

The Painswick Beacon

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A basket of flowers and two buns!

That was the preacher's fee at the annual Clypping Service held in St Mary's churchyard on Sunday 19th September. The preacher, The Right Reverend John Went, Bishop of Tewkesbury, seemed very pleased to receive his fee and in his address thanked the Vicar and the many people present for their kindness. The service was unusual in that there were two addresses and also the act of clypping took a different form.

At the beginning of the service the Vicar explained that the word "clypping" meant embracing in old English and that the ceremony was the clypping or embracing of the Church by the children of the parish. During the service the children would join hands and encircle the Church as an expression of affection and gratitude for "this House of Prayer - the ancient Parish and Mother Church of a very large district" and also to show "our unity with one another in Christ, and God's wonderful love for us". At the end of the service, the children would be given a bun and a coin. Many of the girls traditionally wear garlands in their hair so marking the anniversary of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our picture shows, Eloise Allen, Gemma Ford, Francesca Pickin and Lucy Richardson with garlands and buns.



The first address was given by Fiona Welbourn in which she spoke of her faith journey both at home and in Thailand.

In his sermon, the Bishop spoke of the continuing need to pray for peace. He referred to the worrying situation in Iraq. The lesson was read by the Reverend David Newell.

The variation to the clypping ceremony was for those clypping or, in modern language hugging the Church, to turn and face outwards from the Church in order to show the congregation's belief that Christ embraces the whole world. It was a most enjoyable occasion reflected in the hearty singing of the words of the Clypping hymn, "O, that I had wings of Angels, here to spread and heavenward fly; I would seek the gates of Zion far beyond the starry sky".

Just when you thought it was safe -



The Women's Institute will be back in Painswick!

The Beacon is pleased to carry the following report from Margaret Clarke, a WI Adviser.

"Almost a year following the closure of Painswick WI, comments and general enquiries suggested that there could be sufficient new, revitalised local interest, to consider opening a new WI in Painswick.

At the preliminary meeting in the Library Room on 21st September 2004 it was very pleasing to see the impressive number of enthusiastic local residents.

Following an introduction by the County Chairman and an interesting question and answers session, it was felt that there was sufficient interest shown to open a new WI.

There is determination by those involved to achieve this, but like all organisations it will require the involvement and input of others, so please come along and get this new WI 'off the ground'.

The first monthly meeting will be held at the Painswick Town Hall on Tuesday 26th October at 7.30pm. Please look out for the notices.

If you are interested and would like more information before the meeting, please ring County Office on 01452.523966.

Everybody is welcome - come along and have YOUR say on how you would like YOUR WI to run.

Together we can make it work! We look forward to meeting you all there."

On other pages this month - the tale of a **dog fox**, and of 'Arry 'Awk, pictures from **Bangkok**, a **poppy** vending request, **London** beckons, changes in emergency **doctor services**, top results of a **top Show**, **Canton circus**, **Stroud Road lines**, **Calor** results, the 'new' **Council in pictures**, conservation **Gyde House** and **Rococo Garden**, a **cat v rat** in verse, the latest **planning news**, a **Police report**, the new **Memorial Stone**, the **Spotlight...** still shining, changes for **Austerity Lunches**, and the ever full **Diary**.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS -by Leslie Brotherton

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.

No less than four meetings this month, here reported in sequence, as the Council and Planning Committee held meetings on 1st and 15th September.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Care Centre and Local Traders

It was noted that a provisional date of 30th September be agreed for the meeting between the main local traders and Keith Cockell.

Vodafone Mast - Edge

The approach of the Parish Council towards the latest application by Vodafone, this time for an 18m mast plus antennae, was meticulously and methodically taken through committee. The Chairman, David Hudson, carefully read out the key sections of several Emails received by the Council and letters from the previous Chairman Malcolm Watts and Carolyn Luke - who was invited to address the meeting. Some were supportive of the application because it would secure mobile phone coverage of the Painswick valley.

After discussion the decision was taken, on a vote of 3-2, to support the application coupled with a commendation to the District Council that their expert advisers have regard to alternative recent technological advances which had been proven as effective and unobtrusive in at least one urban area.

Care Centre modifications

The committee considered two modifications for which an application had been received. While the committee was not opposed to the relocation of the laundry to a largely buried location it opposed the proposal for locating some additional staff accommodation in the roof space because it appeared that the height of the roof had been raised by in excess of a metre to meet this proposal.

A lighting plan for the site, which had also been received, was not itself requiring a planning decision and three members of the committee undertook to look closely at the detail and report accordingly.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Three Councillors were welcomed to their first meeting, Gordon Bruce from Sheepscombe was co-opted, and Jason Bullingham and Peter Rowe who had been elected on 26th August.

Recreation Field - parking

The Council took note of copy of a letter from the Highways Department of GCC to the Painswick Bowling Club detailing their objections to vehicular access to the field on a regular basis from Lower Washwell Lane where the wide gate exists close to the sharp bend in the road or from the A46 opposite the Cheltenham Road garage. The response, and consideration of any future action, was referred to the Trustees of the field.

National Trust - Heritage Day

It was reported that this recently announced Heritage Day might include an opening for viewing of the currently vacant Little Fleece in Bisley Street. It was, at the time of the meeting, unclear what form the event would take or whether it was to be on 11th or 12th September.

Members lamented the shortage of detail and notice but hoped that information about the future of these important premises might be ascertained at the event, including the possibility of its becoming a tearoom.

Committees of the Council

Appointment of Chairmen of committees of the Council were made, these being shown alongside the information on the opposite page.

Publicity - 'Undiscovered Cotswolds'

The Council noted that a decision was required upon taking a half-page advertisement featuring Painswick in the 2005 issue of this free publication. It was appreciated that a new Painswick leaflet was now in circulation in the region, and that there are new maps of the village and the official Guide. It was agreed to meet the cost of this advertisement at a maximum of £715.00.

Planning Committee

The Council received a report from the Clerk to the effect that in future all members of a council could sit on its planning committee. In the past it had been necessary for at least one council member to be excluded from membership of the planning committee so that the full council with its greater membership was the final arbiter on planning matters.

It was agreed that all members of the council form the Planning Committee and that the council's powers be delegated for all decisions made.

Canton Acre - carriageway widening

An estimate of cost at £6500 from the County Council was received, together with the suggestion that the works to widen the carriageway by 1 and 1½ metres could be put in hand at an early date if this were

shared equally between the Parish and District Councils.

After discussion, in which it was noted that the grassed area was the responsibility of the District Council while the cost of highway maintenance is the responsibility of the County Council, it was agreed (on the casting vote of the Chairman) that the Parish Council offer to meet one third of the cost.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Care Centre and Local Traders

It was agreed, in order to achieve a date convenient to all concerned, that a special meeting of the Council, local traders and Keith Cockell be held on Tuesday 12th October at 7.00pm.

Gyde House Conservation Area

The committee received a draft Policy Document prepared by Painswick & District Conservation Society. (*See separate report.*)

Committee consideration of all plans

Arising from a question upon procedure by Ann Burges Watson it was agreed to review the possibility of all planning applications being considered in a committee forum open to the public, as commended by the National Association of Local Councils, the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils and the University of Gloucestershire. As was pointed out by the Chairman, the rapidity of response required by the District Council was such that even twice-monthly meetings of a committee might be such that - together with office administration - all could not come before committee. The matter will be an agenda item for the next meeting on 20th October.

PARISH COUNCIL

Canton Acre - carriageway widening

The Council received a draft letter to the County Council from the District Council suggesting that there be matched funding of this road widening scheme, as had been achieved elsewhere some two years ago. The Parish Council supported this approach.

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Calor Village Competition

(Results, announced on 13th September, printed elsewhere.)

It was, however, agreed to pass on the award of £100 due from this competition to the Fun Club based upon the Croft School.

Rococo Gardens - conservation plan

The Council accepted an invitation to be included in the range of organisations to be consulted by the Trustees of the Painswick Rococo Garden in the forthcoming process of creating a conservation plan for these gardens.

