

# The Personal Column

The writer of this 'back page' finds herself in the unusual position of putting down her notes in the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, where she is most impressed with the excellent care and attention she is receiving.

## Congratulations

To ALASTAIR BRESSINGTON who has represented his country in the third test match. (See report elsewhere) and JOHN BREEZE on his promotion to the rank of Major in the R.A.D.C.

## Silver wedding

Congratulations to PAUL and CLAIRE MOIR who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 15th September.

## Eightieth Birthday

Congratulations to DOREEN BIRT who was 80 on 23rd August.

## Condolences

Our sympathy to the family and friends of DULCIE BURDETT, Mrs RICHARDSON, BETTY McGRATH, BRENDA VARDY, JANE DICKENSON and VINCE DANIELS who died recently.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome ANN HASTINGS who has moved into 13 Berry Close from Leeds, also JENNIFER and JOHN DAVIS, with Rowan and Amber, who have rented The Watch House and Mr and Mrs GORDON SOUTAR who have moved into Surmang in Cranham, and JANET GROVES and ALISON GREY who have moved into The Fiery Beacon and Mr and Mrs GREENWOOD to Aaron House in Butt Green, and Mr RIGBY to 5 Clattergrove, and Mr and Mrs PERRY into St. Johns in Orchard Mead, and Mr SLEIGH and Ms FREEMAN into Cotswold Villa and Mr and Mrs WILSON to Garden Bungalow at Resthaven, Mr and Mrs BOND to Orchard Bungalow at Resthaven.

## Change of house

SEPTIMA WOOLLEY has moved from Clattergrove to Resthaven, and PAM BENTLEY has moved from The Fiery Beacon to Croome House in Bisley Street.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JANE TITSHALL, MICHAEL BRENNAN and 'MAC' MACDONALD (never forgetting RACHEL TAYLOR - Ed.)

## Farewell

Best wishes to JULIAN and EMMA ARCHARD and their three children who have moved to France from Madison House, and to JANE and CARLOS ALVAREZ-MUNOZ who have moved from Hill House Farm in Edge to Majorca, and Mr and Mrs JOHN IRVINE who have moved from Surmang in Cranham to Devon.

## Clypping Service

The guest preacher at the annual Clypping Service is the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Right Reverend John Went. The service, which begins at 3.00 pm on 19th September, is to have an innovation.

After Painswick has been 'clypped' - the church is circled and 'hugged' - those present will face outwards and 'clypp' the world: a sign of the church's commitment to faith sharing.

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## CLYPPING, CLIPPING...



## OR JUST PRUNING?

The annual state of confusion is here again! The confusion exists because people still muddle this annual event of arboriculture on the famous yew trees with the church's Clipping or Clypping Service to be held on the afternoon of 19th September. (See back page.)

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, David Harley, one of the Churchwardens, says that he is keen to try and prevent (or prevent) the outbreak of civil war again in Painswick as they commence a programme of 'cutting back' or 'heavy pruning' on some of the yew trees. Some of you may remember the furore which occurred ten years ago when major surgery was performed on those trees

lining the path from the church to the Lychgate. Pictured left is one of the rather sad yews as it appeared in the Beacon in September 1994. On the right, the same, re-newed yew as it appears now. He comments: "I wonder if those cynics and critics have ever thought of apologising when they look at the splendid results of that work as seen today?"



Ten years on and there is the need to tackle some more problems in order to preserve the trees. Some of the trees are losing their beautiful symmetry, dying back and getting out of shape, others have formed arches over footpaths where trees have joined overhead and are starting to prevent access along the paths, and some are growing over and hiding our equally famous tombs.

The PCC has sought advice from its tree maintenance contractor, an Arboricultural Association approved contractor with significant consultancy experience. The PCC has also consulted Painswick's 'nationally acclaimed' tree expert, who masterminded the work ten years ago.

The intention is to start a rolling programme of work in October and March of each year, the two suitable periods for carrying out such work. Initially the 'skirts' on some of the trees will be raised and the dead wood trimmed away, followed by opening up or raising some of the archways over the paths. Some of the trees will have their bumps and hollows smoothed out and gradually reshaped, while others will be cut back where they are overgrowing tombs and gravestones.

This work is going to be progressed over several seasons. As with the work ten years ago, David admits that initially they may look a little strange, but he is confident that they will soon recover and continue to present the wonderful spectacle of shaped yew trees of which we are all proud.

The Vicar and Churchwardens would welcome any comments or expert opinions, but please put them in writing before work commences in October.

## Post Office Super-bug!

Clemency Littler (aged 12), who lives at Painswick Post Office came face to face with this monstrous (hawk moth?) caterpillar in her back garden. She says that it was about seven cm long and two cm wide. 'And it was brown,' she added ominously.

You have been warned...



Election results... Young, Gifted and... Painswickian! ...Bevin Boys back together... Festival - get participating... Just a song at twilight... Painswickian plodders... Cricketing vicars... a Warm response to a burning issue... and another Spotlight.

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Not a lot, this month, as the Parish Council traditionally takes a break and does not hold a meeting in August. However, this does not mean that the Council has been inactive and an additional meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 1st September to deal with outstanding business. A report of that meeting will be published in the October Beacon.

In the July issue of the Beacon we were able to report upon the uncontested structure of the Council, and that three vacancies remained; two in Painswick and one in Sheepscombe.

Just in time for our going to press we can report the latest position concerning the filling of these vacancies.

The election itself took place on Thursday 26th August in the Town Hall. Nothing unusual in that, but the 'count' afterwards also took place there, the first time anyone we have met can remember that happening. The Beacon looked in and captured pictures of the staff meticulously sorting voting slips prior to their being totalled for number of votes cast and the precise number for each of the four candidates. Some may be interested to note that 1669 were eligible to vote and no less than 473 did so (28.3%), casting a total of 849 votes to select two councillors. Of the 473 voters, 155 (38%) were postal votes.

At the conclusion of the 'count' shortly after 10.00pm the Returning Officer, Michael Rowan, announced the outcome we have shown in the box here, and that two voting slips had been rejected. So, Jason Bullingham and Peter Rowe have been elected to the Parish Council and, having completed their Acceptance of Office, will be invited to attend their first meeting on Wednesday 1st September.



Commenting on his election, Jason Bullingham said "I am anxious to thank all who voted for me, Barbara Tait for being a Counting Agent, John West who proposed me, and Paul Gray who seconded my nomination".

Peter Rowe also expressed his thanks for people who supported and voted for him and said that he was looking forward to serving on the Council. "If anyone wants to talk about issues of concern I will be pleased to listen carefully".

**Election voting**

Jason Owen BULLINGHAM 249  
Frances RODEN 184  
Peter Michael ROWE 276  
Pauline Margaret YOUNG 140



We have been fortunate in the coincidence of dates during this year's election process which has enabled us to add to public awareness of the two elections through these columns. It would be remiss of us not to draw attention to the democratic process wherever we can, and to highlight the public-spirited actions of all four in putting themselves forward for service to the community.

We hope to be able to publish the complete list of twelve Councillors in our next issue, if the co-option of someone to fill the sole remaining vacancy - in Sheepscombe - has been resolved by then.

