

The Painswick Beacon

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£3,000 Thanks!

In August we reported that the Parish Council was to receive a generous bequest in accordance with instructions in the will of the late Margaret Hampshire.

In their covering letter to the Council last month, enclosing a cheque for £3000, the solicitors stated "*She asked that the money be applied towards 'a project to enhance the well being of the village in gratitude for some 20 years of happy retirement'....*"

During a preliminary discussion it was felt that an invitation should be extended to all who live in Painswick to make suggestions which might be considered. The Beacon is only too pleased to convey that message and ask that ideas be forwarded to the Clerk no later than Monday 15th November; this so that he can summarise these in a list for the Council meeting that week.



Congratulations to Robert Goddard who was presented with the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service long-service and good conduct medal by the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire Henry Elwes in Cheltenham on 6th October. Robert has been part of Painswick Fire crew for over 20 years.

Roadworks - Stroud Road

At the recent meeting of local traders with the Parish Council and Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care (*reported today on page 2*) the duration of the road works in Stroud Road was raised. Mr Cockell undertook to investigate and seek to bring the date for completion forward if such was at all possible.

The Beacon has been informed that there is a very good chance that these will be completed next week.

Precept 2005-06

The amount which the Parish Council is seeking from the District Council for 2005-06 is £59,490 - a tightly budgetted 3% increase on the £57,730 in the current year.

Yew Trees WI



Success!

Painswick has a new WI!

We carried a report, last month, that there was some interest in reopening a Women's Institute in Painswick. So, it is nice to follow up with the news that an inaugural meeting last week affirmed that intent.

Margaret Clarke, a WI Adviser told us that "It was nice to see so many there, although sadly, many who were at the first meeting, were missing. This may have been due to school holidays, but we are hopeful of seeing them again at the next meeting". Gill Thomas gave the meeting a demonstration of painting on silk, entitled "Paint it Today - Wear it Tomorrow" and kindly donated the finished scarf used in the demonstration, as a free raffle prize. They are hoping to see it worn by the lucky winner at the next meeting.

Those present chose 'Yew Trees WI' as the new name, and a new committee was formed. This in itself is an important factor and congratulations are in order to the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Communications will mainly be through the Secretary Celia Lougher 812624. Margaret told us that "It is intended that meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The next meeting will be on 23rd November at 7.30pm. Because of Christmas, the December meeting may be held on an earlier day in that month, so watch the Beacon for the actual date, yet to be decided".

The Women's Institute has a long history with much justifiable pride in its achievements within small communities such as ours, and as a body which influences opinion at national level. This reassertion of its role in Painswick is evidence of such concerns but it is now a matter for women to show their support by attending, sharing in the tasks involved, and experiencing the lasting pleasure and friendships such can bring.

Our Remembrance

Thursday 11th November

10.50am War Memorial Painswick
Brief service led by the Vicar of Painswick.
Laying of wreath by the Parish Council
Chairman.

Sunday 14th November

10.50am Service of Remembrance at St
Mary's Church. Preacher: Bishop Michael
Mann KCVO, former Chaplain to HM the
Queen.
Services of Remembrance at
Cranham (10.50am), Pitchcombe
(10.55am),
Sheepscombe (10.55am).

'Messiah' in the Cathedral, **coffee bowlers**, coach **to the lights**, coach for **badminton** too, **Kites Hill** reserved, 71 years young and **jumping**, **three seniors** from Painswick, the **Arts Festival** final programme, **foul deed** at Ashwell, **cinema** on schedule, **Painswickian** nominations open, **Gyde** from a great height, **planning review**.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Special Meeting with local traders/shopkeepers 12th October

This meeting between the Parish Council, local traders and Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care, had been convened by the Council. In addition to most members of the Council itself, representatives of the pharmacy, hairdressers, garage, Londis grocers, Patchwork Mouse and the post office responded to the invitation to attend together with four or five members of the public.

Opening the proceedings, Chairman Terry Parker said that councillors had been looking forward to this opportunity to "talk through the prospective relationship between local traders/providers of services and the needs of the care centre in due course". Keith Cockell, who was accompanied by his architect Stephen Lloyd and recently appointed Operations Director for the Painswick project David Scott-Maldon, welcomed "the opportunity this meeting presented to open up dialogue to see what could be jointly achieved together". He pointed out that it was central to the objectives of the centre that it be accountable at all times to those who chose to live in the apartments and those requiring care, as well as to the agencies who dealt with registration of care services and others.

He went on to illustrate the trading typically experienced in his Nantwich establishment as including in the order of £10k a year on milk and bread from a local shop, £14k on groceries, £18k meat, £22k fruit and vegetables, £34k other catering items, £12k cleaning materials, £8k each on petrol and newspapers, while window cleaning was costing £300 per month; wherever possible purchases were from local suppliers but "above all else quality and consistency are imperatives". Further illustrations mentioned immediacy of access to such as electricians and lawn-mower repairers! While traders in Painswick may not be able to match Nantwich, he was very firm in his intention

to maximise local purchasing wherever possible as well as develop other relationships such as with the library service. Mr Cockell made clear his "approach was totally flexible".

He also expressed his recognition of the faux pax when he had previously mentioned offering use of rooms on the site free to local organisations; he now realised that such would undermine the viability of existing meeting rooms in the village.

There followed a number of questions. Mr Littler from the Post Office said that he found it hard to believe that with the development only fifteen months away from the initial completion stage, all the contracts for the supply of goods and services were not already in place.

Several questions were raised about the purpose of the on-site shop. Concern that this would undermine existing traders was quickly dissipated in that its range of goods was likely to be extremely limited (toiletries, tissues, cards, pens, etc.) and that it will be solely for site residents or their guests. Mr Cockell indicated his hope that goods available there would be mainly supplied from the village traders themselves, the 'shop' being voluntarily run and as a not-for-profit social focal point in the care complex; Londis offered a sale-or-return arrangement for some items likely to be required. The reason for having two vehicles on the site is to include transporting those who wished to shop in Painswick, or elsewhere, as and when required. As one councillor pointed out, not selling from the shop to the general public would have no effect upon local traders.

Other examples were raised: petrol would be sought from the village even though it might be more expensive than in (say) Stroud because it was desirable that there be local attention also to vehicle maintenance and emergencies; meat cost differences would be ignored if the quality of that supplied locally was acceptable to his consumers; similarly pharmaceuticals except the bulk purchases associated with nursing care. Mr Cockell said he "could guarantee that there would be significantly more local trading in Painswick in two year's time".

There were nods of support for the sentiments expressed by David Win-

stone-Ursell (hairdresser) when he said he greatly welcomed the arrival of this facility and that he was looking forward to doing business with them in the on site room set aside for the purpose.

There was interest in associated matters, most of which put prospective trading into a time-frame. Completion and occupancy of the apartments was expected by September-November 2005 with the care centre itself mid-2006. In the order of 100 staff would be employed ranging from 15 hours a week to full time, including many who would otherwise be retired; the majority from outside the Painswick area likely to be dropped off by spouses or users of the centre's own transport. The first vehicle is likely to be acquired early next year. From experience elsewhere, staff recruitment is unlikely to be a problem; there are also reciprocal arrangements with another major care provider.

There will be a library/IT room on the site and Mr Cockell welcomed the suggestion from Terry Parker that there be some firm sub-branch relationship with the Painswick library if possible; this strengthening the future viability of the library.

The current traffic controls were likely to be in place until Christmas but an undertaking was given to re-examine the situation to try and bring the date forward. Asked whether additional weekend working might advance the completion of highway alterations Mr Cockell pointed out that such was barred within his planning consent, at the specific request of neighbours.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gyde House Conservation Area

The committee endorsed the proposals made by the Conservation Society (*see October issue p.7*) subject to the exclusion of the phrase "The modern style houses in the Upper Washwell area should not be emulated". They also sought exclusion of the parcel of land between the surgery and Gyde Barn from the (already approved) conservation area because of the longer term hope that the land might be used for

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Committee consideration of all plans

As we reported last month (p.2) the committee returned to re-examination of alternatives to the existing 'brown envelope' system in which a consensus of councillors' views on individual planning applications is produced. The consensus then takes the form of a recommendation to the District Council's planning department.

The Chairman, David Hudson, suggested that the reasons for considering changes in procedure were (a) to secure transparency in the process, including opportunities for the public to contribute prior to recommendations being made, and (b) holding meetings at which views could be exchanged so that decisions were better informed. He noted that a previous member of the Council, Alan Shearer had suggested that as the present system had worked for 40 years there was no point in contemplating changes.

There was a desire by members to seriously examine changes in the procedure and a working party of three (David Hudson, Ann Burges Watson and Jason Bullingham) was asked to look closely at options, and in particular the precise 'nuts and bolts' of what would be involved and report to the next meeting.

Folly Cottage, Gloucester Road

The committee was unanimous in its opposition to the owner's proposal to fence off the property which, although very well maintained, has common land as its curtilage.

Care Centre

The committee affirmed its adherence to the previously agreed plans for the care centre and, therefore, opposed the revisions now proposed for overnight staff accommodation. They also urged that there be an environmental assessment of projected traffic flows.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Handyman

Members expressed their pleasure at the return to duty of George Hodder after his lengthy period of sick leave. Over the coming few weeks Mr Hodder will be steadily increasing his duties to full time.

Signage: Painswick Hotel

The scheme of signs proposed by the

hotel, in order to assist drivers making their way to its far-from-easy-to-locate situation, was discussed. It was also noted that a decision some years ago to include a 'facilities various' sign at the three approaches to the village precluded potentially numerous in-village signs, a policy which was favoured at the time. It was agreed to invite the appropriate officer of the County Council to advise upon options and meet as soon as convenient.

War Memorial: cleaning/restoration

It was agreed to obtain professional advice upon the manner in which the memorial and its paved surround might be cleaned.

Public conveniences: St.Mary's Street

Arising from concerns that (a) these conveniences were rather expensive to maintain, and (b) the possibility that their capital asset value might be realised, there was a discussion upon the future of these facilities. The Council rapidly came to the conclusion that the toilets should be retained and, as soon as resources permit, upgraded.

Mobile police unit: Sheepscombe

Arising from an enquiry by David Harcup it was agreed to ask the police to include Sheepscombe on the 'rounds' of the mobile police unit.

Recreation Field: adjacent fencing

The owners of a cottage adjoining the field had, several months after the work had been undertaken on trees alongside the recreation field, written to make a claim for damage to their fencing by contractors. It was suggested that any claim would be best pursued directly with the contractors as the council was not itself liable.