Traffic - Stroud Road

The Council endorsed the recommendation of its Traffic Committee that the District Council be asked to designate two parking bays within Stamages Lane car park nearest to the former primary school for users of the library. It was also agreed that the County Council be asked to prevent parking along the A46 below the library by the placing of double yellow lines there.

Other matters considered and/or resolved included signage desired for drivers seeking the Painswick Hotel, traffic calming on the Whiteshill Road and the A4173 in Edge, future management of Stamages car park, extending the 30mph speed limit on the Cheltenham Road to a point north of Gyde Barn, the widening of the carriageway opposite the new St. Marys buildings at the entrance to Stamages Lane.

Concerns expressed by some members of the public regarding occasional obstruction of the few off-road parking spaces in Pullens Road were considered and the Council decided to request re-marking of the area by the District Council, after which the matter would be reviewed.

Recreation Field - parking

The Council decided to convene a meeting of the Trustees of the field in late October to consider the response of the County Highways Department regarding access and ideas being examined by the Traffic Committee.

Stroud Link North

This is the proposed designation to be given to the mini-bus link proposed for residents in outlying villages to gain access to Painswick and/or the A46 bus routes to Cheltenham or Stroud.

As the manufacturers were unable to supply the 8-seater mini bus sooner, this service is now likely to be delayed to commence in February 2005.

SDC and Parish Plans

The Chairman and Martin Slinger reported upon the meeting of representatives of Parish and Town Councils from the Stroud area convened by the District Council, and held at Painswick Centre, on 14th September. This had been the first such meeting to consider collaboration and the advancement of parish plans and design statements. Painswick had been chosen as the venue as it had been the first to write and adopt such a parish plan.

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Reunited Round the Lamp

Sunday, 19th September. Inside the Town Hall the teacups were lined up, plates laden with home-made cakes were uncovered and David Barnes and the organising committee stood by, a little unsure as to how many of their erstwhile schoolmates would appear.



By the middle of the afternoon, the event was certainly in full swing and both floors of the Town Hall were buzzing with well over a hundred friends happily meeting up again, some after considerable lapses of time.

The last similar reunion was in 2000, organised by Harold Pearce for the Thirties Kids. After Harold died in 2002 some of the group decided they would try to ensure that the network of friends which had built up would continue. They re-formed in a slightly different way to include anyone who had spent their childhood in

Painswick. Twice yearly they produce their publication, Round the Lamp, full of news and stories generated by and for the friends.

This was their first reunion as such and was attended mainly by those who had been children in Painswick in the '30s, '40s and '50s. Brian Jubb arranged a superb display of photographs, focussing mainly on the school and the Gyde Home, and the Local History Society exhibited a selection of illustrated information boards from its archive.

Eventually, this happy occasion drew to an end and, as the many smiling faces left and the crumbs of the much-enjoyed refreshments were cleared up, David and the committee acknowledged that it had been a great success.

Round the Lamp is open to anyone who has lived in Painswick. If you would like to be included you would be very welcome.

Carol Maxwell

17th Season for the Appreciation Group

On 16th September in our new venue, the Cotswold Room in the Painswick Centre, Alex Nichols regaled a well attended inaugural meeting with 15 CDs representing the different composers whose music we shall be hearing this season. Tastes differ of course, but the highlight for your reporter was Alicia Weathers' fantastic soprano voice singing "tu che le vanita" from Verdi's "Don Carlos" in 1967 – bel canto at its most superb. Outstanding among the other recordings: a gorgeous quartet of voices from Act 1 of Beethoven's "Fidelio"; an exciting orchestral interlude from Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin"; Della Jones in Holst's much neglected but incandescently written choral work "The Cloud Messenger"; chorus and march from Beethoven's little known "Ruins of Athens"; Sibelius' tremendously atmospheric "Valse Triste"; and, ending on a lighter note, "Parade of the Sandwich Men" by Mayerl.

Members and non-members are reminded to contact Stewart Price on 814241 if they want to join any of the four concert outings. Bookings for the Birmingham concert on 11th November are now particularly urgent.

Ralph Kenber

Music appreciation Group



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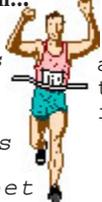
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Country Market - latest

The Market's new banner hangs outside the front of the Town Hall each Friday, completing the changes needed in response to our new name. We are also pleased to report that the Market is becoming a popular meeting point for customers who stay to enjoy coffee or tea and a slice of cake.

Coffee is served from 10:00 am, when the Market opens.

The Market's Committee will soon be making plans for taking Christmas Orders – more details will be available next month.



Painswick Country Market

In addition, from this month onwards, we shall be selling Country Market diaries for 2005.

Patricia Davey and Jane Rowe

Seed savings

Members of the Horticultural Society save up to 30% of the cost of their seeds when they order them by 1st December.

That can be quite a lot of money, as many members have discovered.

Catalogues are freely available, so why not join the Society at its meeting on 13th October at 7.30pm, enjoy a free talk on The Royal Gardens, and pick one up?



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Austerity Lunches

The Austerity lunches have been an important part of the autumn and winter life within the Painswick community for many years. As well as raising thousands of pounds for charity, they also provide an excellent opportunity for people to meet and share a simple meal together, especially those who live alone or are new to the village, not forgetting those who just simply want to meet and chat.

Recently a meeting of those involved in hosting the lunches was held and ways in which we might go forward in the future were considered. As a result the following changes were agreed.

The group whilst understanding the desperate need to help people in developing countries, also recognised that there is a need within our own locality. For this reason and because the monies raised are not great, it was decided to reduce the number of benefiting charities/organisations to two; one international and the other local. Support for Christian Aid will continue however, the local charity/organisation will be changed annually. This year the committee has decided to support Painswick Youth Club.

The lunches will commence at 12 noon instead of 12.15pm and the suggested minimum donation has been raised to £1.50. Tea or coffee will also be available for an extra 50p.

The Autumn session will commence on Monday next, 11th October.

Gill Gyde

Our apologies for accidentally omitting the last two paragraphs last month. Ed.

Education grants

The Painswick Education Foundation has a modest fund from which it can ease the cost of certain kinds of education expenditure for children of any age, and adults seeking further training in just about any subject.

The trustees will be meeting shortly and application forms may be obtained from Michael Little, Clerk, Painswick Educational Foundation, 2 Rowcroft, Stroud GL5 3BB, telephone 01453.763433 or Email: ml@goldinghams.co.uk

Red Cross: Open Gardens 2004

As you published an article on the Red Cross Open gardens earlier this summer we thought you may like to hear of the great success of this years' programme. Painswick passed all former records by raising just under £1,800 from the 6 gardens that opened here on the 24th July.

Despite the poor summer the Gloucestershire Branch of the Red Cross had raised a total of £28,445.60 (with one village still to go), so this year has achieved a simply splendid result.

Many thanks to all who come to the gardens and have supported The Red Cross this year.

Many thanks also to all our passionate gardeners and helpers who made it such a success.

Jackie Herbert and Lindsay Gardiner

Helping families in need

On Saturday 2nd October (**today**), Painswick Mothers' Union and Christian Men's Society are holding a Coffee Morning and a Bring-and-Buy in the Town Hall from 10.00 until 12.00noon.

There will be cakes and greetings and Christmas cards for sale, and a raffle.

This event is in aid of Mothers' Union projects, at home and abroad, which provide help and support for families in need.

Gwen Welch

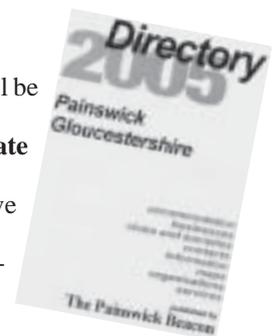
Directory 2005 Help !

As forwarned last month, the Beacon is updating its information for printing the Directory for 2005 which will be published free with the December issue.

We need your help to achieve this, please if entries are to be accurate. **We need information to change/update that published last December by Friday 19th November** at the very latest.

We will be pleased to continue to include E-mail addresses and/or web sites if desired, but only if we receive these in writing so that potential errors are less likely.

