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Painswick Youth Club

- investing in the future

Three members of the Youth Club, Danny Rumble, Nicky Gamble and Charlotte Daye, made a presentation report to the Parish Council at its most recent meeting, supported by the Assistant Leader Stephen Wells. Much preparation and consultation was evident, a printed report having been prepared, complete with colour photographs of the premises and activities taking place. An overhead projector was used to identify the layout of rooms in what was previously the Rugby Club pavilion.

Stephen pointed out that this is an excellent club, with about 40 members and an average attendance of 20 in the 11-18 age range. Fundamental to the aims of the leaders and indeed the members is to create a welcoming and warm environment, with creative as well as recreational activities, in which the members's interests and social education are paramount. The old pavilion was regarded as in an excellent location, alongside the recreation ground and apart from residential property, to meet these needs and increasingly become the focal point for youngsters from the parish and other villages in the northern part of the Stroud area.

Danny (photographed here) was the main presenter and his style and grasp of the subject held the attention of Councillors. He suggested that every effort was needed to break away from the image of the premises being solely for rugby changing rooms and a licensed bar; a venue for older people. The Members were keen to undertake whatever was within their own ability to do, especially redecoration. He suggested that the theme, as headed their report, should be to 'Invest in the Future'. The report asked that the Council 'invest in the youth of Painswick and our club to help improve the club image, create a better environment and attract more young people'. It was suggested that any Health and Safety inspection would be worrying. There is a need to redecorate throughout, to re-plaster some walls, replace some doors, revamp the toilets (especially those for boys which are in an unusable state), replace flooring in parts so that all rooms can be used, introduce some heating, floodlight the front area and improve the entrance, attend to rotting window frames, and so on.

The Chairman of the Council, Terry Parker, thanked all for an excellent presentation and the report, and assured the club that the most serious consideration would be given to their needs; the Council, he said, is fully committed to there being a youth club in the village.

During the subsequent meeting of the Council the matter of the allocation of the remainder of the 'planning condition' funds available from the developers of Gyde House and St.Mary's was discussed. It was decided that there were higher priorities than a hard standing for such as all-weather sport or skate-boarding, and that, after allowing for maintenance matters for existing equipment on the Recreation Field and assistance for the Playgroup, the remainder should be set aside for the pavilion structure and youth club services. This is likely to exceed £6000, and it was agreed to discuss with the club its own working priorities and ways in which expenditure might be approved in stages, goals achieved, and funding approved.



Elsewhere in this issue, reports on a **triumphant football team**, valuable **mobile 'phones**, recollections of the **'quake** night, **remembering Wally**, numerous references to **Christmas**, and a **WordSearch** if you find **Beaky**.



These reports include the Council's Planning Committee which immediately precedes the full Parish Council; this month from 16th October meetings.

PLANNING MEETING

Gyde House

The recent erection of a rail-and-post fence within the grounds of the House, roughly parallel to Gyde Road, had prompted several people to raise the question of its intent with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Malcolm Watts. He reported having been in touch with the District Council planners and expects their investigation, not least because it may require planning approval as it is in the grounds of a listed building. The site manager had told him that he was only carrying out the instructions of the developers.

St.Marys Home development - drainage and access

Malcolm Watts reported that Stamages Lane resident Tony Bradley had drawn his attention to the fact that no provision had seemingly been made by the developers for storm drainage for this site and that a deep trench is currently marked for excavation down most of the length of Stamages Lane to Kingsmill Lane to receive pipe-work to rectify this situation; the impending inconvenience of this excavation to all residents of the lane was deplored. An alternative route across the site of the care centre was being investigated by the engineers concerned and the Chairman had spoken with both of the case officers of the District Council.

Mr. Bradley had also drawn attention to the off-loading of concrete from the roadside above the bend in the A46 opposite Lullingworth, and the absence of

imposition of the intended 30mph speed limits along this stretch in advance of development despite its having been a planning condition. The Chairman had spoken with the County Highways officers and also expressed his regret that many conditions attached to the development seem to have been breached.

COUNCIL MEETING

Painswick Youth Club

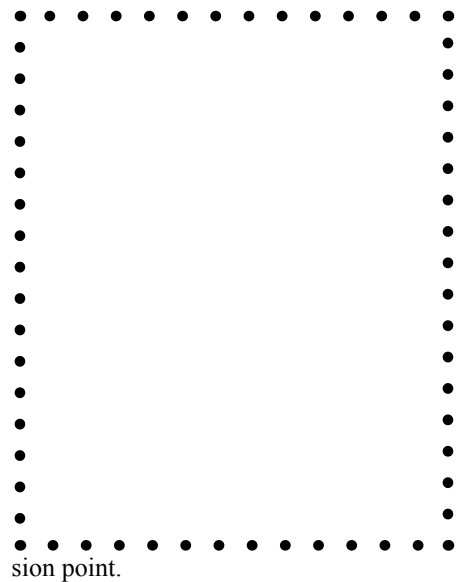
See report on front page.

Recreation Field

Much discussion took place about the Recreation Field and the extent to which a very small number of young people are currently choosing it as a location for anti-social behaviour. Malcolm Watts presented ideas (which he and David Hudson had been asked to formulate at a previous meeting) as to what practical steps might be taken to minimise ways in which such behaviour might continue.

It was agreed that the focal point for gatherings of youngsters was in the northern side of the field, close to the existing seats there. Discussions had taken place with residents with adjoining gardens, and others overlooking the field from Lower Washwell. Reports of drinking, depositing of rubbish over fences and hedges were made, as well as strong language leading to a reluctance to use their rear gardens when entertaining guests. It was noted that there seemed to be two distinct groupings of youngsters one from the 7-11 age band and the other 15-18. As Mr.Watts pointed out, misbehaviour was often an integral part of passing through adolescence, but the extent to which it impacted upon others in the community tested levels of tolerance.

He made several suggestions including relocation of the swings for older children nearer to the centre of the upper part of the field and a new seat close to that position; this would, he suggested, have the effect of moving youngsters into a position from which they could be seen by many more people and possibly inhibit excessive misconduct. Terry Parker and others drew attention to the fact that the height of the hedge, and access to its interior, was an attractive shelter to youngsters and that they were unlikely to move their favoured rendezvous if the existing adjacent seats were not themselves relocated, or the hedge severely cut back. Conversely, these seats were valued by those taking small children to the apparatus now close to that supervi-



sion point.

The Council decided that action they might take should be deferred until all had an opportunity to visit the field and reflect upon optional proposals before returning to the subject at a later date.

Pedestrian Crossing - New Street

The County Council had reported that the introduction of the pedestrian crossing could not now be given priority until 2004-05 at the earliest, but that a contribution of £2000 towards the costs would be welcomed if the situation was to be reviewed. On a proposal by Malcolm Watts and strongly seconded by Ann Daniels, it was resolved to inform GCC that Painswick would not to offer a contribution, which Mrs.Daniels described as 'double taxation'.

Farmer's Market

Terry Parker reported having received expressions of reservation about proceeding with the idea of encouraging the location of a farmers' market in Painswick.

Tony Crook undertook to investigate and report at the next meeting on the suggestion which was circulating that such a market might be attractive to Painswick Centre or its car park under the auspices of that management committee.

Stroud Road verge

Concern was expressed about the wearing away of the edge of the road opposite Stamages Lane car park, this due to the need of vehicles passing one another while avoiding those parked on the main road.

The Traffic Committee was requested to consider whether to recommend no parking in Stroud Road.

'Quality Parish Councils'

A Working Party comprising Terry Parker, David Hudson, Tony Crook and Alan Shearer is to consider the cost and organisational implications for this Council, and hence public expectations, if it chose to seek the status of a 'quality council'. They will be reporting to the next meeting as a decision is required before the end of the year.

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The Croft School has won the small schools 6-a-side tournament, beating Birdlip 2-1 in the final. The school has also won the GPSFA tournament (open to all schools), beating Heron School in a penalty shoot out final. In the league the school has drawn with Coney Hill 0-0, and been successful against Widden 6-1 and Highnam, 3-0.

The school is to represent Gloucester in the next round of the small schools 6-a-side tournament at Yate on Saturday 7th December. In the second tournament, there were 3 rounds with a final at the end of the 3rd round. In the first round, The Croft came third and progressed to the second round where they were the winners.

In the semi-finals they beat Kingsholm 4-1 on penalties with the score 1-1 at full-time. The final brought another penalty shoot out success when they beat Heron 4-2 after drawing 0-0 at full-time.

The team has been coached by Mr. Richard Royle and, more recently, Mr. Gareth Lewis.



Back row: Ben Garbett, Tom Pigott, Jack Reed, William Unwin.
Front row: George Jackson, Lewis Towell, Matthew Whitaker (Capt), James Harding.
Member of staff, Mr. Gareth Lewis is pictured behind the players.

The Gyde Building

There are moments when one hopes that the clouds will part and that the outlook is fine. Such described the weather as well as the anticipation of The Croft School receiving a fine new and very special building.


Shortly before 'home time' in the afternoon of 22nd October, and with the briefest of speeches, Philip Oakley as Chairman of the Gyde Charity Trustees, cut a blue tape and declared the new building open. The children,

staff and governors had assembled to raise a cheer as the tape fell apart and photographs to record this important event were taken. William Moir and Evie Edgeworth were to proudly hold up the plaque which will be fixed to the building so that none will forget its opening.

The Trustees had met the full cost of this new facility, one which will enable the school to cease to struggle in fairly cramped conditions to address the special needs of some pupils. Headmaster Roger Harding told us that "The children of Painswick will benefit enormously from this superb new purpose



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A new Manager for Painswick Library

At last, after months of being served by part-time, 'relief' librarians, Painswick has a new permanent Library Manager in Hilary Youldon. And she will soon to be supported by a Senior Library Assistant as well as a part-time librarian for Saturdays.

Now, I have to admit to a mental image of librarians which stems from my first brush with the species as a sticky fingered infant. It is of severe, sensible ladies who prize silence and order above all other virtues and who fight continuous battles against messy people (like me) who are determined to create chaos amongst their Dewey Decimal filing systems by removing the books. Hilary is not like this. She is an information professional who bubbles with enthusiasm and sees her goal as making Painswick Library a centre for local activities.