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**PLANNING MATTERS**

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

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

1 TOCKNELLS COTTAGES, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a garage  
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. (Re-submission following refusal 03/1556)  
THUMPERS COTTAGE, THE GROVE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retrospective application for the erection of a summer house  
BROOK FARM, GREENHOUSE LANE. Erection of garage & games room. Existing garage to be converted into an annexe  
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  
Barn at STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD. Re-roofing of existing agricultural barn with concrete tiles

**REVISED PLANS**

DORMER COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN. Erection of one dwelling and detached double garage. Main changes: Height of dwelling reduced and position moved away from copper beech tree

**CONSENT**

Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of one dwelling. Revised full application following withdrawn application S.03/CO232/REM  
WHISPERING TREES, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of extensions  
BEECHCROFT, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retrospective application for construction of new roof and formation of rooms in the roof space  
OLD MEADOW, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of a conservatory  
Field adjacent to COLDSTREAM COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of replacement storage building  
WOODSIDE COTTAGE, ELCOMBE, SLAD. Renewal of permission S.99/1607 for the erection of an extension  
CASTLE LODGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a single storey greenhouse/store. (Existing outbuilding to be demolished)  
BEECH COTTAGE, SLAD ROAD, SLAD. Erection of single storey extension  
THE STABLES, THE VATCH, SLAD. Application for continued use of The Stables as temporary office accommodation for a further three years  
DOWN FARM, SLAD. Erection of a single storey timber building for use as office  
SHEEPEHOUSE COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Erection of a greenhouse

**REFUSAL**

1 CHELTENHAM ROAD. Removal of rendered infill to 1st floor façade & provision of new timber sash window  
4 UPPER WASHWELL. Erection of a bungalow  
HEATHER BANK, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Proposed loft conversion, demolition of part of house & erection of an extension

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**Advertiser's error**

In our last issue we carried an advertisement on page.3 for a Visiting Estate Manager for Hyett Orchard.

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Tue	19	Bird Club: Visit to Cotswold Falconry Centre, and Optional visit to Batsford Arboretum		
Wed	20	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Thu	21	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm
Sat	23	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham Everyman	The Falcon	1.30pm
Fri	22	Senior Circle: "Keeping it in style" - Jenny Bailey	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	25	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Anne Leoni	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Thu	28	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	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	3	Women's Fellowship: Christmas Decorations - Laura Fleming	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		C.T.A.P. AGM: Speaker Mr Douglas Sammon		
		FRCS, Orthopaedic Surgeon	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Bird Club: "Alternative Majorca and its bird life" - Tony Hawkins	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6 - 20	<b>Painswick Festival of Music, Art &amp; Drama Fortnight</b>		
	6	Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sun	7	Piano Recital: Ian de Massini	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	10	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		
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	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop	Christ Church	2.00pm
		Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church	7.30pm
Thu	18 - Sat 20:	Painswick Players present		
		<i>A Man For All Seasons</i> by Robert Bolt	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Fri	19	Senior Circle: AGM followed by Richmond Village" - Keith Cockell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
Mon	22	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs June Tuffnell	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	24	Women's Fellowship: Cheesemaking, 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
Mon	29	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm

#### 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	12.15 to 1.15pm
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Linda Davies	Christ Church Hall	12.15 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
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#### 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

## Directory 2005

The Beacon will soon be updating its information in readiness for printing the Directory for 2005 which, as in previous years, will be published free with the December issue.

**We need your help to achieve this, please.**

Our experience is that many organisations are finding the Directory very useful in attracting enquiries and, for that reason, are as keen as you are that the entry is very accurate. **We need information to change/update that published last December by Friday 19th November** at the very latest. We thought we would give good notice of that date, not least because some voluntary group committees do not meet very often but want to discuss any changes.

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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## Not so old

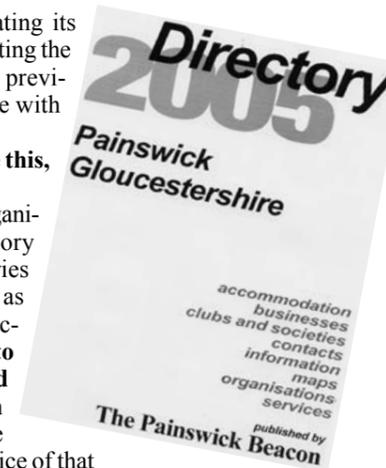
Well here we are again after our summer break, and looking forward to our meeting on 10th September, when our speaker will be Mr Haigh, and his subject will be "Wills of the Rich and Famous". We look forward to meeting you in the Town Hall at 2.30p.m.

We have discussed at length whether we should change our name in the hope that more people will come and join us, as I understand the title suggests old and decrepit. But why not come and see for yourselves!! We are all over fifty but still think we are 21 and believe in having a good time, as our outings this year have proved. There is no membership just £1 when you attend.

Outings still to come, are a visit to Westonbirt Arboretum on 8th October, and a "Before the rush" shopping trip to Cribbs Causeway on the 5th November, and our Christmas Lunch will be at The Castle, Morton Valance on the 3rd December.

Our fund raising Coffee Morning with preparing for Christmas stalls will be on 17th November in the Town Hall, - not to mention our meetings with speakers as reported in the Beacon Diary, so what do you think - is this a programme for the old and decrepit? Look forward to meeting you there.

*Anne Smith - Chairman*



## Fireworks crackdown

From midnight on Friday 6th August 2004, new legislation came into force to crack down on the anti-social use of fireworks. It is now illegal to let off fireworks between 11.00pm and 7.00am. Fines of up to £5000 and/or six months imprisonment may be given to those who break the curfew. On November 5th the curfew will begin at midnight.

For some other occasions during the year when fireworks are normally used for traditional or cultural events the start of the curfew will be later. These are Diwali Night, the Chinese New Year and New Year's Eve, when the curfew will not start until 1.00am.

More details can be found at [www.gnn.gov.uk](http://www.gnn.gov.uk)  
**Courtesy and thoughtfulness could still prevail, if only those wanting to have fireworks would reflect, in advance, the impact they will have on neighbours and their pets. The Beacon will be only too pleased to publish dates/times of intended firework parties so that pets and livestock can be brought indoors, and those who fear the noise can be prepared. Why not?**

## Painswick Country Market

A web site has been established for Painswick Country Market and can be found at [www.painswickmarket.org.uk](http://www.painswickmarket.org.uk). (Free internet access is available in Painswick library, if you do not have access at home.)



#### Special Orders

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#### In Season

Now that we are approaching late summer, growers are delivering masses of fresh produce for the vegetable, fruit and flower stalls. It is hard to beat freshly picked garden grown tomatoes and French and runner beans. We are happy to take orders for these items as well.

After a well-earned break during the school holidays, our bread maker Gillian Hancock will be bringing homemade breads and rolls again to the market.

Painswick Country Market is open on Fridays at 10.00 - 10.45 am in the Town Hall, Victoria Street. Our local producers bake, grow and make genuinely home-produced goods, ranging from traditional cakes, preserves and crafts to plants and cut flowers. We also sell locally produced eggs, honey, fruit and vegetables. Finally, please come and enjoy a freshly made cup of coffee with a slice of cake.

*Patricia Davey and Jane Rowe*

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## Young, Gifted and... Painswickian!

It's all too easy to use derogatory terms when talking about young people. Sometimes it pays to look a little closer. Here in Painswick, for example, we have several young men and women of whom we should be proud for their enterprise and activity. Carol Maxwell has interviewed two young men taking their first steps as entrepreneurs.

### Recipe for success

**David McCullagh is a young man with vision, energy and boundless enthusiasm.**

He is about to set up a juice and smoothie bar with a difference – not out of a can but freshly made in front of your very eyes. For David, this is important. He wants to specialise in fresh, healthy, delicious drinks. He wants people to come back to real tastes with no processing involved. A simple premise, you might think, but, in fact, he has found no local competition.

David's plan involves installing a purpose-built unit in any suitable location and, because it would be easy to assemble and dismantle, it could be set up for any length of time. The Beechwood Arcade in Cheltenham will be his first venue where he will install his unit right in the middle. He views Cheltenham as a good testing ground as it has a broad demographic profile but he does also foresee opportunities in Birmingham, Bristol and, of course, London. Preferring enclosed environments to avoid the problems of cold weather conditions, he envisages his unit being set up in a wide range of places, large or small, for example offices, stations, shopping centres, events and even locations such as the Eden Project. He doesn't see this happening anywhere at present.

So how did David arrive at this decision? Having attended Winstone's School and then Stroud College he went on to do a degree course in Physics and Oceanography at Southampton University. He spent a gap year diving and travelling in Africa and worked at a diving centre in Kenya for 6 months. After this, he took a job as a diving manager in the Phillipines on a coral reef project with an expedition company. Moving on to another expedition company he found himself in a desk job in London organising overseas expeditions – something of a contrast, to the say the least. He soon realised that this was not for him and that he needed to re-assess his situation and future. He decided he would like to run his own business.

