

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Up the Beacon

No, not this Beacon, but THE Painswick Beacon is to receive the attention necessary after years of erosion and under funding of the area near the top - a point to which so many have made their way over centuries of pilgrimage. Walkers using the Cotswold Way, tribes from ancient times, hill fort occupants, golfers complete with clubs, joggers, horse riders, and so on could not help but cause erosion of the routes they have chosen.

Starting in July next year about £78,000 will be brought to bear on works to repair serious erosion, mainly on the top western rampart, more scrub clearance, hopefully pushing trees back from the north rampart, and introducing some interpretation signage. The funding is £50k from the 'Your Heritage' kitty of the Lottery Fund, £16k Gloucester Environmental Trust, £10k English Heritage, £2.5 English Nature, and modest amounts priming these contributions from this area itself.

Four interpretation boards are envisaged, one of which will be close to the ground at the hill fort itself. Others are likely to be located near the Royal William and the car park close to the Beacon and these, from the Cotswold AONB Trust, will refer to the history, archaeology and flora and fauna of the area.

We discussed these proposals with Nick Russell who is the Countryside Archaeological Adviser based in Shire Hall and he said "We will be returning to consult with all interested parties, including Painswick Parish Council, later this autumn, as we prepare the detail of what is intended". When we enquired about the local interest in the intended removal of the old triangulation point itself, Nick affirmed that he would be very interested in locating a very low level topograph, maybe set in stone, at the summit of the Beacon with or without the removal of the redundant triangulation edifice.

The numerous walkers interested in getting their bearings from Sugarloaf Mountain, Gloucester Cathedral and the mountains closer to Cader Idris on a very clear day will doubtless be delighted when this work is completed, and we and future generations will have a much better idea of yet another aspect of our heritage and the significance of the Beacon.

## On the Beacon

Walkers on the Beacon may have noticed the extensive damage done to the turf in many places. A notice in the Golf Clubhouse explains that this is the work of crows who, following an infestation of Chafer beetles, are digging the beetles out of the ground for food.

## HGV public meeting

A reminder that, following the agreement at the Annual Parish Meeting, a public meeting has been called to discuss the problem of very heavy goods vehicles which use the A46 through Painswick. County Council officers last week carried out a survey of the number and owners of such vehicles and have been looking at ways in which the problem might be addressed.

They will attend the meeting at 7.00pm in the Town Hall on Tuesday next week, 7th October. The Parish Council hopes that all those with an interest will be able to come.

## Shared ownership taken up

Last month, on this page, we were pleased to 'run' an article which explained, for those seeking to get on the housing ladder, how shared ownership works and, in particular, its relevance to the three units currently alongside Stamages Lane. The article urged anyone local who was interested in getting their name on to the Housing Register to do so before Tuesday 16th September.

What we did not say was that the District Council's Housing Manager was previously unable to forward to the Fosseyway Housing Association any names of people from around Painswick interested in shared ownership, this because there was no-one on the register with an interest in entering into such a scheme. However, following the publication of the article, the District Council's Rehousing Team received at least six expressions of interest before the closing date. The Council officers have told us how pleased they were with the response and have thanked the Beacon for the publicity we were able to give to the matter.

Over the many years of debate, representations, surveys and reports, all of which indicated to the Parish Council and others that there were needs to be met in the affordability market for rural housing, there has always been a nagging fear that when the time came to receive applications there might be few - if any - people needing such an opportunity. This was because they might well have been forced to find alternative accommodation away from Painswick even though they would have preferred to remain close to friends and family in the village. Well, that theory has been proved wrong, and the proof is there to see.

What we were unable to report last month was the answer to the question 'What happens when the occupier wants to sell and move on up the ladder? Might the property be lost to another aspiring ladder-climber?'

We now have part of the answer from Pippa Stroud of the SDC Housing Department who told the Beacon that "If the person wishes to move on, the Housing Association will look for a new local person who is in housing need".

Elsewhere in this issue a **new bus to Gloucester** (if we bother), **28 years of lunches**, a **lunch experience at the Rococo** and changes in opening, sighting **waterfowl**, the **grants to be claimed**, note **Christmas posting** dates, **Flora** visits, a **word-search** in the kitchen, the **blooming** results, replacement **Gloucester bus?**, the **Vodafone mast** for Edge, **Village Quiz** cancelled, some **wildlife** in the garden, the **Centre AGM**, Directory **2004**, **little and large** art classes, Town Hall **floor**.

*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.*

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### Mobile phone aerial - Jenkins Farm

The customary 30 minutes set aside for the regular Planning Committee, from 7.00pm prior to the monthly Council meeting, was far from adequate in September.

Although other business was discussed, the majority of the time was given to a single matter - the application submitted by Vodafone to erect a 20m communications mast with 6x antennas extending the height to 22.5m, (74ft.) plus two 300mm dishes; this together with equipment cabins at the base. These are requested for location on land close to the junction of Gloucester Road and Jenkins Lane.

During all discussion Cllr Martin Slinger, the land owner, was excluded from the meeting. Full details of the application were spread across four tables in the Town Hall and have (subsequently) been on display in the upper room of the Town Hall during normal opening hours.

Five Edge residents had been invited to speak at the meeting, John Cahill, John and Carolyn Luke, Stewart Ward and Paul Harris, and this they did. The residents concentrated their comments upon four points, starting with the inadequacy of time or opportunity to prepare local views upon the application, its having been publicly notified only in the previous week. Indeed, notice of this meeting of the Planning Committee had been 'posted' in Edge only on that day. It was asserted that the code of



practice urged by the Government requires that all such applications should involve preliminary consultations with the community affected - essentially a process which brings the intentions of operators

into the public domain at the earliest of stages. The residents pointed out that the Parish Council had received information as far back as February, with further contact in July, and that the Council had written unambiguously to Vodafone's (then) planning agents on 4th August indicating that "The Parish Councillors have been consulted and the majority can accept the proposed Vodafone Base Station being built at/near Jenkins Farm. We hope as much of the pole as possible will be hidden by the trees".

*(The actions of the Council before September were unknown to the Beacon, reporting attentively as it does on successive Council and committee meetings. The existence of the 4th August letter only came into the public domain as a consequence of scrutiny of the planning application itself after 4th August!)*

Responding to this initial discussion the Chairman Malcolm Watts asserted that the consultation process with Vodafone was no more than that, consultation, and that the Council had "no objection at that time". The formal process began on 5th September, with a closing date for Parish

Council comments by 26th September, extended to 30th. Mr. Watts accepted that notice of the intention to discuss this item had only been posted that day.

Pressed to indicate why the Parish Council had ignored the consultation expected under government guidance PPG8 of 2001 Terry Parker said he understood that such applied to the planning authority itself, Stroud District Council, and not to Parish Councils. The Edge residents were emphatic that this was not the case.

The committee was requested to indicate what

guidelines were in operation where a Ward was represented by only one Parish Councillor, as is the case for Edge; a situation compounded by the fact that the application was for a structure on land owned by that Councillor. Mr. Watts was clear in his response, there are no guidelines in place.

When pressed to explain what led the Parish Council to support the application (their letter of 4th August) Malcolm Watts explained that while he and his colleagues are "not experts, they assume that the phone coverage from such a location would be the best for meeting the needs of Painswick and Edge".

The group proceeded to emphasise that

they considered all guidance concerning such applications as having been disregarded and that there is no evidence of genuine consultation, regard for the impact of the mast upon the Painswick valley, the proximity to the Cotswold Way, the mast dominating views from such as Edge common, the main road (*see the photograph montage created on behalf of Vodafone, viewing from a point on the Cotswold Way in the field to the west, and reproduced with their permission*) and its extending well above the tree line from most directions.

After this session of the committee concluded, and other business conducted when the residents had withdrawn, the committee returned to the subject of how it would proceed with the formal application. No more was agreed than that the Clerk should, after telephoning all Members, arrange for two or more cars of councillors to move to various locations to assess the impact of the aerial and its attachments from around the valley and within Edge itself. (*See next page.*)

#### Walling - St. Mary's

The committee decided to take no action towards the developers regarding the stone walling which had given rise to much adverse public comment alongside the Stroud Road.

#### Reconstruction work - Clattergrove

The committee was reminded that construction work was in progress on land only accessible across Manorial common land at Clattergrove. Members asked the Committee Chairman to refer the matter to Amoury Blow and the SDC Planning Officer.

#### Conservation Area Management

The Painswick and District Conservation Society's offer to draft a Management Plan for the area was accepted, subject to the Council having the opportunity, in due course, to comment upon its content.

### PARISH COUNCIL

*The report this month has been abbreviated in order to deal with the extra meeting of the Planning Committee.*

#### Tourism policy

The Council received information about taking out advertising space in the 60,000 circulation of copies of 'Undiscovered Cotswolds', a free publication promoted by the District Council.

Note was taken of the cost of differing spaces use and it was agreed to request a half-page full colour entry in the next issue. It was also agreed to firmly encourage the production of a local leaflet towards the cost of which local enterprises be invited to contribute.

#### Broadband in Painswick

The Chairman, Terry Parker, urged that it was becoming increasingly crucial that

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access to Broadband high speed services be made available in Painswick, not least because home-based businesses and others were disadvantaged relative to businesses elsewhere. Some, he reported, were indicating serious intent in moving house to gain Broadband access, or not purchasing properties here because of its absence. The forecast was that with BT requiring 500 (of the 900) households to indicate interest there was little likelihood of its availability for several years. It was agreed to obtain explanations from BT about the unrealistic number of 500 and use that to notify local residents of the need for their cooperation to advance the process.

