

The Painswick Beacon

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CROFT KNOCK THEM FOR SIX

Painswick, and a number of parents, have every reason to be proud of the achievements of one particular 'squad' at the Croft School. Sports Teacher Gareth Lewis has passed to us the great news that the school team has not only won the county Soccer Sixes, no mean feat in itself, but has gone on to win the regional competition! There were five counties involved Berkshire, Cornwall, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire.

The photograph shows Richard Royle and Gareth Lewis (teachers), Tom Pigott, Jack Reed, William Unwin and Benjamin Garbett in the middle row, and in the front George Jackson, Matthew Whittaker, Lewis Towell and James Harding. Were they pleased, or were they pleased?



The competition is called the English Schools Football Association Small Schools Soccer Sixes.

The national finals will take place on 24th-25th May at the Lilleshall Academy of Footballing Excellence; where else?

Well done, lads!

The Royal Maundy

The Distribution of Alms on the Thursday of Holy Week has a long history. The Maundy can be traced back in England with certainty to the twelfth century and there are continuous records of the Distribution having been made on Maundy Thursday from the reign of Edward I. Gloucester Cathedral was the venue for this year's distribution of the Royal Maundy gifts. The Service derives its name from the

Latin word *mandatum*, meaning a commandment and its opening words are; 'Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment"'. From the fifteenth century the number of recipients has been related to the years of the Sovereign's life. At one time recipients were required to be of the same sex as the Sovereign but since the eighteenth century the gifts have been distributed to both men and women.



men and seventy-seven women were chosen to receive the gifts. Those chosen are pensioners selected because of the Christian Service they have rendered to the community. The gifts are presented in two purses, one red and the other white. The red purse contains an allowance for clothing and provisions. Today this takes the form of two coins, one a 50 pence piece and the other the Jubilee five pound coin.

The white purse contains in Maundy coins silver twopences, threepences and fourpences: as many pence as the Sovereign has years of age. Maundy coins are legal tender and when the United Kingdom changed to decimal currency in 1971, the face value of a set of four coins became 10 new pence as opposed to 10p in the former currency. In earlier times the Ceremony was observed

wherever the Sovereign was in residence.

At Gloucester, therefore, seventy-seven For many years the gifts were distributed

July

Charter Week events



A number of events have been planned for the week of 5th-12th July in celebration of the 750th Market Charter Granting Anniversary. The

latest are shown below.

Saturday 5th

7.15pm. Painswick Beacon Village Quiz at the Painswick Centre.

7.30pm. The Vox Angeli Singers Concert in St Mary's Church.

Sunday 6th

2.30pm. The Croft School Fair in the school grounds.

Monday 7th - Saturday 12th

Charter Anniversary Exhibition. Town Hall.

Wednesday 9th

6.00pm. Children's Historical Walk led by David Archard.

Thursday 10th

6.30pm-8.30pm. Parish Council Walk. Stamages Lane Car Park.

Friday 11th

7.30pm. Painswick Players 'Living Legends'. Painswick Centre.

Saturday 12th

11.00am. Charter Anniversary Street Market.

8.00pm Victorian Costume Ball Painswick Centre

in the Old Chapel (now the Banqueting Hall) in Whitehall but from 1890 to 1952 the Service was held at Westminster Abbey. During the present Reign the Service has been held at Westminster Abbey on fifteen occasions. Tewkesbury Abbey was the venue in 1971.

Septima Woolley (pictured) from Painswick was a recipient of this year's Maundy money as was Eva Harris from Sheepscombe.

On other pages we report upon the celebration of our **25th anniversary**, a response concerning the **Painswick Show** and our setting about a report, a possible **Dog Show**, an **assault on the Beacon**, interest in '**flower power**', a **straight squirt**, chance to hear **Quatuor Danel**, a hidden **prize**, a **fair cop** in our midst, a **book review**, and the brothers **Ray and Bill**, and family, return of **shirts loaned in 1872** and **cherry pickers**.



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

PC Andy Skorski

The Council welcomed PC Andy Skorski who has recently been redeployed from the Coney Hill area to be the constable with particular responsibility for this area within the Division. The opportunity was taken to express the concerns of local residents about a small number of juveniles involved in anti-social behaviour and enquire about police methods for dealing with such a situation. The powers available under the Crime and Disorder Act were explained by PC Skorski. He went on to make clear his intention to use those powers to solve the problem in Painswick and that the offenders were already known to him. In response to a question PC Skorski elaborated upon the impact of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order in that an individual receiving such, should he/she misbehave, be liable to arrest and if found guilty up to six months imprisonment. Two local residents had given witness statements and hearsay evidence from a third party is acceptable in court

cases under the Act. While he could not name individuals PC Skorski made clear that he is intent upon being pro-active in sorting out anti-social behaviour in the village.

The Council welcomed his intention to seek assistance from them whenever it was required, and agreed to his use of the mobile phone which had been made available to his predecessor.



in this season.

Recreation Field - parking

The Council agreed that, subject to supervision and ground conditions being firm limited parking should be agreed for Painswick Bowling Club events on four occasions

There was discussion of this and one view which was supported by Councillors was that the interests of traders were best addressed by themselves through collective action, possibly including attracting television and other coverage through the media. Although not unanimously supported it was agreed to invite traders to meet with the Council to discuss promotion of the village.

Town Hall - car park

Not for the first time, Councillors deplored the incidence of the parking of private vehicles in the Town Hall car park by local residents. Such demonstrated lack of recognition that the spaces maintained in the park were clearly marked by notice on the wall and on the ground that this area is intended for 'patrons of the Town Hall only'.

Note was taken of actions taken by the Management Committee of Painswick Centre in relation to their own car park and the possibility of introducing a similar system for the Town Hall is to be explored.

Readers are reminded that the Police non-emergency number is
0845 0901234
 Direct line to Painswick's PC
07799 624643

Dog Show

Although no formal request had been made, the Council supported the idea that the annual Dog Show normally held in conjunction with the Painswick Show, itself cancelled for 2003, be

held on the Recreation Field if suitable.

Local traders - support

The Council took note of the exchange of correspondence initiated by Mr. & Mrs. French of Painswick Woodcraft critical of the extent to which the Parish Council directly involved itself in the promotion of the village and traders in particular, not least with regard to the attraction of tourists.

Affordable Housing

It was reported that the Council was in the process of writing to the Gyde Trust to acquaint the trustees with the reaction of the District Council to the findings of the Moore Allen survey. That survey had recommended that the Gyde Trust did not proceed with the release of part of the Gyde Field for Affordable Housing.

In relation to the three units of affordable housing currently under construction on the St.Mary's Home site it was agreed to ask the District Council Ward Councillors to press for precedence to be given to Painswick residents when there units are allocated. Further, it was also agreed to seek information upon the criteria used to award points which led to qualifying for use of such housing.




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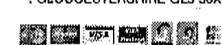
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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 28th May in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

This is a public meeting which gives residents an opportunity to listen to reports by elected councillors (Parish, District and County Council) and to put questions to them.

There is further information about such meetings on page 7.

Head teacher Appointed to The Croft

The Governing Body is delighted to announce the unanimous decision to appoint Mrs Janet Hoyle as the new Head Teacher of the Croft School. There was much competition for this post and a two-day interview process took place.

Mrs Hoyle has proven experience of headship and is an excellent classroom teacher. She brings strong leadership and good management skills and is a team builder with good interpersonal skills. She has high expectations of pupils and staff, inspiring them to achieve their full potential whilst being sensitive to their individual needs.

We warmly welcome her as Head and look forward to working together to benefit all involved in the Croft School.

There will be an opportunity early next term to meet Mrs Hoyle.

*Margaret Hodge
Chair of Governors, The Croft School*

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The Charter Exhibition - your contribution

Glimpses of Painswick's past will be on display in the Town Hall from 7th to 12th July as part of the Charter celebrations. All sorts of themes will be included, from the light-hearted to the more weighty, and we hope that all who visit will have their interest and knowledge extended.

However, the History Society, which is organising the event, can provide only information and some illustration, albeit covering quite a few centuries. This is where your help is desperately needed. Do you have any artefacts or items relating to anything in Painswick's past which you would be willing to lend for the display? It can be as small as an old school report or details of a house for sale right through to agricultural equipment or items of furniture. The subject can be anything.

This year's celebration of the 750th Charter anniversary is a very special occasion for Painswick and it is important that we make a proud display of our heritage. Your contribution is essential as part of this endeavour so please consider lending something from the past. We want to make this a truly stimulating experience.

If you have any items you could lend please contact: John Bailey on 813503, myself on 813387, or Hywel James on 812419.

Help make this historic occasion a memorable one.

Carol Maxwell

Cuckoo

One Stamages Lane reader tells us that the first sound of the cuckoo this year was heard about 11.30am on Wednesday 23rd April. He thought it came from the Frith Wood direction.

Did anyone hear it before then?

A Beacon Committee member reports hearing the cuckoo while at Broadham on the previous day at 10.20am

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The Beacon apologises to the Mothers' Union, and in particular Jane Otway who spent much time preparing its report, for omitting the item from the 25th Anniversary colour supplement last month.