At the same time he found himself frustrated by the endless provision of coffee bars and noticed the supermarket boom in branded juices. He saw that there was an opportunity to do it properly by producing the juice or smoothie freshly and that this was the direction for him. He has spent the last year planning exactly how to go about it.

Lean, mean and mobile is the way forward, according to David. He wants to provide pockets of activity in disparate locations and sees it as a process of creativity. How it should be identified is the key. The branding, i.e. the experience and interaction with the customer, is critical and he recognises that keeping it small is the answer.

A great believer in the benefits of eating fruit, David is keen to design a marketing campaign that is both attractive and partly educational. He is conscious of the powerful image of food that is constantly presented to us and that marketing has not focussed on fruit and healthy, unadulterated food. He wants to promote the idea of eating what the body was intended to eat and he is passionate about experiencing the sheer pleasure of the taste of good fruit.

The desire to run a business combined with a belief in the product is indeed an advantage. But this is not simply whimsical. David has researched all aspects with breathtaking rigour and has a well-structured business plan which he hopes will attract financial support. He is very anxious that the presentation is absolutely right. He sees this as both a philosophy on life and a delicious indulgence, hence not aimed at any one sector of the market.

Initially the business will involve David plus two and there will be a 4 month pilot phase as a learning period. Then he will focus on growth but with caution. He is realistic about the difficulties of managing diverse locations in the future if this possibility arises, especially as he wants to retain a very personal element in its planned identity and the need for the unit, which he will build himself, to be appropriate for the situation. He sees it as a constant learning process.

David is very articulate when explaining his plans, leaving you feeling positive and very impressed. His meticulous planning and infectious enthusiasm are laudable and you are left with the confident feeling that success is inevitable. Watch this space for the opening date of his venture and then go and indulge yourself.

**Oh, and the name of his juice bar – Squeezeology.**

### Home-grown talent

**If you are looking for garden design with flair and energy, then James Sheppard is your man.**

At 24, James radiates a winning combination of love for what he does and true drive. James attended Marling School and went on to a foundation art course specialising in sculpture in Cheltenham. He then turned to horticulture which he studied at the University of Central England and Pershore College and gained a first class honours degree. "I worked very hard for that," says James. You quickly realise when talking to him that this same attitude is characteristic of everything he does. Plans and designs are explained with zeal and energy and he shows tremendous interest in each of the projects he is involved with.

He is employed by Anderson Norman Landscapes in Stroud,



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and mostly non-weekly after that

# VILLAGE DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

Sun	5	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing - Improvers PCMS Service of rededication	Painswick Centre St Mary's Church	7.30 to 8.30pm 6.30pm
Mon	6	Using the Internet – booking required	Painswick Library	
Tue	7	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	8	Probus: Highway Maintenance – L Elcocks Tea Dances (restart) Women's Fellowship Opening Service	Ostlers Room Painswick Centre Christ Church	10.00 for 10.30am 2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	9	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm 6.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays Art Classes - (also 17th & 24th September) Senior Circle: "Wills of the rich and famous" - Mr Haigh	The Falcon Town Hall Church Rooms Town Hall	10.00am 9.30am to 12.00noon 2.30pm
Sat	11	Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, Sponsored cycle ride and walk 'Imagination Station' - Children's Art & Drama Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Gloucestershire Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am to 6.00pm 10.00am to 12.00noon 3.00 to 5.00pm
Sun	12	Painswick Praise:	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Tue	14	Mothers' Union Meeting	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	15	Parish council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group 17th Season start	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	17	Upstairs Downstairs present 'Just a Song at Twilight' in aid of Meningitis Trust	Pitville Pump Room, Cheltenham	
Sat	18	<b>Copy dateline for October to Editorial Team</b> 'Imagination Station' - Children's Art & Drama	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon
Sun	19	Clypping Service	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	21	Glos.Fed. WI's - Special Public Meeting Local History Society Meeting Jazz Evening: Local musicians, no entry fee	Library Room Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Farming Today – J Rowe Coach to Bath: Enquiries 813965/813227 Women's Fellowship AGM	Ostlers Room Stamages Car Park Christ Church Hall	10.00 for 10.30am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	23	<b>Diary dateline for October to Edwina Buttrey</b>		
Fri	24	Senior Circle: "Mares eat oats" - Ha Houghton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	'Imagination Station' - Children's Art & Drama	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon
Tue	28	Bird Club: <i>Bird ringing &amp; migration</i> Brian Bailey Painswick Players AGM	Town Hall Painswick Centre	7.30pm 8.00pm
Thu	30	Music Appreciation Group: Almost Purely Piano	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

### OCTOBER

Fri	1	Art Classes (also 8th & 15th October)	Church Rooms	9.30am to 12.00noon
Sat	2	<b>October issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> 'Imagination Station' - Children's Art & Drama Coffee Morning in aid of M.U. Projects	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.00am to 12.00noon
Wed	6	Women's Fellowship: Energy conservation - Paul Sheridan	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	7	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
Sat	9	Harvest Supper: (Hosted by Cotswold Care Committee)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Sun	10	Painswick Praise:	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Mon	11	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	13	Music Appreciation Group Matinee Concert Visit to Symphony Hall, Birmingham Tennis Club AGM	Stamages Car Park	9.30am
Thu	14	Music Appreciation Group: Comparing more notes	Broadham Painswick Centre	7.30pm 7.30pm
Mon	18	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Painswick Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm



## Wordsearch

Brother Leslie's devious mind gets ever more devious. In this month's Wordsearch, there are 21 items which might have a place on a well laid dinner table, one of which is mentioned twice. That said, there are also 19 which would not find their way there! Is that all quite clear?

Last month's American Presidents since 1916 were, with one omission:-

**HARDING-COOLIDGE-HOOVER-ROOSEVELT-(TRUMAN omitted)- EISENHOWER - KENNEDY - JOHNSON - NIXON - FORD-CARTER-REAGAN-BUSH-CLINTON**

We received several correct listings, the first one opened being from Ann Dorman of Kingsmill Lane, closely followed by an 'anonymous' one from GL6 6QY.

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## Memorial Garden

Readers will recall the report in the April Beacon issue concerning the decision of the Parochial Church Council to create a Memorial Garden for the interment of ashes within the churchyard. The Vicar and Churchwardens told the Beacon that "Because it is not possible to continue with individual memorial stones, it has been agreed to place a new 'Memorial Stone' as the focal point in the Garden., with a suitable inscription. In addition, there will be a Memorial Book in St. Peter's Chapel inside the church for the recording of names". On the morning of the Clypping Service at 9.30am., the Dean of Gloucester, the Very Reverend Nicholas Bury, will be celebrating and preaching on 'sharing the faith with the bereaved'. During the service he will be dedicating the new Memorial Stone. Later that morning at 11.00am he will be in Cranham when, during the service, he will dedicate a Book of Remembrance.

## Painswick praise

The Painswick Praise Worship Team welcome children and their families back to St Mary's Church on 12th September. There will be fellowship, praise, prayer and music as before and new activities to involve the children even more closely in the worship. We do hope you will be able to join us at 4 p.m.

**Don't forget- follow the balloons!**

*Reverend Helen Sammon, Ela Pathak-Sen and members of the team*

## PROPERTY REPORT for September by Murrays

September already! It's hard to believe this year is flying by so quickly and it's our birthday again, five years this month since Murrays opened in Painswick. September also is time to advance to Mayfair again for our twice-yearly Cotswold property presentation when we take over our Mayfair office for the day to promote our Gloucestershire properties to London buyers. Presentations are becoming regular events for Murrays with Richmond Village the main feature of an event held early in August in our Painswick office. This was well attended with both local and outside interest with reservations continuing to grow and now only seven apartments remaining. Our next Richmond Village presentation will be in Minchinhampton in October opening our marketing to a wider area. September is also the month when the property market has its traditional autumn surge after the summer holidays and before the thoughts of Christmas slow things down again. Perhaps the recent interest rate rises may keep the market on hold but from our contacts around the country, the feeling is optimistic, interest rates may well have peaked and most believe that after a subdued year so far there is still room for some strong activity to come.

