

The Painswick Beacon

Vol. 29 No.2

May 2006



Happy Birthday!

On 21st April, Painswick Country Market celebrated the Queen's 80th birthday in style in the Town Hall. The hall was festooned with Union Flag bunting provided by the ever resourceful Roy Balgobin and the centrepiece was a large Country Market birthday cake iced in white with a Royal Blue 'E II R 80' motif.

Three special 80th birthday balloons were also bought for the occasion but two managed to escape and were last seen flying off in the general direction of Windsor! We

are not sure whether Her Majesty received them but she certainly did receive the birthday greetings sent on behalf of all Painswickians by the Parish Council. Council Chairman, Terry Parker, used the occasion to read the reply sent on behalf of the Queen (*see page 2*) which will be framed and hung in the Town Hall in due course. The assembled customers and market producers all enjoyed the birthday cake and some was sent to absent friends.



Library latest...

We have been reporting upon conjecture regarding our Painswick Library on our front page in recent times - and been thanked for doing so. Since our last issue there have been two developments which are of very real significance.

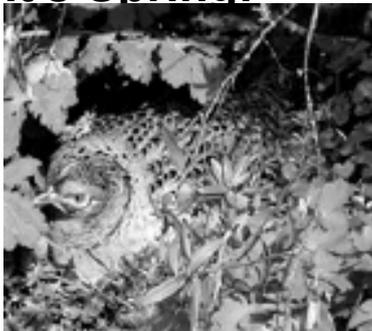
First, Tony Hicks (*pictured right*), the County Councillor in charge of Gloucestershire's library service, visited the library on Saturday 8th April and made a commitment that a library service was safe at least until 2009. The importance of the library as part of Painswick was strongly endorsed by Cllr Joan Nash, County Councillor for Painswick, who accompanied Mr Hicks on his visit. Derek Hodges, who was headmaster when the library building was the local school, commented: "This building is part of the community and must stay part of the community."



This theme was picked up on 13th April, when over 40 people responded to the call for setting up a 'Friends of Painswick Library' action group. As we report elsewhere, strong views were expressed about ways in which library services might be maintained and promoted. A consensus emerged which we summarise as '**vigorously seeking to retain these premises and examine the manner in which they might be integrated/developed in some measure with those managed by St.Mary's Church to the rear, on behalf of the village as a whole**'. A study group is now in the process of preparing a 'package' of proposals in time for the next key date - 15th May - when Councillor Hicks visits again for formal consultation. A possibility under consideration might be a '**community trust**' to oversee the custody and management of the combined premises.

For a more detailed report of both of these developments, please turn to page three.

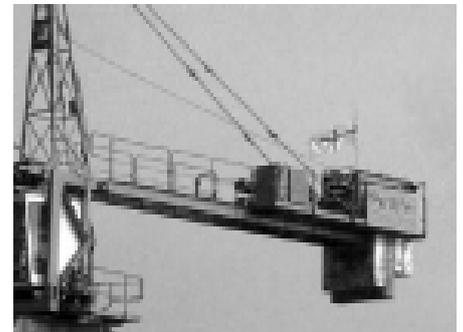
It's Spring!



A pheasant sitting on no less than nineteen eggs in a garden in Wick Street. We hope she is not brooding too much about the odds!

More flag waving

Even the crane, currently dominating the Richmond Care building site, seems to have caught the patriotic mood. The



Irish Tricolour, which flew aloft in March for St Patrick's Day and the Cheltenham Gold Cup, has been replaced for April with the Cross of St George. What's next? St David's Day, St Andrew's Day, Bastille

Parish Council Annual Report

The Beacon is delighted once again to be the chosen means for distributing the Painswick Parish Council Annual Report for 2005-06. The report, along with the accounts for the year, are reproduced in the centre pages.

Inside, this month: more from the **bookface**... heavenly **abseiling**... Painswick **on song**... French **Lions** return... **Egg sighting** times at Rococo... who was **fooled in April**?... getting **heavy** on the Edge... **six fashionable ladies** wanted... briefly with **Lady B-P**... too **hot** to handle?... more **Salsa del sol**... an artistic **Quartet**... a **stationary taxi**... kennings at the **Croft**... **Friday Club** gears up... **WI** on remand... a society by **any other name**... clearing the **wildlife corridor**... **two mills** for the price of one... how the **Council** spent your taxes... **Beacon subs** roll in... and a **wee epilogue**

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 highlight points of wider interest. The full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Painswick Library.

PARISH COUNCIL

80th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen

Chairman, Terry Parker, informed the Council of his having communicated its best wishes to Her Majesty for the occasion of her 80th birthday on 21st April and that the event would be marked by the ceremonial cutting of a commemorative cake at the Country Market on that morning. (Our picture shows Terry Parker reading the reply sent on behalf of the Queen to customers and market producers.)

The Gloucestershire Charter

The Council received copy of the first edition of a Charter which had been devised through 'discussion between the County Council and parish and town councils to establish effective collaborative working' between them. The Charter recognises that there are 263 parishes within the county, 'all playing a valuable role in the fabric of local life', together with unique local knowledge which can helpfully contribute to the work of decision makers.

Ways in which collaboration can be enhanced through community planning, consultation and communication, practical support, delegation of service provision, financial arrangements and so on are outlined within the Charter, copy of which can be seen at the Town Hall.

The Parish Council welcomed this long awaited document (see picture) which was formally signed at the meeting.

Sheepscombe Ward – Councillor

The Council received a voluntary offer to serve as a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Gordon Bruce whose service with the RAF had required his relocation. With endorsement by the remaining Sheepscombe Councillor David Harcup, who spoke of the several ways in which he was involved in village life, Mr Dhushy Mahendran (pictured right) of Woodside, Jacks Green (812197) was co-opted on to the Council.

Painswick Library

David Hudson reported that 43 people attended the Friends of Painswick Library meeting on the previous Thursday, and the discussion and strength of opinion expressed there (see report page 3).

The Council agreed to support the study group formed from the meeting with Mr Hudson as its representative and took up the suggestion that the Chairman and Martin Slinger make strong and immediate direct representations for consideration to be given to a Cotswold National Trail Interpretation and Education Centre being located in these premises.

Public Buildings

The Council noted the observations contained in a letter to the Beacon by County Councillor Nash and its understanding that her reference had been to public buildings other than the Town Hall. In order to avoid any misunderstanding of its possible policy the Council unanimously supported a resolution that it retain ownership and continued primary use of the Town Hall.

Town Hall – roofing repairs

The Council received quotations for the repairs required to the roof of the Town Hall and formally accepted one for this important work to be carried out in a sum exceeding £20,000.

Town Hall – heating

With the roofing contract let attention would now be given to matters affecting heating upon which a further report would be made in due course.

Annual Report



The Council endorsed the arrangements being made for its annual report, detailing the activities of committees and the full Council to be published by courtesy of the Beacon (with additional copies for each of the villages of Edge, Slad and Sheepscombe) in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Bus shelters – Section 106 funds

The Council received information that funds accumulated by the County Council consequent upon Section 106 agreements were awaiting allocation, and agreed to draw up a list of desirable locations for any which might be funded and/or repaired in or around Painswick.

Public conveniences

The Council received an Email communication from Duccio Leoni highly critical of the condition of the conveniences situated in St.Mary's Street. He added that they reflected adversely upon the perception visitors must take away from the village when there was so much else in which we took pride. The Clerk reported that immediate action had been taken, including total steam cleaning. Members were of the opinion that a scheme should be drawn up in collaboration with experts from the District Council to upgrade this facility at the earliest practicable date.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Painswick Hotel signage

The Chairman, David Hudson, reported that although the Parish Council had endorsed the erection of four directional signs for drivers seeking this hotel (2 back-to-back on the existing post at the junction of Bisley Street and the A46, and 1 small sign at Daisy Corner and 1 near the Bath House) the County Council's permission is the only remaining requirement before their introduction.

Broadham Field – floodlighting

The committee was informed by the SDC Enforcement Officer that the Rugby Club is designing a hood to direct lighting downwards to the satisfaction of the SDC prior to manufacture of the complete set. The committee decided to request discontinuance of use of floodlighting until these were installed.

Millbrook House – Kingsmill Lane

The committee briefly discussed the difficulty of determining its recommendation to SDC on the outline application for the erection of two dwellings and separate garages in the garden of this property and, in the absence of information about the extent of intended removal of trees in the grounds, resolved to oppose the application.



Latest on the Library Saga

Following recent Beacon articles highlighting the possible closure of Painswick Library, there have been two notable developments over the past couple of weeks.

First, on Tuesday 4th April, the Conservative Group on Gloucestershire County Council issued a press release committing County Conservatives to ensuring that “no community loses it’s (*sic*) library service until at least 2009.”

Expanding on this pledge at a previously unscheduled visit to Painswick Library on Saturday, 8th April, the County Councillor in charge of Gloucestershire’s library service, Tony Hicks, condemned speculation that several county libraries, including Painswick, were under threat of closure:

“I have become sick and tired of certain people playing political games with our libraries — that is why I have taken this unusual step of coming here today. I want to give certainty to our library staff and the people who use our libraries about the way forward. If we take the politics out by taking closure off the table we can all work together on a better way forward for the future. This is not to say we will let Gloucestershire’s libraries stand still — I want to take a close look at how our libraries can better serve people in our community. That might mean improvements to services or premises - perhaps even changes of premises - but nowhere will lose its library service.”

During a question and answer session after the statement, Councillor Hicks seemed to dismiss the suggestion that “maintaining library services” could mean that library buildings such as Painswick might be replaced by mobile libraries. However, he went on to say that Painswick library was ‘in the bottom quartile of usage’ and that the poor condition of the building – essentially the result of lack of maintenance on the roof – implied a £75,000 liability that could not be ignored. Nevertheless, every effort would be made to maintain library services in the current premises.

The key to maintaining Painswick Library might well lie in collaborations with neighbouring properties and other local services. In this context, David Harley, church warden of St Mary’s Parish Church spoke of their entering a phase of contemplating plans for the future of the adjoining Church Rooms and the synergies possible from a joint development.

The importance of the library as part of Painswick was strongly emphasised by Cllr Joan Nash, County Councillor for Painswick, who welcomed Cllr Hicks’s statement, and by Derek Hodges, who, as headmaster when the library building was the local school, com-

Meanwhile at the 'bookface'...

Regular users of the library will see that we have made a few changes to the layout. We hope you like it! The alterations have given us more space for books and other items, as well as opening up the room. There is more space to display stock and more room for you to sit and read newspapers and magazines. If you haven’t used the library for a while, please come and visit us. We will update your library card and even give you a guided tour!

From 8th May, there will be changes to our library charges. The cost of reserving a book will go down, from 70p to 50p. However if you request a book from “out of county” there will now be an additional administrative cost of £2.50. Fines for late books will also increase slightly from 10p to 12p per book per day for adults. The fine on children's books remains the same, 2p per book per day and 5p per week after the first week.

As well as reading the latest editions of *Which* magazine, you may also like to access the website on-line, from the library, entirely free. You will find the site is much more comprehensive than the magazine and is very easy to navigate. Please ask the library staff for help.

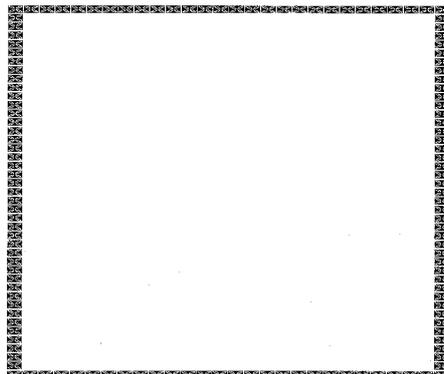
We will be holding a special Childrens Storytime on Friday 26th May at 3.30pm, when we will be holding a Teddy Bears Picnic. Please come along with your favourite teddy and join us for teddy stories, biscuits and a drink. All ages welcome.

Your Library Staff – Kath, Jess, Anne and Janine

**DAVENPORT
LANDSCAPES**
ALL ASPECTS OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- NATURAL STONE WORK • PAVING
- BRICKWORK • DECKING • FENCING
- WATER FEATURES • TREE SURGERY
- TREE HOUSES • PLANTING & TURFING

H: 01452 813660 M: 07791 693 439
GREYSTON COTTAGE, PITCHCOMB, STROUD,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL6 7DP.



STOP SMOKING
with hypnotherapy



In a single
90 minute
session £60

Ruth Coxall DSCT
01452 812101

mented: “This building is part of the community and must stay part of the community.”

The second major development in the Library saga took place on 13th April when over 40 people responded to the invitation extended on our front page last month and came together under the ‘banner’ Friends of Painswick Library. Add apologies, and the total expressing interest was fifty!

This proved to be an animated meeting, with strongly held convictions expressed about ways in which core library services must be maintained while other services might be integrated or promoted alongside them. The opinion expressed by Derek Hodges was repeated and endorsed by those present, and might be summarised by ‘**vigorously seeking to retain these premises and examine the manner in which they might be integrated/developed in some measure with those managed by St.Mary’s Church to the rear, on behalf of the village as a whole**’.

We have published ideas here before, but particularly strong suggestions included village archives with displays of local historic artefacts, permanent art exhibitions, café, Cotswold National Trail mid-point information/education, and a homework club; opening times more suited to such as single-parent families and children after school were also urged. It was, however, recognised that some revenue-generating functions would be necessary.

Three particular courses of action were identified, the first being for all to encourage actual use of existing library services – this being important if the existing criteria being used by the County Council are to be enhanced. The second was for the twelve or more volunteers willing to directly serve the library to contact library manager Kath Prichard to work out ways in which they can be helpful.