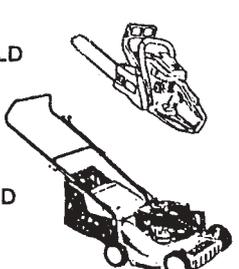
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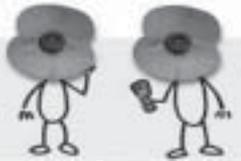


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The Royal British Legion Remembrance Poppies

Mrs Mary Muller, who organised the sale of Poppies in Painswick for the last eighteen years, has now moved to Bath and has asked me to take over from her. Mrs Muller has been involved with the British Legion for a good part of her life and has been an inspiring and dedicated organiser, greatly admired by all her helpers, who will miss her.

Although I have barely started my work I feel so moved by the enthusiastic attitude of the collectors and businesses I have spoken to so far, many of whom feel honoured to be able to help the RBL.

Four volunteers in this village have been awarded 30 year Service Medals, Mrs Doreen Birt, Mrs. Angela Rich, Mrs. Rachel Taylor and Mrs. Joyce Tranter and Mrs. Gladys Harding merited one for more than 25 years of selling poppies for Remembrance Day.

Many other Painswickians have 5, 10 and 15 year Service Medals.

Last year the Painswick team, local businesses and St. Mary's Church raised a total of £2,068.81.

Now preparations are under way for this year's Remembrance Day. I am looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours both with street collections, mainly 6th and 13th November, and house to house collections. Please phone

Maurice Maggs - 814092 - if you can help.

Patricia Burrows

EMERGENCY DOCTOR SERVICE changes

Some patients may have become aware of changes that are due to be put in place in the Autumn in line with the new GP Contract which came into force at the beginning of April this year. These changes are national and not just confined to Gloucestershire.

One of the biggest changes is to the Out of Hours service. **From the evening of Thursday 14th October, the co-operative (Stroud Emergency Medical Service) of which our GPs were members, will no longer exist in its old form.** Instead, emergency cover will be provided by local doctors and nurses in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Ambulance Trust. You will still be able to contact a doctor in an emergency out of normal surgery hours. However, you will no longer need to remember a different out of hours telephone number.

If you need a doctor in an emergency after 6.00pm in the evening and before 8.30am in the morning, please telephone the surgery line - 01452.812545 - and you will automatically be diverted to the emergency call centre.

The surgery will also NOT be open on a Saturday morning as from Saturday 16th October. Again, this change is in line with the new GP Contract, negotiated with every doctor across the whole country. We will therefore be unable to deal with any prescription requests or collections on a Saturday morning. If you need your medication, please ensure that you have contacted the surgery, either by popping in, by letter, fax (01452.814185) or email (Enquiries@gp-L84025.nhs.uk), to order your medication in time for it to be collected by Friday evening at the very latest.

The pharmacy in the Village collects prescriptions from the surgery at 5.00pm every weekday evening. So, the 5.00pm collection on a Friday night will be the last one until the following Monday (or the next working day after a Bank Holiday). Therefore, it will not be possible to get your prescription from the surgery after 6.00pm on a Friday evening, until we re-open at 8.30am on the following Monday.

Many thanks.

Nicola Hayward Practice Manager



J Harris and H Hawk

One of our many distributors of the Beacon told us that he had a very interesting encounter when delivering Beacons last month.

"I met a man in the Sheepscombe Lane above Tocknells Court who was carrying a tethered Harris Hawk.

His name was Jim Harris!

He told me that he was a member of the Campaign for Falconry and that he was most grateful to local landowners in the valley for allowing him to fly his bird from their land. He comes from Barnwood. I asked him if I could take his photograph (camera always to hand!) as he was very photogenic in full falconer's regalia. He was very happy for me to do so. I didn't get too close to the Hawk as the way he was eyeing me reminded me of Michael Parkinson and Emu! I thought that I might do a little research on Harris Hawks to supplement the article."

Space does not permit more than a brief reference to the homeland of *Parabuteo unicinctus* being Texas or Southern Arizona and that it has a wing span between 3½ and 4 feet.

We realise that there will be differing views among our readers about this form of hunting, so gave some thought as to whether to publish this article. We came to the conclusion that this is the reality and, anyway, many landowners are keen to keep the rabbit population under control.

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Gyde House - Conservation Area

The Painswick and District Conservation Society committee has, after a combination of photography, research and numerous drafts, completed this Conservation Area Statement. This is work effectively undertaken on behalf of Stroud District Council who have a duty to prepare such a statement but, in this area as in others, have been prevented from doing so.

The statement, sent to the Head of Planning, has a function in providing supplementary guidance when considering planning applications. Copies have been sent to the Parish Council, the Gyde Charity, the Gyde Almshouses Charity and the Gyde House residents with a view to their respective endorsements or comments prior to the District Council adopting it as above.

The six key recommendations, tabled at the Parish Council meeting on 15th September, were:

In considering future planning applications in this part of Painswick it is important that guidelines are set out to ensure a consistent approach toward the factors affecting the preservation and enhancement of the Gyde House Conservation Area.

We therefore recommend that the following guidelines should apply;

- a) The position of Gyde House as a highly distinctive and attractive feature of the Painswick Valley landscape must be maintained. To this end any development which obscures, or limits, or detracts from the view of Gyde House from the A46 Cheltenham Road, from Longridge or from Gyde Road will not be permitted.
- b) The contiguity of Gyde House and the Almshouses should be maintained to preserve their historic and visual common heritage. In general this means that any development along either side of Gyde Road, so obscuring the view of one from the other, will not be permitted.
- c) For the same reason the stone wall, the trees and hedge-growth along the Conservation Area boundary on Gyde Road should be protected, with tree preservation orders being issued where needed, consistent with appearance and condition.
- d) In the context of (b) and (c) above, the

Gyde House Conservation Area should be extended to include the almshouses as indicated on map 1.

e) Any actions which have the effect of maintaining or opening up the view of Gyde House, such as the removal of insignificant hedges and trees, will be encouraged. Conversely, the planting or growth of hedges or trees that would screen the house and/or grounds from the public view should be discouraged or prevented.

f) The possibility of building some units of socially beneficial 'affordable housing' in the space between the Hoyland House surgery and Gyde Barn has been publicly discussed. It is our view that this could again be considered - but only within this space and only because the site was more recently compromised in conservation terms by the construction of the valuable surgery. However, it will be particularly important that the design of any such building(s) is most strictly controlled so as to be appropriate to its location and sympathetic to the style and materials of adjacent Conservation Area buildings; namely Gyde House, the Almshouses and Gyde Barn. The modern style houses in the Upper Washwell area should not be emulated.

RSPCA

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the sale in August.



The sum of £200.00 was raised and sent to the South Cotswold Branch of the RSPCA.

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Age Concern Day Centre at Ashwell House

Its that time of year when we start thinking of approaching Christmas time and bazaars and coffee mornings and the like. Ashwell Day Centre are holding their annual Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 10th November between 10.30am and 12.00noon, in the lounge of Ashwell House. We are indebted to Michelle Elliott, the Ashwell House Warden, for allowing us to use this lovely venue.

As always there will be our excellent Home Produce stall with delicious cakes and preserves; good quality bric-a-brac; our excellent raffle, and much more!

Please make a note of the date in your diary and do come along - the members and helpers of the Day Centre look forward to meeting you again and enjoying a cup of coffee with you.

This will be the 19th Coffee Morning that we have held. The Day Centre started on 2nd October 1985 and the money we raise helps keep the Day Centre going. Over the years many folk have benefited from having a regular day each week away from their normal surroundings, to meet and talk with friends - to have a 'gentle work-out' ending with a welcome glass of sherry, and then a pleasant lunch. Afternoons are 'wait-and-see' - we make our own entertainment, a discussion, a game or an entertainer, or a speaker on a topic of interest. There is always an outing to look forward to. All this would not be possible without our loyal band of helpers at the Centre, and drivers who fetch and carry members to and from their homes to the Ashwell Centre. Do come along on Wednesday the 10th November and support this worthy cause.

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Police monthly report

August 2004

A very encouraging month with regards to reported crime in Painswick and the surrounding areas. When so many residents are away enjoying the delights of foreign climates there is always the opportunity for criminals to take advantage. I am pleased to say that due to the excellent awareness of local residents our area has remained quiet.