There is, sadly, no way in which we can put our administrative error to rights as that supplement cannot be corrected. The very least we can do is reproduce that important article here.

The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation founded in 1876. The Painswick Branch is over 100 years old. A new banner was made for it in 2001.

Membership is available to anyone baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity that agrees with its purpose and aims; this includes men. Its purpose is to be especially concerned with that which strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life. Gloucester Diocese started the MU Money Advice Service for those in debt and supports the "Away from it all" scheme providing holidays for needy families.

Members are committed to prayer, bible study and worship; our branch has a monthly meeting and Corporate Communion.

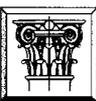
and

Pat Harris, who was the preacher at the 9.30 service at St Mary's Church on Mothering Sunday at the end of March, was enrolled as a MU member in Painswick when her husband was a curate at the Parish Church.

She eventually became World Wide President while her husband was Vicar of Stonehouse.

Jane Otway

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Beacon Village Quiz

As mentioned here last month, the first major event in the week of Charter celebrations will be the Village Quiz on Saturday 5th July.

Our traditional quiz, with rounds of differing topics put to teams to agree upon their collective answers, will be the first part of the evening. The highest scoring team receives the trophy and a set of four bottles of vino, the second and third teams are not forgotten in the prize-winning stakes.

After the supper interval each team will be invited, not pressed, to nominate their 'champion' to join with others in a form of elimination contest to be based upon a popular television quiz show.

Booking a team into the Village Quiz is now open; a note in the Beacon box or sent to the Treasurer (see the back page), and although there is no need to pay up

until we get back to you a cheque for £12 secures your place. Teams can just be a group of four friends, maybe four from a particular street or club; the choice is yours. Doors will be open from 6.45 that evening for a prompt start at 7.15pm.

We hope you will be there.

We know that St.Marys are entering a team.



Hop, Skip and Dumps

The Beacon is the messenger, so brace yourselves for the news that skips will be available on only one occasion in each village between now and next March.

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| Painswick | 9-12th May |
| Sheepscombe | 16-19th May |
| Slad | 12-15th Sep- tember |

and four-legged Humps

Did you know?

The latest estimate of the world camel population is 19,627,000

Actors rescue Shakespeare

A group of amateur actors have got together to rescue the hugely popular summer outdoor production at the Rococo Garden.

The annual production, which attracts a total audience of nearly 3,000 people, was under threat after the Gloucester Drama Association (GDA) which normally produces the play, was forced to pull out. The GDA, a major force for amateur theatre in the county, sustained heavy financial losses following last year's production of *The Merchant of Venice* and announced in November 2002 that it would not be able to put on an outdoor production in 2003.

On hearing the news, and fearing it could mark the end of an event which has built up a tremendously loyal following, a group of actors, who had been involved in previous GDA productions, got together to put together a rescue plan.

The group, under their new name of "The Rococo Players", have now cast their first production, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, a bawdy Shakespearean romp which promises to live up to the tradition of GDA productions.

Phil McCormick, Chairman of the Rococo Players, says: "We couldn't just let the whole thing die when it gives so much pleasure both to the audience and the members of the cast and crew."

"This is one of only a few quality outdoor amateur productions which offers a great evening's entertainment. The audience gets to eat their picnic in the wonderful surroundings of the Rococo Garden before enjoying an evening of Shakespeare. We have assembled a terrific cast this year and

there is a formidable team spirit among the group, so I think we'll do the GDA proud."

This year's production will also see an end to the traditional mad scramble for seats at 6pm every night.

McCormick continues: "It was a bit of a bunfight. People queued from 4.30pm in the afternoon and when the gates opened there was always a mad scramble for the best seats. The message this year is

book early to avoid disappointment!" The Rococo Players have had substantial help from a number of sources, including the GDA itself who stand to benefit from this year's production. The Players intend to hand all profits from *Merry Wives of Windsor* to the GDA in the hope and anticipation that the GDA will be able to take back the reins again in 2004.

Anyone who would like tickets for this year's production, which is being presented from the 15th to 19th July, should call Brian Gibbins on 01452 830958 or email: bookings@rococoplayers.co.uk.

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Dog Show 2003?

The Beacon understands that efforts are being made to hold a Dog Show this summer.

We look forward to reporting whether such is the case in the next issue.

Bellringing News

On 25th March, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths held their Annual General Meeting, and we were pleased to welcome along our Chairman, the Revd. John Longuet-Higgins and Churchwarden David Harley. We have had a busy year, and have rung for seven weddings, with several to come in the next few months, and a number of peals have been rung by visiting bands. Other items discussed included a generally good report on the condition of the bells from Whitechapel Bell Foundry and some good progress being made by several new ringers, who are being taught at Chalford Church by Ted Cribley - our thanks to him for all his hard work. We also took the opportunity to pay tribute to our former Tower Captain and Secretary, Patsy Sykes-Wright, following her untimely death last year. She has been sadly missed.

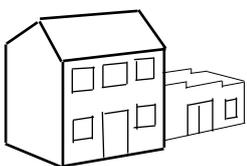
We are still practising on Tuesday nights and ringing for Evensong every first Sunday of the month. We hope to be able to start ringing on Sunday mornings again in the near future - but, as ever, we are unfortunately short of ringers. If you are interested to learn, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of us or come along on a Tuesday night - you would be most welcome.

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Christian Aid Week 2003

The week commences on Sunday 11th May at 6.15pm with a Service at Christ Church where the speaker will be Rev.Nigel Graham.

THE SHOP in the Hall will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am until 3.00pm, and Saturday from 10.00 until midday.

Garden Shop, Cakes, Preserves, Toiletries, Books and Fresh cut flowers each day. There will also be a Quality Stall. The prices of items on this stall (minimum £4), have been agreed with the donors. Unsold items can be returned to donors at Christ Church Hall, Gloucester Street, Painswick.

Goods for sale (no Bric-a-Brac) welcomed 2.00 to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 13th May, and throughout the week.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCHEONS during opening hours Wednesday to Friday.

Wish the stock market was performing like this!

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| 1995 – £4509 | 1996 - £4706 | 1997 – £5978 |
| 1998 – £6013 | 1999 – £6123 | 2000 – £6102 |
| 2001 – £7308 | 2002 – £8210 | 2003 - £???? |

This is the total raised during Christian Aid week in the Painswick Valleys over the last few years - and that's not all - in total we sent £12,251 during the year up to July 2002! Where does it all come from and how is it spent?

Having co-ordinated the Sheepscombe house-to-house collection for several years I have personal experience of the generosity shown on the doorstep. Please delve deep again and also make your hard-working collector's day by filling in your name and address on the envelope so we can claim back tax worth an extra 30%.

It is years since I have been able to visit the Christian Aid shop. Now I have retired and can satisfy my curiosity. How did they raise £2624 last year? Please give in to your curiosity too and help a great cause, (rumour has it that the garden stall is fought over like Harrod's sale, and I am promised a gourmet lunch every day)

Christian Aid helps people regardless of their religion. It works in 60 countries where the need is greatest, channelling its funds through 670 local partner organisations. The need has never been greater. Let's break the record again! Thank you in anticipation.....

Liz Davies, chair, Painswick Valleys Christian Aid.

Baroness Cox to speak at St.Mary's

On Sunday, 25th May, Baroness Caroline Cox will be preaching at St Mary's Church as part of the 9.30am Service.

Baroness Cox, who trained initially as a nurse, is a truly inspirational speaker and a frequent contributor to debates in the House of Lords on a wide range of social and other issues. She is also President of Christian Solidarity Worldwide and, in this role, travels to some of the most dangerous parts of the world in support of the many millions of Christians persecuted for their faith.

Caroline Cox has a number of local connections. She is President of Dean Close School, Cheltenham and even closer to home she is a longstanding family friend of Dr Jim and Mrs Jane Hoyland.

The opportunity to hear her speak is surely one not to be missed, and as always everyone is welcome.

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Book Review

The World Outside My Family

If you enjoy family sagas and are interested in the changing social history of our time, you will want to read this book. In the second volume of his autobiography "The World Outside My Family", John Sharwood-Smith writes about the aspirations and disappointments, the achievements and hardships of three generations of his family.

The central portrait is of his parents, a loving mother of deep and simple piety, and his father, an inspired grammar

school headmaster. His father's mental breakdown meant years of separation for his young family, who were dependents in the houses of not always sympathetic relatives.

The author's education ranged from Dame School to Cambridge, and, as one can imagine from someone who himself became a distinguished teacher, he has some succinct comments on the way we educate young people.

Extracts from his elder brother's own

autobiography give a vivid picture of life as a Colonial Administrator in Northern Nigeria in the 1930's. The same brother, who served as a fighter pilot in the First World War, and who firmly maintained that it was his Teddy bear mascot that brought him safely through action over France.

Courtships and family marriages are recorded as a generation of young men and women make the difficult adjustment to the aftermath of the Second World War. There is a warmth and honesty about this book and one looks forward to the next one that brings the story up to date.

Our Anniversary

As readers cannot help but be aware, from the last issue and the colour supplement, we celebrated our 25th anniversary of producing this newspaper on Saturday 5th April. It is not our practice to report upon our own affairs, but we think we should 'bite the bullet' and break the rule on this occasion.

