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Elections this month

As was reported in our last issue, there are three vacancies on the Parish Council. One of these, for Sheepscombe, will be filled by co-option and nominations are being sought through the Sheepscombe News.

For the two in Painswick at least ten people have exercised their rights and requested that there be a further election.

The date has been set for **Thursday 26th August**. Nominations have been received from four residents. If there are still three or more nominations after midday on Wednesday 4th August, the deadline for any to withdraw. We are publishing their four profiles on page 3 but, as we will have 'gone to press' before Wednesday it is possible that fewer than four will remain on the ballot paper. Of course, should there be only two after Wednesday, there will not be an election.



Will it fit?
See page 18

Election line up, the **fun day** and **dog show** thoroughly reviewed + **results**, Sheepscombe score **100 not out**, music to be appreciated **in the Cotswold Room**, **Festival facts** updated, **toddlers toddling**, the **puffers flying**, fringes of **lakes of interest**, new **shirts for cricket** youngsters, the **end of a voyage**, and that **Spotlight**.

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to draw attention to those of wider interest, but remind readers that the full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Painswick Library.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

St.Mary's Development - that wall

The saga continues, but a creative outcome might (just might) be around the corner. The developers (now Taylor Woodrow) have invited the Parish Council to obtain the opinion of a professional Cotswold stone-waller and, if that opinion is that the wall should be reconstructed, a quotation so that the company can give consideration to the matter.

Watch that space.

Care Development - local traders

It was reported that a meeting between traders and Keith Cockell of Richmond Care was to be arranged for September, this under the auspices of the Parish Council.

Jenkins Farm - garages

An application for the erection of a short row of garages as part of this development had been supported by the Parish Council after a site meeting in Edge to ascertain the visual impact. Carolyn Luke addressed the meeting voicing opposition to the proposals, urging that the garages be reversed so that their doors faced southwards, and not towards the village.

The Chairman, David Hudson, expressed the opinion that the Parish Council had been particularly meticulous in its consideration of this latest and slightly contentious application in Edge and that, having considered the matter in depth, and with the benefit of a site meeting, the Council should adhere to its recommendation to the District Council.

Official Notices - Edge

It was reported that on more than one occasion notices displayed by the Council in Edge had been removed from the notice board. It was agreed that a lockable door should be added to at least part of that board for official notices.

PARISH COUNCIL

New Member

The Council welcomed Jean Berry, attending her first meeting, alongside Jacqueline Woof, as a representative for Slad.

Public Forum - Chancellors

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Exercising his rights to raise and discuss matters prior to commencement of the Council meeting, Paul Gray drew attention to the probable sale of Chancellors, previously a much needed tea room, with the rumoured prospect of its conversion to offices and two flats. He was not only concerned with the loss of the amenity but also the effect of alterations which would impact upon his own adjoining business, the internal layout of rooms not being as separate as seemed from the exterior.

The Chairman, Terry Parker, assured Mr.Gray that the Council's policy remained opposed to change of any use away from 'retail' but that circumstances required that a planning application had to be submitted first. It was, however, agreed that the SDC be asked whether any preliminary overtures had been made in this regard, together with their latest definitions of 'retail use'.

Elections - vacancies

The Council took note of there having been a request from 10 electors for an election to be held to fill the two vacancies for the Painswick Village Ward on the Parish Council, there having been a shortfall of nominations for the election on 10th June.

An election was about to be announced with it being held, if there are more than two nominations, on Thursday 26th August. The Beacon gave notice of its intention to indicate nominations, the closing date for which is just before it goes to press at noon on 30th July. (See opposite page. The Beacon will not be able to indicate whether nominees have withdrawn from the election, which they can do up until midday on Wednesday 4th August.)

There was some relief and pleasure among Parish Councillors that the process of contesting these vacancies would increase its chances of recognition as a Quality Parish Council.

The sole remaining vacancy is in Sheepscombe, to be alongside David Harcup. Nominations for co-option are being encouraged through the Sheepscombe

News.

Official Guide and map

The Council had received printed copies of the new Official Guide and expressed its appreciation to the Beacon for its updating and preparation. Copies were being made available to retailers in the area for sale, and through the Tourist Information Office.

Bequest

The Council took note of a generous bequest of which it had been notified as being in the will of the late Margaret Hampshire. No decision was made at this stage as to a suitable use to which to put this money.

Rec parking

In the May issue of the Beacon we reported that "A lively debate took place upon a letter received from Painswick Bowling Club concerning the ways in which severely limited car parking at the Painswick Centre was affecting their activities, if not indeed the future of the club. The Chairman of the Centre joined in addressing the Council on the subject, underlining the fact that realising the full potential of all these essentially recreational activities were inhibited by the limitations of parking nearby.

Members attention was drawn to previous advice from the Charity Commissioners that the Field could only be used for facilities directly associated with recreational activities; the creation of open parking by the general public would not be permitted by them. It was noted, however, that, in response to previous enquiries, the County Council's Highways officers had not raised objection to a modest increase in traffic using the junction of Lower Washwell Lane and the A46 in this connection.

The Council, after lengthy discussion, agreed to seek guidance from the Commissioners as to whether some permanent car parking which was restricted to support recreational facilities only, at the sports clubs and the Centre, would be permitted. If so, further studies and consultation would be undertaken regarding access, and type of surfacing which minimised degradation of the appearance of the Field. This request, without prejudice to subsequent consideration of whether to progress the matter, was formally referred to the field's Trustees."

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ing that support for the bowling and the range of existing and future activities at Painswick Centre, and on the field itself, by those dependent upon cars was a real possibility. While this potential formula precluded general public car parking, the potential of these three facilities would clearly be enhanced without visual degradation of the Rec..

Some observers might be surprised that the unanimity of the decision of the Trustees (who are the same people who advanced the suggestion in the first place) and, as was reported in May, "The Trustees received and approved the recommendation from the Council (above) and approved representations being made to the Charity Commissioners", have reversed both their and the Council's position. The reasons set out in the minutes of their meeting on 23rd June are (summarised, but using their words)

- if located at the nearest point to the village access would have to be from opposite Goddard's Garage: hazardous, Highways Department would not permit, dangerous to have driveway across the Rec.

- if located near lower entrance off Lower Washwell Lane: current and expected use for recreational activities, especially by young people

- necessary to ensure locking of access gate: problem of restricting use to Bowling Club and Painswick Centre users,

- Charity Commissioners indicated more flexible approach to use of land: Trustees believe they have duty to respect trust deed restricting use for recreational purposes.

Déjà vu?

Or have the Charity Commissioners, long regarded as the obstacle to rationalisation of this issue, called the bluff?

Election candidates

The Beacon invited the four candidates for the two 'seats' on the Parish Council (see page 1) to let us have brief biographical details and any policies they would wish to see implemented. Their statements are set out here.

Jason Owen BULLINGHAM Dutchcombe Farm, Painswick

My Family have lived in Painswick for three generations, I was born in Painswick in August 1962 in "Woodbury" in Vicarage Street which was the family home until 4 years ago. I served my apprenticeship in the building trade with local builder. I am now a self employed craftsman.

Most of my life has been spent in and around Painswick working on the wonderful buildings. I have worked to preserve the historic buildings. If I became a parish councillor I would like to ensure that future generations could remain in the town by working to provide more affordable housing. I now feel that it is time I gave something back to the local community.

Frances RODEN Beacon House, New Street, Painswick

I have lived in Painswick for three years, together with my husband and two teenage daughters. I practised as a solicitor, and consider that my legal background may be of assistance to the Parish Council in carrying out its work.

I am very concerned about the HGV traffic passing through Painswick. The size of some vehicles is a serious issue for property owners on the A46, road users and also pedestrians. I would like the Parish Council to tenaciously pursue this issue and achieve a reduction in the size of vehicles passing though the village.

I would also like further thought to be given by the Council to the possibility of a farmers' market to be held in Painswick.

Peter Michael ROWE The Churn, Hale Lane, Painswick

I am 53 and married. I worked in finance and industry during my career. My wife, Jane, and I came to live in Painswick in 1996. I help with the running of the Music Society and Local History Society. I am a trustee of Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau.

I believe that the sense of community in Painswick is very important. The parish council has a role to play in this, and if elected I would emphasise three things. First, we need to maintain Painswick as a pleasant place to live. Second, we need to encourage local activities that build a lively community - including activities for younger people. Thirdly, we need to foster our village businesses - shops, pubs, etc. - and local amenities.

Pauline Margaret YOUNG Dean Rise, 5 Stroud Road, Painswick

I came to Painswick in July 2003 when becoming a part owner of the Painswick Hotel.

I have for the past 24 years run a successful public relations company within the travel industry with many international clients. Last year I was the Chairman of The Association of Women Travel Executives. I am married and have three married children and three grandchildren.

I have become very concerned over the past year with the economic situation within Painswick and I am committed to its prosperity. My goal would be to utilise my strength in the PR field together with the wealth of expertise already in place, to promote the village as a place where, because of its unique attraction, more diverse small business's need to be, and to try to encourage such investment.

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17th Season



Yes, it is the start of the seventeenth season for this group - a modest achievement, with support as strong as ever.

The group attracts those whose musical knowledge is very limited together with others who already have a depth of understanding of the life, times and music of particular composers and performers.

The Thursday evenings start at 7.30 prompt and conclude about 9.30, with an interval for coffee or hot chocolate - and similar biscuits. The venue, which has been the Town Hall ever since the group started, is being changed for the next season to the Cotswold Room at Painswick Centre.