Perhaps the most significant decision was to bring the eleven who offered their services to ‘brain storm’ together upon preparation of a ‘package’ which can be represented to County Councillor Tony Hicks when he visits on 15th May. That group will have had its first meeting just before we go to press. Among other matters thought will be given to the concept of a form of ‘**community trust**’ which might evolve to oversee the custody and management of the combined premises, a body which might be entitled to attract grant aid.
(see notice front page last month)

Painswick Fete

On Saturday 27th May a fete will be held in the park at Painswick House, from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

The purpose of the fete (*see also article opposite*) will be to raise money to conserve the tombstones in the churchyard of St Mary's. The churchyard with its yew trees is a focal point for our village and we hope that as many people as possible will support the fete. All offers of help - call 814342 - will be welcome. In particular, please let us have raffle prizes, bottles for the tombola, plants for the plant stall, cakes for the cake stall, books for the book stall and prizes for the lucky dip.

One of the stalls planned is 'the biggest book stall ever' and John Dickinson aims at collecting a thousand books. He says: 'Please check your shelves for donations, and call me on 812 965. I will collect!'

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on 27th May.

Victoria and Rusty Elvidge

From the Belfry

It is with much pride that we can announce that Painswick were the winners of a competition for the Best Kept Tower in the over 8-bell section which was held this year by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers. Much of the credit for this win must go to our steeple keeper Dave Bishop, ably assisted by our Tower Captain Deborah Foreman plus much cleaning and polishing by other members of the band. A trophy was presented to our representative at the AGM on Saturday 8th April, which we will retain for one year, and a framed certificate will be displayed in the ringing chamber. The band continues to go from strength to strength, with four of our junior ringers hoping to form part of a team, which will be entering a striking competition later this year.

We rang for our first wedding on 1st April and another 5 weddings are already booked where bells have been requested.

We practice on Tuesdays from 7.30 until 9.00pm. - maybe you are, or were, a ringer in your youth and would like to return to the fold. Perhaps you might find it interesting. Either way come and visit



Watch this space!

The battlements of St Mary's church tower afford fantastic views across the Painswick valley. The ground below seems very far away. Up there, you feel very much a part of the air.

And from those battlements, on 15th July, up to ninety adults and children from Painswick and the surrounding area will take the experience a step further! Led by the vicar, John Longuet-Higgins, they will abseil one after another to the ground, seventy-five feet below.

'It's climbing over the parapet that's the hard part,' says John Dickinson, one of the organisers. 'You know that you are attached to ropes, and that there are people at the top and down below looking after you; but you still have to coax yourself to do it. After that, it just gets easier.'

The event is being organised jointly by the Church and by the Croft School PTA. It will be supervised by a qualified team from The Rock Centre, Chudleigh, who will instruct all participants before they ascend the tower.

For Past and Future

Participants will be invited to raise at least £75 each in sponsorship towards the conservation of the tombstones in St Mary's churchyard, many of which date from the eighteenth century, and for various projects at the Croft School, including a new suite of computers on which the children can hone the skills they will need for the 21st century. Prizes will be offered to those raising the highest sums.

This is an unprecedented opportunity in Painswick, open to enthusiasts and beginners alike, from the age of eight up. Anyone wishing to book their place on the abseil should contact John Dickinson on 01452.812965.



Easter Fun Afternoon lived up to its name!

Nearly 60 local children experienced an action-packed and fun filled afternoon at St Mary's Church Rooms during the Easter holidays. The event was organised by Kerstin Friend of PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Area Local Ministries - a charity sponsored by the local Christian community). The children were involved in all sorts of activities: a dance session, chocolate truffle making, a fantastic woodcraft workshop, games, songs and an animated Easter story.

The woodcraft, run by Steve Hutchinson of Scripture Union, was a particular treat. The children were very excited to have the opportunity to get their hands on lots of big noisy machinery and create their own wooden necklaces, key rings and name plates!

Kerstin commented: "It was wonderful to see the children really enjoying themselves. I'd like to say 'thank-you' to all the volunteers who helped make the afternoon live up to its name. The venue was packed. We wouldn't have been able to fit any more children in! Due to the popularity of both this event as well as the Christmas Fun Afternoon, we have decided to take advance bookings at future events to ensure we have the space and resources for all the children who wish to come."

Christian Aid Shop

Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May

In response to consumer requests we are making some changes this year!

• Our lunches are so popular we are giving up the whole of Christ Church hall to them - so bring a friend(s) - there WILL be space and a different selection of delicious home cooked dishes every day.

• That means that stalls will be in Christ Church itself with lots of browsing space. This year we are specialising in antiques, collectables and jewellery. We have access to free valuation and can put a reserve price on your treasures, but we would rather not do it at the last moment! Contact Liz Davies 812211 or Jean Newell 812083.

• And lastly - for those people who complain that they can never get to us during opening hours - we shall open the shop on the Wednesday evening from 6.00 to 7.30pm instead of Saturday morning. (And that means you won't be too late for all the bargains on the plant stall!).

So - we would love to receive books, unwanted gifts, toiletries and antiques on Tuesday 16th between 10.00am and noon or 2.00 and 4.00pm in Christ Church.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

Christian Aid

A 'Door to Door' Bus Service
01452 423598

Stroud Choral – in May

Following two very successful concert outings this season, to Symphony Hall in Birmingham and to Colston Hall, Bristol, the music appreciation group is organising an extra one to a Mozart 250th anniversary concert closer to home – a performance by Stroud Choral Society on Saturday 20th May.

In the past two years, Stroud Choral Society has significantly 'raised its game', by way of the quality of performances and its resultant profile. This has been largely due to the influence of its new conductor, Benjamin Nicholas who is also Director of Music and Master of the choristers at Tewkesbury Abbey School. Though still of tender years, Ben's inspirational and charismatic leadership have attracted much attention, and encouraged an influx of new members. The Society has also been privileged to announce recently that Sarah Connolly, the much acclaimed mezzo-soprano, who lives in Stroud, has agreed to become its President.

A block booking of well located seats in the Subscription Rooms has been made for PaMAG members, but all Painswick residents are invited to take advantage of this opportunity. What is more, every effort will be made to arrange transport for those who need such assistance.

Interestingly, the last Stroud Choral concert was a sell-out, with people fighting for tickets over the final few days.

So, Saturday 20th May, 7.30 pm in the Stroud Subscription Rooms. The programme comprises Mozart's Serenata Notturna, Solemn Vespers and his Requiem with the Regency Sinfonia, conducted by Benjamin Nicholas (pictured above), and soloists Sophie Bevan soprano, Stephen Burrows alto, Ian MacLeod-Jones tenor and James Birchall bass. All for £10.00.

Do book early through Stewart Price on 814241, who has further details if required.

Stewart Price



Children singing

On April 6, Barbara Thorley talked to The Group about Children Singing, in effect her life in music. Aged 14, she was an accompanist to a choral society and was fascinated by a 14-year-old boy treble, Aled Jones, with a remarkable voice. Barbara played her own recording of him singing Bridge over Troubled Waters and Pie Jesu. Barbara went on to study in London, doing music at the Royal College and teacher training at St Katherine's College.

In 1957, Barbara came to Stroud High School. One of her pupils was Carolyn Cook, who went on to become lead soprano in the ENO Chorus. We heard a charming recording of Carolyn's 4-year-old daughter singing an Austrian folk tune followed, 15 years later, in a duet from Lakme with her mother. A highlight at Stroud was the Carol Service, and we heard a recording of Britten's Balulalow. The school choir sang at the Cheltenham Festival and in 1969 won the Gold Cup in the Open Class. Barbara was also associated with the Leonard Stanley Festival and we heard works sung there, including The Lord's Prayer from the African Sanctus.

In 1976, Barbara took a team of dancers and singers to Canada, where they performed, an arrangement of an opera by Kurt Weill, Down in the Valley, of which we heard the final part. On her return, Barbara got itchy feet and found a job in Toronto at Havergal College, modelled on Cheltenham Ladies. It had a superb 45-girl choir. Barbara taught the 14-19-year olds, and also the 5-year olds, whom we heard singing The Music Makers: they were very grown-up and "together", with excellent diction. We also heard her recording of songs by the Toronto Children's Chorus: their hallmark was the purity of their tone. Barbara visited Prince Edward Island, the home of Anne of Green Gables, and we heard songs from the musical of that name which she taught to the High School at Stroud with whom she also produced My Fair Lady.

Barbara retired in 1987 and trained a 120-voice WI County Choir, but missed her young pupils. Her talk ended appropriately with The Rhythm of Life sung by the girls from Havergal College. The rhythm of Barbara's life was clearly helping others to make music, and her talk was greatly appreciated.

Richard Burges Watson

Painswick Singers Good Friday concert

The Painswick Singers' concert on Good Friday evening in St. Mary's Church, Painswick was a well thought programme of music for Good Friday. The Conductor, Brian Edridge, introduced the first part of the programme, which comprised some plainsong and anthems by Charles Wood and John Ireland, which were impressively sung. The concert opened with all joining the choir to sing Bach's Chorale 'Thy name is shining on me', and what a pleasure it was to sing this along with a strong choir in full throated voice. The plainsong was particularly worthy of mention for the choir's 'single-voice' clarity of line, moving together with the conductor as he varied pace and dynamics in the manner of monastery voices.

The other Bach Chorale, 'O Sacred Head Surrounded', again sung by all, brought us to the centrepiece of the programme – Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. Here the choir, augmented for the occasion by voices from the Burford Singers, sang with an intensity off feeling that satisfied every nuance of the work. Brian Edridge drew instant responses from his singers and was able to inspire them to produce an outstanding performance for which the credit must be largely his. Celia McCabe was outstanding as the soloist singing the very popular Pie Jesu and Christopher Boodle contributed a great deal at the organ with skilled sensitivity.

The evening, brought to a joyous conclusion by the Singers with anthem by Warren - 'Sing we Praise', received well deserved applause from a large attendance

Readers are reminded that the Police non-emergency number is

08450 901234

Direct line to Painswick's PC

07799 624643

GRAHAM FEAKINS HND Tree Surgeon

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree felling | PROFESSIONAL |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reshaping | QUALIFIED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stump grinding | FULLY INSURED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hedge trimming | RESIDENTIAL |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fruit tree pruning | COMMERCIAL |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden clearance | FREE ADVICE |

OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

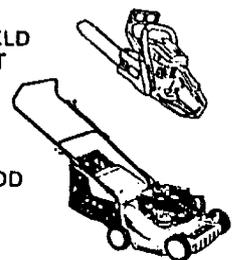
FULL COUNTY COVERAGE

01242 680362

GREEN ORCHARD, DEERHURST WALTON, CHELTENHAM

LAWNMOWERS SERVICE • REPAIR • SALES

- HONDA
- MOUNTFIELD
- QUALCAST
- STIHL
- HAYTER
- ATCO
- FLYMO
- WESTWOOD
- KUBOTA
- COUNTAX



**FREE LOCAL
COLLECTION & DELIVERY**

CHELTENHAM MOWER SERVICES
MOBILE: 0831 282533
TEL: 01452 714098

www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cmowers

Richmond Painswick Care Centre

A Standing Liaison Group exists 'to facilitate bilateral understanding between Richmond Painswick, its residents and the wider local community including existing community groups', and has met several times in the past year.

Among other matters it has not escaped the attention of the Group that the eighteen apartments are progressively being sold, with priority having been given to Painswick residents. The remainder are likely to be sold in the next few months to both local and non-Painswick applicants.

Meanwhile the Care Centre itself is progressing apace, with completion and initial occupancy anticipated early in 2007. That part of this huge enterprise will accommodate four 2-bedroom and 34 single bedroom 'Close Care Suites' with their own sitting room, small kitchen and ensuite bedroom. There will be a further 24 ensuite nursing rooms for those with greater care needs.

With completion of all of this there will also be associated spaces and services, including a Wellness Suite incorporating the swimming, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and spa pool, as well as a fully-equipped gymnasium, treatment rooms and a hairdressing salon. In addition to the Laurie Lee rooftop restaurant there will be a café and bar, small library (hopefully an extension of the Painswick library), laundry, kitchens, meeting room, small voluntarily run 'necessities' shop, and so on.

At its most recent meeting, the Group discussed the relatively high cost of the first phase of 18 apartments, ranging as they are from £435k to £799k, and how they are well in excess of what had been anticipated by the quartet (the Group of Four) when they initially researched, drafted and represented ideas for this overall scheme. Indeed, the cost of these apartments exceeds that which the developers themselves, Richmond Villages, desired! The Group felt that the reason for such high costs needed to be made widely known and this report seeks to clarify the position.

As the planning applications were being formulated, influenced as they were by local public consultation on at least two occasions, many residents will recollect that the outline scheme was set out to lie immediately below the 105metre contour. That contour line followed from roughly where the lower side of the entrance is on Stroud road, around the slope of the land. That made a logical demarcation between an upper part of the site, which could be retained as pasture/open space, and a lower part that would contain the mix of Care Centre and its associated apartments. A further effect of using the land in such a way would have been to separate the structures of the development further from neighbouring properties in Cotswold Mead and Queens Mead than has now proved to be the case.

