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Over the past couple of weeks, there have been articles in the local press casting doubt on the future of Painswick Library. Both of the articles in the Gloucester Citizen and the Stroud News & Journal appeared to be expressing the views and policy intentions of the County Council, despite the apparent lack of news regarding the Library's future since the annual Parish Meeting last May.

In an effort to cast some light, the Beacon sought a comment from the County Council, and we are pleased to reproduce the following statement from County Councillor Tony Hicks, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Libraries:

"No decisions have been made on any of the budget proposals, but there is continuing pressure on resources to provide library services through the current network. This is affecting the level and quality of services we provide. We acknowledge that some libraries serve small communities and population catchments. This is why objective criteria of visitor numbers and the number of items lent have been used to identify libraries that under perform and are the least cost-effective to operate. We also take account of other things, like proximity to other libraries, even if they are in neighbouring authorities.

"We would consult properly with local people before closing any library and consider what alternative services we can offer - especially for people who would find it hard to access another library. These could include mobile libraries, delivering books to people in their homes, or even direct postal delivery.

"I would like to reassure residents of Painswick and the surrounding area that we do not intend to make changes to library services without fully considering the impact it will have on the area. I have been working closely with the local county councillor and taking into account all of the views of people in the area."

existing services include

Loan of books
Photocopying
Access to four computers always on line
Local and national newspaper
Reference section
Loan adult spoken word recordings
Local studies
Fax machine
Books prescribed by doctors
Electronic access to book reservation
Loan of video recordings
Books for visually impaired
Loan of DVD recordings
Storytime for children
Community information including Parish Council documents
Children's section
Access to entire library service County/Region-wide
Base for voluntary Tourist Information office

other services which have been suggested

Village archives
Venue for committee meetings of local groups
Permanent art exhibitions
Café
Servicing a sub-library for the care centre
Cotswold National Trail mid point information/education
Painswick Beacon archives
Homework Club
Displays of local and historic artefacts
Home delivery of books for the housebound
Box office for local ticketed events

Our library

What is consistently apparent to us is the importance of what happens before decisions are made. **A crucial factor must be the extent to which we actually make use of the services our library offers.**

Perhaps we all should therefore make sure that we,

- (1) visit the library regularly,
- (2) use the books it stocks or can order,
- (3) use other services such as the computers, borrowing videos and DVD recordings, and
- (4) **pause a moment to imagine Painswick without this resource!**

For its part, the Beacon regularly carries information about these services and the endeavours of the librarian and her colleagues, and we have many indications of how much her efforts are appreciated. This month Kath Pritchard's report is on page five.

Perhaps we can and should be doing more. For example, the Beacon has received two enquiries, seemingly unconnected, suggesting that now is the time to form a

Friends of Painswick Library ?

group. Neither enquirer could take on such organisation as might be required, and it would not be a function of the Beacon to do so either. However, we could be a 'post box' for finding out whether there is wider interest in such an idea, one which might be particularly useful while the sword of Damocles is hanging over this much-valued and appreciated facility,

We asked the Chairman of the Parish Council what he thought of this suggestion and he said **"Initiatives such as this which seek the retention of the library are to be applauded."**

If any reader is interested in being part of a 'Friends of Painswick Library' group and help define what form a grouping like this might take or functions it might discharge, please drop your name and address in an envelope marked FOPLY into the Beacon box in New Street, and we will see if we can let all know the outcome.

Inside, this month, details about **main road closure**, those **Fridays on ice**, the **Directory world-wide**, local lad cuts a **diamond**, Village **Quiz invitation**, a **ticker discovered**, a stroll around **Juniper**, just **20 in Edge**, a **timepiece** awaits its owner, **poo on the Beacon**, our **horticulturists headed east**, some second **pensions for carers**, times of **the last bus**, youngster **storytime**, the **61st season**.

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

Wind Turbines - Miserden

The Chairman, David Hudson, reported that no planning application for these generators had as yet been submitted.

Broadham Field - floodlighting

The committee noted that a year or more had elapsed since planning permission was granted for the lights to assist winter evening rugby training on this field, and that complaints from the public were still being received. The Chairman understood that data had been provided by the club to the District Council to demonstrate compliance with the planning permission but, possibly because of staffing shortages, no check or enforcement action had been undertaken.

Committee members were emphatic that their expressing continuing concerns about light 'spillage' across the Painswick valley was in no way to be anti-club, but was to be consistent in the application of planning conditions.

It was agreed to write to SDC to press for enforcement action.

Tree preservation orders

The committee noted that in several instances in recent times planning applications had been approved together with recognition that a TPO applied to an existing tree adjacent to the intended property, and that such led to trees needing to be cut back during or after construction. Disquiet was expressed at this seeming lack of coordination at the stage at which planning approval was granted.

Committee members undertook to try and identify such potential conflicts when considering plans locally.

PARISH COUNCIL

Bisley Street parking

In accord with Council practice, members of the public were permitted to make representations to it before commencement of agenda business, and Donald Merrylees and others spoke upon concerns regarding apparently intended Council policy to further restrict parking in Bisley Street.

Mr Merrylees pointed out that the Council had not consulted with local residents in the matter, an aspect which had caused considerable resentment. He reminded the Council that until the County Council caused the pavement in Bisley Street to be widened and raised when the road resurfacing was undertaken some years ago parking in that street had been possible without impeding emergency vehicles or mounting the pavements. Since that time the Parish Council had accepted that vehicles could park partially on the pavements, but there had very recently been conflict with local residents and with those whose movement along pavements had been obstructed - especially parents with push-chairs - since less than the legally permitted amount of pavement remained unobstructed.

The Chairman, Terry Parker twice suggested that consultation with the public affected by any proposals the Parish Council might have would occur when the County Council officers considered any reference passed to them. However, he accepted that the Parish Council was remiss in not having consulted locally.

Later in the meeting the Council resolved to refer the matter of parking in Bisley and adjacent streets back to its Traffic Committee. *(The Beacon notes that in its report last month - page 3 - it is intention of the Traffic Committee to extend its*

first consultative paper to include '3. Traffic v pedestrians v parking in the village centre' in due course.)

Community policing - mobile telephone

A member of the public drew attention to the fact that several calls made recently had not been answered on the mobile telephone provided by this Council, but had been automatically transferred to the County Headquarters, this giving rise to some frustration. Others present echoed this experience, and it was agreed to write to the Superintendent to seek assurances that this direct line of communication, paid for by the Parish Council, was fully operative and would remain so, and enquire about the extent of usage.

St.Mary's churchyard paths

The Chairman reported that a demonstration of possible resurfacing materials is expected within the next few days, and a report to the Parish Council should be possible at its next meeting.

Recreation Field - use of pavilion

The Council received Tim Friend, youth worker within the PSALMS scheme in Stroud and Painswick supported by local churches, who explained the work he is doing among young people irrespective of whether they were church-connected, and in particular sporting activities. Mr Friend had recognised the potential of sporting and other activities on the Recreation Field and also enquired whether use might be made of the pavilion/youth club premises currently only used one evening a week.

The Council welcomed his enquiry and felt that additional use of the pavilion for so compatible a purpose was desirable. However, as a Youth Committee was coming into existence in the following week it was resolved to seek its views before agreeing to the additional activities.

Calor competition - prize money

The Council received a letter from a resident suggesting that the £500 received from the Calor regional competition (*page 1 last month*) be used to enhance the area around the direction sign on the pedestrian island opposite the Town Hall. This is another possible meeting point, not least for visiting walkers, and an eye-catching location for those in vehicles passing through the village. The suggestion was to have seating, some evergreen planting in tubs, and repainting of the sign and bollards and that any shortfall in funding be met from residual funds from the Margaret Hampshire bequest.

The Council noted that the earlier 'winnings' from the Calor competition had been allocated and agreed in principle to the suggestion and to investigate the technicalities.

Recreation Field - equipment

The Council received a report from a working party, chaired by David Hudson, set up to consider allocation of the £22,870 Section 106 'windfall', from the developers of the St.Mary's estate, upon equipment on this field.

It was agreed, based upon professional advice, to install three additional items of equipment viz. a 'camel back ride', a seesaw and an 'infinity climber', as well as further investigate the need for an open shelter and location away from private property for young people to rendezvous, and consult first with the local Youth Committee.

New Street resurfacing - local access

The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk in which the County Council gave assurances that access to private properties would be possible during the resurfacing works commencing on 20th February, but that interruptions would occur when heavy plant was close to such properties.