During the month of August we have continued to receive good information from residents with regards to suspicious incidents, in particular possible bogus builders who have been attempting to target elderly members of the community by offering to do work for them and asking for an over inflated price for the job at the end of it, or by doing a very sub-standard job.

My advice would be to make sure you get written quotes for work and do not allow anyone to do a job who just turns up at your door offering their services. Try to use reputable companies or those recommended to you by friends or family. If in the future you consider you have been approached or duped by one of these people, please do inform the Police with as much information as possible, including vehicle registrations, accents and descriptions. We are building a national picture of these people and their movements as many are known to travel the country, and any information would be valuable in our attempt to identify them.

Please do continue to feed through any information to the Police that you consider relevant to the fight against crime in our area on 0845 090 1234 (Gloucestershire Police HQ) or on my mobile phone 07799 624643 which I always carry on duty.

There have been a series of incidents at a local business premises involving thefts of a hifi stereo, a mobile phone and a camera. Any information regarding these would be gratefully received.

We continue to deal with vehicles parked on or across double yellow lines and any vehicle that is parked in a way that does not allow emergency vehicle access. Ticketing these vehicles is necessary for the safety of all residents and I would ask you all to please think about where you are leaving your vehicles. We are very grateful to have the added support of a Traffic Warden from Stroud and from local Community Support Officers who you may have seen in uniform patrolling the village on foot. Please do feel free to pass on any information to the officers when they are on patrol.

Thank you all.

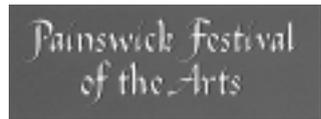
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Painswick Area Officer - Bussage Police Station
Stroud

What's it all about?

'Painswick is jam-packed with talent!'

So says Revd John Longuet Higgins. 'And the goal of the Painswick Festival fortnight (6th - 20th November) is to channel all this artistic talent and get the whole community involved,' he enthuses. 'That and the funding of young musicians - we'd love to grow a junior choir - are the Festival's most important goals ... plus, of course, raising funds to restore the roof of St Peter's Chapel.'



He is also keen to stress that St Mary's Church belongs to the community and wants to see it used for more, diverse activities. Hence the Jazz in the Church concert with Acker Bilk (Wednesday, 10th November) and the use of the Church by Painswick Players as a superb and compelling setting for *A Man For All Seasons*, Robert Bolt's classic drama of the life and death of Sir Thomas More.



But, he is anxious to emphasise, the Festival is anything inward looking. It is a thoroughly ecumenical venture, involving all of the 'churches together around Painswick'. In particular, there will be an afternoon creative writing workshop and an evening of poetry in Christ Church on Wednesday, 17th November. And away from the churches, the Festival Art Exhibition (6th - 20th November) at the Town Hall will feature paintings, prints and ceramics, together with a display of embroidered designs, all by well established local artists.

For Painswick Music Society, the highlights will be two special concerts in St Mary's to celebrate the start of their Diamond Jubilee year. On Saturday 6th November, Cambridge Voices will present a choral programme, the second half of which will be Fauré's Requiem. The format of first half of the concert will be very much a first for the Society with the artists wandering around the church in ball-gowns and tails, performing in various nooks and crannies, rather than performing from the stage!

The following day, Sunday 7th November, Ian de Massini, who has recently dedicated himself to the performance of the complete keyboard works of Bach, will play Bach's "Goldberg Variations" from memory. He will introduce his performance by describing Bach's fascination with mathematics and showing, perhaps, how this affected the Bach's intricacy of construction of the work.

Finally, the event that perhaps best typifies the Festival's theme of enthusiastic participation will be the Choral workshop in St Mary's with Chris Swain and the subsequent performance of Vivaldi's Gloria. As Chris puts it, 'To be part of such a magnificent choral event is a chance of a lifetime!'



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 812211.

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Spotlight on . .

Jack Smith



Tell us about your early days in Painswick

I was born in a house called Dialtryst near the bottom of Vicarage Street, just above the Sheepscombe fork, on 29th July 1928, and have moved four times since then in Painswick and now live in Corner Cottage in Bisley Street.

I have now totally renovated Corner Cottage, all that is left is the four walls and the roof.

Your school days?

In my early days we started school at age 4-5, and stayed until 14. My school-days were all spent at Painswick School, where the library is today, ending up in the 6th form. In those days times were hard, the depression was on. My father had to walk to Stroud to collect our food vouchers. This was a form of food rationing, although that didn't start until the war.

Times were particularly hard because I had five brothers (no sisters). Luckily my mother was an excellent cook. My father also rented land in Verlands, kept chickens and two pigs. However, when you killed a pig this was cut from your bacon ration. We also helped farmers who paid us with swedes and vegetables.

My parents both died at 81 years old, and four of my brothers died in the 80's, two in their 50s, and two in their 60s. My fifth brother lives in Chipping Sodbury.

And after leaving school?

I became apprenticed as a plumber for 3½ years in 1942 for Philip Ford who were builders in those days with a funeral department. I then got a job with Goddards to fill in the time before I was called up in 1946, shortly after the war ended. I was drafted into the RAF as an air-craftsman and joined Burdock & Son in 1948 becoming an advanced plumber, and stayed with Burdock for 43 years until it was closed in 1991.

What about your family life?

I have been married twice. In 1959 I married a local Painswick girl; we parted after 12 years. Then I met Rose when I was running the Rugby Club bar. She came in for a few drinks and our relationship developed - you know what I mean!

I had no children but Rose had a daughter and a grand-daughter and I am known as Gramps.

Any early memories?

My earliest memory was all the celebrations in the village surrounding George V's Jubilee in 1935/36. All the kids were given a Jubilee mug.

At 16 I had to register into the Painswick platoon of the Army Cadets for two years until I was drafted.

My most vivid memories were of the bombing. There was an ack-ack station above Cranham to protect the aircraft factories at Brockworth and I believe the bombs were jettisoned by German bombers on their way home. We were all so used to the gunnery noise that one night we never heard the bombs exploding. The next morning we walked past Mr.Swayne's house which had a sign up saying "Unexploded bomb". Nobody stopped us but PC Handley eventually dug it out, carried it up to the police station (near where the hairdresser is today), handing it in for collection by the bomb-disposal experts. Just imagine what would happen today! Painswick would be evacuated!!

After the war?

I returned to my job at Burdocks. 1963 was a very busy time for plumbers when there was a freeze up from Boxing Day until the first week in March. There was a 15ft snowdrift at the Sheepscombe turn on the A46 to Cheltenham and all underground pipes were also frozen. In 1982 there was a freeze up for only two weeks, and this indicates that Global Warming had already started in the 1960s.

What are your hobbies?

Rugby, cricket and sports clubs. I have been connected with the Rugby Club for 56 years, playing my last game in 1972. I am now caretaker of the Rugby Club at Broadham, working for 3 hours a day.

I have also played cricket for years and reformed the Cricket Club in 1950. Originally we played in the park at Painswick House, moving to the Recreation Ground in about 1958, and Broadham about 1987. I started as a medium paced bowler, but became slower and slower - and am still President of the club today.

What are your views about Painswick today?

To be absolutely honest I am rather depressed. Living standards in Painswick may be much better, but where is the village going?

There are very few facilities left. The bus service to Stroud and Cheltenham may be good, but this is encouraging people to leave the village. Younger people cannot afford to live here.

The Rugby Club has hardly any players from Painswick, they all come from surrounding districts. Youth sections are now helping. There were over 100 6-13 year olds at the Rugby section last Sunday week.

But in cricket there are only just enough 12/13 year olds to form a cricket team. And then there's the growth of professionalism which takes away any good young players.

I can't imagine it getting any better.

Tourists ask "Where are the tea rooms?" Will there ever be any? Will the number of tourists continue to decline?

Jack's alright. I'm happy helping at the Broadham Club and the Painswick Centre, but I do wonder what will be left after I've gone.

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

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Horticultural Society Show

Philip Berry writes that this proved to be an excellent Show, with over 400 entries, the best for 10 years and 100 more than last year. Increases were chiefly in the Floral Exhibits and Junior Sections.

