Pain-

swick under pressure and the goals kept coming with Leah Foster scoring a third. By half-time the score was 5-0.

The second half was not to be a disappointment either for Painswick who looked increasingly at ease with their game. Despite Stroud's concerted efforts it was Painswick who dominated the match. Further goals came from Liesel Gibbs, Maggie Morse and Sophie Hinds. Stroud put up a brave fight but Painswick came away triumphant with an outstanding victory of 9-0. Player of the match was Sophie Hinds.

The return game is on 8th February where Stroud will be the hosts at the Leisure Centre. New players of all abilities are welcome to come and watch our matches or visit our training sessions on Wednesdays which are held at Wycliffe College starting at 7.45pm in term time. Please contact Chris Dunster on 01453 758939 for more information.

Anita Wright



*Painswick Ladies Hockey team
Back row (left to right): Liesel Gibbs, Karen Webb, Becky Morse, Maggie Morse, Leah Foster, Sophie Hinds, Sharon Gillson (captain). Front row (left to right): Emma Watkins, Anita Wright, Chris Jones, Lisa Bircher, Sarah Vocking.*

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Sat 2 Nov. (L) Painswick 1 Newent 2nd XI 2.

Sat 9 Nov. (L) Painswick 9 Stroud 2nd XI 0.

Sat 23 Nov. (L) Painswick 2 Lansdown 3.

Sat 30 Nov. (L) Painswick 3 Wotton Bassett 2nd XI 2.

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Alastair Bressington

Gloucestershire County cricketer and former Painswick Cricket Club member, Alastair Bressington, is off to Perth in Western Australia in early January for three months where he will receive coaching at the Foster Cricket Academy.

Alastair's father, Adrian, told the Beacon that the Gloucestershire Club is concerned that Alastair should receive the best fast bowling tuition possible as the County believes he has the potential to become the club's main strike bowler.

However, the County's finances are stretched to extend to overseas coaching and they have only been able to part-fund Alastair's training. There is a shortfall of £1,700 and Alastair is seeking sponsorship to make up the deficit. He has just finished his studies at university will not become a waged Gloucestershire County player until March. His two brothers, Nathan and Edward are also in full-time education as his sister, Lydia. If any reader is able to give advice about sponsorship, could they please contact Adrian on 01452 613259.



*Helicopter birthday flight
Our picture shows Dr Robert Feilden seated, with his younger daughter Fiona Macaskill and helicopter pilot Mark Drake prior to their flight over Painswick which was a belated birthday present for Dr Feilden. Fiona is the United Kingdom paragliding champion and achieved second place in the pre-world cup event held in China.*

Rugby

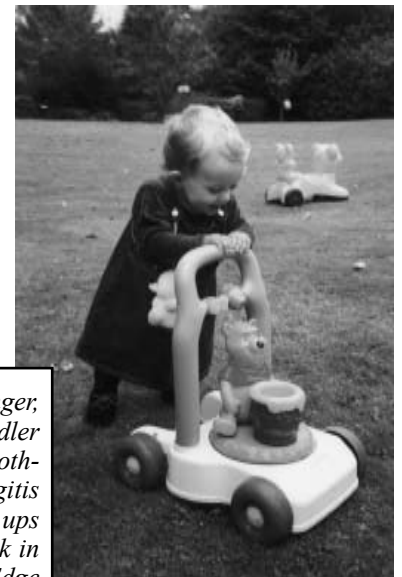
Successful month for Painswick Painswick's first fifteen have had an excellent month with four consecutive league victories. Last Saturday (30th November) they were at home against Hucclecote and ran out convincing winners by 26 points to 7. At half-time they led by 23 points to nil, Nathan Bressington scoring two tries which were converted by brother Alastair who also kicked three penalty goals. Painswick's only score in the second half was another penalty goal by Alastair.

Hucclecote were outplayed for most of the match but, to their credit, came back strongly in the final quarter for their pack to score a converted try under the posts. The period of play leading up to the Hucclecote consolation score saw some uncompromising forward play and the referee was left in no doubt who the Painswick supporters regarded as being at fault in some of the more robust exchanges.

Painswick's next league matches are away against Avonmouth on 7th December and at home to Cirencester on 14th Decem-

ber. Victories in both games will see the Cherry and Whites well placed in the Gloucestershire Premier Division.

- Results** [(L) indicates league match]
 Sat 2 Nov. Old Centralians 1st XV 34 Painswick 1st XV 29.
 Painswick United 12 Old Centralians 2nd XV 12.
 Sat 9 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV 25 North Bristol 1st XV 13.
 Painswick United 18 Gloucester All Blues 5.
 Sat 16 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV 12 Cirencester 1st XV 5.
 Painswick United 10 Cirencester 2nd XV 5.
 Sat 30 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV 26 Hucclecote 1st XV 7.



There is clearly an athletic future for Laura Slinger, concentrating as she takes part in an Edge Toddler Group "Toddle Waddle". This small group of mothers raised a tremendous £366 for the Meningitis Trust at their first such event, while the grown ups raised money on their annual sponsored walk in the five Valleys. Toddlers and babies from Edge raced around a challenging course, set up by Cheryl and Ian Gobey, who hosted the event in the Rectory garden.