Recent sales and completions include Norway House in Sheepscombe, Moorcroft and Sangria on the Painswick side of Gloucester, Rose Cottage in Vicarage Street, The Fiery Beacon to Croome House in Bisley Street, Yew Tree Barn by The Falcon, Cambrai on Cheltenham Road and Surmang in Cranham. We have received some excellent new instructions too, a detached cottage in Edge with breathtaking views, a Victorian semi detached family house in Cranham, a superbly appointed house in beautiful grounds on The Highlands, a very impressive detached house at Coopers Hill, a modern four bedroomed detached house on The Croft and a historic listed village house at the top of Bisley Street. Selling your home has become a little harder in recent weeks but demand still outstrips supply for quality homes as well as those for improvement often achieving over the guide price. A recent instruction of a period house for improvement attracted over 50 viewers in short period of marketing resulting in a "closing date" being set on its guide price of £850,000, a method of sale that has proved very successful in bringing sales to a speedy conclusion. Please call us for more information.

*Clive Murray*

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currently having responsibility for all their design work. He also selects the plants and is involved with the electrical and electronics aspects of the work. This diversity of design and practical work appeals to him. He loves the construction side and dry-stone walling in particular, a skill which he has developed in his current employment.

Having taken this job immediately after graduating, James was certainly thrown in at the deep end and has had to learn a great deal. Full of youthful enthusiasm, he is keen to explain that, although it can be quite a lonely profession, he feels that he will eventually have expertise in all the aspects from the design to costing to hands-on work. As a student he won a prestigious Gardeners' World RHS award which spurred him on and he is still very keen on the idea of learning all the time.

James explains that there are eight stages involved in garden design and these he follows rigidly. They make the whole process more effective and successful. He likes the creativity and ideas which his work requires and derives enormous pleasure from seeing the whole process go from inception to the end result.

Apart from the work which his full-time employment provides, he is eager to take on private commissions. Already he has undertaken some projects in Painswick and the reactions of his clients have been very favourable. James is very proud of these achievements and rightly so. His designs are imaginative and sympathetic, demonstrating a real understanding of what is appropriate and interesting in each situation. He likes the confidence people have in him. He wants people to enjoy his work for them, and to like the idea that it will be a long-term feature.

James is currently building an impressive portfolio. He is very serious in his intentions about this – it must be right, it should be artistic and professional. He is brimming over with enthusiasm and ideas of both a contemporary and a traditional nature.

In the near future he is hoping to submit his ideas for the next annual Westonbirt International Garden Festival, an event at the cutting edge of the horticultural world. Only thirteen entries are accepted each year based on the use of materials, techniques and landscape art. James sees this as fun and an opportunity to create something which is purely for his own fulfilment. It would, of course, also be a huge fillip to his career as he and his ideas would be featured in many national and international publications.

For James the future holds many possibilities. He would like to extend his range of activities e.g. work on themed designs for smaller spaces such as balconies, and to work in a freelance capacity. Eventually he would like his own business designing and building gardens. In the meantime, he would love to take on

more private commissions for any sort of garden, to do much more dry-stone walling and he has lots of plants for sale.

**James Sheppard's ideas are modern and radical yet sensitive and appropriate. He is innovative and imaginative and overflowing with exuberance and energy. He is right here in Painswick. Get him to design and build your garden.**

## Bevin Boys re-union

**On Saturday, 21st August, members of the Bevin Boys Association from near and far accompanied by their guests, attended a garden party hosted by Lady Elizabeth Finsberg at Cotswold House in New Street.**

Bevin Boys inherited the name from Ernest Bevin, the wartime Minister of Labour & National Service. Regular coal miners were called up for military service during the early years of World War II. In order to compensate for the shortage of Miners and increase coal production, Ernest Bevin introduced a scheme in December 1943 to recruit young men of call-up age to work in the coal mines instead of serving in the Armed Forces.



48,000 Bevin Boys were conscripted for National Service employment in the mines; half being selected by ballot (ballotees) without any choice to serve in a preferred service and the remainder opted (optants and volunteers) as an alternative to serving in the Forces. From 1943 until 1948 all 48,000 Bevin Boys worked underground in over 1,800 coal mines in England, Wales and Scotland.

Lady Finsberg is the President of the Bevin Boys Association, which came about on the death of her husband Lord Geoffrey Finsberg who was himself a former Bevin Boy.



She is pictured here with Vice-president Warwick Taylor MBE and Chairman John Burgess.

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## Camino Della Liberta: A Postscript

In the article in last month's Beacon entitled 'Camino Delia Libertia' Ann Burges Watson mentions a brave SAS man Patrick Dudgeon who was executed by the Germans, and also his father. We thought you might be interested to know a few more facts about them. We met his father, an exceptional, intelligent, kind and gentle elderly man in the late 1950's and he welcomed us and our babies to his home at Beech Hill House, Headley, Hampshire for many weekend stays, from the early sixties until his death.

His companion/housekeeper, a strong, generous hearted lady had been nanny to Patrick and his brother Brian. Colonel Dudgeon was stationed in Egypt with all his family when his wife became pregnant again. She tragically died in childbirth. He never remarried and Miss Stoddart cared for the boys and him until his death, when Brian closed the big house and she spent the remainder of her life in a warden controlled apartment and latterly a nursing home. 'Uncle' Colonel Chris never really recovered from Patrick's untimely death. He had after all, already completed some daring exploits as an SAS officer, not least in the occupied Channel Islands. Luckily 'Uncle' Chris was sufficiently influential in the British Army to pursue the real facts behind Patrick's death particularly following the receipt of the letter from the German guard who clearly admired his courage. We were privileged to see this letter during the many evenings we spent story telling by the roaring fire in 'Uncle' Chris's Study. As they grew older our children, who both now live in Painswick, treasured being with this benevolent, slightly sad old man who smoked endless matches and little tobacco in his pipe, as he recounted these fascinating stories to them.

He had originally been informed that Patrick had been caught wearing a civilian disguise, and the Germans therefore, felt able to execute him as a spy. His father instinctively felt that this could not be the case. He persuaded the authorities soon after the war was over to exhume Patrick's grave. He was dressed in his full uniform.

As a result it became immediately obvious he had been executed in contravention of the Geneva Convention. His captors and executioners were hunted down by the British and paid for there evil with their own lives, following hearings at the Nuremberg trials.

'Uncle' Colonel Chris and 'Aunty' Stoddart visited us many times in Gloucestershire. We treasured their company- it was beyond price and, for Patrick's and his father's sake, our memories of Patrick do not fade.

*The Oakleys*

## Coach outings

Seats are still available on the coach to **BATH** on Wednesday September 22nd, leaving Painswick at 10.00am. Fare £7.00.

The autumn coach to **LONDON** is planned for Wednesday 20th October. It will leave Stamages Lane Car Park at 8.30 am, setting down at Harrods at about 11.15 am and Northumberland Avenue for Trafalgar Square at 11.30 am. The return journey will be from Trafalgar Square only at 6.30 pm. The fare is £10.00.

Bookings for both outings with cash or cheque payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings' should be made with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.



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## Park Prewett Hospital

*Following Mary Krill's D-Day memories in the July Beacon, Jenny Oakley forwarded this poem written by her uncle while in Park Prewett Hospital surrounded by war-wounded.*

A haven of rest for weary men,  
 Where wounds are healed, and minds are set at rest,  
 Where science seeks to heal, and not destroy,  
 And all is clean, and promises of joy.

If we could keep this flower, and outlaw war,  
 If we could rise above ourselves, and see far more,  
 And build new ways of life, upon a higher plane,  
 Then would our men not all have died in vain,  
 And sleep more peacefully where they fell,  
 Knowing, at long last, all is well.

If we could banish greed, and lust for power,  
 And institute equality of law,  
 Forget our selfish aims, and work for good,  
 Remembering, bread is not our only food,  
 Then we could pause, turn round, and truly say,  
 No shadow mars my mind, this is the way!