There is also the hint of the exotic about her. For example, she used to manage the Standards and Patents Library of the Singapore Standards Authority. Before that she was a senior information scientist with Sainsburys. For the last few years, she has been living with her husband and two sons (Kit, 8½ and Joe, 6½) in France, from where they recently returned and settled in Amberley.

Managing Painswick Library will be her first job since son, Kit was born and she admits to finding the prospect of returning to work in England after nearly nine years just a wee bit daunting. Nevertheless, Hilary thrives on challenges and she is looking forward to getting to know and understand the needs of the local community. In particular,

she wants to work closely with schools and support them with specific themes or projects. She is also very keen to promote the library as a source of information and not just from books:

'Although they will always be important, libraries are not just there to provide books. We want more people to use us as an information source, particularly since we can offer them free access to the Internet.'

Mind you, information is not the only thing that is flowing through the library: a couple of other immediate challenges are to stop water leaking, both from a dodgy roof and the odd radiator. Hilary is stoic about it all: 'I'm sure we'll get to grips with it all in a couple of weeks.'

She confirmed that the Library will continue to open 16 hours per week, i.e.:

Tuesday 10.00 – 1.00 and 2.00 – 7.00
 Thursday 10.00 – 1.00
 Friday 2.00 – 5.00
 Saturday 10.00 – 12.00

Of course, the key question for most Painswickians is, how secure is our local library? The official line is that the County Library Service is very positive about small libraries in the villages and that Painswick Library is secure 'for the foreseeable future'. Or in Hilary's words:

'I've every intention of staying put!'

JRB



Save the Children

This year there will be a stall for the sale of Christmas cards etc. at the Charity Bazaar in Christ Church Hall on Saturday 9th November from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Please support the children of the World.

Parish Council Precept

As all householders will be aware, the Parish Council's services depend upon income it generates from charges for such as Town Hall hire, interment in the cemetery and so on, together with its levy through a precept upon the District Council which is included in its annual collection of Council Tax. By far the largest proportion is the precept.

This is the time of year when our Parish Council, through its Finance and General Purposes Committee, examines the projected income and necessary expenditure for the following year and receives the committee's recommendation. The F&GP Committee met last week and has recommended a precept of £56,615 for 2003-04. This compares with £50,530 for the current financial year, and the 12% increase is

regarded as essential for such additional expense as a four wheel trailer for the Council's maintenance vehicle, salary increases, works required at the cemetery and insurance.

The final decision lies with the Parish Council at its November meeting

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Village Quiz

Thirteen teams, and levels of concentration which defied the duo reading out the questions, coupled with much humour from all around the hall, combined to make this an enjoyable evening.

There were changes in the format, departing from the 'straight' concentration on set questions, and some TEAMz apprehension seemed to have been removed. The first three rounds on Current or Local Affairs, Literary matters, and Jubilee and Royalty proceeded without too much reaction. The fourth was a real test of concentration when an 'ancient treatise' was read to the competitors and concealed within that faded text were the names of Painswick streets now familiar to us all. After a short relief break we were to witness an enacted 'Casualty' scene in which a doctor and nurse (John and Chrissy Stephenson-Oliver) were applying questionable medical procedures to a prostrate patient (Charles Donnan), after which questions were based upon this bizarre but humorous scene.

Three further rounds on Geography, General Knowledge (quickies) and Music brought us through a nail biting period in which cumulative scores led us to believe that the last minute entrants from Cheshire might overwhelm our Painswick WI and prevent them from winning for the second year running: their having been in pole position from round two onwards. Then, having judiciously held their joker card until just the right moment, PaDFAS were pulled up from third position to be Cheshire Oaks to the two 'top' teams; the Ha'Pennies enthusiastically accepting the wooden spoons.

Delicious and praised refreshments prepared by Anne Leoni and Marion Sadler, with beneficiaries of any surplus. The bar was much visited the Painswick Centre as teams mulled over whether to enter the Big Hat not-so-sudden-death competition. and we were to wonder whether anyone was going (Peregrinators) were first off the mark and, not to followed.



Each was seated along the row of chairs on stage and general knowledge questions were put to each in turn; the option of using a 'joker card' to consult with their team helped several to avoid a penalty point - three being the maximum. Surprisingly quickly we were down to two contestants, Nina Harris and Anthony Fisher; the audience were difficult to restrain from prompting them - but Nina prevailed and was duly 'crowned' with the hat.

Was the change of format appreciated? From unsolicited comments received we judge that it was. Did competing teams enjoy themselves? We are told so. Was a cox-and-box question-master system with ad lib asides a distraction? Definitely not. Was the change from a March date to October requested by several last year acceptable? We were told it was helpful (although we were sorry that the event clashed with the then unforeseen Music Society AGM). Were first-time or old-stager entrants likely to want to come next year? We are told they certainly will.



Beacon committee colleagues shared with us a most enjoyable evening, and join us in thanking everyone involved for making it so.

Jack B and Leslie B



"I felt I must send congratulations to you all for a very successful evening.

It was very good the way the traditional quiz was combined with several new ideas which all worked very well indeed to give a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The food was excellent and there was a very good atmosphere of people having a good time.

I thought Les and Jack made a brilliant team and it must be a good thing to share out this demanding role. Well done everyone, and thank you." Anthony Fisher

"I would like to thank everyone involved in the Beacon Quiz for another most memorable and enjoyable night: all my bellringing friends and I thoroughly enjoyed it." Andrew Watson



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Painswick Fabrics is here to stay

Talking to Tim and Lindsey Davies about their life and work was not only a pleasure but also made me realise that we are lucky indeed that they decided to set up their business in Painswick.

Tim and Lindsey have recently moved Painswick Fabrics into new premises in New Street (what had previously been Central Stores), officially opened on 2 October. They are absolutely delighted with their move, "More pleased than we ever expected to be," says Tim. They were particularly touched by the arrival on their first day of opening by John and Barbara Hulme (formerly proprietors of Central Stores) who came to wish them well. The Hulmes had run Central Stores for over 40 years and Tim and Lindsey realised they would have to adapt the shop to suit their business. More than four months work have produced an appropriate space and setting – exposed beams and original stone features complement the lovely fabrics on display.

Seven years ago the Davies were living in Wolverhampton but looking for the right location in which to establish their fabric shop. Cheltenham was as far as their considerations went at that stage. Then they were invited to bring some of their fabrics to Victorian Market Day and to their surprise and delight were really pleased with the response they received. So, despite the fact that Painswick was slightly further than their original plans, they decided that it was the perfect place for their business.

Moonrakers in New Street was on the market and in 1996 they moved in and started its conversion into a shop. Interestingly, Moonrakers has had intermittent connections with the cloth business for many years, as Lindsey points out. The shop finally opened in January 1997.

Walking into the new premises is a lovely experience. The furnishing fabrics on display are classic and beautiful. They are on sale at very low prices, in many cases a fraction of the price the same cloth would cost in areas like Chelsea. This is partly



because Tim visits countries such as Italy, Spain, Belgium every four months or so to find the best cloth. He buys thousands of metres and has it shipped home. This enables him to pass on a good price to his customers for high quality designer fabrics. Such large consignments have presented problems, however, - the rolls he has been unable to display in the shop have either filled his father's garage in Wolverhampton from floor to ceiling or lined the stairs, sitting room and every spare space in the Davies's home above the shop in Moonrakers! At least there is a barn behind the new shop where most of the overflow can be stored now.

Tim and Lindsey could so easily have set up their business in Bath or Cheltenham or the like. Their customers come from far and wide. They have, however, stayed in Painswick because they feel it is the right place. It is definitely a case of small is beautiful as far as they are concerned. "I feel the shop we have is an art," says Tim. He can make his own decisions and choose his own fabrics, traditional and timeless in colour and design. Painswick is the perfect setting for the business as he and Lindsey envisage it. Besides, they truly love living here.

Tim grew up in Wolverhampton and Lindsey in Glasgow. They first met at a convention in Berlin and were married 10 months later. Since living in Painswick they have had two children, 3-year old Madison and 5-week old Finlay, who share a birthday. "We feel very fortunate to have come across this super village and look forward to our children growing up here". Tim realised recently that as a small child he came through Painswick annually on the A46 en route to Devon, and, furthermore, before the war his grandfather used to deliver paper from Birmingham to Nailsworth by open truck along the A46.

Tim and Lindsey are very keen to express their thanks to all the local people who have encouraged and supported them in their endeavours. They, in turn, are a wonderful example of a hard-working, enterprising young couple who deserve our best wishes.

Carol Maxwell

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2002

This year I have unfortunately lost a number of my longstanding and loyal sellers, most of whom do the House-to-House selling. If you usually buy your poppy at the door and you have not had a visit near Remembrance Day - 11th November - you can always buy one from one of the shops in Painswick. On Friday 8th November and Saturday 9th November there will be people selling on the street from 9.00am until lunch time.

Maybe you might be interested in helping. Street sellers do an hour or two and House-to-House sellers usually have two weeks before the actual date. If so, please give me a ring on 813640. If I am out there is an answer-phone and I will come back to you.

Mary Muller

Coach to London

The pre-Christmas outing to London will be on Wednesday 4th December. The coach will depart from Stamage's Lane car park at 8.30 am and set down at Harrods, Knightsbridge at about 11.15 am. and then proceed to Trafalgar Square. Please note that the National Gallery side of the square has now been pedestrianised so the set down/pick up point is in Northumberland Avenue at the South East corner of the square.

For the return journey the coach will leave Northumberland Avenue at 6.30 pm. The fare is £10.

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DRAMA at the History Society

A slightly aging Sunday School class were put through their paces at the October meeting of Painswick Local History Society. Five willing victims donned mop caps and shawls to experience Sunday School life in the 18th century when Eileen Fry and Rosemary Harvey told the Society a little about Agnes Neville of Sheepscombe and Robert Raikes, founder of the Sunday School movement. The emphasis, we learnt, was on reading and memorising biblical tracts and on personal cleanliness.