Margaret Hampshire: legacy

(see front page)

Budget and precept 2005-06

The Council received a report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a verbal presentation by its chairman Johnny Johnston. The figures, available after the meeting, included the budget for the current year and projected out-turn, and the amounts required by each aspect of the Parish Council's services for 2005-06. The budget, and precept of £59,490, were unanimously approved. (front page)

Our Painswickian of the Year

Each year since 1985 the Beacon has invited residents to nominate a Painswickian of the Year. Those nominated should be people who have given exceptional service to the local community or whose achievements have brought credit to the village during at least the past year; individual residents, or couples, may be proposed.

Although the final decision lies with the Beacon committee, its members are very much guided by residents' opinions; so if you believe someone is a candidate for the award, please let us know using no more than 100 words why you are proposing them. We will treat all nominations in confidence, and hope you will too, and publish the result in the January issue.

We only receive nominations by postcard or letter to be received no later than 17th November to Philip Oakley, Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street GL6 6QN or in the Beacon Box in New Street marked, please,

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Riotous Images of Stroud

The first Painswick Local History Society meeting of the new programme year opened with Ian Mackintosh, well known for his immense knowledge of Stroud and its cloth industry. Ian introduced us to a number of infamous local characters from the records of the Star Chamber. Law breaking Tudor style was not so very far removed from that of today. A greedy landlord paid ruffians to beat up his tenant; stealing and drunken affrays were commonplace. The Tudor equivalent of tagging criminals was to put a brand on the hand and law enforcement was the responsibility of the local militia drawn from the registered able-bodied men of the Parishes.

The local cloth industry, for all the wealth it generated for the clothiers, would from time to time be subject to periods of depression resulting in unrest and poverty amongst the workers. The Stroud workhouse was built in 1724 in a prominent location to deter the shiftless and caused rioting with threats to pull it down. At other times local riots took place to protest at the price of bread, wagons of wheat were looted and farmers avoided Stroud in favour of Gloucester. Punishments for rioting were severe and many were hanged or sent to the Colonies. Later riots in 1825 were protesting at falling pay, which led to the dragoons being sent to quell the unruly population.

Local history teaser

The Plantation, although on the outskirts of Painswick, is, nonetheless, an important part of Painswick and its history. Can you name the rather momentous occasion, date and the three people at the front next to the plaque in this photograph taken in the Plantation?

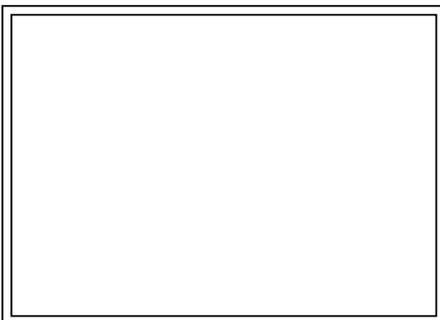


We'll give the answer in next month's Beacon.

Woods and woodland are very much the theme of November's meeting of the Painswick Local History Society. Elisabeth Skinner has spent many years researching and studying the history of the woods, in particular those on the Ebworth estate which are mentioned in the Domesday Survey. Elisabeth will track the development of the local timber industry and all its associated activities and skills over a thousand years and will show just how important the woods have been to the local economy and way of life for many people in this area. She poses another question for you – do you know which was the road, built in 1496, north of Elder Hill, which went through the woods?

The answer to last month's teaser: the war memorial was designed by F.L.Griggs and Norman Jewson and it was unveiled and dedicated on 21st January 1921.

Carol Maxwell



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Lest we forget

On Tuesday, 19th October Mr Robin Stayt gave a moving and inspiring talk to Painswick Local History Society on the lives and deaths of our young fighting men during the First World War.

He soon made us realise that both we now and the rest of society then cannot and could not begin to understand the reality of life at the Front. The conditions and the courage shown in the circumstances were inconceivable and there was no media as we know it to relay the day-to-day situation. All communication was delayed by several weeks and was also heavily censored. So, knowledge and understanding was further limited.

Throughout the whole four years of the war, 1000 letters, each bearing news of a death, were delivered every single day. These letters were, of course, stiff and formal and very brief. Mr Stayt was able, as a result of extensive research, to tell the poignant and detailed stories of three very different men, all of whom were killed in action. These were real, ordinary people, fighting and dying in a war which seemed to have such little regard for the individual.

Mr Stayt has researched the lives and deaths of the war dead of Maisemore. He described how to go about finding information and listed a remarkably wide range of possible sources and records. He gave a very comprehensive explanation of his research methods which could be used in the pursuit of similar information for any village or town.

At this time of year his talk was particularly significant, and certainly for those who attended the meeting our own war memorial will probably take on much greater meaning.

At the next meeting, 7.30pm on 16th November at the Croft School, Elisabeth Skinner will take us through a thousand years of local woodland industry.

Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

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Lunch at the Castle

Desperate note - Is there anyone out there who could spare the Senior Circle a quarter of an hour every other Friday to put out the tables and chairs at 2.00pm and put them away again at 4.15pm.

Preparing for Christmas Coffee Morning - Please note Painswick Senior circle has had to change their **Coffee Morning** date to the **17th November**, 10.00am until midday, and not as we previously mentioned in The Beacon. We look forward to meeting you there.

Please note also that our Christmas Lunch will be at **"The Castle"**, **Morton Valance** and not now in the Town Hall as in the Beacon Diary. The date is the **3rd December** and tickets are £12 each. A coach will take all our guests, and I am told to expect one more accompanied by reindeer!! The coach is included in the ticket price. As this has become quite a well attended event we have to give preference to those who have attended at least two of our meetings throughout the year.

Please book early to avoid disappointment and, looking forward to meeting you soon.

Anne Smith - Chairman

Anti-social behaviour

The Parish Council has arranged a Public Meeting for 7.00pm on Monday 13th December in the Town Hall at which a presentation on "Anti Social Behaviour" will be given by Colin Peake of Stroud District Council.

All member of the Public are invited to attend and, the Beacon is told, refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Bazaar

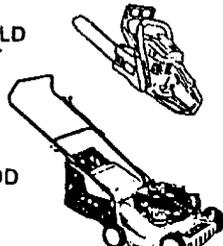
The Annual Missions Bazaar will be held in St Mary's Church Rooms on Saturday November 27th between 11.00am and 2.00pm. There will be coffee and lunch on offer as well as stalls selling gifts, cakes, preserves and cards, a raffle and a tombola stall. The proceeds will go to the five charities supported by St Mary's - the Children's Society, the Church Army, the Mission to Seafarers, the Scripture Union and U.S.P.G. (an overseas missionary society).

Come and support these good causes and enjoy meeting your friends over a cup of coffee or a bite of lunch.

Alison Robinson 812286

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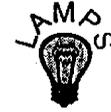
We are holding our annual Arts and Craft Fayre in the Village Hall at Cranham on Sunday 21st November. Doors will be open from 10:00 am to about 4:30 pm, and admission is free. As always with these events we are hoping to raise some monies for the Hall's maintenance.

We shall have about 15 stall holders present, with a range of Craft and Art work for sale, including traditional willow basket work, jewellery, water colours, oil paintings, wood work, table flower arrangements, framed photographs, greetings cards, children's clothing, soft furnishings, bird nesting boxes and feeders, and batiks. Many of the stall holders are also able to undertake individual pieces to order.

In addition, we will have a range of hot and cold refreshments available, including home made soups and cakes.

In the past many folk have dropped by from Painswick, so I would be hugely grateful if once again you could bring it to their attention.

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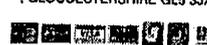
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Bric-a-Bowls

A coffee morning and sale of bric-a-brac, nearly new clothes and home-made cakes, etc is being held at the Falcon Bowls Club (behind the Falcon Inn) on Saturday 6th November - today at 10.00am.

Admission will be £1.00 which includes coffee or tea and biscuits.

David Ryland

World Aids Day

You are invited to a coffee morning on the 1st December in Sheepscombe Village Hall from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Last year we raised enough money to help send 2 of the older children from the Township of Esikhawini to college. We hope they will be the leaders for other children in the Township towards improving their own life skills.

Sadly, the numbers continue to rise as Aids continues to take the parents, and leaves the orphans to manage as best they can. With the help of the PIN project we have enabled the families to stay together and continue to get an education.

Please support the children again this year. I will be grateful for any donations of cakes and objects for a 'bring and buy' stall. There will be some rather special books available to buy as well as beautifully decorated pots of Christmas flowering bulbs. It is hoped to have some of the hand made Zulu jewellery as well as Christmas cards in aid of the project. For further details please contact me

Pat Chase on 813196

Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held at Cotswold House.

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Over the past twelve months, the Painswick Centre has built on the sound base created under former chairman John Stephenson-Oliver, gained considerable financial strength via steadily increasing user income coupled with control over costs, and established itself as one of the busiest village halls in the county. This was the message from the Painswick Centre Trustees AGM on 11th October, outlined in the Chairman's Report presented by Russ Herbert and re-inforced by out-going Treasurer, Andrew Leach when he presented the accounts for 2003-04. The key, according to Russ, has been the hands-on approach adopted by the Trustees – mainly retired professionals – and the consequent lack of need to buy in management and administrative services.

The goal set for 2003-04 was to comply with new legislative requirements designed to make the Centre accessible to all, recognising all disabilities plus an aging population. This involved the addition of a stairlift, a hearing loop, new toilet facilities and upgraded access facilities, and was seen to be a major challenge, And so it turned out: the total project was costed at £75,000, well beyond current financial means. Nevertheless, bloodied but unbowed, the Trustees have redefined the project and expect to complete it within the current financial year, hopefully with the help of a grant from Stroud District Council, as well as contributions from the various user groups.

The hearing loop, for example, will be installed soon with the help of a grant from the Summerfield Trust obtained by Painswick Players. The stairlift will also be installed shortly, thanks to a significant contribution from Rose, Freda and the Bingo

ladies. Russ also thanked Mr & Mrs Cod for donating all the profits from their Tea Dances towards renovations.

The next year will also see a great deal of essential maintenance, particularly with regard to repainting – last done 18 years ago! – and resurfacing the car park. Income streams from a steadily increasing base of user groups are good - over £27,000 last year, leading to a healthy surplus of over £14,000 – and indications are that the current year of 2004-05 is running comfortably ahead. The balance sheet is healthy with a strong asset base, particularly if the property were to be revalued in line with current market expectations: indications are that the Centre is currently valued at about a million pounds (rebuilding costs)!

There is nevertheless a continuing need for extra income in order to maintain and improve Centre facilities. For this reason the Trustees are now preparing to bring the former club lounge, bar and kitchen area back into use and are examining various options for creating a café, bistro, tea room in the available space. A much needed facility in Painswick, at present!