Skilled planning of the Show layout by Alan Major and Gus Gaugain enabled the large number of exhibits to be displayed to advantage. No less than eighty Society members and Juniors entered the Show, and a pleasing number of visitors attended during the afternoon.

Since the Show many people have remarked "What a good Show", and "I shall be entering next year".

Following the presentation of prizes the new President Pauline Lamont made an excellent speech pointing out the immense amount of hard work that was put in by the committee and helpers to stage the event, and thanked everyone for their efforts on the day, not least the exhibitors for their wonderful response to the request for entries.

First prize winners

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

White potatoes - *Philip Berry* Wally Brooks Cup
 Red potatoes - *Philip Berry*
 Collection of potatoes - *Philip Berry*
 Onions 3" - *FOJ Otway*
 Onions large - *FOJ Otway* DTBrown Cup
 Shallots picking - *Keith Crane*
 Shallots large - *Keith Crane*
 Beet - *Brenda Dunn*
 Runner Beans - *Keith Crane*
 Tomatoes - *Betty Wood* Diploma for Excellence
 Courgettes - *FOJ Otway*
 Marrows - *Keith Crane*
 Cucumbers - *Betty Wood*
 Any other vegetable: Pumpkin - *Brandon Ely* aged 6
 Collection of vegetables - *Philip Berry* EHChandler Plate
 Collection of 10 culinary herbs - *Iris Harris* DTBrown Cup
 Cooking apples - *Brenda Dunn*
 Dessert apples - *Dylan Davies*
 Plums - *Pat Daly*
 Pears - *Joyce Hunt*
 Other fruit - *Brenda Dunn* Gordon Gardner Special Prize
 The John Chandler Memorial Cup - *Brenda Dunn*

FLORAL EXHIBITS

HT Rose - *Jane Percival German* JSDent Cup
 Multihead roses - *Betty Wood* Felicity Sharwood Smith Rose Bowl
 Exhibit of flowers - *Patrick Ridgwell*
 Violas or Pansies - *June Crane*
 Foliage pot plant - *Betty Wood* Cedric Nielsen Special Prize
 Flowering pot plant - *Liz Major* Diploma for Excellence
 Cactus - *Liz Major*
 Collection of decorative shrubs - *Dulcie Brotherton* Christine Arnold Memorial Prize
 Collection of decorative herbs - *Maryla Ridgwell*
 Dahlias - *John Grant*
 Penstemons - *Pauline Breeze* Gus Gaugain Special Prize
 Sweet peas - *Adele Denley* Bill Wear Cup
 Michealmas daisies - *Joan Truman*

The Banksian Medal for most prize money in the Horticultural Section - *Philip Berry*

DECORATIVE SECTION

'Olympics' - *Kathleen Quant* The Society's Cup for Floral Art
 'Flying Colours' - *Brenda Dunn* Isobel Mannerling Memorial Prize
 'Village Pond' - *Joycelyn Warren*
 'Lilliput' (miniature arrangement) *Dulcie Brotherton* The Society's Miniature Cup and Certificate of Merit for Floral Art

DOMESTIC SECTION

Stomach jam - *Jane Rowe*
 Soft fruit jam - *Betty Wood* Country Markets Special Prize
 Orange marmalade - *Cathy Butler*
 Lemon marmalade - *Patrick Daly*
 Mint jelly - *Pauline Lamont*
 Fruit jelly - *Brenda Dunn*
 Chutney - *Mair Daly*
 Apple and almond cake - *Jane Rowe*
 Eccles cakes - *Pauline Berry*
 Lattice treacle tart *Jane Rowe* Dorothy Cox Memorial Prize
 Oat cakes - *Betty Wood*
 Rice pudding - *Jane Rowe*
 Fish pie - *Joyce Smith*
 Meat pate - *Joyce Smith*
 Baked apple (men only) *Gus Gaugain* Mrs BBHunt Special Prize

HANDICRAFT SECTION

Knitted toy - *Nina Harris*
 Knitted gloves - *Nina Harris*
 Gardener's Kneeler - *Pauline Lamont*
 Gardener's tool belt - *Nina Harris*
 Pair decorated candles - *Nina Harris*
 Silver wedding card - *Nina Harris* The Society's Cup
 Decorated flower pot - *Kathleen Quant*
 Painted scene of my garden - *Nina Harris*
 Photograph of tree bark - *Nina Harris*
 Photograph of a garden structure - *Leslie Brotherton*
 The WI Cup won by *Nina Harris* of Sheepscombe WI

JUNIOR SECTION

Bird made from potatoes - *Kieran Grant*
 Ingredients for a healthy school meal - *Hester Elvidge*
 Potato stencils - *Clem Littler*
 Drawing of plan for a garden - *Ralph Butler*
 Mars: The red planet - *Ralph Butler*
 A computer image - *Rosemary Davies*
 Floating flowers - *Ruby Gilding* Novices Award for Floral Art and the Felicity Sharwood-Smith Junior Cup



Painswick in Bloom

The winners of this competition are

Residential Section

1st *Mrs Reigh Sutton* The Old Bakery, Cheltenham Road

2nd *Mr Mrs Denys Hill* Merrills, Friday Street

3rd *Mrs Linda Evans* Hambutts Barn, Edge Road

The winner gained full marks, with the runners-up coming very close.

Business Section

1st *The Royal Oak*

2nd *Hamptons Estate Agents*

3rd *Painswick Hairdressers*

Congratulations to all! Mrs Sutton and Shirley Harrison, Manager of the Royal Oak, received their trophies at the Horticultural Society's Annual Show.

Mr Ray Fardon, from Bourton-on-the-Water, who has judged this competition several times, expressed his delight at again visiting Painswick. He considered all the floral displays within and surrounding the judging area to be of a very high standard.

A delicious cup of coffee and home-made cake at The Patchwork Mouse completed a most enjoyable visit.

Pauline Berry PiB Secretary

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Calor Village of the Year Awards

The Parish has done well in the 2004 Village of the Year competition. There are six categories in addition to the district and county winners. Painswick Parish Council and Edge Village Hall committee submitted entries on behalf of their villages. Edge won the Environment category and Painswick the Young People category: this for the second successive year. Painswick were also runners-up in the Information Technology category.

The Edge citation reads that the village's "environmental activities are very impressive for a village of fewer than 200 people. A conservation group looks after nearby Rudge and Huddinknoll Commons with volunteers holding regular working parties. There is also an active rights of way monitoring group and a footpath map is available in the village hall".

The word "impressive" is also used to describe Painswick's work with young people where the groups range from an after-school club, playgroup and toddlers' group to an active youth club and even a young farmers' club. The judges commented that many of the groups are funded and run by volunteers and that the youth club has its own clubhouse where young people are actively involved in making decisions about activities and facilities.

The other categories related to community, business, and older people. The Stroud district and Gloucestershire county winner was Frampton-on-Severn. This year the competition was also sponsored by The Citizen and the Gloucestershire Echo newspapers and the event organised by the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. The category winners each receive a cheque for £100.



Fireworks

It will soon be the time when thoughts turn to the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot with bonfires and firework displays taking place.

In the knowledge that each year there are many letters of complaint about fireworks we asked Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, for a comment. He said that whilst the new regulations will help to control noise levels, the Parish Council hopes that residents will continue to be sensitive to the distress caused to many animals by exploding fireworks and seek to restrict the use of such fireworks to the weekend of 5th November.

Guide changes

Just as we were going to press we were receiving signals about 'changes at the top' in Painswick Guides. Watch this space for more news next month!

Mission to Thailand + experience

The Beacon has been pleased to include articles in June and July's editions prior to Fiona Welbourn's setting off to Thailand on a Church Mission Society project.

We have been delighted to receive copy of Fiona's messages to family and friends during her stay there and we regret we do not have space to carry the detail of her vivid experiences. However, we hope these two photographs reveal much which would otherwise require a great number of words.



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LETTERS

The Pooping dog of Hollyhock Lane...