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NOTES RELATING TO THE A46 RESURFACING

The **first week will be mainly preparation** for the resurfacing itself, but with heavy plant and machinery in the second week. At times it will appear as if little is happening, but specific works are scheduled.

The precise specification for the road itself is aimed towards a durable low-noise surface.

Footway resurfacing is intended, mainly to existing height (a) from Painswick Woodcraft to the Town Hall, (b) opposite the Lych Gate - southwards for the short stretch from Edge Road, (c) unconfirmed - the narrow footpath from the Lych Gate to Victoria Square.

Bus times during the contract period

During the first week, the services will be operational as normal.

The most significant disruption to the timetable will be for the second week only (27th February to 3rd March) as this is when only limited access past the machinery will be permitted, or practical.

* All services before 9.00am will be allowed through.

* All services after 3.30pm will be allowed through

* There will be no services in either direction between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

Readers may be interested to know that, after raising the matter with the Croft School, the engineers and the staff thought it may be a good idea to see if they can get the school involved in a site visit to promote engineering. The headteacher, Mrs Hoyle, has agreed it was a good idea and she is looking into a possible time for the children to visit.

The Divisional Design Team engineer responsible for this project on behalf of the County Council is Adam Thomas whose contact number is 01453.822193

Every effort will be made to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum in the two weeks from 20th February. However, there is likely to be some inconvenience to residents but I hope that everyone will understand that the long-term benefit will outweigh this."

RFC and Sports Club - grant request

The Council considered a request from the above for funding assistance towards its intended modification of part of the social area to become 'family friendly', especially as there are nowadays a considerable number of young people now participating in sports activity on Broadham Field. The Chairman reported that enquiries by the Council as to its being permitted to make any such grant aid had confirmed its being able to do so if facilities were for young people without discrimination.

After some debate, and upon being put to a vote - with two dissenters, it was agreed in principle to make a grant, subject to first having the opportunity to see the specific detail of the manner in which any particular facilities would be solely targeted towards young people.

Edge - 20mph speed limit

The Council took note of continuing concern that the whole of the Edge community had not been formally invited to comment upon the local suggestion that a 20mph limit be introduced. (*See report page 2 last month*). Martin Slinger reported that the Edge Village Hall Committee had echoed the concern that the County Council had limited its invitation to comment to residents on or close to the main road.

The Council decided to urge all Edge residents, irrespective of receipt of an invitation, to immediately communicate their views to the County Council.

Fire engine - test runs

Peter Rowe reported his understanding that the local fire crew had discontinued occasional or regular 'test runs' within the village to familiarise themselves with routes to incidents and reassure themselves that access was unrestricted. Given concern about occasional indiscriminate parking of cars which potentially obstruct emergency vehicles the Council decided to seek restoration of these 'runs'.

All businesses had been spoken to by County Council officers. There is likely to be some reduction in frequency of buses serving the A46, although as complete a service as possible is being investigated.

Details which will be pertinent to those resident in New Street will be published on the Council's notice board as they become available.

(See the panel above containing the latest information received by the Beacon, dated 23rd February)

County Councillor Joan Nash wrote after the meeting:

"I am sure residents will agree that the work to resurface this stretch of road, at a cost of approximately £100,000, is welcomed, and possibly overdue. The work is being undertaken in February to avoid the tourist season of summer and autumn.

VILLAGE QUIZ

The date has been around since last spring, and **we are pleased to confirm that this year's Village Quiz will be taking place at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 11th March.** The doors will be open from 6.45 for a prompt start at 7.15pm.

Last year we had one of the most convivial and exciting evenings ever, with 27 teams taking part. Nothing would please the Beacon committee more than these all re-entering

ing for 2006 and the PCMS challenged for their 'top dog' place, closely followed by PADFAS and a hot pursuit by the Local History Society. As ever, it is not only clubs and societies that can enter; a great deal of good-natured fun comes from rivalry between streets/locations and it was interesting to note how Harescombe outwitted Bulls Cross in 2005.

There is a limit to the number of teams that the Painswick Centre can accommodate, so it must be first entered - first served.

We need **entries in by Tuesday 21st February**, please, so that proper arrangements can be made for the all-important interval brain-food to sustain each team. The entry charge of £16.00 per team of four remains the same as last year, essentially to cover catering costs. The bar will be open at the same time as the doors from 6.45pm, and we aim to be reading out the last question by about 10.30pm. As we have said before, there is no need to be coy about entering as the answers are a team decision so that the combined brain power in each team is brought to bear on a wide variety of questions.

Please send your team entries to the Beacon (c/o Longhope, Blakewell Mead, Painswick GL6 6UR) with (1) Actual name of the team, and, hopefully, a humorous alternative (2) An address and telephone number for contact purposes (3) A cheque for £16.00 payable to *The Painswick Beacon*, and lastly (4) An indication of how many in the team are vegetarians.

Many teams enter into the spirit of the occasion by bringing a mascot to match their humorous alternative name, and we will be awarding a prize for the one that our 'judge' thinks is the most imaginative. **Oh, by the way, we realise it is a handicap, but despite several requests we have decided that mobile phones are definitely taboo, and 'Ask the audience' may be a no-no!**

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Painswick TIC

Another summer has gone and once again it has been a very busy time, with 5783 visitors and questions to be answered.

You may have noticed that we are now in the main area of the library and so far we are all enjoying it very much.

There are only 18 volunteers to staff the office, so if anyone is interested in joining this happy band do telephone me on 813506.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs French of the Painswick Woodcraft for inviting us all to The Falcon Inn for tea in January. We always enjoy this, as it is a rare occasion when we can all sit down and socialise.

I would also like to thank the volunteers for their dedication and support in manning the office, and always being so cheerful and helpful to all the visitors who come to Painswick.



Terry Causon

Coach to London

The first London coach for 2006 leaves Stamages Lane Car Park on **Wednesday 15th March** at 8.30am. It should arrive in Knightsbridge about 11.15am, and then proceed to Trafalgar Square (Northumberland Avenue). The homeward journey starts at 6.30pm from Northumberland Avenue only.



Fare £12. Bookings with cash or cheque (payable to Painswick L & B Outings) should be made with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.

Jazz

“Variety is the spice of life” and sometimes, a change can be a great tonic! And so it turned out on 12th January when we were for once treated to a jazz concert rather than listening to “classical” recordings.

Leslie Brotherton began with a historical background: the port of Bristol and its connection with the transport of the slaves, their singing, “blue” sounds, ragtime, New Orleans, Chicago, New York, African, spiritual and Spanish/Hawaiian guitar tunes all of which he connected with the 1920s when jazz and swing spread across America and the Old World. Louis Armstrong got a good hearing at the end and there were lots of tapping feet and smiling faces - well done, Leslie.

Ralph Kenber



Concerts in the Church

A stunning array of artists is coming to Painswick to celebrate the sixty-first season of concerts arranged by the Painswick Music Society. We are particularly honoured to welcome Sir Thomas Allen – an international star of the concert and opera worlds. He will be singing a number of songs by English composers for which he is famous.

The dates for your diary are:-

8th April: Robert Irvine (cello) and Fali Pavri (piano);

22nd April: Sir Thomas Allen (baritone) and Malcolm Martineau (piano);

6th May: Nicola Eimer (piano), and

13th May: Allegri String Quartet.

All the concerts take place in St Mary’s Church at 3.00pm and will be followed by tea in the Church Rooms. Avid readers of the

Beacon Diary will have noticed that we have had to rearrange one of the concerts at relatively short notice because one quartet had double-booked themselves. We are therefore particularly delighted to welcome the renowned Allegri String Quartet.

By the time this article is printed, we will be mailing our brochure/booking form to previous year’s members and others who have asked to be included on our mailing list. More details of each concert will be in a display at the library and on our website: www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk.

If you would like to buy tickets, become a member or be added to our mailing list, please get in touch with Hywel James (813419). Membership, which entitles you to all four concerts and a musical evening at our AGM in the autumn, is staggeringly good value at £32. Book now to guarantee your seat!

Peter Rowe



Pavri and Irvine in relaxed mood

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library info

New for 2006!!

From Friday 3rd February, the library will be holding a "Storytime", every week from 3.30pm – 4.00pm (approx.). We do hope that parents with children of pre-school and under 7's will come along and join us. Let us entertain your children whilst you choose books in peace!

