

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Clypping the church



The clouds parted last Sunday, just as those who had gathered in the churchyard at St.Mary's for the annual clypping service - embracing the church by holding hands on the footpaths which lie around the building - completed the first hymn.

The Vicar the Revd John Longuet-Higgins led the service and, after prayers had been said by headteacher Janet Hoyle, husband Canon David Hoyle spoke movingly about the relevance of the history of Painswick and this place of worship.

The children, many wearing garlands, were as ever eager to receive the fruit buns and coin traditionally given on this day.

## Village pride

We have much of which to be proud in this village of ours, but this does not come without some effort by those who live here. A wide range of factors, such as the upkeep of our buildings, the regular monitoring of planning applications which may lead to adverse changes, the litter-free streets and maintenance of our environment, or a combination of these, probably cause us to regard Painswick as 'good'.

Putting ourselves to the test, Painswick enters the Bledisloe Cup competition each year. This is where judges visit, unannounced, and assess what they actually see in and around the village. They look for overflowing litter bins, untidy frontages to properties, unclipped hedges, and so on. In 2005 we were Highly Commended (3rd) in the Gloucestershire 1500+ population, Large Villages section. Mickleton were the winners and Chipping Campden runners up.

This year, as readers will know, Painswick was judged to be the **Village of the Year** in the Calor competition for Gloucestershire; as we reported on the front page in August. That was quite an accolade! As we explained then, the Village of the Year is not judged upon how pretty we seem to be, but upon factors such as ways in which we express care and concern for the elderly, the young and the infirm, the practical ways in which we support or promote business, tourism and so on.

The winners from each county are eligible to proceed to a regional assessment and, indeed, to the national level - quite heady stuff! As we go to press an entry has been made for just such a process, copy of which in glorious Technicolor is available for perusal in the library. Why not read for yourselves how the panel assisting the Parish Council in this application has expressed its justification for winning at this level?

### BT sees red

Our enquiry of Mr BT, consequent upon letters published in these pages about the telephone box in New Street being an exceptional shade of grey, brought, as diligent readers may have been anticipating, a visit from their chief inspector of box paint-work.

A brief (telephone, of course) message to the Beacon informs us that it is to receive its glossy new red coat in the not too distant future!



Elsewhere in this issue - news from the **tower** and the **centre**, antiques at the **Little Fleece**, some **puppets** to see and do, praise for the **flexibus**, those **results** from the show, recruiting at **badminton**, a **kite** is red, up and under **roast pig**, major **auctions**, on wheels to **London Town**, a **small bang** plea by pets, info for the **directory**, the **YiPPies** start production, and **Guy Fawkes**.

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

### Folly Cottage

Previously expressed concerns about the height and style of the gateway stone pillars at this Gloucester Road property had been investigated by the District Council and as they are now less than 2 metres in height they do not require planning consent.

### Rugby Field floodlighting

The committee received a letter from a driver who had been temporarily blinded by this lighting while passing the rugby field at night, potentially causing an accident. The Chairman reported that he had been informed that cowling hoods for these lights were currently being manufactured, after which the SDC Enforcement Officer would be assessing light spillage to ensure that planning conditions had been met. A member pointed out that these lights should not be brought into use until after they had been inspected and approved as satisfactory by the SDC.

### Gyde Barn - leylandii

Enquiry had been received from the owner of Gyde Barn, in Cheltenham Road, as to whether the recently pruned leylandii met the expectations of the Council. The committee was reminded of the undertaking given when these trees were planted that the intention was to obtain quick screening of the garden while a mixed hedge became established, at which stage the leylandii would be removed.

The committee affirmed its objection to such hedging wherever it is located and that they would wish that the original undertaking be honoured and that the leylandii be completely removed, and that such be before any rumoured sale of the property is completed.

### Wind turbines

The Chairman drew attention to press reports which he had followed up concerning the intention of a company to erect wind turbines in a number of locations in pairs or fours, including a site in Miserden visible from higher ground in Painswick. A public meeting was to be held in the following week (last Monday) which he would be attending, at which the Managing Director, Nick Brown, would be

explaining his intentions and the quietness of the 43 metre high installations.

It was understood that during the period of any planning application balloons would be raised in order to help the public better judge the visual impact of the turbines.

Councillor Bruce suggested that a strategic decision upon wind generation of electricity would be preferable to locating very small numbers in numerous locations, and went on to commend consideration be given to massing them as complete 'wind farms' on disused airfields. His views were strongly supported by others on the committee and it was agreed to monitor intentions closely, not least because their intended location is within the AONB.

### Care Centre - roof space accommodation

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the normal procedure an application 'To extend care accommodation in roof space at level 3 to provide care suites including minor alterations to fenestration/elevations' had been circulated, with three members in support, two against and one abstention. The Council was therefore supporting the application. He then invited comments which brought no response from the members present and he moved to the next agenda item.

### St.Mary's Mead - horse chestnut tree

The application to undertake works to reshape this magnificent tree in the grounds of this new estate was considered, the detail of the proposals being now available. The committee resolved to invite the District Council's Arboriculture Officer to meet with councillors and the contractor on site as they had continuing concerns about the nature of the proposed remedial work.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Police report

Police Community Support Officer Des Moore was present and invited to advise the Council upon latest concerns of the police.

He drew attention to firm action being taken upon speeding within the prescribed limits by traffic entering the village down Gloucester Road. The police had also discussed obstructions occurring in Pullens Road and sought a compromise arrangement of off-road parking by the contractor's vehicles.

PCSO Moore also drew attention to the intention, although warnings which had been issued and seemingly ignored, of now issuing tickets to those who parked indiscriminately in Friday Street, St.Mary's Street and Bisley Street when collecting newspapers from the Londis Stores at weekends.

### Telephone box - New Street

The Chairman invited members to express views upon the recent correspondence in the Beacon regarding the possibility of restoration of the telephone box colour to traditional red.

Members indicated their preference for that colour.



## Police Report

From this week police foot patrols in Painswick are being increased by about 50% with, at times, two Police Community Support Officers in the village together.

This is in response to the evenings drawing in and the build up to 5th November.

Also, more primary school visits are planned in Painswick, Sheepscombe and Cranham.

PCSO Des Moore

### St Mary's - footpaths

At the request of the Churchwardens the Council deferred consideration of making any financial contribution to the upgrading of any footpaths within the churchyard until the opportunity occurs to examine estimates and type of finish intended.

### Traffic matters

The Chairman of the Traffic Committee, in presenting its report, indicated that she was in favour of introducing free but limited duration parking in the upper area of Stamages car park, a scheme which would be popular. This was being represented, as was a 20mph speed limit through parts of the village and possibilities of traffic calming measures..

### Regional/National publicity

The Council agreed to again spend in excess of £700 to obtain a half page advertisement about Painswick in the 90,000 print run of the 'Undiscovered Cotswolds' publication.

### Stroud North Link bus service

The Chairman urged that members of the public considering use of this increasingly popular service for such as shopping expeditions seek to encourage friends and neighbours to join them in order to gain greater efficiency in use of seating capacity. Some 273 bookings of this unique service had been made to date.

### Library policy

The Council was informed that, responding to enquiries from the Parish Council, Jo Hand, the Assistant Head of Libraries and Information had stated that there had been insufficient time to gather the necessary information for a report on the review of libraries to go before the County Council's Cabinet meeting in September. In addition, there was now a new Conservative administration which was reconsidering service priorities with the Lead Cabinet Member. Mrs Hand had said that as soon as the situation became clearer she would inform the Parish Council.

### RFC & Sports Club - play equipment

The Council took note that advice had been received that it was permitted, if it so wished, to make a grant to a private club for its provision of services such as play equipment for younger children to use while parents were involved with or viewing sporting functions. It was agreed to refer an application from the club to the Finance Committee.



# The QOF mystery - and Painswick Surgery

Many readers must have noticed some considerable media attention when data about the 'performance' of GPs country-wide was published some three weeks ago. It seems that this was the first time that data collected on such a scale had been published, and it led the Beacon to wonder just how our own surgery fared in this regard. We were greatly helped by the Practice Manager Nicola Hayward, who kindly drew our attention to the deciphering of some of the 'language' medical professionals and the Health Service use; without her unreserved help it is likely that we would not have investigated much further.

The initial comment from Nicola was "Suffice to say that GPs throughout the county have indeed achieved higher than predicted - this was no surprise to us however".

The context in which the comparative assessment takes place (QOF) is the **Quality and Outcomes Framework**. This looks at particular aspects of the discharge of general practice, across clinical and organisational matters, and asks GPs to achieve targets for each area. There are no less than ten clinical areas, spanning coronary heart disease, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, thyroid, epilepsy, mental health, cancer, stroke/TIA (transient ischaemic attack) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Each clinical area has a set number of criteria to be achieved - i.e. diabetes has eighteen criteria, while mental health has only five. Each criterion has a set number of points attached to it - so for example, in the coronary heart disease clinical area, one criterion looks at the total number of patients who have a cholesterol of 5.0 or less, recorded in the last 15 months - this attracts a total of 16 points; there being a grand total of 121 points for the CHD area.

The organisational domain includes such things as the patient experience and the annual survey undertaken by the practice. This domain also covers accessibility for patients, annual review of medication, and so on. As in the clinical areas, each criterion attracts different points.