The Group is very much aware that there will be new residents in the village who were not around when these outline plans were formulated, or realise how it was that those proposals were not approved by the Stroud District Council (SDC). When the plans were, eventually, placed before the SDC Development Control Committee on 10th July 2001 the officers of that Council, without prior discussion with the developers, urged that committee to approve an outline application but within an area bounded by a straight line drawn parallel to Cotswold Mead from the lower side of the entrance from Stroud Road. Despite meticulous representations, the SDC officers continued to regard the application as being two distinctive schemes (a nursing home and some 20 housing units) instead of integrated care accommodation ranging from intensive personal care in dedicated accommodation through to partial care in suites and care-on-request in associated apartments – a previously unheard of concept.

The effect of that inadequately considered alternative, which the SDC committee approved (together with numerous conditions), was to have an adverse effect upon the whole project. Indeed, at this stage Richmond Villages seriously considered abandoning its commitment to Painswick altogether.

Having decided to proceed to a detailed planning application, Richmond Villages was faced with a complete recalculation of its projection of the financial viability of whatever it was to create, whilst still being constrained by the original concept determined by the Group of Four and endorsed by the public. This circumscribed site, with accentuation of the need to take into account the differing ground levels, leads us directly to the reason why the present number of apartments is limited to 18, and why they are so expensive; the

need to build large luxury apartments of about 1750sq.ft was a crucial factor in reconciling the overall capital investment – exceeding £20 million across the whole project. Few would regard the quality of exterior and interior design now so visible to all as anything short of excellent, and fitting comfortably into the vernacular of Painswick.

The 'rectangular site' decision of the Stroud District Council became part of the documentation known as the Local Plan and was, therefore, subject to scrutiny by an Inspector prior to adoption of that Local Plan as overall planning guidance for future years. Responding to explanations by Richmond and its advisers, the Inspector ruled that the SDC decision was wrong, and that permission should have been given to build below the 105m contour. Such means that there is, roughly, a triangle of undeveloped land between the rectangle and that contour.

The liaison group noted the intention of Richmond Villages to respond to many enquiries they have received, especially from Painswick residents, for smaller apartments costing nearer to £250-350k than £400-799k by seeking planning permission to create such within that triangle of land. An addition of this sort will impact favourably upon the operational costs of the completed project and, in turn, help limit the monthly outlay of residents whether in apartments, suites or in nursing care and, very importantly, reach out to those of lesser financial means. This brings the overall provision much closer to what was envisaged by the local originators.

Before that planning application is submitted, probably in June or July, the liaison group has urged that (1) this report be offered for publication in the Beacon, and that (2) an 'Open Day' be arranged. As the advertisement here indicates, that 'Open Day' has been arranged for Sunday 11th June. Current thinking is that, with building contractors still very much on site, and the Health and Safety of visitors being of concern, access will be to the 'Show' apartment, a viewing point at which the construction work on the Care Centre block will be explained, and a vacant unfurnished apartment within which the draft plans for construction on the 'triangle' of land will be laid out and any questions answered.



R I C H M O N D
V I L L A G E s

OPEN DAY
June 11th 2006

You are invited to the grand opening of Phase 1 of Richmond Painswick from 11am to 4pm in the courtyard. There will be food, wine and music to enjoy.

For more information call Sue Bishop on 01452 813902



R I C H M O N D
P A I N S W I C K

Luxury Retirement Group

www.richmondvillages.com

Wick Street Security

Locksmith & Secure Solutions

Moved Home or Office? Who's Got Keys?

All types of security equipment supplied & fitted to insurance standards.
Lock opening service & period lock restoration.

Tel: 01452 812201 Mob: 07812 540178
Email: info@wickstreetsecurity.com

Two more concerts

I have just returned from the wonderful concert in which the Sir Thomas Allen filled a packed St Mary's Church with his rich mellow baritone voice. But I must look forward and tell you about forthcoming musical gems. The last two concerts arranged by the Painswick Music Society this year will be on Saturday, 6th May and a week later on 13th May.

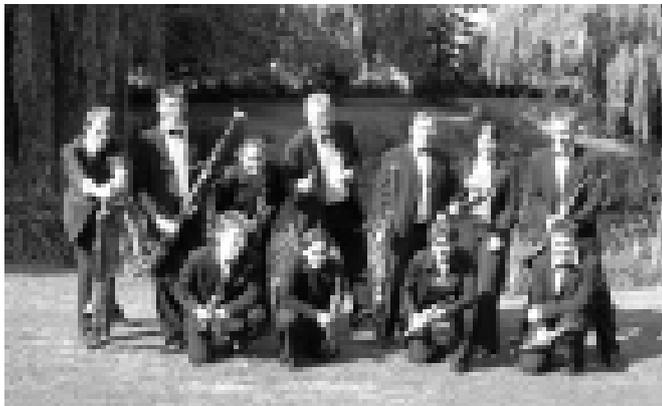
On 6th May, we welcome Nicola Eimer (*see photo*) – a talented young pianist who has been a major prize winner at the Dudley and John Lill Piano competitions. Her programme includes pieces by Haydn, Schubert, Brahms, Debussy and Chopin, and was set out in more detail in the April issue of the Beacon.

Our final concert on 13th May features the Allegri String Quartet. The Allegri has been a regular visitor to the Music Society's concerts – this is their tenth visit – the first was in 1957. The Quartet has maintained its reputation for quality despite changes in personnel – and there are four new faces since their last visit about ten years ago. Their programme comprises Schubert's Quartettsatz in C minor, Shostakovich's Quartet No 3 in F and Beethoven's Quartet in A minor.

Each concert takes place at 3.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church and many of us bring a cushion to sit on. There is a short interval of about 20 minutes to allow everyone to stretch their legs. After the concert, you are invited to the Church rooms for a tea and there is usually an opportunity to meet the artists.

At the time of writing this article, we have a limited number of tickets available for our last two concerts. If there are any spare tickets left on the day of the concert, they will be available on the door – but please book soon to be sure of a place. Tickets can be obtained from Hywel James, Canton House, New Street, Painswick GL6 6XH (tel 812419) or at "The Chairman" in New Street. Tickets cost £12 or £3 for children and students.

Peter Rowe



Brilliant Brillante

If our first concert on 8th April in St. Mary's church was anything to go by, then this will once again be a most fascinating and successful season! We had the privilege of listening to Scotland's finest cello-piano duo: Robert Irvine and Fali Pavri, both superb artists and professors of their instruments at The Royal Scottish Academy of Music.

Playing to a full house, they began with Chopin's polonaise brillante in C, Op.3 in which the contrasts in character between expressive cello and brilliant piano were caught with great virtuosity. Then followed Grieg's cello sonata in A min., Op 36, a lyrical work in which both instruments enjoy equal status. Poignantly ending the first



half, Robert played the haunting "Gala Water" in the presence of his wife Sally Beamish who composed this cello solo after the sad loss of their baby. Based on an old Scottish folk tune, it encompasses the full range of emotions.

After the interval, it was Favri's turn for a solo performance: Chopin's beautiful Ballade no.1 in G minor, Op. 23 in which a sombre start ushers in a comforting melody, followed by a tumultuous finish. This is

the centenary of Shostakovich' birth, so the last work was his cello sonata in D minor, Op. 40, a winsome work combining sadness, humour and a sardonic ending. Of course there had to be an encore: John Mayer's short "PRABANDHA" was an exhilarating tour de force.

Ralph Kenber

French Lions for Bastille

Following their warm reception in Gloucestershire last summer, Les Hautbois du Lion, the oboe and bassoon ensemble from Belfort, are returning to Painswick on Friday, 14th July, for an evening concert at St. Mary's. They plan another unusual selection of medieval, baroque and modern music.

Do keep the date free: more details in next month's Beacon or call Marion on 01452.721370.

PC Repairs & Maintenance



TEL
01453 766312
MOB 07949792501
www.pccomputerrepairs.co.uk

For all your computer needs
Local friendly service
No call out charge
New systems, upgrades, memory
harddrives, broadband installations
problem solving, virus & spyware removal
System backup & system setups



CENTRELINE
ARCHITECTURAL SCULPTURE
www.centrelinestonene.co.uk
STONEMASONS
STONECARVERS
SCULPTORS
CONSERVATION
CRAFTSMEN
+
ADVISORS
Fairfax House, Vicarage Street, Painswick
Office: 01452 813892 Website: 01285 821074



Allen Hale
Your local stockist for
The Real Meat Company
Allen Hale
New House, Friday Street
Painswick, Tel 01452 813613
BRINGING YOU FLAVOUR
WITHOUT EQUAL
WELFARE WITHOUT COMPROMISE



Easter Egg Trail at the Rococo Gardens

Painswick Playgroup's Easter Egg Trail at the Rococo Gardens was a great success with nearly 400 people attending. In the region of £1,350 was raised for the Playgroup, along with a donation of £200 to the Rococo Garden Trust. The pictures tell the story...



Young pilgrims

During the spring term, The Croft School children created their own pilgrimage based on the Easter story around St Mary's Church.

Kerstin Friend of PSALMS (Painswick and Stroud Area Local Ministries) was invited to support the children of Years 4, 5 and 6 in their pilgrimage topic, as part of their Religious Education curriculum. *"Instead of just learning about famous pilgrimages that other people go on, we decided to create our own. This way the children could experience pilgrimage for themselves and have the opportunity to think about the Easter story as well as reflect on issues in the wider world today."*

The children spent three afternoons preparing artwork before it was set up in the church for them to see. They then spent time walking the journey they had created which included ten stations, each depicting part of the Easter story.

Afterwards the children were asked to write down their

thoughts...

"I think the Heaven station was very creative because it made you feel happy and most of all the other stations made me think about friends and family and how lucky most of us are." Caitlin

The pilgrimage remained in the church for two weeks allowing visitors to join in the experience. It then formed part of the Good Friday service. It was a wonderful opportunity for the church and the school to work together. Many of the church members were delighted to see the children's work on display and it was a very positive experience for the children to use the church building in this way.

A big "thank-you" to those who supported the project and also to Jennifer Barnett who used her artistic talents to inspire the children in creating works of impressive quality.

Kerstin Friend



CLOCK



REPAIRS

01453 885385
07702 088458

J. D. HOBBS
PAV. LIND. UNID. S.A. 11



A member of the British Ecological Institute

Summer Diary 2006



8th – 12th May KS2 SATs week
 Monday 8th May Governing Body Meeting 7.00pm
 Friday 12th May 't-shirt for charity' day (£1 donation)
 15th – 19th May York residential week (Years 5 and 6)
 Friday 19th May Egyptian day at Gloucester Docks
 (Years 3 and 4)
 Thursday 25th May Achievement assembly
 2.30pm
 Friday 26th May Staff training day
 Monday 5th June Return to school, Tennis Seeds pro
 gramme begins

Wednesday 7th June Years 1 and 2 visit Cheltenham Science Festival
 Rounders club starts (for Years 5 and 6)
 Thursday 8th June Years 3 to 6 visit the Cheltenham Science
 Festival
 Friday 9th June Joint service with Cranham & Sheepscombe Schools
 in St Mary's Church
 Monday 12th June Class and team photographs,
 District sports event (jumps and throws)
 4.00pm
 Monday 19th June District sports event (track) 6.00pm
 Sunday 25th June Primary Proms concert in Cheltenham
 Tuesday 27th June Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)
 Wednesday 28th June Reserve Sports Day (in case of wet weather on 27th)
 Sunday 2nd July PTA Summer Fayre
 Monday 3rd July Annual reports home
 Wednesday 5th July Open Afternoon 2.00 - 3.00 and 3.30 - 4.30pm
 Thursday 6th July Swimming Gala at Stratford Park 9.30
 – 11.00am

Brass workshop

On Thursday and Friday 20th and 21st April Class 4 at The Croft School were treated to a brass workshop. Three music teachers, Mr. Cowley, Mr Davies and Mr. Anderson, all taught the whole class how to play a brass instrument. Many of the children had never played a brass instrument before.



Thursday
 First we started off with non-verbal communication, and then we took our mouthpiece and started to blow in to it. After that we learnt a few notes and started to learn the blues scale.
 Friday



On Friday we started off with the same, soon Mr. Cowley introduced two more notes to us then we started practicing for our assembly to the school. Class 4 enjoyed themselves a lot.

by George Pigott and Douglas Fair

Readers are reminded that the direct line to Painswick's PC
07799 624643

Kennings

These started off in Old English and Norse poetry where something is described without using its name, for example, stick fetcher = dog. Anglo Saxons often used kennings to name their swords: Throat Slitter. So, a poem made from kennings would be a list of expressions about one subject. More often than not each item on this list is made up of two words. These Kennings were written by Class 3 children about our pond.

Our Pond

Logs falling
 Ants crawling

Lily pads green
 Always seen

Worms wriggling
 Insects giggling

Coloured dragonflies
 Near butterflies

Birds flying
 Water-snails crying.
Ellie Gobey

Pond-skaters skating
 Woodlouse chewing

Worms slithering
 Snails wriggling

Flowers flowing
 Frogspawn growing

Frogs strolling
 Logs rolling.
Jordan Lewis

Pebbles clattering
 Fish swimming

Frogs jumping
 Stones plopping

Gates rattling
 Logs rumbling

Tadpoles flowing
 Toads crawling.
Freddie Whittaker

**ELECTRICAL
 AND
 ALARM
 SERVICES**

New Installations, Rewires, Extra Sockets,
 Lights, Showers, Security Lighting,
 Economy 7 Heating, etc.

Professional intruder alarm
 systems fitted from £330.
 Remote control car alarms
 fitted from £70.