The next "Internet Taster Sessions" will take place on Friday

10th February, commencing from 10.00am and each session lasts 30 minutes. Please ring the library to book your place.

Are you or is anyone you know unable to get to the library? We would like to start a "Housebound Book Delivery Service". In order to do this we need both customers and volunteers. If you could spare about 2 hours once a fortnight to choose or delivery books, we would love to hear from you. Please ring the library in the first instance with your details and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Library telephone 812569

Kath Pritchard Library Service Manager

A Lion, A Witch and A Wardrobe

... not In a Month of Sundays!

Inspired by my recent dramatic triumph as back end of Trigger in *Last Panto in Painswick*, I trotted confidently along to the auditions for our next production, *A Month of Sundays* (Painswick Centre 4th, 5th, 6th May). I had visions of the feats of equestrian characterisation – well back feats, anyway – that I could bring to life. Shakespeare's Richard III even! 'A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!' I could be the back end of that horse! My brain cantered on: I saw myself as a galloping National Velvet with a young Elizabeth Taylor astride me, urging me on, whip in hand...



I was all in a lather and quite exhausted by the time I reached the auditions. 'What juicy part have you for me?' I gasped.

'I haven't' replied our director, Lesley Wolowiec, laconically.

'What? Not even a trot on part?'

'Neigh!' she continued with a hoarse laugh, 'Not in A Month of Sundays!'

Chuckling at her own witty wordplay, she explained that *A Month of Sundays* was set in a rural rest home for senior citizens, with not a horse in sight. My suggestion that I could play a pony from a neighbouring riding school, which escapes and stampedes through the grounds of the rest home, was pointedly turned down. 'This is a touching, funny, sometimes sad, but always heart warming play, beautifully written by Bob Larbey, who also wrote TV's *The Good Life*' she said, 'And I don't want it ruined by you horsing about!'

So, there you have it: rehearsals are now underway without me. The cast is lead by Peter Minall and Robert Cunningham, two very experienced actors who play the two elderly residents at the centre of the drama. The other members of cast are Kevin Parker (last seen on stage as Henry VIII) and Ellie Jackson (one of our hugely talented YiPPies). Oh, yes: and *The Most Organised One* is also in it. This, I find particularly disloyal: I met the future Mrs B (for 'tis she) whilst playing back end to the MOO's front end of *Daisy the Cow* in a now thankfully forgotten version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Anyway, talking of our youth wing, the YiPPies – which we were a couple of sentences ago – I must mention the next YiPPies production, *The Magicians Nephew* from C S Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th March at the Painswick Centre. In addition to the evening performances on the Friday and Saturday, there will also be a Saturday matinee. Rehearsals are going fantastically (and noisily!) well. This is also directed by the ubiquitous and resilient Ms Wolowiec. 'The *Magicians Nephew* has clear reflections of Lewis's own childhood', she says, 'There is the attic filled with secrets and discoveries, just like the attic Lewis and his brother played in, and an escape into a newly created world, just like the land the young Lewis had created.'

Prepare to be enchanted.

Finally, (sadly) prepare to be disappointed. Owing to what can only be described as 'technical difficulties', *All things Bright and Beautiful* - the planned afternoon of readings with cream teas on February 18th - has had to be postponed. Pauline Foreman is sorry to disappoint the many who look forward to these delicious events but hopes to re-schedule it for later in the year.

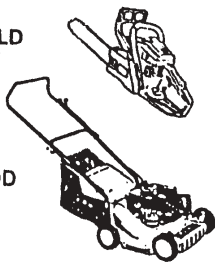
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The frosty grass crunches beneath your feet,
Which sounds like my brother
Eating his favourite square crisps
With his mouth wide open.

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Outside tap freezes into a long,
Pointy icicle that looks like a scary
Ice monster's razor sharp tooth.

Winter is the season when the
Freezing, cold wind blows between
The thin bare branches of tall trees,
Which sounds like my Nana
Whistling to me on Tuesday mornings.

But most importantly winter is the
Season when God's son, Jesus Christ,
Was born in a stable with his
Mother and father, Mary and Joseph.
Joshua Jakeway Year 5

Ticker - found

A child's watch was found on the Recreation Ground during the Christmas period. To reclaim the watch please contact the Parish Clerk Roy Balgobin on 812722.

Theatre Club

The next outing is to Bath on Saturday 4th March, departing from The Falcon at 12.30pm

John and June Stangroom have sadly retired from the committee for health reasons. John, as Treasurer and June as a committee member covering a range of tasks, have served on the committee for many years.



All members of the club owe them a very deep debt of gratitude.

Thank you both.

Diana Barclay Chairwoman

Dance workshop

The Croft School is benefiting a great deal from a partnership with PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Local Area Ministries). This company has been set up by an ecumenical group of churches to employ workers for specific ministries. One of the team is Kerstin Friend, part time Children's and Schools worker. She is working with us in leading assemblies, preparing acts of worship, teaching RE and running an after school club. Below is a photo of her running a dance workshop for children in Class 3. Her expertise and sense of fun is appreciated by all who work with her.



Janet Hoyle



Fire Dog and Fire Drake!

'Imagination Station', a Painswick based children's art and drama group, presents a celebration of the Chinese New Year.

This will take the form of a creative one day workshop making a Chinese dragon and other fun activities associated with the Chinese festival.

The day will run during half term 3rd to 17th February. We anticipate two age groups: 7-11's and over 11's. The venue has yet to be decided. Please contact Jane or Caroline for more details on 812176 or 813464.

Jane Garbett

Grateful pets

Angela Critchley writes to thank Londis Stores and all the people who donated in kind for the RSPCA; canned food, biscuits, and so on.

The Beacon apologises to Angela and the recipients for overlooking this message last month.

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Update from Painswick Playgroup

December brought the Playgroup's charming version of the Christmas story to parents, relatives and friends of the children. It is tribute to the quality and dedication of the staff that many of the older children were confident enough to recite a few lines. The Nativity play was followed by several carols and Christmas songs, enthusiastically chorused by the assorted angels, shepherds, kings, and the famous family (thankfully baby Jesus suffered no ill-effects for being dropped a few times during the performance).

The post show raffle over the two days raised a staggering £160 for Playgroup funds, and we thank those who donated items and so generously bought tickets. In return we served mulled wine and mince pies.



The New Year brings a new term and eight new children – Ben, Gracie, Harriet, Jamie, Louis, Lucy, Megan and Tabitha. We welcome them and their carers and hope they will be very happy during their time with us.

This term's topic is Opposites and Differences. The children are bringing in items in to illustrate the topic, along with favourite toys (sometimes only parts of them make it) for 'Show and Tell' time. This encourages them to play, talk and enjoy taking part in a group.

Painswick Playgroup accepts children from the age of 2yrs 9months, and runs sessions daily from 9.00am –midday at the Playgroup building beside the Croft School. The last few places have been taken up for the remainder of this academic year (although we are operating a waiting list should any become re-available). Please contact our friendly Playleader, Beaty Bell, on 813316 to register your child and find out more about the Playgroup.

Julia Murray

2 Hot 2 Handle

will be performing in the Painswick Centre on 24th February to raise funds for the WorldVision charity.

If you remember, they sold out in August last year when they performed at the Rugby club to raise funds for local schools. A great night was had by all with their smooth Jazz blues for the first set and 70's dance for the subsequent two sets.

Why not come and join them, have a two course dinner, listen to some jazz and then dance the night away to 70's dance music. If you want tickets and to book dinner call Penny Lyon on 01452 813243.



Dog fouling of Painswick Beacon

At the most recent meeting of the Parish Council the Chairman, Terry Parker, reported increasing concern that many dog walkers who unleashed their pets whilst on the Beacon were not removing excreta as was expected even though they were fully aware of its location.



Other members of the Council echoed his views, also deploring hazards this was introducing for other walkers as well as golfers.

Bins have been provided at strategic locations around the Beacon and it is earnestly hoped that deposits will be gathered up and placed there. A good example is set by the majority of owners, but some others are letting the side down.



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Uncut Diamond

We have, from time to time, had our attention drawn to a book published by a local resident or one with strong local connections, and offered our critique and description of its content so that readers can take account of whether to add it to their collection.

