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Painswick glows with pride



Painswick is the 2005 Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year, beating a field of more than twenty other competing villages in the county.

As the county winner, Painswick is automatically entered into the South West regional competition and thence - who knows? - perhaps on to the nationals. As well as being overall winner, Painswick also won the 'Healthy Villages' category and was runner up in the 'Older People' category. The announcement was made at a ceremony in the Moat House Hotel on 20th July by Lady Dunrossil, Chairman of the County Council, with other distinguished guests and the judges present. Prize money of £1,000 accompanies the two awards - £500 for being overall winners and the same again for the 'Healthy Villages' category.

The process that led to winning the competition involved completing a lengthy questionnaire, followed by a visit by two judges appointed by the Rural Community Council on behalf of Calor. The judges went on to grill a representative panel drawn from the Painswick community on the answers in the questionnaire along with supplementary questions of their choice. The Painswick panel comprised Councillors Terry Parker, Ann Daniels and Martin Slinger of the Parish Council, Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin, David Harley, Jenny Oakley and Leslie Brotherton. The members of our winning team are pictured - except for Jane Rowe who could not be present - looking at the certificates received and glowing with pride (if Calor will excuse the choice of word!) as they begin the discussion about



submitting for the South West Regional competition.

The assessment focused in particular upon eight distinctive aspects of community life, each category with its own award. These were

- **Community Life:** sponsored by Defra in which we were runners up to Down Ampney
- **Business:** sponsored by Calor and won by Corse
- **Young People:** sponsored by Calor won by Kemble
- **Older People:** sponsored by Calor won by Twynning with Painswick as runners up
- **Environment:** sponsored by Calor won by South Cerney
- **Information Technology:** sponsored by Calor won by Fairford
- **Healthy Villages:** sponsored by Gloucestershire Healthy Living Partnership which Painswick won and Mickleton were runners up
- **Safer Villages:** sponsored by Gloucestershire Crime and Disorder Partnership won by South Cerney.

It seems that what tipped the balance in favour of Painswick over runners-up Kemble was our sense of community. Concerns with older people were mentioned in particular, as were the numerous activities on offer such as austerity lunches, the youth club, volunteer caring for those needing assistance, the range of sports facilities, the numerous Neighbourhood Watch areas and the direct line to the police. Also

commended was the way Painswick welcomed newcomers in what was described as 'the excellent monthly newsletter'. We couldn't possibly comment.

Since the assessment was made by independent observers without regard to the 'prettiness' of the village, but rather concentrating on how the village lives, works and plays together as a community, we can all of us perhaps indulge in a faint 'glow' of pride!

Flexible bus

The Official launch ceremony for this door-to-door 'link' bus service for residents anywhere in this area was conducted by County Councillor Stan Waddington on the 28th July. Here he is seen honouring tradition by cutting a tape after short speeches inside the Town Hall which attracted an audience ranging from employers in Stroud anxious to facilitate recruitment from rural parishes through to residents in Wick Street keen to reach other parts of the county from time to time.

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Elsewhere in this issue... a B52 buzzes **Bisley Street**? every dog has its day and other **doggy dos**, more **kites**, more **echium**, more cares for **Richmond**, red hot **panto(s)**, pedalling **toddlers**, **tea for two** at the Palace, **wine and curry** at the WI, a **night to remember** at the Painswick Centre, **VE/VJ Day** at St Mary's and a **load of rubbish** from the Beacon!

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.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Care Centre – Stroud Road

Several members of the public attended for this item, and were invited to speak at the commencement of the meeting. Questions raised (not raised in correspondence) included

· Q. Did the Parish Council have any new information not otherwise in the public domain. *A. No*

· Q. Was the Council aware of the change of ownership of Richmond Care reported as acquired by Barchester Health Care. *A. No.*

· Q. Had the intended 'liaison group' been convened and informed of the acquisition. *A. Not yet.*

· Q. Was a Section 106 agreement included in the overall planning consent. *A. Not aware of such having been included.*

· Q. Why was the nursing care building not started prior to the associated dwellings as anticipated. *A. Not known.*

· Q. Could the contractors for the nursing care building now commencing be constrained regarding length of working day and incidental noise such as radios. *A. The Council could and would make representations if such were necessary.*

The committee then considered whether it wished to amend in any way its previous views upon the revised planning application which, they were informed, had also been refused by the District Council and was now to be the subject of an appeal.

This application sought to raise the height of the roof over part of the building by 300mm (1 foot), "Works to form additional staff accommodation in the roof space store at level 3, including minor amendments to fenestration/elevations". The number of staff rooms created would be nine. The District Council's refusal had been for three reasons (a) staffing numbers "resident at the site would be likely to result in there being an insufficient number of car parking spaces on the site" leading to indiscriminate parking within

the site and on neighbouring roads, (b) an "increase in height on the western elevation adjoining Cotswold Mead, resulting in an overbearing impact upon and loss of amenity to the occupiers of properties adjoining the site", and (c) the "proposed further changes to the design of the Care Home are considered to have a detrimental effect upon the appearance of the building by eroding the integrity of the original design".

When this item was discussed on the agenda several letters (or copies of letters to the Beacon) were received and direct references within them to the latest revised planning application read out in full. Points raised, some 'provoked' by the letter from Keith Cockell, MD of Richmond Care and published in the Beacon last month (p.8), included

· assertion that there had already been 'a more-than-reasonable number of additions and modifications to the development'

· the development should adhere entirely and permanently to the detail of design as previously approved, without variation

· if additional staff accommodation is essential that this be at the expense of the 'leisure' facilities proposed within the premises

· the adverse environmental impact of raising the roofline

· a suggestion that Mr Cockell might have 'asked to give a pre-application explanation' to this committee, and that they 'would have listened and he may have gained their support'.

There ensued a debate upon whether to change the views of this Council as the application went to appeal. Ann Burges Watson felt that this project was bringing a great deal to the village and that the Council should seek to 'meet him part way' in any changes required, for which Richmond doubtless had strong justifying reasons, and that 'nit picking' about such as one foot of roofline 'does not do the Council any good'. Ann Daniels pointed out that any difficulties in staff recruitment and retention related almost entirely to adequacy of rates of pay, not accommodation. Terry Parker appreciated that there were difficulties in getting staff, but at the same time the Council has a responsibility to represent the village and has

considerable sympathy with local residents while building works are under way. He posed the question as to whether the Council's approach was putting the project in danger, and recognised that 'other considerations come into play as the project grows'. Peter Rowe recognised that revision of plans is understandable as time moves on, but the extra roof height remained a matter of concern to him, as did the changes of fenestration.

Upon being put to the vote it was decided (7-1) to adhere to the reasons for continued objection.

Folly Cottage – Gloucester Road

The Committee noted that the owner has undertaken to reduce the height of the turrets erected at his entrance gate.

PARISH COUNCIL

Questions from the floor

Members of the public are able to ask questions in the 15 minutes period prior to the start of the Council's meeting. Two issues were raised.

Falcon Inn – licensing hours

John Parfitt sought permission to obtain clarification and a view to be expressed by the Parish Council upon the public notice given at The Falcon concerning renewal of the licence. It appeared that neither the neighbours nor indeed the Parish Council were identified under new legislation, which transfers powers to licence premises for the sale of alcohol or for music and dancing to District Councils, as essential consultees. A letter was read from Frances Roden asking the council to object to the application. Prior to leaving the meeting during discussion of this item, Johnny Johnston clarified to the Council that all licenced premises were required to renew their licences under the Licencing Act 2003 effective from 24th November this year. The Falcon already holds a late night Section 77 licence for music and dancing and sale of alcohol until 2.00am, and there was no intention to vary these licences, but they would be able to vary the current closing time of 11.00pm in the front bar for non-diners – which is in any case at the discretion of the landlord.

In these circumstances the Council decided not to make comment to the District Council but would be representing to GAPTC that they should in future be



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Bisley Street – one-way abuse

Peter Bradshaw expressed concern, echoed by some members of the Council, that there was increasing evidence of motorists driving the wrong way in Bisley Street, with the associated risk of exit within the light-controlled A46 junction. It was agreed to make representation to the County Council for further measures to counter such traffic flow.

Main meeting

St.Mary's churchyard – footpaths

Arising from representations received at the last meeting (*report p.3 of our last issue*) a verbal report was given from the Working Party set up to consider the matters raised.

The group had decided not to recommend a formal 'partnership' with the church wardens but that the footpaths were of such importance for pedestrian movement around the village that a firm financial commitment should be made towards their upkeep. A decision as to the amount of support was postponed pending receipt of a written report of the Working Party, but figures of £5000 grant in 2006-07 and £2000 in each of the following five years were contemplated.

St.Marys Development – Section 106

The Clerk reported that the sum of £22,870 had been received through the District Council and banked. He would be seeking transfer of any interest accruing to SDC since they received this sum from the developers many months ago.

Stamages car park: coach waiting time

Ann Burges Watson reported that the County Council had agreed to change the waiting time for coaches at the dedicated point adjacent to the car park but as this would necessitate isolated expenditure of £1000 action will be held over until other items are under consideration.

Bus shelter: Bulls Cross/Longridge

A letter was received from Trevor Radway highly critical of the cost implications of

the intention of the Council to erect a bus shelter close to Bulls Cross primarily to serve the needs of fewer than five children boarding the school bus once a day in term time. He pointed out that there were other exposed locations where the public waited for busses which appeared to merit priority for a shelter, not least south-bound at the junction of the A46/Pullens Road.

After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the erection of a shelter close to Bulls Cross, as well as investigate other sites in need of such a facility.

Stroud north link bus service

The introduction of this service was recorded and that its formal inauguration would take place on Thursday 28th July at a ceremony in the Town Hall.

Council vehicle – truck

A report was received upon the intended replacement of the Council's truck and the intention to dispose of the existing vehicle through a 'sealed bid' process in the near future.

Calor Gas competition

The Council hoped to receive news during its meeting upon whether the village had been successful in this competition, the awards for which were being announced that evening at the Moat House at Brockworth. The message did not arrive until after the close of the meeting (*see front page*).

Bledisloe Cup

It was reported that Painswick was currently one of four finalists in the Large Village section, being the only one from the Stroud area, the others being Moreton-in-Marsh, Mickleton and Chipping Campden.

Scoop the poop

Much gnashing of teeth occurred on 13th July when several passers by noticed a dog owner allowing their beloved pet to foul at several points at the entrance to the 'Rec Alley'. Mutterings of "Anti-social" and "Whatever happened to the Rec being a Poop-Scoop area?" were to be heard.

The Beacon has been asked to remind parents to equip their children with the necessary equipment to dispose of 'dog deposits' when they are exercising dogs on their behalf - not least during the school holidays.

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Help!

From time to time various members of the Beacon Team find that they have to give up their role for various reasons, either temporarily, or permanently and we are left looking for someone to fill the gap that has been left.