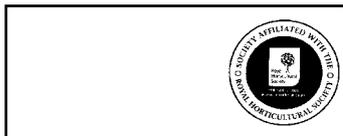
In acknowledging the hard work of all his fellow Trustees, Russ finished by expressing his particular thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Andrew Leach for his efficient management of the Centre's finances and the clear, concise way he presented the accounts. The Trustees for the current year are: Russ Herbert, Tony Gibson, Alan Shearer, Mike Breeze, Bernard Child, Paul Sparks and (newly elected) Ralph Drew.

Royal plots

At the October meeting of the Society Austen Perkins gave a fascinating talk with slides on 'The Royal Gardens'. It was particularly interesting from an historical point of view as many dates and events were recalled by Austen as he explained why certain landscapes were created and then altered by different generations of royalty.

Hampton Court Palace proved a good example of this as the gardens were laid out in formal French style by Charles II in 1662 and then overlaid by the splendor of Dutch landscape architecture under the influence of William III and Queen Mary from 1689.

The spectacular azaleas of the Valley Gardens bordering Virginia Water in Windsor Great Park were shown and also some splendored scenes of nearby Savill Gardens. Our 'tour' moved northwards, via Sandringham, home of Edward VII whilst Prince of Wales; he was said to have remarked that if had not to become King he would like to have been a gardener!



Moving north of the border we were able to see the 18th century

Italian style gardens of Glamis Castle home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in her childhood days, and mentioned by a certain W.Shakespeare in a play called Macbeth.

Austen's final slide was of the Castle of May; a very distant view this as, on the day of his visit to this northerly outpost the castle was closed due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak!

Our November meeting 'Plants for the Butterflies and Plants for You' by Elaine Horton will be held at the Croft School on the evening of 17th. There will be plants for sale.

Ashwell House Charities

At the beginning of 2004 the Residents of Ashwell House decided that they would collect small change for chosen charities. We successfully raised £60 for Guide Dogs for the Blind, £102 for Winstons Wish and had recently started a new bottle for Cancer Research which had about £10 in it.

It is with great sadness that we have to report that on Sunday 19th September sometime between the hours of 10.30am and 6.30pm someone managed to gain access to the lounge in Ashwell House and stole the jar of money. We realise that we are lucky that we live in a village where this is not an everyday event but as this money was for such a worthwhile charity it is very sad.

Through the generosity of others the money has been replaced and we will continue to collect for our chosen charities but unfortunately we will no longer be able to leave our jar on display, which is a great shame as watching the money grow was half the fun.

Michelle Elliott - Ashwell House

(We also received a comparable letter from Peggy Bradshaw of Ashwell House expressing her annoyance. Ed.)

Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning

Our annual fund-raising Coffee Morning will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 20th November from 9.45 to 12noon. Cakes, Gifts, Raffle, Plants (lots of them!), Christmas Cards, Fresh Flowers, Books, Toys, and Guess-the-name-of-the-Doll (She'll make a lovely Christmas present!).

Cakes, Roulades and Fresh Flowers can be ordered in advance to help us stock efficiently on 812521.

Entrance £1 (50p for children); home made mince pies or home made biscuits; Tea, Coffee, Chocolate or Squash ("Seconds" with our compliments!). A warm welcome to everyone.

Anne Leoni on behalf of the group



January issue of the

Beacon

For those meticulous organisers (and there are quite a few) in Painswick, please note that the January issue will not be published until Saturday 8th in 2005.

This also influences the preparation of the December Village Diary page.



Spotlight on . . .

Helen Briggs

Were you born in Painswick?

Yes, on 12th November 1929 in the Painswick Nursing Home that backed onto the Royal Oak. However, before you



ask, I have not lived in Painswick all my life; I lived in Birmingham and Bromsgrove for 35 years - but Painswick has always been my home.

My parents were Mr and Mrs Fryer who owned Central Stores on New Street; we lived on top of the shop. We moved to Whitehall Bank at the top of Stamages Lane in 1959, and I live there today.

What about your schooldays?

I started my education at the Painswick Infant School (Church Rooms) and then the Junior School, now the library. I passed the Scholarship to Stroud High School, went there in 1941, and took School Certificate.

During my schooldays I helped my parents in the shop and will always remember 'the boys' who weighed out the sugar from huge sacks, and the fruit from large wooden boxes. I put the orders on to a table, they put these in baskets and cycled off to deliver them.

The war was on at this time and a school was evacuated from Clacton-on-Sea for a few weeks. Our school routine had to be changed to enable these children to attend classes.

What did you do later, Helen?

I always wanted to teach junior school-age children.

I started doing unqualified teaching in Castle Street in Stroud for a year in 1947-48, and then went on to teacher training in Salisbury in 1948, a two-year course. In 1950 I went to teach in Birmingham and taught mixed subjects to a junior school for nine years, and met my husband Dennis who was also a teacher progressing to become a lecturer at the Open University.

We moved to Bromsgrove. I have three children; Tim, Jonathon and Mary.

So; you were away for 35 years.

Yes, I left Painswick in 1950, returning in 1985 when Dennis and I took early retirement. Since my parents lived in Painswick I never lost touch, and after they died in 1971/72 continued looking after the house. Whilst away I always returned for the Clipping Service.

No changes took place in Painswick during that time that I was not aware of. The major change was the closure of many shops, a trend that still continues - including three coffee shops, a bakery, Centre Stores, the Fiery Beacon and the National Trust bookshop.

A busy life teaching: what do you do now?

I am very lucky having a lovely house with a secluded garden and lovely view.

Also I have four grandchildren. Tim's children Kate (18) and Harriet (16½), Mary's children Matthew (14), Amy (12), and of course my other son Jonathon who works as an ecologist with British Waterways developing the canals nearby.

I love it in Painswick. If you join in things you make a lot of friends. For example Arts and Crafts, concerts in Painswick and Cheltenham, and various Painswick clubs (books, theatre, travel and local history).

Any other interests?

Well, to start with there was the WI, although only the Country Market in the Town Hall now remains.

Then there's the Horticultural Society which arranges coach visits and is great for meeting people. And the Music Society - I sold tickets at their first concert over 60 years ago! I also enjoy charity coffee mornings and lunches.

My main interest is, however, the church. I was baptised, confirmed and married in St.Mary's. I remember the vicar coming into the school to tell us that they were going to have girls in the choir, so before leaving Painswick I joined the choir. When I returned I rejoined the choir and was elected one of two Churchwardens from 1944 to 2001.

At the 1993 Clipping Service a reunion was arranged for all those who had attended the Painswick School in the 30's. This was called 'The 30s Kids', and is now 'The 40s Kids'. A new publication has been issued two or three times a year called 'Around the Lamp'.

Did you think of returning to Bromsgrove?

No. When I was widowed people said "Presumably you will now return to Bromsgrove". Nothing was further from my mind.

Painswick was my home. After rejoining the choir I quickly got back into village life.

Dermot Cassidy

Another of our series of interviews with people who were born in Painswick, or came here when they were very young.

Coach to London

Seats are still available on the coach leaving Stamages Lane car park at 8.30am on Wednesday 1st December. Fare £10.



Bookings should be made by cash, or cheque payable to "Painswick L & B Outings" with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH.

Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.



Help! Pictures in chaos!

If a single picture is worth a thousand words, then the Beacon photographic archive must be worth a whole Oxford English Dictionary.

In its 25 odd years of existence, the Beacon has amassed many hundreds of fascinating and even historic images of Painswick and Painswickians not all of which have ever been published. The trouble is that, unlike the said dictionary, the collection is not quite in such good order. And so when we want to lay our hands on (say) that memorable photo of Father Christmas arriving by canoe in Thailand, or the 750th Anniversary picture of the pupils of Croft School re-enacting the Charter ceremony, or even the wonderful picture of a certain perplexed-looking past editor surrounded by photos, we just can't find them.

The whole collection needs organising and cataloguing: in short, we need an enthusiastic archivist. So, if you would like to be immersed in all these images of yesteryear and you think you could introduce some sense of order into the picturesque chaos, please contact 813101.

Ed.



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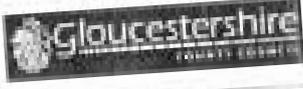
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If you want to get more information contact Chris Strangeway at Shire Hall on 01452.425018

Phyllis Barron

Phyllis Barron (1890-1964), designer and printer of hand-blockprinted textiles died forty years ago in Painswick, Gloucestershire on 23rd November 1964.

To mark the 40th anniversary a textile study day was held at Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum on 22nd October. The publicity for that event included the following:-

Acclaimed for the innovative furnishing and dress-stuffs which she produced together with her partner Dorothy Larcher (1882-1952) in the interwar years their work showed 'a perfect harmony between the fibre, the dye and the block- as described by their friend Robin Tanner, the etcher and educationist. Plant motifs or geometric patterns were favoured, printed in a subtle colour range on fine quality linens, cottons, velvets and silks using iron, rust, cutch and indigo dyes. Their work became highly sought after by a discerning clientele and they received substantial commissions from the Duke of Westminster, as well as institutions such as Girton College, Cambridge and Winchester Cathedral. Moving from London with Dorothy Larcher in 1930, Phyllis Barron was to spend more than half her adult life living in the centre of the Cotswolds and became a member of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen.

A selection of the work of Barron and Larcher can be seen displayed in 'Robin Tanner: etcher and educationist' at the Fine Art & Antiques Fair, Olympia from 8th to the 14th November, further details available from www.olympia-antiques.com.

Merrywalks

The Beacon has been informed that the cinema and other facilities at Merrywalks in Stroud are expected to be open to the public in July next year.

Readers are reminded that the Police non-emergency number is

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Direct line to Painswick's PC
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Computing solutions

It seems that our using computers to prepare the Beacon is the reason why quite a number of fellow residents use us as a point of reference when wanting advice to resolve an otherwise bewildering impasse on their own computer. While we are flattered when this happens, we would be the first to recognise (partly from bitter experience) that our knowledge is also limited.

We are, in the main, self-taught amateurs like many around the village, and we occasionally require specialist expertise to resolve conundrums. That said, we have sometimes been able to point distraught computer users in a direction where the expertise can be found. So, if others would be kind enough to contribute to this column with conundrum and source of resolution as shown here we will occasionally publish the information in a spirit of fraternal computing. This way we may be helpful to one another. We will only print extreme situations unlikely to be readily resolved by looking at a manual, but cannot accept any responsibility for the advice we pass on in good faith..

I want someone to sort out equipment so that I can readily, regularly and economically back up everything on my Hard disk - the C drive. I am stimulated by the experiences of others in Painswick who lost everything during a storm and lightning strikes.