Painswick Local History Society

This spontaneous little drama provided an entertaining diversion from the usual style of Society meetings. However, the overall theme of the evening was more serious, namely that Agnes Neville was a very significant influence on Sheepscombe's development in the early 19th century. Her relatively short life was one of tireless endeavour, inspiration and achievement resulting amongst other things in the building of the church.

At next month's meeting on Tuesday, 19th November, Dr Bob Bewley of English Heritage will give a presentation on aerial archaeology which will, we hope, be of importance to the Society's landscape project.

Carol Maxwell

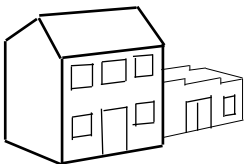
Extra SKIPS!

The District Council has given notice that a skip will be located in Stamages car park from the afternoon of Friday 15th November until Monday morning 18th November, and in Sheepscombe village from the late afternoon of Tuesday 19th November until the morning of Thursday 21st.

By way of reminder, these skips are solely for domestic waste including garden waste, but nothing else.

Another condition of their provision is that no excess waste is left around the skip, as such incurs a charge on the Parish Council - not a good thing!

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For our first meeting of the new season, we were privileged to hear Dr. Hargreaves of Bristol speaking on some of the less well-known gardens of Cornwall and showing slides to prove his points. What most gardeners appreciated was that Dr. Hargreaves supported his very beautiful slides with expert advice on the habitat and the cultivation requirements of the flowers, trees and shrubs so this was not just a pretty picture of these gardens but a highly informative talk carefully timed to allow member to supply questions.

Our other pleasure this month was the Society's Autumn Supper for the expert arrangements of which we must thank Philip Berry, our Chairman. Despite there being fewer guests this year due to many members being on holiday, there were enough partakers of the delicious meal of salmon and superb and original collection of salads prepared by Margaret Griffiths with excellent quiches by Joyce Smith as an alternative to provide a lively ambience for such an occasion.

A band provided "Tunes of Yesteryear" and in the musicians' break, Gus Gaugain produced highly amusing anecdotes of one kind or another that appealed to everyone.

Pauline Lamont (Secretary)

Great support for Resthaven Plans

Over 100 ladies gathered at Painswick Centre on 18th October for lunch and a Fashion Show organised to raise funds for Resthaven Nursing Home, Pitchcombe.

Resthaven opened in 1938, became a Charity in 1964, and now needs to raise over £500,000 to enlarge existing rooms to comply with new regulations and at the same time build a modest extension with en suite facilities to increase the number of beds from 25 to 32.

The Fashion Show was the brainchild of Jenny Gaugain whose mother, Gladys Hobbs, well known to many Beacon readers, now lives at Resthaven. The show was generously put on by Marilyn Dew and Sue Biggin, partners in the shop of Alisam of Tetbury, and compered by Betty Hughes. It followed a mouth-watering lunch prepared by Emma Stokes and Doreen Keyse, the Resthaven cooks.

Over £1,000 was raised for the Development Fund for which the Trustees are truly grateful and, with planning consent having recently been obtained by The Falconer Partnership, it is hoped that work can start next spring.

At present Resthaven has a long waiting list but anyone interested in paying a visit or in supporting the fundraising effort is welcome to contact the Manager, Jayne Roberts on 01452-812682.

Further information available from Michael Little, Chairman of Trustees, 01452-812318.

Xmas Bingo

All proceeds to the Cobalt Unit Cheltenham. Sale of Xmas fayre. Goodies, not to be missed. Friday 29th November. 7.00 pm for eyes down 7.30 pm. At the Painswick Centre. Any enquiries June or Sue 812505.

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The Senior Circle visit Nepal

Senior Circle members had an informative expedition to Nepal at their meeting on 11th October when their speaker was the former Ambassador to Nepal, Richard Burges-Watson. Mr. Burges-Watson was Ambassador there from 1987 to 1991, and has now made his home in Painswick, after serving in a number of countries, including Belgium, France and Japan.

Our speaker used two screens, one showing a map of the area defining where his main pictures were taken, and using the main screen for the slides. Nepal is a very mountainous country, and the farmers' fields are terraced areas on the mountainsides. The people, men and women, carry everything on their backs in wicker baskets, even their elderly parents or sick family members; we saw some of the very high mountains, Fishtail, Everest, and K.2.; we also saw shots of the busy streets of Katmanduh, small isolated villages built into the mountainside, the beautiful wild flowers and shrubs, the treacherous mountain paths, which are the main routes of communication between the villages, and the impressive temples. While Richard spoke about the country, Mrs. Burges-Watson operated the projector, and she also brought her shawls made by women of Nepal which they sell to tourists to raise money. Everybody present was fascinated with the talk and slides and expressed the hope that Mr. Burges-Watson will give us another talk.

John McCabe

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We've been there, seen it and if we don't understand it at least we know it works. Forty feet of bell wire, a PC and a telephone point saw to that. Indeed the mysteries of the Internet unfolded like a slow motion film of the bursting of a rose bud, and, as with St. Paul on the road to Damascus, we were struck down and believed. Actually it wasn't a heavenly bolt but Edward Young, civil engineer who left building bridges (like the Humber) and other grand features around the globe for the less tangle world of the computer.

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On the lovely Friday afternoon we were introduced to mouses (or should it be mice?), icons, browsers, hardware, software, desktops and email, just to mention a few. Interest gathered apace as Edward clicked on and we learnt of the bargains to be had. "What about quality and guarantees", asked the members. Not quite so copper bottomed but no worse than mail order and if a credit card is used this does provide something of a safety net.

The startling amount of information available was quite mind-boggling but Edward kept it within normal human parameters. Railway sleepers for a garden bed? No problem - £12-£14 each from Northants. Edward had an old Bolex 8mm cine for sale. Placed on the Internet the best offer came from a collector in the U.S. of A. Advice, help needed? Edward offered assistance to the beginner or the more experienced pc user. An offer taken up by some on-line members and plenty of inquirers of where to begin. painswick-seiorcircle.com may now be imaginative but I fancy not much longer.

patrickdaly

The late Phyllis Calvert

Villagers who lived in Painswick in the 1940's may remember that Phyllis Calvert, the film star who died on October 8th, lived for several years at Hambutts House in Edge Road with her husband Peter Murray-Hill, daughter Auriol and son Piers.

In April 1981 Miss Calvert agreed to be interviewed for the 'Beacon' by Sylvia Stagg, and remembered her time in Painswick as being particularly happy and "the village was quite unspoilt - not a one-way street or tourist to be seen".

Miss Lilian Gerrard of Berry Close was Miss Calvert's personal secretary, but missed accompanying her to Hollywood because of an attack of chicken-pox. So, the late Mrs. Harris, Lilian's sister went instead as Miss Calvert's dresser/housekeeper, travelling out on the Queen Mary and back on the Queen Elizabeth, staying at David Niven's house in Hollywood.

Do any villagers remember this well known actress and her family?

Energy and Efficiency at the W.I.

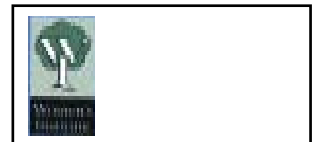
Dorothy Daniels, co-president of Painswick W.I, welcomed members to their October meeting. On the table was a splendid collection of autumn fruits, flowers and foliage in reds, greens and gold arranged by Dorothy.

We heard of forthcoming classes in Cake Icing, Music to Movement and Memory Training (!); also a possible visit to Stroud Piano Works.

Sally Daley from Stroud District Council, where she is Energy Efficiency Co-ordinator, came to talk to us about Energy and Efficiency. "Everybody thinks their fuel bills are high," she said, and stressed the importance of trying to keep warm and, hopefully, healthy. A home that was cold inside increased the risk of respiratory trouble, as well as heart and stroke problems.

We were told that heating, ventilation and insulation in the home were all of prime importance in cold weather. Double-glazing helps, said Sally, but won't pay for itself. "Energy efficient light bulbs are worth buying" she said, and suggested roof or loft insulation where bedrooms are situated in a loft.

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Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP)

There was a very good attendance at the CTAP AGM, held in the Church Rooms on Friday 18th October. Paula Allison reported on the events of the past year, making reference to the group's pleasure at the arrival of the new Vicar, John Longuet-Higgins. She thanked everyone for the support given to the group and expressed her particular appreciation to Peter Minall for his work as Christian Aid organiser over so many years and to Betty Barney who was relinquishing the post of Hon. Treasurer. Peter was also giving up his role and was to be succeeded by Elisabeth Davies. Officers elected were, Paula Allison (Chairman), Fiona Fletcher (Hon. Secretary), and Clare Haynes (Hon. Treasurer).

After the conclusion of the formal business, Paula introduced Miss Denise Magauran, a Dame of the Order of St. John, who was Senior Eye Surgeon at the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem for 18 years. Denise, who has a Painswick address and was known to many people at the meeting, gave a fascinating account of life in the Holy City. She began her talk by giving details of the various Christian denominations, their numbers and how they related to one another. Denise, who only returned from a working visit to the hospital some 6 weeks ago, was able to give her audience a first-hand account of the troubled region and the types of injury sustained by the Arab population who attend the St. John Eye Hospital which is situated in East Jerusalem. Denise explained that her work and that of her colleagues is not confined to Jerusalem. They have an Outreach scheme which takes them to many other Arab areas but travel to the towns and villages is very difficult because access is controlled by the military. She made particular reference to Gaza City as one of the most difficult places to enter. Members asked a number of questions which Denise was pleased to answer. The issue of the funding of the hospital was raised and Denise explained how crucial financial support was. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Fiona.

Paula is holding a coffee morning with

bring and buy on Saturday 7th December at her home at 8 Churchill Way between 10am and noon. All the proceeds will go to the St. John Hospital. Everyone is most welcome.