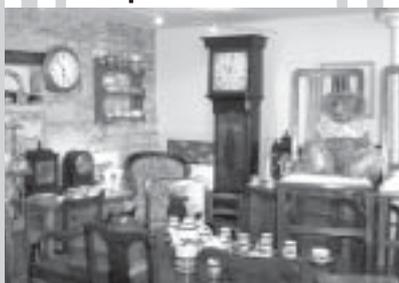
Some of the jobs take a lot of time others are less demanding and probably only need an hour or two each month. In every case we would like to think that there is a deputy in place to cover the time the principal is away on holiday or, temporarily out of action. If you would like to help in any way please let us know. Even if you would only like to find out more about it please contact one of the members of the team listed on the back page of the Beacon. They will make sure that your interest is noted.

You might like to know some of the areas where help is needed from time to time and to give but a few examples the following may suggest an area that might be of interest to you. The editorial team is always pleased to hear from people who would like to act as reporters and be involved in preparing articles for the Beacon. If you have computer skills help is always welcome in the team preparing the final copy to go to the printers. Help in following up subscribers to the Beacon and other similar duties of a financial nature is always welcome.

We also have a fine team of people who undertake to deliver the Beacon to all parts of the village once a month and from time to time they need help. If you would like to offer your services we would be pleased to hear from you. We may not need to take up everyone's offer of help at this time but every offer will be noted and when the next opportunity occurs we will be in contact.

Thank you for considering this appeal for helpers.

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Sheepscombe Concert for AIDS Orphans

Catherine White will give a harp concert in St. Johns Church, Sheepscombe on Sunday afternoon the 7th August from 3.00pm. Catherine is a professional Harpist who has played regularly with the Ulster Orchestra as well as with many of the major London orchestras. The programme will include Sonata for Harp by Hindemith, Scintillation by Salzedo and Spanish Music by Albeniz and de Falla.

There will be a retiring collection and some specially made Christmas and other occasion cards will be on sale. All proceeds will go to the PIN Project which is a self help, community based organisation working in two townships in Zululand, South Africa which supports AIDS Orphans.

Christians Aid Trade Justice

We are very pleased to announce that the Reverend Professor Tim Gorringer of Exeter University has accepted our invitation to speak on the subject of "Trade Justice" at our Summer Christian Aid Evening on Saturday September 10th at 6.30pm.

Professor Gorringer will be sharing the perspective of Christian Faith on the issue of trade. He is a highly respected theologian and author and gave the inaugural address at the launch of the Trade Justice Campaign in Gloucestershire. Penny and Kevin have generously agreed to open their beautiful home (Olivers, Cheltenham Road, near Painswick) for this event so we can cater for a crowd! The talk will be followed by a buffet supper with wine in this beautiful setting.

Tickets at £15 each are available from Centre Book Shop, Stroud, The Shetland Shop, Painswick or by post from The Benefice Office, The Lych Gate, Stroud Road, Painswick GL6 6UT, enclosing SAE and cheque made out to Christian Aid. We look forward to welcoming you there.

Painswick Valleys Christian Aid Committee



Gloucester Cathedral Flower Festival

The flower arrangers responsible for the Church of Our Lady & St Thérèse Gloucester Cathedral Flower festival would like to thank everybody for their wonderful support: those who came to the coffee morning to raise funds to buy the flowers; those who lent pots, cut greenery, sent donations, provided transport etc. etc.

We hope to put together a magnificent display in the Chapel for Private Prayers (The Denny Chapel) from Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st July and we will be working hard on your behalf. Hopefully by the time you read this, many of you will have visited the Festival and enjoyed the flowers. We will let you know how it went in the next edition of the Beacon and in the meantime a very big thank you to you all.

Charlotte Gamman on behalf of the Team

Christ Church Book Club

Members of Christ Church have recently formed a Book Club to which anyone is invited. The idea is to read a popular book and then meet on a monthly basis to discuss it from a Christian perspective. So far we have read The Da Vinci Code and My Sister's Keeper. The book chosen for August is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The Club's next meeting will be on Thursday 8th September at 10.00am in Christ Church Hall.

Tsunami Concert

On Sunday, September 11th at 7.30 pm Gloucester Choral Society will present a performance of Verdi's Requiem in Gloucester Cathedral. As usual, a top-class panel of soloists has been selected (Judith Howarth, Jeanette Ager, James Oxley and Roderick Williams) and the excellent Regency Sinfonia will also take part. Andrew Nethsingha will conduct and the Society has invited singers from the Three choirs Festival Chorus, the St Cecilia Singers, the Cathedral Choir and other groups to augment the chorus.

This, however, is a concert with a very special purpose. Every professional musician is performing without fee and every other participant is making a donation to the Christian Aid Tsunami Appeal. The Dean and Chapter are making no charge for using the cathedral and the entire proceeds will go to help needy people in "third-world" environments.

Verdi wrote his requiem to express his deep sorrow at the death of two famous friends - the composer Rossini and the poet and political leader Alessandro Manzoni - to be performed on the first anniversary of Manzoni's death. This performance is for all those who suffer and are in poverty and your generous support is invited.

A special inclusive offer including transport is again available to Painswick residents for this concert. A Beavis coach will be waiting at 6.30 p.m. in Stamages Lane car park for departure at 6.45 p.m. returning after the concert. Tickets are £19 (centre nave) or £16 (rear nave) inclusive of discounted seat prices and coach fare. To use this service send a cheque, made out to Gloucester Choral Society, to Gordon Owen (Treasurer) Kemps Orchard, Kemps Lane, Painswick, GL6 6YB providing your name, address contact 'phone no. and SAE. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis

Bernard Day.

French woodwind concert

Les Hautbois du Lion will play an afternoon concert in St Mary's Church on Tuesday, August 9th at 2.00pm. The programme comprises a range of Renaissance, Baroque and Modern music, including compositions by Monteverdi, Handel, Ibert, Grieg, Turina and Bartok. *Les Hautbois du Lion* are a French woodwind ensemble comprising twelve experienced musicians and advanced music students. They have toured extensively in France, Germany and Denmark but this is their first British tour which, apart from Painswick, includes concerts in Canterbury, Leeds and Edinburgh. The concert will last about ninety minutes with tickets priced at £3.00 available on the door.

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What a load of rubbish!

On 3rd July, a bright sunny Sunday afternoon, some 15-20 people of all ages headed for the Beacon Clear-Up. Two hours later, a huge pile of litter and rubbish had been collected from the old quarry workings near Catbrain Quarry and a real difference had been made to our local environment. I would like to extend a big thank you to all those who came along.

You may be interested to know that the rubbish included various car parts, including four miscellaneous tyres, two bumpers, two batteries, engine parts, a dashboard, a back seat and numerous mud flaps. Is anyone missing a car? Then there were parts of a wheelbarrow, a red plastic toboggan, carpets, a parasol, a venetian blind and lots more. And 40 black bin liners full of bottles, paper, cans, fast food containers, plastic bags, crisp packets, sweet wrappers, etc, etc. Some 20 golf balls were found and were given to one of our number who has made a kind donation to charity. Perhaps the most unlikely find was a passport!

I am delighted how much we achieved. Can I now urge us all to help keep it tidy; to follow the Country code and take our waste home with us, to refrain from fly-tipping, to deposit the dog poo collected by us in the waste bins provided rather than slinging the plastic bags into the woods. And encourage our friends to do the same. Most of us do these things, I know. If we need more bins, let me know and I will pass on any requests to the Parish Council.

And thank you again to all those who gave their time on 3rd July.



Peter Rowe

Salsa evening a great success

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Salsa evening or who has sponsored me for the 60km walk.



I am thrilled to say that I have raised an overwhelming £2,098 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and I am now in full training for the big event on the 24th and the 25th of September. The salsa evening was a great success and Salsa del Sol had everyone dancing well into midnight! It was brilliant to see so many people of all ages having so much fun!!!

Ana Murray



Ashwell Sue Ryder coffee morning

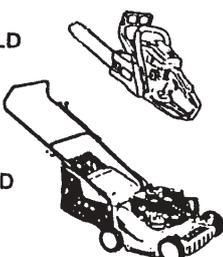
The residents of Ashwell House recently enjoyed a coffee morning and raffle in order to raise funds for Leckhampton Court. We were pleased to be able to join the group of volunteers who have been raising funds for the Sue Ryder Foundation. Our coffee morning and raffle raised the total of £107.50 which was added to the £115 that the residents of Ashwell House had already collected making the grand total for Sue Ryder £225.50

Edge Fete

Despite the threat of wet weather for a second successive year and the Frampton Brass Band playing under the shelter of the oak tree on the village green, the evening sun eventually came out for Edge fete. The annual event was well supported and raised £1000.72. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the evening fete a success.

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Local History Teaser

With the exception of a few minor changes our picture shows a still recognisable Bisley Street. However, can you tell us in which year this photograph was taken? You need to look carefully – things are not always quite as they may at first appear! Furthermore, can you tell us what the building in the middle of the left-hand side of the street was (third doorway down) and whose business, and its nature, can be seen on the right-hand side? There's a symbolic clue to the latter.

Answer in next month's Beacon.

The answer to last month's teaser: the occasion was the Victory Children's tea party at the Institute Hall in 1945, celebrating the end of the Second World War, VE Day and VJ Day. The lady serving the ice cream is Granny Hobbs who lived in Edge Lane and who was undoubtedly the Mrs Painswick of her time. Of the other adults pictured, Polly Monk, Edgar Freeman, Mrs Merchant and possibly Lionel Poole have been named and, amongst the children, David Archard and Jenny Gauvain have been identified.

The Local History Society begins its new season of talks in September.

Carol Maxwell



Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust House History Workshop

The third in a series of House History Workshops sponsored by Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust was held at Greenhouse Court, Bulls Cross on 25th June where Dr. Phillip Dixon began by telling us about the history of houses. We heard how our houses are literally palatial, being comparable in size to that of a Saxon king. At that time houses were of timber and rarely lasted for more than one generation. Saxon settlements would move around within a defined area; villages as we understand them today were only established after the Norman Conquest. The location of early settlements was mainly determined by water supply; in the Cotswolds, with its limestone hills, villages are invariably on the spring-line, sheltered below the dry, windy hilltops.

The second part of the morning introduced people to observation of buildings to discover their past. We had a perfect example in the coach house at Greenhouse Court, in which our talk was given. This building has clearly undergone a number of transformations, as shown by the various blocked up windows and doors; it was certainly a barn at some time as well as living accommodation.

Greenhouse Court itself had undergone considerable gentrification in the 19th century; comparison with the 1820 tithe map show that a range of buildings was demolished to allow for a large extension to the house c1840.

The Trustees would like to thank Mr and Mrs Roger Townsend for their kind hospitality.