Nicola, reflecting the pride of her colleagues at Hoyland House, said "The grand total to achieve is 1050 - we achieved 1031.2 points out of this total, which works out at 98.2%. By way of comparison, the average points achieved across England was 958.7 (or 91.3%) so I think we did very well!" The percentage figures for each of the seven 'domains' assessed are reproduced in the panel.

It was confirmed to us that the practice doctors had put in a lot of extra work to achieve this result but, had they not done so, the doctors felt they would have scored at least 1000 points based on the fact that, to quote Nicola again, "We feel we have looked after our patients pretty well". She pointed out that they had been doing much of the work anyway, so no significant changes in the clinical care of patients was required and the incidence of the contract was therefore a challenge to be taken in their stride.

Our enquiries led us to identify a quiet pride in the achievements among our team of Painswick doctors, nurses and associates. One does not have to make many enquiries of fellow villagers to add recognition to that assessment, coupled with appreciation and admiration of their professionalism on our behalf.

For those interested in statistical data, and wanting to find it all on line the sequence is [www.ic.nhs.uk/services/qof/data/gptables/](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/qof/data/gptables/) to find our surgery on the league tables > Select region - Southern England from dropdown menu > Jump to 'Overall QOF' - then select domain summaries from the dropdown menu > click on 'open file' > this downloads a spreadsheet > on the bottom of the spreadsheet click on the tab for Avon, Glos, Wilts > scroll down the list to find the Cotswold and Vale PCT list > our practice code is **L84025**.

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<i>Disease Domain Total Points Achieved/Available 97.3%</i>
<i>Organisation Domain Total Points Achieved/Available 100%</i>
<i>Patient Experience Domain Total Points Achieved/Available 100%</i>
<i>Additional Services Domain Total Points Achieved/Available 100%</i>
<i>Holistic Care Total Points Achieved/Available 96%</i>
<i>Quality Practice Total Points Achieved/Available 100%</i>
<i>Access Bonus Total Points Achieved/Available 100%</i>
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## Symonds Yat + lunch

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There are a few vacancies on the Senior Circle outing to Symonds Yat, with a WI lunch at Ross-on-Wye followed by a drive through the Forest of Dean to see the autumn colours next Friday, 7th October.

Depart from Stamages car park at 11.00am and return about 5.00pm. The cost is £12.00 but advance booking essential through Jane Otway on 812203.

## Day of Prayer for World Peace

This will be held in the Church of Our Lady and St Thérèse on Thursday 27th October from 9.00am until final prayers at 7.00pm. Everyone will be very welcome. Please see village notice boards for details of the day's programme.



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# FLU VACCINATIONS

Due to a problem with the manufacturing of the 'flu vaccinations this season, there is an unavoidable delay before we will be able to start our vaccination programme this year. Normally, we have been able to offer 'flu jabs by the end of September/beginning of October. This delay will mean that we will not take delivery of our supply until the beginning of November. This issue has affected all GP surgeries across the UK.

**All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza.** We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma, kidney, heart and lung disease is also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

As in previous years, we will be holding special Flu Clinic sessions over at Ashwell House – the dates are Friday 11th November and Friday 25th November between 8.30am and 6.00 pm (with a short break for lunch!).

We will not be holding any 'flu clinic sessions at the surgery this year in order to ease congestion in the car park. Please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment.

*Nicola Hayward*

## Wordsearch

This month we have decided to make life a little more of a challenge. Can you identify 14 of the 35 or so animals to be found on the plains of the Serengeti?

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Acting on the information that some readers did well in geography at school we wondered how many of the present sixteen Asian countries you could find in last month's Wordsearch? We know of one chap in Kingsmill Lane who may have obtained top grade in the subject. Did you?

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# The auction for Rosie

On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th of October there will be an Art and Crafts promises auction in the Town Hall in aid of the "A Chance For Rosie" appeal. Rosie is the severely autistic 4 year old who featured in last months Beacon.

There is a tantalizing variety of items up for auction, from weekly stays in Crete and Cornwall to works of art from the likes of Daniel Chadwick, John Owen and many others. Crafts include iron sculpture, ceramics, textiles, fine furniture and much much more. There's even a donation from Jilly Cooper! On Friday the 7th, the doors will open at 5.00pm, when you will be able to view what's on offer over a glass of wine and a chat with some of the artists involved. On the Saturday, tea and cakes will be served all day from 10.00am, with another chance to browse. Come and enjoy a glass of wine at 7.00pm, with the auction starting at 7.30pm. There will also be a raffle.



Every penny of the money raised will go into Rosie's fund. It promises to be a truly memorable occasion and will contribute to what could be a life changing therapy for little Rosie. Bring your friends!

*Andy, Kara, Rosie & Grace*

## Bellringing News

**Lots of weddings and a new ringer for the future**

It has been a busy time for the ringers lately, with a number of weddings over July, the latter part of August and early September – and two more to come, one on 1st October and the other on 5th November. We will also be ringing for the **Clypping Service** on Sunday 25th September, and we are continuing to ring for Sunday Morning Services, and for Evensong every first Sunday of the month. Our several new ringers have been making excellent progress: some are already ringing with us for services and weddings, while the others should be doing so soon. Many thanks to all of them for their continued interest and support.

We have also received the wonderful news of the arrival of a new ringer of the future. One of our regular ringers, Rachel Bolt, managed the highly impressive feat of ringing for the second of two weddings at 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd September, and then giving birth to her first child, Thomas David, who weighed 6lb 11oz, at exactly the same time on Sunday 4th! Many congratulations to Rachel and her husband, Graham, on Thomas' birth: we wish them every happiness!

*Andrew Watson*

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# Painswick Centre News

We have an exciting evening planned for Friday, 14th October, when we stage 'An Evening to Remember', marking 60 years on from VE/VJ day. "Three Counties" will be providing the catering, all British, of course! They are planning Canapes to start, including Black Pudding with red currant jelly and Devils on Horseback. The main course choices will include Welsh Lamb, Beef in Ale with Yorkshire Pudding, and Scottish Salmon, plus a vegetarian dish. To follow there is Sherry Trifle and Scottish Triple Nut & Whisky Tart, coffee and mints and a selection of English Cheeses with Cox's Orange Pippins.

We have received additional bar sponsorships from Robinsons and The Painswick Dental Surgery. During the evening there will be an auction in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Additional donated items have been received from The Painswick Hotel, The Painswick Tea Rooms, The Rococo Gardens, The Chairman, Londis and The Painswick Hairdressers. We will also be auctioning signed cheques kindly donated by Gary Lineker, Niall Quinn and Brian Robson plus signed photos from Roy Keane and the Arsenal squad (duly authenticated). Three Counties Catering have kindly donated a prize for our free raffle. To all we would like to express our appreciation for their generosity.

There will also be a 'Quiz to Remember' with assorted prizes for the winning table. Live music for dancing will be provided by solo musician, Ian Towers. Ian will sing and play music from Glen Miller to the Beatles, plus Swing, Jazz, Blues or whatever is your choice. There are still tickets left (£27.50 each) so buy yours now from The Shetland Shop or from Ralph Drew on 814 070. It'll be a fabulous evening, so don't miss it!

Ralph Drew

## Our Painswickian of the Year

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

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

We only receive nominations by postcard or letter to be received no later than Sunday 20th November marked 'Painswickian' to Philip Oakley, at Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street GL6 6QN or in the Beacon Box in New Street.

## What do you know about the Gyde Charity?

In 1812 Edwin Francis Gyde was born in Painswick and died at Ebley House in Stroud in 1894. He died a very wealthy man and left the bulk of his fortune for the establishment of various charitable institutions in Painswick, the two principal beneficiaries being the Almshouses that received £10,000 and the orphanage that was to receive the residuary estate. This was estimated to be about £100,000. Mr Gyde's next of kin disputed the will. Hence Edwin Gyde's bequest was delayed for many years.

The Almshouses were eventually opened in 1913. The building of the Orphanage was further delayed by the First World War and the first children were not admitted until 1920. In those days there was accommodation for 40 boys and 40 girls. The Trust ran the orphanage until 1933 when it was taken over by the National Children's Homes. They remained in charge until about 1986?

The home was operated for a short while by the Mountbatten Trust and finally by Coral Atkins Charity. The home was eventually returned to the Trustees in 1998.

There being no further use for the building as an orphanage The Charity Commission gave permission for the sale of the property which has since been developed as a series of apartments. Upon the sale of the property a new Charitable Trust was established to follow up the original wishes of the founder and the Gyde Charity, number 311529, was formed. The objects of the new charity took into account the wishes of Mr Gyde and are to promote the education of and the relief of those who are: -

- (a) in need, hardship or distress, or
- (b) are either blind or deaf or dumb, or partially blind, deaf and dumb; and
- (c) under the age of 25.

The Trustees may assist persons in need by making grants of money to them or by providing or paying for goods, services or facilities to those in need. There are some further conditions that have to be fulfilled but anyone knowing of a need in Painswick, Gloucestershire or even further afield, should get in contact with the Clerk to the Gyde Trustees, Mrs Deirdre Baker, 6 Lawns Park, North Woodchester, Stroud, GL5 5PP.

Philip Oakley

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## Puppets

The Lempen Puppet Show on 18th December at the Painswick Centre is called **'Puppets in the Wild'** and will be an afternoon performance at 3.00pm in the Main Hall.

There will also be a Puppet 'Workshop' that morning from 10.00am to 12.00 for children over 10 years. Only 15 places on the workshop so please phone Jackie Herbert on 813229 to reserve a place or to reserve a ticket for the show.