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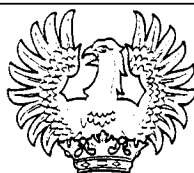
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Christmas shopping

Ha'penny Pieces

Ha'penny Pieces may be Painswick's smallest shop but its many regular customers regard it as a treasure trove. For the last 28 years, Letty Gunton - now assisted by daughter Kate - has used her highly creative eye to present a unique selection of affordably collectable 'ornamentals'. These range (currently) from a splendidly antique brass telephone to some strikingly pretty pieces of china, small items of furniture and those fascinating bits and pieces from yesteryear that defy description.



Painswick Pharmacy

Painswick Pharmacy has been in business for 20 years. Apart from providing a first-class pharmacy service, Mike and Gill Powis present a really wide range of merchandise, and the specialist brands they offer are a particular attraction. The staff are rightly proud of the shop and the lovely atmosphere (browsing is a real joy) and there is a true commitment to working towards its continuing success. It is definitely part of the village community. For the Christmas season



there is a splendid array of extra goods, from stocking fillers to presents for all ages, all beautifully displayed.

The Fiery Beacon

This is the Fiery Beacon's 10th Christmas under Pamela Bentley's stewardship, during which time the gallery has established a reputation for an exciting, eclectic mix of art and craft work from an enthusiastic band of artists, aged from 18 to 80. It is appropriate, therefore, that the Christmas 2002 exhibition (19 - 21 December) should be called '... and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.' "It's all about what I like", explains Pamela, "and the prices start at just a few pounds."



Patchwork Mouse

Patchwork Mouse is 5 years old and Dawn Mallinson's creation. This is truly an Aladdin's cave of goodies but specialising in dolls' house furniture and cards. Also crammed into every nook and cranny of this fascinating little shop are pictures, books, stationery, craft goods, paper and ribbon. Although the shop attracts visitors to the village, Dawn says 'I am so lucky to have received tremendous support from people locally'. Serious, sentimental, funny,



there is certainly a little something for everyone here.

The National Trust Shop is managed by David Archard and will open every Saturday up to and including 14 December. A selection of beautiful books is on sale, with an appeal to all ages and displayed in lovely surroundings.

Painswick Post Office

Annie and Tony Littler freely admit that their first running Painswick's historic Post Office have been and Annie is grateful for all the support she has received from the many loyal customers she inherited. She wants to build the Post Office's role as a focal point for services and is keen to emphasize that, although new pensions and benefits are due to be paid directly into bank accounts, the option will still remain for the many who prefer to collect them in person at the Post Office, to continue the tradition. Also, in the new year, the banking services will be provided by the major banks and building societies. And alongside a comprehensive assortment of cards, candles, traditional toys and children's toys.

What's the future for shopping in Painswick? Carol Maxwell and Jack Burgess reveal many challenges, a commitment to a unique range of unusual, distinctive goods, building a strong reputation through hard work, and the importance from a local perspective of the way local shops contribute to the village. The message is clear: if we don't value them, they will disappear. So, this Christmas, think about the shops that are here under our noses.

Painswick Hairdressers

David Winston-Ursall is celebrating his 20th year in business - 'Painswick's oldest new business'. And, having been joined by a beauty therapist, he now offers a range of professional and personal services in both hairdressing and beauty therapy to clientele drawn from a surprisingly wide area. David is clearly in an expansive mood and is currently planning a major show for the new year at the Painswick Centre.



Since opening in 18 months, the shop has been busy to administer. Customers from all over the world have combined to buy a wide way of saying 'hello' with mince pies and giving to the 40 Guild members. Lacy, printed, woven and felted textiles, printmaking ranging from £1.50 to £500, you may well find them.

Painswick Fabrics has been selling beautiful fabrics in Painswick for almost 6 years. Tim and Lindsey Davidson's shop - see the detailed article in last month's Beacon.

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Allen Hale: The Real Meat

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Allen Hale opened in Painswick in 1994 and joined the ranks of Richard Guy's Real Meat Company in 1999. He sees his customers as being those who are concerned with the meat they eat, what goes into it and how it is reared. Real Meat, he accepts, is more expensive. But the real question, he believes, is not why is Real Meat more expensive, but why is the rest so cheap? In Allen's view, quality and standards are worth paying for and they are the reasons he attracts so many customers from all over Gloucestershire and even further afield. And, of course, Christmas is the time for real traditional fayre with real taste.



The Shetland Shop

The Shetland Shop has evolved over 38 years, changing frequently to adapt to customer needs. The range of goods on display is intriguing – high quality gifts, clothes, rocks and minerals, model boats and birds, books, cards, soft toys, traditional games. Paul Gray also offers a picture-framing service and various other items can be ordered by special request. Valerie Dugan's beautiful calligraphic and botanical cards are also on sale. Although most of the customers are tourists, there is so much too for local folk to choose from.