Churches Together with the Centre Bookshop, Stroud

There will be a coffee morning at Cranmore Cottage, Vicarage Street, on 12th November, between 10.30am and 12.30pm, hosted jointly by Kate Davie and Lindsay Gardiner. On sale will be a variety of Christmas themed items: cards, books, candles, advent calendars, and 2003 calendars. This event will support our Centre bookshop in Stroud. It supplies materials to Churches, bible study groups and individual shoppers. We support Christian-based aids for personal study and in this event, for presents.

Kate Davie

Save the Children

This year there will be a stall for the sale of Christmas cards etc. at the Charity Bazaar in Christ Church Hall on Saturday 9th November from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Please support the children of the World.

Benefice Office

A new Benefice Administrator has been appointed, Phil Stick who lives in Cranham.

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Would you like to send a parcel for Christmas



or to cheer up a sick friend? Then enquire about our 'Parcel Scheme' under which market goods can be delivered to the recipient's address. We hope to have pots of hyacinths ready to flower for Christmas— one could be included in such a parcel.

WI Markets started in 1919 and are co-operatives. Anyone can become a shareholder for 5p and this entitles them to sell or help in the Market. We are a non-profit making business, but 10% of the sale price of goods is deducted in order to cover the Market's costs, the remainder being kept by the producer.

We are a friendly group, always on the lookout for new producers and helpers, so if you have an hour or two to spare on a Friday morning come along and look us over.

Our last Market prior to Christmas will be held on 20th December and we shall re-open for business on 10th January 2003

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Painswick Badminton Club

Silver success

Silver shuttlecocks adorned the tables at the recent 25th Anniversary Dinner of the Painswick Badminton Club. 57 members, old and new, enjoyed a memorable evening. The excellent atmosphere was enhanced by a photographic record displayed on the badminton net. These included tournament finalists, Christmas Fun and Games nights and numerous amusing social functions. An entertaining Video of a 'Vicars & Tarts' party from some 10 years ago caused hilarity, especially when it came to spotting the local magistrate and not dressed as a vicar!

Does anyone out there play badminton?

The club has a few vacancies for new members, so if you know the game and have played before to a reasonable standard, come to meet us on our Open Friday evenings. These will be every Friday in November starting at 8pm. For more information ring 813716.

Painswick Lawn Tennis Club

The club held its Annual General Meeting at the Broadham Pavilion on 2nd October. The President, John Courts, reported on a very successful year. He thanked the retiring committee members, Jan Haslam and Bill Lambell for their support and made particular reference to David Newell's considerable commitment to the club as Honorary Secretary. Members were disappointed that David was not seeking re-election but were pleased to hear that Ruth Smith had agreed to assume the role of Secretary as well as keeping her Junior Representative responsibilities. Ron Barney was re-elected Hon. Treasurer with

Robin Hall and Joan Griffiths continuing as Men's and Ladies' Captains. One of the most notable statistics at the meeting was given by club coach, Adrian Aldridge. He reported that the number of juniors who had been involved in coaching or match play during the season was 130.

Autumn Social Event

Arrangements for the Progressive Supper Party being held on Saturday 16th November are going well but the club committee would like to see more members volunteering to host starter or main courses. The evening reaches a conclusion with pudding, drinks and coffee at the Church Rooms. "It promises to be an enjoyable event" says Ruth Smith who will be pleased to respond to requests for tickets, the price of which is £15 per person. Her telephone number is 813693.

Painswick Rugby Club

The standard of play in the Gloucestershire Premier Division is proving a challenge for newly promoted Painswick. However the first fifteen are always a difficult side to overcome at Broadham and the Cherry and Whites, playing in their alternative black with gold diamonds strip, were delighted to record their first league victory on 12th October when they beat Longlevens by 28 points to 15.

The club is keen to establish an Under14/15 side and anyone interested in playing should contact John Hogg on 812505.

Results [(L) indicates league match]:

Sat 5 Oct. (L) Drybrook 1st XV 47 Painswick 1st XV 13.
Sat 12 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 28 Longlevens 1st XV 15.
Sat 19 Oct. Old Centralians 1st XV 34 Painswick 1st XV 29.
Sat 26 Oct. (L) Barton Hill (Bristol) 1st XV 36 Painswick 1st XV 5.

Painswick Ladies Hockey Club

Painswick Ladies have begun their league season well with a win against Cirencester and a draw against Cheltenham. The league season continues this Saturday (2nd November) when Painswick are at home to Newent. The following Saturday will see Painswick entertaining Stroud Second Eleven at Broadham in what is always a keenly contested match. Both games start at 1.30pm.

Your support will be welcomed by the Painswick ladies.

League results

Sat 28 Sept. Painswick Ladies 1 Cirencester Ladies 2nd XI 0.
Sat 5 Oct. Painswick Ladies 0 Cheltenham Ladies 3rd XI 0

Great North Run Sunday 6 October 2002

Trevor Smith of Kings Mill lane would like to thank everyone in and around Painswick who by sponsorship helped him raise £643 for Leukaemia Research in this year's Great North Run.

This charity was chosen following the sad death last year of Valerie Funnell to the illness, a member of Painswick Tennis Club.

For those interested in statistics there were 47,000 entrants in the Run. 179 had run in every one, 1800 had done 10 or more. It is the largest half marathon event in the world and was, this year, the largest participative sporting event ever in the UK. The average age of the runners was 35 years. There was a live band entertaining the runners every mile of the course which was lined by local supporters for its whole length. The start was 3/4 of a mile long across a six lane motorway. Starters included wheelchair and blind athletes. There were elite runners but they were too far ahead to be seen. It took 37 double decker buses to transport the runners kit from the start of the race to the finish.

After two hours running Trevor and the huge crowds at the finish enjoyed a spectacular display from the Red Arrows.

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Trevor

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80 of all skiing injuries involve the knee; the muscles and ligaments around the knee should be strong to prevent injury.

Libby Graesser a chartered physiotherapist, runs 'ski fit' classes at the Painswick Rugby club on Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per session.

The classes start on Monday November the 18th and run through to the beginning of March.

You should plan to come to at least six sessions to benefit and hopefully you will avoid potential injury and the tired aching muscle syndrome, which can easily creep in about the third day.

Please phone Five Valleys Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, Stroud 01453.755948 to



Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

The Annual General Meeting held on 10th October was preceded by a joint meeting with Painswick Bird Club. The guest speaker was Robin Prytherch, who spoke about the sea bird life on Ascension Island and the conservation problems associated with escaped pets kept by members of the airbase. The AGM which followed was chaired by Malcolm Watts. Matters of importance arising from the previous AGM were:-

The repairs to the erosion scars caused by the hundreds of visitors to Painswick Beacon should commence in the spring of next year. Nick Russell, the Landscape Archaeologist of Gloucestershire County Council, will be directing the work for English Heritage. It is expected that the work will take about 12 weeks.

The insurance for public liability for scrub clearing had risen sharply, following the world problems in the insurance industry. For some months the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) our agents had been unable to find a company willing to insure small groups such as ours. The new premium of £150 per annum was larger than our income. The options for

the Group were either to become part of one of Gloucestershire Wildlife's working groups and covered by their insurance or to find further income to cover the deficit. A small group was set up to obtain more facts so that the situation could be resolved. In the meantime, Mike Thornton, Community Projects Officer for the Gloucester branch of BTCV, has offered to manage the Winter's scrub clearing programme. BTCV will cover our insurance.

The Group decided to hold a winter meeting with a speaker at the Town Hall. This has now been arranged and Jenny Phelps, the Grassland Officer for the Cotswold AONB, will talk about the importance of conserving the unimproved limestone grassland of the Cotswolds. This grassland is now confined to the Gloucestershire commons. The AONB has recently received a very substantial lottery grant for the grassland. The meeting will be held on 20th February 2003 at 7.30pm in Painswick Town Hall.

The officers who were elected to manage the group are:- Wynne Roberts, Chairman; Cedric Nielsen, Secretary; David Little, Treasurer; Minutes Secretary, Gwen Welch; Financial Examiner, Brain Welch; Scrub Clearing, Mike Thorton; Publicity, Duncan McKenzie; Parish Council, Malcolm Watts.

The scrub clearing programme will start on 3rd November at 10am. The site chosen is the car park between the Upper and Lower Plantations. Mike Thornton will lead the group and supply tools etc. new members are very welcome to join in.

Future meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month viz., 1st December, 5th January, subject to weather, 2nd February and 3rd March. See the Painswick Beacon diary for where to meet.

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Music Appreciation Group

15th Season under way

Following a well attended 'Music Samples' meeting on 19th September - our annual preview of the new season's offerings - a full house enjoyed a double whammy on 3rd October: Desert Island Disks, featuring Bill and Phyllis Varah, "Painswickians of the Year" ably introduced and questioned by Anne Smith.

The fascinating story of their lives - together since 1950 - was interspersed with recordings of music that expressed their mood at each stage.

Debussy's Claire de Lune - incidentally the one they would take to the Island - reminded Phyllis of the Canadian Lakes of her childhood. Gigli singing Torna a Sorrento was one of Bill's first 78s. -Trois Gymnopedies, no. 2 by Satie - sentimental, they had just met - was followed by Lloyd Webber's Requiem with Domingo, reminiscent of his choir days in Battersea Church. Life in Pinner, 1958 - 1974, included repeated trips with siblings to Spain (Guitar Concerto by Aranjuez) and the Malvern hills (Butterworth's Shropshire Lad and Elgar's Cello Concerto).

Both then taught at Beaconsfield School: some of the sounds of the Easter "fashion show" there evoked Tchaikovsky's March of the Slaves, and the finale of Sibelius' Symphony No2. Finally, their interest in Russian music was exhibited in the tremendous second movement of Shosta-

kovich's second piano concerto. What else to take to the Desert Island? Writing equipment and a sewing box, "The Art of Ancient Egypt" and "Jane Eyre". A wonderful evening.

Ralph Kenber

Alex Nichols' gave a masterly talk on 17th



October on 350 years of the orchestra in the Opera house.

He explained that early operatic works were performed in halls and music rooms.