Readers will be aware that we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Beacon's first issue last month. The success of the newspaper is very much dependent on the team of distributors and the committee decided that the most fitting way to mark the occasion would be to invite both past and present members of the team to a buffet at the Painswick Centre. We were delighted that over 90 were able to come along to Painswick Centre that evening, most with husbands, wives, partners or friends. They were joined by as many previous members of the Beacon committee as could make the event, and this blend of mutual interest brought about much reminiscing.

Gus Gaugain, our distribution coordinator, took the opportunity to welcome and express our thanks to the all-important distributors and his predecessors in his task Arthur Lock, Norman Rampton and Peter Hudson for their all-weather service across many years. Gus then introduced the "man of many hats", Terry Parker - one of the founding members of the Beacon idea way back in 1977, with first publication in April 1978. Terry then introduced Helen Horton whose idea the Beacon had been all those years



ago. Helen said how pleased she was to be present at the 25th anniversary celebrations, especially as so many of the original team were also able to be there that evening. The other original team members present were Helen's husband Graeme, Rachel

Taylor, David Gunton, John Polhill, Sylvia and Lyn Steer. A notable absentee was Eddie Buttrey who was abroad visiting her family with husband Mike. Terry then introduced our special guest, Stephen Wright MBE, Director of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Mr Wright congratulated the Beacon on reaching this milestone



in its history and praised the quality, scope and impartiality of its reporting. He went on to mention that such a publication, envied by many other villages, had a unifying influence and was an asset to the community it served. He went on to congratulate those present who had the foresight to recog-

nise the need for such a publication, and those whose energy and determination had brought it through those twenty five years; and wished the Beacon well for the future.

The remainder of the evening was very relaxed. Robert Burgess played background music on the piano while all enjoyed a buffet and beverages to suit the occasion.

Songbards!

An evening of light entertainment songs and words on the theme of love. In Edge Church on Saturday 10th May at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £5 from Andrea Cahill (813396) Joyce Ryan (812311) and Elizabeth Ward (812188).

Tubalate

In Edge Church on Saturday 14th June at 7.30 pm.

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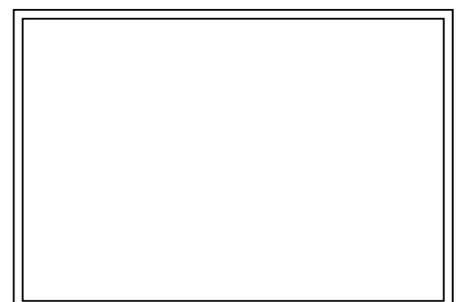
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The 2003 Parish Meeting

Readers are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th May at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

There may, just may, be a reader who wonders what a Parish Meeting might be about. In case that is so, we thought it might be worth a few lines here to record the significance of this annual event.

The tier of local government nearest to the public outside major urban areas is the Parish or Town Council. Those councils discharge an ever increasing number of duties on our behalf, and are funded by placing a levy - technically called a 'precept' - upon their District Council when the council taxes are being prepared for an ensuing year; it is £56,615 for the current financial year. Most people are content and confident to let

bothered ?

their council, Painswick Parish Council in our case, get on with doing whatever it has to do. A small number, and by that we mean an average of about two, sit in the public seats when the Parish Council meets each month to listen to the discussions which are part of the decision-making processes. Others may be content

to read the minutes of these meetings in the public library, or even our selective 'potted version' on page two of the Beacon.

However, once in each year the Council must convene a meeting specifically for the public to attend. It is the occasion when all the work of the Council in the preceding year, its aspirations for the future, and its accounts are all presented to the public. The chairmen of various committees tell us about the tasks they have addressed while councillors from each of the four Wards of the Painswick area report upon their much more localised affairs. In Painswick the District and County Councillors are also invited to talk about the discharge of their differing responsibilities. This part of the meeting might take up to an hour, sometimes less.

The Chairman then invites the public to raise any matter of concern. Such might be about any aspect of the reports which have just been heard, or might be about anything else upon which the Parish Council might take action or consider for representation to other organisations. Some matters raised can stimulate immediate debate among the public present at the meeting, and the Chairman will endeavour to obtain a consensus view so that the Council may be clear about the actions sought by the public.

something to say?

Bothered? Well, a hallmark of a democracy must surely be the opportunity to speak freely and to be supportive of its institutions; the Parish Council is one of those. It is no good blaming the Parish Council for any seeming under-performance if one does not attend and, if necessary, speak at this most important of annual events.

The Beacon will try and report what it observes as key matters raised, but that is no substitute for electors being there themselves on this one occasion a year.

Painswick Playgroup

The children are taking a short Easter break from Playgroup. During the weeks leading up to Easter they coloured in Easter egg pictures, decorated biscuits with lots of sweets and marshmallows and decorated pictures of Easter chicks.

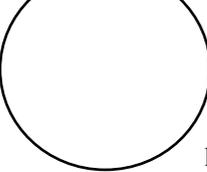
We were also lucky to have a visit from Emma Hiatt, joint chairperson of the Playgroup, in her professional role of paramedic. Emma brought in her first aid kit which she uses when travelling in the ambulance. She showed the children how to use the stethoscope, the various bandages and dressings that she uses on her patients. Luckily we didn't have any 'real' patients on the day, but the staff and duty mums were all bandaged up by the children in a very haphazard fashion!

We have had a few new children recently join the Playgroup; they have all settled in really well. I shall bring you more news of the Playgroup in the next issue and let you know what we have planned for the coming summer months.

*Sandra Chandler
Playgroup Assistant*

WRVS to Whales

Have you wondered about the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, what was it doing and where was it going. Karen Saunders of Stroud will be talking to The Circle on the subject 'The WRVS - A history of Volunteering' on Friday 9th May. So come and find out. She will be giving background information about the WRVS and some key historical facts and then describe how the organisation has changed and its focus today. As Volunteering Manager, she will speak from a volunteer's perspective and talk about the different areas of work WRVS volunteers are involved in, from meals on wheels to hospital cafes



and shops to emergency service support and various community service schemes. Her talk will reveal a lot about largely unsung help and support work that gets done quietly behind the headlines.

On Friday 23rd May Elaine Howell will be acquainting us with her adventures whale and dolphin watching in the Hebrides. The meetings in the Town Hall start at 2.30 pm.

Maurice Maggs Secretary, PSC

Annual Spring Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held in the Town Hall on Saturday the 12th of April raised the superb total of £569.40p. There was a very happy atmosphere and our thanks to all who contributed in any way and helped to prepare the hall, clear-up afterwards and worked very hard on the day.

Our special thanks to the back-room team in the kitchen and indeed to all those people who came on the day to support us without whom there would be no result. The Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund is delighted to be the main beneficiary and Our Lady & St Therèse and Father Franco will also benefit.

*Helen Baker
and Anne Leoni*

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Our local Londis is certainly a bustling little centre right in the heart of the village. So, trying to talk to Bill Kang about the shop is something of a challenge. He is constantly called away to serve the queues of customers or deal with an enquiry, and engaging in conversation about our Londis is not easy.

It is almost a year since Mr Ray Singh took over the business. Bill is his brother and says it is very much a family business with Ray's son, Taj, working there every day and Bill's daughter, Nimi, at weekends. Nimi, a school student in Gloucester, is aiming to study medicine at university. Bill's wife is a nurse at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital but she comes to Painswick to help fairly regularly.

Quite apart from the family, several local people are employed in the shop. Bill says that continuity has been important and many of the staff have remained from the previous ownership. Margaret is the very competent full-time manageress and Rachel is also full-time. Marcella cooks the hot food every morning and Andrew, Toby and Stuart work part-time.

There is always considerable anxiety when a change of ownership occurs – will it signify inappropriate changes to the existing format? After all, this is now the village shop and very precious. Bill points out eagerly that the dairy chill unit is about to be changed for one which is more modern. When pressed about possible changes of greater significance he is quick to allay any fears, adding that they are very happy with the Painswick shop (they also have other shops in Gloucester and Ebley) and have formed no major plans as yet. He explains that they are keen to see what people need and want and that any future changes, if indeed there were to be any, would be based entirely on customer needs.

This is certainly a shop where you can find most of the groceries, magazines, newspapers, stationery and many other things you need and it offers plenty of variety too. Goods are squeezed into every available space and it is difficult to see what else could be offered without major alterations to the premises. It caters mainly for local custom though a steady stream of visitors is also in evidence. Add to this range of goods on offer the fact that the shop is open every day of the week from 7.00am to 8.00pm (Sundays 8.00am-5.00pm), we must count ourselves fortunate to have in our very midst such a customer-friendly provision, staffed by people who are keen to provide the service we want. Our local Londis is well worth cherishing, so do use it.

Carol Maxwell



A Harp Recital

Saturday 17th May 2003 at 3.00pm.
The Church Rooms, Painswick.



A classical recital is to be given by the talented young harpist Jemima Philips in aid of The Campaign to Protect Rural England. Tickets, £5, at the door to include afternoon tea (half price for children under 15).

Jemima Philips is currently in her fourth year as a foundation scholar at The Royal College of Music, and in 2002 at the age of 20, she gained the FRSM (Fellowship of the Royal School of Music).