## Voskresenije Russian Vocal Ensemble

The "Voskresenije" (Resurrection) vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg Russia will be performing a concert at St. Mary's church on the 28th October. The ensemble was founded by Jurij Maruk, the former choirmaster of the St. Petersburg radio and television choir, in 1993. The choir consists of ten professional female and male vocalists.

The first half of the performance at St. Marys will include a selection of Vespers written by Sergei Rachmaninoff in 1915. This sacred music was created for the all-night vigils that were held in Russian monasteries and holy days within the Russian Orthodox Church. The songs are in Russian, without musical accompaniment and very demanding technically.

The day following the concert at St. Marys the choir will be singing in Salisbury Cathedral. They are also scheduled to sing on Radio 4.

Tickets are now on sale through members of the St. Mary's Church PCC, the Benefice Office, The Chairman, or by post from myself on (810935). The price is £10.00.

*Nigel Burt*

## Unique Watercolour Exhibition

It is with enormous pleasure that Judi Whitton tells the Beacon that she is returning to Painswick Town Hall on 15th and 16th October to hold what should be an exciting and unique Exhibition of Watercolours which is in association with the launch of her new book 'Loosen up your Watercolours' - commissioned and published by Harper Collins. Signed copies of the book will be available and about 70 of the watercolours featured in the book will be exhibited, as well as many more. This exhibition provides a rare opportunity to purchase a unique original watercolour painting which will appear in print worldwide.

Between 1994 and 2001 Judi held eight highly successful Exhibitions at Painswick Town Hall. Each exhibition ran for a fortnight and as her reputation grew queues would build up on preview night and during the course of the exhibition hundreds of visitors attended and travelled huge distances to see each new collection. Judi says "I have not had an exhibition for a few years as I have been busy with a demanding teaching and writing schedule. For this long awaited special exhibition I am delighted to return to the beautiful village of Painswick where we have always been made so welcome and have many happy memories of our exhibitions. Over the years we made many special friends here, and loyal supporters would return each year to choose a painting from each new collection. Indeed a few years ago I was delighted to be invited to demonstrate my watercolour painting to Painswick WI, and earlier this year I ran a week long watercolour workshop based in Painswick Town Hall attended by 15 students from all over the UK. They were all enraptured by the beautiful area."

If you would like further information or an invitation to the Preview evening of the 14th, Friday please contact Judi on 01453.542837 Email [judi@watercolour.co.uk](mailto:judi@watercolour.co.uk) [www.watercolour.co.uk](http://www.watercolour.co.uk)

## "Courage & Despair"

Painswick Friends are taking part in an art exhibition to be held in Nailsworth and London in October and November.

"Courage & Despair" was initiated by Fiona Kam Meadley, a Quaker from Painswick Meeting, in response to the killing of the aid worker Margaret Hassan in Iraq last year. Using art to voice the perspective of those who work for peace, it seeks to portray with integrity the contrasting emotions arising.

Every day of the exhibition, there will be a reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - to rediscover the original vision that arose out of the devastation of the second world war.

Taking part in the first reading (at 10.30am on 1st October) will be Sheila Hancock, Taurus Voice, and others. The daily readings (at 5.30pm thereafter) will include different groups representing doctors, teachers, development workers, artists, poets, wood workers, and Quakers. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Jim Hoyland, leads a reading on Tuesday 11th October with a group of local doctors. There will also be sculpture and a video piece installed at the exhibition which runs from 1st-15th October at Nailsworth Friends Meeting House. The exhibition is presented with the support of Arts Council England, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain, Triodos Foundation and others. For further details see [www.sva.org.uk](http://www.sva.org.uk) or ring Fiona on 01453 823502.

Next year will mark the 300th anniversary of the Painswick meeting house, and Friends will be organising a number of events, which will include a video that will be made about this exhibition, "Courage & Despair".

*Fiona Meadley*

### TSUNAMI THANKYOU

Gloucester Choral Society's Charity Concert in the Cathedral on the 11<sup>th</sup> September raised more than £11,000 (target £10,000), under the auspices of Christian Aid, for the victims of the Boxing Day Tsunami.

Thankyou Beacon readers and all those who responded so generously and supported this cause.

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## Directory 2006

Yes, the time is drawing closer for us to prepare the Directory of local enterprises for distribution with our December issue of the Beacon.

Again and again we receive expressions of appreciation for this publication, which is also updated and carried on our web site. The lady from Abu Dhabi who contacted us just a few weeks ago enquiring whether a florist had been omitted from the current Directory was one obvious user, and others include residents new to the area!

The accuracy of information contained in the publication depends in large measure upon proprietors of those who offer services in this area, club and society organisers, and so on. As the latter do not have committee meetings very often, where they may decide upon whose name should appear (free) in the Directory, we hope that this early notice will be a useful reminder.

The Beacon needs the information no later than Tuesday 15th November, please. Either in the Beacon Box or by Email to our address [painswickbeacon@supanet.com](mailto:painswickbeacon@supanet.com)

We include Email addresses in the Directory, if we know them, unless requested not to do so.



## Art Work Shops at Painswick Mill

After the success of the summer work shops Joan Wells has organised three more in October with Sue Wales.

Sue is a professional artist and moved from Box to Bath.

She has decided to move back to the area and has kindly agreed to teach on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday the 29th of October. She will teach all levels and in any medium people wish to paint or draw. Places will be limited so please contact Joan Wells on 812245 and she will send you details.

## Local History Teaser

This august group of Painswickians were gathered together for a rather special occasion some years ago. It was the dedication of the new porch, added to St Mary's Church. Can you tell us the date? And what about the people pictured? Who was the vicar? Who was the architect and who were the two churchwardens standing on the right of the picture? Can you name any of the other people? Indeed, are you one of them?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

The answer to last month's teaser: the large group of people in Friday Street were watching the laying of the foundation stone for the new Nurse's house on 2nd June 1953, which was, of course, Coronation Day. The man in full naval uniform was Rear Admiral A.J.L. Phillips D.S.O. who lived for some years at Tabithas, now Tibbiwell House. In May 1941 he was in command of HMS Norfolk who, with her sister ship HMS Suffolk, located and shadowed the German battleship, Bismarck, following her break out into the North Atlantic. After a long chase the Bismarck was sunk on 27th May 1941.

The Local History Society's October presentation will be given by Mr John Loosley on the subject of Early Emigration (following the Poor Law of 1834) to Australia from the Stroud district. The meeting starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th October at the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

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## Christmas cover

It is traditional with the Beacon that we reproduce a full colour front cover with our December issue.

We invite art work from anyone, but especially young people creating a portfolio of work for (say) university courses, to offer us their finished material not larger than A4 in size no later than Saturday 19th November.

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### That flexibus

*Pippa Dickinson, of Silvercrest in Kingsmill Lane, writes:*

Moving into Painswick in July, I was delighted to find the latest Painswick Beacon waiting on the doormat, full of useful information. I was particularly interested in your article about the Flexi-bus, as I have never come across such a scheme before. I have now tried the bus, and am delighted to report that it worked perfectly. I arranged for it to meet the normal bus that brought me into Edge, and it was there waiting for me when I arrived. For just £1 it brought me back to my door in Painswick.

The bus was not going to go without me just because I was a few minutes late, and the service is door to door within the area served, which includes Stroud. For local journeys, this seems to be a taxi service for the price of a bus ticket!

I was particularly pleased to hear that the driver is insured and equipped to take unaccompanied children. This could be a tremendous help to parents who have to collect different children from different places all at the same time.

### Juniper Hill - other views

*Last month we included a letter from Mr AE Cameron of Winterbourne critical of the changes which are being made on Juniper Hill alongside an exhaustive clarification of the works in hand and their intention from Jenny Phelps of the Cotswold Conservation Board. We have heard from the landowner John Griffiths of Dutchcombe Farm who has cooperated with the conservationists and adds another point of view.*

John Griffiths firstly reminds readers that Mr Cameron stated that he regularly walked the area in question with his dog. Sadly, there are quite a few who do this and there has been a significant increase in excrement deposits as few if any walkers remove it. Further, some dog walkers have not exercised control and allowed their pets to harry farm stock and, therefore, run the risk of their pets being shot.

Mr Griffiths goes on to say "The only way to keep the wild flowers and the surrounding beauty has been to fence it and

try to get people to respect it more than they have in the past". He has, as Jenny reported, kindly agreed to "Give permission for two footpaths and a bridle path across my land". Previously there was no footpath or bridle path and Mr Cameron and others were technically trespassing!

He points out that the laying of water supply to his fields between Frith Wood and Juniper Hill is so that cattle and sheep can graze the land. This is instead of reversion to arable land, which Mr Griffiths would on balance prefer since it is then a deterrent to those who tip rubbish, drive over it, burn stolen cars there, or even poachers who attempt to drive down deer!

*but Alan Shearer writes:*

I sympathised with Mr Cameron regarding his concern about the changes on Juniper, but cannot rationalise Ms Phelps's comments.

We have built about three miles of fencing, dug about a quarter of a mile of water pipe, installed two cistern cattle troughs, all at a cost so far, of at least £50,000. I do not know if more is envisaged as when I enquired of Cotswold AONB Partnership, I was told that information was confidential! Astounding. One beneficiary is presumably the farmer, who has a fenced and watered field in which he can now graze his cattle. The benefit to the public, who are paying for this project, is more difficult to appreciate. We are assured that the butterflies and wildflowers will be preserved, but how are we to enjoy them if we cannot see them? At a time when greater access to the countryside is the vaunted aim of the government, we are prevented from walking in a field, which, albeit as trespassers, has been walked for at least 20 years without damage to the land, (horses apart!). The fact that the project is supported by four quangos does not necessarily give it greater pragmatism.