The first of many illustrations was the clear and vigorous toccata from Monteverdi's Orfeo (1607) The first notable French composer of opera was Lully (late eighteenth century) who introduced ballet scenes. England's first operatic composer was Purcell; Dido and Aeneas (1689), was his only operatic work. The sparkling overture showed what talents were taken away by his early death. There were also excerpts from Handel and Vivaldi who wrote no fewer than 40 operas.

Weber's Oberon (1826) was a great leap forward into the Romantic Period. Although Weber called it a "pantomime" rather than an opera, it was an exciting work with much orchestral interest. The archetypal overture was Rossini's, in William Tell (1829). This was in symphonic form; the finale had the audience beating time vigorously. Similarly animating was the Prelude to Act 3 of Lohengrin. Alex explained that for Wagner, the orchestra carried the emotional thrust, whereas in Verdi (Simon Boccanegra, 1857) the orchestra was subordinate to voice. The next illustration was the famous storm scene from The Trojans (1858) by Berlioz, whom Alex described as the greatest of French composers of opera. An unusual extract was from Kodaly's Hary Janos (1926) which drew extensively from Hungarian folk music, including the use of a cymbalon, an instrument like a zither.

This very interesting presentation ended with an extract from Benjamin Britten's eccentrically named Noye's Fludde (1958), notable for another dramatic storm scene in the course of which the East Suffolk Children's orchestra produced the sound of falling rain by banging on their tea mugs.

Richard Burges Watson

Calligraphy plus.....

A joint exhibition will be mounted in the Town Hall on 23rd and 24th November, with local calligrapher Valerie Dugan joining forces with a friend from Chalford Ian Shearman.

As many will know, Valerie has built a reputation as a versatile calligrapher specialising in a variety of lettering styles. She works mainly for commissions and recent undertakings have included embossing using metal and plastic to create highly decorative pieces. Botanical painting is her latest venture, including using leaves from her courtyard garden to create interesting cards now on sale in the Shetland Shop and, indeed, Westonbirt Arboretum.

Ian Shearman works from his home at Hyde, near Chalford, and has exhibited in galleries throughout southern England. His work is extremely varied ranging from acrylic landscape painting depicting scenes from the Cotswolds to Cornwall. He is also a potter and sculptor and is

proud of the influence of the Jung potter upon his work, and the Celadon and Chung glazes.

The exhibition will be open between 10.00am and 4.00pm on each day. Val can be contacted on 814482, and Ian on 01453.882024.

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Sue Lendon is an Occupational Therapist and is posing the question 'Are you stressed?' and will be running a Stress Management evening workshop in aid of CLIC at Painswick Mill in Kingsmill Lane on Monday 2nd December from 7.00pm until 9.00ish.

Sue points out that we all get stressed, and in today's instant society stress can get on top of us. There are those who would like to understand stress better, and learn a few ideas about how to cope with it more effectively. Hence the workshop.

As an Occupational Therapist Sue has, as part of the NHS Primary Health initiative, set up Stress Management Workshops throughout Gloucestershire over the past 2½ years in partnership with Colleges of further education.

If you require further details of this December event or to book a place please contact Sue Lendon on 813781. The cost of that evening will be £12.50 per person to include wine and nibbles, and all proceeds will be donated to CLIC. Numbers will be limited, so advance booking is essential.

The Dragon's Tail: It's Behind You!

A Painswickian of some stature confronts me outside the Painswick Centre. 'This pantomime you're doing. What's it all about?' he demands.

I start to explain that it's an hilarious romp about a Widow Twinkle, an Old Shoemaker, a Good King Smead, a Wicked Count Scrofula, a delectable Princess Inflagrante, a likely Prince Lustin with magnificent thighs, a frog called Phineas and... He interrupts me impatiently:

'Yes, yes. But has it got Magic Beans in it? I love beans. Won first prize for me runners this year.'

I confirm that there are indeed Magic Beans. And Magic Lamps. And Magic Dancing Shoes. And there's also the... He interrupts again: 'Dancing shoes! That reminds me: you really ought to do something with tap-dancing again. Like the last production.'

I am quick to assure him that there will be lots of tap-dancing, as well as some great singing, bucketfuls of slapstick and a...

Again, he interrupts: 'What's it called?' 'The Dragon's Tale.' I reply 'You see it's also got a...' But before I can continue, he has cut me off:

'Dragon? Did you say, dragon? You didn't mention a dragon!'

'Sorry, I was just about to...'

'And when you say Dragon's Tail, do you mean tail as in waggly thing or tale as in tell-tale?' He is a stickler for detail (or detale).

'Well, both: it's a sort of pun.' I explain. He considers all this information for a moment.

'And when is this tale or tail being told?' He continues.

'December,' I reply 'Evening performances, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th plus a matinee on the Saturday.'

'And where will it be?' He persists.

'Behind you!' I cry triumphantly, pointing over his left shoulder to the Painswick Centre.

'What? Oh, yes! Very good...' He chortles off into the sunset. 'And you'll be able to get tickets from Painswick Post Office and the Shetland Shop from 18th November.' I call out after him.

Incidentally, on the subject of dragons, the report in last month's Beacon of sightings of a Norwegian Blue Ridgeback seems to have generated some comment. Two readers (*Don't you mean 'both' - Editor*) in particular challenge my claim that the Welsh Red Dragon is distinguishable from the Norwegian Blue Ridgeback

by the parallel stripes on its breast and the distinctive tufts around the ears. They assert that the easiest way to tell a Welsh Red from a Norwegian Blue is that the Welsh Red is red and the Norwegian Blue is... well... blue.

Superficially, this is, of course, correct. However, what my correspondents forget is that all dragons are apt to change colour when emotionally challenged (through fear, excitement etc). In the case of the Norwegian Blue, the change is from blue to red. Uniquely amongst flying creatures, the Norwegian Blue suffers from vertigo and so it does, in fact, spend most of its life a terrified shade of crimson.

The Welsh Red, by contrast, is excited by money and turns an interesting puce colour when offered coins of the realm. This phenomenon can be viewed at Standish Hospital where a domesticated Welsh Red is helping to raise funds for The Gloucestershire Chest Fund. You may have to try several times offering coins to get the desired effect - dragons can be very blasé - but it's well worth the effort.



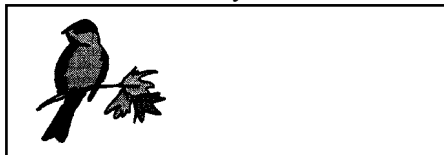
Boobies and Volcanoes

Our autumn season has started off with a combined meeting with the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. The speaker, making a welcome return, was Robin Prytherch who gave a fascinating talk on Ascension: Island of Boobies and Volcanoes.

Ascension island is in the South Atlantic about 8° south of the equator and roughly midway between South America and Africa. It was so named by a Portuguese sailor who landed there on Ascension Day. Being on a major fault line it is volcanic with steep cliffs above and below water. The resulting undertow makes swimming a very dangerous activity. Its position made it a convenient 'stopping off' point in the recent in the Falklands conflict.

The terrain is very arid, with temperatures in the high 20s to low 30s°C, there is no fresh water so a desalination plant has been installed. The 'resident' birds include noddies, boobies, fairy and sooty terns. These are sea birds that nest on

stacks off the island or on the island itself. Brown boobies who nest on the stacks can breed at any time of year if conditions are favourable. Ascension Island frigate birds are piratical on other seabirds, particularly on sooty tern chicks. To reduce weight they have dispensed with waterproofing their feathers. If they do get wet they race on to the island to dry off!



As with many islands, introduced species of plants and animals tend to out-compete the endemic species. Introduced donkeys eat the introduced Mexican thorn and spread the seeds in their dung. Thoughtless people have left their pet cats behind resulting in a feral colony being established. Being intrepid hunters the cats are

a threat to many island birds; many sooty terns have been caught just for the fish in their crops. Efforts are now being made to control both the cats and the donkeys.

The next meeting of the Bird Club will be on Tuesday November 12th; when Arthur Ball will talk about his work at the Dowdeswell Reservoir Nature Reserve near Cheltenham.

Joan Cooper

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Bellringing News !

The Painswick Bellringers are pleased to announce the recommencement of some Sunday ringing: as from November, we will be ringing for evensong on the first Sunday of every month. We all look forward to this, as it has been some time since we were last able to ring on Sundays on a regular basis.

Further to this, we have news of two other significant ringing events. On 30th November, a peal will be rung by a visiting band and, on 27th December, a local band will ring a peal in celebration of the life of Patsy Sykes-Wright, our long-serving Tower Captain and fellow ringer, following her untimely death earlier this year. We are delighted to welcome both bands.

Tree of Light 2002

At Cotswold Care, we know that for some people Christmas can be a sad time as thoughts turn to a family member or a friend who has died. Our Tree of Light celebrations are an opportunity for you to remember that person in a very special way.

The Hospice looks forward to seeing you at what is always a touching and poignant evening. As was the case in the two previous years, three events will be held in three different locations, Stroud, Cirencester and Cam. The service at Stroud will be held at the Merrywalks Shopping Centre on Monday 2nd December at 7.00 pm.

The celebration will be centred on an impressive Christmas tree, covered in lights, each one dedicated to the memory of someone who has died. The very special service will be led by the Reverend Canon Barry Coker and community carol singing will be led by the Stroud Light Music Choir with the Kings Stanley Band and the Uplands School Choir. This will be followed by mince pies and hot punch. Ample free parking is available at the Merrywalks centre.

To dedicate a light on the tree and to have the name of a loved one included in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Cotswold Care Hospice, Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Stroud 01453 886868.

"...and a Partridge

in a Pear Tree..."

The Fiery Beacon Gallery Christmas Exhibition will, this year, be between 19th November and 21st December 2002 open Tuesday-Saturday 11.00 until 5.00pm and on the Sunday afternoon only between 2.00 and 5.00pm.

No lords a-leaping or even maids a-milking, but gold rings and turtle doves a-plenty at the gallery.

Gorgeous scrunchy rugs, cushions and textiles from Patsy Beswick and Nicky Thomson warm the approaching winter, together with lamps created by Colin Chetwood and Marc Langley giving much-needed light on drab winter days.