In addition to the customary evenings, listening to recordings selected by fellow members or visiting presenters, well away from interruptions of the telephone or visitors at home, the group also arranges concert visits. This coming winter and spring these will include a matinee and three evening concerts in Symphony Hall in Birmingham, Colston Hall in Bristol and the Town Hall in Cheltenham.

While the most economic way of 'appreciating' these events is to join for the whole season, visiting membership suits others who cannot manage even the alternate Thursdays. A full programme is available simply by telephoning 01453.873396 or 813101.

You will be very welcome - the dates are in the Beacon diary, and the first meeting this year will be on 16th September.

Keynes Country Park

Members of the club met at the information centre of the Park on 23rd June to be greeted by Ali Swainston, the Head Ranger. Storm clouds threatened rain so waterproofs were donned just in case.

A large number of sand martins were skimming over the main pools often followed by swifts, swallows and house martins. Coot, tufted duck and great crested grebe dominated water space; and reed warblers sang from the reed beds at the pool edges.



A number of willows showed brown leaves and our guide pointed out that this was the work of the green phyllodecta leaf beetle larvae munching happily away - unfortunately not relished by great and blue tit flocks.

A couple of hobbies, summer visitors to the Cotswold Water Park, were spotted.

These were most likely hunting martins or dragonflies.

In a sheltered spot nettles provided home and food for peacock butterfly caterpillars which, untouched by the birds, were ready to pupate. Keen gardeners among us would have liked to take plentiful two-spot ladybird larvae home to gobble up the aphids!

Following the footpaths around the lakes, clouds of midges hovered around us at times but luckily they were the non-biting kind. Shallow pools formed by recent gravel working held a good selection of birds including lapwing, little ringed plover, common sandpiper, common tern and mallard with ducklings. Ali's telescope gave us excellent views. Reed bunting and pied wagtail were identified in flight. A pile of logs provided a 'sunny' resting place for a grass snake and a variety of invertebrate life.



The return journey gave us good views of a graceful pair of mute swans and, luckily, the rain kept off. Our guide's enthusiasm and knowledge were central to another enjoyable and informative field trip.

The next club meeting is on 28th September in the Town Hall at 7.30pm when Brian Bailey will give a talk on bird ringing and migration. Everyone is welcome.

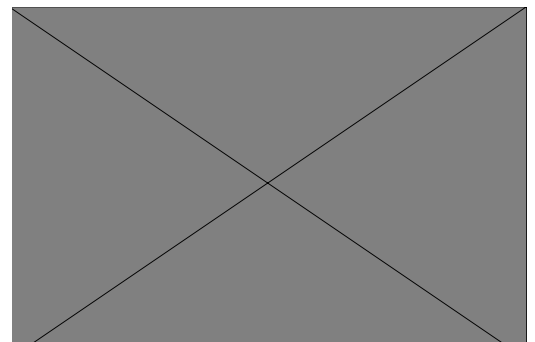
John Fleming

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Meteorology too

Our May meeting, the last of this season, was also the A.G.M.

Gordon Gardner, our President, had expressed the wish to retire from his post as President. The Chairman, Philip Berry, gave his thanks to Gordon for all his work for the Society over many years. (Gordon is to remain a co-opted member on the committee)

Pauline Lamont had been approached, and asked to fill the important role. Pauline who, like Gordon, has given many years



of work and support to the Society, was duly elected as President, without opposition. Other committee members elected under the Chairmanship of Philip Berry were:- Alan Major, Gus Gaugain, Doreen Pegg, Stan Miles, and Harold Wood. Elected as Hon Life Members were:-Joyce Hunt, Brenda Dunn and Joycelyn Warren.

After the A.G.M. we were entertained by Mr Kevin Hogg a meteorologist from the Met Office in Cardiff. You may have heard him on Radio Gloucestershire? He explained the history of forecasting from 1854 to date. He continued with explanations on, Seavars, Gardening, and Global Warming, and how they may be affected by emissions, rain forest removal, ice caps melting etc. Graphics were shown to illustrate his talk which was enjoyed by us all.

Mission to Thailand latest

Fiona Welbourn was delighted and so grateful that so many people came to the concert on Saturday 17th July at St.Mary's Church. There were about 150 people in the audience and she tells us she was overwhelmed by the support of all those around her. The musicians were also very pleased to have such a supportive audience. It seems from the many positive comments received that the evening was a great success. The concert ran smoothly and the promises auction (pictured below) raised £333, thanks to superb auctioneer Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auction Rooms. The money raised from the concert, promises auction and donations made on the night came to £1295.82.

Fiona would like to thank everyone who has made a donation, supported the concert and included her in their thoughts and prayers. She would also like to thank these local businesses who have supported her: Ian Calvert of The March Hare Thai Restaurant, Paul Cooke – Complete Garden Maintenance, David Winstone-Ursell of Painswick Hairdressers, Georgie Brocklehurst - professional portrait photographer, Dawn Mallinson of The Patchwork Mouse, The Royal Oak, Vogue Hair Salon, Robert Goddard of Goddard's Garage and Ray Singh of Londis Stores.

The total amount raised so far is £2989.87. Fiona will be giving us more information on the Church Mission Society projects which will benefit from the money raised.

We look forward to publishing a picture (or two) of Fiona on her mission, in due course.



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Festival update: 100 days to go

With just a hundred days to go, preparations for the first Painswick Festival of the Arts (6th – 20th November) are gathering pace.

Also gathering pace are ticket sales, particularly for Acker Bilk's *Jazz in the Church* concert on Wednesday, 10th November.

Sponsorship

A major objective of the festival is to raise money both to fund young local musicians and to restore the roof of the 13th century St Peter's Chapel. To ensure that as much of the money raised through ticket sales as possible goes to these ends, sponsorship is being sought for specific components from local businesses and individuals. In particular, the festival seeks ten sponsors each prepared to give £50 to cover part of the cost of the staging used in several of the main events. Sponsors will receive full credit -if they so wish - in the programmes.

Festival Secretary Liz Davies commented "We would encourage the sponsors to 'gift aid' their donations to Painswick PCC to enable us to recover an extra 30% of the sum donated."

If you would like to be a sponsor, please drop a £50 cheque payable to Painswick PCC into the Benefice Office, The Ly-chgate, Stroud Rd. Painswick GL6 6UT, along with a note (for the attention of Painswick Festival Committee) in which you say that you would like your donation to be treated as gift aid.

The Festival Choral Day - 13th November

On the afternoon of Saturday 13th November, Chris Swain will be running a choral workshop in St.Mary's from 2.30 to 6.15. Rehearsals will culminate in a concert at 7.30pm.including Vivaldi's Gloria. Our guest soloist, Claire Graydon-James, teaches at Covent Garden!

If you would like to sing please call Liz Davies on 812211 or email liz.davies@overdell.fsnet.co.uk as she needs details of which "voice" you are. Chris is particularly keen to welcome younger singers with some experience since one of the festival aims is to "fund young musicians". As he says, 'Can the Festival

Choral Day produce the beginnings of a paid junior choir?'

Words for Life – an Evening of Poetry - 17th November

From a "Highland Fling" to "Paradise Heights" Stroud author Katie Fforde has travelled far and wide with her pen. But on 17th November she will be in Christ Church, Painswick, presenting the prizes for the Festival Poetry Competition. This will be part of an inspiring evening discovering and delighting in the power of creative writing to touch our lives.

Cambridge Voices

A highlight of the Music Festival will be the concert by Cambridge Voices, one of Britain's premier chamber choirs. The choir is still directed by its founder, Ian de Massini, a former scholar from the choir of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Most recently, Ian has dedicated himself to the performance of the complete keyboard works of Bach. Peter Jenkins, who is responsible for organising the concert on behalf of Painswick Music Society, says 'We are delighted that Ian will present a performance, from memory, of Bach's beguiling "Goldberg Variations" on Sunday, 7th November at 3.00 pm.

Peter also revealed that Ian in fact earns the bulk of his income from playing a rather small, 'but deadly, accordion' - under an assumed name, of course - with the infamous duo 'The Classic Buskers' (formerly 'The Cambridge Buskers'). Accompanied by a brace of rubber chickens and a handful of ocarinas, the duo are dedicated to the de-rangement of all those classical masterpieces you have loved. Fortunately – or unfortunately, depending on your point of view - Ian has been told NOT to bring his accordion to Painswick!

Cambridge Voices are renowned for their innovative use of space, and during the first half of the concert on Saturday, 6th November at 4.00 pm, the 16 singers will move around the church. The music will be especially themed to highlight the various aspects of church. The programme will include music by Durufle, Benjamin Britten, Palestrina, Pearsall, Charles Wood and a new composition by Ian de Massini. The choir has a few surprises up its sleeve too,



sprinkling their programme with some of their own unique arrangements of haunting Negro Spirituals and tuneful Folksongs.

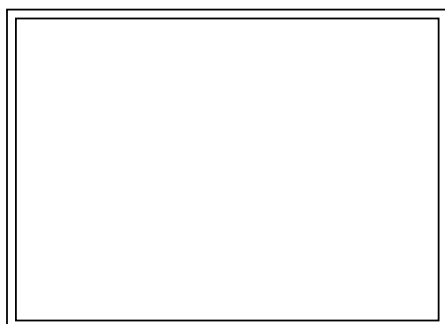
The second half of the concert will consist of a performance of Fauré's Requiem with organ accompaniment.