How will this "in the long term benefit walkers and riders in the area"?

*and Barbara Pegna also writes in response to AE Cameron's letter:*

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and a number of others to express our concern and dismay about fencing Juniper Hill. At a local meeting of residents, attended by Jenny Phelps, we were given the impression that the proposals were 'fait accompli' and that there was nothing to be done. We were told of the huge complexities of dealing with a large number of bodies who care for the Cotswolds but it now appears to us that 'Caring for the Cotswolds' does not necessarily extend to considering those who live here or enjoy the countryside. We find it hard to believe that these august bodies could not have persuaded the farmer who owns the land to have not been so draconian with his boundaries.

The principle of regenerating grassland flora and fauna is naturally supported but it is the method by which the Cotswold

Conservation Board are seeking to achieve this by imposing this (very expensive) project on us. The stock fencing will prevent anyone from enjoying the flora and fauna, even if they do regenerate. The new permissive bridle-path squeezes riders along a narrow track flanked by barbed wire on one side and rough scrub on the other; whilst in the wood there is enforced sharing of the narrow path with walkers.

There has been unhindered access to the fields in question for as long as many of us can remember (30 years or more). Whilst respecting crops, we have been able to walk and ride over the land when fallow or (as more recently) in receipt of Government grant as set-aside. The new fencing denies access to previously established routes and destroys the open character of the landscape which is so important within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Surely, taking a hay crop off the land after flowers have seeded would be a cheaper solution and enable the open fields to be retained? This would meet with general support, I am sure.

*while Marion Matthews of Pitchcombe writes:*

It is a funny old world.

A Government body, DEFRA, is spending millions of pounds (of our money), on the right to roam.

Another Government body, English Nature, is paying out thousands of pounds (again our money) to enclose Juniper Hill with fencing. This open area, over many years has become a footpath/ bridle way, in all but name and will now be lost to our community.

Is this the right-hand not knowing what the left-hand is doing?

*Ed. We've given this quite an 'airing' now, but urge these letters be read alongside that from Jenny Phelps last month.*

### Tennis courts on the Rec.

*Helen Goldsmith writes:*

I wondered if the village was aware that the tennis courts at the recreation ground could be released by the Tennis Club to the Council, who own the land, the Club are keen to consolidate the club environment at Broadham with the addition of two new courts. The condition of the courts at the Rec. is poor and needs resurfacing and refencing.

I feel that the village could lose a local amenity which is a good deal safer for children to play on, on their own, than at Broadham.

There are courts at Leonard Stanley where anyone can play free of charge, and so far have been respected and are well used.

It would be a pity to lose something that would never be replaced, by lack of knowledge.

*Ed. Possibly a subject for discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club, to whom the courts belong, on the 12th October.*

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# 53rd Annual Show

The Horticultural Society celebrated this event on 10th September with some justified enthusiasm. While the number of entries may have been lower than in recent years, the quality was widely regarded as particularly high. The results are listed below, although space does not permit other than first place winners.

## HORTICULTURAL SECTION

- 1 Potatoes 5 white, one variety *P Berry*
  - 2 Potatoes 5 coloured, one variety *P Berry*
  - 3 Potatoes 3 varieties, 5 of each *P Berry*
  - 6 Onions 5 onions one variety *R LePage*
  - 7 Onions 5 large, one variety *F Otway*
  - 8 Shallots 12 pickling size, one variety *K Crane*
  - 9 Shallots 12 large, one variety *D Davies*
  - 11 Beet 3 globe *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 12 Runner Beans one variety *K Crane*
  - 13 Tomatoes one variety *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 14 Courgettes 4, one variety *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 15 Lettuces 2 lettuces any variety *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 16 Marrows 1 marrow or squash *P Berry*
  - 17 Cucumbers 1 one variety *D Davies*
  - 20 Any vegetable not listed above *P Ridgwell*
  - 21 Collection of vegetables *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 23 Collection x 10 culinary herbs *Mrs B Wood*
  - 25 Apples, dessert 4 x one variety *Mrs K Quant*
  - 26 Plums one variety (not Damsons) *K Crane*
  - 27 Pears, dessert one variety *Mrs K Quant*
  - 28 Any other fruit *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 30 Hybrid Tea Rose one bloom *Clare Haynes*
  - 31 Multihead roses *Mrs J Percival German*
  - 32 An Exhibit of Flowers *Clare Haynes*
  - 33 A bowl of violas or pansies *K Crane*
  - 34 One Foliage pot plant *Mrs B Wood*
  - 35 One Flowering pot plant *Mrs B Wood*
  - 36 A Cacti or Succulent *L Brotherton*
  - 37 Collection Dec.Trees/Shrubs *Mrs B Wood*
  - 38 A Collection of Dec.Herbs *Mrs P Breeze*
  - 39 Dahlias *J Grant*
  - 40 Penstemons *Mrs P Breeze*
  - 41 Sweet Peas *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 42 Michaelmas Daisies *Mrs J Truman*
- The Wally Brooks Challenge Trophy *P Berry*  
 Challenge Cup *F Otway*  
 The E H Chandler Plate *Mrs B Dunn*  
 Challenge Cup *Clare Haynes*  
 Special Prize *Mrs K Quant*  
 Diploma for Excellence in Horticulture *P Berry*  
 John Chandler Meml.Challenge Tph *K Crane*  
 The JS Dent Challenge Cup *Clare Haynes*  
 Felicity Sharwood-Smith Rose Bowl *Mrs J Percival German*  
 Special Prize *Mrs B Wood*  
 Christine Arnold Memorial Prize *Mrs B Wood*  
 Special Prize *Mrs P Breeze*  
 The Bill Wear Challenge Cup *Mrs B Dunn*  
 Dip. Excellence in Horticulture *Mrs P Breeze*  
 The Banksian Medal *Mrs B Wood*

**Painswick  
Horticultural  
Society**



## DECORATIVE SECTION

- 44 'Green Fingers' *Mrs J Hunt*
  - 47 'Vintage Year' *Mrs K Quant*
  - 48 'Snail's Pace' *Mrs F Sharwood-Smith*
- Special Prize *Mrs K Quant*  
 Challenge Cup *Mrs F Sharwood-Smith*  
 Certificate of Merit for Floral Art *Mrs J Hunt*

## JUNIOR SECTION

- 49 A Flower Pot Man *Eloise Allen*
- 50 A Teddy Bear's Miniature Picnic *Rosemary Davies*
- 51 A collection of coloured stones or rocks *Kate Davies*
- 52 "The Blue Planet" *Kate Davies*
- 53 A garland made of flowers *Eloise Allen*
- 54 A computer image to advertise our Show *Kate Davies*
- 55 Draw a plan of a school recreation area, sports field *Ralph Butler*

- Novices Award *Eloise Allen*  
 Challenge Cup *Rosemary Davies*  
 RHS Special Award *Kieran Grant*

## DOMESTIC SECTION

- 56 A pot of stone fruit jam *Mrs B Wood*
- 57 A pot of soft fruit jam *Miss P Lamont*
- 58 A pot of orange marmalade *Mrs B Wood*
- 59 Pot of mixed fruit marmalade *Mrs B Wood*
- 60 A pot of lemon curd *Miss P Lamont*
- 61 A pot of mint jelly *Mrs B Wood*
- 62 A pot of fruit jelly *Mrs B Dunn*
- 63 A pot of chutney any variety *Mrs B Wood*
- 64 A carrot and banana cake *Mrs V Elvidge*
- 65 4 Macaroons *Mrs J Rowe*
- 66 An apricot flan *Mrs P Berry*
- 68 6 savoury biscuits *Mimi Elvidge*
- 70 A kedgeree using smoked haddock *Miss P Lamont*



- 71 A rhubarb tart (men only) *G Gaugain*  
 Special Prize *Miss P Lamont*  
 Special Prize *Mrs V Elvidge*  
 Special Prize *G Gaugain*

## HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 72 A rag doll (Joint) *Mrs P Berry & Mrs N Harris*
  - 73 A door draught excluder *Miss P Lamont*
  - 74 A child or adult's knitted short sleeved jumper *Mrs P Berry*
  - 75 A tea cosy *Mrs N Harris*
  - 76 Gardening labels recycled materials *Mrs N Harris*
  - 77 A 'get well' card *Mrs N Harris*
  - 78 A painting of a tropical flower *Mrs B Dunn*
  - 79 Coloured plan of your ideal garden *Mrs K Quant*
  - 80 A photograph taken through a gate *Mrs B Wood*
  - 81 A photograph of a typical gardener *Mrs K Quant*
- Challenge Cup *Mrs P Berry*  
 The Women's Institute Cup *Mrs K Quant*

## Blooming Painswick

The annual Painswick in Bloom competition awards for 2005, promoted as in previous years by the Horticultural Society, were announced at the end of the Annual Show on 10th September.

First among Private Residences was the Corner Cottage in Bisley Street and Mr Mrs Jack Smith, with Golden Heart Cottage and Mr Mrs Gunton in Tibbiwell as followers and Mr Mrs D Harding of 11 Whitehorse Lane in third position. Others were regarded by the judge as a pleasure to see.