Painswick Woodcrafts

Painswick Woodcrafts has traded for 10 years. Dennis French supplies the entire shop – a phenomenal output for one craftsman. Most of the woods used are locally obtained, indigenous hardwoods which Dennis skillfully crafts into a range of items from the practical to the decoratively beautiful. Regular customers for these stunning pieces are local, national and international, and the shop also sells cards, silk scarves, paper, jigsaws and willow ware baskets. With prices ranging from 75p to £345, the choice is certainly comprehensive.



Gloucester Guild Gallery

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ago, Gloucestershire Guild Crafts has, according
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ned to make the Gallery an outstanding success. By
ng thank you, the Gallery will be serving wine and
from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm on Friday 13th December
Painswickians a chance to view the work of some
embers, including ceramics, wood-turning, jewel-
g, furniture, and hand-made cards. And with prices
at very special Christmas gift.



Londis

Londis has been run by Mr R.Singh since
May and continues to offer a wide range of
provisions and magazines. There is some
tourist trade, albeit seasonal, but this is your
true local village shop, providing for all your
grocery and newspaper needs. During the
Christmas season there will be extra luxury
goods such as boxes of chocolates, cards and
special offers on alcoholic drinks. Londis will
close on Christmas Day only, re-opening on

Boxing Day with newspapers and all the usual groceries.

The London Games Company is based in Painswick and is mas-
terminded by Eric Johnson. A range of fascinating games is available, suitable for both
children and adults, and making the ideal gift. Eric can be contacted on 813927.

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vies have provided the village with a very special
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...and wining and dining...è

Christmas Fare

In addition to their usual fare, our local hostelrys and restaurants are offering some tempting extras this month.

The Falcon has two Christmas menus for parties and individuals throughout December. Christmas Day lunch will be served and on New Years Eve a special buffet menu will be available. The Falcon will be open for the whole Christmas period except Christmas Day evening.

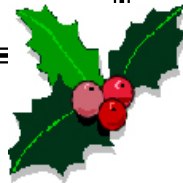
The March Hare will be open every Sunday during December and on Christmas Day a special Christmas lunch will be served. Booking is essential.

Chancellors is offering Christmas lunch throughout the whole of December and on Christmas Day and Boxing Day Christmas dinner will be served. Chancellors is licensed. Booking is desirable.

The Royal Oak is open throughout the Christmas season. Christmas Day opening is lunchtime only for drinks and on New Years Eve the Oak will host a *60s night* with a finger buffet.

The Thai Restaurant is open as normal up to and including Saturday, 21 December, reopening on Friday, 27 December. New Years Eve will be special with a cabaret and live music and booking is advisable.

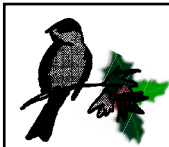
Why not treat yourself? With such an excellent selection, why go further than Painswick?



A Wealth of Natural History

Following upon our field visit last year to Dowdeswell Reservoir Nature Reserve, we anticipated a talk from the Warden with great interest. Arthur Ball spoke of himself and his lifetime of experiences there at our meeting on 12th November.

We were not to be disappointed, for he brought with him a lovely set of slides to further illustrate his natural and enthusiastic discussion.



He not only covered bird life but also the many areas of natural history with which his long spell as Warden had brought him into contact, and how these widened his interest in the reserve - we could have listened much longer!

Arthur projected a number of slides showing the effect of the seasons of the year, some of which showed the beauti-

ful atmosphere. His lifetime of warden's responsibility would, I am sure, make a very interesting book. Particularly touching was his account of the dormice, who live their lives above ground in the trees, and therefore did not venture across a woodland track to another section of the wood. That is, until the

bright idea of creating dormouse highways simply by stringing ropes across the track from tree to tree.

Also his account of the kingfishers teaching their offspring the art of fishing, and the great crested grebe who, to protect the three chicks on her back dived, and some time later surfaced with them a little damp but still safe on her back.

Speaking for myself I found this the



Digital television reception Can you help us, please?

The Beacon has made a number of enquiries about reception of terrestrial digital signals for television in and around Painswick, and proposes to include an article on the subject of Freeview next month. Readers would help us, and other residents, if they can already receive Freeview and we will be pleased to publish their post codes (only) with that article. This could be of considerable service to the community around you.



A Tibetan eagle owl which, having escaped from somewhere, insisted upon having its photograph taken. A gate post at Highgrove Barn was its perch, and the cameraman was Bill Gott.

highlight of the year's talks so far and hope that some time in the future I can revisit the reserve in the company of Arthur Ball.

Harold R Wood.

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On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all those helpers who sold poppies this year, whether they were House-to-House, Street Collectors, shops, pubs, restaurants or hotels. A very special thanks to those who stood on the street so very nobly on the very wet Friday and Saturday - the Street Collection was well up this year. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hill for putting up with sellers coming and going in their house, especially as they had only got back from holiday the day before.

Our total income came to £1,892.22 and was made up as follows:

House-to-House	£999.18
Street Collection	£130.15
Static Points	£403.60
Church Collection	£330.79
Wreaths	<u>£28.50</u>
	£1892.22

I would like to apologise to anyone who phoned me after my plea for helpers was kindly printed in the Beacon and was unable to get hold of me. Unfortunately my phone went out of action on the day of the storm (we luckily kept our electricity) and is still not repaired, but maybe next year you will get in touch on 813640.