A Man for All Seasons, a play for all seasons

The dramatic component of the Festival is provided by Painswick Players with three performances in St Mary's Church of Robert Bolt's classic play about conscience and Sir Thomas More, *A Man for All Seasons*. This production could perhaps be subtitled 'a play for all seasons' since the proposal to stage it in the church originated in the depths of last Winter. Auditions and casting took place this Spring. Rehearsals are now underway and will continue through the Summer. And the performance will be in the Autumn (18th, 19th and 20th November, to be precise).

Director, Jack Burgess says he is delighted with a very strong cast drawn from a number of drama groups across the county, as well as Painswick Players, all attracted by the irresistible coupling of a classic play and the magnificent setting of St Mary's Church. St Mary's can also claim a remarkable historical link with *A Man for All Seasons*: it turns out that the Governor of the Tower of London responsible for holding Sir Thomas More was the then Lord of the Manor of Painswick, Sir William Kingston, who was buried in the church in 1540.

Tickets for all Festival events are on sale now at The Shetland Shop in Painswick, the Tourist Information Centre in Stroud (01453 760960) or call Liz Davies on 812211.



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If you would like further information or would like to help in any way, or make a donation, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Harper-Little at the address above.

With grateful thanks

Sarah Harper-Little

Painswick Puffins Flying High

The Painswick Puffins, the senior fitness group, were preening their feathers when they celebrated their 15th Birthday with a lunch

at the Hatton Court Hotel on Wednesday 21st July. The Puffins were founded by Jenny Oakley in 1989 and have gone from strength to strength ever since. There are currently fifty active members who meet in the Town Hall on Wednesday mornings, one Life Member (Freda Cox) and eighteen on the waiting list hoping to join when a place comes free!

Jenny used the opportunity to reflect on some of the achievements of the Puffins not only in their exercise and friendship but

in raising over £2,500 for charity. One of the latest beneficiaries was Painswick Playgroup who received a cheque for £580 from the proceeds of the Coffee Morning, organised by the Puffins and assisted by the Playgroup, and from donations from villagers which were much appreciated. A small group of Puffins visited the Playgroup to present the cheque and were enchanted by the children. In addition, a collection was made at the Birthday Lunch and £103 was donated to the Sudan Appeal.

All of the Puffins were keen to thank Jenny for volunteering her time, expertise and commitment over the fifteen years which has kept so many Puffins on their toes!



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Camino Della Liberta

In late May, I went on a sponsored walk with people who included old friends from Milan on the "San Martino Freedom Trail". which follows paths taken by PoWs escaping from their camps after the Armistice with Italy in 1943 (the war with Germany continued.) The Trust was founded by ex-PoWs to express thanks those who gave food and shelter to the fugitives at risk to their lives, by giving bursaries to young Italians to study English in Britain. This year's walk began in the Rossano Valley, where 300 PoWs gathered before being guided sixty miles through German-occupied territory across the German Gothic Line to freedom. Our leader's father, Major Lett, had escaped from a camp near Parma and was directed to Rossano by a priest. Lett was adopted by a local family and was asked by the Allies to form the "International Battalion," a group of ex-prisoners who helped the local partisans with their resistance operations. We started our visit in Pontremolian old town where Major Lett had saved its historic buildings from bombing by sending the Allies -with discreet help from the Bishop- the exact German positions.

On our first day, we visited a monument to two young SAS soldiers, Shortall and Foster, who had been parachuted in to blow up a major railway line. They were captured 12 days later and executed as saboteurs. The Last Post and Reveille were played and a wreath of poppies was laid. Our next stop was a similar ceremony. Two other young SAS, dropped at the same time as the other two, were captured while driving a stolen German vehicle over the Cisa Pass. They too executed by firing squad. One of them, Capt Dudgeon had asked a German interpreter to write to his father which he did after the war saying "by this letter I fulfil my word pledged to the bravest of English officers I met in all my life. This officer is your son, who fell for his country in Italy".

On day two we set out on our walk. leaving the beautifully unspoiled Rossano valley, fresh after light rain, with the fields recently cut and climbing up through chestnut woods to an alpine area filled with wild narcissus. Part of the local diet is bread made from chestnut flour. We continued down to Calice for lunch with one of the former partisan leaders and his family and then on through more woods, before swinging back to Aulla, south of Pontremoli where the local band, in mediaeval costume, escorted us over the river to the town hall. After ceremonies of welcome we retreated to the hills to spend the night at a B & B named "Pickwick House"! The next day's journey took us through more woods; then the scenery became much more dramatic as we approached the Appuan Alps. We were now getting glimpses of the famous Carrara marble quarries. That night the group went up to Vinca, the site of a terrible massacre in 1944 by the SS and other Fascist forces. I did not go but others in the group said that it was an eerie place, an atmosphere enhanced by a massive thunderstorm and the sky turning red. One of the party spoke to a survivor of this horror. His father, sensing something awful was about to happen, had taken his family of 7 children up the hill to hide in a cave.

On the following day, 6 strong members of the party crossed Monte Tambura (1985m) and were able to see fine views of Corsica far away in the Mediterranean. The journey entailed crossing a fair amount of snow. I have to admit that heat exhaustion prevented me from participating. However, that afternoon I and other less intrepid members of the party climbed 3,000 feet in 3 hours, up to the refuge and welcomed the others coming down from the crest walk. After a reasonable night in our dormitory, in spite of the loud snoring of one of our group, we began our final day with spectacular views of the far off Mediterranean and of the surrounding mountains, then passed through the marble quarries, some of which have been in operation since the time of Herodotus. In the late afternoon we crossed the Gothic Line, where the trenches and gun emplacements were still visible, and dropped down into the village of Seravezza behind the town of Carrara feeling a great sense of achievement. The ceremonies concluded with a memorable dinner. I am most grateful to my sponsors, some of whom are residents of Painswick.

Anyone wishing to learn more about this little-known aspect of the war can obtain a copy of a book "Rossano" by Gordon Lett, from the San Martino Trust, c/o Keith Killby, Flat 7, 18 Lambolle Road, London NW3 4HP (£11.50 including p & p).

Ann Burges Watson

News from the Tower

Over the weekend 24th and 25th July the Bells were rung at St Marys to announce the start of the Fun Day in the Rec., and before the start of the morning service on Sunday to celebrate the arrival of Sara Molly Catrina Watson who was born in Kuwait on 7th July.

An excited and proud uncle and ringer Andrew Watson led the band and called the changes. Sara is a second grandchild for Frances and John Watson.

Happy day at the Cathedral

A large number of parishioners attended Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 3rd July, the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, to take part in the ordination of ten Deacons to the Priesthood. The Deacons came from a range of parishes across the Diocese and included The Revd Dr. Helen Sammon from Cranham and The Revd David Newell from Kings Mill Lane: both will serve in the parishes of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, The Edge and Pitchcombe.

The Bishop of Gloucester presided at the service assisted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury. The Vicar of Painswick, The Revd John Longuet-Higgins together with The Revd Ian Gobey and The Revd Peter Minall were also present and took part in the laying on of hands at the time of Helen and David's ordination. It was a

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Spotlight on . . .

John Hogg



Where were you born?

In the same Painswick nursing home as Arthur Perrins at the top of Vicarage Street (July Spotlight) but in 1938. We lived at 1 Pul-lens Road. Later Arthur was best man at my wedding.

My mother was born in the Lodge at the entrance to the Rococo Gardens, and is still with us today. My father, now deceased, was born in Butt Green. I was the eldest of three children, Eileen who lives in Stroud and Gordon in Quedgely being the other two. My Grandfather played the Big Drum in the Sheepscombe brass band. I played the French Horn in the Painswick brass band, but the less said about that the better!

You have lived in Painswick all your life?

Except for eighteen months in Thrupp after getting married and the army. Then we returned to Painswick living in Yew Tree Cottage, Vicarage Street for five years before moving to 8 Upper Washwell where I still live today.

Schooldays?

All at Painswick. Unfortunately I was suffering from tonsillitis and adenoids when exams for Marlton and Stroud School took place. My first teacher was Miss Toft, another teacher being Mr. Marfell who still lives in Painswick.

My earliest memories of Painswick

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

The Americans were stationed here during the war. I remember tank exercises on Edge Common, the camps near Rococo Gardens in the park where the show-ground was on the left and the coach ground on the right. Black and white Americans were segregated right and left.

I also remember the sky being full of gliders being towed in training for Arnhem or D-Day.

Where did you meet your wife?

After leaving school I had a number of jobs, one being for a farmer. She came regularly to the farm from Upton St. Leonards to collect eggs and I gave her a lift home with the tractor and trailer which is how the romance started. We were divorced after 18 years and have a son aged 43 who lives in Quedgely where his mother lives. I now have a partner, June. We met when I was working at a Care and Repair Home - they had to use trusted staff - and June was working next door as a seamstress and kept me well supplied with coffee.

She has so far raised £16,500 for Cobalt charities and plans to retire when this reaches £20,000. She hates to lose!

Did you do national service?

No. After leaving school at 14 I did a few jobs and then joined the Army (R.E.M.E.) for three years as a regular, followed by four years as a paid reservist.

So what did you do for a career after that?

Well I started as a milkman for seven years and took up decorating in the afternoons. I enjoyed decorating so much that I still do

some today over thirty years later.

What are your hobbies, interests?

My major interest is sport, particularly Rugby, also cricket although I have started to play Bowls at the Falcon Bowling Club.