*E Tooley, 5th November 1944*

## Caroline MacBrayne GEAR concert.

A warm and sunny afternoon found Painswickians enjoying a recital on Diana Feilden's beautiful Steinway Grand Piano at her home in Hambutts Mead. The professional pianist Caroline MacBrayne played a varied and lyrical programme of music by Brahms, John Ireland, Delius and Debussy. It was particularly rewarding to hear the dreamy *Island Spell* of Ireland whilst the three Delius *Preludes* and the Debussy *Estampes* displayed Caroline's sensitivity and brilliance.

A collection was made and donations to GEAR exceeded £140.00. GEAR (Gloucestershire Emergency Accommodation Resource) is based at The Vaughan Centre and provides support and practical help to the homeless and vulnerable, including night shelter, medical support, food and a welcome.

Special thanks go to Caroline for giving us all such a treat and for generously giving her time away from her teaching and performance commitments, to Brian Jones of GEAR for all his help and hard work, and not least to Diana Feilden for her hospitality.

*Ros Harris*

## Rugby

The new season got underway last Saturday when two Drybrook fifteens came to Broadham for a practice match. Everyone at the Painswick Club is looking forward to the new season, not least because it sees the introduction of a new league for second fifteens called the Citizen Merit Table. Painswick United will be playing in Division 2. Ian Maller who joined the club from Minchinhampton last season has taken over full responsibility for coaching. Ian is held in high regard by the players not least for his disciplined approach to the game. The first fifteen, who this season are captained by Ben Pollard, play in the Premier Division of the Gloucestershire league and begin their league programme on 11th September when they travel to Filton to play Aretians. The following Saturday they are at home in the Powergen Junior Vase against either Pilning or Ross, having had a bye in the preliminary round. The United's first Merit Table match is also on the 18th September when they travel to Hucclecote. The United's captain is Julian Mitchell.

### Nathan Bressington

Adrian Bressington has told the Beacon that Alastair's brother, Nathan, who played rugby for Painswick, has signed professional terms with the Moseley Rugby Club.

**Fixtures** (L) indicates league match  
 Sat 11th September:

1st XV v Aretians (Away).

Sat 18th September:

Powergen Vase (Home).

(L) United v Hucclecote (Away).

Sat 25th September:

(L) 1st XV v Chosen Hill (Home).

(L) United v Cheltenham Sabres (Away).

Sat 2nd October:

(L) 1st XV v Old Richians (Away).

(L) United v Cirencester (Home).

## Badminton

### Looking forward to the new season

The new season starts on Monday 6th September at the Painswick Centre and there may be one or two vacancies should anyone be interested in joining for social Badminton. Sessions for Juniors start on Thursday 9th September at the usual times and this year it is hoped to put a junior team in the local league. At this stage it is uncertain whether there will be any vacancies as numbers are limited. On Friday nights at 8pm from 24th September it is again planned to run Badminton club evenings which would also be open to non-members from the Parish. Any prospective new members, seniors or juniors, should in the first instance contact Delyth Allen on 813182.

*John Barrus*

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## Golf

### Painswick Golf Club, Ladies Section News.

#### Results

*Ladies Club Championship*

1st Gross Jean Kendrick 163 (36 holes)

1st Nett Ann Smith Nett 136 (36 holes)

*Felling Shield*

1st Angela Woodward 41pts

*August Medal*

1st Kate Dennison Nett 69

On 16th August Painswick hosted the annual match between Gloucestershire County Junior Girls and the Vets. Society. A very talented group of 16 girls defeated the Vets 10 - 4. but an enjoyable day was had by all.

On 19th Thursday the annual Margaret Kemp Texas Scramble was played at Painswick. This is an inter-club competition for Minchinhampton Old Course and Painswick, where Seniors and Ladies of both clubs play in mixed teams. The winning team consisted of Myrtle Blandford and Brian Carter (Minch. ) and Jane Davis and Stan Gidman (Painswick). In a week with some very difficult weather conditions, the 62 players who took part had a beautiful afternoon. The day was completed with a meal and presentations at the clubhouse.

The ladies section are keen to encourage new golfers and are holding some coffee/golf mornings. For the cost of £5, any lady who is interested in playing golf, even if they have never played before, is invited to come along and give it a try. The first two dates are Tuesday 14th September and Tuesday 5th October at 9a.m. If there is sufficient interest, further sessions will take place along with some professional tuition. For further information ring 813141 or 01453.752669. Any working ladies who are also interested please telephone as there are opportunities for encouragement on some Saturdays.

## Tennis

### Tennis Club's loss

Members of Painswick's Tennis Club have been saddened to learn of the death of founder member, Jane Dickenson. Jane was an extremely popular member who gave the club tremendous support both on and off the tennis courts over many years and continued to play until quite recently. A talented player, she was Ladies Singles Champion for several years and later an Honorary Life Member. She will be greatly missed.

### Annual General Meeting

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



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## Cricket

### More success for Painswick

Painswick First Eleven ended the season on a high note last Saturday when they beat Tetbury by 7 wickets to win the Third Division of the Readers Gloucestershire County Cricket League. Their success follows that reported last month when they won the Stroud Evening Cricket League Division 1 and later the Inter-League Challenge Cup. The Cricket Week began on Sunday 1st August with the very popular Six-a-Side Tournament. Cotswold defeated Painswick in the final.

### Results (Saturday matches all league games)

Sat 31 Jul.

Corse & Staunton 1st XI 219-8 Painswick 1st XI 220-9.

Churchdown 2nd XI 225-4 Painswick 2nd XI 77.

Sat 14 Aug.

Chalford 1st XI 135 all out Painswick 1st XI 136-6.

Painswick 2nd XI 174-7 Fairford 2nd XI 175-4.

Sat 28 Aug.

Tetbury 1st XI 138-8 Painswick 1st XI 139-3.

### Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP)

CTAP members had been invited to form a cricket team to play against their opposite numbers from Stroud. The match was one of a number of events being organised by Stroud area Catholics to raise funds for the renovation of the church at Beeches Green. The venue was that of the Painswick Cricket Club and CTAP members were most grateful to the club for allowing the use of the splendid facilities at Broadham. The CTAP team was led by Vicar John with Father David Ryan masterminding the Stroud side's strategy. Prior to the start of the match an unpleasant drizzle set in and there were fears that the game might not be able to proceed. However, the rain stopped and the rest of the day brought no further interruptions. Stroud batted first and scored a total of 135 runs. Painswick's response was led by the Vicar's son, Philip, who was the home team's only undefeated batsman. The 20 overs a side match reached an exciting conclusion with Painswick requiring 5 to win off the final over. However, it was Stroud who were to emerge victorious when Robert Helliwell bowled Harry Waller with three balls remaining.



Stroud parishioner, Mr Ron Taylor, had very kindly given a trophy for the occasion and he made the presentation to the Stroud Captain, Graham Bailey. The many local spectators who had come to watch the game were particularly pleased to learn that

### "Your country needs you"

That was the message given to Painswick Rugby Club member, Alastair Bressington, when he was batting during a Gloucestershire Second Eleven match against Somerset at Taunton last month. The call came from Old Trafford where England were playing the West Indies in the Third Test Match. Alastair is one of Gloucestershire's nominated fielders should England require assistance and that assistance was required because the England player, Graham Thorpe, had been struck on the hand whilst batting and had been unable to field. Alastair's father, Adrian, told the Beacon that Alastair had been batting well when he had to retire from the Second Eleven game to make the trip to Manchester but, in the event, rain had later caused the match to be abandoned and so he would not have been able to continue his innings. As it was Alastair was thrilled to receive the summons to go to Manchester. Once on the field there was some banter with the crowd who shouted to him to ask who he was. However, it was not long before he had the chance to show his ability when he took a fine catch to dismiss the West Indian batsman, Carlton Baugh. Alastair spoke highly of the England players in the way they had made him welcome. He was particularly pleased to be complimented on his performance by England coach, Duncan Fletcher. Certainly a day to remember!