#### **Rugby Club management committee**

Martin Slinger reported that all local clubs and the Parish Council were now in full membership of this Broadham based committee.

#### **Speeding traffic on A46**

Arising from correspondence and observations it was agreed that overtakes be made to such as the developer of the Care Centre asking whether they would sponsor a self-illuminating speed indicator sign, a method of warning drivers of their actual speed at that point.

#### **Tenders: trees on the Rec**

Tenders were received for attention to trees in Lower Washwell alongside the Recreation Field. During discussion the Chairman ruled deferment of their consideration while a review of comparability of specification is established.

#### **Tenders: Town Hall floor**

Tenders for sanding, sealing and repairs to the lower hall floor were considered and one accepted. The Clerk will seek to arrange works to be very early in the New Year in order to minimise the disruption of existing bookings, some of which will inevitably need to be cancelled.

#### **Shared ownership**

This was discussed, and the appreciation of SDC officers of the Beacon article reported. (*See follow up on front page.*)

#### **Local Government Review**

The Council received a report upon proposals of the Boundary Commission suggesting that the County Council Division within which Painswick lies be altered. Among other proposals Upton St. Leonards had been taken from that Division and placed within one which included Eastington, Hardwick and Standish. Painswick had been included in a Division which included Bisley and Over Stroud. Incomprehension was expressed, and discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

#### **Stroud bus station**

The absence of a strategic plan for a conveniently located bus station to immediately replace that at Merrywalks whilst a cinema is erected there was a matter of concern and the Chairman will be representing interests at meetings of the

Stroud Valleys Parish and Town Councils.  
**Council web site**

The Clerk reported his expectation that the information currently being gathered (comparable to that in the Beacon Directory) would be included in a new Council web site to be 'up' in late October.

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**29th September**

*On 24th September notice of another meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Monday 29th was posted by the Clerk, this solely to consider the minutes of the previous meeting and the "Application for a mobile phone mast to be sited on Jenkins Farm land at Edge". With the cooperation of our printers, and by burning a little midnight oil, we can report albeit briefly upon that meeting.*

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Parker, took the chair for the meeting as the Committee Chairman Malcolm Watts was not well enough to participate (sitting apart from all present). The Chairman indicated his intention to receive all representation which Edge residents who were attending wished to make, and firstly invited Vodafone and their (new) agents, FBPSavills, to explain their position.

Space does not permit an exhaustive report, but the essentials appeared to be that many options for locating the aerial had been examined by Vodafone and their advisers and that their consultations with SDC Planning officers consistently encouraged them back to the Jenkins Farm site. The types of aerial required in the immediate and near future were explained, as was the extent of the Painswick valley they hoped to 'cover' for mobile phones and potentially, in due course, wireless video conferencing and 3G coverage including fast access to the Internet. They affirmed that until a few days ago Vodafone were unaware of the number of objectors and apologised (twice) for any inadequacy in what they thought had been a comprehensive consultative process. Questions were put to the Vodafone representatives, including four raised with them in writing prior to the meeting. The height of the mast is determined by the height of the trees; since the location preferred by the planners is within a cluster of trees the mast needs to extend above them. David Hudson enquired as to

whether two shorter masts within the valley, including one existing, would give the transmission coverage Vodafone required and was informed that such might be a real possibility but research into alternative sites and engineering considerations would require several days to complete.

The Chairman also apologised if there had been any misunderstanding of the actions of the Parish Council. Later in the evening Mr. Parker drew attention to an assumption, as is usual practice with all applications, that the Ward Councillor had informed Edge residents of the existence of the earlier enquiries by Vodafone agents; but it was now realised that this had not happened.

An exhaustive and planning-orientated presentation was made by Carolyn Luke on behalf of many Edge residents backed by copies and a display of photographs made available to all present. Mrs. Luke set out cogent reasons why, apart from erroneous information and addresses throughout the application, she regarded the application to have breached National Policy PPG notes 7&8, Local Plan policies B21, R6, N6 and N8; these included detailed reference to inadequacy of consultation, insensitivity of siting, an independent engineering report that there was no substantiation of the technical assertion, the impact upon views from numerous directions including the closeness to the Cotswold Way. (*See also report of previous meeting.*) She concluded to loud applause from the many residents present that, in addition to failing to meet the requirements of Code of Best Practice, the "application fails to meet the key elements of the National and Local Plan policies which apply. It must therefore be refused on this basis."

Other views were expressed, including the suggestion of using a position above and to the rear of the Town Hall, before the committee then went into its own formal session. A proposition from David Hudson 'That the Parish Council notify the SDC by the dateline of the following day of its objection to this application, and that this Council would be willing to look at future applications in due course' was seconded. There was discussion as to whether a decision would best be deferred still further pending receipt of the additional research Vodafone offered to undertake. An alternative proposition was put by Malcolm Watts that 'This committee delay its decision until later this week, by which time Vodafone will have provided further information'. The first motion was put, two voting in favour and three against, four abstaining\*. The Malcolm Watts motion was carried 5 in favour and 4 abstaining\*. (\*John Stephenson-Oliver had indicated his intention to abstain, based upon legal advice.)

The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all who had taken part.

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# Rural and Community Scheme for Funding in 2004-05

The Parish Council has received the application pack for Rural & Community Funding in 2004/05 from Stroud District Council.

The Scheme is designed to encourage local communities within the District to bring forward projects that contribute toward achievement within any one of the three categories:

- **Environment:** To protect and improve the environment, with particular emphasis on the District's green spaces.
- **Regeneration:** Working in partnership to realize wealth creation, rural and market town regeneration and economic prosperity.
- **Community Safety:** To reduce crime and the fear of crime.

What Project the Scheme may Support?

At least £100,000 is available to the District Council for investment locally. The aim is to stimulate the development of permanent facilities, which can demonstrate a significant benefit for the local community. For example the development of existing or new community facilities such as village halls, sports grounds or youth shelters or the purchase of equipment for groups and clubs, including playgroups, youth clubs and older peoples clubs. The maximum grant awarded is unlikely to exceed £6000.

If you are interested and have any ideas that the Parish Council may wish to consider then you are kindly asked to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council by 13th October 2003.

Roy Balgobin

# Auction of Promises

On Saturday 8th November the **Croft School PTA** are organising an auction of goods and services to raise money for important computer equipment for the school.

The PTA would really appreciate your help in this regard. We are looking for auction lots of promises to sell on the evening. For example holiday accommodation, autographed equipment, sports tickets, home-made goods, garden services, wine etc. The ideas are endless – what can you think of?

Please contact me on 813074 if you can assist.

Jenny Evans

# Birds Afloat (Mainly)

# Churches Together Advent at Prinknash

A Welcome to Advent Hymns and readings by candlelight at

Prinknash Abbey Church at 6 p.m. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

Mince pies and punch in the Monastic Library afterwards.

This month's Bird Club outing was to the Cotswold Water Park, where we were greeted by Ally the enthusiastic Head Ranger. He was accompanied by his two and a half year old son, who was quite knowledgeable about the superb wood sculptures that are a great attraction.

There were a fair number of birds on the water, although not too many species, so your writer could recognise all of them, except one. This was a solitary black tern (a first for most of us). He was giving quite a flying display, low over the water. Occasionally he would settle on one of the many buoys, rather to the annoyance of some of the many coots.

The Water Park is undergoing a large plan of extension, which will include a large new Visitor Centre at the entrance off the A419.

The next meeting of the Club at 7.30 pm. on 9th October in the Town Hall will probably attract a larger audience, as the subject is closer to home. David Cramp of the Glos. RSPB will be talking about "Wildlife in the Garden" with particular attention to bird feeders, so come along - all are welcome. I heard a long standing village lady say this week "I wish that I had joined sooner". Watch for our posters which are placed around the village in strategic places and it will remind you to attend.

Harold R Wood

*The Beacon has been told of at least 200 swallows sitting on telephone wires, with many others doing their swallowing thing around them, in Edge in the past few days. It seems they visit the same location two or three times each autumn as they assemble for their journey to a destination many of us would like, South Africa.*



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## Beacon Village Quiz

We are sad that we must notify readers, and clubs and societies in particular, that the annual Village Quiz scheduled for Friday 10th October has been cancelled.

Those few who had entered teams were notified on the closing date, a fortnight ago.

Readers may recall that we took heed of the advice of several teams last year, and rescheduled the quiz for a little later this year, for Saturday 5th July - coincident with the start of Charter Week. The take-up was insufficient to proceed, so we rescheduled for a Friday in October, when the nights were drawing in - it being put to us that a night other than Saturday was much more likely to suit clubs and societies. Sadly, that view has also been proved wrong.

If, perchance, there are at least twelve frustrated entrants who care to let our Treasurer know this autumn if they hope **we will arrange a quiz in its original format in late March**, we will be only too pleased to see what we can do.

## All Soul's Day

There will be a Benefice Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday November 2nd in St. Mary's Painswick at 3.30pm followed by tea in the Church Rooms.

If you would like a name included in the list of those to be remembered please ring Olive Freeman on 813587.

Candles will be provided for all who would like to light one.