I played Rugby, my last game being when I was 53, won a winners medal for Gloucester Combination, was Chairman of the Club for 3 - 4 years, coach of the senior team for 7 years and recently coaching the Juniors. I skippered the Club for a few years, including the centenary year in '72. I am a Season Member at Kingsholm.

I am now Chairman of the Painswick Cricket Club, still play for the second eleven and have started to coach Juniors from twelve years old. It's got to be good for the village particularly if we succeed in making it more of a family club.

My latest interests include gardening and metal detecting.

Any other memories?

When I worked on the farm the farmer told me to set some thatch alight on the common. I did as I was told and ended up in Court, fined £5.00 with 9 shillings costs!

Also as a schoolboy I was walking up Gloucester Street where there was a street light next to a sign to Gloucester. I threw a snowball at the sign, missed, hit and broke the light only to be seen by P.C. Tippets the local bobby. We agreed he should give me a clip round the ear instead of fining my father 2 shillings and 6 pence.

Reflections?

As a boy everybody knew everybody.

Today people are coming to live in Painswick from the cities, all the old cottages have been transformed into lovely homes but Painswick remains a lovely place to live in.

I can recall playing marbles on the road outside the school, where the library is

Coach to Bath

If you wish to go to Bath, a coach will be leaving Stamages Lane at 10.00am on Wednesday 22nd September. The return journey leaves the Riverside Coach Park, Avon Street in Bath at 5.00pm. The fare will be £7.00.



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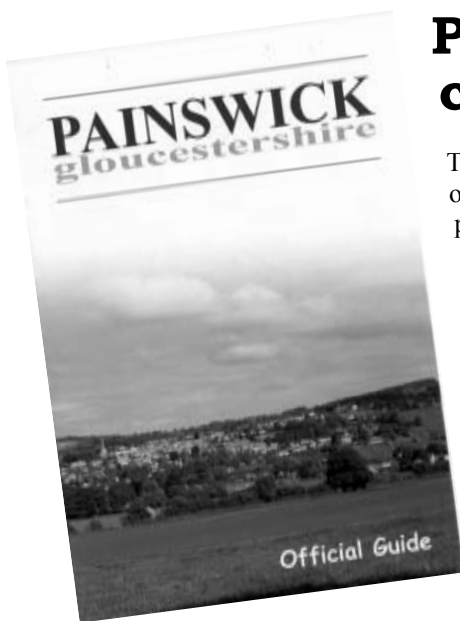
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100 Not out!

Sheepscombe Cricket Club is celebrating its centenary this year. The origins of the club that plays on the "pony's back" (Laurie Lee) are "clouded in the mists of time" but in 1908 the local newspaper reported the club's first victory against Cranham for four years - hence a centenary in 2004. To mark the occasion the club has written up its history in co-operation with Sheepscombe History Society. The evidence for the club's past comes from newspaper records, Mrs Jolly's diary (1910-1927), memories and club records but it starts with reference to the cricketing performance of Uncle Sid Light in Cider with Rosie.

The book charts the early years from the end of the Victorian era to the early 1930s when the club folded through lack of players and organisers. It was revived after the war when matches were briefly played on a flat field at Bidfield Farm, before the club returned to the ground above the common. For a quarter of a century the Sheepscombe game was dominated by the Salt Box bowler, Frank Mansell. It is fitting that 2004 should be the year of Sheepscombe's centenary; the team plays this season as the 2003 champions of the Stroud and Swindon Premier League.

Copies of the book can be purchased for £7 directly from Elisabeth Skinner (01452.812747). Some say it is a very good read.



Painswick Official Guide

This 32-page and updated Guide is now on sale at various locations in the village priced £2.00.

We are sorry that we inadvertently mentioned mid June for its 'hitting the streets' in our last issue, when we should have said July. So irritating that we have two months, each with four letters, and both sharing the first two!

Asking around we are told that the Guide is appreciated, and selling well.

Police report

We hope to resume publication of a Police Report from next month.



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Time ticking . .

Today dear Lord I'm 80 and
there's much I haven't done.
I hope dear Lord you'll let
me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't
finished all I want to do,
would you let me stay
a while until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go,
so very much to see,
do you think that you could
manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast,
there's so very much in store,
I'd like it very much to
live until I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive
I'd like to stay 'till 85.

More plans will be up in the
air, more problems still to fix.
I'll want to see what happens,
Lord, when I'm 86.

I know dear Lord it's much
to ask (and I'm sure its nice in Heaven)
But I'd really like to stay
you know, until I'm 87.

By then I'll be no longer be
fast and usually late.
But still it would be very
nice to experience 88.

By then I'll have seen so many things
- and had a terrific time.
I'm confident that I'll be ready
to leave at 89 - - maybe - - !

Anonymous

Our thanks for this from Ted O'Neil (to whom Painswick RFC owe so much) now living in Thrupp, who was given it by Pat Pearce whose son gave it to him on his 86th birthday a few years ago. Ted reminds us that Pat was an International and a Past President of the 'Bowls Umpires' association. He is one of Painswick RFC's oldest and most sincere supporters, coming over from Cheltenham to join Jack Hinds to watch the team.

We welcome poems of about this length which have a connection with Painswick in one way or another.



NEWS from the CROFT

The end of a school year is always a hectic time. Not only is there the conclusion of numerous activities which have flourished and come to completion, but there are farewells to take and preparations to complete for the new school year ahead.

We are grateful to Janet Hoyle who, more than once after the school had closed, drew some notes and photographs together. A random selection of both are set out on this page.



Our Leavers' Service was held at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 20th July. This was a very positive end to the school year; in which we celebrated the achievements of our Year 6 pupils who are leaving. Presentations were made to them by the PTA and the Painswick benefice.

We had a summer show 'Troy Story' on 13th and 14th July - a humorous musical retelling of the siege of Troy. All the junior children took part, and it was a fantastic success, much enjoyed by the children and greatly appreciated by the audience.



We also presented several trophies, as follows:

The 'Cow Shield' shared by Alice Gardner and James Harding
Bernard Jones' trophy shared by Brian Reason and Hayley Saunders (for service to the school)

We are very grateful to the local societies for donating four new cups, to be awarded annually. The Painswick Players gave us the beautiful Lucy Hyett Cup for drama, in honour of their founder. The village sports clubs gave the Broadham Cup to be awarded for achievement in sport. PADFAS funded a

cup to be given for achievement in art and Painswick Music Society for excellence in music.

The first recipients of these awards were delighted to receive them. It is lovely to work in a community where so many local groups are keen to encourage our pupils and recognise their achievements in this way. The cups were given as follows:

Lucy Hyett Cup for drama Oliver Hall
Broadham Cup for sport George Jackson
PADFAS Cup for art Harvey Ratcliffe (above)
Painswick Music Society Cup Francesca Pickin (left)



The Croft has been very lucky to receive generous funding from PADFAS for equipment for silk screen printing. On 8th July Abigail Garbett and Kyle Douglass joined me in attending PADFAS's monthly meeting, to show members of the society the equipment and some examples of the children's work.



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Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day 2004

What fun in the sun!

Beautiful weather and a fine turn-out both in terms of people and dogs made **Painswick Charity Fun Day** on Saturday 24th July a great success.

Hard working show judge, Roger Millbank commented, **“A marvellous location, beautiful weather and some superb dogs have made this a memorable event.”**

The organisers, Michelle Phillips, Fiona Chapman and Chris Campbell, were overjoyed with the success of the day and their feelings are reflected in the two reports reproduced on these pages. We hope that this random selection of photographs help to tell the story.

References in these reports to next year can only underline the impression we gained that this combination of companion dog show and opportunity for those keen to raise money for charities has a very real future in the Painswick calendar. Hundreds of people attended and, as can be seen from the results, numerous dogs brought their owners considerable distances to enjoy our environment and this superb organisation.

Two questions are on the lips of many to whom the Beacon has spoken.

‘Could this event be on the same day as the annual Victorian Street Market, and so create a major regional attraction for villagers and vistors alike?’, and

‘Surely this is a worthy substitute for the annual Painswick Show, now but a memory?’



Here
Roger
with the



Long and short of it



Fun Day

Painswick's first Charity Fun Day was a big success. The Recreation Ground buzzed with excitement as stalls representing a wide range of Charitable Causes provided lots of opportunity to have a go at tombola, buy cakes, books, silk scarves and browse bric-a-brac; find out about Trade Justice, Christian Aid, Carers Groups and the work of the RSPCA and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. It proved highly worthwhile too, as we're pleased to announce that over £2000 was raised collectively.

Many folk who came commented on the lovely atmosphere, made easier by near perfect weather (albeit a tad windy at times!) The field looked like it was hosting a huge family picnic, and it was wonderful how groups sat and watched the various events in the Dog Show rings. It seemed that every size and shape of dog was in Painswick that day, and even ate a cold sausage or two in a special retrieve competition that was great fun to watch. (A separate article gives a report on the Dog Show and publishes the Winners List)

The standard of entries for the Floral and Craft Competitions was excellent, and the comment from the Judges was that the standard was exceptionally high. It made a wonderful display in Christ Church, and we are very grateful for their willingness to host that part of the day, and to those undertaking the Judging of the various Classes, for their time and encouragement. *The list of winners is shown overleaf.*

As always there are lots of people to thank for their help in making the event a success. The support (both financial and in practical terms) given by the Parish Council, Town Traders and the Beacon has been wonderful, but our greatest thanks has to go to you, the public, who came along on the day, because without your support the day would not have been the huge success that it was.