Responding to last month's plea in this column, we have an investigative letter from Gerald Attrick (address supplied), local resident and dog owner, who writes:

The culprit is in fact a commuting dog-fox who has been seen on numerous occasions passing along the lane, mainly but not exclusively, in the early morning, and leaving his mark. Without going into too much detail, a fox's droppings are normally easily distinguished from those of a pet dog being quite small, dark in colour with a distinctive odour. The writer resists the temptation to include photographs!

Most of our dog walking friends are very careful to remove and dispose hygienically of any little accidents. In fact my wife and I have on numerous occasions removed Mr. Fox's noxious droppings anticipating that blame might be attributed to dog-owners.

Thankfully, not too many cows or horses use Hollyhock Lane!

Russell Herbert, Chairman of the Painswick Centre Trustees, writes

Painswick Centre – One of the busiest Village Halls in the County.

I was interested to read your feature "Spotlight on Edie Stockbridge" but saddened to note her comment on "the demise of the Institute". Certainly the Painswick Club collapsed in near bankruptcy at the end of the 1990's, but the Institute, now called the Painswick Centre, has continued to thrive and has expanded

enormously in the range of sports, educational, leisure and arts activities offered daily to all the people of Painswick.

The current Trustees are continuing the programme of investment started by their predecessors (over £59,000 has been spent in the last 3 years), with the focus now on making the building fully accessible to all ages and abilities including people with mobility or hearing difficulties. We anticipate expenditure of a further £50,000 in the next 12 months to install new toilets, stair lifts and an acoustic hearing loop. Some of this comes from grant assistance, some from our own efforts and some from the much appreciated efforts of our regular users, customers and local well wishers.

When applying for grant aid from various local (and national) sources, and completing detailed grant application forms it is clear to me that, compared to others our 'Centre' is now one of the busiest Village Halls in Gloucestershire. If Edie, or any other of your readers would like to know more, you are welcome to come to our AGM, upstairs in the Centre, on the 11th October 2004 at 7.30 pm. to air your views.

Enjoying poetry

This popular WEA course will begin again on Wednesday 6th October. It will be held at the Painswick Centre in Bisley Street and run for nine weekly sessions from 2.30 until 4.00pm.

The anthology of 20th century poetry, 'Staying Alive', edited by Neil Astley, has been called "a book for people who know they love poetry and for people who think they don't".

Come and join the group of lively and friendly people. No great scholarly knowledge is required - just an enquiring mind and an enjoyment of poetry.

Enquiries to Mary Newman on 01453.766489

Christmas cover

We mentioned, last January, that we were contemplating whether to have a full colour photograph on our December front cover this year.

The idea has not (yet) gone away, so we will be interested to hear if any readers have a high definition colour photograph of a 'Painswick winter scene' we might use. Please.



Parish Plans across the District

It is of some interest to note that the District Council's Regeneration Service, in partnership with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, convened a Parish Community Plan Forum here in Painswick on 14th September.

The object of the exercise, which was held in Painswick Centre, was to urge and support the preparation of Parish Plans throughout the Stroud area. Many parish and town councils were represented and it was with some pride that Terry Parker opened the proceedings on behalf of Painswick Parish Council which was among the first in the country to complete a Parish Plan and adopt it in February of 2002. While it may be difficult to discern just what impact such plans have had upon the policies of the District Council so far, there can be no mistaking the importance attached to their creation and documentation by HM Government.



On the assumption that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, it did not escape our attention that one other parish council had, in devising its Plan, just about copied every heading and method of approach as that of Painswick!

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Memorial Garden

Back in April we were able to carry the decision of the Parochial Church Council to create a Memorial Garden for the interment of ashes within the St. Mary's churchyard. We also carried an artistic impression of the design chosen for the stone to mark that garden, that by Rory Young of Cirencester.

The stone has been completed and was dedicated by the Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, the Very Reverend Nick Bury, at a service held in the churchyard on 19th September and is shown here in its truly imposing location. The masons were also from Cirencester, David Dyke and his son Matthew.



Panoramic views

Mrs J Hemming (nee Partridge) who lives at La Combelle in The Park came across a press cutting she had kept from The Wilts and Glos Standard of the mid 1960s.



Needless to say this photograph of the 1920 vintage bus was rather faded, but we thought it worth trying to reproduce here and include the enquiry as to whether any local people recognise the passengers?

If we get any response we will try and print a picture of the 1888 bus in a future issue!



A Local History Teaser



Painswick Local History Society

Our war memorial stands proudly and elegantly at the north-east corner of the churchyard. However, do you know who designed it and on which day, month and year it was unveiled and dedicated?

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

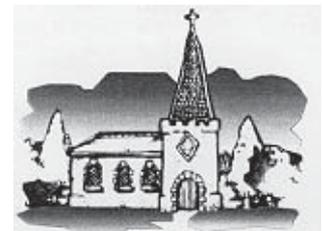
Perhaps this will whet your appetite for the subject of the next meeting of Painswick Local History Society. Robin Stayt has carried out

extensive local research into the lives and battles of ordinary soldiers in two world wars and will talk about how to research their stories. It promises to be both informative and stimulating and is, of course, very timely.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19th October at the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

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Rugby

Painswick have had mixed fortunes in the opening games of the season.

The first fifteen had a convincing win in the now annual warm-up fixture against Gloucestershire Police, winning by 31 points to 12. This was followed by another friendly match when they beat Gloucester Old Boys second fifteen by 34 points to 3. Painswick travelled to Filton on Saturday 11th September to play their first match in the Premier Division of the Gloucestershire League against Aretians. The result was a disappointment for the Cherry and Whites as, with several regular players absent, they failed to establish any level of control and the home team were victorious by 29 points to 8. With their powerful pack and skilful back division, Aretians deserved their victory. They will be a difficult side to beat and it will be interesting to see how the Bristol side fare at Broadham later in the season when Painswick have the home advantage. Painswick's points came through a try from hooker Tom Russell and a penalty by Ollie Clewes.

On the previous Tuesday Painswick had an entertaining match against an Army fifteen. Leading by just five points at half-time, the home side launched a series of attacks in the second-half and emerged worthy winners by 46 points to 14. Try scorers for the home side were, Matt Combs (2), Greg Beard, Ben Pollard, Russ Thornton, Chris Hall, Alan Hailing and Ewan Craig. Nick Rogers was successful with three conversions.

On Saturday 18th September Painswick 1st XV began their Powergen Junior Vase campaign when they met Ross at Broadham. Painswick have had several excellent runs in the competition, reaching the national semi-final a few years ago. They were therefore keen to put in a good performance against a side which on paper should not have posed too great a threat to their progressing to the second round. However, it was the visitors who took the lead through a penalty but that score was soon nullified when Tom Russell went over for a try. Alastair Bressington returned from cricket duties for the game and was quickly on the score sheet converting both the Russell try and his own a few minutes later. Painswick went further ahead through tries from James Reed and Matt Coombs. Another conversion gave the home side a 26 points to 3 lead at half-time. In the second half Painswick added three more tries through, Ollie Clewes, Greg Beard and Alastair Bressington who converted all three. The final score was Painswick 47 Ross 3.

On the same day Painswick United were playing away at Hucclecote. The result was a considerable disappointment to the Cherry and Whites as they lost by the margin of a single point. Painswick's points came through three penalties kicked by full-back, Nick Rogers.

Last Saturday Painswick's 1st XV had their first home league fixture of the season when they entertained Chosen Hill. The result was a considerable disappointment for the team as, early on in the game, they had been leading by 320

points to 3 only to see the lead reduced to 5 points. With the last movement of the match the visitors gained possession on the Painswick line and grounded the ball to level the scores at 20 points all. The try was not converted. Painswick United were also involved in a "league" match when they travelled to Cheltenham to play Cheltenham Sabres in their first Citizen Merit Table match. The result was a win for the Sabres by 46 points - 11.

Today (2nd October) Painswick 1st XV have a league match away to Old Richians 1st XV with the United at home to Cirencester 2nd XV in a Citizen Merit Table game.

Hockey

Painswick Ladies have started the season well with a 7 goals to nil victory over Frys Ladies at Bristol. Becca Morse, one of Painswick's goal scorers was chosen as Player of the Match.