In the Commercial Premises category Murrays won with their New Street displays, with Painswick Woodcrafts in second position.

The judge, Ray Fardon from Bourton-on-the-Water made special mention of the Gyde Road verge and said "With plants naturalising into the lovely stonework this is a pleasure to behold". Pauline Berry, the competition secretary suggests that this is an uplifting experience for those heading to or from the surgery.

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# The Button

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The button  
The button was a shiny and silver button  
The dull and dark button  
That was on....

The trousers  
The itchy scratchy trousers  
That were stripy  
That belonged to....

The judge  
The nasty old judge  
The judge with a long white beard  
Who is called Maskew

*Thomas Carlile*

The button  
The button, dented and scratched  
The pale, brown button  
That was on....

The jumper  
The sandy, thick jumper  
The jumper covered in cement  
That belongs to....

The builder  
The builder called Terry  
The big, smiley builder  
Who has no hair

*Eric Robinson*



The button  
The button covered in soft green fabric  
The new green soft button  
Was on....

The top  
The top that was used for gardening  
The short sleeved top  
That belonged to....

A man  
The brown haired pink skinned man  
The hard working, strong man  
Who is my Dad

*Ruby Gilding*

The button  
The button is big, round and rusty  
The scratched and stained old button  
Was on....

The jacket  
The jacket long, red and fine  
The woollen thick comfortable jacket  
That belonged to....

The young guard  
The young guard tough and strong  
With a stiff moustache and hair so long  
Who is my Grampy

*Samantha Taylor*

# Thai evening

The Croft's Headteacher, Janet Hoyle, went to Thailand in June on a Headteachers' International study visit. She is holding a Thai evening on Tuesday 18th October at 7.00pm.

If you are interested in hearing about the trip, learning a little about education in Thailand, seeing some photos and enjoying some Thai nibbles care of 'The March Hare' please contact the school. Tickets are available from the school office. They are £5 each and are available until 10th October.

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Your village school would be grateful to anyone who could help in either of these ways:

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# Coffee, cake and crafts morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee, cake and crafts morning held at Christ Church Hall on Saturday 17th September. Almost £200.00 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care, Mencap Homes Foundation and the Mercy Ships, Christ Church's chosen charities for 2005.



A steady stream of visitors enjoyed not only the coffee but also the variety of delicious cakes, scones etc. on offer. The various stalls, selling work by several local artists and crafts people were pleased with their results.

All in all, a very successful morning.  
*Gillian Gyde*

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## Bird Club flies again

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The Club's autumn programme starts on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall with an illustrated talk on "Birds and Wildlife encounters in the Arctic" by Dr. Richard Sale.

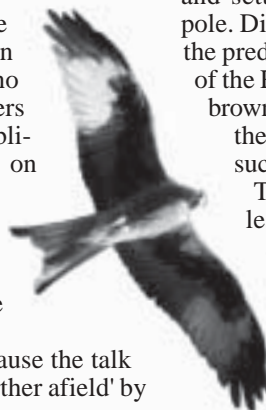
Ever since the Club started flying some seven years ago, the message has always been that while members and visitors have a common interest in our feathered friends, you certainly don't have to be an expert. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend our illustrated talks by informed speakers or join our guided field trips to reserves such as Slimbridge or to less publicized venues such as working farms. There are always plenty of tips on nest-boxes, feeding stations and other ways of attracting birds to our gardens, one important way of doing our bit for conservation.

If you cannot make the first meeting, there is another in the afternoon, at 2.30pm, on Thursday 27th October when "Birds and Beasts Sounds of the Night" is our theme. For details of the complete programme, telephone 813094 or 813823.

For those already holding a programme a change should be noted because the talk for 29th November will be about the 'Birds of the Forest of Dean - and further afield' by professional photographer Terry Wall.



**Painswick  
Bird Club**



*Bill Boydell*

## Kite flying

As observant as ever, and while standing in his Edge Road front garden at 7.45pm on 27th August, Dick Jarrett sighted a large predator - seemingly the size of a raven - just a few feet above his head. The bird executed a sharp turn and settled on top of the nearby telegraph pole. Dick went on to say "In making the turn the predator exhibited the diagnostic features of the Red Kite - the long deeply-forked red-brown tail which rotated through 90° to make the sudden turn. No other predator has such a flexible tail".

The Kite remained atop the pole for at least five minutes, its head searching to and fro, and then suddenly dived for its prey in Hambutts Field.

Dick went on to point out that the Red Kite rarely visits Gloucestershire but concedes that a pair were observed in the Painswick valley earlier in the year. Its normal habitat is the Welsh mountains.

## A new lease of life for Little Fleece

There has been much speculation about Painswick's National Trust property, Little Fleece in Bisley Street, and so it is gratifying to be able to report that its future is now assured. Michael McCarthy is the new, young and certainly worthy occupant of this important local building.

You may recall an article in the Beacon last year which described the uncertainty hanging over the Trust's plans for Little Fleece. The property has a fascinating history, possibly dating back to 1350, and of interest to the Trust because of the 1935 remodeling of the interior in the Arts and Crafts style, of which it is considered to be a very fine example. The Trust's prime considerations are conservation, public access and financial viability and Michael McCarthy's vision for Little Fleece exactly coincides with these three points. His intention is to open a business selling good quality second-hand books, National Trust books and prints and pictures.

Michael's background experience certainly equips him well in this venture. Brought up in a small town in West Cork, he studied for a degree in history and English at the National University of Ireland, Galway. From there he worked in an art gallery, organising exhibitions in West Cork which he describes as a very artistic area. Developing his interest in gardens and houses, he moved on to become assistant estate manager at a large house in Cork and then took up the post of assistant administrator at Ardgillan Castle near Dublin. This was all good experience which he also really enjoyed.

Michael feels strongly about both property and countryside conservation. He is very interested in the National Trust and admires its aims, pointing out that there is, sadly, no such organisation in Southern Ireland. He is particularly interested in history and buildings and decided to approach the Trust with a view to renting one of their properties.

Why Painswick? Originally he was looking to the area around Bath, having relatives there. However, when Little Fleece became a possibility, Michael remembered visiting this area as a boy and being very impressed. He put his proposals for a bookshop to the Trust and, now, happily ensconced, is preparing for his new venture. He is still very impressed with Painswick, commenting on its beauty and its feeling of community and friendliness. He is very keen to make Little Fleece an attractive local business as well as a more general Trust outlet. Currently, he is busily juggling the tasks of building up his stock of books and prints whilst trying to wind up his affairs in Dublin at the same time.

Michael is eager to become involved in Painswick life but as yet he cannot give a precise opening date for Little Fleece. "There's no point in opening until it's absolutely right," he says. Talking with him leaves you with the firm belief that it will be right. The gentle enthusiasm of this young man is just what is needed. So, watch this space over the next few weeks.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Rugby

Painswick continued their run of cup match successes in recent years with a convincing victory over Gloucester Civil Service at Gloucester in the first round of the Powergen Vase competition.

The Cherry and Whites ran in six tries through Aussie Smith, James Wynn (wing-threequarters), Chris Coombs (centre-threequarter) and James Reed (prop). The other scorers were flanker Tim Friend and fly-half Dean Hammett, each with their first tries for the club. Olly Clewes was successful with a conversion enabling Painswick to finish the game with a 32 points to nil lead.

Painswick will be away to Hucclecote in the second round to be played on Saturday 15th October. Last Saturday Painswick suffered their second league defeat when they lost to Chosen Hill.

On the same day Painswick United entertained Bream second fifteen in a Gloucestershire Merit Table Division 2 match with the Forest of Dean side scoring 25 points to the home side's 5. Our picture shows Painswick United second-row, Russell Thornton, outjumping the opposition at the line-out. Looking on at bottom left is the United Captain, Julian Mitchell.



**Results** [(L) indicates league match, (M) merit table.

Sat 5 Sep. Berry Hill United 7 Painswick 1st XV 12.

Sat 10 Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 5 Aretians 1st XV 17.

(M) Tewkesbury 2nd XV 19 Painswick United 12.

Sat 17 Sep. (Powergen Vase). Gloucester Civil Service 1st XV 0 Painswick 1st XV 32.

Painswick United 3 Drybrook 2nd XV 17.

Sat 24 Sep. (L) Chosen Hill 1st XV 66 Painswick 1st XV 6.

(M) Painswick United 5 Bream 2nd XV 25.

**Fixtures**

Sat 1 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Old Richians 1st XV.

(M) Painswick United v Widden OB 2nd XV.

Sat 8 Oct. (L) Longlevens 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Stow 2nd XV.

Sat 15 Oct. (Powergen Vase). Hucclecote 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

Painswick United v Hucclecote 2nd XV.

Sat 22 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Barton Hill 1st XV.

(M) Painswick United v Old Centralians 2nd XV.

Sat 29 Oct. (L) Matson 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Old Patesians 3rd XV.

Sat 5 Nov. Painswick 1st XV v Old Centralians 1st XV. Old Richians 2nd XV v Painswick United.

## Cricket

The 2005 season was one of the most successful the club has had in recent times. It began with victory over Stone in the Stroud District (20 overs) Cup Final, the first time the club had won the competition.

Towards the end of the season Painswick had established a lead at the top of the Readers County League Division 2 (1st XI) table to make promotion assured. The only remaining question was whether they or rivals Newent would be league champions. As it was, Painswick lost their final match only to hear that Newent had also failed to win.