Painter Dinah Jefferies brings glorious colour with bold, luminous canvases redolent with the warmth of summer. In quite a different vein, Angela Cash contributes small, intimate paintings on a domestic theme bringing all the comforts of home to a wider audience.

Mosaic artists Nadja Snow and Joy Mac-Gurk use aged stone and marble in addition to Venetian glass gold and semi-precious stones, Joy even offering a mosaic waistcoat, no less, for our admiration.

Carefully crafted clocks and mirrors from Julian Spencer reflect the images of Christmas. Ceramics are in the safe hands of Frances Doherty, Mary Fellows and Malcolm Deering while, in a particularly beautiful blue/gray salt glaze, Anthony Theakston shows his charming, and useful, bird jugs.

Jewellers, Jennifer Wall, Tessa Tyldesley and Helen Glossop tempt with sumptuous and striking pieces.

Sleek metal furniture, glass, sculpture and pewter complete the exhibition for Christmas 2002.

For the latest information do telephone the Fiery Beacon in New Street on 814068.

St. Mary's Annual Mission Bazaar

This will be held in St. Mary's Church Rooms, on Saturday November 23 from 10 am to 3 pm.

There will be the usual stalls, selling an enticing selection of goods, gifts and preserves. Coffee will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at midday.

Offers of help or gifts, good quality bric-a-brac, produce, preserves or cakes for sale will be gratefully received by Alison Robinson on 812 286.

The proceeds will be divided equally between the Church Mission Society and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

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Age Concern Day Centre at Ashwell House

Once again we will be holding our pre-Christmas Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th November between 10.30am and midday in the lounge of Ashwell House

As usual we will have our excellent Home Produce stall, with delicious cakes, good quality bric-a-brac, raffle, and much more.....

The members and helpers of the Day Centre look forward to meeting you again and enjoying a cup of coffee with you.

We are indebted to Michelle Elliott, the Ashwell House Warden, for allowing us to use this lovely venue.

Pam Bailey

Sue Ryder Care

The annual Coffee morning, our only fund-raising event in Painswick, will be held on Saturday the 30th of November in the Town Hall from 9.45am until mid-day.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, home-made mince pies and/or home-made biscuits, with entrance only 75p.

Raffle, Cake stall, Bring & Buy, Christmas cards and calendars, flowers and plants will be on sale. Orders for flowers and cakes can be taken in advance.

Everyone will be warmly welcomed

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Don Harding who has worked with and supported the group for the past 10 years and has decided to stand down for personal reasons.

Do call in and support us.

Anne Leoni

An INVITATION from our RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS

The Painswick Firefighters have asked us to let it be known that they realise many residents may be feeling concerned about fire cover in the coming months.

They would like to invite all residents with specific concerns or worries to go along to the Painswick Fire Station at the bottom of Pullens Road on any Monday night between 7.00 and 9.00pm and they will try to help you in any way they can. They say "Please feel free to come and talk to us about the general issues of fire prevention or even if you need advice on smoke alarms".

Dog fouling

Dogs play an important role in our lives. The social, emotional and physical benefits of keeping dogs are well known and, of course, most dog owners are responsible and caring towards their pets. However, many people seem to be unaware of the nuisance which their pet may cause to other members of the community. Over the past few years, public concern about dog fouling has increased. In response, Stroud District Council has adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This makes it an offence if owners do not clean up after their dogs when they foul

anywhere to which the public has access. Offending owners risk prosecution with a maximum fine of £1000. Dog fouling is both unpleasant and a potential threat to our health so we ask dog owners to be responsible and always clean up after their dog. Poop Scoops do not need to be expensive. You can:-

Save plastic bags from shopping trips

Use plastic freezer bags

Visit your local Pet Shop; it will stock a range of scoops

Always dispose of dog waste hygienically

Use dog waste bins

Although the District and Parish Councils are not required by law to provide bins, there are many available in public places. Their absence is not a reason to breach the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act. An alternative method of disposal is to double wrap the waste and put it in with the normal household waste.

How can you help?

Where a member of the public sees a dog fouling incident taking place and is willing to provide a witness statement, the

District Council will institute proceedings against the owner. If you have any information which may help please contact us. We respond to all complaints received; complainants' details are not revealed to dog owners unless a prosecution takes place. For further information on any dog related matter or how you can assist to help overcome dog fouling in your area, please contact:-

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Wally Brooks a tribute

It seemed a cruel twist of fate that Wally Brooks suffered a massive stroke on the morning of Painswick Horticultural Society's fiftieth show. He had been invited to a lunch at the Rococo Garden prior to taking part in the Show's opening ceremony with former head of Horticulture at Hartpury College Roy Brooks. The two men who had been the inspiration for the first show in 1953 were very much looking forward to a happy reunion. Wally had, as ever, meticulously prepared his speech for the occasion which was to have been in part a celebration for the many years of dedi-



cated service he had given to the Society. Sadly Wally never regained consciousness from the stroke and passed away on October 1st.

Wally came from a family of Leicestershire craftsmen who practised their skills within the mining industry. A highly skilled carpenter, he was, though, determined not to spend his working life in the pits. Wartime service with the RAF brought Wally to Aston Down where he met his wife to be Paddy. After the war

they married they married and settled in Painswick at Gwynfa Cottage. Wally was employed by Burdock & Son with whom he stayed until his retirement. Many houses in the village and in particular the Parish Church contain examples of his fine craftsmanship. Wally was noted for his patience in tackling intricate work and many an apprentice benefitted from his willingness to pass on his knowledge. Indeed, he gained a high reputation as a teacher of woodwork through the evening classes he ran at the Town Hall. It was fitting that one of his former pupils Joycelyn Warren gave great assistance on the day of his illness as he was taken to hospital.

Wally was as you would expect a great gardener and until recent years always had an allotment where he grew wonderful produce to the delight of his family and those who saw his fine exhibits at the Painswick Shows. He won many trophies over the years for his vegetables, fruit and flowers, but always had a kind and helpful word for his competitors. Through the Horticultural Society he organised many outings and lectures that gave pleasure and benefit to others.

Despite being involved with village life Wally was a great family man, being very supportive of his wife Paddy and immensely proud of the achievements of his three children Clive, Patrick and Angela. Patrick moved to America where he settled and married. Wally and Paddy managed to visit, and amazed their daughter-in-law Kathy with their ability to use public transport to enable them to see so much of that vast country.

On a Saturday evening Wally and Paddy would take their places in the lounge of the Institute Club. He was an Institute Trustee and also spent many evenings working in the hall as set builder for the Painswick Players. He was, throughout his life, very much at the 'centre' of the community, and will be greatly missed by us all.

Philip Berry

The lights went out

The second blues evening on Friday 18th October went very well. Everyone who came enjoyed themselves listening and dancing to the excellent guitar playing of Graham Rawson with 'Out Go the Lights', our band for the evening, with local jazz piano player Robin 'Fingers' Grayson joining them.

Again, our thanks to all those who came and made the evening a success, also to the staff who worked diligently behind the bar. A special thanks to Tony who's help we cannot do without.

Our next event on Saturday November the 16th features the Bristol based Eddie Martin Blues Band. According to the London paper 'What's On' "Eddie is the

PAINSWICK BLUES

best guitarist the country has produced since Eric Clapton". He is at the moment touring promoting his new album called Pillowcase Blues which has received rave reviews around the world. So come and hear them and have a great night out.

Also do not forget the Christmas party on Saturday the 21st December; the tickets are selling quickly and are limited in number - there is no access to tickets on the night. So, if you want to come please let me know.

Paul Gray

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The Beacon Painswickian of the Year

Each year since 1985 the Beacon has asked residents to nominate a Painswickian of the Year. Those nominated should be people who have given exceptional service to the local community or whose achievements have brought credit to the village during the preceding 12 months. Individual residents or couples may be proposed.

Set out below are the names of those who have been given the accolade in previous years.

- 1985 Colleen Hayne
- 1986 Hazel Hendry
- 1987 Phyl Crooks & Robert Payne
- 1988 Peggy Perrins & Paddy Wildy
- 1989 Kathleen Wear & June Crane
- 1990 Fred Semark
- 1991 Carol Parker
- 1992 Margie Hamilton
- 1993 Freda Cox
- 1994 Dr Jim Hoyland
- 1995 Pam Musty
- 1996 Christl & Quentin Mathias
- 1997 Patrick Daly
- 1998 Jennie Oakley
- 1999 Margaret & Charles Say
- 2000 Barbara & John Hulme
- 2001 Bill & Phil Varah

Although the final decision lies with the Beacon committee, its members are very much guided by residents' opinions, so if you believe someone is a candidate for the award, please let us know in not more than 100 words why you are proposing them.

We will treat all nominations in confidence and publish the result in the January issue.

We are happy to receive the nominations either by letter, email or fax. The details of which are in the Next Issue column on the back page.

The closing date is 24th November, please.



Beaky

For children who attend Croft School

there are nine words hidden in the Word-Search block here - all are connected in some way with the Croft School.

Can you find them?

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

No prizes - just a bit of fun.

Answers next month.

PROPERTY REPORT at 20th October from Murrays Painswick agency

Earthquake! What Earthquake? Houses in Painswick are always on the move, in fact, moving more than ever, and quicker too in the right hands. Despite the worries of world wide events and the ups and downs of the money markets property continues to outperform all other investments whilst continuing to provide that important "roof over our heads". The past months have followed this year's trend with plenty of activity in both instructions and sales.

New properties coming onto the market include Millpool House, a substantial five bedroomed house with studio flat, paddocks and stables by the Painswick Stream, The Laurels, an extensively improved 1920's house in Slad, Highcroft,

an excellent bungalow with wonderful view at Longridge, Baggend, a roomy four bedroomed modern house in Cranham, 4 Clattergrove Cottages, a three bedroomed terraced cottage on the way to the Beacon, Dean Rise, a five bedroomed Victorian house next to the Library, Sunnycroft in Hollyhock Lane, a three bedroomed house ideal for someone wanting to be close to the shops. The Malt House in Vicarage Street is already under offer and in Bisley Street, Croome House and Byfield, both historic village houses have just come to the market.