Coach to Bath

If you would like to go to Bath, a coach will be leaving Stamages Lane at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 21st September. The return journey leaves the Riverside Coach Park, Avon Street in Bath at 5.00 pm. The fare will be £7.00. Booking with cash or cheque payable to 'Painswick L&B Outings' should be made to Joan Truman at 'Little Place' Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6b 6XH. Any enquiries to Joan Truman on 813965 or Pauline Berry on 813227.

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Spotlight on . .

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

Thank you for agreeing to be our Spotlight personality for August. Let's start with your parents.

My father was Dr Holden Tinker, the GP for Painswick and all surrounding villages from 1927 to 1939. We lived in Beaconsfield House on New Street, overlooking the Square, which was also the surgery for Painswick. In addition to this, he had surgeries in Upton St Leonards, Miserden, and Birdlip, looking after all of these by himself.

Originally he came from Yorkshire but after he had finished all his training, he took a number of locums including Suffolk, where he met my mother. When the elderly Painswick doctor died, my father bought the practice.

My mother, Kathleen, apart from being a mother, helped my father in any way she could in those days when there was no National Health Service.

Now let's move on to your early years in Painswick and your education.

I was born in St Mary's Nursing Home in Painswick on 17th April 1929, the first of four daughters. They are now all married and have moved across the country but we still all meet regularly.

Looking back, these were very happy times for us as children. In 1934, when I was five, I started schooling at St Rose Convent in Stroud, travelling to school by bus. Again, all my memories were happy ones but this changed dramatically in 1939. My father was called up before the Second World War started, because he was already in the Royal Navy Voluntary Reserve, and was stationed at Haslar Hospital in Gosport.

We all moved to Alverstoke near Gosport where I went to school until 1941. When France fell, all civilians were given a few hours to pack their bags and leave. If we didn't leave in time, all roads would be closed. We went to live with my uncle in Brightwalton near Newbury with the rest of the family. There were 22 children and

Susan Robinson

six adults living in the house for 6 – 8 weeks. School was not a consideration because it was holiday time.

My mother and the four of us then returned to Painswick. I was twelve and we lived in my Grandmother's house, New Hall, on the corner of Bisley Street and New Street. This is said to be the oldest inhabited building in Painswick, which was originally one of the first wool halls: I'm sure David Archard will have something to say about this!

My father had to stay in Gosport but came home on leave several times before he was posted overseas to Hong Kong, where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese for four and a half years, including a spell in Japan. He was a tough guy who only talked about the amusing times during captivity. Medically, he was fine, needing no treatment by the dentist following his release at the end of the war.

In 1942 I went to boarding school at St Mary's and St Anne's in Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire until 1946. Then, one year later, I started training as a physiotherapist at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh. I spent a very pleasant three years as a student there until 1950, when I returned to Painswick.

In the meantime, the war had finished in 1945 and my parents had returned to Beaconsfield House where my father resumed his role as GP. In 1951, I worked at the Gloucester Royal and then went to the Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital at Headington, Oxford, where I took my Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate. This is now the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital in Oxford.

I left the hospital to get married to Eric Robinson in St Mary's Church on 24th April 1954 and moved to Kent where my husband worked in the paper industry.

How many children have you?

Three. My eldest daughter, Gaile, born in 1955, now lives in Cheltenham. My son, Lawrence, born in 1959, lives in Edge with



his wife Andrea. My youngest daughter, Kate, born in 1966, lives near Brecon in Wales. I have eight grandchildren, the two children of Lawrence and Andrea, attending The Croft School.

So, when did you return to Painswick?

In 1984. But prior to this, Eric had changed jobs to property and we had lived for thirteen years in Charlton Kings, six years at Cleeve Hill before returning to Hurst Cottage, Butt Green, where I still live today. Unfortunately, my husband died in 1986.

What are your major interests?

When I returned to Gloucestershire, I worked for about 20 years with the Disabled Riders Association where Physio experience was desirable. I was mainly involved in training and giving advice.

I also worked at various houses in the Cheltenham Ladies College as a member of the house staff, life revolving around a very interesting cross section of girls.

Then, of course, I see a lot of my family and presently have a garden which is too large for me. In the autumn, I will be moving to an apartment, which will, I'm sure, be ideal for me.

I wouldn't want to leave Painswick. There are still people here I knew as a child and when I returned over 20 years ago, I was made very welcome. Also, there is plenty going on in Painswick if you want to take part.

What have been the major changes in Painswick since your childhood?

When I was a child at Beaconsfield House, I remember all the buses. These stopped in Victoria Square and many turned round to return to Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud. Painswick was always very busy; there were a lot of people around. Today, the streets are empty.

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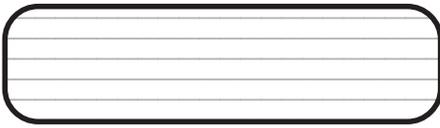


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Thankyou Painswick!

From Sally Mills-Webb, a recent visitor from Ireland:

I have just found Painswick Beacon on the net, I would like to ask if you could possibly do me a favour and thank two members of your community for their help a few weeks ago.

I was staying locally on a team building experience with my employer and we had to take part in a quiz about Painswick following clues and answering questions, some easy and some hard. I called into the Royal Oak to ask about one of the questions and met a couple who helped my group. I do know he was a local councillor about the age of 40 with a wife who I think was called Jane. The pair of them provided us with reference books on local history and walked around the village with us, pointing out the landmarks and other things relating to the quiz.

It is so nice to come and visit a village and find such a welcome and for two people, who did not know us, to spend their evening showing us around your wonderful village. I will return with my family from Ireland later in the year but please could you put a thank you in your magazine to the couple .

Editorial comment: We can reveal that the 40-ish local councillor was, in fact, Cllr Jason Bullingham. We can also reveal that other contestants in the same quiz were less lucky: on approaching a certain Painswickian of some standing, they were told that it was cheating to ask the natives and they should find the answers themselves!

More kites

Robert Stevens writes:

Further to the interesting report in The Beacon of the sighting of a single red kite over Painswick I write to let you know that a pair was in the vicinity of the Park at the beginning of June.

My wife and I observed the birds for the best part of an hour whilst the hay was being cut in a field near to our house. My attention was drawn to what at first appeared to be five buzzards flying over the field by the different flight pattern of two particular birds. They were flying lower than the others and closer observation revealed the forked tail of the kite. They were larger than the buzzards and had a more swept back wing. I believe that they were hunting for field mice as the grass was cut. Unfortunately we haven't seen them since that day, but I live in hopes.

Walkies

Harold Wood writes, picking up on points raised in our 'Mixed Messages ...' item last month regarding a walker whose observations were quoted:

Before I address myself to the subjects raised in the unsigned letter on walking, I think I should begin by giving some details of my walking/rambling to establish my credentials on the situation. I was 78 on my last birthday and have been walking since I was 10 months! I became seriously interested (and involved) quite a few years ago when I joined the ramblers. Later on I became a Cotswold Warden and latterly a Cotswold Way Warden. My wife Betty and I have had many walking holidays with various groups, in a number of countries including Britain.

Now, firstly, may I say that I thought that using the word 'fussy' regards walkers eating habits ill chosen. Walkers are usually 'hearty' in their appetites due to the need to replace calories burnt up during the day, and they are usually widely travelled so their taste in food is fairly catholic.

The Cotswold Way is wardened by 26 volunteers, each of whom is responsible for a 'length' of about four miles. They are required to walk their length no less than monthly, and to report any problems in writing to the Chief Warden's office.

Now *Urtica* a.k.a. stinging nettles. Setting aside the complaint about nettles, which are kept to a minimum on this length. This weed is widely distributed in England and grows at an alarming rate. So even weekly patrolling would not eradicate the problem. In my opinion, and that of many others, is that wherever one walks in the country one needs one's head examined if wearing shorts, skirts or kilts. There are worse arguments endangering this practice, such as sheep tics, many insects and even adders! So to the advice that I have heard many leaders give, and I pass it on to you, is COVER UP.

I was surprised that this complaint was purported to come from experienced walkers, who should have known that complaints should always be reported to either the County authorities or the Warden's office, rather than banded around on Emails.

Views about a Villa with a view

HA Wingham writes regarding the account in the June Beacon of a visit to the Witcombe Roman Villa by members of the Local History Society:

As one of Ernest Greenfield's volunteer helpers during the early 1960s, I found the statement that, 'he constructed walls in an attempt to replicate the original' most saddening and completely false. The remains of walls were capped by the then Ministry of Works and Public Buildings after Ernest had completed his excavations and was done to protect them from weather and the public. He made records every evening which must still exist, even though not published. Those records contain information on the remains of Iron Age round houses found under the villa.

He was also aware, as we all are, that more was to be found downhill, almost as far as the stream.

Bending round the Drive

Terry Lockwood writes:

I read with interest your article 'Driving round the Bend' (*July Beacon*). As residents who have our drive joining the A46 between the new sign and Paradise Village, we are like yourselves, of course, very grateful for the sign for traffic from the Brockworth direction. We are sure this will make some difference.

However I should point out that during the past 12 months the two accidents which have occurred on this stretch of road - both of which have resulted in collisions between the car involved and the wall where our drive joins the A46 - have been the result of cars speeding from the other direction - from Painswick towards Brockworth.

Cars travelling in this direction have the straight section past Paradise to build up speed and the two recent accidents have happened after they have not slowed down sufficiently to make the bend. There is currently no reminder of the speed limit - and now even the small 50 mph signpost has rusted and fallen over. (In fact - am I right in thinking that as this sign is not visible speeding motorists - of which we have our fair share - can escape prosecution?)

We have raised our concerns over this road last year by letter to Gloucester Constabulary and the GCC - both have assured us that action is under consideration and we see a gesture in the form of the interactive sign. I would emphasise a need for an early review of the situation - both cars have crossed the Southbound lane at speed to collide with our property - happily no-one was Paradise-bound from Brockworth on either occasion.

More Echium

Richard Harris writes:

I read the report last month about Echium in Painswick with interest. No, Cedric, this is not the most northerly specimen. Echium is abundant in Scotland at Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross, which is a little further north than Moscow.

Who cares about Richmond Care?

The letter in last month's Beacon from Richmond Care's Managing Director, Keith Cockell, concerning planning problems with the provision of staff accommodation in the Care Centre development has prompted some strong reactions. These are reported in Parish Council News (page 2). The following two letters make some relevant points.

Dick Jarrett writes:

The boot is on the other foot when Mr Cockell accuses our Parish Council of a "lack of understanding" over their refusal to support his application to increase, still further, the height of his buildings.

Our Council was well aware of the adverse environmental impact such an increase would have had on the magnificent view down the beautiful Painswick Valley.

Douglas Robinson, Chairman, Painswick & District Conservation Society writes:

In your July issue Keith Cockell, MD of Richmond Care, regrets the perceived lack of support by the Parish Council for his most recent planning application which, among other factors, would have further increased the height of the Care Home building.