## Dead Man's Hand Seen In Painswick Players AGM Sensation!

You may remember that last month I was cut off in my prime by our miserly, word count obsessed editor just as I was about to divulge an amazing revelation about our next production, *Dead Man's Hand* by Seymour Matthews (4th - 6th December). Be assured, readers, that I shall definitely include this truly quite extraordinary revelation about the deeply mysterious *Dead Man's Hand* before I reach the end of this month's column.

But first, I have to report the astonishing scenes witnessed at our dramatic AGM. As I mentioned last month, changes were expected following the resignation of Chairperson, Jan Campbell. I also passed on a scarcely credible rumour that the Most Organised One was thinking of giving up as Secretary. Well, no sooner had I sat down in the corner to make an aerodynamically revolutionary paper plane out of the agenda sheet, than the MOO stood up, opened the meeting and promptly resigned. For an instant, there was stunned silence. Then, slowly, it dawned upon the assembled membership that they were no longer being Most Organised. In fact they weren't being organised at all. Instead, they were free to revert to the state of happy if bewildered disorganisation that is the Am Dram norm. In the ensuing confusion, somehow a new chairman was elected. And somehow - no-one is quite sure how - that new chairman turned out to be... well... me! I can't help thinking it was largely an expression of admiration for my paper plane which had just completed a circumnavigation of the room and landed with admirable precision on the treasurer's head.



When the true lunacy of what they had done finally dawned, the membership suddenly stopped being confused and decided to give complete chaos a try. Things were getting decidedly out of hand when - come the moment, come the woman - Jackie Herbert stood up and declared she was Most Organised Too! In a trice, MO2 was declared the new Secretary and proper authority was restored. Rapidly the rest of the committee was press-ganged: Andrew Leach (who continues as Treasurer), Lynne Gibson, Chrissy Stephenson-Oliver, Mike Breeze and Judy Reed. I declared the meeting over before it could all unravel. (Actually, I didn't declare anything: MO2 did. But I fully agreed.)

Sally Lewis, our new director, then got on with the real business of the evening: auditions for our next production, the deadly mysterious *Dead Man's Hand*, about which I shall shortly divulge a quite extraordinary revelation. The auditions were conducted at a brisk pace and a good turn-out ensured lively competition for the six parts - three men, three women - on offer. Within a couple of hours Sally had made her mind up and cast Leslie Wolowiec, Jackie Herbert, Melanie Bloyce-Ellis, Alistair Anderson, Kevin Parker and ...well... me! There is obviously more to this chairman business than I had realised.

And that about wraps it up for this month. Except, that I can't help thinking that I might have forgotten something. Anyway, I shall keep you posted as we delve further into the mystery that is... *Dead Man's Hand* by Seymour Matthews. Jack Burgess Painswick Players [www.painswickplayers.org.uk](http://www.painswickplayers.org.uk)

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## Care Centre news

The latest information upon progress towards starting work on the care centre and its associated dwellings has been sought by the Beacon and we discovered that contracts have been agreed and a timetable has emerged. Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care, informed us that (as we go to press) letters are on their way to the many local people who have long-term health reasons to be interested in the properties.

Almost all of the design, funding and operating problems have, we were told, been resolved and the first four-month stage involving site access and highway improvements should be well under way before the end of this year. The A46 is to be widened to permit a north-bound right turn 'refuge' as required by the highways experts, and the existing hedgerow and lighting realigned.

During this period contractors will be moving in to commence work on the independent living units, with these becoming available for occupancy between December 2004 and the spring of 2005.

Before the middle of 2004 work will commence on the care centre itself, a significantly more complex, longer and separate contract; the latest estimate for its services coming into full use is late in 2005. Keith Cockell told us that "As further geotechnical and engineering information has been developed in these past months we have realised that we can make greater use of the basement. A very sophisticated air handling system is to be installed. This needs space, but we will still be able to retain our Wellness Suite including the 15 metre pool". Small changes are inevitable as detailed design progresses but there is to be no alteration in the footprint or the 'above ground envelope' of the care centre as originally approved. The planners require that these changes go through the planning process as additional usable internal space will accrue, and this will be processed soon.

"There will be sixty seven units of graduated nursing care within the centre itself, ranging from one-bedroom units to close care accommodation", Keith Cockell told us, "and all associated services for dining, recreation, and so on." He went on to say "These are exciting times for us, and we are very much looking forward to getting this project under way, on the ground, and its completion and operation. We have had a lot of enquiries from residents in the area and hope to be able to meet those with concerns about how we can meet their care needs before the end of this year, and have an even more accurate timetable of completion dates to share with them."



## The Painswick Singers

Once again we shall be presenting two Concerts in Painswick.

The first is on Saturday 25th October in The Painswick Centre at 7.30pm. This will be 'Music for an Autumn Evening'. Tickets will be £4 and will be accompanied by a Glass of Wine and Nibbles.

The second is the Christmas Carol Concert in Christ Church on Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm. We hope you will be coming to support us again and we shall look forward to seeing you.

*Arthur Westlake*



## Churches Together AGM

Churches Together Around Painswick will hold the Annual General Meeting on Friday 7th November at the Church Rooms, at 7.30pm.

Father Barry Coker, Rural Dean of the Bisley Deanery, from St. Lawrence in Stroud, will talk about his visit with Bishop David to India. In 2002 the Diocese of Gloucester joined a partnership with the two dioceses of Karnataka and Dornakal in the Church of South India, so of particular interest is the long interdenominational relationship with the Christians there.


## Wine Tasting

Thinking about your cellar for Christmas? Wondering whether your guests have a little more knowledge about your choice of wine than you do?

There is a very convenient way of putting both of these concerns to rest, and without even leaving the village. Experts will be on hand to explain the wines, all coming from the Southern Hemisphere. Further, it can be an enjoyable occasion with the addition of a cheese buffet.

The local Conservatives have organised a wine tasting evening for Saturday 11th October at the Painswick Centre, starting with the tasting proper at 7.00pm. This is a ticket-only-in-advance event and such can be obtained by telephoning 812743 and having £5.00 ready for when the ticket arrives.

## Coach to London

Seats are still available on the  outing to London on Wednesday 15th October, leaving Painswick at 8.30am. The fare is £10.00.

The pre-Christmas coach to London will run on Wednesday 3rd December. Bookings for that outing may be made from 1st November through Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.

## Music recital

Caroline McBrayne will give a recital at 1 Hambutts Mead on Sunday 12th October at 3.00pm.

I think many music lovers in Painswick have heard Caroline play and this time she is bringing with her a soprano who will add to the concert in the afternoon. Tea will be provided and a collection will be taken in aid of GEAR and The Haven.

I should be very grateful if people would let me know if they intend to come, as it would help with the seating.

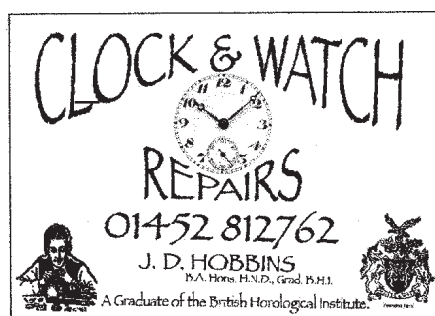
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# Architectural Detectives

We hope that those who enjoyed the first House History Workshop in May held by the Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust are now eager to find out more about more about their houses. Anyone who missed it is encouraged to attend the second workshop. One of the objectives of the Trust is to foster enthusiasm and interest in our local historic buildings.

At the first workshop Dr. Philip Dixon gave us a slide presentation of buildings he had studied and made discoveries about by observation of architectural features. "I don't understand this" is a particularly useful approach to discovering the history of old buildings. He showed examples of many interesting finds including medieval buildings which had been converted to other uses, but which in their roof spaces, or by observation of changes in stonework, revealed their true age. We had opportunity to ask questions of Dr. Dixon assisted by Dr. Beryl Lott, a buildings conservation specialist. Dr. Graham Lott explained the origins of different types of limestone and their appropriate uses in buildings together with problems arising from misuse of cement mortars. In the afternoon we were generously given access to two local houses where we had a practical observation of some of the features we had learned about in the morning.

We are running another workshop on 11th October at Pitchcombe Village Hall 10.00am to 4.00pm cost £10.00 (bring lunch, but coffee and tea provided). Further information contact me at 814139 or Richard Savage on 01452 813958. Further copies of the articles and information available at the workshop can also be obtained from me.

Carolyn Luke

# Painswick Centre AGM Wednesday 22nd October commencing at 7.00pm

With this AGM only a few weeks away we enquired of the Chairman of the Centre's Trustees, John Stephenson-Oliver, what the purpose of the AGM is in this local situation.

John pointed out that "It is fourfold:

First, to give the Chairman's report on activities over the past twelve months

Second, to give the financial report

Third, to elect the Trustees for the following year, and

Finally, to elect from those Trustees the key positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer."

Each major user Group has been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Management Committee. To this is added three nominations from the public, but this number may increase if the major user groups do not take up their allocation."

Realising that the future success of as substantial a facility as the Centre depends in large measure upon the active support of many volunteers, each with differing amounts of time they can afford, we enquired as to whether there were onerous expectations of them in the overall management of the place if they 'put their hat in the ring'. JSO said "It must be stressed that people who are interested in helping the Centre do not have to take the responsibilities of a Trustee." If they are keen to assist in the management they can (say) join the Management Committee which is made up of a combination of Trustees and co-opted members. Alternatively, there are all sorts of other on-site tasks needing to be undertaken and practical support on a regular or even occasional basis will be greatly appreciated.