Sophie Hinds starred for Painswick in their friendly game against Lydney at Broadham, scoring both goals for the home side in a 2 - nil victory. Last Saturday Painswick were at home to Stroud 2nd XI in a friendly fixture. Painswick led by 4 goals to nil when they took the opportunity to make positional changes and give new players some experience. Stroud came back strongly and the result was a 5-5 draw. This Saturday Painswick are playing Stroud at the Leisure Centre.

Anyone wishing to join Painswick Ladies or Painswick Mixed can attend training sessions at Wycliffe Astro on Wednesdays at 8.00pm or call Nicky Keating on 01453 763604 for more information. All levels are welcome.

Badminton

Interested in Badminton?

Used to play?

No longer want to play competitively?

Painswick ladies meet Tuesday afternoons in the Painswick Centre for "Social Badminton" and welcome new members.

Terry Causon 813506

Martial Arts - new group

A new range of activity has started up in the Town Hall on Thursday evenings with Emma Forsyth who lives nearby as its leader.

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and Chris Jeynes. All the events were decided by two sets to love. The presentations were made by the Club President, John Courts.

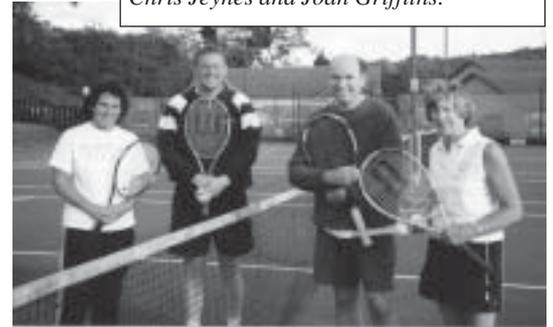


Paul Duncliffe with Richard Horder and John Courts.

Junior Tennis
Gloucestershire League 2004 Painswick are the Under-11 (Girls) and Under-13 (Boys) Champions.

From the left, Sharon Hall, Paul Duncliffe, Chris Jeynes and Joan Griffiths.

At the Under-15 level, Painswick won the Second Division (Boys) and the Second Division (Girls).



The Under-11 Girls team representing Gloucestershire beat Somerset going on to the South West Region Final where they lost to Bournemouth with a tie break deciding the match. Our main picture is of members of the girls' team:- (left to right) Alicia Barnett, Chelsea Warrington and Megan Horder.

The Painswick Boys Under-13 team, representing Gloucestershire, lost to Warwickshire in the regional event. The boys' team members were, William Unwin, Tom Pigott and Joe Hobbins.

Tennis

Annual General Meeting

The Tennis Club's AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Broadham Pavilion on Wednesday 13th October.

Autumn Social

The Club is holding a supper with live music provided by "Mystike" on Saturday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Broadham Pavilion. Tickets are £10 per person and can be obtained from Jill Willoughby (720052) or Ruth Smith (813693).

August Tournament

The event was won by Sharon Hall and Nigel Barnett (25 points) with Ruth Smith and Robin Hall (24 points) in second place. Many thanks to John Barrus for organising the tournament.

Annual Club Tournament

Ladies final. Lucy Moir beat Sally Mills.
Men's final. Paul Duncliffe beat Richard Willoughby.
Men's doubles. Richard Horder and Paul Duncliffe beat Chris Jeynes and Andy Golding.
Ladies doubles. Sally Mills and Philippa James beat Joan Griffiths and Angela Higgins.
Mixed doubles. Sharon Hall and Paul Duncliffe beat Joan Griffiths

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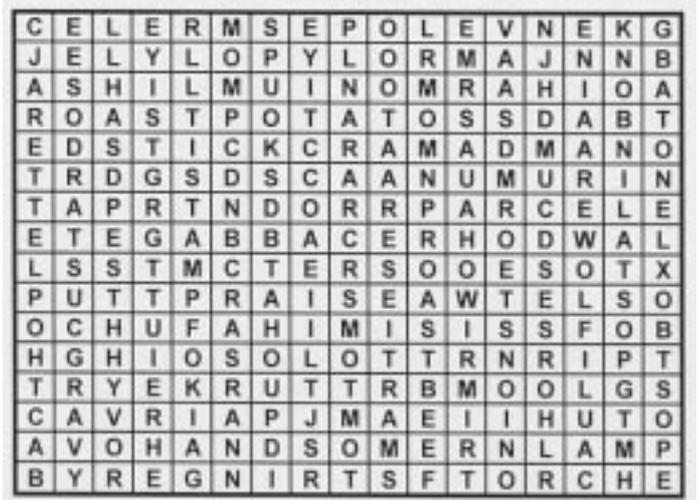
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Not quite as easy this month. Following upon the items laid for dinner last month we move to the food itself. There is a choice of two meats plus vegetables, etc. Only one choice for dessert, but with a sauce.

Last month's table items were

HOTPLATE	CLOTH	WINEGLASSES
BREAD	WINE	SALT
KNIFE	NAPKIN	PEPPER
SPOON	SERVINGSPOON	MUSTARD
FORK	TOOTHPICK	WATER
MENU	FLORALDISPLAY	PORT twice
TABLEMAT	WINEDECANTER	DECANTER

The first 'achiever' whose card was drawn out of the proverbial hat last month was Harold Wood, who can take a pat on the back!



Beacon subscribers for 2004-05			
at 20th September			
	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
New or ret	101	62	75
Renewed	507	573	580
Totals	608	635	655

Christmas MAIL

recommended last posting dates for this Christmas

All destinations outside Europe (*except for Canada, the Far East, Middle East, Hong Kong, South Africa and the USA*) **4th October**
 Far East and Middle East **14th October**
 Canada, Hong Kong, South Africa, Singapore and the USA **28th October**
 Eastern Europe **17th November**
 Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, Malta and Turkey **24th November**
 Western Europe **1st December**

PROPERTY REPORT for September by Hamptons International

With many conflicting opinions on which way the housing market is moving, coupled with the media being provided with contradictory statistics, it must be difficult for home owners to assess the current state of the market.

We predict that house prices will stabilise during the rest of this year and rise by no more than inflation next year.

July and August were unusually quiet this year and has resulted in many home sellers who are motivated to move this year reducing their asking prices about 5% to attract viewings and offers in early September. This has certainly had the desired affect and many properties have now agreed sales which have been on the market for some time.

We have taken some delightful properties on in Painswick including: - 6 Hyett Close - a 3 bedroomed popular town-house; 2 Churchill Way - a most desirable detached house with magnificent garden. Dalegarth in Cotswold Mead - a fine detached house with magnificent views; Benwell is a charming period cottage requiring some refurbishment in Hale Lane - and due to the great amount of interest being shown we invited best offers by

the 30th September. Home Farm - a magnificent barn conversion with separate annexe and 5 acres in Sheepscombe also attracted a great deal of interest before the brochure was even printed.

Recent completions include Barncroft in Blakewell Mead and the new house under construction next door; Greenleas in Longridge and the new house called Fieldways; St. Johns in Orchard Mead; Penlan on the Cheltenham Road, 5 Clattergrove and Birdlip House at Birdlip. Also Kinglsey House (ex Chancellors) has been sold and hopefully will open soon with that long awaited coffee/restaurant which the village so needs.

On the home front we are sad to lose Susan Pyle who after 10 years has retired and enjoying life in her garden in Minchinhampton. We welcome Lucy Little who has joined our current team of Jill Cantagrill, Michelle Burdett, Carole Cole and Diane Mearns. Both Carole and Diane are now celebrating over 20 years working together here in Painswick.

If you would like any information on a property related matter we are always happy to help. Call us on Painswick 812354.