Door Entry and Closed
 Circuit Television Systems fitted

For a friendly, prompt and
 reliable service contact
Steve Gallagher
 on 01453 791209

**ALL WORK FULLY GUARANTEED
 WITH NO ADDED VAT**

Garden Party Tents From
spaceintense

Tel: 01452 813658
www.spaceintense.co.uk

**THE
Friday
CLUB**

...in Gear

Since I last reported, The Friday Club have enjoyed three meetings of quite exceptional interest. First there was Keith Chittenden on "Lunch with Minosavich Milosvich" which turned out to be about lunch with almost everybody else on the international stage engaged in

selling or buying electronics that guides a something to somewhere some other body does not want it to go. Fascinating stuff careless talk, whether on or off-guard and plenty of it. We heard of the necessity of having pre-educated oneself in the gastronomic niceties and the not-so-niceties of the oriental table. In those circumstances failure to take pre-emptive survivor training or simply pre-emptive action itself was clearly ill advised.

Then came Craig and Naome Dunn on Bees. It didn't really surprise us to discover that the records of bee keeping go a long way back into antiquity because its such gorgeous stuff and must have played a big part in building the ascent of man, but thank goodness the bees never learnt market forces. However lots more did surprise us but there is just too much to tell. Man Friday discovered, with a certain feeling of satisfaction that worker bees are actually female, which makes sense since they feed the young, do the cleaning, defend the hive, collect nectar and produce wax. But it beats me why they do all this when bee society is a true gynaecocracy and they are ruled by a Queen!

Whilst on the subject of gynaecocracy, you might think being a member of The Friday Club is hardly a weekending sort of activity, though it might be a way of gearing up for the weekend perhaps. Anyway, Man Friday all but disappeared out the door when confronted with shadowy forms of the female kind in a state of déshabille (but behind clothes racks) preparing for a flirt with a skirt. It was only then he discovered that "Weekenders" is a brand title that ladies seem to know all about but he did not. He thought that was bit hard since he is always being told his life is just one long weekend. Then they said they would introduce him to Joy. That's better, now I am getting somewhere, thought he. But, alas and alack, he discovered that 'Joy' is a range of ladies all-sorts. There were tops, bottoms, sides, insides, outsides, scarves, magnetic belts, upside-down tops, upside-down bottoms, reverse this, reverse that, fringed wrap/sashes, handkerchief skirts, seersucker blouses, pashminas and **essential trousers!** (What in the world are non-essential trousers?) You will by now have realised he was mixed up in a Fashion Show, arranged by "The Weekenders" in the Town Hall. And, what is more, a sporty few of our lady members were displaying themselves in the *haute couture* on offer. So attached did they become to some of the wares that they could not resist purging their purses for the ready.

When the show was over trade became very brisk: try this on, try that and the other on and so forth; the ladies were in and out of gear before you could say 'double-de-clutch'. There was no doubt that the afternoon had been a great success for the ladies. As for Man Friday, he just poured out the tea, shovelled the biscuits and kept his hand on his wallet. Next time chaps, it is going to be plus-fours and hacking jackets.

Man Friday

Rivers and Blossoms

St Mary's Flower Guild invite you to **An Afternoon of Flowers** and Afternoon Tea at The Sheep House on 14th June 2006 at 2.30pm, when the very entertaining Alwyn Page will give a flower demonstration entitled **Rivers and Blossoms**. Tickets cost £10.00 and are available from members of the Flower Guild, and from Dawn at the Patchwork Mouse. The gardens will be open for you to enjoy. We will be limited to 80 tickets so please be sure to buy yours before it is too late. For any further details or to reserve tickets contact Anne Smith on 812427.

A lotta coffee!

The Spring Coffee Morning held 1st April in the Town Hall raised a total of **£489.99!** A cheque for £300 has been sent to Emmaus in Gloucester. They will use the money to increase availability for more "Companions" either by extending the present premises or moving to another location. An enlarged community will enable them to serve more of the homeless and unemployed in Gloucester. In fact they need to expand because at present they turn away potential companions from the door every week.

One of their Trustees who lives in Painswick came to our morning and we were also glad to see one of the Companions with Anthony Bennett, deputy Community leader, who explained the aims of the organisation, helped on the draw and thanked everyone for their contributions.

The balance of the money will be divided between the church of Our Lady and St Thérèse and Father Franco in Papua New Guinea.

Our thanks to all who attended and supported us. It is only with your help that such a worthy local branch of a national charity can grow and help the community.

Stourhead Garden

There are seats available on a Rover coach visiting the National Trust property at Stourhead, Wiltshire on 21st June, leaving Stratford Park (Stroud) car park at 9.00 am, picking up at Nailsworth Bus Station at 9.15 am and returning to Stroud at approximately 5.45 p.m. On the outward journey we shall make a coffee stop at a hotel on the outskirts of Bradford-on-Avon. The house is not open on a Wednesday but the beautiful landscape garden and estate will be, together with restaurant, the Stourhead pub, gift shop and garden shop. The coach fare only will be £6 per person. To book a seat please phone Jo Brazier on 813594

painswick osteopaths.

Paul Stamp D.O.
Helen Froggatt D.O.

Tel: 01452 301748
Painswick Surgery, Gyde Rd, Painswick

- Structural
- Cranial Osteopathy
- Sports Injury
- Migraine/Whiplash
- Parking Available

Maths and English After-School Programmes

Every parent wants their child to realise their full potential. At Kumon we can help your child to excel in their maths and English, and boost their confidence too. With a centre near you it's convenient too. Give your child the opportunity they deserve.

Call Kumon today.

Stroud study centre

Classes are held twice a week at: Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud for more information call **01453 764 631**

Every child can **shine**
kumon.co.uk **KUMON**

PAINSWICK ELECTRICAL SERVICES

- ✓ 40 years' experience
- ✓ 24-hour Emergency Service
- ✓ All electrical work undertaken
- ✓ Inspection & Testing
- ✓ Free Estimates
- ✓ PART P REGISTERED

DOMESTIC INSTALLER

Mike Turner: 01452 812659
01453 758342 / 07850 784899

Jerusalem - Minch - Africa

At recent meetings of Yew Trees WI two remarkable women have spoken about their work. In February Dr Denise Magauran gave us an inspiring talk telling us of the several months each year she spends working at The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. The Jerusalem Hospital also runs a clinic in Gaza and an outreach programme of mobile clinics to the West Bank. Travel restrictions and road blocks can cause Dr Magauran and her colleagues to be delayed for hours when attempting to reach these clinics. Despite all that is going on around them, the patients (mainly Arabs) receive the most professional medical care and an exceptionally high quality of nursing from a staff that is drawn from all nationalities and creeds. The hospital's work illustrates what can be achieved when people rise above the forces that perpetuate the divisions of religion and race. As a visiting surgeon said "Medicine has no borders. It speaks an international language of hope, compassion and progress".



In March Mrs Pam Cottle regaled us with amusing stories of life as a member of staff in a girls' remand home near Minchinhampton in the early 1950s, when "stress" and "needing my own space" were unknown words! It is easy to forget how the world has changed in 50 years. It soon became clear that though only slightly older than her charges it was her humour that had enabled Pam to keep going. Stressful the work most certainly was but her audience could not help thinking how fortunate the girls were to have someone who cared so deeply for their welfare.

Superb photographs of African wildlife got us all wanting to book holidays in East Africa, after Graham Dougan told us about The Elsa Conservation Trust at our April meeting. The trust was established by George Adamson and his wife Joy, who published 'Born Free' the story of the lioness Elsa, after whom the trust is named. Today the trusts principle aims are to further conservation and conservation education in East Africa. Graham's description of a stay at The Lodge at Elsamere was most enticing. A typical day might begin with a 350 bird species dawn chorus, followed by a day time safari with the chance to witness wild animals in their natural surroundings, an abundance of exotic flowers and a spectacular sunset over Lake Naivasha before settling down to sleep while hippos graze the lawns outside the bedroom.

In May, the talk will again be about wild animals, but ones much nearer home. Tony Dean, Chairman and Field Officer of the Gloucestershire Badger Group, is coming to talk about Badgers. This meeting is open to all, so why not come along. Tuesday 23rd May 7.30pm in the Town Hall entrance £2.00. We have also arranged for Tony to take us on a badger watch on an evening in July.

Celia Lougher

WI Rally

Sheepscombe WI are hosting a Supper on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm at Sheepscombe Village Hall, featuring Catherine White, Harpist. Catherine holds degrees from the Juilliard School in New York City and from the distinguished Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She is visiting Professor at the Guildhall school of Music and Drama in London, and has recently been appointed to the Birmingham Conservatoire. She has taught at Juilliard and has presented Master Classes at Trinity College of Music, London, and on specialist harp courses. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the World Harp Congress.

Tickets (£6.00) are available from Anne Hawkins (phone 812047 or email Anne-Hawkins@sensook.freeserve.co.uk)

Barbara Lucas



Latest figures (March) show nine reported crimes in the Parish of Painswick. The break down is as follows:

The break down is as follows:

- 2 criminal damage
- 3 thefts
- 1 theft from vehicle
- 1 burglary
- 2 other

Pc 24 Reuben Wyatt
Mobile Police Station
07734 068276

A Rose by any other Name...

Our April meeting focused our thoughts on the Annual Show, which will take place on Saturday September 9th. Our speakers, Janet Gaskill and Philip Berry gave us lots of helpful tips on preparing exhibits for showing. We hope you will join us at the Show and see how we get on - better still join the Society and enter!

Our next meeting is on May 10th - AGM at 7.30pm followed at 8.15pm by a talk on the "Work of Perennial", formerly the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society. There will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy Plant Stall. Gardeners can always find space for another plant so if you have any cuttings, seedlings or plants to donate we will be delighted to receive them.

We had an excellent response to our Outings morning - there are only a few seats still available which we are now able to offer to non-members. If you are interested please ring Gus Gaugain on 812599.

Finally our name ballot resulted in an overwhelming desire to retain our present name and so we will!

Betty Harris



Brinkman Building Ltd



Building, Plumbing and Carpentry work.

Kitchens and Bathrooms designed and fitted.



01452-812924 - Evenings
07796-440101 - Mobile

Horne & Kilmister Ltd

General builders & stonemasons

'The complete building service'

- Extensions, renovations & newbuild
- Garages
- Roofing
- Hard landscaping



Tel: 01452 812760 or 01452 814416
Fax: 01452 814416



GODDARD'S GARAGE
Cheltenham Road Painswick

- * Full servicing & repair facilities
- * Pre-MOT checks/ MOTs arranged
- * Private hire taxi - local or long distance
- * Petrol/ Diesel/ Tyres/ Exhausts
- * Paraffin/ Coal/ Calor Gas
- * Car valeting

Personal attention for your car

01452 812240

Painswick Parish Council - Annual Report 2005-06

Chairman's Report by Cllr Terry Parker

Highlight of the year was Painswick's achievement in winning the Gloucestershire Calor Village of the Year competition. That success was followed by our winning the South West Region Award for facilities and activities relevant to senior citizens. Although the Parish Council puts together the entries for these competitions it is the whole community which deserves the credit for this recognition. In July we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. In last year's report mention was made of the review of library services being carried out by the County Council. The future of Painswick Library has again been the subject of considerable discussion in recent weeks. Hopefully next year's report will contain a reference to the successful outcome of the deliberations.



The Parish and County Councils have signed a charter which lays certain responsibilities on each authority. We see this as an initiative which further enhances the role of the Parish Council. It is another step towards our attaining Quality Parish status. Achieving that status is a Council goal which will bring a number of benefits, not least additional income.

The Council is midway through its four-year period and I wish to thank all the councillors for the work they carry out on behalf of the community. The nature and extent of that work is reflected in the individual reports contained in this report. Our clerk, Roy Balgobin, is now well established in the post and has achieved a good rapport with parishioners. All the members of the Council would wish to join me in thanking Roy, the Assistant Clerk Liz Fisher, and Parish Handyman, George Hodder, for the considerable contribution they make in the running of the Council.

Planning by Cllr David Hudson

Last year the Parish Council processed 114 planning applications. This year up to the first of May we will have dealt with over 35 applications. As of last year, the majority were for extensions to existing houses; only two applications were for the building of new houses. It is understandable that people should wish to increase the size of their houses, provided the property is large enough to accommodate the extension and the design is in keeping with the character of the dwelling. There was a proposal last year to erect two wind turbines by a firm called Green Amps above Sheepscombe at Bunnage Farm. This caused a deal of excitement in the area, but nothing has come of it so far. The Care Village submitted an application for additional accommodation in the roof for staff which went through, and there was a continuing problem with the Rugby Club's floodlighting causing light pollution, which has now resulted in enforcement action by the District Council.

We believe it is important that the District Council should take seriously the Parish Council's views on planning applications since we represent the village, know the area and at the end of the day have to live with the result. People can be assured that we ourselves treat every planning application with equal seriousness and attention.

Finance by Cllr Johnny Johnston

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006 have not been formally adopted by the Council, and are still awaiting external audit at the time of going to press. Details worthy of note are that the precept was only a 3 per cent increase.

Members of the public who are interested have the opportunity to inspect the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contract bills, vouchers and receipts. The accounts are available for inspection in the Council office during normal opening hours. The details of Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2006 are included in this report.

Cemetery & Parish Maintenance and Town Hall by Cllr Martin Slinger

This year has been a very busy one with many projects being completed. Firstly, the Town Hall. The Council sought the advice of specialist consultants to produce a comprehensive report regarding the condition of the building. The report identified numerous areas of concern and the Council has formulated a five-year plan of works. We have refurbished the kitchen, including purchasing a new cooker. We have now contracted roofing specialists to carry out repairs to the roof along the side of the building which will hopefully be undertaken in June of

this year. It is hoped that the second tranche of the plan, the heating system, will be considered later in the year.