Contact Richard Bamber 07709.848314 or Email support@richbamber.com who is based in Cheltenham and offers "• Intelligence Analyst • Security Consultant • Security Assessments • Vulnerability Analyses • Security Auditing • Disaster Recovery Planning • Firewalls • CCTV".

I have had computers from the 'big boy' suppliers and now want to consider having one built to a specification which will more precisely meet my needs, and by someone well established so that I can go back to them and look them in the eye if I have difficulties or need an upgrade or modification of the equipment.

Contact ADComputing in Aldate Street (behind Debenhams) in Gloucester; 01452.384845 shop@adcomputing.co.uk

It's all happening at the

The Croft School has had a busy and eventful start to the new school year. Children and staff were delighted to return to newly decorated classrooms, three of which also have lovely new carpets. Some of our activities so far have been:

- The Macmillan Great Coffee Morning – a fantastic success, organised by Mr Lewis and Class 3, with help from Ana Murray and Delyth Allen. 245 people attended in all and over £350 was raised.
- Recording singing and woodwind music for the Painswick Christmas CD
- We held our harvest festival in Christchurch and donated food to the Salvation Army and over £70 to 'Food Aid '04'
- An enjoyable sponsored bounce, raising money to fund our art week
- A hugely successful art week, involving the whole school in activities such as clay work, tile painting, collage, screen printing, clock making, papier mache, fabric painting, wire sculpture, printmaking, glass painting, mod-roc modelling, costume design and responding to music with paint.
- Success in sports. Our football team are the Gloucester small schools 6-a-side champions for the third year running! Our netball team have had an excellent start to the season, winning their first two matches.
- Year 5 pupils took part in a K-Nex challenge
- Our school council learned more about local democracy during a visit from one of our district councillors, Barbara Tait

Many thanks to PADFAS for funding a trip for our Year 3 and 4 pupils to Nature in Art in Twigworth, where they had a fantastic day in the gallery and in practical workshops.

Mrs Gibbs has retired from The Croft after working here for twenty-six years. If you would like to contribute to a gift for her, please send donations to Mrs Rudd in the school office by Wednesday 10th November.

Janet Hoyle



Wine Tasting Evening



Come to the Croft School for a wine tasting evening on 12th November at 8.00pm.

This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on wine before the Christmas season begins. There will be a wine quiz and tasting led by David Hoyle. Wine can be bought on the night or orders placed. The tickets, which cost £6, include wine and nibbles and can be purchased from The Shetland Shop and The Painswick Fabric Shop. Everyone Welcome.

Iris McCormick

IT suite

Janet told the Beacon that "our IT suite is being sorted out after half term", and we hope to be reporting the outcome in the next issue.

Advent Fair

Advent Fair organised by the The Croft School PTA on Sunday 28th November 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Please do come and support your local school.

Mulled wine and Mince pies, Cake stall, Tombola, Christmas decorations, toys, lucky dip and many more. Lots of fun for the children and excellent opportunity to buy some lovely presents.

Iris McCormick

Cakes and pud at the Market

Please now put in your orders for Christmas cakes and puddings.

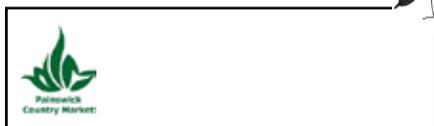
Either call into our Friday markets in the Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to discuss your requirements or telephone Doreen Boon on 813850. Items ordered for Christmas can be collected at any market up to and including our Christmas Market on Friday 17th December.

Closer to Christmas, we shall be selling other seasonal goods, including mincemeat, mince pies and chocolate logs. Our craft stalls will provide ideas for presents as well.

In Season

Autumn vegetables are making their appearance, with parsnips, onions, leeks and squashes. We will also be happy to take orders for potted bulbs such as hyacinths and narcissus for collection in December.

Finally, we would be really grateful if you could have lots of change with you, so that we can serve you as efficiently as possible!



Cub success

Since our restart after the summer holiday break Painswick Cubs have been busy and, more importantly, very successful. A number of the cubs achieved their Stage I swimmers award. Several cubs took part in the Stroud and Tetbury cub district archery competition at Leonard Stanley, and I am proud to report that Clark Carrington Windo will be representing the Stroud district in the Gloucestershire county competition in the near future.

Another great success for Painswick cubs was George Foran and Robert Smithson who competed in the district chess competition. Both cubs play exceedingly well, with Robert coming out overall champion of the Stroud district cubs, and he will also be competing in a County Chess Tournament very soon.

To finish off this half term on Sunday 17th October eight of my Painswick cubs plus myself joined the district fun-packed day at 'Legoland', near Windsor.

Finally, if anyone is interested in cubs please make contact with me on 812240.

Robert Goddard

Readers are reminded that the **Dog Warden** telephone number is

01453 754497



LETTERS

A word from the past

It is disappointing to see the bogus word 'Clypping' used once again to identify the annual Clipping Service.

It appears that a few years ago some bright spark discovered that back in the mists of Saxon and Medieval England there were words such as 'clyppan' and 'yclep', meaning to surround or grip. This was a different meaning from the modern word 'clip' with its sense of cutting or pruning, so it must have seemed a good idea to invent the word 'clypping' to show that the ceremony has nothing to do with pruning the yew trees. Unfortunately this reasoning is flawed.

The mistake lies in ignoring or overlooking the other every-day word 'clip', as used in paper clip, hair clip and bicycle clip. This word is in fact the descendent of the medieval words above and has the same meaning. The idea of embracing or gripping a church is no different from gripping together pieces of paper or strands of hair. It's the very same word. So people who are fond of the fake word clypping should logically refer also to paper clyppes and hair clyppes!

The 'clip' spelling for embracing or gripping was already in use as long ago as the 14th century, and can be found in the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare. A different search through archives shows that clipping ceremonies, of which there are several throughout England, have tra-

ditionally been identified in that way. In particular, the service is correctly called 'clipping' in the authoritative Victoria County History of Gloucestershire.

The fact that there are two words 'clip' with the same spelling is no excuse for ditching one of them. You don't invent a new name for a polar bear just because the word 'bear' has another meaning. Nor do you disguise the etymology of 'playwrights' by coining a new word 'playwrite'.

I'm all for new words and idioms but I feel a line should be drawn at the misguided distortion of our history and heritage. The word is clipping!

Alan Bamber, Bishopswood, Somerset

Helping Families in Need

Many thanks to all who supported the Mothers' Union/PCMS coffee morning on 2nd October and so helped to raise £400 for the outreach work of the Mothers' Union.

The money will be shared between two projects: the 'Away from it All' scheme which



Last reminder... the Beacon is updating its information for printing the Directory for 2005 which will be published free with the December issue.

If you have ANY alterations to include in the next Directory we need them by next weekend - 13th November, please. Just e-mail us with the information to our own address painswickbeacon@supanet.com or by note (without joined up writing) in the Beacon Box in New Street.



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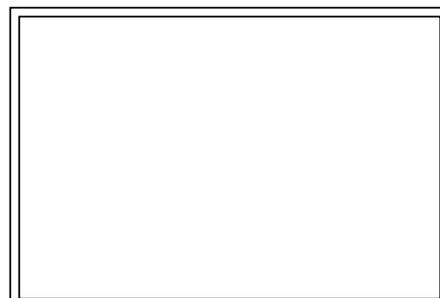
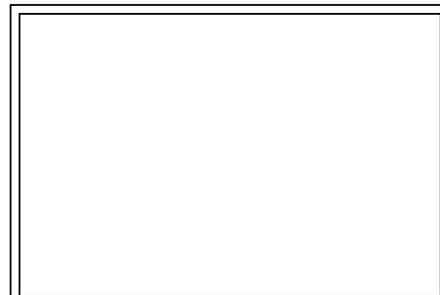
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Gyde House

Last month we included an item (p.7) about the Gyde House Conservation Area.

The Painswick and District Conservation Society drew our attention to this aerial photograph of Gyde House and its grounds from 1928 which we believe readers will find of considerable interest - not least what did **not** exist 76 years

Handel's "Messiah"



Would you like to attend and enjoy this evening concert at **Gloucester Cathedral** but don't like driving late at night and can't find convenient parking?

Well, here is an opportunity. A Beavis coach has been arranged and concert tickets reserved for a performance of **Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, 11th December at 7.30pm, by the Gloucester Choral Society** under their Conductor Andrew Nethsingha, with the Regency Sinfonia. The soloists are Soprano: Natalie Clifton-Griffith, Mezzo-Soprano: Catherine King, Tenor: Mark Milhofer and Bass: Jonathan Arnold.

The coach will be waiting at 6.30pm at Stamages car park for departure at 6.45pm - expected time of return around 10.00pm. Tickets are £19 (centre nave) or £16 (rear nave) inclusive of discounted seat prices and coach fare.

To obtain your tickets, please send a cheque (made out to "Gloucester Choral Society") to Gordon Owen, Kemps Orchard, Kemps Lane, Painswick, GL6 6YB by latest Monday 22nd November providing your name, address, contact 'phone number and SAE.

Depending on the response, you will next hear from the Concert Manager, on a first-come-first-served basis, who will discuss your preferred seating position and send tickets direct to you. However, if there are insufficient requests, then cheques will be returned forthwith.

This venture, if successful, could be extended to future GCS concerts (i.e. 12th March and 9th July 2005).

Gordon Owen Treasurer Gloucester Choral Society



Police Report



Another fairly quiet month with 3 reported thefts and a criminal damage in Painswick, one offender has been arrested for theft and cautioned during the month.

There was also a burglary in Sheepscombe towards the end of the month. Thanks to a very alert local resident and an equally alert Police Officer two men were arrested and remain in custody for burglary. This is an excellent example of how information passed on to Police can help in the detection and prevention of crime, so please do keep it up.

Edge and the surrounding areas of Painswick have remained quiet, apart from when an unexploded grenade was found in Cranham and Police and military explosive experts descended on the village. The grenade was blown up in a controlled explosion with no problems or injuries.

We are continuing to conduct speed checks on the Gloucester Road and the Cheltenham Road into the village in an effort to slow vehicles down as they pass through.

Please continue to pass on any information to us that you consider relevant in the fight against crime.

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*PC. Jerry Seymour
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Painswick Festival of the Arts

Two weeks of events, 500 years in the making!

It was nearly 500 years ago that Sir William Kingston, as constable of the Tower of London, became custodian of Sir Thomas More prior to his execution by Henry VIII. It is a curious and slightly macabre irony, therefore, that when, as part of the Painswick Festival Fortnight, Painswick Players re-enact the life of Sir Thomas More in *A Man for All Seasons*, they will do

so just a few feet from Sir William's mortal remains. It is, perhaps, even more ironical that funds raised during the Festival will go towards restoring the roof of his final resting place, St Peter's Chapel.