Those who require any further information can contact John on 812232.

Residents are urged to go along to the AGM, safe in the knowledge that they will not be 'collared'.

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## Christmas Post - surface mail

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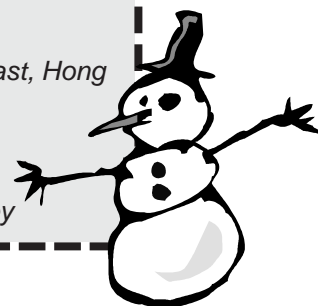
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# Annual Show - 6th September

The Society's 51st Annual Show held at the Painswick Centre for the fiftieth consecutive year proved to be a successful event with entries only slightly down on last year at 314. Due to the year's difficult growing conditions, Committee members were well pleased with the number and quality of exhibits.

The Junior Section, attracting the highest number of entries for many years, was a feature of the show. Skill and imagination were very much in evidence and the Felicity Sharwood-Smith Junior Cup was awarded to Clemency Littler of the Painswick Post Office for her "Design for the front cover of a future Harry Potter book".

In the Horticultural Section first time entrant Ray le Page received the D T Brown

Cup for onions from Society President Gordon Gardner. Gordon also carried out the more familiar tasks of presenting awards to the following experienced competitors: Brenda Dunn - Banksian Medal for the most prize money in the Horticultural Section, the Special Prize for best fruit and the E H Chandler plate for her collection of vegetables. Joyce Hunt - Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture for best exhibit of vegetables with her fine runner beans. Philip Berry - the Wally Brooks Trophy for potatoes together with the John Chandler Memorial Trophy for most prize money in the individual classes of vegetables. Maryla Ridgwell was delighted to receive the D T Brown cup for her collection of culinary herbs.

The Floral Exhibit awards were all taken by ladies with Jean Bland showing the best pot plant and the best penstemons, Maureen Stephenson best single H T Rose, Society Secretary Pauline Lamont took the rose bowl for best multiheaded roses and Adele Denley received the splendid Bill Wear Trophy presented for the first time this year for sweet peas.

Betty Wood took the Christine Arnold Memorial prize for her decorative shrubs and a magnificent cactus enabled Liz Major to take the Diploma for Excellence for floral exhibits.

In the Decorative Section talented flower arranger Maureen Stephenson took the Certificate of Merit for floral art for the best exhibit and the Society's Cup for best miniature. She was prevented from gaining a clean sweep of trophies by Kathleen Quant who received the Society's cup for her delightful exhibit "Over the Garden Wall".

In the Domestic Section judge Mrs J Gaskell was well pleased with the number of entries in the preserve classes and awarded the special prize to Betty Wood. Hilda Musty received a similar award for baking for her delicious fruit flan. In the one class that the ladies could not win, Men's Cookery, Gus Gaugain produced six excellent bread rolls to take the special prize.

Finally wonderfully skilled work in the Handicraft Section gained Nina Harris the Society's cup for best exhibit and also the W I Cup for most successful W I entrant in the show.

Floral Exhibit judge John Howes of Upton St Leonards, whilst making a careful examination of the cacti, became attached to one exhibit. The Show Secretary was called upon to produce a pair of scissors, and with surgical precision separated jumper from cactus. Hopefully the proud owner of the exhibit was not too cut up over the loss of three spines!

*Philip Berry*

**Painswick  
Horticultural  
Society**



# Painswick in Bloom

Mr John Howes was the judge this year and the winners were presented with the Painswick Horticultural Society's trophies at the show last month.

For the Business Section, Murrays Estate Agents came first and Painswick Woodcrafts came second.

For the Residential Section, Jack and Rosie Smith shown here outside their Corner Cottage, took the trophy for their breathtakingly delightful display. The very close runners-up were Mr & Mrs David Gunton of Halfpenny Cottage.

As I accompanied Mr Howes, I thought how well the displays were being maintained during the long dry spell. The village looked very beautiful and, although it has to be a labour of love, praise and thanks must be given to all who do their best to make the village look so attractive.

*Pauline Berry*

# Society lunch

On September 13th, a beautiful, warm sunny day, 35 members enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Claire Moir, and served in the Orangery at the Rococo Garden. They also had the pleasure of walking round the garden. This was a new venture, and proved to be a success.

# and now

The first meeting of the season will be on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Mr J. Mason of Whitminster will talk on "Running a Garden Centre".

The Autumn Supper will be held on Saturday 8th November, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Painswick Centre, and the caterer will again be Mrs Margaret Griffiths.

*Philip Berry*



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## A fair cop too

Our September meeting began on a sad note. Two past Presidents had died - Dorothy Binns and Gladys Hobbs - who had been a member for sixty years. We spent a moment remembering them with gratitude and affection.

We turned to a happier event. The President, Dorothy Daniels, welcomed Flora Semark who had returned as a visitor. The Autumn lunch, too, had been a very happy occasion.

The members of our Echo Quiz team were reminded that the final takes place at The King's School on 17th October.

We are having a course of lectures after Christmas on "Medieval Saints and Shrines of Gloucestershire" by Tim Porter. These will be open to everybody. The dates will be announced later.

Volunteers were invited to help with the Austerity lunch on 20th October, and the President's Coffee Morning for the Cobalt Unit at the Town Hall on 25th October.

Our advertised speaker has moved away and so we were delighted that Karen Wilson could speak to us on "Women in the Police Service". She talked about her career in the Police and answered many questions. She is now an interior painter and decorator.



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## The Lunch Club

The Lunch Club at Ashwell is 28 years old this month, and Audrey and Naomi, who have been in charge since the first day, would like to retire.

We are looking for two people who would be responsible for the running of the Club, which meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11.45am to about 1.15pm. Duties include preparing the room, laying tables, serving food, and washing up, and leaving all in good order. There is a rota of splendid helpers, most of whom give their time once a month, though several do more, and at the moment the Club has twelve regular diners.

This is an opportunity to get involved in local activities, and to expand the Club, as we have space and equipment available. We also have some limited funds for a few little 'extras'.

If you would like to take this voluntary work on, please contact me, on 812296, or Naomi Maclaurin-Jones on 813320., for more details.

We both intend to retire at the end of the year.

Audrey Timpson

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## LETTERS

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If people are not from Painswick and only use Painswick as a short cut to get where they want to FASTER ... why not speed up Gloucester Road and give no person a chance to cross our roads safely! Not even our children.

*Nina Akram*

### Harold Heal - A wonderful Priest Remembered

The Dedication of the Commemorative Plaque to Harold Heal on Sunday 24th August 2003 brought back so many fond memories of a remarkable man.

I can see him now, striding down Vicarage Street, swinging his walking stick, raincoat over one shoulder and little Scamp trotting behind. "Morning, morning; are you all right?"

His Sunday morning Family Service was innovative in its day, with its short talk that always gave food for thought. His sermons seemed to speak of the wisdom and truth of Jesus' teaching and lacked dogma or religiosity, and were thus very accessible to us as children.

Lovedays House, then The Vicarage, was always welcoming and Harold and Ruth helped so many people over the years, their home being a source of kindness, solace and practical support.

How lovely it was to see Ruth and her dear family!

*Mrs R M Harris*

### Broadband Forum

I am very keen to do whatever I can to get Painswick connected to Broadband, I will back the Beacon and the village in any way I can.

I have setup via my Internet Company (ARL Internet Solutions Limited) a Dis-

cussion Board at <http://www.broadband.arlsolutions.com>, the purpose of this board is to enable live discussion between villagers on the topic of getting us connected to Broadband. All they have to do is go to the web address and register, once there they are able to give their opinions on the Live Polls that have been setup as to which option they prefer either BT Broadband or Wireless Broadband.

I have set up a forum called BT Broadband and I have setup one called Wireless Broadband, I will also be inviting BT and Loop Scorpio to participate in the discussions on the board. I have set myself up as the administration, but I am prepared to allow others to do this as well.

I feel that if we could get this mentioned in The Painswick Beacon, we could really gather a lot of local feedback here and invite the right people to see the opinions of the villagers. There are also two other forums on the board on the topics of Technical Questions that locals may have about ADSL, and there is also one on General Internet Chat, where we can all help each other.

Please let me know your feelings on this and I will assist in any way I can.

*Adrian Lane*

## Christmas Illustration

If you are aged between 12 and 20 years and have an interest in art, why not enter our competition for a Painswick-based Christmas scene. The winning entry will be reproduced on the front cover of the December Beacon edition.

The requirements are that the entry be a black and white drawing, 180mms wide and 140mms deep. If you require more information, please contact one of the Editorial/Production Team - preferably before devoting too much time to the finished drawing.

The closing date for entries, which should be forwarded c/o Longhope, Blakewell Mead, GL6 6UR, is 1st November.



## Fireworks

Must history always repeat itself? Could it be that, this year, the Beacon will not be receiving letters on or about 6th November, full of complaints about the indiscriminate use of fireworks?

Certainly we hope so, and we can fully understand that fellow residents share our feelings in the matter.