So, “Thank you”



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generation,
with pride



Chris Campbell 863344

Dog Show

Once again we had a lovely sunny day for the Dog Show, although, thankfully, not as hot as last year!

The Show was well supported with 127 dogs competing. Our advertised judge Mrs. Jean Griffiths was replaced at the last minute due to illness, and we were very grateful for the Championship gundog judge Roger Millbank for stepping in at the last minute. Our thanks also go to Bill Pigott for judging some of the novelty classes, Berit Aherne for judging our obedience classes and Mark Wilde our main ring steward.

It was a long day, and we must also thank the ladies of the Red Cross who stayed long after the expected time to the very end of the show.

A few people complained that the classes took too long and that children were growing bored with waiting to compete with their dogs. We will be investigating ways of improving the situation for next year, possibly starting the show classes earlier with a definite start time for the novelty classes at 1.30pm.

Our special events this year were special retrieves competition - which involved the dog retrieving 10 objects of various difficulty (including flower pot, bin bag and metal spoon) and which was won by my own labrador Oak, handled by Magda Bujakova who retrieved all 10 articles in 52.9 seconds; and the sausage retrieve where the object was for the dog to retrieve a complete sausage without eating it on the way back and in which three dogs were successful. Some suggestions for next year's events are a canine obstacle course and dog races, but if anyone has any ideas for fun events that can be entered on the day please get in touch.

This year we had two extra perpetual trophies to be won, Murrays having donated an imposing cup for the Best Painswick Dog, and an anonymous donor who gave us a splendid new cup for the Best Novelty Class winner. *The list of award winners is shown overleaf.*

We hope that next year we will be able to co-ordinate with the youth club for that extra special day out.

Michelle Phillips 812340



comes the judge: Millbank gets to grips with the judging



Kathy Savage with Alfie the Dalmation



Pat Daley, who entered in the 'Handsome Dog in Show' category, with Scamp, his proud owner.

'Chase cats? Who? Me?' Scamp again



Freckles the 'hearing dog' on the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People stall



'Who let the cats in?' The 5 Valleys Cat Rescue stall

Lauren Huggett with Boo and Ben(jamin)



Walkies! In the show ring in front of judge, Roger Millbank

Hot dogs relaxing in the shade



The long and short of it: there was great variety in the Variety Section!



The line-up for the Hunting dogs competition



Victoria Cornock with Leo, a German Shepherd

Fun Day and Dog Show Awards

COMPETITION WINNERS

1		Floral	Joyce Smith
2		Floral	Janet Jenkins
6	Baking		Fiona Fletcher
7	Baking		Joyce Smith
8	Baking		Joyce Smith
9	Baking		Ian Crabb
10		Craft	Nina Harris
11		Craft	Nina Harris
12		Craft	Nina Harris
13		Craft	Nina Harris
14		Photo	Nina Harris
16		Photo	Grant Barnett
17a*	Floral		Sophie Barnett
18a*	Craft		Emily Soutar
17b*	Art		Jacob Bainbridge
18b*	Art		Sophie Barnett
20*		Photo	Alicia Barnett

* Denotes Young People's Class

Best in Show: Moony (Papillon) Mrs. Brunson, Mid-leyard

Reserve Best in Show: Happy (Cocker Spaniel) Mr. Lightfoot

Best Puppy: Mea (Greyhound) P. James, Westbury-on-Severn

Class 1. Any variety puppy

Mea
Gemma (Paillion) Mrs. Brunson
Tashie (Shiltzu) Miss. Bridges, Elmleredge Road, Gloucester

Class 2 Any variety sporting

Mea
Twiggy (GSP) M. Phillips shown by Magda Bujarkova
Maddie (Deerhound) K.A. Morley, Down Barn Farmhouse
Star (Cocker Spaniel) Mr. Lightfoot

Class 3 Any variety non-sporting

Moony (Papillon)
Inca (GSD) Alison Williamson, Meysey, Cirencester
Mazzy ((Pemeranian) Hiam, Tuffley
Ourouse Sunny Sideup (Doberman) Mr. & Mrs. Atkins, Upton St. Leonards

Class 4 Any variety open

Happy (Cocker Spaniel)
Michear Nothing to Loose (Doberman) Mr. & Mrs. Atkins
Meg (Golden Retriever) Mr. Matthews, Newent
Mazzy (Pomeranian) Hiam

Class 5 Veteran

Badger (Working Cocker) 10½ Mr. Kilpatrick, Painswick
Spice (Xbred) 15 McCulloch, Gloucester
Rupert (Scottie) 11 Painswick
Ben (Doberman) 9 Magda Bujarkova, Painswick

Special Rosette for oldest dog

Midge (Xbred) Kathleen Spinks, Shrivensham at 18 years

Waggiest tail

Enya (Irish red & white) Karen Napthine, Chipping Sodbury

Boyd (Black Lab) Petra Warburton, Hucclecote

Walter (Golden Retriever) Pitchcombe

Roger (Collie/Corgi) Karen Monahan, Gloucester

Appealing eyes

Suzy (Terrier X) F Fletcher, Gloucester Street, Painswick

Darcy (Lab X) H Dallow, Amberley

Jasper (Cocker Spaniel) B Phillips, Gloucester

Tina (Yorkshire Terrier) Painswick

Best condition

Gus (GSP) Roger Smith, Wick Street

Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Brockworth

Ben (GSD) Pat Banks, Stroud

Mazzy (Pomeranian)

Child handler

Merlin (Australian Shepherd) Brockworth

Dayzie (Bernese Mountain Dog) Sandra Hipwell, Churchdown

Judy (X breed) Jessica Entwistle, Gloucester

Toby (Cocker Spaniel) Speed family, Painswick

Best rescue

Chas (Tibetan Terrier) A Bond, Painswick

Zeberdee (Whippet) June Tufnell, Painswick

Tilda (Kazokh Sheepdog X) Claire Burges Watson, Painswick

Wilber (Saluki X greyhound) Maxine Jarman, Painswick

Best X breed

Tilda (Kazokh Sheepdog) Claire Burges Watson, Painswick

Moose (Stafforshire BT) Stanley Morrsham, North Woodchester

Darcy (Lab X) H Dallow, Amberley

Kulu (Doberman X GSD) Jess Hine, Tredworth

Most handsome dog

Toby (Cocker Spaniel) Speed family, Painswick

Alfie (Doberman) Sally Cornock, Gloucester

Rupert (Scottie)

Zues (Mastiff) McCulloch, Gloucester

Prettiest bitch

Katie (Cocker Spaniel) Vicky Lusty, Stonehouse

Enya

Inka

Megan (Collie cross) Hazel Townley, Gloucester

Best titbit catcher

Billy (Jack Russell X) Maria Allan, Gloucester

Beth (Golden Retriever) Janet Jenkins, Painswick

Oakey (Labrador) Michelle Phillips, Painswick

Walter (Golden Retriever) Pitchcombe

Best Painswick dog

Twiggy

Zeberdee

Oak

Hugo (Welsh Terrier) G Barnett, Painswick

Best movement

Mazzy

Merlin

Inka

Kayla (Rhodesian Ridgeback) Karina Tarin, Haresfield

Dog the judge would most like to take home

Kefga (Akita) Mr. Rich, Wickwar

Tilda

Hugo

Dayzie

Never having won a first

Kayla

Rupert, Lily Wheeler, Sheepscombe

Sasha (Golden Retriever) Lesley Wariner, Painswick

Hugo

The Badger Cup for the best Novelty

Kayla

Obedience

1st Class

Maximus (Lab) Chris Hanes Smith, Stonehouse

Merlin

Patch

Ourouse sunny side up (Doberman)

2nd Class

Inca

Billy (Springer X Collie) Mr. Snee, Malvern

Maximus (Labrador) Chris Hanes Smith, Stonehouse

Twiggy (GSP) Michelle Phillips, Painswick

Victorian Costume Ball

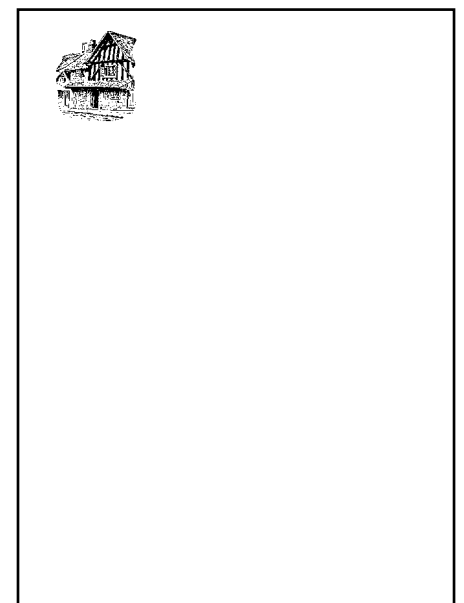
The third of these annual balls took place on 10th July in Painswick Centre and was regarded as another success.



Much of this upsurge in dancing as a hobby or recreation can be attributed to the enthusiasm of couples like Geoff and Joy Codd, whose picture taken at the ball is shown here.



The evening included a buffet supper with the bar available for the liquid refreshments. This is proving to be one of those dates towards which participants who attend the weekly tea-dances run by Joy and Geoff can look forward. These restart on Wednesday afternoons in September.