In August 2000 she won the coveted Blue Riband, the premier prize for young instrumentalists at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, and made her debut in 1999 at the 55th Cheltenham International Festival. She has performed in the Three Choirs Festivals in all three counties, and was recently selected to appear in the Young Musicians concerts at the World Harp Congress in Prague.

She was a semi-finalist in the 1998 BBC Young Musician of the Year, and a finalist in the 1999 (Texaco) Young Musician of the Year.

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750th Charter Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

St. Mary's Parish Church was the setting for a service of unique significance, a service which blended tradition with contemporary mores and the significance of the history behind Painswick with the attitudes of citizens one to another. A truly ecumenical service filled the church with a congregation which appeared to contain representatives of just about every part of this community of ours.

Coinciding with the very day in 1253 that Henry III made a Grant to Warin de Munchensi and his heirs of . . . "a weekly market on Thursday at his manor of Wyk, co. Gloucester, and of a yearly fair there on the vigil, the feast and the morrow of the Assumption", April the 8th will long be remembered by many of today's children and older people.

Children wearing tabards showed the Chairman of the Parish Council and Mrs Parker to their seats punctually at 7.24, followed by the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Mike Skinner. At precisely 7.30 children ushered the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Gloucestershire, Henry Elwes and Mrs Elwes to their front row seats. The sense of occasion, and the pride shown in their tasks, was very clear on the faces of Masters William Moir, Oliver Hall and William Gardner.

This youthful approach was reflected in a later and touching enactment when Henry Elwes ceremonially presented the children with what appeared to be a rolled charter scroll which was then paraded and waved to those present around the church.

The choir attracted many additional singers for this auspicious occasion and, with organist Christopher Swain, the church was full of music and praise through the hymns and the choir's rendition of 'The Heavens are Telling' from Haydn's Creation.

The Address was given by the Very Reverend Hugh Dickinson, with moving references to the sense of community known to many in Painswick today, and rooted in the Painswick of yesteryear. His 'parable' of the young man in the wood, with which he concluded his Address, will surely remain fixed in the memory



of all who listened.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the Revd John Longuet-Higgins, his fellow clergy and others who had clearly devoted much time and talent to organise this opportunity for thanksgiving, and the manner in which a truly inter-denominational service was conducted. Space does not permit us to do more than select one prayer for which we remained standing; a Quaker Prayer

Take this village into thy hands, Lord of the Heavenly Kingdom. Make it a place after thy own heart, a good place where the good life is lived. Give us health, joy in our work, faithfulness in our duty, love and understanding toward one another. Help us manfully to cast out all that is false and unclean. Help us to live, help us to grow. Stay with us and be our friend, Lord of the Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

Victorian Costume Ball

This exceptional Ball will round off the Charter Week celebrations in Painswick Centre on the 12th July.

Times are 8.00 to 11.30pm and the tickets at £6.00 will include refreshments. A bar will be available.

Tickets can already be reserved by telephoning Geoff or Joy Codd on 01453.833150

Painwick W.I.

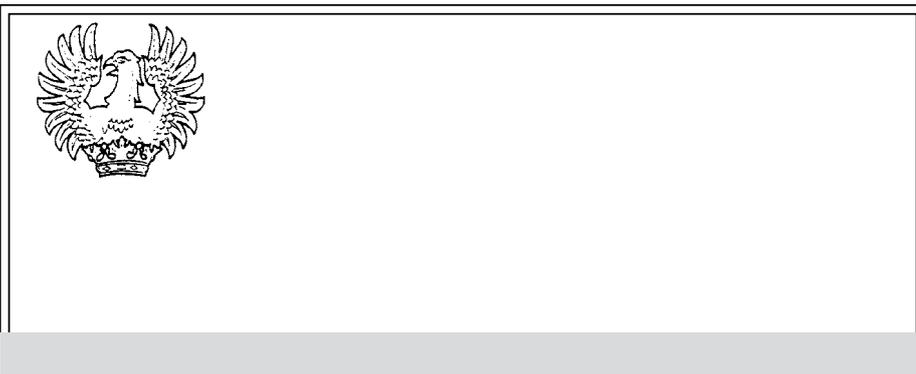
On a cold but sunny afternoon, the Town Hall was full with members, and some visitors, to enjoy a most interesting meeting.

We were reminded that the Group Rally is to be held on 25th June in the Church Rooms; we are the hosts. This will be a lovely meeting of old friends from our neighbouring W.I.'s.

Our President suggested that we all might like to meet at Allards Hotel in Shurdington for an excellent Social Lunch on 12th May, after which Dorothy Daniels, who lives nearby, is kindly offering us coffee at her home.

Our friend, Janet Jenkins was our speaker. Her subject was the Inca Trail. It was marvellous! The slides were quite wonderful describing the colourful Inca people, dramatic mountains (The Andes) and of course, the lamas and sheep, which provide the wool. When dyed, mostly red, the locals use it for knitting and weaving.

The meeting finished with a welcome cup of tea.



LETTERS

No Show

We too were astonished and most disappointed to learn that there is to be no Painswick Show this year. Having been asked whether the Show could be held in the Park on Saturday 9th August we agreed with enthusiasm and planned our summer around that date. We heard nothing further until receipt of our copy of last month's Beacon.

We have planted eighty trees in the Park in order to replace trees that have died and to ensure the future of the Park. The area used in previous years for the show jumping, has however, deliberately been left clear. While there are a number of clumps of new trees we are surprised and saddened that the twenty four acre park is now deemed insufficient to accommodate a show which has our full support – even more so with (so far!) three of our five children keen riders!

*Victoria and Rusty Elvidge
Painswick House*

Show Report

The Beacon realises that there will be much public interest in the future of the Painswick Show and hopes to carry an item in the next edition about the show's long term prospects. Ed.

On the Bench

It is some time since we walked up on to Painswick Beacon but we were delighted, the other evening, to come across the new, beautifully made, Sutton memorial bench.

While we sat there for a while admiring the view, we felt we must tell you how



much we appreciate this facility.

Then, when we walked further up and round to what is our favourite viewpoint bench, again, we were delighted to find that the old, rather dilapidated, fixture had been replaced by the new Sanders bench.

Again, much appreciated. Thank you to all responsible.

Assault on Painswick Beacon

I live near the beacon and with my 2 dogs have a daily early morning walk there. We start from Paradise, walk up past the club house and up the first fairway bearing to the right until we can see the beacon itself in the distance. Here we drop down to the saddle where a small road connects the A46 to the Gloucester road and, crossing this, climb up to the high point before eventually circling around the hill fort and retracing our steps back to Paradise. My habit is to start off at a brisk walk and then jog all the way home.

This particular day was a clear cold morning with good light and I arrived at the saddle around 7 am not having seen anyone else. As I came to the road I saw a blue BMW parked on the Gloucester side of the hill with two people in it but no dog or golf clubs. This struck me as odd as most users of the beacon at this time of day are walking dogs or very keen (or illegal) golfers. I crossed the road intending to continue up to the trigonometry high point when I realised one of the men had left the car and was walking quickly towards me. At the time I felt wary of his approach but when he asked the time I told

him it was 7.05 and then turned away and carried on the walk. He called out to me to stop but I replied that I would not as I was walking my dogs and he then ran after me, pulled me round and punched me in the face. He was in his 20's over 6 foot and had a passing resemblance to a younger Vinnie Jones and was clearly under the influence of some variety of intoxication. He said no more but seemed to be trying to hit me again but, fortunately, due to his incoordination I was able to extract myself and ran off down the hill to the A 46 and so home.

I immediately reported the matter to the police and gave a full statement which I hoped might bring some success as I had a good description and the registration number. It is now, at the time of writing, 17 days since it happened and as far as I can ascertain the only progress has been to ask the registered owner of the car (who lives in the Barton Street area of Gloucester) whether it is still his car. Because the incident happened in the Stroud area the Gloucester police have to be asked officially to interview the man and this has not yet happened.

I was not seriously hurt and was fit enough to be able to escape my attacker, but this could have been a stabbing or I might have been physically unable to evade the man and the outcome might have been a lot more severe.

My anger is mainly directed at this individual who can attack a complete stranger on no pretext but also with the police who seem to have gone through only the bare minimum of investigation. They obviously have other more serious crimes to pursue but surely, with the information I gave them, they could have shown more urgency.

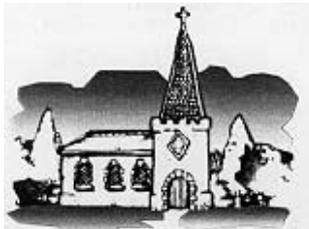
The dogs, by the way, were hopeless! One has to be on an extender lead and got tangled around my feet and the other just thought it was a big game!

RA

Police response

The Beacon made enquiries of the police, through PC Andy Skorski, as to progress in their investigations. The response came within the hour that their enquiries were completed on 21st April and an arrest is, at the time we went to press, imminent. Ed.

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10th May: Quatuor Danel

We enjoyed some really super concerts in March and April - see the reviews of the first two below. The concluding concert in the Painswick



Music Society season will be a recital given by Quatuor Danel. This French ensemble, formed in 1991 in Brussels, is now firmly established as a leading European string quartet. They have won many international string quartet competitions, appear at major festivals and concert venues and broadcast widely throughout Europe.