The results meant that Painswick were champions. There was good news as well for Painswick's second eleven as victory in the last match of the league season meant that they will maintain their place in Division 3 (2nd XI) next year.

## Promises auction and Pig Roast

**- now on 18th November**

This auction that was going to be held on the 14th October but has now been postponed until the 18th November to avoid clashing with other events that week.

It is hoped that the auction will raise the further funds needed to refurbish the Club House and Sports Hall at Broadham following the major improvements made earlier this year. For further details please contact Will Fair on 01452.864961 or Gill Willoughby on 01452.720052.



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# Tennis

## League tennis

The summer league programme has been completed. It has been a very good season for the club with some excellent performances.

Painswick men's A team have come second in the Premier Division. Painswick men's C team have won Division 2 A and Painswick men's D team achieved second place in Division 4A: both will be promoted.

The ladies C team have won Division 2B, the ladies D team have come second in Division 4A and the ladies E team have won Division 4B: the three teams will be promoted.

The winter leagues are about to start with floodlit and daytime weekend fixtures.

## Club tournament

The club has a new men's singles champion. Longstanding member Rob Ruggles beat one of the club's outstanding juniors, James Barnett 6-3, 7-6. Two of the club's most promising junior players featured in the ladies final with Lucy Moir beating Alicia Barnett (sister of James) 6-0, 6-3.

Ladies Doubles. Philippa James and Joan Griffiths beat Lucy Moir and Sharon Hall 6-2, 6-1.

Men's Doubles. Richard Horder and Paul Duncliffe beat Robin Hall and Kirk Plane 6-3, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles. Loraine Ristic and Richard Horder beat Sharon Hall and Paul Duncliffe 7-6, 6-0.

Girls Under 18 Singles. Lucy Moir beat Sarah Thomas 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Under 14 Singles. Alicia Barnett beat Megan Horder 6-3, 6-2.

Boys Under 18 Singles. Dan Omnes beat James Barnett 7-6, 6-4.

## Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 12th October in the Broadham pavilion at 8.00pm.

# Golf Club News

## Promotion for A Team

Painswick A Team who were in the 3rd Division of the North Gloucestershire County Foursomes League won their match against Minchinhampton Old Course on Saturday 17th September to give them 2nd place in the league and promotion to the 2nd Division.

## Ladies County Wins

The Ladies' Section, although small has had three successes this year at County Level.

Angela Woodward won the Western Daily Press Competition (Bronze Div.)

Lorna Sparkes and Sarah Garrod took 3rd place in the Fraser Foursomes.

Lady Captain, Jean Kendrick and Kate Dennison won the County Foursomes Knockout Competition. These are amazing results for such a small club.

The Ladies' Section consists of a friendly and keen group of ladies, who would welcome new lady members of any level.

Matches have been played at home and away throughout the Summer.

This year Painswick have introduced a new form of associate membership which is suited to new players, people with limited time or those who already have a Golf Club but would also like to play this interesting course. This membership allows handicaps to be achieved and maintained at a very reasonable cost. For anyone considering taking up or returning to golf this is an ideal way to do it without heavy financial commitment.

*Sylvia Walker*

# Well done Jacob!

In the September issue we reported that 10 years old Jacob Lee, son of Mandy and Wayne, had progressed from a pool of 250 youngsters to a group of 40 who were bidding for place in the Gloucestershire County 10/11 Association Football team.

Mandy told the Beacon that Jacob was thrilled to have been included in the final squad.

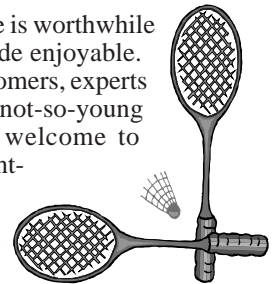
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On Tuesday afternoons a group of us play badminton in the Painswick Centre. We are a very friendly and happy group, and enjoy our game of badminton as well.

So, the exercise is worthwhile and the social side enjoyable.

Novices, newcomers, experts or the young or not-so-young would be very welcome to make our acquaintance. Do pop in!

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# The Renaissance in Northern Europe

The Beacon is reliably informed that Bristol University is now looking to expand in Painswick and, after the success of its corresponding course last year, tells us of the latest opportunity.

From International Gothic to the paintings of Van Eyck, Van der Weyden, Bosch, Durer and Breughel, a tutored course will be exploring the **art of the Renaissance, north of the Alps**, which has been relatively less studied by art historians than its Italian counterpart. There will be ten meetings weekly on Thursdays from 10.00 to 11.30am from 13th October to 15th December in the Church Rooms, the fee being £65.00..

For enrolment please contact Hilary Betts, History of Art Lifelong Learning, University of Bristol c/o Dept of English 3-5 Woodland Road Bristol BS8 1TB 01179.287844 Monday to Friday 1.30-5.00pm or hilary.betts@bristol.ac.uk

The tutor, Dr Peter Clarkson, studied at the University of Warwick and Bath Spa. He has taught within the History of Art Lifelong Learning programme and the Open University for many years. His specialisms are the Italian Renaissance and Victorian art and architecture.

The University of Bristol's Lifelong Learning Programme is committed to active learning on its short courses, encouraging collective participation in discussion and brief written projects. This commitment is not only central to their educational mission to foster lively study and delight in the history of art, but also makes the programme eligible for the government funding which makes courses more widely accessible, with fees considerably lower than those of other comparable programmes.

## Big thanks

The Painswick Valleys Christian Aid committee would like to thank everyone who supported their event at Olivers on September 10th.

We are delighted that an excellent evening was had by all and £765 was raised.

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## 88 years on - in Edge

The University of Bristol is offering a course entitled **Russian History: From October to the Death of Lenin** at Edge Village Hall for ten weeks beginning 4th October between 1.30 and 3.00pm.

When the Bolsheviks overthrew the Provisional Government in October 1917, Lenin proclaimed: 'Now we shall begin to construct the new Socialist Order'. This course will explore this first socialist society in what was to become the Soviet Union. It will take into account all the circumstances that led to the Red Terror and the rise of Stalin. The course will also look at the lives of the ordinary Russian citizen.

The course will be taught by local resident Dr. Anastasia Hackett, and the fee is £44.00

To join please call University of Bristol Public Programmes Office on 0117 928 7165 or come along to the first class and sign up.

## Auction appeal

Local charity The Family Haven is appealing to local companies for new and novelty items suitable for their auction to be held in the Autumn. The charity is hoping to raise a substantial sum to help them with their life changing work. Through a holistic approach the charity helps families to a brighter future. Friendship, parenting classes and counselling are on offer alongside daily meals, launderette, access to an excellent registered nursery and even trips to the seaside and farm parks. A warm and welcoming atmosphere awaits families as well as fun-filled activities for children in the nursery. Many families have gone on to secure employment and even continue with their education. It costs £148,000 to provide this much needed and valued service for families in Gloucestershire.

Claire McGrath, Fundraising & Public Relations Manager said "The auction will help us to raise much needed funds. Lots to date include items from celebrities and footballers. We would like to hear from companies who can offer anything from garden services or experiences such as balloon rides, to electrical appliances and restaurant meals. If anyone would like to donate an item please contact me on 01452 528692."

- ✓ The Haven was established in 1988 with the help of Jean Yate, the wife of the then Bishop of Gloucester
- ✓ The Haven helps approximately 100 families a year to a brighter future, many of them going on to complete their education and secure employment
- ✓ Actress Kate Winslet is a supporter of the work of The Haven
- ✓ For enquiries please contact Claire McGrath on 01452.528692 or by Email [claire@familyhaven.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:claire@familyhaven.freeserve.co.uk)

## Water, water, everywhere.....?

On Thursday 8th September an illustrated talk was given by Julian Jones at Edge Village Hall, following up on an earlier talk, on the subject of.....water. The scope is enormous of course, and he ranged from the droughts of Africa (caused by, not causing, massive deforestation) and their consequential calamitous effects, through to our own prodigal behaviour: the loss of topsoil and the silting up of the Washbrook; the progressive overloading of our sewers that therefore pour thousands of gallons of untreated sewage into our local streams and rivers – all the time, not just following storms – the serious effects on public health that can arise from this. And the official attitude of denial and worse.

But not all doom and gloom, especially if we ordinary local residents, can open our eyes and minds to the dangers, present and future, and how they can be met. Reed beds, tree planting, more local disposal of waste (Stop! Don't throw that Elsan out, granny!) and more, all have their part to play. Effective schemes have been presented (and rejected) costing but a fraction of the 'official' ones. 'They' need to be woken up, but it starts with us. We intend to ensure healthy water supplies, sustainable sewage treatment and free access to our most vital resource.

The next meeting will be on Monday the 10th of October at 8.00pm at Edge village hall – come and join us!

*Michael Nye*

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## Spotlight on . .

### Richard Hinds

Richard was born on 8th May 1950 at 7.25am in Washwell Farm where he now lives in Cheltenham

Road. His mother, Elizabeth, as the story goes, was later able to get up and cook a full English breakfast for her husband Jack.

Richard is the elder of two sons, Phillip having been born on 5th April 1953.

#### Had he been born here we might have interviewed your father first.

I understand what you are saying. My family, the Hinds, originally came from Pembrokeshire but my father John, was born in Drybrook in the Forest of Dean in 1922. My grandparents later moved to Newent.

Coincidentally my mother, who was born in Brimpsfield, moved to Cud Hill before moving to Newent. It was there that they met.