This project has always been contentious and Painswickians, including members of this Society, voiced strong feelings both for and against. The committee at the time supported the first proposal but since then we have increasingly expressed concerns about the scale of the development.

We did not comment in this case, 30cm in height being perhaps negligible in this substantial context, but also feeling that the District Council was virtually immune to reasoned objections. However if this increase in height is so important for the provision of extra staff accommodation at this very late stage in the design, why could not Mr Cockell have asked to give a pre-application explanation to the Parish Planning sub Committee? I am sure they would have listened and he may have gained their support. Now it is quite insulting for him to publicly complain about their decision while only then offering to explain to them why it should have been otherwise.

I would emphasise that since 2000 - 2001 our committee has been neutral about the concept of this development. We are still neutral, but in our opinion the size of the project now greatly exceeds the original proposals that received a share of public support and to which planning consent was first given.



A view from the New World

The concluding half of the letter, started last month, from Donald T. Hart of 806, Overbrook Rd. Baltimore. MD. 21239 USA about his reminiscences of wartime Painswick. We believe it makes interesting reading.

There was the story that when the local LDV was formed at the beginning of WW2, certain local landowners were not happy in the knowledge that Perrins was in the LDV and was wandering the night hours with his shotgun. Grampy also had a couple of ferrets, which he kept in a cage in the backyard. Shotgun cartridges could be bought at a shop on St. Mary's Street, opposite Tibbiwell, at about 4 pence apiece. Gran took in ironing and she could really polish a well-starched white collar. Her vice was Whist, and I remember riding the bus with her to Stroud for her Whist Drives.

Grampy took a drink at the Whitehorse pub'. This was a real working man's pub'. The inside was plain walled except for some cigarette advertisements. Drinkers sat at deal tables on benches. Beer was kept in three to four casks behind the counter and drawn, via spigot, into pitchers before being transferred to a glass. I think dominoes and cards were played mostly at this pub'. Opposite No 3 was a chip shop. The lady who ran the shop occasionally kept a car in a lean-to garage, just where the Whitehorse cul-de-sac is today. In this garage was a rotating drum arrangement which was used to peel potatoes prior to chipping. Below the chip shop was a house, with a garden facing the street. I was always fascinated by a tortoise or two that lived in this garden.

Between the Rec' and Lower Washwell Lane used to be a large expanse of allotment gardens. It was there that Grampy kept penned geese. He would take a scythe and go into the Rec' to cut grass and nettles, using these to supplement the bought feed for the geese. Difficult to believe now, but the village rubbish dump used to be at the lower end of the Rec'. Slow fires would sometimes be burning in the dump and the stench would hang over the lower end of Vicarage Street.

The Perrins' took in an evacuee. He was from Clacton-on-Sea and quite an artist. One day, my brother, the evacuee and I were playing on the 'Beacon right at the escarpment edge. A lone, dark painted bomber, flying below the level of the hilltops and moving south, came by. We could see one of the crew members and waved to him - he waved back. The evacuee let out a shout, "It's German. It's a German plane!" What we had took to be a Hampden bomber was something else. This was around the time of a daylight raid on Brockworth Aerodrome where many people from Painswick were working. I can remember visiting the busy newagents' at the corner of Friday Street and St. Mary's Street and playing in its derelict remains following the dropping of bombs on Friday Street. The Friday Street bombing was Painswick's own blitz and the housewives silently gathered in the street to watch as the Civil Defence workers worked through the rubble and brought out bodies. I never knew if those bodies were alive or dead, as we children could be somewhat detached from wartime violence.

There are many memories I have of wartime Painswick, the school, the polarizing effect of the American troops living in Nissen huts in the Plantation, those quaint, but very patriotic, parades heralding the latest savings drive week. Painswick was a working village then. One has to move with the times, but, for this latest onlooker, I find Painswick perhaps more beautiful and polished nowadays, but with it's former heart gone."

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Wordsearch

Typically, our WordSearch for August invites you to identify no fewer than 20 sports featuring in the next Olympic summer games.

Last month we were looking for 24 birds seen in Painswick gardens, plus one exception. Here they are:

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Architects

Last month we featured a part of the birdbath in the churchyard (left).

This month we wonder where the sundial on the right has recently been revealed, but should warn you that it has been slightly distorted – just to be unhelpful!



Quality in the Market

Eighteen people attended the informative one-day foundation course in Food Hygiene on Tuesday 5th July 2005, leading to a Certificate issued by the Chartered Institute for Environmental Health. The course was arranged by Painswick Country Market and attracted participants from across the county, including from Yew Trees WI, Painswick and from the Country Markets in Painswick, Gloucester, Northleach and Minchinhampton. The day included interesting exercises and discussion, culminating in a test to check our understanding. Patricia Davey was congratulated by all present for all her hard work in setting up the course.

Country Markets Ltd., our national body, sets high quality standards for all produce and goods sold in the 480 Country Markets across England and Wales. As all our cooking and baking comes under the food hygiene and food safety legislation, it is a requirement that all our cooks take the Foundation course, with refresher training every three years.



One of our preserve-makers won first prizes for her home-made chutney and lemon curd at the Stroud Show, Stratford Park, on 16th July. A selection of these can be found on the Country Market preserves' table, which also currently includes an unusual Kiwi Jam.

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, bulbs and cut flowers. We also sell locally produced eggs, honey, fruit and vegetables. Orders can be placed at the market or by phoning Doreen Boon on 813850. Please come and enjoy a freshly made cup of coffee or tea with a slice of cake. A glass of squash is available for our younger customers.

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library info

New librarian for Painswick

Just as we were going to press, John Holland - Assistant Head of Libraries & Information - made the following announcement: "The new Painswick Library Manager is Kath Pritchard. Kath

took up her post on 25th July. Her post also covers Stonehouse and Minchinhampton. Kath was formerly a very popular and successful Library Manager at Tuffley Library."

Kath is pictured here, and residents will be pleased to know that she will be bringing ideas and her own brand of dynamism to Painswick. We wish her well.



Never mind the books...

Apart from over half a million books, 25,000 CDs, coffee(!) and free Internet access across many Gloucestershire libraries, the county library service has now introduced DVD collections at seven more local libraries, including Painswick. The new collections are available now. The resource itself is comparable to that of any other retail outlet specialising in DVD rentals but is often a cheaper option, unbeknownst to many. The new collections themselves are jam packed with something for everyone, from controversial movies like "The Passion of the Christ", to modern day classics such as "Kill Bill".

Your local library is changing, and changing fast. It's no longer 'shooosh and hush' but a cocktail of every sensory development over the last century. It's not just a place to study and read, it is a place to shop, hire DVD's, listen to music, hire CD's, meet friends for a coffee and read the papers. The uses for your local library are endless.

So if you want to escape up a 'Cold Mountain' with Jude Law, get 'Lost in Translation' with Bill Murray, or find out 'What Girls Want' then get down to one of the aforementioned libraries and go to the Quick Choice area for all the new releases.

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Senior Momentary Attention Deficit Disorder (SMADD)

As many readers will doubtless be aware, SMADD (Senior Momentary Attention Deficit Disorder) is becoming a serious problem for an ever increasing number of senior people. Painswick being a village with a large retired population, the Beacon feels it should help publicise this debilitating condition by presenting a typical day in the life of a SMADD sufferer, courageously recorded by one of our editorial team, who has been recently diagnosed.

"My wife was out for the morning which gave me the opportunity to do get a few jobs done. First, I decided to drive into Stroud for a hair cut. As I approached the front door, I noticed a pile of papers on the hall table which had accumulated over a couple of months and which I kept promising myself I would do something about when I had 'A Moment'. Realising that I actually now did have 'A Moment', I laid my car keys down on the table and went through the pile. To my surprise, apart from the Beacon subscription reminder (which I hadn't got round to paying) and a few other outstanding bills, most of the papers in the pile had - through simple masterful neglect - achieved junk status. So I screwed them all up and lobbed them into the rubbish bin under the table. Then I noticed the bin was full. So, I decided to put the bills back on the table and take out the rubbish first. But then I thought, since I'm going to be near the postbox when I take out the rubbish anyway, I might as well pay the bills (and the Beacon subscription) at the same time.

I took my chequebook out of my inside pocket and saw that there was only one cheque left. The new chequebook was in my desk in the study. So, I went to my desk where I found a cup of coffee that I had been drinking. I took a sip as I started

to look for the new chequebook and noticed that the coffee was nearly cold. Rather than waste an almost full cup of coffee, I decided to warm it up in the microwave.

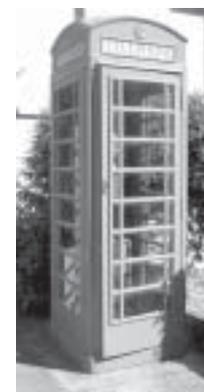
As I headed towards the kitchen with the coffee, a vase of flowers on the windowsill caught my eye: they needed watering. I set the coffee down on the windowsill and discovered my reading glasses that I'd been searching for all morning. I decided I'd better put them back on my desk, but first to water the flowers. I set my glasses back down on the windowsill, went to the kitchen and filled a jug with water. And spotted the TV remote, which someone had left on the kitchen table.

I realised that when we tried to watch TV in the evening, I would be looking for the remote but wouldn't remember that it was on the kitchen table. So I decided to put it back in the lounge where it belonged. But first I would water those flowers. Unfortunately, I remembered too late that this particular jug had one of those spouts carefully designed to ensure that exactly a two-thirds of any liquid poured, dribbled onto the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, got some towels and wiped up the spillage.

Then, as I headed back down the hall trying to remember what it was I was planning to do with the morning, My wife returned. I was forced to admit that - despite being very busy all morning - I still hadn't got my hair cut, neither the bills nor the Beacon subscription had been paid, the cold cup of coffee sitting on the windowsill was mine, the flowers hadn't been watered though the floor had, I couldn't find the TV remote or my glasses. And I don't remember what I did with the car keys..."

That not-so-red phone box

Last month's story about a recent visitor to the village being disappointed that our telephone box was grey rather than the bright red he had been led to expect, prompted the following from 'a usually reliable source'. Allegedly, what happened



was that BT did indeed decide to have the box painted red and contracted a local painter to do the job. Then they changed their minds and cancelled the order but not until said contractor had put on the grey undercoat. Since he wasn't being paid to finish the job, he just left it grey! So, now you know...

This is the sort of story which, even if it's not true, ought to be true! - Editor

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With a woof woof here... The Painswick Dog Show

Once again the recreation field at Painswick hosted throngs of happy people and dogs competing in this years Painswick Dog Show. This years event started at 11.00 am for the pedigree classes which attracted some beautiful dogs. Our judge this year, Marg Hughes, a noted terrier judge, was very impressed with the quality of the exhibits, in particular the sporting dogs class in which many dogs who would not have been out of place in a championship show had to go without prizes. The winner of this class, the pointer Mabel was just pipped for the top honours of best in show by a stunning bearded collie Hattie, pictured right with owner, Janet Lear of Kings Stanley. This year we were proud to present the Margaret Hampshire Memorial Cup to the winner of the Best in Show. This is a beautiful imposing cup which when presented drew comment from a bystander to the effect of it was better than they give out at Goodwood!