Philip Longuet-Higgins had been adjudged "Man of the Match" and Painswick Cricket Club Chairman, John Hogg, was delighted to present Philip with a copy of the recently published "History of the Cheltenham Cricket Festival". All who either played or watched thought the day had been a tremendous success. Particular thanks were given to the ladies of Painswick's Catholic community who provided an excellent tea for everyone. Following the presentations there was a short service in which Ian Marsh read from St Paul's letter to the Philippians after which the hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung. The Vicar read the closing prayer and he and Father David gave the Final Blessing together. A number of residents have



asked whether the day is to be repeated and it seems there is every possibility that the fixture will be held again next year. CTAP members have already been approached by several Painswick cricketers who had missed the advertisement about the game and have offered their services for future matches. Competition could be keen for selection!

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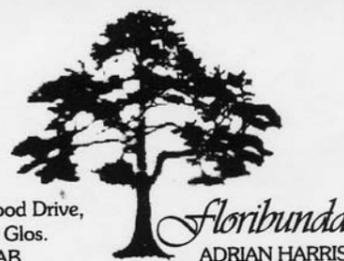
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## Gyde House Conservation Area

Events that followed the sale and conversion of Gyde House into privately-owned apartments, combined with a Government requirement that local Planning Authorities should produce a planning document for each Conservation Area within its jurisdiction, were the catalysts that contributed to the Painswick & District Conservation Society's decision to produce a document that would not only provide a permanent, definitive reference document, but also demonstrate that the Society does perform other functions than monitoring Planning Applications.

Members of the Society's Committee spent over a year devoting hours of their time to researching and compiling the document, copies of which will be distributed to various relevant bodies and organisations. It is very informative and factual and includes the historical background to Gyde House and its environs, maps and photographs. One photograph of particular interest, is an aerial view of Gyde House, taken in 1928, long before any other development, except the Almhouses, had been built, and it was still surrounded by open country. The information on the design and features of the Listed Grade II Gyde House, with its commanding views across the Painswick valley, the associated Almhouses, and their subsequent designation as a Conservation Area, along with the adjacent Gyde Field and Gyde Barn, would probably be of much interest to people living in the Painswick area.

This document, entitled 'Conservation Area Statement', apart from its historical interest and factual value, is intended to provide guidelines in any future planning applications or alterations in this unique area. These should take into account recommendations and policies considered to be important in preserving its special architectural and distinctive features, such as preserving its views or visibility from the A46, or control of design and materials of any possible future development within the combined curtilage of Gyde House and the neighbouring Almhouses. Painswick Parish Council and the Gyde Residents Association were consulted during the drafting of the document, and a copy has been forwarded to Stroud District Council Planning Department, in the hope that it will be adopted as a Policy Planning Document.

For further details, contact Douglas Robinson on 812286.



## Images of Stroud

As Stroud celebrates its 700th anniversary this year, it is apt that Ian Mackintosh will speak on Images of Stroud to open our new season. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st September at the Croft School starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.



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## A week to go . . .

The Show Secretary, Philip Berry (813227) has asked the Beacon to remind readers, and Members too, that the closing date and time for entries to the 2004 Annual Horticultural Show is today (Saturday, 4th September) at 10.00pm.

The event takes place next Saturday, 11th September, at the Painswick Centre, and is open to the public between 3.00 and 5.00pm. Visitors will, once more, be able to admire fine displays of vegetables, colourful exhibits of flowers and floral arrangements.

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## Festival update: The Participation Factor.

Festivals need to tap into local talent and the Painswick Festival is no exception.

The choral workshop and concert on Saturday November 13th will be conducted by Chris Swain, not only the organist at St.Mary's but also director of music at Wycliffe. Singers from a wide geographical area have already signed up to enjoy a day working with Chris and with versatile soprano soloist Clare Graydon-James. Clare has performed in concert, opera and cabaret as well as being much sought after as a teacher. The programme will include Vivaldi's Gloria and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine. Enquiries to Liz Davies on 812211

If you don't sing – maybe you write? The title of our poetry competition, "The Third Season" offers intriguing possibilities. There are 6 weeks left before the deadline of October 17th. Entries typed on white paper with name, address and date of birth (for those in the 3 under 18 years categories), should be sent to Liz Davies, The Painswick Festival, Benefice Office, The Lychgate, Stroud Road, Painswick. GL6 6UT.

**NB.** Liz will not be judging the poems – we have a professional panel lined up for that!

Stroud author Katie Fforde was delighted to accept an invitation to present prizes to the winners on Wednesday November 17th at 7.30 in Christ Church.

Not only will the Cambridge Voices be performing in St.Mary's on Saturday November 6th at 4pm, but they have also kindly offered to sing a Mass in Basque during the 9.30am service on Sunday 7th. Their conductor, Ian de Massini, will play Bach's Goldberg variations at 3pm that afternoon – what a feast of wonderful music in our church!

The middle Sunday of the festival is Remembrance Sunday. We shall be welcoming Right Reverend Bishop Michael Mann FRSA KCVO to preach that day.

... and, of course, there's still More\* drama before the Festival ends!

## 'Just a Song at Twilight' for the Meningitis Trust

On Friday 17th September, local pianist, Robert James will be taking part in 'Just a Song at Twilight', an Edwardian Musical Evening at the Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham in aid of the Meningitis Trust.

The concert - by Upstairs Downstairs, a new local ensemble - will feature 'upstairs' music of popular opera, Gilbert & Sullivan and drawing-room ballads as well as more earthy 'downstairs' songs from the pubs and the Music Hall.



The Meningitis Trust, which is based in Stroud and has strong links to Painswick, has developed an international reputation for expertise in this potentially devastating disease. Speaking on behalf of the Trust, Toni Collier commented,

'Events like *Just a Song at Twilight* are vital in enabling the Trust to continue research for a 'B' strain vaccine, as well as supporting those already affected by meningitis and providing information to the general public and health professionals.'

Tickets ( £12.50) are available from CheltenhamTown Hall (01242 227979) and Upstairs Downstairs Productions (812167)

## Painswick Festival of the Arts



## ... and yet more Drama!

**Question:** What's got more drama than More\* drama?

**Answer:** A Painswick Players AGM, that's what!

With little more than four weeks to go before our AGM (on 28th September), dramatic plots are even now being plotted, back-stage rumours being rumed and committee members being committed. How many arcane points of order will be thought up? What are the odds of my still being chairman by the end? Will the memberships come collectively to its senses and kick the whole committee out? What will our Spring 2005 production be? What has happened to the infamous PP stock of cheap Hungarian Red? How much will subscriptions have to rise to pay for the increasingly riotous committee meetings? Will the Beacon printers exhaust their stock of question marks before I reach the end of this piece?

Find out the answers to at least some of these questions by coming along to the Painswick Centre, (Cotswold Room) on 28th September at 8.00 pm.

And on the key question of our Spring 2005 production, no fewer than three plays and three budding directors have emerged: Lesley Wolowicz wants to stage *Our Day Out* by Willie Rushton, Kevin Parker is proposing *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon and Alistair Anderson is keen to revive Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. These will all be presented at the AGM.

Such drama! Miss it at your peril!

Jack Burgess

\* as in Sir Thomas More and *A Man for All Seasons* (18th - 20th November), of which more - and More - next month.



## Dancing for Pleasure

Our 4th season of Tea Dances at the Painswick Centre will commence on Wednesday 8th September at the usual time of 2-4pm.

For new residents in the town or those not familiar with these dances, we have a mixture of ballroom, latin and sequence dances during the afternoon, with of course a break for tea and biscuits.

We usually teach a sequence dance before the main session gets underway so that everyone can enjoy the afternoon. If you need to know more please phone and enquire at the number below. You will be made most welcome.

As you will have seen from last month's Beacon, our last season finished with another very successful Victorian Costume Ball with the proceeds going to the restoration fund for the Centre. This event is now scheduled as an annual attraction and will next year be on Saturday 9th July. So if you missed this year make a note of the date.