Thank you.

Mary Muller



The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 2002, at the War Memorial in Painswick.
We will remember them.

A bird's eye view of archeology

The ways in which aerial photography can reveal evidence of previous human activity on the ground was explained by Dr. Robert Bewley at the November meeting of the Painswick Local History Society.

Dr. Bewley is Head of Aerial Archeology at English Heritage and, in an absorbing and entertaining lecture, he conveyed his enthusiasm for his two great interests - archeology and flying.



He gave a brief history of aerial archeology, from its beginnings in 1906, when a camera was attached to an Army balloon, to the 35mm cameras and infra-red equipment used today. Early techniques included a German system in which a camera was attached to a pigeon! Aerial surveys are now taken throughout the year as different features are revealed in the different seasons. Surveys show crop marks, not obvious at ground level, which can then be investigated by excavations. A stretch of bright green vegetation indicates the site of a deep ditch, yellow vegetation the location of walls. The pattern of shadows thrown by uneven ground may show the presence of mediaeval field boundaries.

Dr. Bewley's slides illustrated how aerial photography has revealed archeological sites from Neolithic times through to World War 2 and how aerial archeology can help us to understand the landscape of today.

The Chairman, Mr. Mark Bowden, reminded members that there will be no meeting in December. He also announced that the sixth edition of the 'Painswick Chronicle' will soon be available and will make an excellent Christmas present for non-members of the Society!

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Neighbourhood Watch catches thief

Hambutts Field is in the Edge Lane Neighbourhood Watch area. In one corner of the field is a well served by an antique cast iron pump which, when primed, lifted water the 20 feet from the well into a Cotswold stone trough from which the cattle drank.

One afternoon last summer the pump was wrenched off its base and stolen. A neighbour observed a man acting suspiciously in the area at the time and was subsequently able to give an accurate description of the man to the police.

Later that same afternoon a load of Cotswold stone tiles was stolen in the centre of Edge Village Neighbourhood Watch Area. Again, a neighbour observed a man acting suspiciously at the time and was able to give an accurate description of him to the police.

Armed with the two separate descriptions the police consulted their 'Rogues Gallery' from which they were able to identify a person whom they promptly arrested and charged with the thefts - to which charges he subsequently confessed.

The force have complemented the two Neighbourhood Watch areas and also the Trustees of the Hambutts Field Trust who were able to provide the police with excellent colour photographs of the antique pump.

Dick Jarrett

Painswick Players in nude May-time frolic?

The chances are that, by the time you read this, our last panto performance on Saturday, 7th December will be over and you will have either just seen it or realise that you've just missed it. If the former, no doubt you are still rolling helplessly on the floor with guffaws of uncontrollable mirth and set fair for a truly merry Christmas. If the latter, then I can only sympathise with the deep sense of shock and emptiness that you must now be feeling and suggest you seek trauma counselling without delay.

The Most Organised One has just passed a censorial eye over these opening lines and suggested that I may have got this the wrong way round. Mmm... The MOO is in one of her enigmatically gloomy pre-Christmas 'I'll never get everything done in time, and you're no help...' sort of moods.

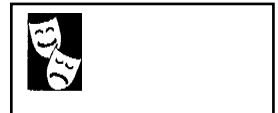
Anyway, *The Dragon's Tale* (or *Tail*) having been well and truly told (or wagged) for the last time, you could be forgiven for thinking that I have nothing to write about this month. (*We can but pray...Ed.*)

But you would be quite farcically wrong! The naked truth is that even now we are planning our next major production *Don't dress for dinner*, by Marc Camoletti, which will run from 8th to 10th May 2003. *Don't dress for dinner* is one of those inimitable, frolic full, doors slamming, bed hopping, partner swapping, coincidence ridden, double entendedated French farces which leave both cast and audiences gasping. As ever, we would like to attract new blood into the Players to enjoy all this excitement and there will be an open meeting - dress optional (!) - for a read through and discussion on Tuesday 14th January. So, why not start 2003 in positively farcical style by joining us in the Painswick Centre (Green Room) at 8.00pm?

Finally, I am delighted to announce that next year, *Summertime* will be with us in February. February 1st in the Church rooms, to be precise, when we shall be presenting - for one performance only - *Summertime*, a warm and sunny afternoon pot pourri of readings accompanied by a cream tea, put together and directed by Pauline Foreman. Not only will it make the winter of your discontent glorious summer but it will also result in a donation to Resthaven in Pitchcombe. More details next month.

In the meantime, a playfully dramatic Christmas to you all!

Jack Burgess Painswick Players

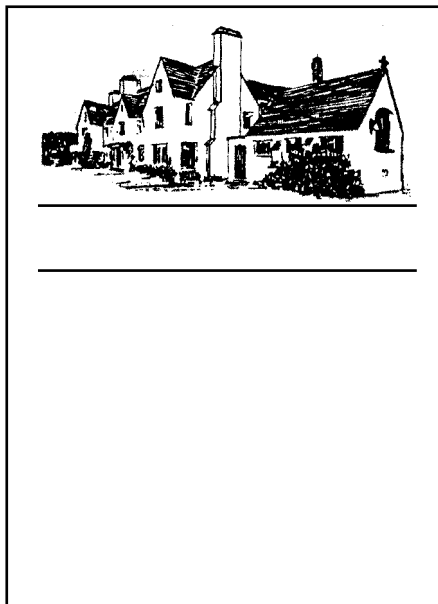


Oxford Bag

Found on Yokehouse Lane; Blackwells Oxford bag containg several new paperbacks by Buber, Grass and Phil Roberts.