They will play a programme of Haydn, Debussy and Beethoven.

Tickets, £10 for adults and £1 for students and children, may be obtained in advance from Hywel James 812491, or the Shetland Shop or on the door. The concert is in St Mary's Church on Saturday 10th May at 3.00pm All are welcome to have a delicious tea in the Church Rooms after the concert when there is an opportunity to meet the performers.



Naomi Dunn

Bremen to Birmingham

The Group visited Symphony Hall in Birmingham on Friday 28th March for its final concert trip of the 2002/03 season. We enjoyed music spanning three centuries played by Die Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and conducted by Daniel Harding, still only 27 years old. The concert started with Stravinsky's Apollon Musagète, a ballet in two scenes which was first performed in 1928. The ballet's theme is the birth of Apollo and his bestowing gifts upon three muses. Many of us had not previously heard this music; however, as this was one of Stravinsky's more melodious and musically attractive works, it proved to be a hit.

Next, by way of a total contrast, we heard Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 18 in B flat major, played by the Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes. He played this classic 18th century work with superb technical skill and thoroughly justifies his international reputation.

After the interval, we moved to the 19th century to hear Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in C minor. Being a chamber orchestra, Die Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen brought

a unique style of play to this piece and many PaMAG members said it was the best rendering of the symphony that they had heard.

Our concert outing organiser Stewart Price had selected excellent seating at an acceptable cost in the Symphony Hall's Upper Circle. Both sound and view were first class. Added to which, our timely coach travel from the front door of the concert hall to Stamages Lane car park, made for a relaxing conclusion to a memorable evening.

Jane Rowe



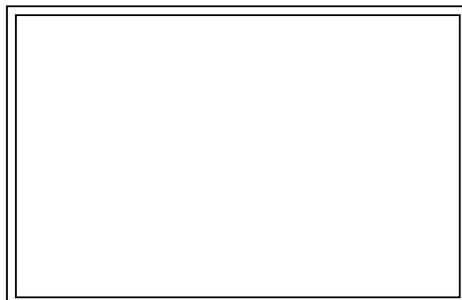
And just as relaxed was our 'Finale' on 10th April when we drank and listened to Members' favourite recordings. All tuneful and happy-making as befitted the occasion, with the accent on singing and things Italian and a Copland Dance and Dvorak Polonaise and Polka thrown in for contrast.

A varied programme has been arranged for the coming season: see you on our opening night on 18th September!

Ralph Kenber



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Hockey

Painswick Mixed 1 Oxstalls 1

The Painswick Mixed Hockey team were hosts to Oxstalls at Broadham earlier this month. Starting with nine players, Painswick were a little stretched but Bill Gott and Greg Woolls proved a positive force in the Painswick defence. While Oxstalls sought out opportunities to gain access to Painswick's goal area, the attacking players were well hassled. Kate Wright proved most effective by marking her opponent out of the game. Communication was a little sparse, nevertheless space was achieved and some excellent ball distribution gave Karen Davis a free run up the wing to make a threatening cross. 30 minutes into the game, a couple of late arrivals gave Painswick a full squad. Pressure began mounting against Oxstalls with Michael Morse pushing the ball through to enable Jean Ractliffe to achieve the first goal. The second half saw Oxstalls determined to even the score and despite some excellent from John Woolls, they managed to penetrate Painswick's defence to gain the equaliser. Painswick were more determined to make the game theirs and some midfield passing from Chris Jones to Jo Dryden gave Sophie Hinds an opportunity to push for goal only to have her shot go wide. While the ball returned to Painswick defence, Gott cleared the ball effectively to Sharon Gillson's stick, who found herself positioned well to deliver a perfect cross only to see her efforts uncollected. Both teams just couldn't find an opening for a leading goal and were satisfied with a friendly draw.

Anita Wright

Golf

The winter has been kind to us with only four occasions when the fog or snow stopped us playing on our testing course which is now 112 years old.

We have over sixty seniors playing at 8.00am on every Tuesday and Thursday. The Rev Bill Phillips is a regular at 91 years of age! New seniors are welcome to join a very friendly senior section with handicaps from 9 to 28.

Our new captain Nick Turner has a busy year ahead of him as the secretary, Stan Gidmas, has arranged 28 matches and this year we are delighted to include the Forest of Dean Club both home and away. The matches started on Thursday 10th April at Cotswold Hills and will finish on Thursday 16th October at home to the Forest of Dean. The Painswick Seniors Open will be held on Wednesday 16th May. All seniors are welcome. Contact Jim Hodge on 812573. The winter 4'ball league then Knockout Stableford competition was won by Roger Anthony and Peter Sibley with 48 points. In second place, Dave Warren and Mike Owen on 47 points who beat Malcolm Booth and Paul Horrock on a better back 3.

Ken Morris

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The winter indoor season ended on a high note with the pre outdoor season skittles match at the Civil Service Club in Cheltenham. Over 50 members and their guests attended the evening where we were kept in order by Tony and Myra Savage, who also took charge of the raffle of some 25 quality prizes which had been donated. Buffet food was provided by the staff at the club.

Our ladies played our old rivals Painswick in the final of the Cotswold Interclub on 8th April. A keenly fought match I am told which resulted in a win for Falcon. Unfortunately we lost in the mixed four rink against Nailsworth. The finals of the open two rink at Midglos, where we were

playing for 5th place, resulted in a win against Caer Glow a strong Gloucester club, and £35 prize money to the clubs coffers. To finish in this position against clubs as strong as Cheltenham, Cirencester, Coleford, and Royal Forest of Dean, who took the top four prizes, was a great credit to the club. Our outdoor season started on Saturday 19th April when some 36 members braved a cold and blustery, but a least, dry roll up.

What a shame after the previous weeks of sunshine. Prior to the start of the match John Parker husband of the late Pat Parker, a much loved member of the club, presented a wooden seat in her memory, suitably inscribed "Pat the Hat" a name by which she was always known.

David Ryland

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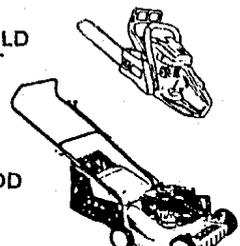
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Rugby

The season is coming to a successful conclusion for Painswick. Although the first fifteen will have been disappointed not to have achieved a more respectable position in the Gloucestershire league, they will have been relieved to have maintained their Premier Division status. Unless the divisions are restructured, it is Cirencester and Hucclecote who will be relegated to Division 1. Painswick's five victories as opposed to Ciren's four, meant that the Cherry and Whites finished two points clear of the Cotswold district club. Painswick United's success in the Stroud Senior Combination Cup has brought about the unique situation in which the two Painswick sides will contest the final at Broadham on Saturday 3rd May with a 3pm kick-off. The cup will therefore stay in Painswick for the next year whatever the outcome of the match. The United got to the final with victories over Wotton, Tetbury and Cirencester's first fifteens.

Festival Day

Sunday 25th May will be an important day in the life of the Rugby Club. The Gloucester RFC Supporters Club has arranged to present Painswick with a set of shirts specially made in the style of the 1872 period. The presentation is to commemorate the fact that the Gloucester club borrowed a set of shirts from Painswick all those years ago and the Supporters Club, whose Chairman is local resident Bob Rumble, believes it would be timely for their return! As part of the celebrations, Painswick will entertain a Cherry Pickers Fifteen which is a side made up of former Gloucester RFC players. Painswick will be particularly delighted to host the Gloucester team this year given the City club's wonderful season that has seen them achieve the league and cup double. The match kicks off at 3.00pm. On the same day, the Painswick club will host mini-tournaments which will see under eight, nine, ten and eleven year old teams from Hucclecote, Cirencester and Painswick in competition. The matches are scheduled to start at 10.00am.

Results

Sat 4th Apr. No matches played as the club went to Twickenham to see the final between Gloucester and Northampton which resulted in victory for the local side.

Sat 12th Apr. League. Hucclecote 1st XV 32 Painswick 1st XV 22.

Stroud Senior Combination Cup Semi-Finals. Thu 17th Apr. Dursley 1st XV 6 Painswick 1st XV 15. Sat 19th Apr. Painswick United 10 Cirencester 1st XV 5.

Cricket

The new season gets underway this weekend with league matches being played on Saturday and Painswick playing Stone the following day in the first round of the National Village Championship. The annual Vice-Presidents' Evening was held on

Friday 25th April when presentations were made to three players for their outstanding contributions to the club. Chairman, John Hogg, gave shields to Jos Tooth as Young Player of the Year, Simon Base as Player of the Year and to son Ian as Clubman of the Year. Everyone was very pleased to meet the club's first overseas player, James Boyland, who hails from Perth in

Western Australia. James who is an all rounder fast bowler/opening batsman, spent last summer with a Cornish club where he enjoyed a successful season.