Geoff & Joy 01453-833150

## 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.

## 19th Century French & British Art classes at the Churchrooms

A series of ten weekly classes on the Art of the Nineteenth Century in France & Britain will begin on Thursday 30th September until 9th December in the Church Rooms, 10.30a.m. to 12 noon. The course will cover art of the French Academy as well as avant-garde art in the early part of the nineteenth century; the syllabus will range from Ingres to the Impressionists in France, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and British academics from Leighton to Millais. These classes will be continued in the spring with a further series of ten Thursday sessions, weekly from 6 January to 17 March 2005.

To enrol call Hilary Betts on (0117) 928 7844 or email hilary.betts@bristol.ac.uk

## Flamenco on the Edge

A five week course of Flamenco dance classes starts at Edge Village Hall on 21st September at 7pm. Stacy Hackett invites you to join an evening of fun and exercise for both mind and the body. Beginners are welcome and the cost is £25.00 for the five week course. Contact Stacy on 814507.

## Bridge Club

The first meeting of Sheepscombe Bridge Club for the new season will be on Thursday 23rd September in the beautifully improved Village Hall. Play to start at 7.15pm with the doors open at 7pm. If you would like a partner or more information do phone me on 812588. Anyone who can bid up to slam level is very welcome.

Joy Edwards

## Art Classes recommence

September sees our friendly on-going art classes re-start in a new venue.

From 10th September - 9.30 to 12.00 - the Friday morning group will continue in the Church Rooms, allowing us more space and scope to explore painting in addition to pastel and more traditional materials.

Our class has been running successfully for a year now, and we welcome any newcomers who would like to join us. No experience is necessary as our informal but structured approach to creative drawing and painting (with a dash of art history) is flexible and accessible to all levels of ability.

We hope to see you later this month.

Enquiries to Jane Garbett on 812176 or myself on 813464

Caroline Tate

## Imagination Station

Another four week course of poetry, art and drama for 7-11 year olds starts on 11th September in the Town Hall. From 10.00 to 12.00 on Saturdays our 'Imagination Station' team have great fun exploring a poem through art, movement and games leading up to a performance at the end of the course. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. For more information please 'phone Jane on 812176 or Caroline, on 813464

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# LETTERS

## Painswick: do we love it?

From Nina Akram

I love waking up in the morning and listening to the birds not cars, I love the sound of children enjoying their time in the school holidays, I love the sound of lawn mowers cutting away the old, and the lovely smell of fresh blooms and cut grass.

I love washing clothes and hanging them out fresh on the line to watch them blow in the wind. But there is one thing in Painswick that I really don't like. And that is when I have hung my beautifully clean fresh laundry out to dry and some people are about to light a bonfire. Could we not think of a better time to light a fire, when children would not be out in the garden enjoying what should be fresh air, and when the older generation would struggle to try and retrieve their washing from their gardens or have to close windows quickly, maybe resulting in a fall that need not have happened?

If we could set one time and day of the week for fires to be lit then I and I am sure others could enjoy Painswick even more, I am sure I could go as far as to say, "WE LOVE PAINSWICK!"

...or don't we care?

From J H Mantell

I think that Peggy Bradshaw's letter (*last month's Beacon*) should be applauded. Nobody would want to see the village 'modernised' but the sense of apathy here is all too apparent. With only one public house, one restaurant, two hotels and a handful of shops, which are gradually being diminished, we must rank very low in appeal compared to other Cotswold villages.

I wonder if any future entrepreneur(s) would find local support should they try to set up a business? I think it highly unlikely.

## Warm response to a burning issue

From Mike Powis

Following up from last month's appeal for community firefighters, I am pleased to report that five readers (men and women) have expressed an interest in joining the local team. Due to personal circumstances two are unable to progress their interest at present, but two others have already started the selection procedure and a third will follow them within the next few months.

It is encouraging that the people of Painswick want to keep this important service and are willing to put themselves forward to ensure its survival. If you were thinking about finding out more last month but haven't yet done so, it is not too late! Contact me on 812509 or Email on [painswick@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:painswick@glosfire.gov.uk), or call into the station in Pullens Road on a Monday evening between 7.00 and 9.00pm to find out more. Talk with your friends and neighbours and get them to come along too! We would be delighted to hear from you.

## To the unknown dog of Hollyhock Lane...

From a local resident

Dear dog,

I would be very grateful if you could have a word on the quiet with your master-servant to remind him/her to clean after you have concluded your daily bodily functions; especially in Hollyhock Lane. After all, he/she is lucky to have the luxury of having a nice warm and presumably clean room indoors with plenty of water to destroy the evidence whilst you have to do your things in public in all weather conditions. To add pain to injury you haven't the tools of disposing of the evidence and can only rely on your master-servant to do the necessary to avoid walking around the village with your tail between your legs in shame! So DO have a word, be a sport!

## Dog Show and Fun Day

From Beryl Smith

I would like to thank the Organisers of the Dog Show and Fun Day held on the 'Rec' on 24th July. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope it will be repeated next year. It was so nice to see all the charity stalls - and not like the Victorian Market where most stalls are booked by traders from outside the Painswick area.

It was such a Fun Day I even managed to join the 5 Valley Cat Rescue Charity, and I don't even own a cat! Thank you.

From Mrs M Clarke, Kingswood - Bristol  
Whilst visiting my sister at Painswick we attended the Dog Show and Fun Day. Well done to everyone involved with it. A good family day out, knowing also that many charities would benefit. An annual event? I do hope so!

From Freda & Rose

The amount of £209.86 was raised for the Painswick Centre's stairlift. We would like to thank everyone who helped us set up the event and for all who donated prizes for the Tombola and Bric-a-Brac stall.

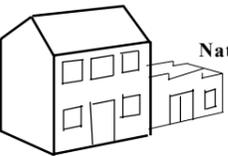
We enjoyed the day and we hope everyone else did.

## Historic Churches: Ride and Walk

From Michael Buttrely

This annual event will take place on Saturday the 11th September. It is a good opportunity to visit Gloucester churches, which are not always open during the week, but are open on the 11th to welcome walkers, cyclists and even riders on horse back. Mrs Jennifer Watts from Cranham will be cycling with her daughter and has agreed to give any one who would like to sponsor her, from other Beacon Churches, half their contribution, to their own church. Please sign her sponsorship form, which is posted on St Mary's Church notice board, if you would like to support both Jennifer and the Historic Churches fund in this way. Please fill in your full address /phone number on her form. If any one would like to take part by walking or cycling please give me a ring on 812565 or pick up a sponsorship form from the St Mary's Church notice Board. Please let me have all donations by the 30th of September.

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## Spotlight on . . .

### Edie Stockbridge



#### Were you born in Painswick?

Yes, on 6th September 1935 in the cottage between Hamptons and the entrance to Painswick Centre.

We were chuffed to be born in Bisley Street, but it is now called Vicarage Cottage.

**Have you lived in Painswick all your life?**  
Yes, again. After I was married to Jim in 1958 we lived in Bentley Cottage, further down Vicarage Street. In 1966 we moved to Kingsmill Lane and still live here today. It is marvellous that our view has not changed at all.

#### Schooldays?

All my schooldays were spent in Painswick School, starting with the Infants School with Miss Toft and Miss Skinner. After that I moved from Stage 1 to Stage 6, all in what is now the library building, starting with Grace Hutt and then Mr. Morgan, Mrs Cohen, Mr Hollister and Mr Harper.

My schooldays really were happy days. Every Sunday we went up to Brith Woods (now called Frith Woods), sometimes went wooding and we were occasionally given a lift by Sir James Sleeman who lived at Verlands; all of us, including the wood we had collected. Sir James and his wife were lovely, very kind, people. The Gyde House boys mixed in with us at school, and we all got on so well; lovely days.

We visited a Mr Damsel in Blakewell Mead who taught us how to measure the rain, and other days we collected rose hips.

#### And what early memories?

I particularly remember all the bombs falling.

One fell next to Londis, which was Masons, the butcher. All the buildings next to Masons were bombed, including a small religious sect, a sweet shop, paper shop

and the cobblers. Bombs also fell on Poultry Court, near the Rococo Gardens, and down Tibbiwell.