St Mary's Street toilets have been repainted and the gutters replaced. The Council is working with the District Council in order to seek advice as to what measures we can implement to make these ageing toilets more presentable.

A new bus shelter has been erected near Bulls Cross. This bus shelter was built by a local tradesman, Stephen Gyde, and funded by Gloucestershire County Council.

The slabs around the base of the War Memorial have been re-laid, with a grant from English Heritage. It now looks a lot better and will last for many years to come. The names on the War Memorial have been recorded by the Council as some are becoming eroded. The Council may consider in future erecting a brass plaque.

The Council was given a sum of money by the developers of St Mary's Mead and the Council has duly purchased several items of play equipment on the Recreation Ground. We have also undertaken repairs to the flooring of the existing equipment and are in the process of investigating the need for a youth shelter. The memorial oak tree at the far end of the Recreation Ground has unfortunately died and has been removed. We have carried out works on the Recreation Ground pavilion which have included the replacement of the external doors and the repair to the wooden window frames.

In the Cemetery the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers has been very busy clearing the foliage from around the perimeter walls. This extensive project is more than halfway completed and it is anticipated that the project will be finished by the end of this year. We anticipate carrying out urgent repairs to the roof and woodwork of the Cemetery Chapel and Store. The Parish Council has purchased a new vehicle for use by the Parish Handyman and it is anticipated that the vehicle should be in service with the Council for at least 10 years.

On behalf of the Council and the parishioners of Painswick I would like to extend our thanks to Mr George Hodder for all his hard work and his professional competence in dealing with the multitude of tasks that he is required to undertake.

Traffic by Cllr Mrs Ann Burges Watson

2005/06 has been a particularly active year on the traffic front. We have seen the Bend Warning signs put in place at Paradise, Upton, Pitchcombe and Fiddlers Elbow. The patching work and resurfacing of the pavements in Hyett Close and Ashwell has been successfully completed.

The major work of the year was the resurfacing of the A46 through the village. This was achieved with the minimum disruption and on time. We now have a high grade road surface that looks very good. As a result of a study undertaken by the Parish Council before the works began we were able to work closely with the road design team and achieve various additional improvements such as widening of the pavements on both sides of the road at the bottom of Gloucester Street. We were able to achieve the dropping of the kerb in Gloucester Street and by the bus stop to help wheelchair users. The introduction of kerbstones protecting traffic from the culvert under the A46 by Kings Mill Lane are an added improvement.

As a result of the public meeting on 1 February, we are seeking to achieve 20 mph within Painswick and the village envelope. We are urging that the 30 mph speed limit be extended to cover the junctions with The Highlands and The Park/Sheepscombe. We have also applied for several vehicle actuated signs for the A46 and B4073. We have re-activated the request for a pedestrian crossing on New Street by the Pharmacy.

There is still a problem for the fire engine on Kemps Lane and we are proposing a site meeting with the Fire Service and the Traffic officers to try to sort this out. We feel strongly that the emergency vehicles should be able to pass unhindered in the village centre.

The Traffic Committee plan to look at the other three elements mentioned in the "Painswick Traffic Management Review of November 2005", i.e. through traffic on the B4073, traffic v pedestrians v parking in the village centre and car parks later this year.

Plantation by Cllr Mrs Ann Daniels

We hope you all continue to enjoy walking in the Plantation. We have had no fallen trees this winter. We hope to have the trees inspected for safety this year.

Painswick Beacon clearance: a few months pause

Since December '05 the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working parties have worked hard, putting in over 200 man-hours, on ten Sunday and two Saturday mornings, clearing excess long grass, brambles, shrubs and small trees in four main areas in the conservation area. North of the Cemetery and near the Walkers' Car Park the habitat for butterflies and wild flowers has been significantly improved. Recently we have worked to reconnect the wildlife passage between Long Quarry and Victoria Quarry (near Catbrain Tump and the 2nd and 13th greens of the Golf Course) where orchids and four species of butterfly are seriously threatened.

In February and March we worked on a joint project with volunteers from Upton St Leonards to open up a 'wildlife corridor', astride the B4073 (Painswick to Gloucester road). This 400m long corridor connects Painswick and Cudhill Commons and should encourage endangered species of animals and plants to prosper in an enlarged interconnected area. Our picture shows how the corridor has been opened up by gradually extending the open areas. Scrub and encroaching 'weed' trees have been selectively cleared, with some removed but much remains in 'habitat heaps'. You may have seen the Upton team's impressive wall building (in Painswick Parish!) near the start of Sevenleaze Lane. We have lent them the Painswick mower to cut long grass on Cudhill Common. This demonstration of neighbourly cooperation between adjacent Parishes is admirable, I believe.

The clearance work will take a rest now, as nesting birds and growing plants take precedence. Our summer priorities are threefold:



1. With invaluable help from Jenny Phelps, Grassland Officer of Cotswold AONB, and Paul Hackman of English Nature we will develop a new Site Management Strategy for the whole 160 acre area. Important in this will be some "Condition Assessment"; work led by our Recorder, Clare Overhill (812709). It includes disciplined recording in sample areas of over 25 species of plant

ranging from Spear Thistle through Tor Grass to Thyme – Large, Wild. If you would like to help or to learn how to help, please contact Clare, Training given!

2. With help from Conservation Group founder, Bill Darling, and stalwart former leader Cedric Nielsen, we plan two guided walks to see important sites on the Beacon where orchids etc. can be seen. With good luck we might see three nationally scarce species – musk orchid, narrow-lipped helleborine and Duke of Burgundy fritillary butterfly. Interested? Watch for our posters locally when we

have assessed how early or late this year's early-summer will be. Probably week beginning 12 June. Details of other similar walks are listed in the current issue of Cotswold AONB's *Cotswold Lion* available from Information Centre and elsewhere.

3. To plan next Autumn/Winter's working party programme, to increase the Group's membership, and to promote our publications – *A walk to the Beacon*; leaflet, and the booklet *A guide to Painswick Beacon and Popes Wood*. Both are available from respected outlets in the village or direct to members.

Membership of **Painswick Beacon Conservation Group** is modest at £4.00 a year. To join, or for more information, contact Malcom Watts, Secretary (813089) or David Little, Treasurer (813734) or David Allott, Chairman (812624)

David Allott

...but it still needs cleaning - HELP!

The Beacon is one of the most attractive open spaces in our neighbourhood with spectacular views over the Severn plain. There are lots of wild flowers and orchids. It supports a range of wildlife – some making their home there, others being occasional visitors. It is enjoyed by walkers, visitors to the iron-age hill fort on the summit, horse riders, dog walkers, golfers and many others.

Do you care about our local environment? Are you prepared to give up an hour or so of your time to really make a difference? Then put 2.00 pm on Sunday 18 June in your diary, and come and join us on Painswick Beacon and help clear up some of the litter which mars this wonderful open space. More details in next month's edition

CHILDRENS DANCING CLASSES (from 3 years old)

For the Summer Term 2006
PAINSWICK CHURCH ROOMS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
from 25th April

Further details KATE MEAD
01452 813118

Member of the Royal Academy of Dance

COMPLETE LANDSCAPE
FROM START TO FINISH

3 Firwood Drive,
Tuffley, Glos
GL6 6AB

Floribonds
ADRIAN HARRIS

01452 527647

PAINSWICK VILLAGE DENTAL SURGERY

Les Robinson B.D.S.
Private, Denplan



Appointments available 6 days
a week and late evening Thursday

* Cosmetic Dentistry * Hygienist
* Personal Professional Service in
Relaxed Atmosphere

TEL: 01452 814427

Hoyland House, Gyde Road, Painswick
Glos. GL6 6RD

Two Painswick Mills

Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust are holding another house history workshop; this time focussing on Painswick's industrial heritage. The former Mason's Mill, now known as Painswick Mill, dates from the 17th century and operated as a cloth mill for most of its existence before it became a pin mill during the 19th century. The earliest mill, where significant remains of the original building can be seen, is Skinners Mill (once called Painswick Mill), which operated as a corn mill at the latter part of the 15th century. These two buildings are excellent buildings to illustrate local architectural tradition from the 15th century onwards.

The main venue will be Painswick Mill on Knapp Lane (off Kingsmill Lane) followed by a visit to Skinners Mill. The workshop will be held on Saturday May 27th, beginning at 10.00 am and lasting about four hours.

Please contact Carolyn Luke 814139 or Richard Savage 813958 for further information.



Fooled by the Local History Teaser?

An April 1st delivery of the Beacon last month offered an opportunity that was beyond resistance. Our teaser was somewhat mischievous and not really to be taken at face value ... or was it?

Confession time! Our photograph had been doctored and what you saw was one man's face on another man's body. The face belongs to Tom Humphreys, who was Painswick born and bred and has lived here all his life. Tom (pictured top right) works for Mr A.J.Bullingham and lives in Victoria Street. Our thanks to him for being such a good sport.

The much older picture (bottom left) on which Tom's face had been superimposed is of John 'Gypsy' Ryles, one of Painswick's great characters of the beginning of the 20th century. He lived in his Romany caravan which was situated adjacent to Golf Course Road, behind Hill Foot Cottage and next to the reservoir. He was part of old Painswick and when he died, his caravan together with his belongings were buried. His grave in Painswick Cemetery is marked with ornate iron plaques.



Many thanks to Paul Gray for using his skills to execute the transformation and for beaming Tom back 100 years!

An interesting footnote – some of our eagle-eyed readers happily identified Tom's face but nobody was able to explain the remainder of the picture. Leslie Brotherton may be pleased to know that several people thought the face was his! (It's just as well Mr B isn't Lead Editor this month - Ed)

The March meeting of the Local History Society was the annual members' research evening. There was a vague theme of challenge running through each of the three presentations. John Bailey took us through the determined efforts of early pioneers to fly and in particular of John Seddon, one of the first and important aviators. Seddon was born in Painswick, the son of the Rev. Seddon. Janet Whitton gave an account of how the Cranham history book came into being – a project which involved a tremendous amount of hard work and time but which was finally and successfully born as a result of determination and enthusiasm. Cedric Nielsen and Carolyn Luke explained how the discovery of a curious spherical stone under a wall gave rise to a quest. Much dogged research eventually identified the object as a canon ball, but the question remains – how did it come to be in Edge?

The next meeting of the Society is on 23rd May and will be the annual outing. Mr Ian McKintosh will lead a walk through Victorian Stroud.

Carol Maxwell

J.P. Wheeler
High Quality
Decorating
Services
For a
Free Quote
Tel/Fax
01452 740828

Trevor Nobles Stone Masonry
Qualified to NVQ & Advanced City of Guilds in Stone Masonry
Dry stonewall specialist
Tel 01452 741128 Mobile 07709 949649

General Building Work
 Natural Stone Work
 Extensions, Garages etc

A Member of the
Guild of Master
Craftsmen

Richard Twinning & Partner
General Builders
(with over 18 years experience)

Hard landscapes
 Dry Stone walling,
 Patios, Pointing

Tel: 01452 812086
Mobile: 07899 791659
Fax: 01452 812085

Letters

HGVs over the Edge

Letters have been received from three residents in Edge: Mr P Harper-Little, Graham Lilley and Anne Buckland-Smith (space does not permit reproduction in full):

The two key points from their letters include noting that there was a significant increase in the movement of Heavy Goods Vehicles through Edge while the A46 was closed for a fortnight during road resurfacing in New Street this spring, and their understanding that there is a policy of the Parish Council to seek the banning of all HGV through Painswick. These residents are so convinced that such a ban is intended that they have been anxious to obtain the widest possible publicity in these pages so that fellow residents in Edge are alerted to their understanding of this possibility, and the seeming implication for them.

The Beacon sought an authoritative statement from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Parker, who said "There is clearly a misunderstanding about the use of the A46 by Heavy Goods Vehicles. There is no proposal by the County Council to implement an HGV ban on the A46. Indeed there is a presumption against such a ban because the A46 is a relief road when the M5 is closed. What the County Council has done is to introduce signing at various locations such as the Brockworth A46/A417 interchange to encourage HGVs to transit Stroud via the motorway. The signing has contributed to a considerable reduction in the number of HGVs using the A46 in recent years. The request in the April edition of the Beacon that residents provide details

of HGVs using the A46 through Painswick was to enable the Highways Department to contact the vehicle owners who would then remind their drivers to note the advisory signing. The Highways Department would welcome similar reports from Edge residents relating to the use of the A4173 by HGVs. Importantly the Parish Council has a policy not to seek any HGV ban on the A46 unless the same ban were applied to the A4173, B4070 and B4073."

April foolery

Julia Bamford writes:

Hope the over-sixties pole dancing for beginners was well attended on 1st April. Also that Alf O'Priol will have many eager new members for his club night on Wednesday. Oh to be a fly on the wall outside the Painswick Centre at 8.00pm. Yours with a smile...

Mike Gamble writes:

In response to last month's history teaser (see page 15) I can confirm that the picture is of Tommy Humphries standing proudly next to his new company vehicle on his first day at work for A.J. Bullingham Ltd here in the village. The precise date is unknown but could be any time in the last 50 years.

It has been brought to our attention by several observant readers that last month's Beacon contained a number of items - the Tum Phu Society article, Over 60's Pole Dancing diary entry, Ostrich by-products Mini-Ad and the Local History Teaser feature - whose authenticity cannot be absolutely verified.

We try to be on our guard against such foolish intrusions into the Beacon and can only apologise to readers for any inconvenience caused. We have now taken appropriate steps to ensure that there will

be no further occurrences of this nature... until next April...probably - Editor.