A Man for All Seasons, Robert Bolt's classic drama of conscience, closes the Festival fortnight with three performances in St Mary's Church on 18th, 19th & 20th November. The Festival opens with a Music Society concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 6th November by one of Britain's premier chamber choirs, Cambridge Voices, who feature again on Sunday 7th when they sing Mass at St Mary's...in Basque(!)

The Festival continues with eight events over two weeks, the first week being devoted to music and the second to poetry and drama. In parallel, there are exhibitions of paintings and craftwork by local artists. In terms of ticket sales, the most popular event is proving to be on Wednesday evening (10th November) when St. Mary's welcomes the legendary Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band. But there is much else to enjoy, including a choral workshop with Chris Swain and the chance to sing with Claire Graydon-James (who teaches at Covent Garden). There will be two poetry events at Christchurch, banner making at St Mary's and an exhibition of paintings, drawings, ceramics, embroidery and prints by a group of professional artists living in the Painswick area.

The Festival is the result of a happy coincidence of events: the Music Society wanted to do something special to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee season, whilst both Painswick Players and Painswick Blues had independently come up with proposals for using St Mary's Church as a venue. Bringing the events together has resulted in a Festival in which the whole community can participate. As Revd. John Longuet-Higgins puts it, "The point is to have fun, celebrate Painswick's local talent and raise funds for young musicians, enrich our worship and restore the roof of the 13th century St Peter's Chapel in St Mary's."

Tickets for all Festival events are on sale now at The Shetland Shop in Painswick, the Tourist Information Centre in Stroud (01453 760960) or call Liz Davies on 01452-812211.



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CC&C on Thursday

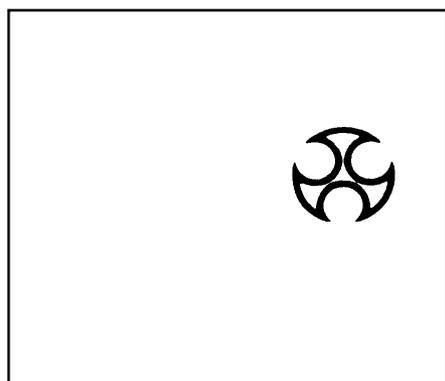
Coffee, Cake and Candles, for Christian Aid, will be in the usual place at the same time on Thursday 11th November.

So, what about making a note to call on Liz Davies between 10.00am and 4.00pm that day at Overdell, Longridge, Sheepscombe - ¼ mile from Bulls Cross towards Sheepscombe - there will be a sign up.

We have been given an amazing selection of novelty candles, including many child-friendly designs, decorations and gifts, all brand new and to be sold for Christian Aid.

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Elisabeth Davies



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CAMBRIDGE VOICES

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PIANO RECITAL

Sunday 7th at St.Mary's Church 3.00pm

Donations welcome

Ian de Massini will give a performance, from memory, of Bach's 'Goldenberg Variations'.

ART

Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th at Painswick Town Hall

Tickets £1.00 Students FREE

Paintings, drawings, ceramics, embroidery and prints by a group of professional artists living in the Painswick area.

JAZZ IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday 10th at St.Mary's Church 8.00pm

Tickets £20

We are delighted to welcome the legendary Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band to St.Mary's.

THE FESTIVAL CHORAL DAY

Saturday 13th at St.Mary's Church

Tickets £7.50 Students £5.00

Festival Choral workshop in St.Mary's with Chris Swain. Music to be studied includes Vivaldi's Gloria, Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine, and some spirituals.

Session 1: 2.30-4.15

Tea: 4.15-4.45

Session 2: 4.45-6.15

for performance at Festival Concert 7.30pm

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soloists include Claire Graydon-Jones who teaches at Covent Garden

BANNER MAKING AFTERNOON

Sunday 14th at St.Mary's Church - 2.00pm

Free Event

Participate in making a banner with Jennifer Barnett

POETRY

Wednesday 17th at Christ Church

Tickets £3.00 or £5.00 to include the evening.

2.00 to 4.00pm

Creative Writing Workshop with Charlotte Beedell, presented by Lapidus, an organisation, funded by the Arts Council South West promoting the literary arts in health, healing and personal development

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Words For Life – an Evening of Poetry

Tickets £3.00 Students £1.00

Question - What do the following have in common, John the vicar, Janet the head teacher and Annie from the post office?

Answer – they all have a favourite poem to read to us on November 17th .

We shall also hear from children, Stroud author Katie Ffode and the winners of the poetry competition. Members of Lapidus, creative words for health and well-being, will explain just what this concept has meant for them and why they joined Lapidus, and Stroud poets Jay and Jenny will introduce and read their work.

PAINSWICK PLAYERS

A Man for All Seasons

Thursday 18th - Saturday 20th at St.Mary's Church 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 Students £4.00

Now in its 81st year, Painswick Players presents *A Man for All Seasons* in a setting that does full justice to its historical context. Robert Bolt's classic drama of conscience about Sir Thomas More and his refusal to compromise his beliefs, is considered by many

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Poem

We are grateful to Tony Littler who passed us the following letter received at the Post Office.

From Mrs Ruby Smith of 17 The Cloisters, Rectory Road, Rushden, Northants NN10 0HA and dated 12th September 2004.

Dear Sir or Madam

I have just moved house and found the enclosed poem in my drawer.

I just wondered if you had come across it. I bought it when on holiday in Painswick about 68 years ago. I stayed with George and Ethel Golding at 16 Pullens Road; he was the Painswick Postman and Church Warden at Painswick Church.

It may be of some interest to you or your readers.

Yours faithfully.....

Reproduced here with original punctuation and spelling.

The Three Old Men of Painswick

(A ballad exemplifying the longevity of that famous town 200 years ago.)

Oh! Painswick is a healthful town,
It hath a bracing breeze,
Where men by Nature's rule might live
As long as e'er they please.

Before the glass and baneful pipe
Had robb'd man of his strength,
And water only was his drink,
He lived a greater length.

Two hundred years, or more ago,
A pilgrim passed that way;
And what that pilgrim heard and saw
I will relate to-day.

And while he stopp'd outside the town
To rest his weary bones,
He saw a very aged man
Upon a heap of stones.

The pilgrim saw him with surprise,
And surely thought he dream'd;
The poor man was so very old,
Methuselah he seemed!

He'd travelled o'er the wide, wide world,
Amid its heat and cold,
But he had never, never seen
A man one-half so old.

His face was wrinkled like a skin
That's shrivell'd by the heat;
His hair was whiter than the snow
We tread beneath our feet.

It made the pilgrim sad,
As he was passing by,
To see his old eyes fill'd with tears,
To hear him sob and cry.

The man was crying like a child,
His tears fell like the rain;
The pilgrim felt for him, and ask'd,
"Old man, are you in pain?"

"Oh, tell me, tell me, poor old man,
Why you do sob and cry;"
The old man rubb'd his eyes, and said,
"Feethurs bin a b'utting!"

"Old man, old man, you must be mad,
For that can never be;
Your father surely has been dead,
At least a century."

"My feethur be alive and well,
I wish that he were dy'ud,
For he a bin and byut his stick
About my face and yud."

The pilgrim pick'd the old man up,
And walk'd to Painswick town;
"Oh, show me where your father lives,
And I will put you down.

And I will tell the cruel man
Such things must not be done,
And I will say how wrong it is
To beat his aged son."

The pilgrim shook a garden gate,
An old man ope'd the door;
His back was bended like a bow,
His white beard swept the floor.

If Adam he had liv'd till now,
And lengthen'd out his span,
Then Adam really would have seem'd
Another such a man.

The pilgrim felt amazed, indeed,
When he beheld his sire;
He held a great stick in his hand,
His face was flushed with ire.

"Old man, old man, put down your stick,
Why do you beat your son?"
"I'll cut the rascal to the quick
If he does what he've done.

Why, up the yonder apple tree,
Grandfather risked his bones;
And while the old man pick'd the fruit,
The rascal dubb'd with stones."

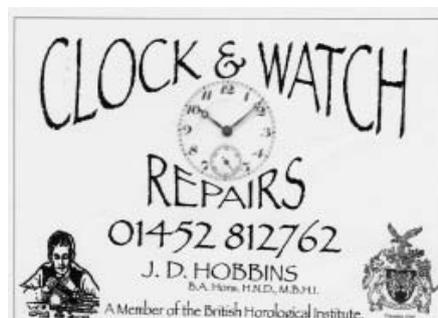
The pilgrim turn'd his head and saw,
Up in a spreading apple tree,
A very, very aged man,
The eldest of the three.

The pilgrim was a holy man,
Whose hopes were in the sky;
He fled - he thought it was a place
Where man would never die!

H.Y.J.T

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New Day Care Centre Opened at Ashwell

On 11th October a new Monday Day Care Centre opened at Ashwell. The Centre is a nonprofit-making organisation and is the result of the initiative of a number of local people including the Painswick GPs and district nurses who are aware of the ever increasing need for these community based facilities. The steering group has been successful in raising funds to subsidise the cost of day care.

The Manager Gwen Cussell said "We have had a very successful launch, and aim to grow over the coming weeks. Our staff, supported by willing volunteers are offering a wide range of activities and companionship. In conjunction with Stroud District Council plans are underway for a new bathroom with disabled access so that assisted bathing can be offered to users of the Centre."

The Day Centre is open on Mondays (excluding Bank Holidays) between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

For more details contact Gwen on 07774044716. She will be delighted to answer any queries and to arrange introductory visits.

John West

The poem, Ye Ballade of Ye Three Old Men of Painswick, together with two other poems about Painswick, is to be found in the booklet, Barks and Bites from Bow-Wow-Land, published by Painswick Local History Society. It also includes details of the longevity of Painswickians ("He eludes decay and defeats the devilment of dying by total disintegration") and some explanations of the puppy-dog pie story and why our village is called Bow-wow-land. This is all well-established folklore in these parts, at least 150 years old, and, if you live here, you need to know about it. This very amusing and quaintly illustrated little volume is available from the Shetland Shop or from Carol Maxwell (813387) and costs a mere 50p.

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'Hands on' eagle experience



Our autumn season opened with a talk by Brian Bailey on 'Bird ringing and migration'. Brian is a voluntary worker for the British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, but is perhaps more widely known as a local radio presenter. He brought with him various nets, a selection of rings, and other equipment, including a cannon barrel for launching nets, to illustrate his trade. All we then seemed to need was the flight of the last of the summer's migrating swallows and house martins through the Town Hall to complete this fascinating presentation! Brian emphasised that netting and ringing were vital to the study of bird populations and their conservation, notwithstanding the advent of satellite tracking and other observational techniques.