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Toddling to success

On Tuesday 22nd June, the sun shone as over thirty Painswick Playgroup children took part in the Barnado's "Big Toddle", a sponsored half-mile walk to raise money for Barnado's (75%) and the Playgroup (25%).

Over 30 children set off at great pace around the Croft School field leaving the adults to catch them up! Half way round, the Play Leader, Beaty Bell, broke into song and several cows, pigs, ducks and horses were seen on Old MacDonald's farm.

Just over £380 sponsorship money has been collected – well done, chil-



Flu vaccinations

At the time of writing, we are only just starting the summer holidays but the 'flu season will shortly be upon us and the doctors at the Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We also recommend that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma, kidney, heart and lung disease is also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

As in previous years, we will be holding special Flu Clinic sessions over at Ashwell House - the dates are Friday 24th September and Friday 15th October between 8.30 am and 6.00 pm (with a short break for lunch!).

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

Nicola Hayward Practice Manager

Beacon accounts summary 2003-04

Each year we draw attention to our two main sources of income, advertising and voluntary subscriptions.

The support of our advertisers, backed up by subscribers, continues to secure our ability to prepare and print the Beacon. There seems to be recognition of the fact that our charge for advertising is very reasonable, not least when it is realised that copy reaches every household in the village - and quite a few much further afield!

Subscriptions, in some ways a 'barometer' of the readership's assessment of the Beacon's worth, hit the 635 level in the past year and we are very grateful for this measure of support. The increase in subscription income was about 6% even though the number of subscribers reduced slightly.

The Directories are proving to be of ever wider use so we increase our print run each year to catch up with visitors and incoming residents wanting the latest information about businesses, clubs, and so on.

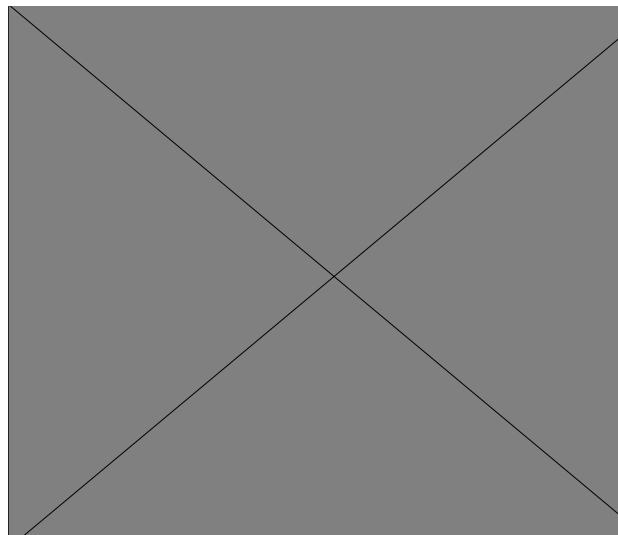

This was, surprise surprise, another year for equipment updating and a laptop has replaced the bulky desk-top system.

The Gloucestershire Federation of WIs

has booked the
Library Room in Painswick
on
Tuesday 21st September
at 7.00pm
with a view to

**obtaining public opinion
as to whether
a new WI should open
in Painswick**

all welcome!



TRANSATLANTIC DIARY

A life-long interest in sailing, local resident Peter Jenkins has sailed in many small yachts and indeed has a certificate of competence as a coastal skipper from the DoT/RYA.

Late last year he saw an opportunity to apply as part of a crew of 8 sailing a 65 ft. yacht across an ocean - the Atlantic from west to east, New York to Plymouth. This was advertised by Challenge Adventure Sailing as a "challenge of a lifetime". His wife, Janet, gave him this trip for his 70th birthday. When the Beacon heard of this exploit and his acceptance as part of the crew we invited him to keep a diary and, as soon as we saw it, we decided to publish it in full.

Here today we have the concluding instalment.

This is the ideal moment to include the following message:

"Janet & Peter Jenkins would like to thank all those people who sponsored Peter so generously on his sail. In the event over £1,100 was raised including Gift Aid. All of this money will go to The Family Haven; the aim of the Haven being to help families in distress with children under five. Such support is much appreciated."

Day 11, April 24

Off watch 1300 to 1900

It is now 1750 and off watch. Thought I'd explain my technique for getting out of bed! Boat is belting along and heeling to starboard which means in bed I lie against the hull. So to get out first I undo the strap over me holding the lee cloth. I then roll on my right side, then raise my feet over the lee cloth with my knees onto the top of the cloth. Then I move the top part of my body back as far as I can to the hull, and raise my body by levering up on my right arm moving my right elbow so that the upper arm is vertical. I then do a Forsbury flop over the lee cloth and stand in the narrow space next to my bunk though when the boat is heeled this really involves leaning against the bunk.

When the boat heels the other way the procedure is similar but can if you're not careful involve a rapid descent to the floor! At least I'm not in the upper bunk.

My fingers are all a bit swollen.

I 'retired to bed' at 1330 and since this would be 4.30 pm at home and the Emperor Quartet will be playing at our music society, I thought it would be appropriate to listen to a Mozart Piano Concerto (No 20) on my Walkman. I listened to the first movement then being very tired I put it away and went to sleep. I woke about 1645 and listened to the 2nd and 3rd movements before getting up. Looked at the weather forecast with Rich. Low still expected to develop and give some really sporty winds.

Day 12, April 25

On watch 2300 to 0300 (April 26)

Good quick sailing with 3 reefs on run/broad reach. On 070/ 075° but controlling gusts was very hard work on the arms. Have to move wheel very quickly and let it spin back to neutral position when gust

past. The exercise rowing machine at home will seem very easy after this even on its hardest setting!

Day 15, April 28

Off watch 1300 to 1900

Trying to sort out things whilst heeled at 30°. Dampness, dampness everywhere and no dry clothes at all!

Boat at an angle of 30°. Haven't slept. Been thrown around and many bangs as boat shoots over waves. Obviously still close hauled. Tacked when I was in bed. Just as well I'd tied up my lee cloth or I'd be on the floor.

To get out I had to undo lee cloth and roll out of the side walking down the wall of the cabin.

WHY AM I DOING THIS??

Day 16, April 29

On watch 1300 to 1900

Sailing was very peaceful. Made me content and at peace with myself but longing to be back home. All this "housework" on the boat made me realise the amount which Janet does with little help from me. I must take my turn in future to do the "heads" and "galley".

Lin's prediction re weather seems to be working out. Her strategy was to go North between the high and low pressure systems because forecast was for northerly winds near UK for last 4 days. We should have a great reach if somewhat cold!

On watch 2300 to 0300 (April 30)

Woken with Marcus saying "Peter, are you getting up?" 2nd call at 0230. Apparently I'd answered him when he called first time at 0220, but I must have been still asleep. Made bread.

Day 17, April 30

Off watch 0300 to 0700

Good sleep but dreamed the other watch eat the bread we'd made leaving none for our watch. Also woke at 0530 thinking it was 0230 and that I was due on watch at 0300(!) & went out to ask Richard who was at the navigator's desk why I hadn't been called. A most amused Richard explained it was only 0530.

On watch 0700 to 1300

When up at 0630 had breakfast. Our bread was DELICIOUS - liked by all! Just passed the parallel and turned for home. Can't get home soon enough.

On watch 1900 to 2300

Waves splashing all over boat. Atlantic was very charcoal grey and uninviting. Made me think of courageous sailors in WW2 convoys. Other watch saw many whales - the boat was surrounded.

Day 18, May 1

On watch 0300 to 0700

Found it very difficult to get up! Would have dearly stayed in bed but honour on the boat means you are never late for your watch. So up I got. But with the boat heeling so much had to roll out uphill which was difficult!

May day! I asked Richard were we going to dance around a maypole & he said had he thought he'd have tied ribbons around one of the central hand posts.

I helmed 3rd, but G, R and I decided we would only do it in ½ hr stretches. That's enough - my arms got very tired trying to hold a straight course (100°) in the prolonged gusts. Boat had quite a weather helm in gusts & my arms ached.

Day 19, May 2

On watch 0700 to 1300

Belting straight for home @ 9 kn. Will pass S of Isles of Scilly. Robbie says he's still far from A1.

Day 20, May 3

On watch 0300 to 0700

They almost had to shake me to wake me up. I was dead to the world. (On previous watch I had had to wake up Roy and he took a lot of waking. When he did he shot up in bed saying "Where am I; what is it" and was totally disorientated.) I was very tired and took ages to dress. Nevertheless I was first on deck & before 0300. It is a point of honour never to be late for your watch.

I therefore took the helm. Had to steer a very accurate course as fishing boats were ahead and we had to miss them. Fortunately I had started using my glasses again for the first time - could now read instruments again.



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Later the wind picked up. This is good because still some 140 miles from the Lizard & weather forecast is a severe storm developing in area between where we are now and the Lizard sometime within the next 36 hours.

On watch 2300 to 0300 (May 4)

Busy watch. Barometer started dropping like a stone. During previous off-watch period Plymouth Coastguard had issued a weather warning of Force 8 gales imminent. Could be worse later.

Lot of ships. Lin took wheel from Gordon and we had to gybe quickly out of way of big ship behind us that seemed intent on running us down. Richard had been called up to help to continuously watch the radar.

We put in 3rd reef at watch change. I worked the sheets - very hard work.

END OF DIARY

REST WRITTEN AT HOME

Day 21, May 4

On watch 0700 to 1300

During off-watch period we approached land. Out came the mobiles and contact made with loved ones. Quite dramatic as sails dropped in quite a gale; they took some getting down. Eventually moored safely. Packed up sails, washed and cleaned up boat. Then - heaven! - had a SHOWER in the marina's facilities.