Contact Duncan Richardson 01452 812951

Duncan Richardson



Brother Michael

- Forty Years On

On Sunday, 17th November, a crisp and thankfully dry afternoon, a small group made their way to the cemetery and gathered round the grave of John Doe, always known in Painswick as Brother Michael.

This was the anniversary of Brother Michael's death in 1962 and Father Brian Taylor, who owns the grave, had come to say prayers. He spoke of Brother Michael's life, of his background, his admission into the Cowley Fathers, his work during World War 1, his visits to Gloucestershire and his last thirty years tirelessly devoted to service to the people of Painswick.

The little ceremony was a moving occasion, simple and reflective, and recalling a man of pure unswerving faith.



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Village diary

The 2003 village diary is now available in Painswick Woodcrafts for people wishing to enter future events.

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Dennis French

please note
for the
JANUARY ISSUE

The Beacon will be published on Saturday 11th January. We will appreciate receiving all major copy by Monday 16th December if at all possible please.

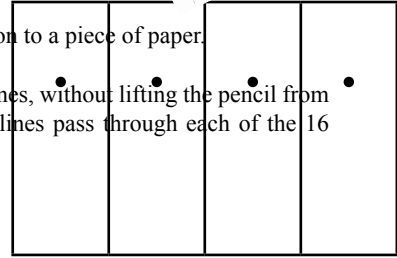
Later copy up until 30th December will be welcome, but there will then be a risk that it will not then find space.

Fancy a dotty challenge?



Copy this 4x4 dot diagram on to a piece of paper.

Can you draw six straight lines, without lifting the pencil from the paper, and make those lines pass through each of the 16 dots?



For children and the not-so-young who may recognise birds

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There are thirteen words hidden in the Word-Search this month - all are the names of birds seen around Painswick in recent months - Beaky among them!

Can you find them?

They all run along a straight line, in any direction; but some might be backwards.



I Beaky

No prizes - just a bit of fun.

Answers next month.

Did you find the answers from last month?

- HARDING
- CROFT
- HYMN
- SCHOOL
- CLASS
- GAMES
- TEACHER
- LESSONS
- SPORT

PROPERTY REPORT at 28th November from Hamptons International

As 2002 is drawing to a close one reflects on what has been an amazing year in the housing market here in Painswick. We have seen large house price inflation in all sectors of the market of between 15% and 20%, however it does appear that prices subsequently have exceeded a natural peak but we are finding that if vendors are being realistic we can still achieve good prices.

At the upper end we are delighted to have exchanged contracts on Baraclough House in Hambutts Mead, where in the last month we had stiff competition from proceedable buyers. Contracts are also due to exchange on Stroud Slad Farm, Slad, and The Barn, in Upton St. Leonards - both highly priced properties proving that purchasers are still out there even in what is traditionally the slow down to Christmas. Other completions include Pastures Green on Upton

Hill; The Old Orchard in Kings Mill Lane and Orchard House in Cotswold Mead.

We are delighted to have been instructed to sell Painswick Court - a unique selection of Grade II listed barns to be sympathetically converted set within the beautiful rural setting between Painswick and Sheepscombe. In the first instance, please call in for more information from our office in Bisley Street - we would request you do not visit the site until the New Year, unless by prior appointment, as the site is dangerous at the moment.

Also new to the market is Halebourne - a good family home in an enviable position close to the village; 2 Spring Cottages - a 4 bedroomed cottage tucked away in the heart of Painswick; 14 Canton Acre - already under offer after a best bid situation; Otters Pool, Kings Mill Lane - a delightful

contemporary house with beautifully spacious accommodation and Cedar Court, - a magnificent wing of a grand house in Upton St. Leonards and at Witcombe - wonderful unspoilt black and white cottage in a large garden.

We are delighted to be able to offer a seven-day viewing service giving purchasers a wider access to both properties and agents and our telephone lines are open from 8.30am - 8pm weekdays and 9am until 4pm on Saturdays and 10 am until 4pm on Sundays. Please do give us a call on 01452 812354.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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LETTERS

Dogs v Sport

Before the start of a recent hockey match, I was appalled to discover the amount of dog mess that was spread all over the pitch. As it was I who discovered the said mess, it was left to myself to remove it. This is not one of my favourite tasks, time consuming, not to mention very smelly! I would therefore be most appreciative to all dog owners, if they must walk their animals near the hockey or rugby pitches, please take your property home with you or dispose of it in an appropriate manner.