Members were at the Cotswolds Falconry Centre, near Moreton in Marsh, on the morning of the 19th October, a first visit by the Club. The owner Geoff Dalton kindly gave an introductory talk about the Centre, its expansion and conservation role. This was followed by a guided tour around the many breeding hides for owls, kites and vultures, as well as eagles, hawks and falcons. It was an exciting experience to be 'hands on' with a Bald Eagle, but you needed a very strong arm to support this huge bird! Equally unforgettable was the flight of a Barn Owl that landed on our gloved hands with great precision in pursuit of its feed. A visit to Batsford Arboretum, next door, was optional for the afternoon, and completed a rewarding, if rather damp, day.

Our next meeting is a field event in Slimbridge, national headquarters of the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust, on the morning of Wednesday 6th December. There will be a guided walk, and an opportunity at this time of year to see swans, geese and ducks in huge numbers. Afternoon optional experience of observing feeding the birds and hopefully the starling roost. There are extensive facilities, so this is a suitable venue whatever the weather! But do bring warm and waterproof clothing. Everyone is welcome. Please ask if you need a lift. More details on the posters. Meet at 11.00 am in the main entrance.

Bill Boydell

Kites Hill

new Nature Reserve

The World Land Trust opened its first nature reserve in this country on 15th October at Kites Hill, right on the northernmost boundary of this civil parish.

The Trust has been concerned with purchasing, protecting and managing critically threatened areas of tropical forest and other wildernesses for sixteen years and one such in Belize was visited by Miss Jane Pointer in 1989, who decided to donate 40 acres of woodland she owned at Kites Hill to the Trust. A tree planting programme has taken place over the last couple of years, thinning and coppicing has taken place, bird and bat boxes erected and an interpretation board put in place to guide visitors.

The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire Henry Elwes was the Guest of Honour on this significant occasion and is seen here with Miss Pointer and the Chairman of WLT Trustees Renton Righelato and just some of the many people who joined in this auspicious occasion. Mr Elwes planted a commemorative tree, one of a thousand or more he had placed around the county, and spoke of the importance of such reserves and their upkeep.

The westerly views from this classic Cotswold location are superb and the opportunity to observe numerous aspects of woodland flora and fauna on our doorstep should not be missed. Access at all times is free, and the easiest description of the location of the entrance is to go to the Upton St. Leonards turning off the A46 just south of the turning to Cranham and proceed down the hill for about half a mile to a gate and stile on the left, nearly opposite the old entrance to Prinknash Abbey.



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Juniper Hill

Jenny Phelps the Grasslands Project Officer at the Cotswold AONB Partnership has told the Beacon that the Partnership is now in a position to commence fencing and providing the water supply on the set-aside land on the top of Juniper Hill. Although this is private land the Project Officer says that the work will help the management of the common where many people have become accustomed to walking and riding.

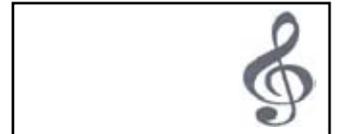
Jenny Phelps goes on to say that she is pleased that Mr Johnny Griffiths has allowed a pedestrian and bridle way gate to come out of Frith Wood and a permissive path to extend through his woods so that people can still walk and ride in a circle.

The cattle grids for the common should be in place next year.

For those who have moved into the area fairly recently we took this photograph of Juniper Hill, which lies to the east of the Painswick valley. Ed.



The piano; and influences in music



One of the pleasures we get from "PaMAG" meetings, quite apart from listening to lovely music, is learning about it. "Almost purely Piano", Ann Leoni's presentation on 30th September certainly taught me a lot about the genealogy of the modern pianoforte. It all started with the Bamboo Zither ("Musikstab") and developed in three directions: to the clavichord, to the harpsichord and spinet and, via dulcimer and cimbalom to the piano.

Recordings of works played on some of these forerunners were followed by a wide-ranging selection of piano music, mostly excerpts from classical sonatas and concertos, some played by Myra Hess, Michelangeli and Barenboim, but also songs with piano accompaniment, one by the incomparable Gerald Moore. An excellent evening.

Ralph Kenber

On 14th October Gordon Collins gave the Group a fascinating talk, with musical illustrations, about factors which can influence the performance of a piece of music. Psychology and imagination can play an important part.

The haunting music by Raksin for a film "Laura" (1944) was composed after learning that his wife intended to leave him. A piece of poetry inspired Rachmaninov to write one of his most lyrical songs, while in reaction to the poor reception of his First Symphony (1897) he wrote a beautiful Sonata for cello and piano. Godowski, a composer and pianist, wrote some wonderfully inventive arrangements of Chopin Etudes. At the age of 12, Eric Korngold wrote The Fairy Tale Epilogues, a thrilling piece of music showing amazing emotion in one so young. The transposition of a piece can significantly alter its impact on the audience. Gordon illustrated this by playing two versions of Opus No 22 by Chopin. Sir John Barbirolli arranged a sonata by Corelli, transcribing the violin lines for the oboe, to be played by his wife, an oboist, and the basses into an accompaniment for a string orchestra.

A change of key can significantly affect a piece of music. The Schubert Impromptu in G Major was written in G Flat but was transposed by his publisher to make it easier to play: the G Flat version is a beautiful piece. Gordon played two recordings of a piano Etude by Scriabin played by different pianists, each equally valid, but one was more staccato and the other - we all agreed - more musical.

Finally we heard The Venetian Regatta, by Rossini, sung by Victoria de los Angeles and Elisabeth Schwarzkopf accompanied by Gerald Moore; his piano playing was in perfect balance with the singing. The accompanist can make or break a performance. Gordon's presentation was a valuable insight into how to appreciate music.

Richard Burges Watson

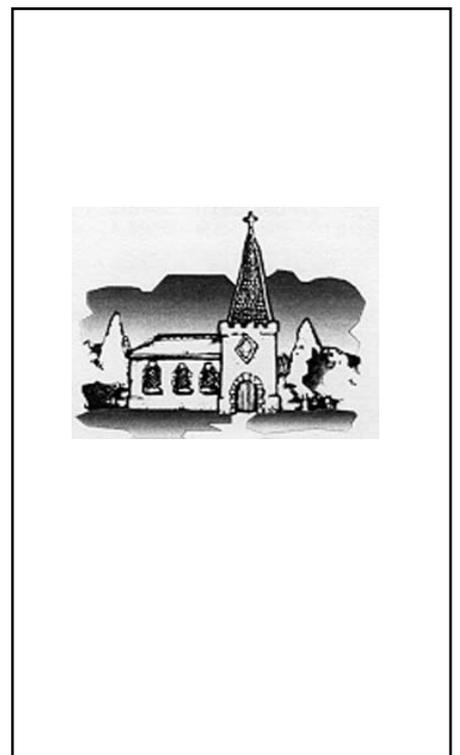
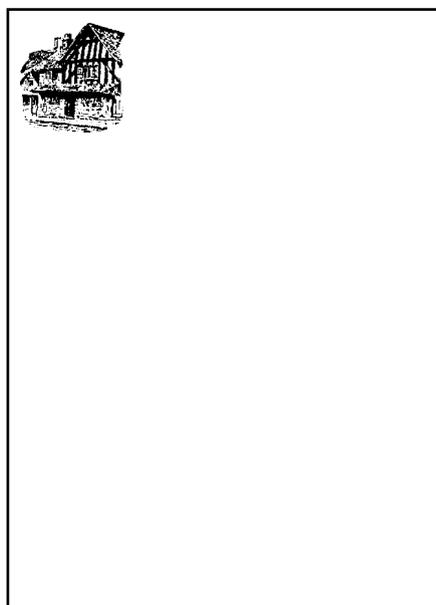
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Archived Beacons

There is an old military saying "If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, shift it; if you can't shift it, paint it".

Doubtless there are variants of that guidance, but the Beacon tries hard to make a record of any of the three states wherever they are to be found in Painswick - if it moves we may photograph it, if not moving we make a note of it, having done something along these lines, we publish it. So, our recordings find their way into the pages of issues which progress across the years and, interestingly, quite a few people find useful when researching for something or other.

We have bound each year's copies (the Volume number on the front of each issue) and placed them in the library for maximum public access - and for posterity. Here we have the hand-over of the last three years (Volumes 24, 25 and 26) to the Librarian Anna Bloomfield.

Happy reading!



71 and jumping Fundraising Parachute Jump for St John Ambulance

Donald Merrylees of Painswick and a team from **Gloucestershire St John Ambulance** are planning to make a sponsored parachute jump on 21st November, his 71st birthday! Donald hopes to raise much needed funds which will be split between our **Community First Responder** teams, who work on emergency call out under the direct control of **Gloucestershire Ambulance Service**, and **St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem** with its 'outreach' Clinic located in the **Gaza** strip.

Donald will be coming round in early November to ask for your generous support for these two very worthy causes. He hopes to arrange also to have sponsorship forms available in local shops. He would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support. Notes on the specific organisations he hopes to raise money for:

Gloucestershire Community First Responders

Last year approximately 1000 people in Gloucestershire died from heart attacks. Many of those deaths could have been avoided if the casualties had been given immediate emergency aid and defibrillation. Now thanks to a unique community scheme pioneered by **Gloucestershire Ambulance Service Trust** and **St John Ambulance** working in partnership many more lives in Gloucestershire can be saved. The **Community First Responder Scheme**, already trialled for over 2 years in Wotton - Under- Edge, has been rolled out to a number of other areas in Gloucestershire to provide 24 hour emergency care for all of the community.

The **Community First Responder** Scheme is made up of volunteers from within the community who are trained by St John Ambulance to attend to emergency calls directed through Gloucestershire Ambulance Service's Control Centre, providing care until the ambulance arrives. The volunteer members live or work in the local area and between them they run an 'on call' rota system. This ensures that a First Responder is available every hour of the day, 365 days a year. These are the first St John Ambulance units of their kind, formed to undertake this very specific role in the **local community**. The scheme **does not replace the**

ambulance service; it supplements it by providing additional support and **quicker application of defibrillation**. Defibrillation delivers an electric current straight to the heart, helping it to return to normal rhythm. Early defibrillation **can increase the chance of survival of a heart attack victim by 80%**.