(Footnotes)

1 I had taken a pillow case and stuffed it with some of my dry clothes to act as a pillow.

2 Without surfing the normal maximum speed of the boat is about 9½ knots.

3 This needs one to rotate one's arms straight out backwards, the jacket going one from behind, and then over one's head.

4 Nearest point was a few days later - just 300 miles to the north of us!

5 A 'target' is what we called an indication on the radar of a ship or large object.

6 Lin was one of the skippers in the last BT round the world race.

7 A gas explosion is possibly the greatest hazard on the boat. Calor gas is used for cooking and always left on. Safety provided by automatic shut off valves should the flame on a cooker ring get blown out and by gas sensors, which raise an alarm.

JSO steps down

John Stephenson-Oliver has resigned from the post of Leader of the Stroud District Council, but remains a serving member, together with Barbara Tait, representing Painswick.

Few would dispute the fact that JSO has served in this senior post with distinction, after only one year as a District Councillor, but has also heightened awareness and respect for Painswick in the courteous discharge of his duties.

LETTERS

BT banding

I am sure, that by now you will all be aware that BT has finally announced a 'ready for service date' (RFS) of Wed 12/1/05 for the availability of Broadband on the Painswick exchange (if not click the link below for full details.)

<http://www.adslguide.org.uk/newsarchive.asp?item=1743>

I would like to thank you all, including the Beacon staff, and Terry Parker for their help in publicising the need for Broadband throughout the Painswick area.

The www.broadband4painswick.org site has been modified to reflect the current situation, and you will note that we are still promoting Loop Scorpio as an alternative which provides good value for money, and will still be one way of reaching the further distances from the exchange which BT cannot reach.

The info@broadband4painswick.org will still be monitored until the RFS, but will not be providing any more information unless requested.

Once again, thank you all. If I have not mentioned you by name, please do not be offended.

Best Regards

Geoffrey Davis info@broadband-

A criticism

When are you people going to move into this century?

If you really care about Painswick you would stop this stupid attitude when anybody wants to provide a service to the people. Why are you so amazed that a mobile catering wants to exist here - nowhere where it will spoil the village. People I have spoken to are in agreement that a chip shop would be helpful..

I wish we could have a younger set of committee or council to govern Painswick. But what hope is there when the so called affordable houses are out of reach to the youngsters. This village is a place where the elderly come to die.

I have never seen such a formidable place.

I am very happy to be living in Ashwell House - but Painswick itself has changed and I have known it long before any of you lived here. You care about the village but not about the people. Cars are allowed to park where they like on double yellow lines, etc.. It gives people a sort of thrill to have Painswick as their address.

Disgusted and Angry

Peggy Bradshaw

Thanks

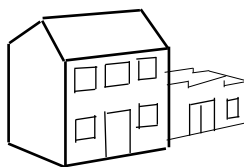
The family of **Christina Mathers** would like to thank all her many friends and everyone at the surgery who have helped and supported her over the last few months.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their kind messages and cards following my sudden illness, and to those who visited me in Frenchay Hospital and at home. I have been very touched by people's concern and kindness and am now starting the road to recovery. **George Hodder**

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Cricket

Painswick's successes

Painswick achieved a double success last month by winning both the Stroud Evening Cricket League Division 1 Shield and the Inter-League Challenge Cup. In the league Painswick were undefeated, winning 7 games out of 8 with one match cancelled. The Broadham side entertained the Gloucester District League winners, Birdlip, in the Challenge Cup Final at the Painswick ground and had a convincing victory. With poor light threatening to influence the game's outcome, Painswick won the toss and elected to bat. Jamie Cook and Dave Boon got the innings off to a good start but when wickets began to fall it was Bill Jamieson who kept Painswick on course with a sound knock of 61. It was his innings that enabled the home side to set the visitors the challenging total of 144 for victory.

The Birdlip innings began well but the Gloucester District winners could not maintain the momentum and were eventually dismissed for 110. Leaving Painswick the victors by 33 runs. For the home side, Dave Boon took 4 wickets for 25 runs and Ian Hogg 3 for 15. It was a very happy Ian who received the Challenge Cup from the League organiser Andy Russell. Pictured above are the successful Painswick side.



On Sunday 15th August there is to be a cricket match at Broadham Fields between teams from Churches Together Around Painswick and Churches Together Around Stroud. The match is one of the events being organised by the local Catholic community to raise funds for the renovation of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Beeches Green. The game will start at 2.00pm with each side batting for 20 overs.

Teas are being provided by members of the Church of Our Lady & St Therese and a warm welcome is extended to everyone to join with the teams in what should be a very pleasant occasion.

Cricket results

A round-up of the season, including the final league positions and a report of the Cricket Week (1st - 6th August) will appear in the September issue.

Painswick young cricketers

Pictured on the front page of this issue is John Goddard with one of the shirts he very kindly presented to the Painswick Under13s eleven. Our picture below shows John with the proud youngsters and their shirts.

Churches Together Cricket Match



News from The Falcon

The Summer season continues and fine weather is helping us to celebrate our 450th anniversary. On Tuesday 15th June we entertained the men of the English Bowling Association playing a 6 rink match, which Falcon lost by a few shots. We were honoured by the presence of the current President Mr. Ian Morrill and no less than 6 past Presidents. Their team included a Life Member of our club Mr. Tony Allcock a former World/English/and Commonwealth champion many times over at both the indoor and outdoor game. With quality players like that against us we did not disgrace ourselves. Our ladies prepared fine food for us for the whole day which included a buffet lunch and an evening meal. The down side to this was that on Saturday 3rd July the men had to reciprocate when our ladies hosted a match against the English Womens Bowling Association.

Current President Kay Kerley past Presidents and a sprinkling of international players were present, having travelled from all over England for this match. Our ladies lost but considering the quality of the opposition, they gave a good account of themselves. And - yes, the men managed to get the food cooked and served on time! Bow ties were the order of the day for waiting duties.

We look forward to a full bowling programme against both local and touring clubs as well as club competitions, Ladies versus Gents matches and a Club Bar-B-Q

David Ryland - Club Captain



Tennis

Tuesday Night Tournament

28 Club Members entered and competed in the Tuesday Night Tournament on 6th July at Broadham.

It was a thoroughly good social evening with some enjoyable tennis. The ebullient star of the local theatre Hamish McClean, partnered by the elegant Lady Brown, beat Ruth "pint, please" Smith and Dr Chris Roberts in a hard fought final. Congratulations to the finalists. There followed a barbecue organised and executed by John Shipman and Jacki Sanderson with Chief Chef Bob Kelly. Vicky Butler, who is imminently departing for a two-year sentence in the Falklands, kindly presented the prizes to the worthy winners.

Many thanks to Mike Sanderson for organising the event.

Social Event

On Saturday 17th July some 40 Club Members were at Broadham for a Rounders and Buffet evening. 3 teams were involved in a very competitive game. The evening was a considerable success.

Painswick Ladies Team Successes

Lucy Moir may be only 14 years old but she has become a key member of Painswick Lawn Tennis Club's A team in Division 1 of the Gloucestershire League. Lucy is one of several junior members playing in the senior competition, the other two being Annabel Sidwell and Judith Thomas. They are products of the successful junior section which has received county and national recognition.

The A team are battling for a return to the Premier Division with close rivals Beckford. Lucy has received excellent support from her doubles partner, Karlee Jarvis. Beverleigh Anderson (Capt) and Sharon Hall compete the team which has yet to lose a rubber.

The B team, Joan Griffiths (Capt), Angela Higgins, Maggie Slader and Sally Mills have 36 points to date with still a match and a rubber to finish. They are unbeaten in Division 2A and on current form should regain their position in Division 1 from which they were relegated last year. Jan Haslam (Capt), Sue Warren, Ruth Smith and Helen Sammon, playing in the C team are at present lying second in Division 2C having completed their programme with 28 points but other teams have games in hand. Painswick D and E teams are both holding their own at Division 3 level having gained promotion last summer.

Parent/Child Tennis Tournament

This annual tournament was played on 3rd July and as usual was very well supported. The group which contained the more experienced players was won by Alex and Paul Duncliffe, the middle group by Tom and Bill Piggot and the least experienced group by Nigel and Laura Platt. The tournament was followed by a B-B-Q and then more tennis.

We await the final results of the Gloucestershire Junior Tennis League, but anticipate that at least four of our seven teams will have won their division.

Coaching begins again in September and enrolment is taking place now.

Pat Andrew

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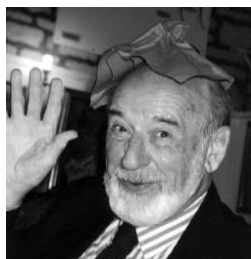
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Left to right: Paul and Alex Duncliffe, Nigel and Laura Platt, and Tom and Bill Piggot

Gloucestershire Schools Under 10s Championship

A strong team was entered by the Croft School.

We were drawn in a difficult group but won all our matches. The final was against St. Edwards School. The match was very exciting and competitive and The Croft won 4 matches to 2.

The winning Gloucestershire Champions Robert Sidwell, Alicia Barnett, Josh Reed and Oliver Smithson are pictured here.

Alicia Barnett Year 5



Short Mat Bowls

Painswick Short Mat bowlers were in festive mood recently and our picture shows a "happy" Leslie Brotherton enjoying the occasion.