It is probably a 'first' for us to listen to a compact disk and convey our impressions, but could not resist the overtures we received from a friend of Alex Warner, Paul Finch, both of whom are Painswickians. Alex's parents live here, and he treasures his visits back to Painswick from his home in Barcelona. The twelve tracks on his CD 'Uncut Diamond' demonstrate fine blending of the acoustics unique to the guitar and emotive vocals he has written and presented with what seems to us to be with integrity and underlying passion. Prepared and recorded in Barcelona, and first marketed in 2004, this recording has been reviewed with high regard in Spain, Germany and the States, and is now on release in the UK on the Amphora label 0401.



"Quality stuff.... Warner's soulful vocals impress"
Music Week UK



Samples are available on the web at www.alexwarner.co.uk and we venture to suggest that there will be but a short time lapse between listening to these and purchasing the full disk itself.

Penetrating particular tracks for deeper observations rapidly led us to the opinion that each demonstrates that Alex is an outstanding interpreter of his chosen instrument, the acoustic guitar, and with a sensitivity of composition and performance – a 'package' which only exceptionally comes together in one performer. His choice of companions to join in the music-making has clearly been discerning and occasionally one feels that the warmth of the Spanish coast can be felt, as well as the influence of the local 12-string guitar he uses for 'Catch your rain'.

We invited an exponent of the guitar to give us his impressions and he unhesitatingly offered "A musician of some pedigree, Alex Warner has recently released the CD 'Uncut Diamond'. His 14 year career includes music for adverts, TV, film & video, which would explain the nature of this beautiful recording. This is music that is relaxing one moment and exhilarating the next. Musical landscapes featuring the lovely sound of Spanish guitar. Well worth a listen at www.alexwarner.co.uk and a fresh sounding CD to own. Highly recommended."

2006 Painswick Directory on the Web

The 2006 Painswick Directory has now been published on the Web as part of Beaconline

(www.painswickbeacon.org.uk). Following a similar format to the printed version, the on-line directory is updated monthly as additions and changes to entries become known.

We are keen to keep the directory up to date and already a number of entries have been updated since the 2006 Directory was published last December.

Please check if the details for you or your organisation are included correctly and let us know of any corrections needed.

Incidentally, we know that it is accessed from many parts of the world, frequently!

Canadian pride in horticulture

We are obliged to the Stroud News and Journal for permission to reproduce a picture taken by Ben Sandell at **Painswick, near Stroud in Ontario - Canada** - when their local Horticultural Society celebrated its 28th anniversary in 2000.

We have listed information from their Web site.

After about 53 years of such a respected Society here in Gloucestershire, best wishes for the future for the Canadian counterparts!

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Nostalgia Grips

The fact that we were deprived of Joyce Grenfell style entertainment on Friday the 13th mattered not a jot. Rose Lunt all but drowned us in nostalgia flowing from the post-war '50s, but we survived, soaked in the memories that most of us were able to retrieve. Rose donned the "New Look" fashion - remember, chaps, the end of clothes rationing when skirts were dropped (sorry, were lengthened) to just above the ankles and we were deprived of the joys of skirts above the knee. And trouser turn-ups were no longer banned. What sacrifices we men made to fight the war!

Oh, the extravagance that marked the end of rationing, when you could walk into a sweet shop and buy as much as your pocket money would buy. Then there were the songs of the 50's that actually had melodies and lyrics that made sense. "Singing in the rain", prompted by an umbrella, sequestered from a club member, released an unknown dance talent within the Club that got everyone going. And Sunday School of those days - 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam', yes we knew the words. We wallowed!

When you read this we will have been taken down Painswick stream by Philip Berry without moving from our chairs. Next Friday, 10th February, Jenny Joseph will give a talk "I will wear purple" (not me I hope), then on the 24th February we go to the Everyman Theatre for "Snow White on Ice". Tickets and seats on the coach, which will leave at 6.00pm are on offer to anyone at the all-in price of £23; contact: Jane Otway, on 812203.

Man Friday

Candlesticks for J.T-R

A new pair of candlesticks stand proudly on the altar of St Peter's Chapel in St Mary's Church.

John Thynne-Russell had often expressed a wish to make a gift of candlesticks for this purpose but, sadly, died last January without realising his ambition. In August last year a small dead branch from one of the churchyard yews was cut and Mr Dennis French of Painswick Woodcraft in New Street was approached with a view to producing the candlesticks in memory of John.

Dennis was happy to undertake the task, offering his considerable skills without charge, and the candlesticks were duly placed on the altar on 6 November. He points out that the design, which follows simple lines, was determined by the small size of the wood, but that the real beauty is in the lovely colouring. When worked, yew often reveals very attractive streaks of colour, in this instance purple against the basic orange.

John served in St Mary's all his life, starting as a chorister and member of the Sunday School as a boy and playing an active part in church life right up to his death. As verger he is remembered for his meticulous attention to detail and his never failing commitment to his duties. It is very fitting that these two beautiful little candlesticks now stand as a tribute to his loyalty and dedication. John would have been very pleased.

Carol Maxwell

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Carers

can build up a state second pension if they act now

Carers may be entitled to build up additional retirement income through the State Second Pension. If you care for someone - an elderly relative, an older child, a friend, perhaps - but you don't receive a benefit such as a Carer's Allowance, Income Support as a carer, or Child Benefit for a child under 6, then the Government probably doesn't know about your caring responsibilities. You may need to act to ensure you start to build up a State Second Pension. For example, you may need to make a claim for Home Responsibilities Protection based on your caring responsibilities.

**A cut-off date for claims is fast approaching
Wednesday 5th April 2006**

To get free advice on whether you qualify, visit Stroud and District Citizens Advice Bureau in Brunel Mall, London Road, Stroud, between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or between 11.00am and 2.00pm on Wednesdays. Alternatively, call the Bureau on 01453.762084 between 1.00pm and 4.00pm on any weekday (except Wednesday).

Jane Rowe

Painswick Show Society

President of the Painswick Show Society, Martin Slinger, has informed the Beacon that a meeting of the Show Society Committee was scheduled to take place on Thursday of this week (2nd February). The committee was to consider the future of the show and, if it was not to continue, the distribution of funds.

We hope to be able to report upon its deliberations in the March issue.



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The History of our Landscape Around Wick Street, Brownhill and Juniper Hill

Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust with the Painswick Local History Society organised a walk on 7th January, the first of a series around part of the Painswick Valley, to discover the history of our landscape. Mark Bowden introduced us to ways of understanding features such as walls, hedges, ridge and furrow undulations and other 'lumps and bumps', which may indicate vanished hedgerows, buildings or agricultural methods. These observations can often be related to early maps and field names. Mark Bowden is an archaeologist, a member of (former Chairman) Painswick Local History Society, and lives in Sheepscombe.

Looking at the landscape and comparing it with the 1820 Baker and Fosbrooke survey of the Parish, we could see that little has changed since the time of the Palling family, local clothiers and landowners, who owned much of the land from Greenhouse to Hammonds Farm at that time and whose descendants have retained its character. Many of the buildings date from the 17th or 18th centuries, a few even earlier and include farmhouses, barns, weavers cottages, country houses and mill owner's houses, but few former industrial buildings, which were demolished for re-use of the stone.

Along Wick Street, the 18th century turnpike road from Stroud to Painswick, we pass Well Farm with its imposing late 17th century frontage added onto an earlier farmhouse. At the turning for Pincot Lane, the foundations of a small building can be seen. The lane leads down to Smalls Mill, first recorded as a mill in the 15th century, then a cloth-making mill owned by the Palling in the 18th century. The field below Pincot House on the left has notable lynchets (see photograph), created by ploughing along the contour



line within small fields, dating back over 1000 years or from terracing of steep land for agriculture in medieval times, when land for food production, was in short supply. The name of Seagrim (house and fields opposite) goes back to the 14th century, when the land was given to Flanesford Priory by the Lord of the Manor. Flanesford Priory is in Herefordshire near

Goodrich Castle, founded by Richard Talbot in 1346 (Lord of Goodrich Castle and also Lord of Painswick Manor). It never achieved its potential as the Black Death killed off the most of the locals soon after it was founded!

Soon we reach a public footpath, which continues south towards Stroud between the cottages and through the fields below Wick Street Farm and Brownhill Court. The farmhouse is early medieval, enlarged by Edward Palling in 1665. A series of three ponds, fed by a spring, remain below the farmhouse by Fishpond Orchard, which suggests these could be medieval fishponds. Brownhill Court, built by William Palling IV C1760, overlooks the remains of its large 18th century landscape garden, where a broken down wall with adjacent ditch indicates a ha-ha (sunken fence) popular in the 18th century, giving an uninterrupted view of the landscape from the house and garden whilst keeping stock out. The house is an example of the grand country houses built by the 'gentlemen clothiers'. To the southwest of the house, C19th excavations found Roman skeletons and bricks, which indicate a possible villa site. The path continues through the field in which there is evidence of ridge and furrow ploughing, difficult to date, being employed over many centuries, but wider ridges are generally older.