Guy Fawkes was frustrated in his attempts in 1605 to ignite the seat of government and, whatever the opinions of those who are preparing to 'celebrate' that occurrence, we are hopeful that we will not need to mull over whether to publish letters critical of organisers of modern pyrotechnics. Incidentally, Guy was actually caught in the cellars of the House of Lords during the night before the one we usually celebrate, the night of 4-5th November; but never mind.

We recollect that the nursery rhyme goes:

*Remember, remember, the fifth of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.*



That there have been selfish attitudes in the past, with loud explosions well into the night for several weeks, and with no forewarning or even regard for domestic pets, wild animals or farming stock, is history.

Will it repeat itself? We hope not, and when we asked the Chairman of the Parish Council for his views Terry Parker said "The proposed new regulations will help to control noise levels but the Parish Council hopes residents will continue to be sensitive to the problems explosive fireworks give to farmers and domestic pet owners and avoid the use of such explosives other than around the 5th of November or on days of national celebration".

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## 16th Season starts

With the lovely Summer weather still with us, it seemed hard to believe that it was back to learning about music and most pleasing that such a large audience came to our opening night on 18th September to listen to a really splendid selection of recordings representing the coming season's programmes.

Those that your reviewer found especially appealing were, with the date of the relevant programme: Kathleen Ferrier - Scottish Song (2nd October - now renamed "Purely Ferrier"), Peer Gynt Dance (16th October); Dvorak: Sanctus ex Requiem (15th January); Rigoletto aria (29th January); The Mighty Five - Boris Godunov's Coronation and Clock scenes (12th February); and Benjamin Britten's Rossini Suite (11th March).

Again this season, visitors will always be most welcome.

Ralph Kenber

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## Directory 2004

The Beacon hopes to publish the Directory of all known local enterprises with the December issue, as in previous years.

While we do our very best to try and ensure that information contained there is as accurate as possible, we are almost totally reliant upon the vigilance of our readers, not least those concerned with the clubs, societies, businesses, and so on, for that information. So, this is the moment to ask for your help - to help yourselves. This applies to any which are based within the civil parish; that is anywhere in Edge, Sheepscombe, Slad or Painswick itself.

Please let us know, either by Email (our preferred option - our address on the back page) or by a note with the envelope marked 'Directory' no later than Monday 10th November. We need a little more lead-in time than is usual for the Beacon itself in order to get about 2000 printed.

A couple of extra pieces of information though. The first is that we have much evidence that the Directory is greatly appreciated by newcomers to the area, and to those only spending a few days here. Many are the stories of finding builders or clubs through having this handy local booklet. We make many extra copies available - all free - to such as the estate agents and the library and tourist information office, and they usually ask for more as the months pass by. So getting accurate and comprehensive information together is worthwhile.

The other point, as readers will be aware, is that we have made the Directory available on the Internet for several months now. This has also led to quite a significant amount of interest as we know of some enquiries about clubs and for accommodation as a direct result of the ability of those yet to come to the area looking at that information. Use of the Internet is increasing all the time, so it is of considerable value. That said, and although the information is somewhat 'buried' in the site, we realise that there are some who would prefer that their own name and address is not listed; so we will assume there are no objections unless we are given an alternative name and address to use in our Directory.

In anticipation, our thanks!

## Painswick's World Day of Prayer for Peace

In Painswick this will be held in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese on Thursday 16th October. Details of the day's various events will be published on local notice boards. The day will begin at 9.00am with Mass and ends with Final Prayers led by the Vicar at 7.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to come along at any time during the day.

## Change in Opening Times

Following our move to opening daily throughout the year, Painswick Rococo Garden has revised its closing time at the end of the year. Previously we had closed at the end of November but as

from now we will be closing on 31st October.



There were two factors which has brought about

this change. Firstly over recent years November had been an extraordinarily quiet month. Secondly we are being asked more if we will do Christmas Lunches for societies and groups of people during December.

We have always needed a month of closing for doing all those tasks that are impossible when we are open like decorating, stock taking, re-laying paths in the Garden. So for this year we will be carrying out these jobs in November.

Therefore we will be opening for pre-arranged groups during December, not the normal meat and two veg Christmas Lunch but guaranteed home made dishes. If anyone is interested then please telephone Claire Moir on 01452.813204.

Paul Moir [www.rococogarden.co.uk](http://www.rococogarden.co.uk)

Mr David Michael Barnes died suddenly at his home at Lower Washwell on the 28th July 2003. The Funeral Service took place at Cheltenham Crematorium. Anyone wishing to send donations for The Blue Cross may do so c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, GL5 4ES.



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## Tennis

### Youth to the fore!

The summer season ended with a club tournament that saw two of the youngest members ever to win the singles championships. 13 years old Lucy Moir (pictured below) won the ladies event and 18 years old Tom Unwin the men's. While the two youngsters clearly have much natural ability, their success also reflects considerable credit on the club's coaching policy: a policy that is bringing a number of local talented boys and girls recognition on the county scene. With no weather problems, the tournament finals were able to be played on the scheduled finals day.

The results were as follows:-

Men's singles.

Winner: Tom

Unwin. Runner-up: Kirk Plane.

Ladies singles. Winner: Lucy Moir. Runner-up: Debbie Westgate.

Men's doubles. Winners: Tom Unwin and Richard Willoughby.

Runners-up: Robin Hall and Rob Ruggles.

Ladies doubles. Winners: Joan Griffiths and Angels Higgins.

Runners-up: Lucy Moir and Annabel Sidwell.

Mixed doubles. Winners: Kirk and Karlee Plane.

Runners-up: Rob Ruggles and Jan Haslam.

## Rugby

Although the first fifteen lost their opening league match of the season against Aretians, the players verdict was that there had been much to be pleased about with the team's performance. That optimism proved to be justified when they won their next league fixture against Chosen Hill by 22 points to 7.

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Woodland Cottage, Jack's Green, Sheepscombe

The fact that the fixture was an away game made the result even more satisfying. The match brought an excellent performance from the forwards who laid a solid foundation for the threequarters to exploit both from the loose and set pieces. Alastair Bressington was playing his first league game since returning from cricket coaching in Australia and it was he who

scored Painswick's first try which he then converted. Ollie Clewes, the son of the former Gloucester RFC player scored two tries, one of which was converted by Alastair who was also successful with a penalty attempt late on in the game.

Chosen Hill's points came from a converted try on the stroke of half-time. The first fifteen have three league matches in October when they play Chipping Sodbury at home on the 4th, Longlevens away on the 11th and Cheltenham North at home on the 25th.

Off the field, there was a very enjoyable day on 13th September when the club entertained its Vice-Presi-

dents and sponsors with a lunch at the Broadham Clubhouse.

### Results

[(L) indicates league match]

Sat 6 Sep. Cheltenham Saracens 1st XV 5  
Painswick 1st XV 10.

Painswick United 7 Upton-on-Severn 1st XV 28.

Sat 13 Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 12  
Aretians 1st XV 24.

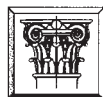
Sat 20 Sep. Painswick 1st XV 19  
Cheltenham Civil Service 1st XV 14.

Cheltenham Civil Service 2nd XV 31  
Painswick United 26.

Sat 27 Sep. (L) Chosen Hill 1st XV 7  
Painswick 1st XV 22.

Painswick United 0 Chosen Hill 2nd XV 17.

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## Bowls

### Falcon Bowling Club

The outdoor season came to an end on Saturday 27th September with the Ladies and Gents Section meetings held in the clubhouse, followed by the green closing.

What a wonderful season. We had to think back to the early part of the year to remember the odd game cancelled because of rain. Excluding club and county competitions, over 150 games were played involving Ladies, Gents, Mixed and Senior matches, both at league and friendly level. Our green played well throughout the season and its quality and condition remarked upon favourably by visiting clubs. We now play inside at our two local indoor clubs and look forward to returning to "The Green" in April 2004.

*David Ryland - Captain*

## Skiing

### Sheepscombe skier selected for England



Sheepscombe skier Fern Barker, aged 13 years, has cause to celebrate. Not only did her school ski team recently become regional champions for the third year in succession and progress to the national finals, but she has also heard that she has been selected for the Trespass British Children's Elite Ski Team. Fern is just one of 3 girls in Britain to make the team of 12 and will now face a tough season of train-

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ing at the Snowzone, Milton Keynes, on several week-ends and at the Senior British Team headquarters in Lofer, Austria during the autumn and spring half-term breaks as well as the Christmas School holidays, where she will be rubbing shoulders with British and World Cup seniors including, "The Highlander" Alan Baxter, brother Noel and British Women's Champion, Chemmy Alcott.

Selection to this team ensures that she is in the running to race for Britain in the prestigious Children's World Cup race in "Topolino", Italy next March. She raced there this year and is desperate to go back having experienced the extremely demanding race pistes and strength of the opposition. She also wants to re-live the whole experience and atmosphere of this superb event.

Ray Barker

## Hockey

### Ladies Hockey

Painswick Ladies begin their league programme today (4th October) with a match

against Stroud to be played at the Leisure Centre.