This years winner of the Murrays cup for the best dog or bitch from the Painswick postal area was very handsome black and white border collie called Mathew who is owned by Cheryl Gobey of Edge with second place going to a young flat coated retriever called Maisie who is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Tottle of Sheepscombe and third to Jean Bland's cocker spaniel Tilly.



As usual the first four of our novelty classes are judged by a vet and this year we were delighted to welcome Chris Clarkson who did a wonderful job judging best veteran, waggiest tail, most appealing eyes and best condition. These classes had a lot of entries many of which would of been worthy winners and I did not envy his position in judging between them with many lovely dogs having to remain unplaced, but Suzy (owned by Fiona Fletcher) was pleased to retain her title as the dog with the most appealing eyes against strong competition.

Our obedience classes were judged this year by Linda Evans. The classes drew some good entries and I was pleased to see that a number of the Painswick Dog club won places. In particular I noticed Sandra Saunders who put on a brilliant performance with her cairn Tyke to win the Done it for a while class.

A successful show is dependent upon the support it receives and we would like to thank all the people who rallied around to make the show run smoothly. We were very fortunate this year to have Arden Grange dog food donate most of the prizes, and the ring tape which made our rings look very professional. We also had prizes donated by Eukanuba, Pascoes and Fold Hill (dog chews). Thank you also to the anonymous benefactor who donated the salvers which were given out as prizes for many of the classes and last but not least to Stonehouse Dog Training Club who sponsored our obedience classes. Thank you also to the groundsman, the field was beautifully presented and formed the perfect backdrop to the show.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Michele Phillips

The best in show puppy cup was won by Mia a super red setter owned and bred by Mary Price of Slad (pictured left).



This year Painswick hosted the regional heat for the RSPCA dog of the year competition which attracted entries from a considerable distance. The class was won by Jack, a collie (right) who had been rescued from a farm where he had been starved and beaten and whose wounds were so



badly infected that he is now totally blind. In spite of this he is now a happy, confident dog who will go to anyone for a cuddle. Jack was the worthy winner of the Hamptons International Cup which is a lovely new cup to be given out to the winner of the best rescue class each year. In spite of strong competition the next four places all went to dogs from the Painswick postal area, with second going to Maxcine Jarmans' Wilber (a lovely Saluki cross who was found in a car park in Swindon with a broken pelvis and covered in diesel and who has made a remarkable recovery under her care) and third going to Fiona Fletchers' Suzy. No one who met Suzy who is so affectionate now, would believe what she was like when Fiona first had her and her gentle, loving nature is a reflection of Fiona's hard work and care.

The best child handler this year was Natalie Webb from Gloucester who expertly showed her sheltie Dylan and who also competed in the obedience classes coming 4th in Done it for a while, and was the winner of the Badger cup for the best novelty, and the best under 11 handler was Georgia Saunders with Treakle, a cairn terrier. 5th place went to 3 year old Maisie Cooke (daughter of Paul Cooke) who obviously enjoyed showing one of the oldest dogs at the show 15 year old Patsy, a border/lakeland terrier.



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The Results

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CLASS 1 Any Variety Puppy

- 1st Mia (Irish Setter) Mrs Price, Slad
- 2ns Berkley (pomeranian) Mrs Birchall, Gloucester
- 3rd Sydney (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley Gloucester
- 4th Checknyll Gold Star Dickens (Cocker) A Shearer, Painswick
- 5th Flynn (Whippet) J Mason, Stroud

CLASS 2 Any Variety Sporting

- 1st Mabel (Pointer) Mrs. Flint, Bisley
- 2nd Maddie (Deerhound) Mrs. Morley, Camp
- 3rd Blewe (Border Terrier) T. Parry, Bristol
- 4th Rufus (Rhodesian Ridgeback) Jane Porchester, Edge
- 5th Ryalcourt Lady Millicent (Cocker) Gilly Padbury, Painswick

CLASS 3 Any Variety Non-Sporting

- 1st Hattie (Bearded Collie) Janet Lear, Kings Stanley
- 2nd Durma (Shih Tzu) Dorothy Bridges, Gloucester
- 3rd Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley, Gloucester
- 4th Buster (German Shepherd) Mrs. Coakes, Dursley

CLASS 4 Any Variety Open

- 1st Sophie (Whippet) Helen Wayman, Gloucester
- 2nd Brent (Pomeranian) Mrs. Birchell, Gloucester
- 3rd Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley
- 4th Blew (Border Terrier) T. Parry
- 5th Sky (Labrador) Lisa Stocken, Stroud

CLASS 5 Any Variety Veteran

- 1st Bella (Golden Retriever) Mrs Wynne-Morgan, Painswick Age 15
- 2nd Patsy (Border x Lakeland Terrier) Caroline Alder, Stroud Age 15
- 3rd Ben (Doberman) Magda Bujarkova, Cirencester Age 10
- 4th Muffin (crossbreed) Geraldine Beveridge, Wantage, Oxford Age 12
- 5th Prince (German Shepherd) Maureen Coakes, Dursley Age 10 1/2

CLASS 6 Waggiest Tail

- 1st Monty (Labrador Retriever) J Mayneaux, Amberley
- 2nd Toby (Cocker) Jillie Speed, Painswick
- 3rd Zoe (crossbreed) Geraldine Beveridge, Wantage, Oxford
- 4th Cilla (Labrador) Freddie Unwin, Painswick
- 5th Ginger (Dachshund) Donna Harris, Painswick

CLASS 7 Most Appealing Eyes

- 1st Suzy (Terrier Cross) Fiona Fletcher, Painswick
- 2nd Bonnie (Collie) A Heywood, Staunton
- 3rd Harriet (Beagle) Dr. Smith, Painswick
- 4th Sasha (Golden Retriever) Miss Lee, Painswick
- 5th Harriet (Flat Coat Retriever) Mr & Mrs Tottle, Sheepscombe

CLASS 8 Best Condition

- 1st Sky (Black Labrador) Lisa Stocken, Stroud
- 2nd Megan (Patterdale) Sarah Daniels, Weston-Super-Mare
- 3rd Bonnie (Border Collie) Gemma Thompson, Painswick
- 4th Mathew (Border Collie) Cheryl Globey, Edge
- 5th Bailey (Lurcher) Caroline Blackburn, Edge

CLASS 9 Best Child Handler

- 1st Dylan (Sheltie) Natalie Webb, Gloucester
- 2nd Dude (Lhasa Apso x) Sally Cooper, Gloucester
- 3rd Treakle (Cairn) Georgia Saunders, Whiteway
- 4th Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Sally Cooper, Gloucester
- 5th Patsy (Border/Lakeland) Maise Cooke

CLASS 10 Best Rescue

- 1st Jack (Collie) Liz Brgess, Cam
- 2nd Wilbur (Lurcher) Maxine Jarman, Painswick
- 3rd Suzy (Terrier cross) Fiona Fletcher, Painswick
- 4th Rusty (Border/Patterdale cross) Caroline Alder, Painswick#
- 5th Poppy (crossbreed) Mrs Jukes, Painswick

CLASS 11 Best Crossbred

- 1st Lara Richard Aspinall, Paradise, Painswick
- 2nd Jilde Claire Burges-Watson, Painswick
- 3rd Dude Sally Cooper,
- 4th Muffin Geraldine Beveridge
- 5th Bailey Carolyn Blackburn, Ruscombe



CLASS 12 Most Handsome Dog

- 1st Sydney (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley
- 2nd Hooch (Hungarian Vizsla) Jayne Robinson, Painswick
- 3rd Mathew (Border Collie) Cheryl Gobey, Edge
- 4th Dylan (Sheltie) Natalie Webb
- 5th Rufus (Rhodesian Ridgeback) Jane Porchester, Edge

CLASS 13 Prettiest Bitch

- 1st Harriet (Beagle) Dr. Smith, Bulls Cross, Painswick
- 2nd Pheobe (Rough Collie) Vivien Wright, Painswick
- 3rd Durma (Shih Tzu) D Bridge
- 4th Katie (Cocker) Vicky Lusty, Stonehouse
- 5th Ginger (Dachshund) Donna Harris

CLASS 14 Best Titbit Catcher

- 1st Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley
- 2nd Lara (crossbreed) Richard Aspinall
- 3rd Casie (Border Collie) Yoli Creed, Whiteway
- 4th Monty (Labrador/Retriever) j Molneaux, Amberley
- 5th Smugler (Labrador) Harry Lovell, Painswick

CLASS 15 Best in Painswick Postal Area

- 1st Mathew (Border Collie) Cheryl Gobey, Edge
- 2nd Maisie (Flat Coated Retriever) Mr & Mrs Tottle, Sheepscombe

- 3rd Tilly (Cocker Spaniel) Jean Bland, Painswick
- 4th Sascha (Golden Retriever) Miss J Lee, Painswick
- 5th Harriet (Beagle) Dr Smith, Bulls Cross

CLASS 16 Best Movement

- 1st Ice (Australian Shepherd) Sandra Saunders, Whiteway
- 2nd Twiggy (German Shorthaired Pointer) Michele Phillips (shown by Magda Bujarkova)
- 3rd Durma (Shih Tzu) D Bridge
- 4th Dylan (Sheltie) Natalie Webb
- 5th Sydney (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley

CLASS 17 Dog/Bitch the judge would most like to take home

- 1st Tilly (Cocker) Jean Bland
- 2nd Dylan (Sheltie) Natalie Webb
- 3rd Katie (Cocker) Vicky Lusty
- 4th Megan (Patterdale) Sarah Daniels
- 5th Bruce (Flat Coated Retriever) Mott Tottle, Backwell, Avon

CLASS 18

- 1st Muffin (crossbreed) Geraldine Beveridge
- 2nd Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Sally Cooper
- 3rd Treakle (Cairn) Georgia Saunders, Whiteway
- 4th Sky (Labrador) Lisa Stocken, Westrip

CLASS 19 Dog or bitch not winning a 1st before today

- 1st Treakle (Cairn) Sandra Saunders
- 2nd Snoop (Labrador) A Cooke, Painswick
- 3rd Sasha (Golden Retriever) Miss Lee, Painswick
- 4th Bruce (Flat Coated Retriever) Matt Tottle, Backwell, Avon
- 5th Cassie (Border Collie) Yoli Creed



OBEDIENCE 1 Never Done it Before

- 1st Buster (German Shepherd) Roger Coakes, Dursley
- 2nd Barney (Border Collie) Angela Busson, Cheltenham
- 3rd Kizzie (Flat Coated Retriever) Anne Bishop
- 4th Lara (Labrador) Mrs Wynne Morgan, Painswick
- 5th Sydney (Australian Shepherd) Molly Apperley
- 6th Bonnie (Collie) A Heywood, Gloucester

OBEDIENCE 2 Done it for a while

- 1st Tyke (Cairn) Sandra Saunders
- 2nd Laddie (Shetland Sheepdog)
- 3rd Poppy (crossbred) T Gisborne, Cheltenham
- 4th Dylan (Sheltie) Natalie Webb
- 5th Kizzie (Flat Coated Retriever) Anne Bishop
- 6th Martha (Rotweiler) Jean Clarkson, Painswick



Red Cross Open Gardens

A gloriously sunny afternoon and a dazzling display of immaculately beautiful gardens ensured a record turnout for the Red Cross Open Gardens. Six gardens were open in Painswick for the afternoon of Sunday 10th July and, on behalf of the Gloucestershire branch of British Red Cross, Jackie Herbert



thanked everyone who had supported the event. 'We collected over £1,500 in total which is a terrific result!' she said ' But we still need more gardens in Painswick to take part.' If you would like to share your garden for an afternoon and be part of what has become a wonderful Painswickian tradition, give Jackie a call on 813299.