The footpath crosses Wades Lane above Wades or Pitchcombe Mill, formerly used for a variety of purposes including a corn, cloth and fertilizer manufacture. Continuing to Hammonds Farm where the 1820 Baker survey showed land allocated into strips, the vestiges of earlier strip farming. There is a traditional Cotswold stone stile by the track at Hammonds Farm. Crossing the road, the track proceeds to Wickridge following the curve of a hedge up the hill above Hawkwood (formerly The Grove) and joins the track along Wickridge, returning to Juniper Hill and down to Wick St. past former quarries, which supplied stone for local houses and road building.

Further details and an itinerary may be obtained from the Trust

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A man of many talents Edward Jenner

Botanist, geologist and ornithologist - anyone fit someone of outstanding ability.

That this description applies to Dr. Edward Jenner, who discovered smallpox, indicates his exceptional talents and his knowledge and learning. Jenner's life and achievements are recounted by Mr. David Mullin in his talk to the Painswick Local History Society on 11th January.



Mr. Mullin, the presenter of the talk at the Stroud Museum, was curator of the Jenner Museum in Berkeley. He conveyed to the large audience his subject. Edward Jenner was the youngest of nine children of the Reverend John Jenner, a child, Edward was sent to London to be trained to an apothecary and then to study the scientific method and the natural world, he helped Joseph Banks

on his voyages, to catalogue the plant specimens. He was asked to travel with Captain Cook, but declined. John Hunter asked Jenner to carry out experiments on why animals are warm-blooded. Jenner also studied the life cycle of the smallpox virus, which is not present throughout the year. He noted that the virus was as great as those in hibernating hedgehogs and that they were migrating, not hibernating.

Through his interest in rocks and fossils he proposed how oolitic limestone is formed. He also built an excellent model of a successful launch in the Great Hall of Berkeley Castle. It is thought that one such launch may have taken place in Birdlip.

While involved in these many and varied activities, Jenner claims that humans infected with cowpox gained immunity to smallpox. Jenner conducted many experiments and finally proved that an infection of smallpox. There was initial opposition to his thesis, but large-scale trials carried out in 1799 confirmed the vaccination spread throughout the world. On Jenner's death, he should be given a state funeral and burial in London. Jenner should be buried in Berkeley.

In his vote of thanks, Dr Jim Hoyland revealed links to the Jenner Museum; Dr Jarrett who is a descendant of Morrison, daughters of the late Dr. Davey who had produced a silver box, once owned by Jenner, a fitting tribute about an exceptional man.

Reflexology and the

..... was the title of Sam Bloomfield's talk given to the Painswick Local History Society. Sam was an American lady, Eunice Ingham, who was renowned for her work in reflexology, and is the art of conscious communication with the body, and by applying very gentle pressure to the hands, which is a simple and unique approach to self-healing. Sam's work has been found to correspond to the time before birth. Sam demonstrated his skills on the hands during a short demonstration of his skills.

On Tuesday 28th February Dr Denise Magauran, of the Painswick Hospital. New members and visitors are most welcome.

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Gwen Welch 812540

Local History Teaser

All dressed up and apparently ready to go, but what was the occasion for this group of Painswickians in the late 1950s and where was the photograph taken? Who is the young man second from the left holding the can of beer? Which two people (both in the picture) organised the trip? Who is the lady right of centre holding a large black bag? Answer in next month's Beacon.



**Painswick
Local History
Society**



Last month we posed a real teaser as we didn't know the answer ourselves. Luckily, Mr Rex McGowan was able to provide a very comprehensive and informative response. Formerly a farmer by profession, Mr McGowan (pictured here) had frequently seen our two barges (and possibly a third named Pitchcombe) at Avonmouth, Sharpness, Gloucester and Bristol docks. They were grain barges, towed by tugs to the docks, certainly before, during and for some time after the War. Prior to that they would have been fitted with sails, taking several hours to sail up the Severn to Sharpness. The locomotives operating around the docks were also often named after villages. Eventually, when other, faster forms of transport took over, some of the barges were filled with ballast and sunk at the sides of the Severn. Occasionally, years later, their skeletons could be spotted at low tide.



Painswick Local History Society's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st February when we shall be treated to another Painswick Miscellany – a Briggs/Archard production. The meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

The Metamorphic Technique

...o members of Yew Trees WI at their first meeting of 2006. The ladies learnt that though the Chinese discovered reflexology 5000 years ago, it is responsible for developing and promoting the technique as it is used in the west today. Reflexology is based on the principle of correspondence, the whole person through touch. In layman's term, our feet and hands contain maps of our whole body. One stimulates energy flows that keep the body in good health. The Metamorphic Technique, a relaxing and creativity, similarly requires only a light touch on areas of the hands and feet which have been identified. One member went home feeling very calm and serene after Sam had very gently massaged her feet.

...from Painswick, is coming to talk about her experiences working in The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. Please do come to come and hear what should be a very interesting talk.

Celia Lougher



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Jack and Rose from Corner Cottage **Painswickians 2006**

asked us to publish:

Jack and Rose Smith would like to express the warmth they felt being voted Painswickians of the Year.

We feel very honoured to hold this title, but are still dumbfounded as to how we have earned it.

We enjoy what we do and hope it benefits the people who use either the Painswick Centre or the Painswick Rugby Club.

Once again from two very proud people, thanks to everybody who proposed us.

Helen, Gareth, Alexander and Charlie Pugh wrote to the Beacon:

Hoteliers Leaving Painswick

The time has come for us to move away from Painswick, and we do so with great sadness.

We sold the Painswick Hotel over two years ago and although we are looking for another hotel, nothing measures up quite like Painswick!

We have enjoyed living here, at Gwynfa Cottage and the special people who make up this village and the beauty of the surroundings are something we all take for granted until we look for somewhere else to live!

We are moving to Doctors Commons in Northleach until we have found a suitable venture and I hope you will allow us to email you with details of this once we have found it! We have had so many people ask us to let them know where we are going to be.

Wendy Edwards-Faulkner and her daughter Amy will be moving into the cottage and I hope they will be as happy here as we have been for the past 8 years.

Graham Lilley writes, from Edge **Edge - 20mph traffic speed limit.**

Once again it seems it is left for the Beacon to inform residents of what is going on rather than our local councillors.

It is disappointing to read that the Parish Council are still intent on pursuing their own preferred option instead of listening to the democratically expressed

view of those residents most affected by their proposal. It is also incorrect to say that the letter drop initiated by the County Council only involved "properties on or close to the main road". Letters were despatched to all properties in the roads affected by the proposal and the views of some residents were no doubt affected by the provision of information disclosing that the results of an independent survey undertaken by the County Council

showed that there is no evidence of traffic speed at present much beyond the 20 mph limit proposed nor is there any history of accidents in these lanes in which speed was a factor. In short - what beneficial effect would a change of limit (that will not in any event be enforced by the Police) have?

It is true that all Edge residents will be expected to bear the cost of this ill advised and pointless proposal and therefore have an interest but residents other than those already consulted are not otherwise affected so what I wonder are the "further responses" that are awaited? Surely it is time for the Parish Council to accept the democratically expressed rejection of their proposal and move on to something more important?

John Mantell of Hyett Orchard writes, with copy to the Parish Council:

Traffic matters - consultation

Your New Year resolution (*front page last month*) for residents to utilise local shops is excellent but overshadowed by two items outlined in that issue.

Car parking on pavements is legal (subject to leaving room for pedestrians and prams) and has been accepted as part of the village life for many years. The suggestion that double yellow lines be introduced and that all residents park their cars in Stamages Lane is ridiculous.

Similarly the idea of installing additional signs for speed limits, changing the width of the roads and other alterations to the roadside areas and adjacent properties is quite unnecessary.

This is a pretty Cotswold village with its inherent narrow streets and idiosyncra-

sies which people who have lived here for many years and also visitors are well aware of. This is a rural community and not an urban area where such draconian restrictions are warranted.