As I am sure you are aware, it is not very pleasant for us, or more so for the rugby players to have to contend with this, as it may pose a health risk.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Julie Aylmer

Chairman Painswick Hockey Club

Recreation Field Byelaws

The relevant section of the Parish Council's Recreation Field Byelaws states:- "DOGS

ON LEAD No person in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in the grounds unless the dog is held on a lead and is restrained from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance." Ed.

Dogs v Cats

I am a responsible dog owner and I clear up after my dog when I walk her on public land. However, what really annoys me is that I also have to clear up after other people's cats that use my garden as a lavatory. I have tried a variety of non-harmful cat deterrents but to no avail.

Dog owners are always being told to clear up after their pets, and most of us do - but why then do cat owners think it is acceptable to let their animals foul where ever they like? Why can't cats be trained to use a litter tray in their garden?

Jane Kilpatrick

A matter of democracy

I understand and agree with your wish to draw a line under the subject of Edge Traffic but before you do so I trust that I may congratulate and thank the Beacon for al-

lowing far more debate of this important matter in its pages than has hitherto been afforded to Edge villagers.

I understand the concerns of those who have written in your pages and they may be surprised to learn how much our views coincide if we are ever given an opportunity for open debate. We ALL want safer roads but not all of us are prepared to accept ineffective measures in place of safety.

Those who speak for us will I trust now understand that we wish to be consulted and have an opportunity to consider both the facts and the alternatives before we are committed to a course of action that may be inappropriate and ineffective. Only then should the wishes of the majority be acted upon. It is called democracy.

On one matter at least Sue Curran and I are agreed; it is nice to be able to pass the time of day with neighbours. I must remember to tell Mark Bowden that it must be at least 8 or 9 years since I last kept sheep!

Graham Lilley

Phyllis Calvert remembered

Lyn Black, now living in Hale Cottage, writes "With reference to the article in last months Painswick Beacon I would like to ask if any villagers have any information or stories about the time that the above actress lived in Painswick.

My daughter Helen's boyfriend Rob is Phyllis Calverts grandson and they live together in London. Rob is the son of her daughter Auriol. It was pure coincidence that we moved to Painswick and such a coincidence to learn that Rob knew of Painswick through his grandmother. They have visited several times and Rob has been to look at the house where his grandmother once lived. They are staying with

us at Christmas and it would be nice if I could tell him (and Phyllis's daughter) any little stories that anyone might remember. My number is 812324."

Two longstanding residents have written to the Beacon with their recollections of Phyllis Calvert's time in Painswick.

Jenny Gaugain of Edge Road says that the article in last month's issue brought back happy childhood memories. She writes that, "living as I did at Highfield opposite Hambutts House, I spent many happy hours playing with Auriol and attended her birthday parties, always rather splendid affairs, presided over by her mother. Of course at the time I had no idea that she was a famous film star, she was just Auriol and Piers' mummy, a very nice lady with lovely red hair!

I can remember that my parents and grandparents were quite excited on learning who our new neighbours were to be! Phyllis and her husband, Peter Murray-Hill were away during the week returning to Painswick at weekends and during their absence Coco the Governess and Nanny Gibbons were in charge, Piers being still quite a small child at the time and being in more need of Nanny Gibbons administrations whilst Auriol was mainly supervised by Coco.

The household was completed by Mrs. Harris the housekeeper and her husband who helped with the garden, both lovely people known to me as 'Auntie and Uncle Harris' who became great friends of my parents and who later retired and lived

in Painswick. Another frequent visitor was Miss Lilian Gerrard who now lives in Berry Close, she was Mrs. Harris's sister and Phyllis Calvert's secretary. The only time that we were aware of having a famous film star living opposite us was when photographers, presumably from Rank Studios, arrived to take publicity shots of Phyllis in her home and out in her garden. Times have changed, no doubt if we now had a famous film star living opposite us we would find that we lived in an area of high security, but in those days Phyllis and her family were allowed to live a happy and fairly normal life in our lovely village.

Pauline Berry well remembers the family when she was a schoolgirl. She writes that she often saw the actress walking her two cream Pekinese dogs up The Drive, now Churchill Way. Pauline says that she was "very attractive, and colourful, with her auburn hair and bright lipstick, and was always very friendly". "Auriol", she says, "was a pretty child, so like her mother with curly auburn hair".

Pauline recounts an amusing story told by Phyllis in a B.B.C. interview. The actress had gone into a small shop somewhere in the London area and had overheard one assistant saying to the other, "isn't she like Phyllis Calvert". Having made her purchase, she commented as she was about to leave the shop, "by the way, I am Phyllis Calvert", but as she went through the door, heard the remark, "Ooh, I bet she don't 'alf wish she was".



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Remembering Eileen Lambert

Eileen Lambert, who made her home in Painswick, died on 21st March 2002 aged 77. Eileen had a gift for friendship, and her interests, practical help and neighbourliness made her a valued member of the family she loved, the community, and of the Catholic Church. Eileen's warmth, insight and expertise were reflected in the achievements of her working life, particularly as a specialist in the education of the hearing-impaired.

She was in the WRNS during the war and afterwards took her degree and trained as a teacher of the deaf. She taught at the Royal School for the Deaf in Manchester before moving to join the Audiology Unit at the Royal National Hospital, Grey's Inn Road, London. From there she set up a service for the education of the hearing-impaired in Birmingham, before being persuaded to establish a similar service in Gloucestershire in the 60's.