Crocus Walk

From Delyth Allen and Ana Murray:

Thank you to everyone who turned out on a very wet afternoon to support our Crocus walk in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer. As in previous years, the bad weather did not dampen our spirits and we all had great fun.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate loved ones and raise an amazing £184 which has already been sent to Breakthrough. They reminded us in their thank you letter that the amount would be doubled by Norwich Union.

SO WELL DONE TO EVERYONE

Coincidence

From Harold R Wood:

I was interested when reading the Times (3rd April) to spot a letter from Dr.RF Jarrett who said:

Years ago I was driving down Piccadilly after a night out with fellow medical students when, just before a crash, I shouted: "Watch out, chaps, there's a stationary taxi backing into us!" As this was 1932, I handed the taxi driver cash in compensation, and shared the cost of repairing my mother's car with my three friends.

I started driving a London taxi for a period of twelve years in 1948; luckily I had missed the perils of 1932, when Dr.J was on the road. The coincidence was that my first black cab (which was actually top half dark blue) was a Morris 1932 model, some years before the smart Morris Oxford appeared on the London streets.

Good neighbours

The Beacon receives all sorts of requests to run items on various subjects. By way of extreme example, it has even been known for us to be asked to somehow say something critical in our columns about such as Billy Bloggs who suffers where he lives next door to Bernard Brown at 437 Lower High Street who sings too loud when in his bath. Of course, Billy doesn't want to be identified - presumably in case the bathwater suddenly comes his way.

While we wouldn't dream of running such an item, this might be a moment - with the arrival of lighter evenings and weekends when coupled with some finer weather - to reflect that there are occasional irritants which can cause neighbours to gnash their teeth. Fireworks come close to the top of most people's list, but others we have heard about include prolonged periods of screaming as children repeatedly plunge into/onto pools, trampolines etc, or radios in the garden, or exceptionally noisy barbecues.

Talking points?



THE FALCON INN

16th Century Coaching Inn

12 beautifully furnished en suite bedrooms
Breakfast served to the public from 7.30am weekdays,
8.00am weekends.

Morning coffee, Lunches or light lunches, Afternoon teas
Food served all day

Evening meals served from 7.00pm

Call 01452 - 814222 for more details

The Beacon welcomes letters to the Editor but reserves the right to edit, summarise or not to publish any correspondence received.

We do NOT give any credence to, nor do we publish, anonymous letters.

ideal
images

Your Appearance Speaks
Volumes About You



Colour Analysis
(Seasons)

Wardrobe Personalities
Body Style Consultations
Wardrobe Management
Personal Shopping
Wedding Consultations
Make-Up

For Personal & Career Success

Call Us Today

01452 812000

1 St Mary's Road - Painswick - Glos - GL1 0UG

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED



Wanted: Six Ladies and a (part-time) Person

Our next Trustee event is the Painswick Country House Sale to be held in the Centre on Sunday, 4th June, between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Although we've had a good response in terms of people wishing to sell quality collectors items, glassware, china, jewellery, small items of furniture, hardback books, etc. we still need more sellers to make the Sale a success. Sellers receive 75% of the selling price. The other 25% will be divided between Croft School Library and the Painswick Centre Building Fund. So, if you have something you wish to sell, (or to donate), please contact Ralph Drew on 814070 or by e-mail: ralph@drewland.fsnet.co.uk

If you wish to help on the day we'd be delighted to hear from you as we can always use an extra pair of hands!

In September we are planning a Fashion Show. More details later! However, we are looking for six ladies to model the fashions, of varying sizes (up to 24!) so if anyone is willing to volunteer please let us know. On a more general note, the Trustees are attempting to bring to the Centre a greater variety of events. Often (as in the case of the Fashion Show), we have to guarantee a minimum attendance, which in this case is 60 people. A wider variety of events is only possible if we have your wholehearted support.

On a totally different subject, The Painswick Centre is seeking to recruit an experienced part-time bar person to help with the bar on Blues Nights, skittle evenings, theatre evenings, and with private parties. This position will probably be most appealing to a retired person, seeking a part time position and willing to work five or six evenings each month. Flexibility is essential for this particular job. Ideally the person will hold a Liquor Licence or be willing to obtain one. If you are interested in the position, please telephone Russ Herbert on 813229.

Ralph Drew

2 Hot 2 Handle

Can you take yourself back to a dark February night earlier this year? The Painswick Centre was packed to capacity with some 200 happy revellers who enjoyed a fantastic evening with our home-grown band "2 Hot 2 Handle". There were Jazz standards and hot Seventies dance tunes that kept us on our feet until the early hours of the morning. Delicious Mexican food, shimmering costumes, sultry vocals and superb musicians all made for a sensational atmosphere.

The money raised went to the charity, World Vision. Helen Salmon, who is closely involved with the charity, had just returned from Addis Ababa and gave us a moving account of her journey to visit the children sponsored by World Vision and how the charity helps those communities.

2 Hot 2 Handle are planning another party night in the summer on Saturday 14th July. This time the gig will be in aid of Hop, Skip and Jump, a charity set up to give disabled children opportunities to go on holiday. Tickets are available from the band members Penny Lyon and Kevin Washbourne Tel 813243.

Across Gloucestershire

Mike Robinson, in his illustrated talk on "Birds of Gloucestershire" on April 11th, took members and visitors on a 'trip' from the Forest of Dean across the Severn Vale to the Cotswold hills and water parks. Mike, a member of Dursley Bird Club, reckoned that Gloucestershire is the second-best County (after Norfolk) for birdwatching.



His enthusiastic presentation revealed comparative rarities, such as Nightjars and Goshawks in the Forest, Grey Phalaropes and Arctic Terns in the Severn Estuary migration flyway and Little Owls and even Bee-eaters in the Cotswolds. It was also timely, in view of the Club's programme of field trips across the County.

Our next event is a visit to the RSPB nature reserve at Nagshead in the Forest of Dean on Sunday 7th May, meeting at the reserve's car park at 10.30am. This will be followed by a visit to Slimbridge on Wednesday 24th May, meeting in the admissions hall at 10.50am.

PS Cuckoo seen, although not heard, on Sunday 9th April, near to the Sheepphouse.

Bill Boydell



Wordsearch

Last month, Frere Leslie invited you to find the 20 'Departments' in France beginning A-C. And these are:

AIN, AISNE, ALLIER, ALPES-DE-HAUTE-PROVENCE, HAUTES-ALPES, ALPES-MARITIME, ARDECHE, ARDENNES, ARIEGE, AUBE, AUDE, AVEYRON, BOUCHES-DU-RHONE, CALVADOS, CANTAL, CHARENTE, CHARENTE-MARITIME, CHER, CORREZE, CORSE-DU-SUD.

Voila!

This month, the Gallic flair continues. Can you find fourteen


price davis
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
 All Taxation & Accountancy Needs
 We're here to help. Forward thinking professionals with old fashioned values on service and quality.
 Tel: 812491 www.pricedavis.co.uk
 The Old Baptist Chapel, New Street

S.P.GYDE
Carpenter & Joiner
City & Guilds
 Purpose made Joinery
 General Building Services
Tel: 01452 812587
Mob: 07768 173726

Party
Event Planning
 01452 812800
 partypluse@nccmail.com
 3 St.Mary's Mead · Paternick · Gloucester · GL6 8UQ
Party Plates
 • CHINA • SERVING FLATS •
 • CUTLERY • DIRTY RETURNS •
 • DELIVERY & COLLECTION •
 • GLASSWARE •

Rugby

Agony for Painswick

The Cherry and Whites first fifteen have not had the best of seasons, winning only one league match. However, they so nearly had the chance to end the 2005/6 campaign on a memorable note when they were just minutes away from beating Cheltenham in the Cheltenham Senior Combination Cup semi-final. To put the game in context, the Cheltenham team play three divisions above Painswick. Had Painswick won, rather than losing by just a single point, it would have been one of the most outstanding results in the local club's history. There were only minutes remaining when Cheltenham were awarded a penalty in front of the posts which they duly converted. The three points meant that the visitors went ahead by 25 points to 24 and that proved to be the score at full-time. The successful kick was particularly disappointing as a little earlier a Painswick penalty attempt had drifted wide of the posts. For Painswick, wing-threequarters Phil Higgins and Aussie Smith scored tries as did centre-threequarter Jake Saunders and second row Russell Thornton. Matt Combs was successful with two conversions.

Painswick's final league match of the season resulted in another narrow defeat when they lost to Widden Old Boys by 13 points to 5. The play reflected the frustrations experienced throughout the season when the visitors crossed for a converted try with just seconds remaining. Painswick's try scorer was centre three-quarter Jake Saunders.

Junior Rugby

Painswick's under-13 team reached the semi-final of the Gloucestershire County Cup where they met Cleve. With neither side able to score before half-time, the second-half saw Painswick playing against the wind and rain and gradually the Bristol side established a winning position to eventually emerge victorious by 24 points to nil. Despite losing, Painswick had no reason to be downhearted as all the team had performed well in difficult conditions.

Cricket

The new season got underway at Broadham last Saturday when the second eleven entertained Gloucester Civil Service. Painswick batted first and scored 196 for the loss of 8 wickets. In reply, the Civil Service were dismissed for a total of 154. Paul Morris batted well for his 33 runs and John Hogg was in good form with the ball taking 4 wickets for 24 runs. Painswick first eleven were away at Cirencester playing their first match in Division 1 following promotion last season. However a fine century from David Boon (103) could not prevent the home side from passing Painswick's total of 185 for the loss of one wicket. This Saturday Painswick's first eleven are at home to Newent with the second eleven away at Charfield.

Tomorrow Painswick entertain Birdlip in the Village Championship Knock-Out competition. The club extends a warm welcome to Beacon readers to support the team at that game as well as throughout the season. League matches are played every Saturday with a 2.00pm start.

From the Green

The Falcon Bowling Club started its new season of outdoor bowling on Saturday 22nd April with the opening of the green at 2.30pm, followed by a general roll-up.

Many members met up for our pre-season skittles match on Friday 7th April at the Civil Service Club in Cheltenham. Most of us do however keep in touch during the winter by bowling indoors.

We have a full programme of bowling in mixed and single sex matches, league, friendly and senior citizens which suits most peoples needs.

If you would like more information, please contact me on 812700.

David Ryland (Club Captain)

Badminton

End of season news

The annual tournament took place as usual at the end of April. In the first semi-final Mike Breeze and Sharon Hall overcame a late challenge from Ron Bridgman and Joan Norris, whilst in the other semi-final Paul Wilkie and Julia Richardson won fairly comfortably against John Barrus and Judith Courts. Paul and Julia went on to win the final against Mike and Sharon in straight sets. Summer Badminton commences on Thursday 18th May for six weeks and the Club's AGM is on Thursday 11th May.

Our picture shows Paul and Julia at the presentation event.



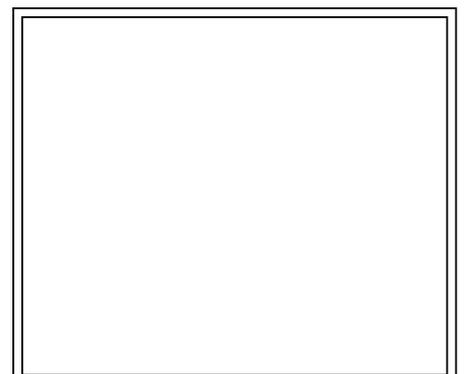
Fit for Life?

We have received information about a 'Life Fitness Circuit' programme located at Painswick Rugby Club. Designed to get you fit and agile whatever your sporting ambitions, the programme is being run by Ed Archer and Lucie Beim in conjunction with Five Valleys Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic. Ed has spent 7 years at Gloucester Rugby Club as a Conditioning and Fitness Coach; Lucie works as a Sports Massage Therapist at Five Valleys Physiotherapy clinic and has 15 years experience as an elite Hockey Player. Both are members of the Register of Exercise Professionals and have particular interest in injury prevention and rehabilitation.

So, no matter how fit you are (or aren't), you would be most welcome at Painswick Rugby Club on Monday evenings from 7.00 - 8.00pm (Bank Holidays excluded). To find out more, call Ed on 07718 637317 or Lucie on 07833 745659.

Tim Mifflin
CARPENTER
PAINTER AND
DECORATOR
BUILDING REPAIRS
tim@mifflin.fsnet.co.uk
Enquiries welcome
Telephone: Painswick 813866

Environmentally Sensitive
Tree Surgery
Local family business
John, Clare & Zeb
Fully Insured
20 years experience
Painswick (01452) 812709
See Our Website
www.landcareservices.biz





Banished for A Month of Sundays

What am I doing on the Sport's page? Well, I've been banished here for a month.. It's my punishment for being (allegedly) responsible for last month's April Fool spoof T'um Phu piece (honestly, I really thought it was a genuine sporty article) ... and the Over 60s Pole

Dancing at the Fire Station (which actually seems to have been quite popular, according to my source in the Painswick Fire Service).

Anyway, I now find myself cheek by jowl with my chums from Badminton, dodging the shuttlecocks, just as we do in the Painswick Centre, which - by a strange coincidence - is/ was/ will be (depending on when you read this) the setting for the latest PP offering *A Month of Sundays*. If you've already seen this beautifully touching, funny, happy, sometimes sadm, always heart warming play about two geriatric hooligans growing old disgracefully, you may sit back looking smugly superior, secure in the knowledge that you are certainly a more rounded, more fulfilled human being as a result of the experience. If you missed it, shame on you!