For further information please contact: Kevin Dickens, Assistant Divisional Officer, Gloucestershire Ambulance Service NHS Trust on 01452 395050 or Kim George, First Responder Coordinator, Gloucestershire St John Ambulance on 01452 527227

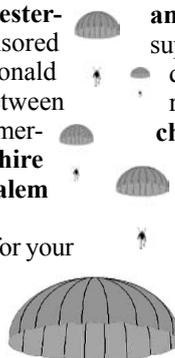
The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

The Order of St John's first dedicated Ophthalmic Hospital was established back in 1882: the present hospital buildings complex situated in East Jerusalem **provides the only significant source of eye treatment** and care for some 3 million people - mainly Arab. It also has a Clinic (opened in 1992) in Gaza. The demand for the 2 well equipped Outreach 'mobile clinics' with their medical, nursing and driver teams has more than doubled as obstacles and checkpoints grow in number, preventing many patients in need from reaching either Hospital or Clinic.

Some 42,000 patients were treated in 2003 (down - because of 'security' problems - from a peak of 65,000 in 1999) and some 2,500 surgical procedures were performed. The annual cost of the Hospital's operations, about £3,500,000, is being met in large part by generous donations from St John Ambulance worldwide and St John Fellowship.

Painswick has a **special link with the St John Eye Hospital**: Denise Magaurn, an Ophthalmic surgeon, who now lives in Vicarage Street, spent several years in the '90s operating at the Hospital and Clinic, and she frequently returns there as 'holiday relief'.

For further information please contact: Donald Merrylees on 812554



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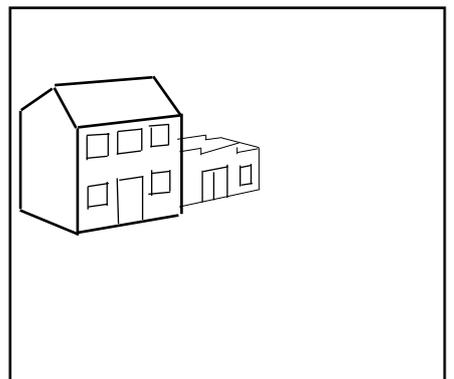
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Tennis

Junior Tennis

Painswick Juniors has a number of successes in the Gloucestershire Closed Tournament, played in August.

Robert Sidwell and Oliver Smithson won the Under 10 Boys' Doubles and Annabel Sidwell and Sarah Thomas were runners-up in the Under 18 Girls' Doubles. Annabel was also runner-up in the Girls' Under 18 Singles and Megan Horder runner-up in the Girls' Under 12 Singles.

Pat Andrew

AGM

The club's AGM was held on 13th October at which all the officers were re-elected with John Courts continuing as President and Ruth Smith as Secretary.

The future of the tennis courts at the Recreation Field was the subject of a lengthy discussion. The members agreed that the club would continue to use the courts at least until a decision was reached about the laying of two further courts at Broadham.

The winter league season is underway with both floodlit mid-week, and weekend daytime matches being played at various levels.

The construction of the new pavilion is well advanced and the members are looking forward to being able to use the facility shortly

Autumn Social

The club is holding a supper with live music provided by "Mystike" on Saturday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Ostlers Bar at the Falcon and not, as stated in last month's issue, at the Broadham Pavilion.

Tickets are £10 per person and can be obtained from Jill Willoughby (720052) or Ruth Smith (813693).

Badminton

Junior Badminton

Well supported again

Once again the Junior Badminton coaching sessions are fully supported with 9 in the younger age group and 10 in the older group. This coaching programme has been going for nearly 15 years now providing excellent opportunities for Painswick girls and boys to improve their game.

This year, the first for many, the club has entered a Junior team in the local Gloucestershire Junior Badminton Intermediate League. Although currently there are no vacancies, should any juniors wish to go onto the waiting list, please phone Delyth Allen on 813182. There are however vacancies for the adult sessions.

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Hockey

Painswick Ladies have had a number of matches in recent weeks.

Last Saturday they played a friendly game against a strong St Gregory's team from Cheltenham. The week before, Painswick had another friendly fixture with a Gloucester City side. Although beaten in both games, the matches were good practice for the league fixtures.

In the league, Painswick drew against Newent on 9th October with Maggie Morse scoring the equalising goal. On 16th October they played Bourton Vale who are league title contenders. The match was very closely fought with Bourton immediately putting the home side under pressure: however, Sarah Vocking, Nikki Totterdell and Sharon Gillson closed ranks to deflect shots at goal. It seemed only a matter of time before the visitors scored and this they did after a lengthy battle with Painswick's defence. Following a scuffle with the Painswick 'keeper, Bourton scored a second goal just before half-time. Some positional changes saw Painswick re-group and outstanding goalkeeping from Chris Jones left no room for Bourton to increase their score. Positive communication saw Painswick place the visitors under their first real pressure and with good use of the pitch, Nikki Totterdell effortlessly claimed a Painswick goal. The remainder of the match saw the home side play a more even match but whilst increasing their strength, time was against them. Although a loss for Painswick, the close result of 2 goals to 1 reflected the hard

Painswick on the Web: Painswick Golf Club



Painswick Golf Club's web site has been receiving extra attention from the golfing public because the club has been ranked 7th in the Illustrated Guide "Britain's 100 Extraordinary Golf Holes" as reported in the Daily Mail.

The club also featured in FORE! Magazine's "Guide to the 100 Must Play Courses in the British Isles."

Naturally, the club has benefited from such positive publicity, and more visitors are making their way to what has been described as "this delightful Cotswold jewel".

Rugby

Painswick are looking forward to next weekend when they play Chipping Sodbury in the next round of the Powergen Vase competition. The match is at Broadham and kicks off at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and support the home side.

In the previous round Painswick were away to old rivals Cainscross and came away with a convincing 38 points to 3 victory.

Last Saturday Painswick were at home in a league match against North Bristol. The visitors were a strong outfit but Painswick held the Bristol side to a 10 points to 3 margin until the final 15 minutes when Painswick had a player sin-binned and in that time their opponents added a further 18 points. Painswick's points came from a penalty by Chris Mayo.

On the same day, Painswick United played Chosen Hill 2nd XV in a Citizen Merit Table match and ran out winners by 22 points to 11. For Painswick Chris Dix scored 2 tries and a conversion. Further tries were scored by Russ Thornton and Steve Fraser.

Results [(L) indicates league match]

Sat 2 Oct. Old Richians 1st XV 18 Painswick 1st XV 25. (L) Painswick United 38
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Sat 9 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 18 Longlevens 1st XV 15. (L) Painswick United 12
Cheltenham Saracens 2nd XV 15.

Sat 16 Oct. Powergen Vase. Cainscross 1st XV 3 Painswick 1st XV 38. Painswick United 12
Old Richians 2nd XV 25.

Sat 23 Oct. (L) Barton Hill 1st XV 7 Painswick 1st XV 3. (L) Cheltenham North 2nd XV 55
Painswick United 14.

Sat 30 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 3 North Bristol 1st XV 28. (L) Painswick United 22
Chosen Hill 2nd XV 11.

Painswick's Neil Stinchcombe reaching high at the line out



Martin Hayward kicks for touch, watched by James Reed



Painswick United in action against Chosen Hill



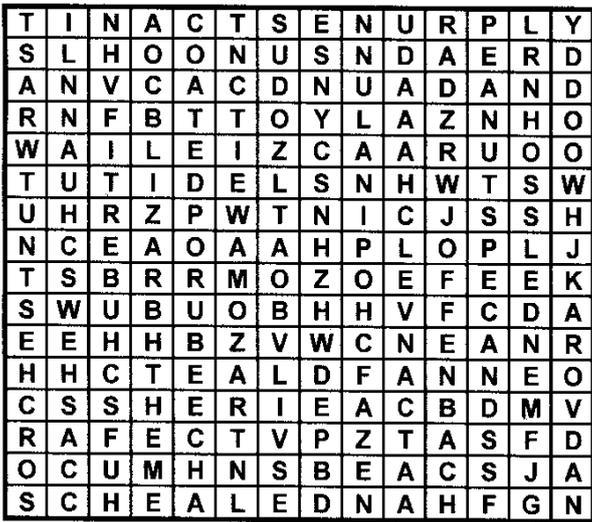


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Wordsearch

For the musical among us we have this month concealed 12 great composers born before 1820, plus one born later. Who were the 13, and which of them was born later?

We were right about it being difficult last month; only one nearly complete "a choice of two meats plus vegetables, etc. Only one choice for dessert, but with a sauce." - he missed the ROAST and JAM.

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A reminder

We publish the latest 'tally' of subscribers to the Beacon almost every month.

We did just wonder whether to do so this month, as there has been no change from October.

We wonder why?

PROPERTY REPORT for November by Murrays

COOLING OFF – The newspapers have been full of headlines and snatch phrases doing their level best to devalue what is probably for most of us our greatest asset.

Cooling off, I believe is in two words the most accurate of those descriptions. There is no doubt the property market has slowed but I don't believe for a minute that it's the beginning of a crash. It's a blip, mostly caused by the Bank of England interest rate rises, some rash statements by its chairman, seasonal conditions and all somewhat over-fuelled by the media. For the last seven or eight years we have watched properties rise at amazing rates, we have seen interest rates fall to their lowest for 50 years making those higher mortgages easier to afford and enabling many to aspire to the homes they have long desired whilst higher prices have prevented others from even climbing on to the first rung of the property ladder.

Perhaps now that the market has cooled a little, the trend could be better for all of us, a wider range of homes to choose from at initially slightly more affordable prices, less fear of being in a bidding war, and less need for unscrupulous agents to hype prices just to win an instruction. In all a much steadier market probably rising just ahead of inflation with the trials and tribulations of buying and selling becoming a much more relaxed and pleasurable experience. Wishful thinking perhaps but I hope a reasoned view of the coming months.

Although far fewer buyers are around, those who are, are serious ones and sales continue at a steady rate throughout our offices. In Painswick sales have been agreed on Amesbury in Vicarage Street, The Doreys at Edge, The Wool Barn at Sheepscombe, a plot in Kingsmill Lane, The Old Bakery, Yew Tree Barn by The Falcon, Sangria in Upton and 9 The Croft,

the latter four already completed. New instructions have been steady too, a detached house in Gloucester Road, a superb individual property bordering Painswick Stream, a large chalet house in Dog Lane at Witcombe, an impressive former mill house in Slad and a magnificent restored Country House at the Vatch. There is also a large converted barn in Wick Street, a beautifully appointed cottage at Gyde House and a transformed village house with apartment in Victoria Square. Finally there are two village cottages available with long completions due to moves to Richmond Village. Interest in Richmond Village continues to be strong with another trip to Nantwich planned shortly so please get in touch if you are interested in seeing their retirement village there.