Recently Painswick took up the offer of a friendly match against Cheltenham Civil Service at Cheltenham in preparation for the season ahead. The game started at speed and Painswick knew that they had to slow the pace down in order to combat the heat and fitness pressures. Some calm passes between Sharon Gillson and Lisa Bircher enabled the players to catch their breath and it was not long before Painswick were looking settled and had begun some structured passing, putting pressure on the Civil Service's defence. A short corner was well executed between Nicky Keating, Lisa Bircher and Maggie Morse, resulting in Morse calmly outwitting the opposition and sending the ball into the net. Naturally Painswick were jubilant but knew that the Cheltenham side would make every effort to equalize. The home team went full out and found their way through Painswick's defence. A shot on goal came off a Painswick defender which resulted in the Civil Service being

awarded a penalty flick. Chris Jones, a goalkeeper with vast experience, made a perfect save and dashed the home side's hopes of an equalizer. Both teams began to slow in the heat but Painswick left no room for the Cheltenham team to level the scores.

Player of the match was Chris Jones.

Anita Wright

## Bop along

'Bop till you drop' at the Painswick Tennis Club's 'Autumn Social' on Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm at the pavilion at Broadham.

Hot supper is provided. Tickets only £15.

Open to all - tickets available from Jill on 01452 720052.

If you have any questions please feel free to phone me on 01452 814295

Vicki Butler

## 'a surprisingly rich story' from little old Elcombe

Two valleys away from the fine houses of Painswick stands a tiny rural cluster of cottages which quite a few people living in the area, unless they are old-timers or keen walkers, may not even know by name. If they've read Laurie Lee, they might think they know of a place called Ashcomb on the far slopes of the Slad Valley, for that's the name he gave it in *Cider with Rosie*, but its real name is Elcombe.

With a current population of barely 25, outsiders might be forgiven for thinking that Elcombe could scarcely rate one page of history, let alone 150. Not so, however, says the author of a new book, *All about Elcombe: The intimate history of a Cotswold hamlet*. Writer and editor Robin Sharp, who had a home in the hamlet for over 20 years, has done a lot of research into its history and the lives of people who have lived there. "In fact," he says, "Elcombe has a surprisingly rich story to tell – and one reason for putting it all in a book is to preserve the many stories and anecdotes about people now gone. A lot of these have been handed down by word of mouth, but if not recorded they would soon be lost to future generations."

Sharp started off with the modest ambition of putting together a small booklet of historical notes just for his neighbours. But one bit of research led to another and in the end, he says, the book stands in some respects as a microcosm of the history of the Cotswolds – not least in the process of 'gentrification' that has taken place over the last 50 years.

After a survey of the hamlet's first 600 years upto 1900, most

of the book's 12 chapters are devoted to modern times. They chart the dramatic social and economic changes that have transformed this community from one of impoverished farm labourers, firstly to skilled tradesmen and then to prosperous middle-class professionals and artists.

It was only in 1958 that a re-drawing of boundaries detached Elcombe from Bisley-with-Lypiatt, which it had been part of since its founding in the 1300s, and placed it in Painswick Parish. The 1950s also saw the hamlet getting mains electricity and water for the first time.

Having come to the end of the 20th century, *All about Elcombe* concludes with a little tongue-in-cheek fantasy of what life in the Slad Valley could conceivably be like 200 years in the future. Handsomely produced with 60 illustrations and a comprehensive index, the book could be an attractive Christmas present for friends and visitors attached to this part of the Cotswolds. It is available at £11.99 from local bookshops and other outlets, or direct from the publishers, Wygesty Publishing, 5 Harrowby Court, Harrowby Street, London W1H 5FA +£2.00 p&p. For more information, contact the author on 02072.626969.

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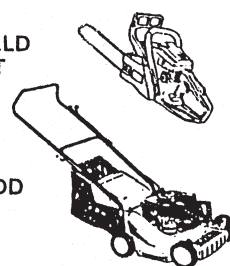
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## New Art Classes in Painswick

October sees the start of two new art classes in the village.

Jane Garbett and Caroline Tate are running a series of eight classes for both adults and children in the Church Rooms which aim to explore and expand creativity using a range of easy and enjoyable techniques and exercises.

No prior experience is necessary - Jane and, Caroline are both practising fine artists whose informal approach will help you to unearth that lurking artistic talent.

Adult classes: Friday mornings, 10.00-12.30pm

Children 7-11 years, Saturday afternoons, 1.45-3.15pm

11-14 years, Saturday afternoons, 3.30-5.00pm

Contact either Jane: 812176 or Caroline: 813464 for details.

## Telling Tales

The Festival Players Theatre Company, best known for its summer tour of an outdoor Shakespeare play (this year "The Comedy of Errors"), will be on the road again for a short Autumn Tour of "Canterbury Tales" by Phil Woods.

The Canterbury Tales is a wonderful piece to take into the community as it is based on the idea of Tale-tellers stopping off on their journey and sharing the fun of an annual Geoffrey Chaucer Tale-telling competition with their audiences, and involving them in the merriment. Chaucer's medley of lusty, and essentially pastoral, English characters arrive to entertain you with an evening of rollicking ribaldry. A classic feast of mirth, music and mayhem.

Playing in the Rococo Gardens Visitor Centre on Monday and Tuesday 3rd and 4th November, ring 814124 to check on last minute ticket information.

Gill Cox Administrator

## Austerity Lunches

The first lunch in the year 2003-04 will be held on Monday 13th October in Christ Church Hall, Gloucester Street, from 12.15 to 1.15pm. Home-made soup, bread, butter and cheese will be served by a team from St.Mary's Church, for a minimum contribution of £1.30.

The 21 lunches held in the year 2002-03 raised about £500 for each of the three charities we support, Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children. This year we welcome Gill Gyde who has taken on the responsibility for organising a rota of hosts and hostesses for these lunches from Fred Semark. She will need all the encouragement we can give her and that means renewing our Monday habit and bringing in new friends. Those who provide the lunches also need our support and gratitude for their service.

Traidcraft goods will also be on sale at these lunches.

Joan Truman Treasurer PAL

## Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Report

The Group held its first training day on 10 September, when eight members tried their hand at driving the Tracemaster grass cutting machine. Pete Bradshaw, our team leader soon had the volunteers busy. It was a successful event and by lunch time a fairly large area of rank grass had been mown. The site just along Golf Course Road from the car park, was a good test of driving skills in that it had ruts, bumps and in places a steep slope. The racking of the cut grass and its disposal on to nettle beds beside the road was hard work. The heaps of grass will act as shelters for small mammals and toads. We

found several while working on the bank. The Groups next meeting is on Sunday 5th October at 10.00am. Meeting at the car park opposite the Golf Club. Please bring with you secateurs, loppers or small saws, and wear suitable clothing. Pete Bradshaw will be leading the Group.

### Nature Notes

This summer has been exceptional for the variety of Moths and Butterflies. After last month's rarity, there have been numerous sightings of the Hummingbird Hawk moth hovering over the herbaceous borders nectaring on the flowers. Also a sighting of several Small Coppers at Brook Mill. I saw a single Clouded Yellow butterfly at Studland Heath on one of my visits to the Nature Reserve at Poole. Now is the time to go and look for the last of the year's orchids, the Autumn Ladies Tresses and its neighbour the Autumn Gentian both occur on the 17th fairway of the Golf Course, near the Cotswold Way sign post.

Cedric Nielsen

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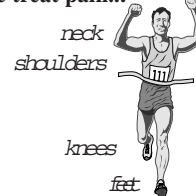
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# Clypping Service

In this country the weather in late-September can often be indifferent. Thankfully, this year the glorious summer stayed with us long enough to provide a beautiful day for the annual Clypping Service on Sunday 21st. The address was given by the Dean of Gloucester, the Very Rev. Nicholas Bury who was presented with a bun and payment for his sermon by 6 years



old Croft School pupil Eleanor Pickin, pictured here wearing her Clypping Garland. Also pictured are Marjorie Barnfield (left) and Joan Wood. Marjorie has prepared the food for the Clypping Service band for the past 47 years with Joan's help over the past 7 years. Marjorie was proud to

recall the days of the Painswick Silver Band when she helped her mother with the refreshments. Latterly the music has been provided by the Avening Silver Band. At the conclusion of the service, Marjorie and Joan were each was presented with a basket of flowers and a card from the St Mary's Parochial Church Council. The presentations were made by the Vicar's daughter, Joanna Longuet-Higgins and Rosemary Davies who lives in Edge Road. The band then gave the ladies a box of



chocolates accompanied to the strains of the lively number "Congratulations". After playing popular music for about half an hour the band members adjourned to the Church Rooms where they received their Clypping Service buns. A collection was taken up during the afternoon for the Paradise Community.



## PROPERTY REPORT for October by Hamptons International

After a brilliant August with viewings up by 300% on last year, and sales up nearly 60% it turned into the best summer market for years. Many sales originate from the Hamptons website, which receives over 200,000 visits each month. Thankfully to help us with this busy time Rupert Oliver has joined us from Bristol's leading independent agent having gained valuable experience in both the London and country markets. As a former student at the Royal Agricultural College he is familiar with country properties, and has so far achieved close to £2m in value of properties under offer since his start in September. He looks forward to meeting as many people as possible and is always happy to talk about property matters.

Vendors contemplating selling should act now to capitalise on this buoyant market.

Amongst our new instructions, both Clattergrove on the Cheltenham Road and Hornbeams – a delightful property in Slad went under offer within a week; in Painswick – Whispering Trees – a good 5 bedroomed family house in Lower Washwell; Madison House – a substantial village house, Glendale, in Vicarage Street – a charming 3/4 period cottage with courtyard garden; Yuleston in Gloucester Street – a really desirable cottage with south facing garden in the heart of the village; 35 Ashwell – with its award winning garden. In Upton a delightful bungalow with magnificent garden and at

The Camp – New Inn House – an old inn with barns and large garden in need of restoration.