Exchanges and completions include 3 Brookhouse Mill, The Nurses House on the corner of Friday Street, Museum

Cottage in Vicarage Street, 4 Randalls Field, Aarons by the Post Office, Lorien in Harescombe and The Old Stores at Cranham. Sales have been arranged on Turnways in Butt Green and Hillview in Vicarage Street, both of which should have completed by the time you read this, 1 Cheltenham Road, Folly Cottage on the Gloucester Road, The Malt House, Ferndale at Pitchcombe and 4 The Old Coach House.

We are delighted with the steady flow of instructions but we still need more with many buyers sitting on the fence just waiting for the right property for them. Our free market appraisal service is available to all and our fees are always negotiable.



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LETTERS

The Beacon sometimes finds it has received more letters than we have space to print. For that reason we urge correspondents, from next month, to keep their messages shorter than 200 words.

That Earthquake

Urgent - Dudley Earthquake Appeal

At 00.54 on Monday 23rd September an earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale hit Dudley, UK, causing untold disruption and distress

- Many were woken well before their giro arrived
- Several priceless collections of mementoes from the Balearics and Spanish Costa's were damaged
- Three areas of historic and scientifically significant litter were disturbed
- Thousands are confused and bewildered, trying to come to terms with the fact that something interesting has happened in Dudley.

Shock.
One resident, Donna-Marie Dutton, a 17 year old mother-of-three said "It was such a shock, little Chantal-Leanne came running into my bedroom crying. My youngest two, Tyler-Morgan and Megan-Storm slept through it. I was still shaking when I was watching Trisha the next morning.

Apparently though, looting did still carry on as normal.

The British Red Cross have so far managed to ship 4000 crates of Sunny Delight to the area to help the stricken masses.

Rescue workers are still searching through the rubble and have found large quantities of personal belongings including benefit books and jewellery from Elizabeth Duke at Argos.

How you can help.

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Linda Standen (from a circular in offices in the Midlands)

What earthquake !!

Having the misfortune to live alongside Painswick's new high rise housing estate and car park called St.Mary's House, over the last nine months I have grown accustomed to constantly having loud rumbling noises, my bungalow shuddering and windows rattling, therefore little things like earthquakes go unnoticed in my household.

However having got used to this occurring during the daytime, for twelve hours daily, five and a half days a week, I was somewhat surprised to be woken just before one o'clock in the morning thinking it was the builders starting even earlier than usual.

Was it an earthquake, or was it the builders?

Ron Bridgman

Last month's earthquake.

I was awake at 1 o'clock on 23rd September, and I heard or felt nothing.

Stan Miles's little dog Rusty who was staying with me that weekend and was asleep in another room, did not react in any way either.

My neighbour Sheila Lomas, who lives three houses away from me on the same side of Blakewell Mead, was awakened by her bed shaking violently.

I can only think that my 1950's bungalow was so well built that it was not affected!

Joan Palmer

Dear Sir or Madam

Whilst sitting in the back of my carer's car, which was making slow but orderly progress through Painswick, my heart suddenly missed a beat, whilst my eyes couldn't believe what they were seeing. I hardly dare blink in case it was all a dream. But no, there you were as large as life and breathing beautifully.

I tried to flap my wing and make my presence known, but the lights changed and I was on my way, but my heart is still in Painswick churchyard.

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I was so distraught my carer had to stop and tried to calm me by buying me some firelighters, but to my absolute joy she also bought a Beacon. There before my very eyes was a photograph of you in all your glory - which now has pride of place on my wall in my cupboard.

I am glad to say I am also a common Welsh Red Dragon, but beautifully formed and at the present time I live at Standish Hospital where I help raise funds for The Gloucestershire Chest Fund, which raises money to buy equipment for those in the County with breathing difficulties. I sit resplendent on my lovely black box where kind people put money to help the cause. I go to some lovely houses with beautiful gardens, but I can also be seen at supermarkets throughout the year.

I have had problems with my firing system, but this Christmas I am going to be allowed to extinguish the candles after a Carol Concert at the beautiful St. George's Church at Brockworth on November 28th. If you would like to meet me I would be so thrilled, but to keep my carer happy you had better have a ticket £8 as there are only 120 which your carer and friends could get by telephoning 01242 577406 or 812427 there will also be canapés and wine served afterwards in the mediaeval Brockworth Court. Being Welsh the choice of music will also thrill your heart.

We also have a newsletter called Wheeze where I sit on the top right-hand corner. It has lots of information for those with breathing difficulties.

I do hope your pantomime goes well, and that one day we can meet.

S.W.A.L.K. Dewi

Edge Traffic

Mr. Graham Lilley seems to have got the wrong end of the stick over the matter of speed limits in Edge. It was agreed at the 1998 meeting, pretty well unanimously, that there was neither need nor desire for a speed limit through Edge village itself but it was also agreed that there was a strong and urgent need for speed limits on the A 4173 and the Whiteshill Road. We have been campaigning for these measures for four years and this is what the current proposals cover.

Speed limits are needed on these roads because motorists habitually drive too fast for safety, though mostly within the current legal limits. Speed limits can be effective, regardless of the county council's standard get-out clauses.

We want improved safety for ourselves, our children, dog-walkers and other pe-

destrians, and horses and riders (and your sheep when they get out, Mr. Lilley). This is, all too likely, a matter of life and death.

Under these circumstances, to call the very modest number of new and changed road signs 'a considerable environmental impact' and a 'blight' is perhaps going a bit far.

Mark Bowden

Mr. Lilley quite simply needs to get his priorities right. Edge already has road signs and speed limit signs. Changed limits will mean some changed signs, some new signs. There may even be some red tarmac. I value my life and those of my family and neighbours above these changes and so should Mr. Lilley.

Edge will be policed at times an although I know a lot of inconsiderate drivers will exceed the speed limits, we who live on and use the Whiteshill Road welcome the present sixty m.p.h limit being reduced to 30 m.p.h. Cars are a fact of life; we must not be defeatist when attempting to make life safer with them.

Incidentally, the neighbours I have spoken to would also welcome a footpath along the Whiteshill Road. Far from "urbanising" Edge, it would tie us into the village as people would at last feel safe to walk along here and may even stop to pass the time of day with their neighbours. Now that is village life.

Mrs. Sue Curran

There have been a number of highly attended meetings in Edge over the last two years with regard to the proposed lower speed limits. A particularly emotive meeting was with John Lindsey from Shire Hall. There were over 80 residents from the village, all unified in the need to have lower speed limits. We are all too aware of the tragic number of fatal accidents there have been in Edge over the last few years and I am not being dramatic in stating that it may well be one of the many pedestrians or cyclists who attempt to use the Whiteshill or main road through Edge, next.

As a very concerned mother and professionally as a police officer I feel that it beggars belief that cars can speed through the village at 60 mph. We literally take our lives into our hands whenever we walk

outside. And I only hope that speed restrictions are in place as soon as possible. I will also be writing to the necessary police department to ensure that we receive our fair share of police speed checks which will enforce the new limits.

Slowing the traffic is only the first move in ensuring our safety, but I do think that it will make some drivers think twice about their speed. I do not agree that traffic calming will "urbanise" the village and it seems a pretty poor argument when potentially it could save lives. I welcome, as do my neighbours, any attempts to calm traffic.

Di Ravenhill

We are probably drawing a line under this subject. Ed.

Police report

Profile of reported crime for the Painswick Section for the period 14th September to 13th October.

House burglaries: 3

Business premises and sheds: 3

Vehicles: 2

Theft of motor vehicle: 1

Other theft: 1

Indecent exposure: 1

Alleged criminal damage: 1

Items stolen: golf paraphernalia, hand bag, builders's tools and cash

General

You may have heard, via the Watchword system, that there have been a number of distraction burglaries in the five valleys area during the last week or so.

A female aged approximately 14 years knocks on the door to say her brother has kicked a ball into the garden, she requests the householder to assist to look for the ball in the garden. In the mean time a young male of similar age enters the house and steals cash from within.

Please be aware of any such callers.

If in doubt contact the Police on 08450.901234.

PC Tyrone Mein

Mobile Police Station

The Mobile Police Station will be in Painswick and the surrounding villages on Tuesday 12th and Friday 29th No-

Police Appeal

POLICE ARE APPEALING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A BURGLARY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NEW STREET IN PAINSWICK.

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Peter Minall

PLANNING MATTERS

*A summary of information received from the Parish Council.
Locations are in Painswick unless indicated.*

NEW APPLICATIONS

REST BY THE WAY, CUD LANE, EDGE Erection of a replacement dwelling and garage.
HYETT CLOSE Fell goat willow and prune yew at rear of 17 Hyett Orchard.
BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD Outline application for erection of one dwelling (Re-submission following refusal).
THE LODGE, GYDE HOUSE Erection of new garage
WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE Erection of a detached house.
 Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of a garage.
HILLSIDE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of an extension.
FORTUNES WELL, SHEEPSCOMBE Replacement windows.
BELL COTTAGE, FRIDAY STREET Internal alterations to modern extension at rear of building.
DOWN FARM, SLAD (Revised plan.) Erection of steel framed barn in place of poly-thene tent. Main changes: Barn reduced in height, landscaping included and further information supplied.

CONSENT

THE GRANGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Resubmission following refusal 02/123 for refurbishment of coach house to staff accommodation.
TILIA, CASTLE HALE DRIVE Addition of dormer window on south west elevation
SUNNYSIDE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Change of use of field to paddock and erection of stables. Retention of the infilling of a depression in the ground.
STEANBRIDGE COTTAGE, SLAD Conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of a garage.
THE VATCH HOUSE, THE VATCH, SLAD Replacement of roof covering.
EBWORTH CENTRE, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE Internal alterations.
FALKLAND HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET Reinstatement of iron railings.
THE SURGERY, HOYLAND HOUSE, GYDE ROAD Renewal of permission for conversion of roof void to office space with rooflights.
1 YEW TREE COTTAGES, THE VATCH, SLAD Erection of two storey extension.
THE PAINSWICK HOTEL, KEMPS LANE Erection of double sided sign.
CARMANIA, VICARAGE STREET Erection of two storey extension, conservatory and garage.
BERRY COTTAGE, PARADISE Erection of detached garage and carport.