Visitors, tourists and potential residents who are essential for the life of the village and who use our shops are unlikely to visit or revisit if we turn Painswick into an urban nightmare.

I trust that the Parish Council will strongly oppose the

philistine changes which I (and I understand the majority of residents) feel will fundamentally change the character of 'our village'.

Anonymity

On occasion we receive anonymous messages.

Just in case there is any confusion as to why they do not appear on these pages, we would say that we never give such any credence or space in this publication. *Ed.*

Late buses

Marvelling at what she thought was a phantom bus late one evening, the Beacon investigated.

In case others might fancy a trip to the 'flicks' in our local metropolis the last busses, since November, are

Stroud depart 10.10pm

Cheltenham depart 11.00pm

Monday to Saturday

Enjoy.

New restaurant

Yes, the rumours are correct, and the change of use of St. Michaels in Victoria Square to revert to being a restaurant has been approved.

The Beacon is looking forward to publishing details of what culinary delights are in store as soon as the purchase has been finalised.

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Welcome to Thailand

This was the theme of our January afternoon meeting - a sunny break on a winter's day. Stan Newey gave us an excellent view of his visit there - definitely Thailand at its best. It is easy to see why it is named "The Land of Smiles", it seems to be a kaleidoscope of amazing buildings, ornate statuary, vibrant colours, beautiful women and children and the loveliest flowers and shrubs. We visited Bangkok, called the City of Angels. The many temples and palaces are covered with the most intricate carvings and lots of gold glinting in the ever present sunshine. Buddhas made from marble, gold and jade, topiary elephants plodding across a lawn, all brought smiles to our faces. We grimaced, however, at some of the wayside snacks - bamboo worms and fried crickets amongst other delicacies! The Flower Festival was a feast of another kind - so many wonderful colours with flowers all painstakingly worked to provide amazing forms. We were silent as one breathtaking scene followed another. We took in the contrast of the old and the new. All life takes place on, around and in the rivers and canals and often the squalor is as amazing as the opulence of the buildings.

After Thailand we visited Venice - equally beautiful but in a very different way. It is a city of timeless charm and elegance, islands in lagoons, beautiful bridges, faded buildings and again water everywhere. The two cities, Bangkok and Venice, are so different and yet in some ways so similar - each relies on its water network for daily life, each a mix of old and new. Which to choose for a holiday you decide!

Do come and join us for what is always a relaxing and interesting episode in our daily life and if the subject of the meeting doesn't make you smile I guarantee that our Chairman's corny humour will make you laugh out loud! Our next meeting is on 8th February at 2.30pm in the Town Hall. The talk is by Barbara Drake entitled English Garden History. Visitors, as always, are welcome to join us.

Betty Harris

Painswick Horticultural Society



Inheritance tax

Our attention was recently drawn to a subject of concern to those whose assets are quite substantial, and who want as much as possible to reach chosen beneficiaries when they die.

The Beacon is not the place for a definitive explanation of all the actions which can be taken in such circumstances, but mention of just some of the 'basics' may be of interest.

When the time comes, and we are no longer around to influence the course of events, the value of our 'estate' is calculated. The tax man will want to know the value of your house, furniture, car, savings, personal belongings and any benefits payable on your death, from pension or life policies. If the value exceeds (currently) £275,000, then your beneficiaries would be liable for the Inheritance Tax due on the difference, at a rate of 40%. By way of simple explanation: if all those assets add up to £375,000 the difference would be £100,000 and tax of 40% would be £40,000. So, the actual amount to be distributed between beneficiaries would be £375,000 minus £40,000 = £335,000.

A taxation expert reminds us that the most important thing we can do in our lifetime is ensure that we have arranged the preparation of a valid Will. In the case of a couple this could make use of both IHT allowances meaning £550,000 could pass tax free. This would ease the burden upon our next-of-kin and/or other beneficiaries. He also advised that we beware unqualified or unregulated 'Will writers', or using a DIY approach. The law in such matters is pretty tight, so proper precautions are essential.

Gifts to registered charities can be bequeathed tax free, if these are detailed in a Will.

By using such as 'Discretionary Trusts' within a will, a couple can significantly reduce the amount needing to be paid to the tax man.

None of knows, precisely, when the time will come (thank goodness). Meanwhile the only advice to pass on is pretty obvious - ensure that one has a valid Will - prepared by a qualified practitioner.

We are grateful to Vic Hooper of local Trust Wills for his assistance in the preparation of this article.

Architects

Last month we featured part of the fine porch of Tibbiwell House.

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Rugby

Painswick first fifteen's unlucky series of results continued last Saturday at Bristol when against Barton Hill they lost to the final kick of the match by a single point.

Early on the game there was a bizarre incident when, as a Painswick player attempted to clear the ball from the '25', his kick struck the knee of a Barton Hill player and the ball rebounded over the crossbar. To everyone's astonishment the referee signalled a drop goal and the home side went ahead by three points. At half-time the Bristol club led by 11 points to 7 but immediately after the break Painswick scored an unconverted try and in the final moments of the game the Cherry and Whites led by 22 points to 16. To the Painswick players it seemed that the full-time whistle would never come and so it was that in the dying seconds the home side went over for a try in front of the posts and the resultant conversion gave Barton Hill victory by 23 points to 22. The final whistle followed the conversion. Painswick's try scorers were Ben Pollard, Matt Coombs, James Wynn and Mark Bragg. Coombs was successful with one conversion.

In the various cup competitions, Painswick are hoping to be able to arrange their Stroud Combination Senior Cup semi-final match against Cirencester on 25th February. The first fifteen's Cheltenham Senior Combination opponents will be Tewkesbury in an away fixture.

In the Junior Combination Cup Painswick United face the daunting task of having to play away against Cheltenham United. The first round of the Stroud Combination Junior Cup is to be played on 25th February when the United are scheduled to play at Cirencester against the Royal Agricultural College.

Results [(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table]

Sat 7 Jan. (L) Old Colstonians 1st XV 10 Painswick 1st XV 3.

(M) Painswick Utd 33 Tewkesbury 2nd XV 7.

Sat 14 Jan. Painswick 1st XV 17 Berry Hill Utd 3.

Painswick Utd 17 Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XV 22.

Sat 21 Jan. (L) Painswick 1st XV 17 Matson 1st XV 22. (M) Bream 2nd XV 12 Painswick Utd 10

Sat 28 Jan. (L) Barton Hill 1st XV 23 Painswick 1st XV 22.

(M) Widden OB 2nd XV 79 Painswick Utd 31.

Fixtures

Sat 4 Feb. Stroud Nomads v Painswick 1st XV. Painswick Utd v Berry Hill 3rd XV.

Sat 11 Feb. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Longlevens 1st XV. (M) Stow 2nd XV v Painswick Utd.

Sat 18 Feb. (L) Old Richians 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.

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

Sat 25 Feb. Painswick 1st XV v tbd. Drybrook 2nd XV v Painswick Utd.

Sat 4 Mar. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Chosen Hill 1st XV. (M) Old Patesians 3rd XV v Painswick Utd.



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Tennis

Coach of the Year

Painswick LTC members were delighted to learn that Peter Bolton had been named 'Coach of the Year' at the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Lawn tennis Association.

Our picture was taken by Sharon Hall and shows Peter receiving the award from Chris Rivers, the recently retired County Development Officer.



Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club held its annual presentation and vice-presidents' evening at the Broadham Clubhouse on 27th January.

There was good reason for those present to celebrate the 2005 season as the club won Division two of the Readers Gloucestershire County League and also won the Stroud Senior Knock-Out Cup for the first time in many years.

In the forthcoming season, Painswick will be running first and second league teams, a Sunday eleven, a midweek team and junior sides at under 15 and under 13 levels.

Club Chairman, John Hogg, told the Beacon that consideration was also being given to running a third eleven on Saturdays. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the secretary, Andrew Wise, on 01453 755202 or John Hogg on 812505.

Hockey

Painswick Ladies began the New Year in fine style when they beat East Gloucestershire by 5 goals to 1. The Cherry and Whites' goal scorers were Sophie Hinds (2), Susan Barr, Chris Jones and Karen Davis.



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Sophia Katherine Gordon

The funeral service of Lady Sophia (Sophie) Katherine Gordon was held in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 11th January. Sophie had been with the Paradise Trust at Meadowbank in Kingsmill Lane since 1987.