Exchanges that took place recently are Longridge Court (Lady Jane Nursing home); Lords Wood cottage in Sheepscombe, Staveley, Cheltenham Road Painswick. After a very successful Open House day at Painswick Court we have sold four of the five properties within the development and have only one unit now available.

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*Diane Mearns*

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## PLANNING MATTERS

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

### NEW APPLICATIONS

JENKINS FARM, EDGE Erection of a 20 metre green monopole with 6 antennas (protruding to a height of 22.5 metres) 2 x 300 mm. dishes. Equipment cabins & electrical meter cabinet enclosed by a 1.8 metre high chain link fence  
PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of extensions (resubmission following refusal 03/784)  
BROOKLANDS COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Single storey extension  
THE OLD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Below Lullingworth, STROUD ROAD Change of use of Telephone Exchange to holiday accommodation  
BLAKEWELL FARM, EDGE ROAD, Conversion of agricultural buildings to holiday accommodation

THE BYRE, Below Lullingworth, STROUD ROAD Change of use of redundant agricultural building to holiday accommodation

FOURWAYS, QUEENS MEAD Demolition of existing garage & sun room and erection of 2 storey extension, conservatory, garage & swimming pool  
LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD Internal alterations to existing dwelling  
SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, JACK'S GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE Internal alterations including replacement doors & windows

MEADOW BANK, KINGSMILL LANE Erection of a single & 2 storey extension, handrails and extension to patio

LITTLE ORCHARD, SLAD Erection of conservatory

LAND TO REAR OF LONGHOPE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Outline application for the erection of one dwelling

LAND ADJACENT TO 14 CANTON ACRE. Erection of a detached house

### REVISED PLANS

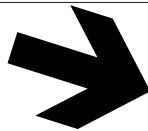
HILLFOOT COTTAGE, 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD, Erection of new kitchen extension plus internal & external alterations. (Existing 1980's extension & parts of garage outbuilding and summer shed to be demolished) Main changes: Removal of the proposed garden pavilion. Minor adjustment of the internal layout of the building

### CONSENTS

TABITHAS, VICARAGE STREET Erection of extension, alterations to dormer windows & internal alterations

HYETT CLOSE Pollard lime tree

THE FIERY BEACON, NEW STREET Change of use from gallery on ground floor to residential



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The Beacon enquired of the Chairman of the Parish Council as to whether they were aware of this action and Terry Parker said "The County Council's initiative follows representations from a number of residents and the Parish Council. A meeting of the two councils was scheduled for late-September but this has been postponed until mid-October by which time it is hoped details of the proposed service will be available".

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## OCTOBER

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| Fri | 3  | Choral Concert by Wycliffe College Choir in aid of Mission to Seafarers  | St Mary's Church         | 7.30pm                |
| Sat | 4  | Mothers' Union/PCMS Bring & Buy Coffee Morning - in aid of M.U. Projects   | Town Hall                | 10.00am to 12 noon    |
|     |    | Children's Art Class: 7 - 11 years   | Church Rooms             | 1.45 to 3.15pm        |
|     |    | 11 - 14 years (also on 11th, 18th and 25th)  |                          | 3.30 to 5.00pm        |
|     |    | Painswick Music Society: AGM with cello recital by Katie Denton; accompanist, Joseph Middleton.                  | Church Rooms             | 7.00pm                |
| Sun | 5  | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)                               | Painswick Beacon         | 10.00am               |
|     |    | Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Improvers - Sundays   | Painswick Centre         | 7.30 to 8.30pm        |
| Tue | 7  | Dog Training Club: Tuesdays  | Christ Church Hall       | 9.30 to 12noon        |
|     |    | Flu clinic   | Surgery                  | by appointment pm.    |
|     |    | HGV Public Meeting   | Town Hall                | 7.00pm                |
| Wed | 8  | Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays   | Painswick Centre         | 2.00 to 4.00pm        |
|     |    | Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)   | Painswick Centre         | 7.30pm                |
|     |    | Horticultural Society: Start of new season of meetings   | Town Hall                | 7.30pm                |
| Thu | 9  | Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays   | Town Hall                | 12.30 to 1.30pm       |
|     |    | Bird Club: Wildlife in the Garden + bird feeders   | Town Hall                | 7.30pm                |
| Fri | 10 | W.I. Market: Coffee with "tasters" available, Fridays  | Town Hall                | 10.00am               |
|     |    | Orders taken for Christmas produce   |                          |                       |
|     |    | Adult Art Class: (Also 17th & 24th)  | Church Rooms             | 10.00am to 12.30pm    |
|     |    | Senior Circle: On and off piste - John Stephenson-Oliver   | Town Hall                | 2.30pm                |
| Sat | 11 | Our Lady & St Therese Coffee Morning in aid of renovation of the Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud            | Town Hall                | 10.00am to 12 noon    |
|     |    | House History Course 2   | Pitchcombe Village Hall  | 10.00am               |
|     |    | Wine Tasting (ticket only)   | Painswick Centre         | 7.00pm                |
| Sun | 12 | Recital: Caroline McBrayne   | 1 Hambutts Mead          | 3.00pm                |
| Mon | 13 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts, St Mary's Church   | Christ Church Hall       | 12.15 to 1.15pm       |
| Tue | 14 | Mobile Police Station.   | Outside Town Hall        | 10.45am               |
|     |    | Mothers' Union: Talk by Rev. Agnes Mukandoli, Priest and M.U. worker in Rwanda                                   | Church Rooms             | 2.30pm                |
| Wed | 15 | Coach to London: Enquiries: 813965/813227  | Stamages Car Park        | 8.30am                |
|     |    | Probus: 'W.F.Lee - Edwardian Photographer of Stroud', - Mr Howard Beard  | Ostlers Room, Falcon     | 10.00am               |
|     |    | Senior Circle coffee morning   | Town Hall                | 10.30am to 12.00 noon |
|     |    | Parish Council Meeting   | Town Hall                | 7.30pm                |
| Thu | 16 | World Day of Prayer  | Our Lady & St. Therese   | 9.00am - 7.30pm       |
|     |    | W.I.: Aluminium Foil Sculptures - Mrs Stammers   | Town Hall                | 2.30pm                |
|     |    | Music Appreciation Group: Richard Wagner   | Town Hall                | 7.30pm                |
| Sat | 18 | <b>Copy dateline for November to Editorial Team</b>  |                          |                       |
|     |    | Sale of Woollens: Jean Brown's Collection  | Town Hall                | 11.00am to 2.00pm     |
| Mon | 20 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Institute   | Christ Church Hall       | 12.15 to 1.15pm       |
| Tue | 21 | History Society: 'Thomas Robins' - Jane Sale   | Croft School             | 7.30pm                |
|     |    | Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee  | Ostlers Room, Falcon     | 8.30pm                |
| Wed | 22 | Theatre Club Outing to Birmingham  | The Falcon               | 12.15pm               |
|     |    | Painswick Centre AGM   | Painswick Centre         | 7.00pm                |
| Thu | 23 | <b>Diary dateline for November to Edwina Buttrey</b>   |                          |                       |
|     |    | Sale of Christmas Cards and Goods, with Coffee, for Christian Aid  | Whitehall, Stamages Lane | 10.00am to 12.00 noon |
| Fri | 24 | Senior Circle: A peculiar people - Ken Helps   | Town Hall                | 2.30pm                |
|     |    | Talk for Gloucestershire Guild: Neil Ions, talk & slides, Earthenware ceramic musical instruments and sculpture. | Painswick Centre         | 7.00pm                |
| Sat | 25 | Concert by Painswick Singers: Music for an Autumn Evening  | Painswick Centre         | 7.30pm                |
| Mon | 27 | Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Anne Leoni  | Christ Church Hall       | 12.15 to 1.15pm       |
| Wed | 29 | Probus: Pitville and its Gardens - Mr John Milner  | Ostlers Room, Falcon     | 10.00am               |
| Thu | 30 | Music Appreciation: Music at the Zoo!  | Town Hall                | 7.30pm                |
| Fri | 31 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)   | Wynstowe,                | 2.30pm                |