PLAN WITHDRAWN

SNOWS FARM, SLAD Conversion of farm building to holiday accommodation.

Prinknash Abbey's loss

It has been reported in the local press that the Benedictine community at Prinknash has been saddened by the theft of an extremely valuable statue of the Madonna and Child.

The Flemish Oak statue, which is 20 inches in height, was once owned by Sir Thomas More (1478-1535) and was presented to the community at Caldy in 1925.

The Benedictine Monks are appealing to anyone with information about the statue's whereabouts to contact the police.

Directory 2003

We are already working upon the Directory 2003, and hope to publish it free with the December copy of The Beacon.

Following our reminder last month we hope that all who had an entry for 2002 will check whether the information remains correct. The very latest date by which we need to know of any alterations, additions, deletions, and so on is **Monday 18th November**.

That date just allows us enough time to finish setting out the pages and getting them to our printers before we load them with the December Beacon itself.

The Directory attempts to list every organisation or enterprise operating with its base in the civil parish. No charge is made for an entry. It is of some interest that 300 copies, additional to those circulated freely to all resident in Painswick village and our subscribers elsewhere, were much sought after this year. New residents have told us how they find the information valuable when wanting to find local traders, craftsmen, and so on

from over 60 listed. Many find their way into one or more of over 55 local clubs and societies as a consequence of reading about them in the Directory.

We are in your hands.

Corrections by Email to the address on the back of the Beacon, or in writing in an envelope clearly marked 'Directory' in our box in New Street - please.

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VILLAGE DIARY

November				
Sunday	2	Exhibition & Sale of Water Colours by Brenda Dunn. Also Toys; Woodcraft; Cards. Until Monday 11th	Town Hall - Upper Room	10.00am - 4.00pm daily
Sunday	2	Service at 11am	Town Hall	10.00am - 1.00pm
Monday	3	Assembly Lunch: Home - Mrs Margaret Hoyle	Christ Church Hall	10.00am 12.15 - 1.15pm
Thursday	5	Craft school autumn concert full of fun Palm - Old Dog Training Club (Thursday) Puppies & Begginers Intermediate Advanced Dogs	Christ Church Hall	9.15 - 10.15am 10.15 - 11.00am 11.00am - 12 noon 1.00pm
Wednesday	6	PCMS: What about the children? Youth - Revd. Chris Garner Trunk or Treat Dance - Wainwrights Bingo Session: 8.15 Welcome. Dance Prize. Wainwrights What's Followed Up: Wool & Cloth Hills of Sines - Dr Hutchinson	Church Rooms Palmrick Centre Palmrick Centre, Green Room Christ Church Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm 7.15pm 1.00pm
Thursday	7	Theatre Club: Outing to Cheltenham Concord Care Support Group Meeting Craft school 6-11am & 1pm	The Falcon 6th Hall House	12.00pm 2.15pm
Friday	8	W.C. Market - Filzys Senior Circle & A.H. Followed by Talk - Speaker to be announced Poppy Appeal (run on Sunday)	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 1.00pm 2.15pm
Sunday	9	Charity Bazaar: Coffee & High Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00 - 4.15pm 4.00pm
Sunday	10	Remembrance Service - commemorative	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Monday	11	Remembrance Day	War Memorial	10.00 for 11.00am
Thursday	12	Assembly Lunch: Home - Society of Friends Mobile Police Station Christ Church Bazaar sale Hobby's Union: The Work of Gloucester Friends - Mr. Hall House Bird Club - Talk about Downland Remembrance Service - 6th Hall	Christ Church Hall Owlsh - Town Hall Greenmore Garage Church Rooms Town Hall	12.15 - 1.15pm 10.00am 10.15 - 12.15 2.15pm 7.15pm
Wednesday	13	Probus: Dinner - an Introductory Tour - Mrs FL Lawrence	Owlsh Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thursday	14	W.C. General Meeting Music Appreciation Group - Concert at the Cheltenham	Town Hall Palmrick Centre	2.15pm
Friday	15	Ship's Sausages cooked	1st Floor	
Sunday	16	Voluntary assistance behalf of the Bristol Cancer Help Centre Music Night	Town Hall	9.15am - 1.00pm
Sunday	17	Christmas Exhibition (Daily until December 2nd)	Palmrick Centre Flag Beacon Gallery (Sunday) (Thurs - Sat)	10.00 for 2.00pm 2.00 - 5.00pm 11.00am - 5.00pm
Monday	18	Assembly Lunch: Home - Christ Church Directory 2001 - closing sale for changes	Christ Church Hall Beacon Room	12.15 - 1.15pm
Thursday	19	Flag Beacon - Christmas Exhibition	Flag Beacon	11.00 - 5.00pm



		Colton Poetry - Hens Passes, & more less etc	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Wreath offering of Christmas Festival Exhibition	Child Church Hall	7.30pm
Friday	20	In the Circle Christmas - with bells - The 1st Exhibition	Town Hall	7.30pm
Saturday	21	St Paul's Church Christmas - in the old building for us with bells - Organ & 3 tenors	Church Pastors	• 8.00am - 7.30pm • 8.00am - 4.30pm 7.30 - 8.30pm
Sunday	24	Hayfield market - Children & Adults COPP OFFICE for more information Christmas Eve - 1st service - 10.00am - 11.00am Christmas Eve - 2nd service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Hayfield market	
Monday	25	St. John's Church - 1st service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 2nd service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Child Church Hall	• 7.00 - 7.30pm
Year group	27	St. John's Church - 3rd service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 4th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Church Pastors	• 8.00am
Friday	28	St. John's Church - 5th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 6th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall, 3 tenors	
Friday	29	St. John's Church - 7th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 8th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	30	St. John's Church - 9th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 10th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 11th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 12th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 13th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 14th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 15th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 16th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 17th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 18th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 19th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 20th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 21st service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 22nd service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 23rd service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 24th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 25th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 26th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 27th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 28th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 29th service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 30th service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	31	St. John's Church - 31st service - 10.00am - 11.00am St. John's Church - 32nd service - 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Town Hall	7.30pm

Friday	20	Croft School: end of term		
Saturday	21	Blues Night	Painewick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
January 2003				
Tuesday	14	Bird Club Field Trip to Keynes Country Park	Private car travel	10.30am
Thursday	18	Music Appreciation Group: Chop In Rehearsed, presented by Richard Fairbrother	Town Hall	7.30pm
Friday	17	Senior Circle: Mills along the Painewick Stream - Carolyn Luke	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tuesday	21	Local History Society: Stroud's Canals - Bruce Hall	Croft School	7.30pm



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Annals of My Village by Mary Roberts. Offers invited for this rare 1831 local book - ideal Christmas present! 01453 834485.

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AIR MAIL

Outside Europe - 6th December
Eastern Europe - 10th December
Western Europe - 14th December

UK STANDARD PARCELS
13th December

UK POST

Second Class - 18th December
First Class - 21st December

In the closing stages of preparation of this issue of the Beacon we were to experience the power cut associated with the gales which afflicted much of Painswick and the surrounding area on Saturday 26th October.

We take the opportunity to thank The Falcon Inn for making a room available to us in which we could relocate some of our equipment, but apologise to readers who may find that the loss of 36 hours of production time caused us to overlook errors here and there.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to CAROLINE HARRIS and RICHARD COLLINS on the birth of their son Luke Graham Harris-Collins; a first grandchild for Nina and Richard Harris

also to CAROLINE and DAVID SHEARER on the birth of a son Maxwell Andrew on October 7th, a brother for Francesca and a third grandchild for Susan and Alan Shearer.

Engagement

Congratulations to SUSAN OAKLEY (née Newell) and MARK DRAPER who have announced their engagement recently.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to STAN BEARD, ALAN and FRASER SHEARER, PADDY WILDY, GEORGE KNILL, DIANAMURRAY, BETTY STICKLAND and JOHN MANTELL.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of WALLY BROOKS and BETTY SPENCE.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss K FROWEN to Museum Cottage in Vicarage Street

also to Dr. and Mrs. CROWTHER who are moving into 4 Randalls Field

also ROD and STEPH MOULTON to Hill View in Vicarage Street

also BERNARD and ANNE HAMIL who moved into 13 Berry Close

also JANE VODDEN who has bought No.7 Painswick Heights

also MARTIN GOODWIN and SUSAN SWAN to Orchard House in Cotswold Mead

and we welcome Mr. and Mrs. AIANO to Ashton House in Gloucester Street.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to RUBY YARNWORTH who has moved to Daventry

also ABEL and BRON RESEIGH who

have moved to Wales

also ANNE and CHRIS WHITWORTH who are moving to Suffolk from Cranham

and RICHARD and SUSAN GAMBOLD are moving from Brookhouse to Chichester

and BRENDA, PAUL and VARDY SABIA who have moved from Ashton House to Stroud

as well as DAVID FELCE the FISH(ER)MAN who no longer has his much appreciated stall behind the Town Hall on Thursdays, but still trades from The Shambles in Stroud.

Thank you

Joyce and Ken Oliver wish to thank all their friends in the Painswick area for their kind good wishes and prayers during Joyce's continuing illness.

Paddy and Eva Wildy would like to sincerely thank neighbours and friends for all their cards and offers of help whilst Paddy was in Gloucester and Standish hospitals. Also special thanks to Margaret and Charles Say for their help and support.

JANUARY ISSUE

So that contributors to our January issue have maximum notice of the publication date, we can already let it be known that we will 'hit the streets' on **Saturday 11th January.**

As we have decided to take a break ourselves at the peak time at Christmas, all major copy will be needed by **Monday 16th December**, please. We will be pleased to accept copy up until 30th December, but there is then a risk it may not then find space.

NEXT ISSUE

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