The service had been prepared by Sophie and the music included the anthem "When you walk through a storm", chosen because of her long-standing support for the Liverpool club. Sophie had been an ardent supporter of the Painswick Rugby Club and it was a fitting tribute to her that so many of the club members attended the service. Not surprisingly therefore that the hymn "Swing low, sweet chariot", adopted by England rugby supporters across the land, was sung with particular enthusiasm. Friedrich Röder who, as Principal of the Paradise House Community, had known Sophie over a period of twenty five years recalled in his tribute how popular a figure she had been in the Painswick community. The Vicar of Painswick, the Reverend John Longuet-Higgins gave a short address before the commendation. The funeral party left the Church to the accompaniment of a lament played by a lone piper.

After the service the members of Sophie's family invited the congregation to join them at the Painswick Rugby Clubhouse.

The Lempen Puppets were a great success and those who attended the event in the Painswick Centre had a wonderful time.

'Puppets in the Wild' was the story of a TV producer who, having decided that the idea of puppets in the wild was preposterous, set out to make a TV documentary which was nothing more than a sham. However, with his David Attenborough poise and presentation, Daniel, the puppeteer, was surprised to find what we all knew, that wild puppets really **do** exist on the Yorkshire Moors!

At the conclusion of the performance Daniel invited the younger members of the audience to come forward and meet his puppets which were oh so realistic! The older members of the audience could only look on with envy.

This was a very professional performance staged at a cost which was way beyond the means of the Painswick Centre. It was made possible by Air in G, an independent organisation supported by the Arts Council and all six Gloucestershire District Authorities. This enables small charities like the Painswick Centre to stage highly professional events which they couldn't possibly afford without the help of Air in G. We hope to stage other exciting events during the coming year.

The next event to be staged by the Painswick Centre is a Country House Sale, to be held on Sunday 2nd July.

Ralph Drew



Disclaimer

Upwards of 60 Email messages are exchanged whenever we produce a Beacon.

As Internet users will be aware, many 'correspondents' from such as public bodies round off their messages with a disclaiming statement about its content.

Our eye was caught by this one, from a local resident who became very amused by the disclaimer messages companies used, totally "disowning anything their employees said whilst they encouraged the use of Email for all communications. It is interesting to note that letter head paper does not have such disclaimers but exactly the same potential". We think readers will share our appreciation of his sense of humour:

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Garden assist

The Gardening Assistance Scheme for 2006 will probably run from Monday 3rd April. It is targeted at older or disabled people living in the Stroud District Council area who would like some help with their garden. More information and a registration form can be obtained from Jacqui by telephoning Stroud (01453) 767154 any weekday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon or writing to Care & Repair (Stroud) Ltd, Unit 9, New Mills Industrial Estate, Libby's Drive, Slad Road, Stroud, GL5 1RN.

Information on composting, compost bins, kitchen bins and green bags are available through the scheme. All information is available in large print, Braille or on a tape.

Care & Repair Ltd are looking for gardeners to help with their 2006 Gardening Assistance Scheme. This is paid work in the local community and would particularly suit semi-retired people, parents at home during school hours, people gardening part time or someone starting up their own gardening business. For more information and an application pack please contact Jacqui, as above.

Lent Groups in and around Painswick

CTAP have coordinated information on eight courses which they hope will run over the period of Lent - that is from Ash Wednesday, 1st March to Good Friday, 14th April.

Intending participants are asked to telephone the contact given in the table to register a wish to join a group. Additional information will be in all churches during February.



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Wednesday	evening	Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Apr. 5th	7.30	9.00	T
Wednesday	evening	Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Apr. 5th	7.45		F F
Thursday	morning	Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Apr. 6th	10.15	12.00	S F
Thursday	afternoon	Mar. 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Apr. 6th	2.30	3.30	C S

PROPERTY REPORT for February by Hamptons International

Don't wait until Spring.....

if you are planning to move this year. Traditionally house sellers in the Painswick area wait until the leaves are on the trees but all the indications are that the market is swinging into life already and we have seen a definite 30% uplift in new buyers registering and are very keen to get some more properties on our books.

Low interest rates, growing incomes, full employment and the welcome return of City bonuses all appear to be helping boost demand which the current available stock is unable to meet. We are particularly short of modern properties in the Meads and Croft School area and also period properties of all prices in Painswick and the surrounding villages.

New instructions this year include: in Painswick - St Peters Cottage – a fine period property with large garden and swimming pool; Greenaway in Lower Washwell – a refurbished 5 bedroomed property with magnificent views and large garden; at Painswick Court we are delighted to have been instructed on No 2 – a fabulous barn conversion with 5 acres and magnificent views over the valley; Paradise Cottage is a 3 bed period cottage in Harescombe; Twin Gables and Kilmory are two properties in Whiteway, which are a former Day Nursery and now offered for sale separately; at Coopers Hill a fine detached property with 4 bedrooms and 4 en suite bathrooms in an elevated location with large garden and panoramic

views. Lastly we are marketing a detached bungalow in a stunning rural location in Sheepscombe. The guide price is £275,000 and already we have a great deal of interest.

We had a good run of completions in December including Severn Cottage, Vicarage Street; May Cottage off Edge Road; The Watch House in New Street; 10 The Croft and Gwynfa Cottage in Painswick, Ferndale in Pitchcombe and Keepers Cottage in Brimpsfield.

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FEBRUARY

Mon	6	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Yew Trees W.I.	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Juniper Hill work party with Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. Details Tel: 813823. Also 14th Feb. Badminton in the Painswick Centre (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall Foot of Juniper Hill (Grass Triangle) Painswick Centre	9.30 to 12.00noon 9.45am 2.00pm
Wed	8	Probus: The changing face of the Law - Mr R Morgan Horticultural Society: English Garden History (<i>page 13</i>) Women's Fellowship: RSPCA - Midge Leney	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall Christ Church Hall	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	9	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays Music Appreciation: Tastes Differ – Tastes Change	Town Hall Painswick Centre Cotswold Room	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays Friday club: "I will wear purple" - Jenny Joseph Storytime – under 7s and pre-school children	Town Hall Town Hall Library (weekly)	10.00am 2.30pm 3.30 to 4.00pm
Sun	12	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact John Rhodes - 812709 Bird Club: Birds on the Flood Plain	Car Park opposite the Golf Club Ashleworth Ham: Hartpury	10.00am
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Tennis Club	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Music Appreciation: Concert outing	Symphony Hall	dep. 4.30pm
Sat	18	Copy dateline for March to Editorial Team		
Mon	20	Resurfacing of A46 commences (<i>page 3</i>) Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling club	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	21	Closing date Village Quiz entries (<i>page 3</i>) Local History Society: A Briggs/Archard production! Jazz Evening no entry fee	Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: American Civil War - Mr K Browning Women's Fellowship: Rainbow House, Poland - Mrs Medicot	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	23	Diary deadline for March to Edwina Buttrey via. Beacon box please		
Fri	24	Friday Club outing to Everyman: Snow White on Ice 2 Hot 2 Handle dinner-jazz-dance (<i>page 7</i>)	Painswick Centre	7.30 to midnight
Mon	27	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St Mary's Guild	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	28	Painswick Country Market Annual Meeting & Lunch Yew Trees WI: The St John of Jerusalem - Eye Hospital	Town Hall Town Hall	10.30 for 11.00am 7.30pm

MARCH

Fri	3	Women's World Day of Prayer - "Signs of the times" Rev Heather Whyte	Ashwell House	10.30am
Sat	4	March issue of The Painswick Beacon published Theatre Club to Bath (<i>page 6</i>) Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact John Rhodes, 812709. Also Sun 5th	dep. The Falcon Car Park opposite the Golf Club	12.30pm 10.00am
Mon	6	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Pauline Lamont	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	8	Probus: Murphy's and Other Laws - Mr R Hennessey Horticultural Society: Newent Onion Fair (<i>page 13</i>) Women's Fellowship: Recycling - Sue Hurt, Stroud D C	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	9	Juniper Hill work party with Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. Details Tel: 813823. Music Appreciation: Gioachino Rossini	Foot of Juniper Hill (Grass Triangle) Cotswold Room	9.45am 7.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club: Lunch with Minosavich Milosvik - Keith Chittenden Tennis Club Skittles & Curry Evening	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	11	Beacon Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	14	Bird Club: Wildfowl and Wetland Trust - Mike Teesdale	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15	London Coach - Fare £12. 813965/813227 (<i>page 4</i>)	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Fri	17	&18 YiPPies production: The Magicians Nephew	Painswick Centre	7.30pm (Matinée Sat.)
Mon	20	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Horticultural Society	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	21	Local History Society: Pitchcombe - Notes and Recollections - Michael Little	Croft School	7.30pm