She is pictured (right) with her magnificent globe artichokes at Sheephouse Cottage (Jackie is the lady on the left of the picture— Editor). The ice creams served by John and Delyth Allen at Waylands (left) were very welcome on a scorchingly hot day!

Crack Cancer Race for Life

June Gardiner and Jean Ryland would like to thank all those who either sponsored them directly or by donations at the coffee morning on 2nd July for their entry in the Tesco Race for Life which took place in Gloucester on Sunday 10th July, supporting the charity Cancer Research UK.

Sunday was one of the hotter days of the year, but fortunately they completed the event before the heat of the afternoon sun.

It was a very emotional experience, so many women running or walking, each with their own story to tell as either survivors or in memory of a loved one. The fantastic total of £1000 was donated. Thanks to you all.

The photograph shows June, Jean, Sally - June's daughter, granddaughters Anna and Charlotte and friend Miranda.

Further events in the Cobalt Appeal Fund Crack Cancer Campaign include a **Garden Party on Saturday 6th August, 2.00 – 4.30pm at 8/9 Upper Washwell** and a **Magical Xmas Tour on Sunday 4th December at Rococo Garden with Peter Pan as the theme**



The Quiet Garden

How long does it take to establish a tradition ? The Quiet Gardeners have been inviting you to Yew Tree House in Vicarage Street on Thursday afternoons in August from 2.30 until 6 p.m. since 1997 – well on the way we think ! We are members of The Quiet Garden Movement, now an international organisation, which seeks to provide local opportunities for prayer, silence, reflection and the appreciation of beauty, and for experiencing creativity and healing in the context of God's love. We share quietness, space and stillness together. Some visitors paint, write, read or just sit. We pray that everyone returns to their everyday lives nurtured and encouraged by a time apart. For further details phone Elizabeth Burge on 813177.



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Last Panto is Red Hot for Painswick!

You may remember that, back in June, in my last report of dramatic events in Painswick, I mentioned we were having some difficulty deciding what to put on for our December production. In the intervening weeks and months the PP Committee deliberated, debated, dithered and, in the end, decided ...to have a party. The somewhat shaky basis for this decision was that the AmDram 'What shall we put on next?' thinking process tends to work most efficiently when immersed in the fuzzy, happy blur of a party. Exactly how this happens has never satisfactorily been explained but is thought to be connected in some way to the auditory mental resonance induced by the sound of a cork popping.

And so it proved to be. As you can see from the pictures, the assembled members readily engaged in the cut and thrust of scintillating debate. Eventually a decision about the December production apparently emerged from under a table. Or, at least, so I'm told: I can't remember that much, to be honest.

Anyway, the upshot is that on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December we shall be presenting a double bill comprising *The Last Panto in Painswick* by David Tristram followed by a surprise premiere production from the YiPPies (Young Painswick Players) of *Red Hot Cinders* by Richard Tydeman.

The *Last Panto in Painswick* tells the tale of one AmDram society's attempts to put on its annual pantomime. 'It's absolutely hilarious,' commented Jackie Herbert, whose directorial debut this will be. 'It's also a bit painfully close to home, at times,' she added: 'Any resemblance to any real Painswick Player, living or dead, is entirely coincidental (although quite likely)!' Auditions will be held on Tuesday 6th September, 7.30 pm at the Painswick Centre.

Red Hot Cinders is described as 'a patent, potted pantomime: Cinderella all in rhyme....' Lesley Wolowiec, who will be directing the YiPPies in this, their opening production, describes it as



'Cinderella on speed, a lively dramatic romp for youngsters of all ages and a lot of fun both for the YiPPies involved and those watching.'

Lesley plans a kick-off meeting on Tuesday 13th September at 7.00 pm in the Painswick Centre, with auditions being held the following Tuesday. She will be contacting everyone on her list of those who have already expressed interest, over the next few weeks. If you or yours find that you are not on the list and would like to be, give her a call on 813295 or just turn up on the 13th.

Finally, at the risk of making this column just a bit too exciting, I should mention that the ever popular Painswick Players AGM will take place on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30 pm in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre. Come along and watch in amazement as the drama unfolds.

Jack Burgess

Another Beastly Art Exhibition

Hazel Morris and Jane Vernon have been exhibiting together in "Another Beastly Art Exhibition" for seven years. This year they are joined by guest exhibitor Juliet Harmer. Items from greetings cards and mugs through to individually designed pieces of jewellery and larger paintings provide a selection of items for sale suitable for a range of budgets.

All three Gloucestershire artists are inspired by nature and, through their use of different media, together produce a rich and varied display of work. Juliet Harmer takes inspiration for her oil paintings from the natural world, changing seasons and all the myriad colours and patterns within it. Arkane Jewellery (Hazel Morris) specializes in unique, individually designed, hand-crafted silver jewellery alongside a range of other precious, non-precious and mixed metal pieces. Jane Vernon makes colourful silk wallhangings, many finished with ceramic pieces or beads, and a wide range of domestic pottery.

The exhibition will be held in Painswick Town Hall from Tuesday 9th to Sunday 14th August. Opening times are between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

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Tennis

The tennis season is well underway with various tournaments and league matches being played.

One recent social event was a 2-hour duration evening walk in the Pitchcombe area, followed by supper in Pitchcombe Village Hall. Some 40 members went on the walk and our photograph, taken by Andy Westgate, pictures the "leading" group.



Cricket

Painswick's cup success

Painswick achieved a memorable victory when they defeated Stone in the Stroud District (20 overs) Cup Final. This was the first occasion that the Broadham side has won the competition which is sponsored by Sports Ground Maintenance and Supplies. The game brought outstanding performances from James Cook who struck 7 boundaries in his score of 42 and Ian Hogg who bowled exceptionally well in taking 5 wickets for 23 runs. Painswick's score of 106 all out looked vulnerable when Stone's opening batsmen came to the crease but some first class fielding which included two well taken run-out opportunities, together with Hogg's fine spell of bowling, saw Painswick's opponents' last wicket fall with their total on 93.

Painswick First Eleven's success has not just been restricted to the Stroud District 20 Overs Competition. They are having an excellent season in Division 2 (First Eleven) of the Readers County League where they were top of the division on 23 July following their ten-wicket victory over Arcadians. Painswick's South African wicketkeeper/batsman, Simon Savides, has been a great form with the bat, hitting 3 undefeated centuries. Not surprisingly the Broadham side was disappointed last

Saturday (30th July) when their match against Shurdington was called off because of rain. Painswick Second Eleven having had a number of enjoyable matches are currently in mid-table in Division 3 (Second Eleven). The annual cricket week took place at Broadham during the week beginning 24th July and, although the weather could have been kinder, the players enjoyed some good cricket.

Churches Together Cricket - Sunday 14th August

A number of the Churches Together Around Painswick cricketers are unfortunately on holiday in mid-August and will not be available for the match. We very much wish to win the Ron Taylor trophy which is currently held by Stroud. The match is to be played at Broadham and starts at 2pm. A warm welcome will be given to everyone whether as player, helper or spectator. Please contact Terry Parker on 812191.

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Cricket Results

(Saturday matches are all league games: *indicates not out).

Sun 26 June. Dymock 136 Painswick 139-6 (D Cave 54).

Sat 2 July. Painswick 1st XI 194 -7 Kings Stanley 1st XI 128-9.

Stinchcombe Stragglers 2nd XI 81-9 (R Coates 6-10) Painswick 2nd XI 82-8.

Sun 3 July. St Stephens 175-9 Painswick 176-4 (S Savides 117*).

Wed 6 July. (Midweek League). Painswick 104-7 Haresfield 98-8.

Fri 8 July. Cup Final. Painswick 1st XI 106 (J Cook 42) Stone 1st XI 93 (I Hogg 5-23).

Sat 9 July. Haresfield 1st XI 101 (S Base 4-27) Painswick 1st XI 102-2 (S Savides 83*).

Painswick 2nd XI 100-5 Haresfield 2nd XI 95.

Mon 11 July. Speldhurst 250-8 Painswick 173 (D Barnard 40).

Wed 13 July. Painswick 152-6 Rockhampton 137.

Sat 16 July. Newent 1st XI 254-7 Painswick 1st XI 180-6 (D Barnard 67).

Painswick 2nd XI 121-8 Bharat 2nd XI 122-4.

Sat 23 July. Arcadians 1st XI 60 Painswick 1st XI 62-0.

Painswick 2nd XI 140-8 Hatherley & Readings 141-5.

Mon 25 July. I Hogg's XI 135 Painswick 139-8.

Tue 26 July. Cotswold 172-8 Painswick 175-6 (S Savides 100*).

Fri 29 July. Ibstone 171 (S Savides 5-54) Painswick 172-3 (S Savides 125*).

Sat 30 July. Painswick 1st XI v Shurdington 1st XI. Rained off.

Fixtures

Sat 6 Aug. Slaughters 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Sun 7 Aug. Painswick v Cheltenham Civil Service.

Sat 13 Aug. Painswick 1st XI v Churchdown 1st XI. St Stephens 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sat 20 Aug. Chalford 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Chalford 2nd XI.

Sun 21 Aug. Painswick v Stratford Court.

Sat 27 Aug. Painswick 1st XI v Witcombe 1st XI. Gloucester CS 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sat 3 Sep. Painswick 1st XI v Kings Stanley 1st XI. Stinchcombe 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Badminton



The Badminton Club held its Summer Barbecue on Saturday 23rd July at Waylands, Cotswold Mead. The barbecue was preceded by an energetic game of rounders on Broadham Fields. A beautifully warm evening, plenty of good food and lots of smoke(!) ensured an enjoyable event.