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OCTOBER

Sat	2	'Imagination Station' - Children's Art & Drama Coffee Morning in aid of M.U. Projects Music Society AGM, followed by recital	Town Hall Town Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.00am to 12.00noon 7.00pm
Sun	3	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing - Improvers	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Tue	5	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	6	Probus: Renewable Energy - Mr Ben Sang Tea Dances WEA Course 'Enjoying Poetry' (restart) Women's Fellowship: Energy conservation - Paul Sheridan	Ostlers Room Painswick Centre Painswick Centre Christ Church Hall	10.00 for 10.30am 2.00 to 4.00pm 2.30 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	7	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Town Hall Ashwell House	12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	9	Liberal Democrats Coffee Morning Harvest Supper: (Hosted by Cotswold Care Committee)	Town Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 12 noon 7.30pm
Sun	10	Painswick Praise:	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	11	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church AGM of Painswick Centre	Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre	12.00noon to 1.15pm 7.30pm
Wed	13	Music Appreciation Group Matinee Concert Visit to Symphony Hall, Birmingham Tennis Club AGM	Stamages Car Park Broadham Pavilion Painswick Centre	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group: Comparing more notes	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Mon	18	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Country Markets		
Tue	19	Bird Club: Visit to Cotswold Falconry Centre, and Optional visit to Batsford Arboretum Local History Society: Our War Dead -Lest we Forget - Robin Stayte	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	20	Jazz Evening: Local musicians, no entry fee Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227 Probus: Magistrates in the community - Mrs Kay Holmes Parish Council Meeting Women's Fellowship: Working with juvenile Offenders - Gill Cox	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Ostlers Room Town Hall Christ Church Hall	8.30pm 8.30am 10.00 for 10.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	21	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church Town Hall	9.00am to 7.30pm 2.30pm
Fri	22	Senior Circle: "Keeping it in style" - Jenny Bailey		
Sat	23	Copy dateline for November to Editorial Team Coffee Morning in aid of Cheltenham Cobalt Unit Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham Everyman	Town Hall The Falcon Cemetery Car Park	10.00am to 12.30pm 1.30pm 10.00am
Sun	24	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210		
Mon	25	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Anne Leoni	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	26	WI (new) First monthly meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	28	Diary dateline for November to Edwina Buttrey Music Appreciation Group: The music goes around and around	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Mon	1	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Margaret Hodge	Christ Church Hall	12.100noon to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Probus: Conservation and Zoos - Dr B. Bertram Women's Fellowship: Christmas Decorations - Laura Fleming	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10 for 10.30am 7.30pm
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting C.T.A.P. AGM: Speaker Mr Douglas Sammon FRCS, Orthopaedic Surgeon Bird Club: "Alternative Majorca and its bird life - Tony Hawkins	Ashwell House Christ Church Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		



Sat	6 - 20 Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama Fortnight		
Sat	6	November issue of <i>The Painswick Beacon</i> published	
		Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church 4.00pm
		Christ Church Christmas Market	Christ Church Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm
		Lansdown Art Club of Stroud: Exhibition. Free Admission: details 01453 764769 (until 14th)	Library Room 10.00am to 5.00pm daily
		Art Exhibition: Paintings and prints by local Artists (daily until 14th November)	Town Hall 11.00am to 5.00pm daily
Sun	7	Piano Recital: Ian de Massini	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Christ Church Hall 12.00noon to 1.15pm
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	Music Appreciation Group evening concert visit To Symphony Hall, Birmingham	Stamages Car Park 5.00pm
Sat	13	Festival Choral Workshop	St Mary's Church 2.00pm
		Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church 7.30pm
		Cotswold Care Autumn Fair	Town Hall 10.00am to 2.00pm
		Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening	Broadham Pavilion 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
Wed	17	Probus: Gloucester Air Ambulance	Ostlers Room, Falcon 10.00 for 10.30am
		Creative writing workshop	Christ Church 2.00pm
		Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church 7.30pm
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
		Closing date for 'Directory 2005' entries	
Sat	20	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
Wed	24	Women's Fellowship: Cheese Making - Liz Godsell	Christ Church Hall 7.30pm
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms 11.30 to 2.30pm
Sun	28	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 12.00noon to 1.15pm
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	Town Hall 2.30pm
Sat	4	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 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Linda Davies	Christ Church Hall 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	15	Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Ashwell House 7.30pm
JANUARY			
Thu	24	Bird Club: Birds of the flood plain - talk by Mike Smart, Warden of Ashleworth Ham	Town Hall 2.30pm
MARCH			
Sat	12	Village Quiz	Painswick Centre 6.45 for 7.15pm
Thu	17	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
Sat	16	Music Society Concert: Alexis White, piano	St Mary's Church 3.00pm
Sat	23	Music Society Concert: Tasmin Little, violin, and Wayne Marshall, piano	St Mary's Church 3.00pm

**PLEASE help us to help you by noting the datelines and the contacts
for copy to get to us, as set out on the back page**

PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

WOODBINE COTTAGE, THE PARK. Erection of extension and improved access
THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of kitchen extension. Erection of stable & tack room. Works to garden wall and steps. New vehicular access
LORDS WOOD COTTAGE, THE GROVE, SHEEPSCOMBE. New domestic oil storage tank
18 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of extension
13 BERRY CLOSE. Erection of extension
EDGE HILL FARM, THE GREEN, EDGE. Installation of a steel casement to replace timber & insertion of a 20 mm steel frame to lights
JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE. (Listed Building application) Repairs & refurbishment to existing house and construction of 2 storey extension and single storey garage block. (Resubmission following refusal 04/1430/LBC)
THE OLD VICARAGE, DAMSELLS MILL LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Proposed damp proofing works.

CONSENT

BYFIELD HOUSE, BISLEY STREET. Alterations to annexe to provide bathroom facilities
WINDYRIDGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a temporary log cabin
1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGES, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a garage

REFUSAL

JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE. (Listed Building application) Repairs and refurbishment to existing house, with construction of 2 storey extension & single storey garage block.

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17th - 24th October

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The Cat

As big or bigger than the tallest tree
As fierce as a dinosaur
I scurry away back to my hole
As he lets out his final roar.

Has claws as sharp as razor blades
Teeth that are sharper still
I watch breathless, terrified,
As it makes yet another kill.

A mouth that's cruel and ravenous
A tongue that's dripping and pink,
I wish it would get tired of hunting
So I could have some time to think.

I'm shaking in my home
Mice like me don't have a chance
Even poor old rat
Took that dreaded kittens prance.

What is always hungry?
What chases a rat?
What has eyes that are goggling?
I'll tell you what, a CAT!

From a mouse's eye of view.

*Claire Bamford (11)
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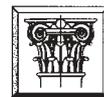
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Iris is remaining on the committee for the time being to assist with feature reports and assignments.

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The Personal Column

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to LAURA GAY who married TIMOTHY POWEL-PERRY from Loughborough at St. Mary's Church on 11th September.

Ruby Wedding

DAVID and JEAN NEWELL will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on 24th October - our congratulations.

Visit to New Zealand

Our librarian RICHARD KENNETT is in New Zealand for two months and ANNE is holding the fort.

Congratulations

We join with family and friends in congratulating Lisa Warnaby of Brookhouse Mill on passing her ACCA Finals and becoming a qualified Accountant.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs GRANT to Fieldways in Longridge, also Mr and Mrs CALVER to Birdlys House, and Mr and Mrs BISHOP to Greenlees in Longridge.

Farewell

We shall be sorry to say goodbye to JEREMY and Dr. KATHERINE IBOLD and their daughter ZOE and son WILLIAM who came to live in Bellstone Cottage in Friday Street from New Zealand two years ago, and are moving back in November.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to FELICITY SHARWOOD-SMITH, ALLEN HALE and URSULA DAWS who have both been ill recently.

Thanks

ANN DANIELS, Joanne and Iain would like to thank all the lovely people who sent kind messages and cards after Vince died in August. Thank you for all your love and care.

SHARWOOD-SMITH: Felicity's warm thanks to kind friends who visited her and sent cards and messages during her recent stay in hospital, and John's to all who so generously offered to drive him to visit her.

and RACHEL TAYLOR who would like to thank the kind people of Painswick for all the cards, flowers and visits during and after her stay in the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JACK ELSTON and BILLIE GRANT who died recently.

In memory

BRENDA MAY CHANDLER (19th March 1953 - 23rd August 2004). Many folk in the village will remember Brenda and her family, former residents of Ashton House in Gloucester Street.

Coaches to London

Seats are still available on the coach to London on Wednesday 20th October. The fare is £10.

For Christmas shopping in London a coach has been arranged for Wednesday 1st December. It will leave Stamages car park at 8.30am. The fare still only £10.

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