I also remember the Americans. Painswick really was a busy place in those days.

#### Where did you meet Jim?

In Stroud Park Gardens on a lovely spring day. He's a twin then working at the Piano Works in Woodchester, later at the Pin Mill here and in later years for the Painswick Bakery. He is now retired.

#### What did you do, Edie?

I left school at 15 and first worked for Woolworths in Stroud. When I had my tonsils out at 18 I wasn't allowed to catch the bus to Stroud, so I worked for Mr Fryer in Central Stores in New Street. Then John Hulme took over and I worked for him until I had my three children.

#### What hobbies and interests?

Gardening; I love gardening and spend a lot of time in my garden. Then there's cooking; I cook a lot of cakes for the Country (W1) Market every Friday morning. I also help charities - Mencap and Oncology - with little table-top sales.

#### Reflections on Painswick?

Painswick has changed so much.

I find it sad that there is no affordable housing for the young.

My son, Tim, lives in Tuffley, my daughter Tracy in Eastcombe, and my other son Steve rents in Painswick.

It's also sad that so many of the shops and pubs have gone. Also the demise of

the Institute is very sad. It was a great meeting place with snooker, billiards, skittles and a bar.

You walk around Painswick now and know very few people. The White Horse pub in Vicarage Street on a Saturday night use to be heaving.

Also Lizzie Clark's on the corner opposite the March Hare on the Shetland Shop side was like going into Aladdin's Cave! It sold everything except food. If you couldn't find something Lizzie went and got it from the back. It reeked of paraffin, but everyone went there.

#### Any other memories?

I remember playing football outside our house in Bisley Street. Opposite us was Willie West the coal merchant and his doors were the goal. The two Miss Birts, who lived at the top of Vicarage Street, always threatened to report us to the police if our ball hit their door.

Finally, just on the March Hare side of the hairdressers and the ladies and gent's toilets used to be the public baths. Many people in my early years did not have baths, so Friday and Saturday nights were very busy there!

In those days everybody shared everything. Nobody had much. Painswick has changed a lot, but we still love it here and would never want to move away.

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

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## Quality Parish Councils? What are they?

Not being as sure as we might as to what, exactly, a 'Quality Parish Council' (QPC) might be we thought we would try and find out by going to the top, from the Deputy Prime Minister's office. Interestingly, the line was engaged when we first rang, but the dial-back system worked just fine. Mind you, the PM himself may have been busy packing for his holidays and the Deputy PM receiving the latest advice about what do while he was away, so we felt that to be a reasonable excuse.

We were put through immediately to a Steve A'Court, who clearly knew exactly what we were talking about. It was interesting to jot down a few notes to reflect our conversation.

The concept was launched in the spring of last year with the Rural White Paper of 2003. The stated objective is to strengthen the role of Parish and Town Councils where they are demonstrably effective and well run institutions. "Just what might the strengthened roles be?" we asked, this seeming to be the \$64 question to put. "Well, that is a matter to be resolved between the Parish Council and the District and/or County Council" Mr. A'Court replied.

"Are there any Parish Councils with QPC status yet?" we asked. "A jolly perceptive statement" was the rejoinder, "Yes, there are; about 50". Wondering what this represented as a proportion of the total, we were informed "There are about 8,700, but, bearing in mind that the idea was not put about much more than a year ago, this is a steady but encouraging start". It seems that "The government will be reviewing progress in the not too distant future", although we could not obtain conversion of that phrase into a date on the calendar. Mr.A'Court reminded us of the ODPM web site, and indeed we found it useful and worth recommending to others.

Although our Parish Council has deferred formally seeking QPC status it has committed itself to organising its affairs,

through such as staffing and procedures, to maintain and provide its services in that manner - and why not? We all expect value for money and tend to admire efficiency and so on.

It seems that specific duties have been identified to be considered for delegation to Parish Councils, and that such be mutually agreed between (in our case) Painswick PC and Stroud District and the County Council; any such agreement would be contained within a documented 'Charter'. If Painswick proceeds down this path more will doubtless be written in these pages, and much consultation take place. Meanwhile readers may be interested in the 'functions that might be considered for delegation to parish councils by the principal local authority' - and we quote:

- Control of markets
- Street cleaning
- Maintenance of highway verges, footways and footpaths
- Litter collection and litter control measures
- Street lighting (other than principal routes)
- Recycling provisions
- Street naming
- Parking restrictions (and related matters)
- Issue of bus and rail passes and other transport voucher schemes (e.g. taxi vouchers)
- Road safety measures
- Noise and nuisance abatement
- Tree preservation Orders
- Some aspects of development control
- Some aspects of the management of libraries and museums
- Some aspects of leisure and tourism provision
- Public conveniences
- Allotments
- Taxi and public entertainment licensing.

Could be interesting times ahead!

## Homeless

The District Council have asked as many as possible to consider whether they can help six homeless families in need of local homes now.

As part of its Homelessness Prevention strategy, the Council is keen to develop links with the private sector in order to address the shortage of affordable housing throughout the district and to offer homeless families a range of options. There are currently six homeless families who find themselves in this position, through no fault of their own. In many cases this is as a result of landlords wanting to sell their properties rather than continue renting. There is already a high demand for 2-bedroom and to a lesser extent 3-bedroom properties in the district even without the need to meet the homelessness duty towards these families. The supply of Council and Registered Social Landlord properties alone cannot answer demand.

The Council therefore is appealing to private landlords to work with them in meeting the needs of such families.

In order to develop such links, the Council is able to offer financial help to set up a new tenancy in return for a one-year assured shorthold tenancy. If necessary, floating support may also be provided to assist the household in maintaining the tenancy. Councillor David Wride, Cabinet Member for Housing Support explains, "The situation for these families is desperate and the Council will only consider B&B temporary accommodation as a last resort. If a few landlords of 2-bedroom properties would come forward to work with the Council more homeless families could be accommodated where they actually prefer to live, keeping their existing support networks." If you are the landlord of a 2 or 3-bedroom property and would like more information on how the Council can work with you to provide suitable tenants please contact Sue Leighton-Boyce or Josephine Jackson of the Rehousing Team on 01453.754085.

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## Painswickians plod on to the...

On Saturday the 7th of July four Painswickians from the Brookhouse Mill area took part in the 2004 Oxfam Trailwalker Marathon. This is a gruelling 100km (62.5m) walk up, down and along the South Downs Way from Petersfield to the other side of Brighton. This is the equivalent of climbing Ben Nevis and taking part in two marathons, all of which must be completed in less than 30 hours.

Despite numerous blisters, backache, blackened toenails, cramp and other unpleasant injuries locals Steven Perris, Andy Robinson, Martyn Habgood and Peter Baines all completed the course in 22h31m. To date they have raised approximately £1600.00 which will be split between the Gurkha Welfare Trust and Oxfam. The Gurkha Welfare Trust support many community projects in their native Nepal, which is one of the poorest regions in the world. Oxfam are at present desperate to raise funds to relieve the plight of the many thousands who are now dying of starvation in Sudan.

For those who have already kindly contributed the foursome all send you their sincere thanks. Should you wish to contribute to these very deserving causes, please send cheques, made payable to 'Oxfam' and forward them to: Trailwalker c/o Andy Robinson, 2 Brookhouse Mill, Painswick, GL6 6SE.

They would also like to take the opportunity to thank the ground crew for their enduring support and encouragement throughout the whole event.



## A Bowling MATter

As many users of the Town Hall will know, the Short Mat Bowling Club meets there on Mondays.



When packing the equipment away, some five or more weeks ago, the evening bowlers accidentally left one of the two foot mats out and, by the following week it had disappeared. Such mats are placed alternately at each end of the main (green) mat as the point from which to bowl. The missing mat is about 24 inches long and 15 inches wide, black with white edging and made of heavy rubberised plastic. It could easily be mistaken for a useful inside door mat.

If any user/reader is aware of its whereabouts the Club will be appreciative of its return. A telephone call to 812378 or 813101 will prompt collection.

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