## NOVEMBER

|     |    |   |                       |                    |
|-----|----|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sat | 1  | <b>November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>   |                       |                    |
|     |    | Closing date for Christmas picture competition – see page 10  |                       |                    |
| Mon | 3  | Calligraphy for Beginners/Improvers: with James Skinner: Tel 01452 611614 (also 17th & 24th) £45 for 3 workshops  | Church Rooms          | 10.00am to 4.00pm  |
|     |    | Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Margaret Hodge   | Christ Church Hall    | 12.15 to 1.15pm    |
|     |    | Canterbury Tales – Festival Players Theatre Co.   | Rococo Visitor Centre | tba                |
| Tue | 4  | PCMS: Archaeology in Palestine & Egypt - Ted Burge  | Church Rooms          | 7.45pm             |
| Thu | 6  | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting   | Ashwell House         | 2.30pm             |
|     |    | Bird Club: Birds, Mammals and Flowers in the UK   | Town Hall             | 7.30pm             |
| Fri | 7  | Senior Circle: Strange customs - Wynn & Helen Roberts. Preceded by AGM at 1.45 pm                                 | Town Hall             | 2.30pm             |
| Sat | 8  | Charity Bazaar  | Christ Church Hall    | 10.00am to 4.00pm  |
|     |    | Promises Auction by Croft PTA - ticket only   | Church Rooms          | 7.30pm             |
| Sun | 9  | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)                                | Painswick Beacon      | 10.00am            |
| Mon | 10 | Closing date amendments for 2004 Directory  |                       |                    |
| Wed | 12 | Probus: Genetic Engineering - The Rev Phil Challis  | Ostlers Room, Falcon  | 10.00am            |
|     |    | Age Concern Day Centre Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy  | Ashwell House Lounge  | 10.30am to 12 noon |
| Thu | 13 | Music Appreciation: Gerald Finzi  | Town Hall             | 7.30pm             |
| Sat | 15 | Knitwear Sale   | Town Hall             |                    |
|     |    | Tennis Club: Autumn Social - "Bop till you Drop"  | Rugby Club, Broadham  | 7.30pm             |
| Tue | 18 | Local History Society: Painswick & Minchinhampton   | Croft School          | 7.30pm             |
|     |    | Stone Quarry Industry - Arthur Price  |                       |                    |
| Thu | 20 | W.I.: Annual Meeting  | Town Hall             | 2.30pm             |
| Sat | 22 | <b>Copy dateline for December to Editorial Team</b>   |                       |                    |
| Fri | 21 | Senior Circle: Actuary quite interesting - Nicola Bailey  | Town Hall             | 2.30pm             |
|     |    | Talk for Gloucestershire Guild: Mollie Meager & Katherine Coleman, talk & slides, Stained glass & Engraved glass. | Painswick Centre      | 7.00pm             |
| Wed | 26 | Probus: Annual Dinner   | The Hill, Stroud      |                    |
| Fri | 28 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)  | Wynstowe,             | 2.30pm             |
| Sat | 29 | Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning   | Town Hall             | 9.45 to 12 noon    |
|     |    | Mission Bazaar: Stalls, Produce, Lunches  | Church rooms          | 11.30am to 3.30pm  |
| Sun | 30 | Churches Together 'Welcome to Advent' service   | Prinknash             | 6.00pm             |

## DECEMBER

|     |    |  |                      |                 |
|-----|----|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| Wed | 3  | Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227                       | Stamages Car Park    | 8.30am          |
| Thu | 4  | Painswick Players production (until 6th)                       | Painswick Centre     | 7.30pm          |
| Fri | 5  | Senior Circle Christmas Lunch Party                            | Hardwick             | 2.00pm          |
| Sat | 6  | <b>December Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>        |                      |                 |
| Wed | 10 | Probus: Malta through the ages - Miss Barbara Drake            | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am         |
| Thu | 11 | Music Appreciation: Christmas Social                           | Town Hall            | 7.15 for 7.30pm |
| Sat | 13 | Christmas Carols – Painswick Singers                           | Christ Church        | 7.30pm          |
| Thu | 18 | W.I. Christmas Party   | Town Hall            | 2.30pm          |
| Fri | 19 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) (Christmas Party) | Wynstowe,            | 2.30pm          |

## 2004

### JANUARY

|     |    |  |                   |                   |
|-----|----|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Thu | 8  | Talks: Early Renaissance Italy - by Dr Peter Clarkson      | Small Church Room | 11.00am - 12.30pm |
|     |    | 10 weeks until 18 March                                    |                   |                   |
| Thu | 15 | Music Appreciation: Antonin Dvorak                         | Town Hall         | 7.30pm            |
| Thu | 22 | Bird Club: Talk by Derek Jackson, on Raptor Identification | Town Hall         | 7.30pm            |
| Thu | 29 | Music Appreciation: Music in My Life                       | Town Hall         | 7.30pm            |

### FEBRUARY

|     |    |  |                                |         |
|-----|----|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| Thu | 12 | Music Appreciation: The Mighty Five                    | Town Hall                      | 7.30pm  |
| Sun | 15 | Bird Club visit to Ashleworth Ham to see Migrant Birds | Nature Reserve A417 at Hartpur | 10.30am |

### MARCH

|     |    |  |           |        |
|-----|----|--|-----------|--------|
| Thu | 11 | Music Appreciation: Benjamin Britten   | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 18 | Bird Club: Talk about Keynes Country Park and its Birds - the Head Ranger. (followed by AGM) | Town Hall | 7.30pm |





# Thanks

**June Crane** would like to thank all her wonderful friends who sent her cards, letters and flowers and made phone calls and visits to her, and support her following her accident on the beach in Cornwall.

The kindness and support from everyone has been such a wonderful help. Thank you.

**Gladys Hobbs.** My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our friends for their wonderful support and prayers during my mothers illness and recent death. We have received so many letters and cards that it is quite impossible for me to answer each one. They have brought great comfort to us. Once again we have been reminded of all the care and kindness to be found in this Parish. Jenny Gaugain.

**Ken Oliver** and family wish to thank the many friends, whose prayers, letters and cards of sympathy, have been much appreciated, after the death of Joyce.

Our Vicar, John Longuet-Higgins and Peter Minall have given us real support.

Also our sincere thanks to Dr's Jenny du Toit, Candy Jensen, Tessa Monelle, to the District Nurses Sally, Sarah, Jackie and Deborah, the nurses and carers from the Cotswold Care Hospice and the Twilight Nurses, all of whom were so caring.

**Kate Davie.** We would like to forward our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped in any way towards our mother, Kate Davie's care while recovering from her fractured heel. The list of names are too many to list but our grateful thanks goes to everyone who has been involved. Kate also wishes to convey how much she has valued all your good wishes and cards. Theresa, Frances and Michael.

**Keith and Joan Hardwidge** of Brambles, the Park, want to express deep and heartfelt thanks to the innumerable friends who called or wrote and gave such support, particularly to Joan, whilst Keith was a recent guest of the Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals Trust.

**Phyllis and Fred Russell** would like to thank the many friends who joined them in a very pleasant and jolly Supper Dance to celebrate their Emerald Wedding on 19th September at the Painswick Centre



## Cranham Village Auction

In aid of Cranham Church, on Saturday 25th October

Viewing from 10:30 \* Sale starts at 12:00 \* Refreshments

Entries are now being accepted for the next Village Auction Sale, so please sort through all your hidden treasures and enter them *without* delay. Do not forget there is NO entry fee and we will only charge the greater of £1 or 15% commission per item. Any items with a reserve, which remain unsold, will be charged £1. So if you would like to take the opportunity to turn those unwanted items into cash please contact Jean Garratt on 01452 812077 for an entry form.

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to CLARE and PHILIP SMITH whose daughter Ella was born on 29th August at St.Thomas's Hospital, London,; a fourth grandchild for Susan and Alan Shearer

and to NICOLA and JONTY DRAKE on 5th September, whose twin daughters Emilia and Saskia were born in St.Thomas's Hospital in London; making ten grandchildren for Andy and Arthur Lock.

## Weddings

Congratulations to COLIN WESTBURY and HEATHER MASON who were married at St.Mary's, Painswick, on 6th September,

and to LYNN BLACK and MARTYN THORNTON who were married at The Painswick Hotel on 29th August,

and to SUSAN OAKLEY and MARK DRAPER who were married at St.Mary's on 13th September,

and to LEE TRENFIELD and TRACY MANN who were married at Stonehouse Court on 13th September

also to JOSEPHINE LANYON and RICHARD DYKE McMURTRY who were married in Siena, Italy, on 6th September; the Lanyon family lived in Vicarage Street for many years and now live in Cornwall

and JENNY DAVIS and PETER BARBER who were married on 20th September at St.Mary's in Painswick

and to VIRGINIA McLURE and MARK HEMMING who were married in St.Mary's on Thursday 25th September.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JOYCELYN WARREN, LUCY BICKFORD, MARY FRANCIS, DAPHNE HUDSON, PAT DALY and MALCOLM TRANTER.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JOHN BIRTWELL from the Almshouses, DAVID MICHAEL BARNES of Lower Washwell, GLADYS HOBBS, LES LEWIS, JOYCE OLIVER,

CICELY JONES, PETER HIGGINS, GLADYS COOK (Diane Mearns's mother) and EMILY BROWN who used to live in Berry Close, who have all died recently.

## Comings and goings

Welcome to TINA WILLIAMS who has come to live at Spring Cottage in Kingsmill Lane,

and Mr. RATCLIFFE moving to Lords Wood Cottage in Sheepscombe,

and to NELLIE THOMPSON who has moved to No.6 Ashwell House,

and to GERALDINE and MICHAEL SHUTE who have moved to Marling House from Cornwall,

and farewell to Dr J MASON who has left Spring Cottage

and welcome to Marie and Gideon BELLINI and their three girls, Danielle, Tamara and Lauren who have moved into 'Dial Tryst' in Vicarage Street. Danielle (16) goes to GlosCat while her sisters go to The Croft School.

and DEREK LANE who has moved to be nearer his family in the North of England

and Janet and Judith from 'Chancellors' who left the village on Thursday.

## Literary welcome

We are pleased to welcome three new staff at the library - RICHARD KENNETT as Library Manager, and ANNE FEENEY and HELEN TIMLIN who are Senior Library Assistants.

## Birthday

Many happy returns to Septima Wooley who celebrated her 90th last weekend.

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