The badminton season re-starts on the evening of Monday 5th September at the Painswick Centre.

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VE/VJ Day 60th Anniversary

Sunday 10th July was the day set aside nationally to celebrate the ending of the Second World War.

The day was chosen so that the celebrations could be concentrated on the one day rather than having two separate days on 8th May (Victory in Europe) and 15th August (Victory in the Far East).

The Parish Council wishes to thank those residents who came to the Town Hall in the afternoon bringing with them wartime memorabilia. Although there were competing events on the day, there were a number of visitors who found much to interest them. Refreshments were provided by the Parish Council.

Reigh Sutton's items of memorabilia included a compilation by The Daily Telegraph of advice notes about the British people given to American servicemen. One piece of advice was to avoid the use of the word "bloody" in mixed company as "it is one of their worst swear words". On sport, the servicemen were told that rugby was a game similar to American Football but the English "do not handle the ball as cleanly as we do"(!)

At 5.00pm the church bells rang out - as they did throughout the country, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in St Mary's Church. The service was organised by Churches Together Around Painswick and conducted by the Vicar, the Revd John Longuet-Higgins. The sermon was preached by Father David Ryan. Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, read Andrew Vincent's "Gloucestershire Memories".



Wine and curry

Wine and curry may not be a gourmet's combination but each has been the subject of a talk at the Yew Trees WI in recent weeks. In June we were fortunate enough to learn something about wines from a knowledgeable and enthusiastic member of Waitrose staff; who was also kind enough to allow us to sample the wines he was discussing. We learnt that rosé is the 'in' thing to drink this summer and that it is now considered *de rigueur* to buy wine with screw top bottles. He taught us how to differentiate old world from new world wines. (New world are usually darker and have a higher alcohol content because the grapes have ripened more quickly.) If we are slightly confused as to what we learnt it is probably because we enjoyed the wines so much it seemed a crime not to drink them all up!

We had a holiday from our usual monthly meeting at the end of July and instead had a special curry making demonstration and tasting early in the month. Nasim Desai (who has previously talked to us on saris and her interesting mutli-cultural life) showed us how a proper Indian curry is made. Our taste buds were soon titillated by the smell of coriander, cumin, ginger, garam masala, garlic and all sorts of other exotic spices, but we had to wait for them to marinate together before we could sample a delicious chicken curry, and a scrumptious vegetable curry, along with rice made to taste exotic by the inclusion of spices. The end result was a far cry from the take-away curries of our youth! Do not be surprised to find exotic smells wafting out of the kitchen's of WI members trying hard to emulate Nasim's skills.

Our programme returns to its usual schedule in August when on Tuesday 23rd we meet in the Town Hall at 7.30pm for a talk on The work of the County Air Ambulance. If you like interesting speakers and want to meet some friendly people why not come along to one of our meetings - no obligation to join. We are always delighted to welcome anyone new to the village, or anyone who has lived here for years and never been to a WI meeting - most of us are WI novices!

Celia Lougher



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A Night to Remember

Picture the scene, the lights down low, candles on the tables, ladies in ball gowns and the gentlemen in their tails. Dancing visitors from as far as Leicester, Brighton, Monmouth & Dursley. Three lady visitors from San Francisco (having a day of rest from their walk along the Cotswold Way), another lady from Texas accompanied by her daughter who resides in Painswick and two charming teenage young ladies who have come to the town for three years and who have promised to come again next year. It's 8.00pm. and all ready to go. Suddenly the power goes off and yours truly makes a dash home to Nailsworth to pick up the portable ghetto blaster hoping that there are batteries in the drawer but making a note that Tesco is still open just in case.

Back once more at the Painswick Centre, the evening finally gets under way 40 minutes late and the first few dances are done to candlelight just as the Victorians would have done. Then Russ manages to get a generator going to give more power for the music and stage lights and dancing continues by candlelight. Finally the power does return in time for refreshments and the second half of a very memorable evening.

Many thanks to Paul from the Shetland Shop for having tickets available and help during the day, to Russ & Jackie for running the bar during the evening and to the dancers for coming along and making such a wonderful Victorian Costume Ball. The proceeds, £300, will all go towards the continued renovation of the Centre. If you missed the Ball this year but hope to come in 2006 the date is Saturday 8th July and, being the centenary year of the Centre, we hope that we may have a very distinguished visitor for the occasion.

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Fantastic term end for Playgroup

We are delighted to report that the Playgroup's recent Pedal for a Shed fund-raiser raised an incredible £650. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children and to all of the children for pedalling so furiously! The four girls at the finishing line are (from left to right) Molly, Lettie, Emily and Mea. The money raised will enable us to buy a much needed new shed to house the outdoor toys.

The fun and fund-raising has not stopped there. A further £140 was raised by the Playgroup at a parent's bingo evening and from the delicious toffee apple stall at the Croft School summer fayre.



The Playgroup summer outing took the children on a marvellous day to the Mohair centre in the Forest of Dean. The sunny weather meant that the children enjoyed visiting the animals, a tractor ride and an outdoor picnic. The fun and games continued in the large indoor play area giving parents and carers the chance for a well-earned cup of tea!

Term finished for the Playgroup on 22nd July. We celebrated with a bouncy castle and teddy bears' picnic hosted by Victoria Elvidge at Painswick House. Many of the Playgroup children will be moving on to local schools in September. We would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to Beaty, Linsey, Sarah, Caroline and Christine at the Playgroup who have provided the most wonderful care and important start to school life for our children.

Andrea Robinson



Painswick Centre News

The Country House Sale was a great success and raised £840 for the Painswick Centre. We are planning to repeat the event next year. The Trustees would like to thank all those who supported the Sale. The money raised will be used to help pay for the upkeep and improvements to the Centre for the benefit of the local community.

Our next event is 'A Night To Remember' which will be held in the Centre on Friday 14th October, between 7.30pm and 11.00pm. The theme of the evening will be our contribution to the VE Day Celebrations, and we hope to provide a "British" atmosphere. Although Vera Lynn is otherwise engaged, there will be live music to listen to and dance to. There will be a three-course meal, one English, one Welsh, and, of course, a Scottish course. There will be a full bar service, with wines from the Three Choirs Vineyard in Newent. This is

one event that we feel sure will appeal to all age groups. Tickets will be available from The Shetland Shop at £27.50.

And in December, the Centre will, for the first time, present a Children's Christmas Puppet Show. On Sunday 18th December, in conjunction with AIR in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire), the talented Lempen Puppets (see picture below) promise a fabulous professional performance that will mesmerise and captivate children of all ages from three to 133. In fact, December promises to be a busy month of entertainment at the Centre. As well as the Painswick Players Christmas production (1st, 2nd, 3rd December), we hope also to be welcoming back, by popular demand, the Upstairs Downstairs Company for an Edwardian Christmas Musical Entertainment on the afternoon of Sunday, 4th December. Watch this space for more details of these and other events at your Painswick Centre.



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The London Bombings

I went up to London for the first time in more than a year to attend a seminar in the city on Thursday 7th July. Not being familiar with the flow of surface traffic during the morning rush, I considered that the greater certainty of achieving my destination within the hour that I had allowed myself lay in the regularity of the Underground system. I chose the Circle Line from Paddington clockwise to Monument because it seemed the easiest route involving the least stops along the way. I was two carriages from the blast which happened just as the train was at walking pace about 100 metres from Aldgate station. Other than the very loud bang, none of us knew what had gone wrong. Some sort of serious mechanical catastrophe seemed to be the consensus. Nobody suggested a bomb.

The lights in the carriages were out but there was light from the fixed lighting in the tunnel. The tunnel itself is quite wide as it opens out into Aldgate station, which is open to the sky above, so there was enough light to see one's immediate surroundings. The people in my carriage and the one in-between us and the blast were not hysterical, although we could hear cries from further forward. We were trapped in the sense that these trains are designed to keep people in. Somebody observed that we should wait for the signal that the electrified rails had been isolated before attempting to get out. There was a lot of dust.

We all kept looking at our watches and after what seemed a long time but actually was no more than 15 minutes some Underground officials arrived and started helping the uninjured and the walking wounded down to the tracks from the rear end of the train. We were then shepherded along the track to Aldgate Sta-

tion and up to the surface where it was immediately apparent that the emergency services were on-site in force and well coordinated.

I don't think it appropriate to give detail of what I saw in walking past the damaged railcar. Remember at this time nobody had used the word "bomb" - in my hearing anyway - and for myself I thought I was seeing some very unfortunate victims of a mechanical failure. I gave my details to a police officer and got permission to leave the scene, thankful that I was one of the lucky ones. I even telephoned my wife on walking into the city to tell her that if she heard of a problem on the London Underground during the day, not to worry because I was not caught up in it. As the mobile networks later failed under the heavy traffic of calls, I'm glad I did.

The news that followed, that it must have been a bomb did not faze me. I had seen the effect first hand. How small a device it must have been not to blow out glass from the adjoining carriages. How lucky for me and the 200 plus who sustained no physical injury on that train. The "what if" scenarios didn't worry me. Despite my reassurance, they affected my family. They hadn't had first hand experience (Thank God) but they had visions - albeit natural psychological responses - but not the ability to dismiss the experience as something that didn't happen to me.

The three and a half mile walk back to Paddington at the end of the day was a surreal experience as thousands of other commuters walking across London will testify. My heart goes out to all those whose lives have been changed by this. I will get on with life and support any effort to contain these mindless terrorists.

Edward Young

PROPERTY REPORT for August by Hamptons International

The jubilation following London's selection as host to the 2012 Olympics was of course followed by the horrific events of the 7th July. However our London offices have been impressed at the speed with which Londoners and those living in the South appear to have returned to normal levels of activity.

Confidence levels seem to be returning to the market with many of our small cottages agreeing sales in the past few weeks and registration of applicants increasing. Many of these have not yet put their properties on the market but we are seeing more activity and hopefully this will turn into a return to healthier market conditions, focusing more on the promising future than the past.

Here in Painswick our view is still that the price must be right. Again this last month we have observed little sense of urgency unless the conditions to buy or sell are absolutely right. There seems to be a lot of activity up to about £500,000 but the higher priced properties are seeing little or no viewings.

Location is still one of the most important factors in attracting buyers as was proved recently when we marketed Woodridings in Cotswold Mead. We had amazing interest and resulted in a

best offer situation. Other new instructions include Nos 2 and 4 Painswick Heights - these lovely contemporary homes with the fantastic views; Barncroft in Blakewell Mead - a newly renovated property with views over to Edge, where we also have two properties, Cornerways with 2 acres and swimming pool and Gorselands - a modern chalet bungalow in a large garden. Orchard Bungalow has an acre garden near Pitchcombe and The Ridings in Court Orchard, Painswick has 4 bedrooms and a downstairs bedroom suite and Eversley in Friday Street with parking and garden in the heart of the village, Last but not least is a magnificent barn conversion on the edge of Painswick "The Barn at Washwell" with its fantastic open plan accommodation.