Eileen's style was cheerful co-operation, both with parents and professionals concerned with the hearing-impaired. She worked passionately to establish an assessment procedure with the Health Authorities in Cheltenham and Gloucester.

She established pre-school support; Partially-Hearing Units in Primary and Secondary schools; and pioneered support for children in main-stream schools by developing a large team of advisory teachers, who also tutored students in Further Education and Vocational Training. She fostered liaison on behalf of parents with children in Residential Schools for the Deaf out-of-county.

Eileen developed good working relationships with the Youth Employment Service, the National Deaf Children's Society and the deaf themselves. She was a very active member of the British Association of the Teachers of the Deaf and the Heads of Service Association.

Eileen endeared herself to those who

knew her, and through her wealth of experience has left us a rich legacy of provision for the hearing-impaired. She will be remembered in the county and nationwide by her pupils, the families she supported and her staff, with professional respect, sincere gratitude and affection.

*Helen Baker
Deb Wilson
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Care Centre latest information

The Care Centre architectural and engineering design is well under way, with much consideration now being given to the detailed specification. The highways engineering drawings are complete and tenders for the construction work will be sought early in the New Year with site works expected to commence in the spring. The Care Centre will take nearly 24 months to complete as this is a complex structure, however the first of the Independent Living Units will be available 12 months earlier.

We have just finalised a detailed questionnaire which is intended to help us to define the services we will provide, this will be posted to all those on our existing database in early January. In the meanwhile I would like to thank all those very patient supporters of the project and look forward to meeting those who are seriously interested in the accommodation in the very near future.

Keith Cockell

Obituaries

As readers will know, the Beacon receives obituaries from time to time, and it has been our practice to publish these in full.

Some extend to quite a length, and create minor difficulties when we have quite a lot of copy to squeeze in to the pages we can manage for that particular month.

This has been discussed and we have decided to continue to publish shortened versions where these are provided to us, with between 200 and 300 words. We will, if given a fuller version, be pleased to make copy of that available free to anyone who knew the person well and will appreciate copy.

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PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council.

Locations are in Painswick unless indicated.

NEW APPLICATIONS

STROUD SLAD FARM, THE VATCH, SLAD Retrospective application for access track from farm buildings to field.
LOVEDAYS COTTAGE, St.MARY'S STREET Installation of secondary glazing.
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Additional windows and alterations to internal layouts of Unit 1 Painswick Court.
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Extension of internal space into car port (West Barn Unit 3 Painswick Court).
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Division of current Unit 1 (Tith Barn and Cottage) into 2 separate dwelling units.
Land adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Retrospective application for construction of hardcore track across paddock.
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Reinstate existing shed to create garage (at Painswick Court)
THE LANTERN, KINGSMEAD Alterations and extensions to dwelling (re-submission following 02/723)
Land at STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE) Erection of temporary single sided non-illuminated site board.
SNOWS FARM, SLAD Conversion of farm buildings to single unit holiday accommodation. (Resubmission following withdrawn application.)

CONSENT

SKINNERS MILL FARM, STEPPING STONE LANE Erection of an 8m telegraph pole style mast with associated equipment cabin.
STROUD SLAD BARN, VATCH LANE, THE

VATCH, SLAD Erection of extension to provide study and lean to.
DOWN FARM, SLAD Erection of steel framed barn (in place of existing polythene tent).
CHARTWELL, EDGE Erection of a conservatory with extension to living room including roof terrace.
CHERRY CROFT, PULLENS ROAD Erection of replacement conservatory and change to garage roof.
Garden of BUTTS COTTAGE, HAMBUTTS Erection of 2 storey house with conservatory.
Construction of new access on to Churchill Way.
HYETT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE Fell goat willow and prune yew at rear of 17 Hyett Orchard.

PLAN WITHDRAWN

CAMPERDOWN, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of replacement dwelling.

REVISED PLANS

REST BY THE WAY, CUD LANE, EDGE Erection of a replacement dwelling and garage. Main changes: Changes to proposed dormer window and chimney and further information including 2 sections through the proposed parking area.
COTSWOLD VIEW, THE HIGHLANDS Erection of a single storey and 2 storey extension to include double garage (existing garage to be demolished). Main changes: Change to design of extension.
WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE Erection of detached house. Main changes: Revised scale and design.
Land adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE (COURT), SHEEPSCOMBE Retrospective application for construction of hardcore track across paddock. Main changes: Tracks running east-west removed.

Emergency Services

A complaint has been received from the emergency services with regard to illegal parking around the streets of Painswick during the day and during the night time. There are yellow (no waiting) lines and signs in place at certain locations in Painswick.

These lines and signs have been put in place to prevent parking which could cause an obstruction to other road users. The emergency services' concern is that inconsiderate and illegal parking will prevent their access whilst travelling to an incident. If their access is impeded then people's lives and property could be put at risk.

If you do park illegally then you could face a fine of £30.

In the interest of your safety and the safety of others please take note of these parking restrictions. They are there for a reason. When you park your vehicle please give some consideration to other road users and, in particular, the emergency services.