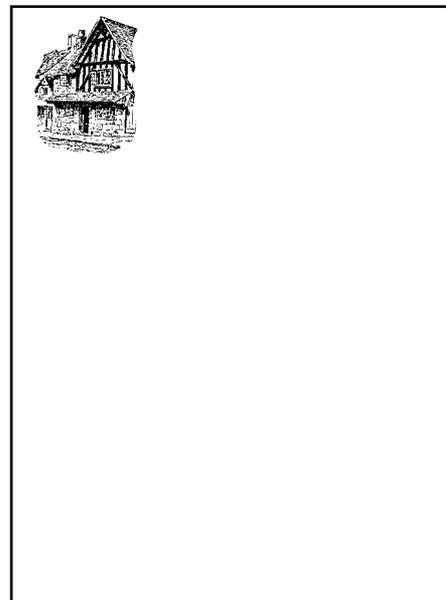
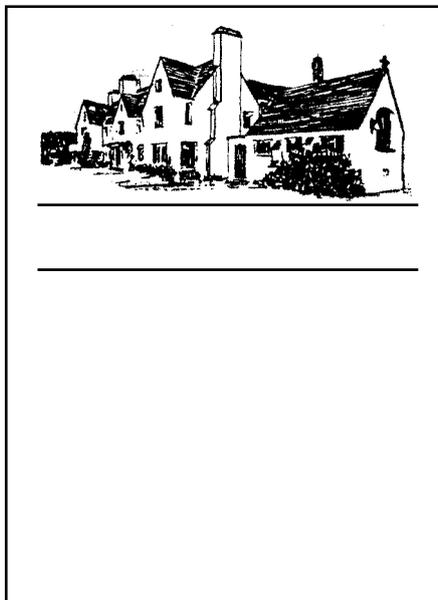


Chairman John Hogg with son Ian



James Boyland (left) with Club Secretary Andrew Wise





A Trio of Talks

Three very different aspects of local history were covered by the interesting and entertaining talks given at the members' research evening of Painswick Local History Society. The symbolism of the plasterwork in Beacon House was explained by Barbara Blatchley. Barbara showed slides which revealed the fine details of the designs and scenes executed in plaster on walls and ceilings throughout the house. A basket of fruit denotes plenty and hope. Among the animals depicted are an owl, the symbol of sleep, wisdom and darkness, and a cockerel, the sign of the apostle, Peter, symbolising denial and repentance. There is also a puppy dog, but it is not known whether this refers to Painswick puppy dog pie!

In 'The House that Daniel Spring Built' Peter Rowe recounted the results of his research into the history of his house, 'The Churn' in Hale Lane. In October 1819 Daniel Spring, a builder and property owner, bought three cottages and a parcel of land near Castle Hale. He demolished one cottage and built a new house. The house remained in the Spring family until the mid-

Painswick Local History Society

dle of the 20th century. Changes to the property over the years reflect the more demanding requirements of householders; a bathroom was added in the 1920s and the stable was converted to a garage in the 1970s.

A study of the Parish registers of 1550s by Hywel James gave a picture of the Parish of Painswick in the reign of Elizabeth I.

In the 19th century Cecil Davies of Court House had arranged these records of births, marriages and deaths into families. Hywel entered this work on to a computer and sorted the records back into date order. He was then able to extract data to make lists which showed, for example, that the top name in the parish in Elizabethan times was Osborne and that the occupations included butchers, shoemakers and weavers.

The Society outing will be on Tuesday, 20th May. Mr. Geoff Haynes of the Tetbury Local History Society will lead a walk around Tetbury. The walk will start from the Chipping car park at 7.00pm.

Gwen Welch

Don't Dress for Dinner lacks a little squirt!

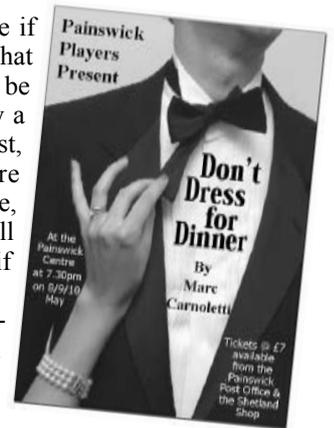
Dear readers, I stand accused by our Editor of rambling on for too long and not sticking to the point. Hence, this month I shall simply inform you that Painswick Players are presenting *Don't Dress for Dinner* from 8th to 10th May at the Painswick Centre. You can get tickets (£7.00) from Painswick Post Office and The Shetland Shop.

I shall resist telling you that it was written by Marc Camoletti – who also wrote *Boeing Boeing* – and was a smash-hit in Paris, under the original title *Pyjamas pour Six*, where it ran for over two years. Neither shall I be tempted to add that *Don't Dress for Dinner* is Robin Hawdon's adaptation of this French original and was premiered in 1991 at London's Apollo Theatre, starring Simon Cadell and Su Pollard.

Wild horses will not drag from me anything about the plot, which concerns one man's frustrated attempts to entertain his

syphon is squirted. Or, it will be if we can find one. Did you know that nowadays you just don't seem to be able to beg, borrow or even buy a working soda siphon? Or, at least, we can't. Has anyone out there got one they would like to donate, lend or even sell us? Please call Naomi Dunn on 01452- 812711 if you can help.

And finally, I shall miss being able to thank the several readers who got in touch about the mystery Painswick Players photo in last month's Beacon.



chic, Parisian mistress for the weekend. Or that he has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to furnish the gourmet delights... or that he is in the process of packing his wife off to her mother. You will sadly remain ignorant of the fact that he has even invited along his best friend as a suitable alibi but that the best friend turns up without knowing why he's been invited... and that he and the wife are secret lovers, anyway ... and that the cordon bleu cook is mistaken for the mistress... and that the mistress has to become the cordon bleu cook, except that she can't (cook, that is)... and then that the cordon bleu cook's cordon bleu husband turns up and the air gets pretty cordon bleu. In short, you will be left virtually ignorant of this tasty evening of hilariously disastrous culinary confusion (unless, of course, you come along).

All of which means that I cannot tell you that somewhere in the midst of all this disastrously confusing hilarity, a soda

I would have been able to report that the picture shows a Mr H Waring, Mrs Rose Tranter, Mr D Browning and Mr Charles Sysum (who was the Painswick House head gardener at the time) in the 1939 PP production of *Eldorado* by Bernard Gilbert. The play tells of the passionate struggle to possess – and I promise you I'm not making any of this up – a potato!

Jack Burgess - Painswick Players
www.painswickplayers.org.uk



Word-search K-Z of flowers to be found in many gardens

around southern England. I have hidden the names of just twelve more flowers/shrubs to be found in an average garden.

Can you find them?

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

We have no way of knowing whether these Word-search teasers are of interest, but thought we might find out if we offered a £5.00 token to spend at one local shop to the first correct list drawn out of the Beacon 'hat', and written on a post card received by the 16th May.

Answers next month.



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Answers to last month's WordSearch on flowers A-J

- DAISY
- BLUEBELL
- TULIP
- HYACINTH
- HOSTA
- IRIS
- DAHLIA
- ERICA
- FUCHSIA
- CROCUS
- JASMIN
- ASTER

RSPCA

There will be a sale in support of the RSPCA in the Town Hall on Saturday 17th May.

All will be welcome for
Tombola
Bric-a-Brac

Coffee and biscuits

Any able to offer help or items for sale please contact Angela on 812444.

Toy mystery

Somebody, very kindly brought several black bags full of toys for the Haven and left them at my home in Hambutts Mead.

We are very grateful for them and I shall take them down as soon as possible. It would be very nice if the kind owner would let me know his name and address so that he can be thanked officially.

Anyway, we are most appreciative

PROPERTY REPORT at 23rd April from Murrays

Many of you will already have noticed that "we have moved", not far, but just along the road to the corner of New Street and Victoria Square. We thought we already had the best looked in window in the village, but now we are in an even more prominent position, clearly visible from the main road yet still convenient to easy parking. We are all delighted with our spacious newly refurbished offices having taken over the ground floor of this fine old chapel whilst Price Davis, the accountants have moved upstairs. You are all welcome to pay us a visit, so please pop in and see us if you are passing.

Since our last report, a lot has been happening that has influenced the property market and if one reads the various reports in the press one ends up totally confused. All we can do here is monitor the ups and

downs of the local market and I am pleased to be able to report some encouraging news. Whilst we have been active on viewing with plenty of eager buyers around, it had become much harder to get buyers to commit.

Now, however things have improved, a strong flurry of sales in April and with the Iraq situation easing, falling interest rates and a kinder than expected budget, I believe the signs are good for the housing market in the coming months. Latest instructions include Monks Ditch, a lovely house in its own valley in Cranham Woods, 2 Beech Tree Terrace, a 3 bed cottage in Edge with fantastic view, Outside Edge in Edge Road, a small bungalow on one of the best sites in Painswick, Hill Cottage and Dial Tryst in Vicarage Street,



2 and 3 period cottages in the village, 9 Churchill Way, an affordable 3 bedrooomed modern house and three more houses in Upton St Leonards, Woodlands Lodge, an interesting 4 bed house in Churchfield Road, Curtis Orchard, an individual 4 bed older house with nearly two acres, and Willow Mead in Bond End Road, a large family house with indoor pool and snooker room. No room left for sales, but briefly we have had 10, four of which are amongst the new instructions. *Clive Murray*



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PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council. Painswick locations unless indicated.