Recent exchanges include Tangier Cottage in Vicarage Street, 1 Hambutts off Edge road and also no 3 Hambutts Mead, Damsells Mews in The Park and at Cranham Milidduwa also The Ferns at The Camp.

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AUGUST

Sat	6	Group Purple present 'Hidden Paths' an exhibition daily of Textiles (daily until 20th August)	Library Rooms	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Garden Party in aid of Crack Cancer Campaign	8 & 9 Upper Washwell	2.00 to 4.30pm
		Cranham Feast: Cricket Tournament; Deer Roast & Country Fayre; Stalls; Races etc.	Cranham	
Sun	7	Concert by Cathy White (Harp) for Pin Project	St John's Church, Sheepscombe	3.00pm
Tue	9	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
		Country Studio Workshop & Art Exhibition: daily	Church Rooms	10.00am to 5.00pm
		Concert: "Les Hautbois du Lion" - French Woodwind ensemble in aid of Medecin Sans Frontieres	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
		Special Pirate Storytime - come dressed as a pirate and hear seafaring tales.	Painswick Library	3.30 to 4.00pm
Thu	11	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays		12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	12	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	13	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	The Falcon	11.00am
		Country Studio Workshop & Art Exhibition: Saturdays	Church Rooms	10.00am to 5.00pm
Sun	14	CTAP Cricket Match	Broadham	2.00pm
Tue	16	Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Sat	20	Copy dateline for September to Editorial Team		
Tue	23	Yew Trees WI – Work of County Air Ambulance	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	25	Diary deadline for September to Edwina Buttrey		

SEPTEMBER

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	3	September issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Tue	6	Auditions for Painswick Players <i>Last Panto</i>	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	7	Probus: Atlantic Liners - Mr Fred Jones	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	8	Tea Dances - Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
		Christ Church Book Club <i>Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone</i>	Christ Church	10.00am
Fri	9	Senior Circle: "Them bones" - Libby Graesser	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Hort.Soc: Annual Show	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
		Talk by Prof. Tim Gorringe - "Trade Justice" followed by Buffet Supper	Olivers	
Sun	11	Gloucester Choral Soc <i>Verdi's Requiem</i>	Gloucester Cathedral	7.30pm
			Coach Stamages Lane	6.00pm
Tue	13	YiPPies - Young Painswick Players kickoff meeting	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Sun	18	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Improvers - Sundays	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Tue	20	Local History Society Meeting	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: Eleanor - England's First Queen? - Jim Davies	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	22	Painswick Players AGM - The drama continues...	Cotswold Room, P. Centre	7.30pm
Fri	23	Senior Circle: The Bag Man - Hayden Gardener	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	25	Clipping Service: Guest speaker - Canon Hoyle	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI - Aromatherapy	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	Wycliffe College Choir	St.Mary's Church	evening

OCTOBER

Tue	4	Bird Club: Birds and wildlife encounters in the Arctic - Dr R Sale	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	5	Probus: Talk(s) by Member(s)	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	7	Senior Circle: Outing to Symonds Yat		
Wed	12	Hort.Soc: A Day with Beth Chatto	Town Hall	7.30pm



OCTOBER (continued)

Fri	14	'A Night to Remember' VE/VJ Dinner Dance	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 11.00pm
Wed	19	Probus: The Bristol Aeroplane Co. - Mr Walter Gibb	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	21	Senior Circle: Being a Magistrate - Kay Holmes	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	25	Probus: Trip to Tyntesfield House, Wraxall Yew Trees WI: Glimpses of the history of Painswick - Cedric Nielsen	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Day of Prayer for World Peace Bird Club: Birds & beast Sounds of the Night - R Cliffe	Catholic Church Town Hall	9.00am to 7.30pm 2.30pm
Fri	28	Voksresenije Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg Singing Russian Spiritual & Folk Music	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Priors of Gloucester - Mr Philip Moss	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	4	Senior Circle: Mary Kingsley, Explorer Extraordinary - Fred Jones	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	5	Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Good company, good Coffee, Cakes & Candles etc.	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon
Fri	11	Senior Circle: Outing to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	12	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Mon	14	CTAPAGM	Church rooms	7.30pm
Wed	16	Senior Circle Coffee Morning Probus: Selection & Training of Police Horses - Mr F S Knight	Town Hall Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	18	Senior Circle AGM followed by Travelling with Peter & Janet Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI - Annual Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	26	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Tue	29	Bird Club: Birds of Gloucestershire - Mike Robinson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Annual Dinner at Stroud		

DECEMBER

Thu	1-3	Painswick Players: <i>Last Panto in Painswick/ Red Hot Cinders</i>	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	2	Senior Circle: Hand Bell Ringing - Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	4	Magical Christmas Tour, with Peter Pan as the theme	Rococo Gardens	
Sat	10	The Painswick Singers: Christmas Carol Concert - carols, readings, solos and choir items; retiring collection	Christ Church	7.30pm
Tue	13	Yew Trees WI - Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: First descent of the Grand Canyon - Ken Ingamels	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	16	Senior Circle: Christmas Lunch	Town Hall	
Sun	18	Children's Christmas Entertainment "Lempen Puppets"	Painswick Centre	to be confirmed

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PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

BUNNAGE HOUSE, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE Alterations and construction of a dormer window & porch to existing garage to enable loft space to be used as a home office and fitness area
 FORTY ACRES, WICK STREET, Erection of extension to existing boarding cattery
 SOLWAY, CHELTENHAM ROAD, Extension and alterations. Remove garage and utility. (Resubmission following withdrawn application)
 LOWER HAZELING, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD Demolish existing two sheds and replace with tractor shed
 BENWELL, HALE LANE, PAINSWICK Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to form study and ground floor storage accommodation and conservatory
 9 PULLENS ROAD, PAINSWICK Installation of dormer windows, demolition of single storey extension and erection of a new single storey extension
 QUIETWAYS, THE HIGHLANDS, PAINSWICK Erection of extensions

CONSENT

PODGEWELL BARN, SEVENLEAZE LANE, EDGE Alterations to barn
 Land at MARY'S ACRE, STAMAGES LANE, Erection of dwelling house & garage. (Resubmission following withdrawn scheme)
 JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD, Reduce and reshape cedar tree
 GREENFIELDS, KINGS MILL LANE, Part demolition of existing house & outbuildings. Erection of extension to provide additional accommodation and a double garage
 MILL POOL HOUSE, TICKLESTONE LANE, Erection of extensions and installation of a new dormer window
 THE RED HOUSE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE, Erection of a conservatory

LYNDHURST, BLAKEWELL MEAD, Erection of conservatory
 PYLL HOUSE, SHEEPSCOMBE Introduction of stone window with metal insert lights and construction of external store area
 MAYFAIRE, SLAD Extensions and alterations
 WASHBROOK MILL, EDGE ROAD, EDGE Erection of extension
 BELL HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET, Erection of a single storey extension

REFUSAL

FLAT 1, ROSSWAY HOUSE, NEW STREET, Retrospective application for free standing screen.
 PODGEWELL BARN, SEVENLEAZE LANE, EDGE Erection of outbuildings to dwelling

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE), Works to form additional staff accommodation in roof space store at level 3, including minor amendments to fenestration and elevations. (Resubmission following refusal)

ICE - In Case of Emergency

The recent tragic events in London have highlighted the problem of establishing victims' identities. Reuben Wyatt of our Mobile Police Station is helping promote the ICE (In Case of Emergency) campaign which originated with the East Anglian Ambulance Service in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award. The idea is to store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book with the number of the person you would want contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency, ambulance and hospital staff could then quickly find out your next of kin and contact them. Simple but effective.

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The Personal Column

Welcome

A welcome to TOM EDGINTON who is moving into Cambrai, Cheltenham Road, also Mr & Mrs DICKINSON who are moving into Silvercrest, Kingsmill Lane.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to the Mr and Mrs MANN who are moving from Silvercrest, Kingsmill Lane to Somerset, and to Mr and Mrs WALL who will shortly be moving abroad from Highcroft, Sheepscombe.

Babies

Congratulations to NICOLA and WILLIAM NASH on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca, 8th May, a first grandchild for Joan and Colin Nash;

also to HELEN and JULIAN STAPLETON on the birth of a son, Dominic Leonard Watts on 16th July, a first grandson for Audrey and Malcolm Watts and a brother for Isabella;

also to SHEENA LUKER who would like to announce the arrival of Ella on 14th July, a first grandchild for Christine, a niece for Murray and a first great-grandchild for John and Mary Luker. Sheena would like to thank everyone who sent gifts and cards;

and to VICKI and NOEL REILLY on the birth of a son on 25th July, William David, a second grandson to Barbara and David Harley;

and to SUSAN and MARK DRAPER on the birth of a daughter on 29th July, Megan Lily, a sister for Laura and a fourth grandchild for David and Jean Newell.

Engagement

Congratulations to TED ISAAC of Vicarage Street, Painswick and NICOLA WEST of Cheltenham, who have announced their engagement recently.

Weddings

Congratulations to RICHARD NASH and JULIANA BLANCH who were married at All Saints, Crudwell on 18th June;

also to JONATHAN HINDS and RACHEL SPENCER who were married at St.Mary's on 2nd July;

also to JASON CLEAR and KERRIE OSBORNE who were married on 16th July at St.Mary's;

also to JENNIFER STICK and DAVID MANDEVILLE who were married at St. James, Cranham on 23rd July;

also to DAVID BURDETTT and REBECCA BEARMAN-MILLS who were married at St.Mary's on 23rd July;

and to CATHERINE ELGAR and TIM WILLIAMS who were married at St.Mary's on 30th July.

Ruby Weddings

Congratulations to JOAN and COLIN NASH who were married forty years ago on 12th June;

also to HILARY and DAVID SIMPSON who will celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary on 21st August.

Emerald Wedding

Congratulations to PHIL and BILL VARAH who were married 55 years ago on 29th July.

The Sick List

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to JOYCE TRANTER, MICHAEL BRENNAN, RUTH HEAL, LUCY BICKFORD, JULIAN READ, JEAN HARLEY, SHIRLEY PURDY, JUDITH O'RIORDAN, HILARY KILBY, ALICE BRADLEY and SEPTIMA WOOLLEY.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of QUEENIE GRANT who died on 29th July.

Did you know?

That HILDA MUSTY and LINDA EVANS attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace on 21st July?

Linda's comment on the occasion was, "A most enjoyable experience, with the weather just right to make for a truly pleasant afternoon. I enjoyed the tea, and the ice cream was delicious."

And finally...

Congratulations to JULIE LEONI, daughter of Duccio Leoni who was awarded a PhD in Education on the subject of "Gender, Deviance and Exclusion" at Birmingham University on the 8th July. This is in addition to her two other MAs in English Literature and Education.

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