And, if you're reading this before 7.30 pm on Saturday 6th May and you haven't yet seen it, drop everything and hurtle along to the Painswick Centre straight away and the nice man on the door will squeeze you in, for a modest bribe of £7.00. Honestly, I will.



Churches Together Cricket

The date of the annual cricket match between Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP) and Churches Together Around Stroud is confirmed as Sunday 9th July. The CTAP committee welcomes interest from residents in supporting the fixture at Broadham whether as player,umpire, scorer or with general assistance. Please contact Terry Parker on 812191.

Our thanks again to the Painswick Cricket Club for allowing the use of their facili-

Architecs

Last month we were looking upwards, and the stonework we showed was from the fine tall chimney of Cardynham House.



This month, for a change, we wonder whether those who get about a bit have visited a hostelry not a thousand miles from Painswick, with this sign dangling outside?



Brief encounters

Another in our occasional series recounting the brief encounters of Painswickians with the famous and infamous. The following anecdote from Moira Holliday recounts her brief encounter with Lady Baden-Powell in a hospital in the late 1940s.

I was a young Tawny Owl helping to take a pack of Extension Brownies - that is a pack in a children's hospital for patients with long term conditions. On this occasion as on many others I was on my own as Brown Owl had family problems and was seldom there. The pack consisted of children with many types of illness, anything from those flat on their backs with spinal conditions to those who were able to hobble about.

We had been told that Lady Baden-Powell, the Chief Guide would be visiting us this very afternoon, so it was all go, getting the children as organised as a nurse and I could manage. The great moment came and with it an elderly lady appeared, who despite her fairly small stature had considerable presence. She did the usual stuff of leaning over and talking quietly and confidentially to the children, some of whom responded, others who just hung their heads. Then it came to my encounter. She beamed at me and spoke in a way which suggested she knew me, and when I demurred she said quite firmly, 'but we have met before'. I was quite flummoxed as I knew perfectly well that we had not — who could forget such a meeting? Anyway, she persisted, listing various venues, all of which I had to deny and it became most embarrassing. I was just getting quite desperate when Annie, who had not, like the others gone for a wee before our visitor came, announced in no uncertain terms that she needed to go NOW. The spell was broken and after my halting thanks for her visit and a wave from some of the children she swept out.



RESTHAVEN

Resthaven, Pitchcombe, nr Stroud
Gloucestershire GL6 6LS
Telephone: Painswick (01452) 812682

RESIDENTIAL/NURSING HOME
LONG TERM & DAY CARE
SINGLE ROOMS
PRIVATE CHAPEL
BEAUTIFUL SETTING OVER-LOOKING
THE PAINSWICK VALLEY
Resthaven Home of Healing Ltd
Regd. Charity No. 235354



Caroline Crawford
INTERIOR DESIGN

- Interior Design
- Made to Measure Curtains
- Soft Furnishings & Fabrics
- Upholstery & Wallpapers
- Paint Techniques & Flooring
- Lighting & Accessories

Opening times: By Appointment
Tel/Fax: 01452 813631
www.carolinecrawfordinteriors.co.uk
email:cci@carolinecrawfordinteriors.co.uk



LIGHTING AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT SERVICES

For all your lamp & lighting needs

COMMERCIAL, SECURITY, KITCHEN, BATHROOM
GARDEN LIGHTING A SPECIALITY

Visit our showroom and browse at your leisure

Website: www.lampatsevern.co.uk

For lighting advice contact David Maltby, Managing Director
Phone: 01453 768888 Fax: 01453 788595

E-mail: severnelectrical@btinternet.net

FROMESIDE, NEWTONS WAY, STROUD,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL5 3JX



The Lighting Division of Severn Electrical Wholesale Ltd.

Salsa del sol returns!

Back by popular demand, Salsa del Sol is coming to Painswick to help us move our hips to the sound of salsa and merengue and to help raise funds for some very worthwhile causes.

The date to mark on your calendar is Friday 16th June from 8pm until midnight. The venue again will be the Rugby Club and tickets will be £15. The price will include a demonstration by Salsa del Sol followed by a workshop and disco and will include a finger buffet. There will only be 120 tickets available so buy early to avoid disappointment -last year we completely sold out. Tickets will only be available from The Chairman in Painswick and from myself.

I am being very optimistic, but that is my nature, and I am hoping to raise enough money to fund three good causes. The first one, all of you who attended last year will know, and that is Breakthrough Breast Cancer. I have decided not to do the 60km walk this year because unfortunately we are in the process of relocating to Surrey at the end of the school year and the logistics of selling, buying and finding schools will make it impossible to train properly but I have signed up to be a crew member and volunteer in London in September and will need to raise at least £300 which is the amount the charity suggests in order to cover my cost to the charity during the event.

The second one is Josefa y Andres. For the past two years I have been teaching a little after school Spanish class at the Croft. The funds generated have been going to the Croft PTA who in turn agreed to sponsor these two children in Peru through the Sainsbury's project in Zapallal. The £10 a month for both of them pays for their schooling and school supplies. I would love to raise enough for this project to continue for a few years after I leave - I believe the empowerment of education is the greatest gift we can give a child especially one in a developing country.

Thirdly but not lastly, after reading an article about Bill Gates, I was both shocked and moved by the fact that so many people in third countries, especially children, die of diseases that could be prevented by drugs that big chemical companies are just not interested in making because as they would mainly be needed by countries and people with no money there is no financial gain to them to do the research and make them. This started me thinking and any remaining money, I would like to donate to purchase mosquito nets, the simplest and cheapest way to prevent malaria - a cause for many deaths especially infants in many impoverished areas of this world. I plan to do this through "Friends of Colombia for Social Aid" a Colombian charity whose main project this year is working with two hospitals in Choco, a very poverty and malaria stricken area along the Pacific coast.

So do come and have a great time and the joy of dancing will be double as you are helping someone else along the way. To end I would like to share this quote which I once read and since has become my motto "I am only one. But still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." For tickets or donations phone me on 812 860

Ana Murray

Quartet

Work by David Hughes, Jackie John, Jennifer Burrow and Trudi Ochiltree will feature in an exhibition of art at Painswick Town Hall from Thursday 15th June until Sunday 18th June, open daily 10.00am – 4.00 pm. Entitled 'Quartet', the exhibition will include rich textures, fine lines with selected paintings and prints to view and buy. Admission is free and there will be a late night opening on Friday 16th June from 7.00 – 9.00pm with free refreshments...while stock lasts!

PROPERTY REPORT for May by Murrays Estate Agents

Spring has taken its time this year but at last the trees are coming into life and colours are filling our gardens, a favourite time for estate agents to get lovely pictures of their properties at their best and blue skies on every brochure. However the cold snap doesn't seem to have kept buyers indoors with a strong improvement in sales throughout the Stroud Valleys. In Painswick we are very short of new instructions, we need properties all across the range to satisfy motivated new buyers coming to us daily.

As I am sure most of you know Murrays is an independent family business. Myself Clive, my wife Jenny and eldest son Richard started Murrays in 1993, but now we are four, we are delighted that our younger son James has joined the firm in the capacity of your new Painswick office manager. James, just 30, grew up in Amberley and Painswick. Went to Hopelands and Wycliffe College Junior School before completing his senior school education at Gordonstoun. University took him to London and having achieved his degree went on to work for one of the city's leading estate agents. Eight years followed in the wine and restaurant trade gaining high qualifications in wine expertise and rising to manager of one of his firms top branches in St James'. A combination of skills, most critical, the natural ability to look after people, bodes well, we believe to the future of this well-established local business. I, myself still remain very much part of the Painswick Office, so between us with the loyal assistance of Julia and Jennifer, we present a formidable team, backed up as always by our local branch network.

New instructions have been slow although good in quality, a 2 bedrooomed retirement apartment in Hyett Orchard, a 4 bedrooomed house at Brookhouse Mill, an excellent individual 4 bedrooomed house at The Camp, a 3 bedrooomed house in Friday Street, a lovely cottage by The Green at Edge (sale agreed in days) and shortly a very desirable property by the golf course. Sales agreed and exchanges have been very active including Horseshoe Cottage by Tibbiwell, Verland Cottage in Vicarage Street, Sweetbriar at Cranham, Woodlands Farm at Churchdown, 16 Canton Acre, Old Forge Cottage in Butt Green, Preachers Barn in Wick Street, 3 The Spinney at The Camp, 6 Berry Close, 8 Hyett Close, Upper Steanbridge Mill in Slad and Edge Cottage as mentioned, with negotiations on several others proceeding. Our own home, St Michaels also completed in March and Jenny and I have moved to Minchinhampton. We leave behind endless fond memories since we first moved here in 1982, but four Painswick houses later, we have now found a garden, garage and parking in another lovely Cotswold village...or should I say town?

Don't forget, if you are thinking of selling, there may be no better time, please call us for an update or free market appraisal.



**STROUD MINCHINHAMPTON
MAYFAIR LONDON**

**New Street PAINSWICK
01452 814655**

www.murraysestateagents.co.uk



Estate Agents

**A network of over 50 offices,
16 in London 9 International**

The Old Chapel, Bisley Street, Painswick. 01452 812354
The ultimate property se@rch: www.hamptons.co.uk

| MAY | | | |
|-------------|-----------|--|---|
| Sat | 6 | to 20th Exhibition 'Threads of Red' Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning in aid of Salvation Army Painswick Music Society Concert: Nicola Eimer, piano Painswick Players: Month of Sundays | Guild Gallery Town Hall St Mary's Church Painswick Centre |
| | | | 10.00am to 5.00pm 10.00 to 12 noon 3.00pm 7.30pm |
| Sun | 7 | Bird Club: Easy Guided Walk Red Cross Open Garden | Nagshead Nature Reserve Slad |
| | | | 10.30am 2.00 to 6.00pm |
| Tue | 9 | Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Badminton in the Painswick Centre (Tuesdays) | Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre |
| | | | 9.30 to 12.00noon 2.00pm |
| Wed | 10 | Horticultural Society AGM, followed by talk - The work of 'Perennial' - Susan Bowers (with raffle) | Town Hall |
| | | | 7.30pm 8.15pm |
| Thu | 11 | Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays | Town Hall Painswick Centre |
| | | | 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm |
| Fri | 12 | Country Market with coffee available: Fridays Friday Club: How to film a dwarf - Jane Treay | Town Hall Town Hall |
| | | | 10.00am 2.30pm |
| Sat | 13 | Horticultural Society Chairman's Spring Social Event: Corsham Court & Supper at Uley Painswick Music Society: Allegri String Quartet | Stamages Car Park St Mary's Church |
| | | | 2.30pm 3.00pm |
| Sun | 14 | Christian Aid Week Christian Aid Service | Christ Church |
| | | | 6.30pm |
| Mon | 15 | Library Future: meeting with Cllr Tony Hicks | Church Rooms |
| | | | 7.30pm |
| Tue | 16 | Goods received for Christian Aid Shop Local History Society: Annual Outing Jazz Evening no entry fee | Christ Church Ostlers Room, Falcon |
| | | | 10.00am to 12.00 & 2.00 to 4.00pm 8.30pm |
| Wed | 17 | Probus: Investigation of major crime – Mr C Eynon Christian Aid Shop opens Christian Unity Service Parish Council | Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Friends Meeting House Town Hall |
| | | | 10.00am 10.00am to 3.00pm & 6.00 to 7.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm |
| Thu | 18 | Christian Aid Shop open (also Friday) | Christ Church |
| | | | 10.00am to 3.00pm |
| Sat | 20 | Copy dateline for June to Editorial Team Charity Coffee Morning & Plant Sale in aid of volunteer work in Zambia Theatre Club Outing to The Watermill | Town Hall The Falcon |
| | | | 9.30 am to 12.30pm 10.30am |
| Tue | 23 | Yew Trees WI: Badgers - Tony Dean | Town Hall |
| | | | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 24 | Bird Club: Guided walk at Slimbridge Women's Fellowship: Members' Evening Annual Parish Meeting | Slimbridge Christ Church Hall Town Hall |
| | | | 10.50am 7.30pm 7.30pm |
| Thu | 25 | Diary deadline for June to Edwina Buttrey via. Beacon box please | |
| Fri | 26 | Friday Club Outing | |
| Sat | 27 | Fête: Fundraising for St Mary's churchyard STET House History Workshop Tel: 814139 | Painswick House Painswick Mill |
| | | | tba 10.00am |
| Wed | 31 | Probus: French wines from the Romans to the Supermarket – Mr J Storer | Ostlers Room, Falcon |
| | | | 10.00am |
| JUNE | | | |
| Thu | 1 | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House |
| | | | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 3 | June issue of The Painswick Beacon published | |
| Sun | 4 | Country House Sale | Painswick Centre |
| | | | tba |
| Wed | 7 | Women's Fellowship | Christ Church Hall |
| | | | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 9 | Friday Club: Bare foot to Buckingham Palace | Town Hall |
| | | | 2.30pm |
| Sun | 11 | Red Cross Open Gardens | Bisley |
| | | | 2.00 to 6.00pm |
| Tue | 13 | CTAP Retreat Day | Rodborough Tabernacle |
| | | | 9.30am to 3.00pm |
| Wed | 14 | Probus: Wildlife in the garden – Mr D Cramp | Ostlers Room, Falcon |
| | | | 10.00am |
| Sun | 18 | Beacon Clear-up | Catbrain Quarry car park |
| | | | 2.00pm |
| Tue | 20 | Bird Club: Guided walk to Coldwell Bottom Local History Society: AGM | Barrow Wake car park Croft School |
| | | | 9.30am 7.30pm |



| | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Wed | 21 | Women's Fellowship Carvery Lunch | Painswick Golf Club | 12.30pm |
| 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 |
| Wed | 28 | Probus: They didn't say it was dangerous (Bomber Command) – Mr N Brown | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |
| JULY | | | | |
| Sat | 1 | Edge Village Fete | Edge Village Green | 5.00 to 7.00pm |
| Sun | 2 | Summer Fayre | Croft School | |
| | | Country House Sale | Painswick Centre | tba |
| Wed | 5 | Theatre Club Outing to Bristol | The Falcon | 5.00pm |
| | | Women's Fellowship Magical Entertainment - Tom Elliott & James Herwood | Christ Church Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 6 | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 7 | Friday Club: Arsenic & Old Lace - Patricia Moroney | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 8 | Tennis Club Summer Sociariday Club | | |
| | | Victorian Costume Ball | Painswick Centre | 8.00 |
| | | - 11.30pm | | |
| Sun | 9 | Red Cross Open Gardens: directions from Stamages | Painswick | 2.00 to |
| | | 6.00pm | | |
| | | Car Park | | |
| Wed | 12 | Probus: Falcon Bowling Club Meet | Falcon Bowling Green | 10.00am |
| Fri | 14 | Les Hautbois du Lion | St.Mary's | tba |
| Sat | 15 | Painswick Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day | Recreation Field | from 10.30am |
| Wed | 19 | Women's Fellowship BBQ | The Latchetts | 7.00pm |
| Fri | 21 | Friday Club: Being Chairman of the Parish Council | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 25 | Probus: Ladies' Lunch at The Hill, Stroud | | |
| | | Yew Trees WI: BBC Radio Gloucestershire | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| AUGUST | | | | |
| Sat | 26 | Country Studio Exhibition of Paintings | Town Hall | 10.00am to 5.00pm |
| daily | | Daily until September 4th | | |
| 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 |
| Wed | 13 | Probus: The Silk Road – Mr P Covey-Crump | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |
| 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 |
| Tue | 10 | Bird Club: From Russia with love – Bewick Swans on The move – Jenny Earle | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | Horticultural Society: The ... Outer Hebrides | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 20 | Friday Club: "Variety is the spice of life" - Linda Evans | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 24 | Yew Trees WI: Cookery demonstration - Robert Rees | Church Rooms | 7.30pm |
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| Wed | 1 | Tennis Club AGM | Sports Club, Broadham | |
| Fri | 3 | Friday Club AGM: followed by ... "Age Concern" | Town Hall | 1.45pm & 2.30pm |
| Tue | 7 | Bird Club: Voyage to St Kilda – Helen Williams ARPS | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 10 | Tennis Club Quiz Night | Broadham Fields | |
| Sat | 11 | Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning | Town Hall | 9.45am to 12 noon |
| Fri | 17 | Friday Club Outing to Cribbs Causeway | | tba |
| Sat | 25 | Annual Mission Bazaar | Church Rooms | 11.00am to 2.00pm |
| Tue | 28 | Yew Trees WI: AGM & talk on Local Cheeses | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| Fri | 1 | Friday Club: Flowers for Christmas - Anne Smith | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 12 | Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering | Town Hall | 7.30pm |



Yellow Pages

Apparently, old editions of Yellow Pages are not accepted for recycling as part of the Council 'Green Box' refuse collection. So, if you're fed up tripping over your old Yellow Pages and aren't using it as a door stop, you may be interested to know that there is a special recycling container dedicated to old Yellow Pages in Stamages Lane Car Park.



New Applications

VERLANDS, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of tennis court fencing & retaining wall
 SPRINGFIELD, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Two storey extension
 KIBANDA, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Erection of 2 two storey extensions
 ANNEXE ROOMS, CHANCELLORS TEAROOMS, VICTORIA ST. Alterations to annexe rooms to form single bedroom
 BUNNAGE HOUSE, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE. Works to various trees
 DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK. Works to various trees
 PARK HOUSE, THE PARK. Erection of 2 storey extension (revised scheme following permission 04/2271/FUL)
 MILLBROOK HOUSE, KINGS MILL LANE. Outline application for erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages
 CASTLE LODGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Single storey extension
 SPRINGBANK, SLAD. Garage extension to provide a room in the roofspace. Installation of new dormer window
 THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD. Demolition of part rear single storey extension. Erection of 2 storey rear extension, alterations to oil

shed & erection of porch
 THE BULL, WICK STREET. Extensions to ground floor to provide additional sitting and dining areas and new porch. Alteration to existing roofs. Fire escape bridge to 2nd floor

Revised plans

BLAKEWELL HOUSE, EDGE ROAD. Internal alterations, ground floor rear extension to form dining room, utility, logstore & garage access, first floor ensuite extension. Main changes: Change materials to render to match on the 1st floor extension.
 KIBANDA, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Erection of 2 two storey extensions. Main changes: Insertion of additional windows in north elevation (to be obscurely glazed)

Consents

14 CHURCHILL WAY. Erection of 2 storey side extension. Demolition of existing garage.
 2 HAMBUTTS MEAD. Erection of single storey extension
 MANTEG, SLAD. Erection of rear extension

MINI-ADS

Wanted- Pony/Horse for 12-year-old girl to help care for and ride part time. Six years experience riding and stable management, including awards. Parents offer to help stabling costs. 813120 or ylr16@dial.pipex.com

France: 20mins Perpignan airport. Quality apartment for 2 people overlooking St. Cyprien golf course and only a few minutes from beaches, restaurants and harbour. £300 per week. Contact 07748.154530 or 0033468316751

For Sale – Children’s Triple Swing and Slide – including a swing boat. Suitable for ages 2 – 8. £35.00. Contact 813032.

Carer Requires Lift – to North London 22/23 May. Call 07739 732595

France: Near Carcassone. Spacious 2 bedroom comfortable apartment in Limoor Centre. Ideal for restaurants, wine tasting, touring, mountains, beach, all leisure activities. £250 per week. Contact 07748154530

To Let – Semi-detached 3-bedroom cottage approx. 1 mile from Painswick to let from end of August. For further details tel. 00 48 89 534 20 47 or e-mail

MINI-ADS - non-commercial, maximum of 30 words - are 10p per word with a minimum payment of £1. Maximum of 14 accepted per month. Beacon subscribers have 25% discount. Please send money with mini-ad to Philip Oakley, Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street, GL6 6QN. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to The Painswick Beacon.

FREE-ADS

Three Mirror Doors –each measuring 1.04m wide and 2.3m high with sliding gear. Suitable for making a cupboard door up to 3metres wide. Good condition. Contact 812880.

FREE-ADS is a free service only for recycling unwanted possessions to good new homes, free of charge.

FREE-ADS - maximum of 30 words - can be placed in the Beacon Post Box in New Street or emailed to painswickbeacon@supanet.com



Printed in Gloucester by **IMBE MAIL BOXES ETC.** MAKING BUSINESS EASIER: WORLDWIDE.

Beacon subscriptions up

We have made a flying start to the new Beacon year with new and renewed subscriptions well up on the same time last year. In particular, subscriptions from Painswick village itself - our prime 'target market' - have already passed last year's total, with subscriptions received from almost half of the 1057 households in the village.

However, we are not complacent, so please help us to beat last year's final total of 608 subscribers!

| Beacon subscribers | THIS YEAR | | LAST YEAR | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| | end 24th April | end April | 2005-2006 TOTAL | |
| New or renewing after lapsing | 122 | 102 | 118 | |
| Renewed from last year | 498 | 408 | 492 | |
| Total including postal | 570 | 510 | 608 | |
| Dwellings in Painswick village | 1057 | 1057 | 1057 | |
| Subscribers in village | 495 = 47% | 357 = 34% | 423 = 40% | |

Peter Barnfield
Painter and Decorator

20 Years experience
 Internal & External work undertaken
 Texturing Speciality in paper hanging

Free estimates given
 01452.411182 or 07881 408380

Peter Ely
Plumbing & Heating
 General Plumbing
 Central Heating (oil & Gas)
 AGA Servicing, Solar Hot Water

CORGI Registered
OFTEC Registered

Telephone 01285 821007
 Mobile 07779 099320
 Four Winds, Whiteway, Stroud, Glos

The Personal Column

Births

Congratulations to SONIA and RICHARD GARRETT on the birth of their first daughter, Jackie (a first grandchild for Rev Chris Garrett, now living in Battle, Sussex);

also to SHARLA and MICHAEL DANDY on the birth of a son, Austin Michael on 11th April (a brother for Emily, grandson for Maureen and John Dandy, and great-grandson for Ted Holford;

also to CLAIRE and PHILIP SMITH on the birth of a son, Jamie Daniel on March 21st (a brother for Ella and a sixth grandchild for Alan and Susan Shearer;

also to GRAEME and ZARA KILBY on the birth of their daughter, Georgia in London (a first grandchild for Hilary and John Kilby);

also to JO and RONAN LYNAM, a baby boy, Finlay (a brother for Caitlin and Harriet).

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to LINDA EVANS, JEAN GRAY, DULCIE BROTHERTON, JUNE CRANE, SHARLA DANDY (from chicken pox), MARGARET RICHARDS (in hospital), DENIS and OLGA HILL (in Resthaven) and the usually Most Organised JEAN BURGESS (whose wrist has been most painfully disorganised).

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of PHYLLIS CORNOCK, JESSIE MILSON, JEANETTE TURNER and IAN HANNAH who have all died recently.

Comings and goings

We would like to welcome BRIAN and XIMENA NUNEZ and their daughter, ISABEL, who are renting Edge View, Gloucester Road;

also MATTHEW REEKIE-BLACK and MAGDA ZAVODNA who have moved into St Michaels, Victoria Street and will shortly be opening a restaurant/ B&B there. (Watch this space...)

also EMMA HYETT and her daughters, BETH and ELLIE, who are moving to 8, Hyett Close on 6th May

We are sorry to say goodbye to SALLY and MICHAEL BRENNAN who leave Painswick on 12th May for London to be

Personal Messages

Birthday Greeting

Happy Birthday to my Great Grampy, JOHN LUKER. Lots of love, Ella

Thank you

AUDREY WATTS wishes to thank everyone for kind enquiries and practical help during March. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

A wee epi- logue...

Picture the scene. A bemused Beacon reporter stumbles upon an ITV News van parked askew outside the revamped public conveniences in Stamages car park last week – complete with dark-suited reporter and agile cameraman – fluffy microphone and complex camera equipment ‘at the ready’ to film... what? ...and why?

The story begins at the Parish Council meeting. During the sombre debate about the other conveniences in St.Mary’s Street (*see page 2*), no less distinguished a personage than the Chairman of our Parish Council made an aside, referring to a criticism he had informally received from observant local resident Derek Hodges that use of the word ‘urinal’ to describe one of the compartments at Stamages was somewhat un-Painswickian. The Stroud News & Journal reporter covering the meeting pricked up her ears. She was sure she had a scoop. Quaint old Painswick gets sniffy about a urinal!

By the time it had been published in last week’s SNJ - as happens in such matters - her scoop became somewhat garnished, much to Derek’s annoyance: a step too far for your otherwise austere Beacon types. And by some ill defined route, the story reached the eyes and ears of ITV Regional News, who despatched a team to investigate and interview the natives.

Some of those ITV interviewed, including our bemused reporter, felt that ‘urinal’ was an accurate description of the service offered in the said compartment, especially when ‘caught short’. There are doubtless others who question this definition, and the Beacon suspects we will hear further from them. Indeed, pictures of Terry Parker alongside the installation explained all. Given the coverage of ITV News, Painswick has – in a flash, as it were- obtained much publicity, and visitors may now be found queuing some way down Stroud Road for

NEXT ISSUE

Publication Date

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE

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

SATURDAY 20th MAY

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

SUNDAY 21st MAY

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

THURSDAY 18th MAY

Diary items (only) to Edwina Buttrey

THURSDAY 25th MAY

Letters and articles for publication are particularly welcome by Email to **painswickbeacon@supanet.com** or, alternatively, on computer disk.

Items to be published, and other mail for the Beacon Committee, can also be placed in the **Beacon Post Box** in

New Street - next to the telephone kiosk. Please be sure to provide your name, address and a contact phone number.

The **Beacon's telephone number is 814500**
Our web site is **www.painswickbeacon.org.uk**

including **Beaconline** carrying the Painswick Beacon web edition
Address for general correspondence *not items for publication*,

Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street GL6 6QN

Beacon Committee

Editorial team this month

Jack Burgess*, Leslie Brotherton
Carol Maxwell, and Terry Parker
*co-ordination and compiling

Personal Column: Rachel Taylor 813402

Diary: Edwina Buttrey 812565

Feature Writers:

Carol Maxwell

813387

Leslie Brotherton

813101

Jack Burgess

812167

Sport: Terry Parker

812191

Directory: Leslie Brotherton

813101

Business Advertising:

Dermot Cassidy

813737

Distribution: Celia Lougher

812624

Treasurer: Philip Oakley

813936

DAVID ARCHARD

In association with

Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors

Part of Dignity plc. A British Company.

Private Chapels of Rest

24 hour Personal Service

Dirleton House
Cainscross Road
Stroud

01452 812103
or 01453 763592

The
**Anthony
Fisher**
Curtain Company

**SPECIALIST
CURTAIN MAKER**

*A very personal advice and making
service for simple drapes or elaborate
window dressings. For an appointment
to see thousands of fabrics, everything
from Sandersons to Coloroll, in your
home or my office/showroom at:
41 Brunswick Road, Gloucester*

*Please ring Glos 309333 (day) or
Painswick 812130 (evenings).*