NEW APPLICATIONS

YEW TREE COURT, FAR END, SHEEP-SCOMBE Erection of extension (revised plans following approval S.02/629)
BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEP-SCOMBE Extension to existing lake to form a wildlife and course fishing lake.
5 HYETT ORCHARD, HYETT CLOSE Prune and shape Norway Maple.

REVISED PLAN

HAMMONDS BARN, PAINSWICK OLD ROAD, STROUD Erection of extension. Main changes: Proposed extension simplified.
TIMBERCOMBE COTTAGE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of an extension. Main changes: Reduced scale of western extension.
Land adjoining TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD Erection of 1 detached dwelling. Main changes: Scale reduced and design altered.
DETCOMBE HOUSE, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of a garage and store building with staff accommodation over. Main changes: Revisions to scheme.

CONSENTS

PAINSWICK MILL New extension to form conservatory and provision of a new entrance door.
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Rebuild part of a listed building due to collapse, plus structural timber replacement.
FIELDWAYS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEP-SCOMBE Erection of a new dwelling to replace existing.
Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Rebuild existing pig pen to create garden store.
SOLOMONS BYRE, ELCOMBE, SLAD Erection of a double garage.
COPPER BEECHES, WOODBOROUGH CLOSE, KNAPP LANE Erection of a conservatory.
CARRWOOD COTTAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Erection of an extension.

REFUSAL

STROUD SLAD FARM, THE VATCH, SLAD Conversion of byre building with extension to form games room and guest bedroom.
DELL FARM Erection of steel framed barn
FOLLY COTTAGE, PAINSWICK BEACON Erection of two storey extension and log store. Demolition of existing garage and garden room.

PLAN WITHDRAWN

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEP-SCOMBE Extensions to dwelling.

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report from Sheepscombe School

for the period 21st March to 11th April (

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Recital by Caroline McBrayne

Caroline McBrayne who is now becoming well known as a very talented student of Phyllis Sellick, gave a recital at Hambutts Mead on Sunday 23rd March.

She concentrated on pieces from Latin America and Spain most of all and it was an interesting Recital because it was so unusual.

It is sad that she didn't have a larger audience but I think she is getting better known and she certainly is a remarkable pianist.

Diana Feilden



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VILLAGE DIARY

MAY

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| Mon | 5 | Traditional May Day and Skittles Sheepscombe | from 11.00am |
| | | A day of fun for all the family | Village Hall |
| Tue | 6 | Dog Training Club: Tuesdays | Christ Church Hall 9.30 to 12noon |
| Wed | 7 | Theatre Club Outing to Malvern | The Falcon 12.30pm |
| | | Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays | Painswick Centre 2.00 to 4.00pm |
| | | Bingo Session: all welcome – prizes (Wednesdays) | Painswick Centre 7.30pm |
| | | Bird Club: field trip to hear nightingales | Highnam Wood 7.30pm |
| Thu | 8 | Painswick Players Present "Don't Dress for Dinner" | Painswick Centre 7.30pm (also Fri 9th & Sat 10th) |
| Fri | 9 | WI Market – Fridays | Town Hall 10.00am |
| | | Senior Circle: Whither the WRVS – Jane Sargent | Town Hall 2.30pm |
| | | Skip available | Stamages Lane |
| Sat | 10 | Horticultural Soc.: Chairman's Spring Social Event | Stamages Car Park 2.30pm |
| | | Music Society Concert: Quatuor Danel, string Quartet | St. Mary's Church 3.00pm |
| | | 'Songbards': An evening of music | Edge Church 7.30pm |
| Sun | 11 | Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May | |
| | | Christian Aid Service | Christ Church 6.15pm |
| Tue | 13 | Goods received for sale in Christian Aid Shop | Christ Church Hall 1.30 - 4.00pm |
| Wed | 14 | Bird Club: field trip Dowdeswell Nature Reserve | A40 Dowdeswell 10.00am |
| | | Probus: Parliament Act 1911 - Reform of The Lords | Ostlers Room, 10.00am |
| | | - Mr H Dawson | Falcon |
| | | Christian Aid Shop (Wed - Fri) | Christ Church Hall 10.00am - 3.00pm |
| | | Cheltenham Art exhibition | Library Rooms |
| | | Horticultural Society AGM: Followed by Talk - | Town Hall 7.30pm |
| | | Sweet Peas – Mr. G Alway | |
| Thu | 15 | W.I. Resolutions Meeting | Town Hall 2.30pm |
| Fri | 16 | Skip available | Sheepscombe |
| Sat | 17 | Christian Aid Shop | Christ Church Hall 10.00am - 12.00noon |
| | | House History Workshop | Pitchcombe Vill. Hall 10.00am to 4.00pm |
| | | Harp Recital of Classical Music - Jemima Phillips | Church Rooms 3.00pm |
| | | Painswick Blues: Bluze | Painswick Centre 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Tue | 20 | Local History Society: Annual Outing to Tetbury | Chipping car park 7.00pm |
| | | Jazz Evening: Local musicians – no charge | Ostlers Room, Falcon 8.30pm |
| Wed | 21 | Travel Tokens: last day for collection | Post Office |
| | | Parish Council | Town Hall 7.30pm |
| | | Wives Fellowship: Porcelain Dolls – Mrs P Rodford | Christ Church 8.00pm |
| Thu | 22 | Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service | Gloucester Cathedral 7.30pm |
| Fri | 23 | Senior Circle: Whale and Dolphin watching in the | Town Hall 2.30pm |
| | | Hebrides – Elaine Howell | |
| Sat | 24 | Copy dateline for May to Iris McCormick | |
| | | National Final Soccer Sixes – and 25th | Lilleshall Academy |
| Sun | 25 | Festival Day and Match against Gloucester (p.13) | Broadham Field 3.00pm |
| Mon | 26 | Spring Bank Holiday | |
| Wed | 28 | Probus: The man who was Shakespeare - | Ostlers Room, 10.00am |
| | | Mrs Frieda Barker | Falcon |
| | | Annual Parish Meeting | Town Hall 7.30pm |
| Thu | 29 | Diary dateline for May to Edwina Buttrey | |
| Fri | 30 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) | Wynstowe, 2.30pm |
| JUNE | | | |
| Sun | 1 | Garden Open and Plants for Sale | The Cottage, 11.00am - 4.00pm Pitchcombe |
| Wed | 4 | Wives Fellowship: Travel in Peru – Mr & Mrs Leoni | Christ Church Hall 8.00pm |
| Thu | 5 | Mothers' Union: Bisley Deanery Quiet Afternoon | St Mary's church 2.00 - 4.00pm |
| | | "Therefore encourage one another" led by | |
| | | Revd. Heather Whyte | |
| | | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House 2.30pm |
| Fri | 6 | Senior Circle: Life on the Street – Tony Crook | Town Hall 2.30pm |
| Sat | 7 | JUNE ISSUE OF THE PAINSWICK BEACON PUBLISHED | |
| | | Paradise House Open Day - All Welcome | Paradise 2.00 - 4.30pm |



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| Sun | 8 | Bird Club: Stroll along Kingsmill Lane Summer Christian Unity Week Service Led by Revd. Ray Hinch | Kingsmill Pitchcombe Church | 9.00am 6.30pm |
| Tue | 10 | Mothers' Union Outing to Glenfall House | | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 14 | 'Tubalate': delightful music by one of Britain's Finest brass ensembles Painswick Blues: From America – Bill Sheffield | Edge Church Painswick Centre | 7.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Mon | 16 | Calor 'Village of the Year': judging during week | | |
| Tue | 17 | Local History Society: Annual General Meeting | Croft School | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council Wives' Fellowship Outing | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 19 | W.I. Reflexology - Sue Oakley | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 20 | Senior Circle: A Young Girl with a Mission - Billie Grant The Painswick Midsummer Charity Ball | Town Hall Painswick Mill Painswick Centre | 2.30pm 7.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Sat | 21 | Painswick Blues: The Daniel Smith Blues Band | Painswick Centre | 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Wed | 25 | WI Group Rally: in Painswick Probus: Caricatures and Cartoons - Hogarth to Giles - Mr Colin Bowden | Church Rooms Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |
| Fri | 27 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) Painswick Blues: The Animals | Wynstowe, Painswick Centre | 2.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Sat | 28 | Edge Fete Painswick Blues: The Animals - again | The Green in Edge Painswick Centre | 5.00 to 7.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |

JULY

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| Tue | 1 | PCMS: AGM Speaker – The Revd John Longuet-Higgins | Church Rooms | 8.00pm |
| Wed | 2 | Wives Fellowship: Amateur Acting – Lesley Wolowiec | Christ Church Hall | 8.00pm |
| Thu | 3 | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 4 | Senior Circle: Are you missing out? – Jackie Herbert | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 5 | Beacon Village Quiz 750 Charter Concert. Proceeds for MENCAP | Painswick Centre St Mary's Church | 6.45 for 7.15pm 7.30pm |
| Sun | 6 | Croft School Fair | School Grounds | 2.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | Charter Anniversary Exhibition – until Saturday | Town Hall | |
| Wed | 9 | Children's Historical Walk – led by David Archard | | |
| Thu | 10 | Parish Council Walk | Stamages Car Park | 6.30 to 8.30pm |
| Fri | 11 | Painswick Players - 'Living Legends' | Painswick Centre | 7.30pm |
| Sat | 12 | Charter Anniversary Street Market Victorian Costume Ball | Painswick Village Painswick Centre | 11.00am start 8.00 to 11.00pm |
| Tue | 15 | 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' - until 19th July | Rococo Garden | 6.00pm picnic |
| Wed | 16 | Wives Fellowship: Barbecue | Latchetts-Kingsmead | 7.00pm |
| Sat | 19 | Painswick Blues: Blues Summer Party | Painswick Centre | 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Sun | 27 | Exhibition of Etchings by Robert Ball (to 3rd August) | Library Rooms | Daily |
| Wed | 30 | Wives Fellowship: Running a B&B – Jean Burgess | Christ Church Hall | 8.00pm |



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 6 | Horticultural Society: Annual Show and Exhibition | Painswick Centre | 3.00 to 5.00pm |
| Fri | 12 | Senior Circle: How can we help? – Jane Rowe Skip available | Town Hall Slad | 2.30pm |
| Mon | 15 | Bird Club: field visit Keynes Country Park | Spratgate Lane | 10.30am |
| Thu | 18 | Music Appreciation Group - 16th Season starts | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 19 | Skip available | Edge | |
| Fri | 26 | Senior Circle: Poundbury – Val Hurlston-Gardiner | Town Hall | 2.30pm |

OCTOBER

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| Thu | 9 | Bird Club: Wildlife in the Garden + bird feeders | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
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NOVEMBER

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| Thu | 6 | Bird Club: Birds, Mammals and Flowers in the UK | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
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If the number of telephone calls we receive are any indication, the projection of the Village Diary on these two pages is helpful to those arranging their own events and meetings well into the future; and is a good way of avoiding clashes. Please let us know dates as far ahead as you like, and we will include all the dates we can in these pages.



Add a Touch of Beauty for 2003

Make the village look really beautiful again this year! It is time to plan summer flower displays. Painswick Horticultural Society is running the Painswick in Bloom competition, so why not have a go at planting out a hanging basket or container? The Society's aim for Painswick in Bloom is to encourage residents and businesses to grow flowers and plants, and to reward their efforts.

The Competition

- The competition covers all plantings in containers in the centre of the village that can be viewed closely from the road or footpath. These may be tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets.

- Only the area of the village within the dotted line on this map is judged. There is no entry form or fee and competition is open to everyone within this area.

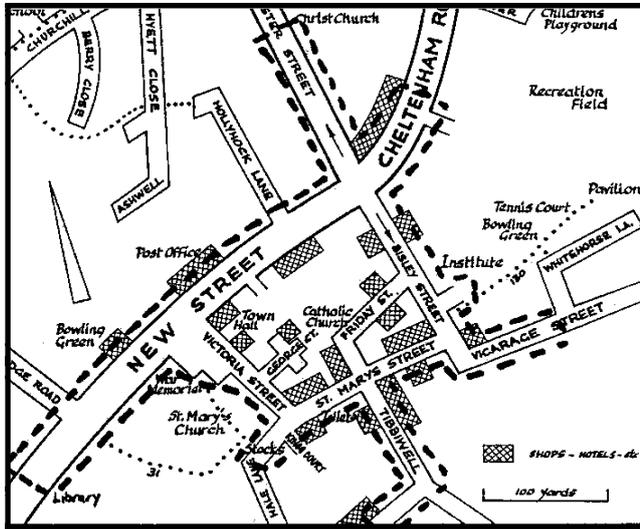
- The judge is chosen by the Society.

- There is one class for Residents and one for Businesses, with one winner in each class.

- Judging is in late July/early August. A PHS committee member will accompany the judge.

- The winners in each class will be presented with the Society's silver trophy at the Horticultural Society Show on Saturday 6th September. The committee has agreed that no winner will be awarded first place in two consecutive years.

- Winners and those commended, together with the judge's comments, will be published in the October issue of the Beacon.



Pauline Lamont

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Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund

Despite setbacks relating to advance publicity we had a super crowd at our recent coffee morning. We raised £500 and there is still money coming in! A wonderful effort by all concerned.

Yet again, many thanks to everyone that supported this worthy charity, also to all the helpers who worked so hard not only on the day, but do so much behind the scenes.

June Gardiner and Suzy Archer

Scent and Colour in the Garden

On many occasions, Painswick Horticultural Society members have listened avidly to Miss Brenda Jones talking on a variety of subjects connected with plants but they have never been more engrossed than at the meeting on Wednesday 9th April.

Miss Jones trained at Waterperry which enables her to speak as an expert but what shows in every part of her talk is her deep love of plants and the part they play in her own garden at May Hill.

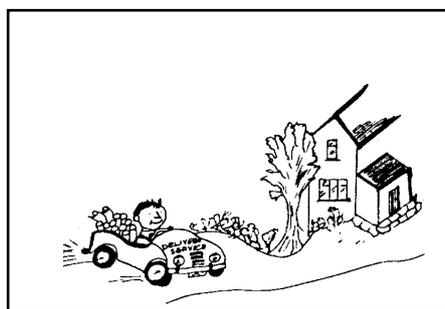
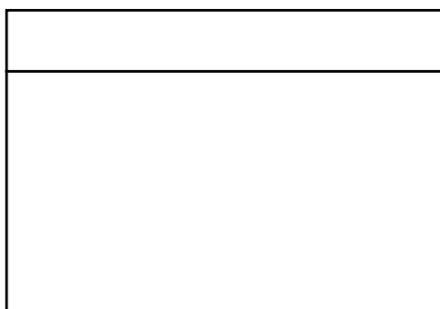
She stressed the importance of always remembering the background against which the plant is to grow so that purple honesty is set against a green, which will soften and enhance it whilst dark purple Hebe is perhaps shown to greatest effect against a light wall.

As for scent, whilst listing plants that have strong and/or subtle perfume, reference was made to coronilla, viburnum bodnantense, white honesty, mahonias and spiraea to mention just a few.

Miss Jones stressed that careful selection of sites will ensure that the prevailing wind does not carry the perfume away from the chosen area and the pleasure derived from brushing against certain plants on a frequently used path in the garden, or even in the case of thyme, treading on small clumps.

With all this came a wealth of information on how to be certain that these plants thrive and give pleasure for many years, in some cases as a result of the right nutrients and tender, loving care. The plentiful supply of specimens brought with her was much appreciated, especially, as they enabled Miss Jones to provide us with exact details without the use of slides and so create a more intimate ambience.

Pauline Lamont



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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to FIONA and CRISPIN LAYFIELD on the birth of their son Thomas Jack on 3rd April, a first grand son for Hilary and Johnny Johnston,

also to LUCY and JULIAN WILTSHIRE on the birth of a son, Joshua Julian on 7th April, a first grandchild for Brian Kirkman and great-grandchild for Roland Allen,

and a daughter for DIANE and KURT RAVENHILL, with Lucy born on 15th April, a sister for Lydia.

Birthdays

Best wishes to LILIAN HUSSELL who was 90 on 8th April.

and RACHEL TAYLOR who celebrated her 80th on the same date (*and, we hope, will forgive our entering here - Ed.*).

Engagement

Congratulations to NICHOLAS MARSH (son of Ian and Frankie), and JENNIE TIPPER of Fishbourne, Sussex, granddaughter of Jean and Peter Sheldrick, who became engaged recently.

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to VALERIE and DAVID BUXTON of The Highlands who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 16th April.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to BILL VARAH, ALAN MAJOR, JEAN NEWELL, SALLY BRENNAN, MARGARET JOHNSON, HILARY our librarian, BRIAN WELCH, KATE DAVIE, ERIC HARRIS and JOY SHAW who have all been ill recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of SYLVIA TYLER and JOHN CHILMAN who have died recently.

Welcome

We would like to welcome VIVIEN and

DAVID HAYES who have bought Hilltop Cottage on Gloucester Road, and who have returned to the Cotswolds from Northern Ireland,

also to NELLIE JOHNSON who has moved to No.6 Ashwell House.

Farewell

We would like to wish SHEENA LUKER all the best in her new apartment in Dursley, and we are pleased to pass on the expressions of love from all the Luker family.

Did you see?

Johnny Johnston was outside his pub, The Butcher's Arms in Sheepscombe in the 'Particular Pubs' series on HTV shown on 3rd April, followed by Cathy Lee and friends shown at The Woolpack in Slad.

In the series 'Escape to the Country' Painswick and Edge were mentioned, with Clive Murray the Estate Agent showing a client around.

Maundy Service

Congratulations to those several people from Painswick who received invitations to the Maundy Service in Gloucester Cathedral on 17th April. Septima Woolley was honoured to receive Maundy Money from Her Majesty the Queen.

Reggie Merryweather

The memorial concert for Reggie Merryweather took place in Gloucester Cathedral on 30th March.

The family thank everyone who attended and contributed so generously to the St. Mathews Children' Fund (Ethiopia) We are deeply grateful to the Capella singers and their conductor Philip Colls for what was truly a memorable occasion.

Readers are reminded that the Dog Warden telephone number is
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