Peter Grant

Clerk to Painswick Parish Council

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Hassle at Ashwell House

It is with regret that after more than 30 years Ashwell House will no longer be able to hold an 'open door' policy.

Ashwell House is now having to ensure that the security doors are locked at all times due to the troublemaking caused by a small group of youths well known in the village who can find nothing better to do with their time than cause mischief at Ashwell House. The doors are presently on a time lock system ensuring that all visitors to Ashwell House can come and go at ease.

Unfortunately due to these 'children' who ought to know better the residents

of Ashwell House are now at risk.

Therefore when you visit Ashwell House in future you will need to gain access via the door entry panel - this may take time to be answered but please be patient - the security and wellbeing of Ashwell House residents is at risk if this action is not taken.

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Directory 2003

The Beacon is pleased to enclose a 2003 Directory with every issue this month.

Feedback we receive tells us that this listing of every 'enterprise' in the civil parish of which we become aware is valued by quite a number of our readers, and others. Numerous copies reach visitors to the area, and many reports come our way about the Directory leading those who are seeking to support particular local services to find them there.

If there are any errors they will not appear through any effort of ours to try and make sure all is correct. We do appreciate all the help we received to update the information, but will welcome any further corrections to keep us up to date.

How to Show

Members of Painswick Horticultural Society will only have their own lethargy to blame if they do not enter at least a few classes in the 2003 Horticultural Show.

As a result of an excellent talk by our November speaker - Mr T Howes, now of Upton St Leonards, a well-known and much sought after judge in the Midlands and further a field - we now know the best choice of vegetables and flowers to grow for successful results in September, exactly the right conditions to provide, and how to prepare them for the great day.

It was an absorbing topic and much appreciated, especially by members unsure of the necessary procedure and rather dif-

fident about what to look for in the perfect vegetable or flower.

All members are cordially invited to our December 11th meeting, which will be stimulating, intriguing and light-hearted, in keeping with the time of year.

Prospective members will receive a warm welcome and will replace those members who have succumbed (temporarily, we hope) to the rigours of Christmas shopping!

Pauline Lamont Secretary



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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to CERI and TERY ROSS on the birth of their daughter Hannah Catherine on November 18th, in Sydney, Australia - a first grandchild for Lynn and Sylvia Steer.

Engagement

Congratulations to VICKI HARLEY and NOEL REILLY who have announced their engagement recently.

Sapphire Wedding

Congratulations to SHIRLEY and JOHN BIRTWELL of 10 Gyde Road, who will have been married 45 years on 7th December.

Get well soon

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to ROS GWINNELL, FREYA TAIT, ANNE SHAWCROSS, MIKE FREEMAN and JOHN THYNNE-RUSSELL who have all had health problems recently.

Welcome

A belated welcome to BRIAN and ANA MURRAY and their sons Jonathan (7), Matthew (5 $\frac{3}{4}$) and Christopher (3 $\frac{3}{4}$) who came to live in Court Cottage at Tocknells Court last Easter,

and to PETER and JEAN HARLEY who have moved from Staffordshire to The Old Orchard, Greenhouse Lane,

also ROB and SHARON ANDREWS and their sons Ben (11) and Sam (8) who have moved to 7 Hyett Close from Bussage,

also welcome to Mrs. FULLER who has moved to Turnways,

also MELVYN and SUSAN EVANS and their daughter Jacqueline who have moved to what was 'The Martins', now 'Maisie Cottage' in Vicarage Street, from Abbeymead,

also JO and BRIAN WHITTENBURY and their son William who have moved into Copper Beeches, Woodborough Close, Knapp Lane.

Readers are reminded that the new
Police non-emergency number is
0845 0901234

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to JOAN BROUGHTON who has moved from Hyett Close to Gloucester,

and BETTY BIRKS who has moved to Dorset from Sunnycroft in Hollyhock Lane,

also RICHARD BOLTON who has also returned to Dorset.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of GEORGE KNILL, STAN BEARD, PADDY WILDY, ELIZABETH FOX and NORMAN FAWCUS.

Thanks

The family of WALLY BROOKS would like to thank everybody for their kind best wishes during his short illness and for the many expressions of sympathy received on his death;

JUNE and JOHN STANGROOM would like to thank everyone for their support in so many ways which has sustained them through the physical and traumatic effects of her accident. June has been bed-ridden for the last two months and two weeks and is now taking, with assistance, her first faltering steps down stairs; the beginning of what is a long way to go;

EILLEN O'SULLIVAN would like to thank all the good people of Painswick who have helped her in their wonderful different ways to recover from her mild stroke during the past two months. She wishes them all a very happy Christmas and a good New Year;

FREDA KNILL would like to thank neighbours and friends for the cards and help during a long illness and death of GEORGE her husband. In particular her family, Rose and Jack Smith, Jean and David Ryland, Dr. J duToit who has cared for George for eight years, the nurses at the surgery, and his devoted carers.

Best wishes

HAZEL HENDRY wishes all her friends in Painswick, especially those in Berry Close, a very happy Christmas and Peaceful 2003. God bless you all.

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