Clive Murray



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	Admission: details 01453 764769 (until 14th)		
	Falcon Bowls Club - coffee morning	Clubhouse	10.00am
	Art Exhibition: Paintings and prints by local Artists (daily until 14th November)	Town Hall	11.00am to 5.00pm
	Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sun	7 Piano Recital: Ian de Massini	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing - Improvers	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	8 Day Care Centre (every Monday)	Ashwell	9.30am - 3.30pm
	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	9 Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
	Tea Dances	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm
	Mothers' Union: Members' afternoon	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	10 Age Concern Day Centre Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy	Ashwell House	10.30am to 12.00noon
	Acker Bilk & Paramount Jazz Band	St Mary's Church	8.00pm
Thu	11 Wreath laying and brief service	War Memorial	10.50am
	Christian Aid Sale	Overdell, Longridge	10.00am to 4.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
	Beginners - Thursdays		
	Music Appreciation Group evening concert visit To Symphony Hall, Birmingham	Stamages Car Park	5.00pm
Fri	12 Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
	Wine Tasting – arranged by PTA	Croft School	8.00pm
Sat	13 Cotswold Care Autumn Fair	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
	Festival Choral Workshop with Chris Swain	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
	Choral Concert, including Vivaldi's Gloria	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
	Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening	Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm
Sun	14 Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
	Painswick Praise:	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	15 Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mr & Mrs A Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	16 Local History Society: Workmans Wood: a thousand years of local history - E. Skinner	Croft School	7.30pm
	Jazz Evening: Local musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	17 Probus: Gloucester Air Ambulance	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00 for 10.30am
	Senior Circle coffee morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00
	Creative writing workshop	Christ Church	2.00pm
	Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church	7.30pm
	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	Hort Soc: Plants for Butterflies ...	Croft School	7.30pm
	<i>Painswickian - nominations close</i>		
Thu	18 - Sat 20: Painswick Players present		
	A Man For All Seasons	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Fri	19 Senior Circle: AGM followed by "Richmond Village" – Keith Cockell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20 <i>Copy dateline for December to Editorial Team</i>		
	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
Sun	21 Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210	Upper Plantation Car Park	10.00am
Mon	22 Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs June Tuffnell	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	23 Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24 Women's Fellowship: Cheese Making - Liz	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm



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Thu	25	<i>Diary dateline for December to Edwina Buttrey</i>		
		Music Appreciation Group: Bel Canto	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00 to 2.00pm
Sun	28	Advent Fair – arranged by PTA	Croft School	2.00 to 4.00pm
		Carols for Advent – Bring and Share Supper/ Taize Worship	Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm
Mon	29	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00 noon to
1.15pm				
Tue	30	Probus: Annual Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	

DECEMBER

Wed	1	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
		Women's Fellowship Social Evening	Christ Church Hall	7.00pm
Fri	3	Senior Circle: Christmas Party/Lunch	The Castle, Morton Val.	2.30pm
Sat	4	<i>December issue of The Painswick Beacon published</i>		
		Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	1.00pm
Mon	6	Bird Club: Visit to Slimbridge WWT	Slimbridge	11.00am
		Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00 noon to
1.15pm				
		Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Carol Meeting	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Thu	9	Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Painswick Centre	7.15 for 7.30pm
Sat	11	'Messiah'	Gloucester Cathedral	6.45pm dep
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Linda Davies	Christ Church Hall	12.00 noon to
1.15pm				
		Public Meeting: Anti Social Behaviour	Town Hall	7.00pm
Tue	14	Mothers' Union: Advent Meeting	Steps, The Highlands	2.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: chess - Mr M P Coast	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Ashwell House	7.30pm
Sun	19	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210	Catbrain Quarry Car Park	10.00am

JANUARY 2005

Thu	13	Music Appreciation Group: My Friend - John Sanders. By Dr Jim Hoyland	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: The development of industrial housing in Painswick - Rowland Veale	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	24	Bird Club: Birds of the flood plain - talk by Mike Smart, Warden of Ashleworth Ham	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Gustav Holst	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

FEBRUARY

Tue	15	Local History Society: Crickley Hill - R Savage	Croft School	7.30pm
		Music Appreciation Group evening concert visit to Cheltenham Town Hall	Cheltenham	7.30pm
Thu	24	Music Appreciation Group: The Violin Concerto	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

MARCH

Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: The Cello	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	12	<i>Village Quiz</i>	<i>Painswick Centre</i>	<i>6.45 for 7.15pm</i>
Thu	17	Music Appreciation Group: Evening concert visit to Colston Hall	Bristol	7.30pm
		Bird Club: Common British Warblers - Jane Rowe	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	19	Music Society Concert: Skampa Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm

APRIL

Sat	2	Music Society Concert: Orchestra of the Swan With Emma Johnson, clarinet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Ralph Vaughan-	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

THE COACH HOUSE, PARADISE. Replacement door & window units in south elevation

MILL POOL HOUSE, TICKLESTONE LANE, KINGSMILL LANE. Erection of extension & new dormer window

SOLOMONS BYRE, ELCOMBE, SLAD WARD. Erection of new porch to rear Land at STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE). Works to form additional staff accommodation in roof space store at level 3, relocation of laundry & maintenance store at level 0, under garden terrace/below ground and minor amendments to fenestration/elevations

DOZMARY COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Installation of roof lights

EDGE HILL BUNGALOW, EDGE. Erection of extension

Land at CORVARA, COTSWOLD MEAD. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling

MOUNT PLEASANT & MOUNT COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Provision of concrete steps in lieu of ramp to access Mount Cottage & Mount Pleasant

HEATHER BANK, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Demolition of part of existing house & erection of an extension. (Resubmission following refusal 04/1104/FUL)

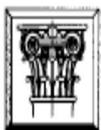
LAMP HOUSE, VICTORIA STREET. Retrospective application for the installation of imitation sash windows, 2 velux roof windows and erection of replacement fencing

THE OLD VICARAGE, DAMSELLS MILL LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Conversion of loft space above existing garage to provide bedroom & ensuite bathroom.

REVISED PLANS

THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of kitchen extension. Erection of stable block. Works to garden wall and steps. New vehicular access Main changes: The proposed stable block is now wider, accommodating

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CONSENT

DORMER COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN. Erection of one dwelling and detached double garage

JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE (Full Planning Permission). Repairs and refurbishment to existing house, with construction of 2 storey extension & single storey garage block. (Resubmission following withdrawn application No: 04/0704/FUL)

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal & external alterations

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Adaptation of existing roof to incorporate glazed section to one side of pitched roof

HAMMONDS FARM, WICK STREET. Extension to covered yard and timber pole barn

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Repairs, restoration & minor alterations to dwelling

CHAPEL COTTAGE, EDGE. Retrospective application for the rebuild of 2 pole barns & erection of 1 new pole barn

WOODSIDE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Removal of bay windows to bedrooms. Re-roof ground floor bay windows & porch with pitched roofs

Land at JENKINS FARM, EDGE. Erection of an 18m high slim-line pole mast supporting 3 close-clustered panel antennae (total height 20.3m). Ancillary ground based equipment including 2 equipment cabinets & meter cabinet, all within 1.8m high chain-link fenced security compound. (Resubmission following refusal 03/1556)

THUMPERS COTTAGE, THE GROVE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retrospective application for the erection of a summer house

LITTLE ACRE, KEMPS LANE. Erection of extension

THE COACH HOUSE, PARADISE HOUSE. Removal of concrete tiles from roof and new structural reinforcement, stonework repairs and replacement doors, new insulation & slate roof

WOODBANK, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retrospective application for replacement roofing tiles

18 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of extension

13 BERRY CLOSE. Erection of extension

REFUSAL

PARK HOUSE, THE PARK. Erection of a 2 storey extension. (Resubmission following withdrawn application 04/0592/FUL)

PLAN WITHDRAWN

BROOK FARM, GREENHOUSE LANE. Erection of garage & games room. Existing garage to be converted into an annexe

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

4 UPPER WASHWELL. Erection of a bungalow

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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to ROSALIND and PETER CHANCE of 'Welcom', The Park, on the birth of a daughter Harriet Mary Louise on 18th October, a sister for Esmé Hazel Rose and grandchild for Ken and Jane Hemming.

100th Birthday

Belated congratulations to GRACE FREEMAN of Pitchcombe who celebrated her hundredth birthday on 9th September.

Wedding

Congratulations to CLAIRE LAUGHARNE and WAYNE TOWNSEND who were married at St.Mary's Church on 25th September.

Engagement

Congratulations to ANDREW McKENZIE, son of Duncan and Lois McKenzie of Cheltenham Road, and SARAH WHITE from Brighton who have recently announced their engagement.

Congratulations

To BEN NICHOLLS (13) of Canton Acre for coming 2nd in the Boys Kumite (fighting) category of the 2004 National Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Academy championships in Reading last month.

and to ROBERT GODDARD (see front page)

and to RICHARD FORD of Kingsmead, founder and Managing Director of Travelscope, whose firm won the Gloucestershire Business of the Year award on 21st October. Travelscope has grown in the 12 years of its existence to be one of the largest independent travel companies.

Welcome

We would like to welcome HALI DANNY and FREYA BARBER who have recently set up home in Paradise,

and CAROLINE SHAW and her daughter Keta who have moved to 6 Stamages Lane and CHARLOTTE LEWIS to Yew Tree Barn from Chipping Norton

and, to The Old Bakery Mr MERCER and Ms COLEMAN from Eastcombe.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to DAPHNE and PETER HUDSON who have moved to Cirencester.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the families of

Dr. DERMOT MACLAIN, JIM FIELDING, JOHN WAKELING and BISHOP DENIS WAKELING who have died recently.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to LYNNE STANDEN, FLORA SEMARK, DAVID HUDSON and HAROLD WOOD.

Change of house

BRIAN and ANA MURRAY and their three sons are moving to Dalegarth in Cotswold Mead from Tocknells.

Thank You

The Residents of ASHWELL HOUSE would like to say 'Thank You' to Vicar John for including us in the Faith Sharing Weekend. Many were blessed by sharing communion and sharing fellowship during that time.

Michelle Elliott

DOROTHY LANE wishes to express her sincere thanks to all the kind friends who visited her during her stay in the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. She also wishes to thank the many people who sent messages of support

PETER GRANT writes "I had hoped to personally acknowledge every card and letter of sympathy which I and my family received, following the sudden death of Billie. However, the task is too daunting, so instead, please accept via this column our appreciation for all your kind words of comfort".

Undergraduates

We share optimism and best wishes for the future for the local young people who have just moved up to university

TOM UNWIN to Swansea to study Geography,

TIM MORGAN to Plymouth: Geography
ROSIE MacANDREW to Exeter: Mathematics

JOE WALLER to Manchester: History
BEN RICHARDSON to Exeter: Geography and Environmental Management

RICHARD POLHILL to Bath: Business Studies
CATHERINE GERRISH to Swansea:

Sports Science
and PAUL JOHNSON to Keele for History and Politics.

Have we missed anyone?

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