My father was then looking for a farm and was offered the tenancy of Washwell Farm in Painswick owned by the Dickinson Estate. In those days one couldn't get married until they had somewhere to live. So, within five weeks they not only moved to Washwell Farm but also got married. This was in 1949!!

Highgrove Farm, a small dairy unit, was added to Washwell and the house was sold off in the late 50s. Then, in 1967, we bought Beech Farm on the opposite side of the valley to Washwell Farm, separated only by the Painswick Stream.

In the 70s the tenancy laws changed, enabling tenants to extend their tenancy for a further two generations. The estate decided to sell Washwell Farm and we bought it in 1976.

We then built the bungalow next to Beech Farm in 1979/80 for my parents to move



into. Phillip and his family moved to Beech Farm and we moved back to Washwell from Beech Farm.

To bring matters right up to date my father has recently been staying in the 'granny annex' adjoining the house at Washwell Farm, Phillip has moved into the bungalow.

#### When did you get married then?

Jane and I were married in 1974, in Haresfield. We met through the Stroud Young Farmers (SYF) as her parents were also farmers. We have two sons; Ben was born in January 1976 and Daniel in January the following year. Daniel still lives at home whereas Ben lives in Cheltenham. They are both fully involved in agriculture and associated contracting.

#### Was your social life still to include connections with SYF?

Yes, I joined SYF when I was about 15 and became Chairman of the Branch for a year in 1971.

After getting married I started up a skittles team, all of us being farmers and our team's 30th anniversary arrives this very month. We are not in a league, all matches being friendly social occasions. We meet every Monday through the winter and visit all parts of Gloucestershire and beyond, into Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

#### In what ways has farming changed in your experience?

Originally we ran a mixed farm with up to 14 milking cows, sheep and pigs. We grew potatoes, swedes and 30 acres of corn, sold 400 capons a year – all killed at 12 weeks, free-range eggs, and even six pennyworth of hay to kids for their rabbits. There was no shop, but our back door was always open.

Farming is now very different, but I am a strong believer that you must move with the times. Nowadays you have to specialise on one thing and do it well. I

concentrate on beef cattle and rear my cows in the traditional manner, selling up to 50 a year. There are no markets remaining near here so I sell direct to abattoirs who are able to supply customers requiring full traceability right down to the name and address of the farm of origin.

One example of a customer is a pie-maker in Bristol who not only names the farm on each batch of pies he

makes but shows a picture of the cattle on the packaging as well. It's called full traceability of meat.

At the same time we have to spread the risk and look for alternative sources of income. We still offer bed-and-breakfast facilities and have recently added a self-catering unit above our garage – something Daniel and I have built ourselves.

#### What is the future of farming?

I strongly believe there is a future for farming. Farmers cannot be expected to live only on preserving the quality of the countryside. I believe we are custodians of our own land and must also take care of the wild life. Also, farmers must continue to farm the best land because we can't rely on imports for ever. We hope our meat exports may rise one day, despite the legacy of BSE. The tide will turn. Unfortunately, in the meantime large tracts of land will revert back to nature.

#### And about Painswick itself?

Painswick has changed a lot. It has grown with many areas such as the Highlands, and Lower Washwell which used to be allotments, and other areas which have been built on. This will continue – look at the Care Centre now.

But for me, when I approach Painswick and see the church spire from the south rising through the trees, or the Painswick valley from the north, I know I am home.

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

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# Awards, YiPPies and a Last Panto

On Thursday, 22nd September, Painswick Players AGM reviewed a dramatic past year and looked forward to its 83rd Season.

At last year's AGM, the Players faced the daunting challenge of staging A Man for All Seasons in St Mary's Church. The success of the resulting production was reinforced in last month's 'Gloscars' – the annual Gloucestershire Drama Association Awards - with Best Supporting Actor, runner up for 'Best Production' and nominations for Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Costumes.

Back in January, an exploratory meeting for a youth drama group attracted over twenty enthusiastic youngsters of all ages. Now launched as The YiPPies, their first production, Red Hot Cinders is scheduled for December. In February, Pauline Foreman and her talented team of PP veterans presented another successful afternoon of wit and wisdom, entitled It's A Small World. From the proceeds, we were able to make a donation of £100 to ChildLine. In March, we presented the story of our 80 odd dramatic years to a meeting of the Local History Society, supported by rare archive material from the County Records Office.

In April, our production of The Odd Couple by Neil Simon was very warmly received by excellent audiences. Directed by Kevin Parker, the cast rose to the challenge of capturing both the Noo York accents and the rhythm of the sharply witty Manhattan dialogue.

In August, unable to agree what to do next, we decided ... to have a party. From the resulting happy blur emerged the decision that Jackie Herbert will make her directorial debut with **The Last Panto in Painswick** by David Tristram. This will be a double bill alongside the YiPPies **Red Hot Cinders** on 1st, 2nd, 3rd December.

And so the Painswick Players 83rd season is underway...

*Jack Burgess*

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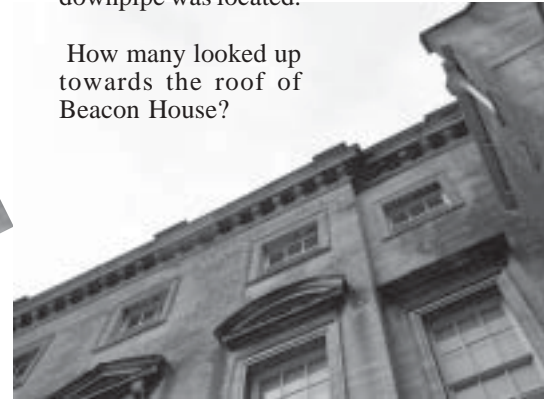
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## Architects

This month we wonder where this particular fragment of stonework can be seen?

Last month we asked if you knew where a downpipe was located.

How many looked up towards the roof of Beacon House?



## PROPERTY REPORT for October by Hamptons International

October has arrived and as predicted in our last report the market has certainly seen an upturn with lots of new properties coming onto our books with increased activity from prospective purchasers. Those vendors who heeded our advice and priced their properties realistically have been rewarded with lots of interest and offers resulting in sales. However there are still some owners waiting for that special buyer who will offer them what they think their property is worth. It never is an exact science and if a property is marketed fully to a wide local and national market the buyers will tell you what they are prepared to pay for it.

Short term prospects for the autumn market are very positive with the likelihood that this will be the best selling period in the year so far.

Our property register is bigger than ever with some wonderful new instructions including: Country Houses – The Bull with its 6 acres at Wick Street; Cromwell House with 3 acres at Haresfield Beacon, The Old House and Springbank – both in the Slad Valley. Cotswold cottages include, Severn Cottage

and Verland Cottage in Vicarage Street, 3 and 4 Clattergrove, Hambutts Cottage in Butt Green - in Pitchcombe two newly renovated properties - Ferndale and Elm Tree House and Pear Tree Cottage in Brookthorpe. Modern houses include: 11 St Marys Mead, 18 Gloucester Road, Corvara in Cotswold Mead, 10 Ivy Lodge Barns in Birdlip and a new house in Brimpsfield.

We are delighted to have exchanged on The Grain Store – one of the barns at Bidfield Farm; Bell Cottage and 8 Brookhouse Mill in Painswick, Cherry Tree Cottage in Sheepscombe and Grafton Cottage at Coopers Hill.

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Mon	3	Painswick Centre AGM	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Tue	4	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Badminton	Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 12.00noon 2.00pm
Wed	5	Bird Club: Birds and wildlife in the Arctic - Dr R Sale Probus: Talk(s) by Member(s) Women's Fellowship "Memories of a Sheltered Housing Warden" - Margaret Say	Town Hall Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	7.30pm 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	6	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Town Hall Painswick Centre Ashwell House	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 2.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays Senior Circle: Outing to Symonds Yat Art Classes	Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am - 12.30pm tba
Mon	10	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	11	Badminton	Painswick Centre	2.00pm
Wed	12	Horticultural Soc: A Day with Beth Chatto	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	13	<b>The art of the Renaissance, north of the Alps</b>	Church Rooms	10.00 to 11.30am
Fri	14	Art Classes 'A Night to Remember' VE/VJ Dinner Dance	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	10.00am - 12.30pm 7.30 - 11.00pm
Sat	15	Painswick Music Society AGM Painswick Blues: Stan Webb & the Chicken Shack	Church rooms Painswick Centre	7.00pm 8.00pm
Mon	17	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Country Markets	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	18	Clothes Sale (for 4 days) Badminton Local History Soc. Early emigration to Australia	The Patchwork Mouse Painswick Centre Croft School	10.00am daily 2.00pm 7.30pm
Wed	19	Coach to London: <i>see back page</i> Probus: The Bristol Aeroplane Co. - Mr Walter Gibb Women's Fellowship: Thailand & Malaysia - Miss P Lamont Parish Council Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall Town Hall	8.30pm 8.30am 10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	20	Music Appreciation: Henry Purcell	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	21	Senior Circle: Being a Magistrate - Kay Holmes	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	22	<b>Copy dateline for November to Editorial Team</b> Theatre Club Outing to Bath	The Falcon	12.45pm
Mon	24	Art Classes Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christian Aid	Painswick Centre Christ Church Hall	10.00am - 12.30pm 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	25	Probus: Trip to Tyntesfield House, Wraxall Badminton Yew Trees WI: Glimpses of the history of Painswick	Painswick Centre Town Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	27	<b>Diary deadline for November to Edwina Buttrey via. Beacon box please</b> 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	Voksreseniye Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	31	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Anne Leoni	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm

## NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Priors of Gloucester - Mr Philip Moss Women's Fellowship: Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust - Michael Teesdale	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Music Appreciation: The Art of Singing	Ashwell House Cotswold Room	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	4	Senior Circle: Mary Kingsley, Explorer Extraordinary - Fred Jones	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	5	<b>November issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b>		



		Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon
Mon	7	Painswick Blues: Simon 'Honeyboy' Hickling + DJs	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Tue	9	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
		Ashwell House Day Centre Coffee Morning and B&B	Ashwell House	10.30am to 12.00noon
		Horticultural Society: Ponds, marginals & bog	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Gardens - Duncan Coombs		
Thu	10	Music Appreciation: Outing - Colston Hall	Stamages car park	5.00pm
Fri	11	Flu Clinic session ( <i>see article</i> )	Ashwell House	8.30am to 6.00pm
		Senior Circle: Outing to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	12	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Mon	14	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Andy & Arthur Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
		CTAP AGM	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	16	Senior Circle Coffee Morning	Town Hall	
		Probus: Selection & Training of Police Horses -	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Mr F S Knight		
		Women's Fellowship: Deck the Halls - Judy Jackson	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Senior Circle AGM followed by Travelling with	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Peter & Janet Jenkins		
		RFC & Sports Club: Promises Auction and Pig Roast	Broadham	7.00pm to midnight
Sat	19	Painswick Blues: Trafficker	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Mon	21	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - June Tuffnell	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI – Annual Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Flu Clinic session ( <i>see article</i> )	Ashwell House	8.30am to 6.00pm
Sat	26	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Mon	28	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Margaret Hodge	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	29	Bird Club: Birds of the Forest of Dean and further afield	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Annual Dinner at Stroud		
		Women's Fellowship: Members Evening	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm

## DECEMBER

Thu	1	Music Appreciation: Frederick Delius	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
	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
Sat	3	Theatre club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	12.45pm
Sun	4	Magical Christmas Tour, with Peter Pan as the theme	Rococo Gardens	
Mon	5	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	7	Coach to London		tba
Sat	10	The Painswick Singers: Christmas Carol Concert - carols, readings, solos and choir items; retiring collection	Christ Church	7.30pm
Mon	12	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
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
		Women's Fellowship: Christmas Lunch	Golf Club	12.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Quiz Nite - with refreshments	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	15	Music Appreciation: Christmas Social	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	16	Senior Circle: Christmas Lunch at The Castle	Moreton Valence	
		Painswick Blues: Animals (and 17th)	Painswick Centre:	8.00pm
Sun	18	Children's Christmas Entertainment "Lempen Puppets"	Painswick Centre	10.00am to 12.00
		Puppet show 'Puppets in the Wild'	Painswick Centre	3.00pm
Wed	21	Women's Fellowship: Carol Service		

## JANUARY 2006

Wed	11	Horticultural Society: Welcome to Thailand - a Video presentation by Stan Newey	Town Hall	2.30pm
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## FEBRUARY

Wed	8	Horticultural Society: English Garden History -	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	12	Bird Club: Birds on the Flood Plain	Hartpur	10.00am

## MARCH

Wed	8	Horticultural Society: The Newent Onion Fair -	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	14	Bird Club: Wildfowl and Wetland Trust - talk by Mike Teesdale. Followed by AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm



## PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council.

### NEW APPLICATIONS

**SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE** Refurbish existing out-building to form home office  
**HIGHFIELD HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET** Re-pointing small stretch of external wall on front elevation  
**THE LAURELS, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE** Erection of a summerhouse  
**GREENLEAS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE** Erection of a two storey extension and loft conversion  
**CHESSED, SLAD** Erection of a single storey side extension  
**FLAT 1, ROSSWAY HOUSE, NEW STREET** Retrospective application for a free standing privacy screen with wooden frame

### REVISED PLANS

**PINETOPS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-**

**COMBE** Two storey extension with log store and open sided car port Main changes: Withdraw open sided car port and log store element from the application

### CONSENT

**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  
**SOLWAY, CHELTENHAM ROAD** Extension and alterations. Remove garage and utility. (Resubmission following withdrawn application)  
**MARY'S ACRE, STAMAGES LANE** Works to lime tree

### REFUSAL

**COTSWOLD VILLA, GLOUCESTER STREET** Replacement and reconfiguration of stair to attic. Removal of internal lath and plaster studwork wall.

The next issue of the Beacon coincides with the night upon which those in the know celebrate, as requested by James I, the failure of certain plotters to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

As in previous years, the Beacon carries this reminder to those who will be using fireworks that we live in a rural environment in which exceptional noises frighten farm stock - even from some distance away. We do not hesitate to pass on the requests received for consideration for these animals, as well as the pets of neighbours. Celebrations which go on after about 11.00pm can be particularly unwelcome too.



## MINI-ADS

**Lost** - Somewhere in Painswick on 16th August. Necklace with semi precious stones set in gold coloured metal - Reward. Please ring 812310 if you can help.

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**Logs - Seasoned Hardwoods.** Sold by the large trailer load delivered - £70.00. Other loads available. Contact Felix on 07958.108841.

**Clothes Sale** - New and almost new. Starting on 18th October at 10.00am until 4.00 pm. Give your winter wardrobe a boost at The Patchwork Mouse. Enquiries please ring 813122.

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**LATEST at 18th September**  
 New, or renewed after lapsing **119**  
 Renewed from last year **472**  
**Total - including postal** **591**

Painswick village - dwellings **1057**

**Subscribing village households** **412**

	Sept	Sept	Final
	2005	2004	2004-05
New, or renewed after lapsing	119	101	103
Renewed from last year	472	506	518
<b>Total - including postal</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>621</b>

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to NICOLA and OLIVER BUNN on the birth of a daughter, Xanthe Grace, on 8th September, a first grandchild for Jenny and Allan Burt,

and belated congratulations to RUTH and TONY COOKE on the birth of their son Harry on 16th December, a brother for Rosemary and a first grandson for Helen and John Kilmister.

## Weddings

Congratulations to SARAH MacDONALD and BRADLEY STAINES who married on Saturday 17th September at Leatherhead in Surrey; Sarah is the grand daughter of Jean and David Ryland,

also EMMA DAVIS and GRAHAM CLARKE who were married on 3rd September at St.Mary's, Painswick

and KERRY DUGGAN and ANDREW MILLER who were also married at St.Mary's on 3rd September

and congratulations to ZOE TANDY and QUENTIN WEBSTER who were married at St.Mary's on 10th September,

and to SUZIE BATEMAN and NICK JONES who were married at St.Morwenna's Church, in Morwenstow in Cornwall on 3rd September.

## Diamond wedding

Congratulations to LIONEL and CICELY HUXFORD of Tibbiwell Lane who were married 60 years ago 21st September.

## Get well soon

Our best wishes for speedy recovery to MARGARET ELLISON, ISOBEL JONES, LUNA CAMPBELL and LINDA EVANS.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of FRANKIE VICKERS, ALF HALE, MARY KEDDIE and WARREN NICHOLS who have all died recently.

## Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs

CYNTHIA MacLAIN who has moved to Yorkshire from Stamages Lane,

also Mr and Mrs WALL who have moved to Spain from Highcroft, Longridge.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs LIN COOPER and ANNA and THOMAS to No.3 St.Mary's Mead from Cranham,

and to DARREN COX and SALLY KNOWLES who have moved into Woodlands in Stamages Lane,

also Mr and Mrs BOON who have moved to Highcroft, Longridge from Cheshire.

## Congratulations

Our best wishes to the ex-Croft/Painswick young men and women who have gained places at university this year:

HANNAH KEDDIE: Accountancy and business management- Lincoln

LAURA CLIFFORD: Maths- Bristol

ALICE UNWIN: Bio-chemistry- Cardiff

DAVID JOSHUA: French and German- Exeter

JAMES FOLLOWS: Accountancy and Finance- Cardiff

JESSICA BARNETT: Marine Geography- Cardiff (start up 2006)

JAKE BANCROFT-LIVINGSTONE: Leeds

## Personal Messages

Frances Joan Vickers passed away on 5th September. She will be sadly missed by her husband Bernard. Bernard Vickers would like to thank family and friends who attended the funeral and for the many cards and letters of sympathy.

## Did you see

in the September edition of 'The Countryman' a feature upon last year's Clipping Service? Many Painswick villagers were pictured, including Hilda Musty, Enid Walkett, Reigh Sutton, Jane Otway and David Westcott.

## NEXT ISSUE

Publication Date

**SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER**

Items for publication to Editorial Team using E-mail or the Beacon Post Box by

**SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER**

Mini Ads to the Treasurer, Philip Oakley, Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street, GL6 6QN

**SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

Business adverts to Dermot Cassidy at 1 Painswick Heights, Yokehouse Lane, Painswick GL6 7QS by

**THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER**

Diary items (only) to Edwina Buttrey

**THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER**

Letters and articles for publication are particularly welcome by Email to [painswickbeacon@supanet.com](mailto:painswickbeacon@supanet.com)

or, alternatively, on computer disk.

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## Coaches to London

Seats are still available on the coach leaving Stamages car park on Wednesday 19th October at 8.30am for London; the fare is £10 with cheques payable to 'Painswick L&B Outings' through Joan Truman at Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH.

The Christmas Coach has been arranged for Wednesday 7th December.

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