Wed	22	Probus: Brunel as a Railway Engineer - D Cartwright Women's Fellowship: Childhood Memories	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	23	Music Appreciation: The Art of the Accompanist	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	24	Friday Club: "Bees continued" - Craig Dunn	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	3rd Annual Mothers' Day Crocus Walk - refreshments available afterwards	Croft School	2.30pm
Sun	26	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact John Rhodes - 812709.	Car Park opposite the Golf Club	10.00am
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: The Elsa Conservation Trust	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	29	Horticultural Soc: Bookings morning for outings	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12noon

APRIL

Sat	1	Coffee Morning (Helen & Anne) in aid of Emmaus	Town Hall	9.45 to 12 noon
Wed	5	Probus: The Cossacks - Mr M Chance Carers: second pension closing date (page 9)	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	6	Music Appreciation: Children and Music	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	7	Friday Club: Fashion show "Weekenders" Adrian Ivey	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Painswick Music Society Concert: Irvine and Pavri (p.4)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	12	Horticultural Society: Show Presentation	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	13	Easter Country Market: Coffee served as usual	Town Hall	10.00am
Fri	14	No Country Market Today Good Friday Procession of Witness (start from)	St Mary's Church	
Tue	18	Local History Society: Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: AGM Coach to Bath: Enquiries 813965/813227	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park	10.00am 10.00am
Thu	20	Music Appreciation: Last night of 18th Season	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Sat	22	Painswick Music Society Concert: Sir Thomas Allen	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Porridge - Mrs P Cottle	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	26	Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM - With guest Speaker	St Mary's Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: Being a Churchwarden & more - David Ryland	Town Hall	2.30pm

MAY

Thu	4	&5/6 Painswick Players: Month of Sundays (page 5)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	6	Painswick Music Society Concert: Nicola Eimer, piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	10	Horticultural Society AGM, followed by talk - The work of 'Perennial' - Susan Bowers (with raffle)	Town Hall	7.30pm 8.15pm
Fri	12	Friday Club: How to film a dwarf - Jane Treay	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	Painswick Music Society: Allegri String Quartet (p.4)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	16	Local History Society: Annual Outing		
Tue	23	Yew Trees WI: Badgers - Tony Dean	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	26	Friday Club Outing		
Sat	27	Fête: Fundraising for St Mary's churchyard	Painswick House	tba

JUNE

Fri	9	Friday Club: Bare foot to Buckingham Palace	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: AGM	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club: Strawberries & Cream Tea (Stalls etc)	Yew Tree House	2.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI: talk about the Everyman Theatre	Town Hall	7.30pm

JULY

Sun	2	Country House Sale	Painswick Centre	tba
Fri	7	Friday Club: Arsenic & Old Lace - Patricia Moroney	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Tennis Club Summer Social		
Fri	21	Friday Club: Being Chairman of the Parish Council	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: BBC Radio Gloucestershire	Town Hall	7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Fri	8	Friday Club: Pilates - Heidi Hardy	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Horticultural Society: Annual Show	Painswick Centre Hall	3.00 to 5.00pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Outing to Bristol Zoo		
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Travel ... paintings - Peter Jenkins	Town Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Fri	6	Friday Club: Painting with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	11	Horticultural Society: The ... Outer Hebrides	Town Hall	7.30pm



NEW APPLICATIONS

BARN AT SLAD Retrospective application for additional re-roofing to barn and construction of retaining wall
BEECHWOOD COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Alterations and extensions
WOODLANDS, STAMAGES LANE Erection of single storey extension to front and 2 storey extension to rear. Demolition of conservatory
GREENHOUSE COURT, GREENHOUSE LANE Work to various trees
THE BULL, WICK STREET Creation of a new vehicle track to The Bull
THE COACH HOUSE, PARADISE HOUSE, PARADISE Access improvements & internal alterations
COLUMBUS COTTAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Erection of extensions to provide dining room, bedroom, bathroom and therapeutic pool
CORVARA, COTSWOLD MEAD Extension of existing flat roof covered area. Removal of old pantry & boiler room to create study & utility rooms. New flat roof to cover total.
GREENSTEDE, CASTLE CLOSE Erection of an extension to dwelling.
14 CHURCHILL WAY Erection of 2 storey side extension. Demolition of existing garage.

SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, SHEEPS-COMBE Resubmission following refusal of 05/1708/FUL. Refurbishment of existing outbuildings to form home office.
HIGH VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replace existing overhead line with underground cable and relocate

CONSENT

DOVECOT COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE Erection of a greenhouse against walled garden
ST MICHAEL'S COTTAGE, VICTORIA STREET Change of use from domestic to commercial use at ground floor level
RED LION HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET Erection of directional sign to Quaker Meeting House
ASHLEIGH, GLOUCESTER STREET Erection of a flue on kitchen roof
ROSE COTTAGE, SLAD Extension to form day room & erection of a workshop/store

Readers are reminded that a direct line to Painswick's PC is **07799 624643** if he is off duty it connects direct to the police Control Room

Wordsearch

The answers to last month's road names in Painswick were:

- COTSWOLD MEAD**
- STROUD ROAD**
- STAMAGES LANE**
- QUEENSMEAD**
- MARYS MEAD**
- EDGE ROAD**
- KINGSMEAD**
- BLAKEWELL MEAD**
- STEPPING STONE LANE**
- ORCHARD MEAD**
- COURT ORCHARD**
- KINGS MILL LANE**
- KNAPP LANE**
- GREENHOUSE LANE**
- WOODBOROUGH CLOSE**

and, continuing to test local knowledge, here are **fifteen more local roads** this month.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to JOANNA and DUNCAN PROCTOR of Droxford, Hants, on the birth of a son, Andrew Laurence, a brother for Ben and a second great-grandson for Pauline Foreman,

also to MARK and BELINDA HOOPER on the birth of their son Louis Edward, a sister for Rosina and a sixth grandchild for David and Sue Stanley

and to ROBERT and REN REES on the arrival of their first son, Jack William, in December.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to ROBERT REES on being awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours List. Rob was well known here as a previous owner of the Country Elephant,

and ANNE LEONI who celebrated a 'special' birthday on 12th January,

and to KIKULI (née ROSARIO) and HANNAN HOSSAIN who celebrated their wedding anniversary on 10th January.

Welcome

We would like to welcome CLARE COOKSON (née HUDSON) and her children Catriona, Ethan and Tabitha to 6 Hyett Close,

also welcome home to NELLIE THOMPSON who has returned to Ashwell House after a lengthy stay in hospital

and Miss FAULKNER who is moving into Gwynfa Cottage from Cheltenham, and Mr and Mrs CLARK moving into 1 Gloucester Road from Gloucester.

Farewell

Our best wishes to ELLA ADLAM who will be moving from The Croft to live near Aylesbury,

and Reverend CHRIS and Mrs GARRETT who have moved to Maidstone in Kent from Gloucester Road

and HELEN, GARETH, ALEXANDER and CHARLIE PUGH who are moving from Gwynfa Cottage to Northleach.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to HILDA MUSTY, ISOBEL STANYON, JOHN SHARWOOD-SMITH, NELLIE THOMPSON, FRED A HUDDLESTONE, GILLIAN PADBURY, AILIS COOPER and baby MEGAN DRAPER who have all had health problems recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of DOREEN KIRK, MARGARET HILL, FLO CROUCHER, EILEEN QUILLIAM, FRANK CROOK and BERYL SMITH (widow of Painswick's former policeman) who died recently.

Have you seen?

In the book 'Children of the Raj' by Vyvyen Brendon mention of Quentin Mathias as a small boy in India?

Personal messages

Ella Adlam wishes to say good-bye to all friends and neighbours and to express her most grateful thanks to those who supported her in times of trouble. Best wishes for 2006.

Joan Ridgill remembers Ray Barnard who died 15th February 2003; "Always in my thoughts".

We do our best to check information we receive, not least that which relates to names mentioned on this page. However we apologise for errors which crept into last month's issue, these arising from late receipt of some information and loss of accuracy as it was hastily transmitted between us just before we went to press.

Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column.

Space limitations permit only the minimum amount of text, and your assistance in this regard is helpful.

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