On a more serious note, Short Mat Bowls is becoming more and more a part of village life across the county. It is a game for people of all ages and abilities. At a time when there is great emphasis on sport and a healthy lifestyle, Short Mat Bowls is an excellent form of recreation. Why not come along to the Town hall and find out more about it. You will be most welcome.



Wordsearch

This month we have included all but one of the Presidents of the United States of America before the current incumbent and since 1916. Can you find which one has been missed out?

Last month's challenge concerned Prime Ministers. We asked which of the sixteen who served since 1916 were mentioned twice, and which was omitted? EDEN was mentioned twice and WILSON omitted. The remainder were LLOYD-GEORGE, BONAR LAW, BALDWIN, MACDONALD, CHAMBERLAIN, CHURCHILL, ATTLEE, MACMILLAN, DOUGLAS HOME, HEATH, CALLAGHAN, THATCHER, MAJOR, BLAIR.

The three envelopes we opened first were from Nina Harris, Ruth

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Friday 6th

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Saturday 7th

*** Verrinder Family Reunion *** 11.00am

Cricket Tournament

*** Mediaeval Fayre *** 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

including various stalls

and entertainment

*** Deer Roast *** 6.30ish *** One Act Play ***

*** Boundary Race *** *** Children's Race ***

Sunday 8th

Open Air Service

3.00 pm at the Church

Procession, following the Jazz band, to the top of the common.

Carnation & lavender buttonholes will be on sale.

Sports for all ages, entries on the day.

Please ring Jim Green on 812686

for more information

Monday 9th

Formal Lunch

Village Hall 12.30 for 1.00 pm

Tickets in advance,
 from Karen 812275 or Clive 814695.

Sue Stick

PROPERTY REPORT for August by Hamptons International

Following on from the buoyant Spring market when prices seemed to peak in May there has been a gradual slowdown with the usual lull for the summer holidays arriving early. The rise in interest rates has hampered those first time buyers struggling to get on the property ladder and consequently we are finding that our lower priced properties and cottages are suffering from a lack of proceedable buyers which creates a knock on effect to the whole market. We cannot predict a fall in house prices but are finding that it pays to be realistic when trying to sell in this market and many vendors are sensible enough to accept offers of up to 5% lower than their asking prices enabling them to move on.

During this traditional quieter period we are actively looking at a lot of properties and are encouraging vendors to market in

September when we feel the confidence of earlier in the year will return.

We have commenced low key and very discreet marketing on a few houses where the vendors are hoping to move to the Care Village and have already agreed a sale on one of these. It involves finding a buyer who is prepared to wait for a completion next year and for the vendor is a very relaxed way of selling without the usual stress of the selling process. If you are interested in this sales procedure, please do get in touch with us.

New instructions including a fine old farmhouse and a family home in Upton St Leonards, Huddaknoll House at Edge, two delightful barns at Bidfield and another in Sheepscombe – a 4 bedroomed period cottage and a 2 bed bungalow in Slad, an amazing newly built country house standing in 4 acres in Cranham and further up

the road an excellent opportunity for a developer to develop The Buckholt and nearby bungalow – all in about 3 acres. In Painswick we are offering Court Barn – a charming 4 bedroomed village house, April Cottage, Clattergrove, Windrush in Beacon Close – a newly built 4 bed house and Westholme is a charming Grade II Listed village house.

Concluded sales include Aaron House in Butt Green, Gardens and Orchard Bungalows at Resthaven, The Old Forge at Brimpsfield, 1 Hambutts, Cotswold Villa in Gloucester Street, 2 fine Georgian properties in Upton St Leonards and exchanges expected this week include St John's in Orchard Mead, Barncroft in Blakewell Mead and No 5 Clattergrove.

If you require any advice or information please feel free to call on us.

Diane Mearns



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VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

Sat	7	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Craft Fair - Daily until 30 August	Painswick Centre	Daily
Mon	9	Children's Holiday Club - daily until 14th - Led by a team from St Mary's Church	Croft School	Mornings
Tue	10	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Thu	12	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	13	Country Market: Coffee available - Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	14	RSPCA Coffee Morning: Cakes, Tombola, etc.	Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon
Sun	15	CTAP v CTAS Cricket match - and tea	Broaham Field	2.00pm
Tue	17	Jazz Evening: Local musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Sat	21	Copy dateline for September to Editorial Team		
Thu	26	Elections: Painswick Ward of Parish Council Diary dateline for September to Edwina Buttrey		
Mon	30	Coffee Morning in aid of USPG	Church Rooms	10.30am to 12.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Thu	2	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	4	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
Sun	5	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing - Improvers	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	7	Using the Internet – booking required	Painswick Library	
Wed	8	Probus: Highway Maintenance – L Elcocks Tea Dances (restart) Women's Fellowship Opening Service	Ostlers Room Painswick Centre Christ Church	10.00 for 10.30am 2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	9	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	6.30pm
Fri	10	Senior Circle: "Wills of the rich and famous" - Mr Haigh	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
Thu	16	Music Appreciation Group 17th Season start	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	17	Upstairs Downstairs present 'Just a Song at Twilight' in aid of Meningitis Trust	Pitville Pump Room, Cheltenham	
Tue	21	Glos.Fed. WI's - Special Public Meeting	Library Room	7.00pm
Wed	22	Probus: Farming Today – J Rowe Coach to Bath: Enquiries 813965/813227 Women's Fellowship AGM	Ostlers Room Stamages Car Park Christ Church Hall	10.00 for 10.30am 10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	24	Senior Circle: "Mares eat oats" - Ha Houghton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Bird Club: "Bird ringing and migration" - Brian Bailey	Town Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Sat	2	October issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Wed	6	Women's Fellowship: Energy conservation - Paul Sheridan	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	7	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
Sat	9	Harvest Supper: (Hosted by Cotswold Care Committee)	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tue	19	Bird Club: Visit to Cotswold Falconry Centre, and Optional visit to Batsford Arboretum		
Wed	20	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Thu	21	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm
Fri	22	Senior Circle: "Keeping it in style" - Jenny Bailey	Town Hall	2.30pm



NOVEMBER

Wed	3	Women's Fellowship: Christmas Decorations - Laura Fleming	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting C.T.A.P. AGM: Speaker Mr Douglas Sammon FRCS, Orthopaedic Surgeon	Ashwell House Christ Church Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm
		Bird Club: "Alternative Majorca and its bird life - Tony Hawkins	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6 - 20	Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama Fortnight		
	6	Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Sun	7	Piano Recital: Ian de Massini	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	10	Acker Bilk & Paramount Jazz Band	St Mary's Church	8.00pm
Sat	13	Festival Choral Workshop Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
		Cotswold Care Autumn Fair Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening	Town Hall	10.00am to 2.00pm
Sun	14	Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church Christ Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	18 - Sat 20:	Painswick Players present A Man For All Seasons		
Fri	19	Senior Circle: AGM followed by Richmond Village" – Keith Cockell	St Mary's Church Town Hall	7.30pm 2.30pm
Sat noon	20	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00
Wed	24	Women's Fellowship: Cheese Making - Liz Godsell	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.30 to 2.30pm
Sun	28	Carols for Advent – Bring and Share Supper/ Taize Worship	Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed	1	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227 Women's Fellowship Social Evening	Stamages Car Park Christ Church Hall	8.30am 7.00pm
Fri	3	Senior Circle: Christmas Party/Lunch	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	6	Bird Club: Visit to Slimbridge WWT	Slimbridge	11.00am
Wed	15	Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Ashwell House	7.30pm

JANUARY

Thu	24	Bird Club: Birds of the flood plain - talk by Mike Smart, Warden of Ashleworth Ham	Town Hall	2.30pm
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MARCH

Sat	12	Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Thu	17	Bird club: Common British Warblers - Jane	Town Hall	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

WINDYRIDGE, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE. Erection of a temporary log cabin

CASTLE LODGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a single storey greenhouse/store. (Existing outbuilding to be demolished)

BEECH COTTAGE, SLAD ROAD, SLAD. Erection of single storey extension

THE STABLES, THE VATCH, SLAD. Application for continued use of The Stables as temporary office accommodation for a further three years

DOWN FARM, SLAD. Erection of a single storey timber building for use as office

JENKINS FARM, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Demolition, extension and conversion of stable block to residential accommodation. (Resubmission following withdrawn applications 04/0769 and 04/0768)

DORMER COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN. Erection of one dwelling and detached double garage

BYFIELD HOUSE, BISLEY STREET. Alterations to existing annexe to form a second dwelling

JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE. Repairs and refurbishment to existing house, with construction of 2 storey extension & single storey garage block. (Resubmission following withdrawn application Nos: 04/0704/FUL & 04/0700/LBC)

SHEEPEHOUSE COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Erection of a greenhouse

Land at STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE). Works to form additional staff accommodation in roof space store at level 3, relocation of laundry and maintenance store at level 0, under garden terrace/below ground and minor amendments to fenestration/elevations

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal & external alterations

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Adaptation of existing roof to incorporate glazed section to one side of pitched roof

PARK HOUSE, THE PARK. Erection of a 2 storey extension. (Resubmission following withdrawn application 04/0592/FUL)

HAMMONDS FARM, WICK STREET. Extension to covered yard and timber pole barn

OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Repairs, restoration & minor alterations to dwelling

CHAPEL COTTAGE, EDGE. Retrospective application for the rebuild of 2 pole barns & erection of 1 new pole barn

REVISED PLANS

WHISPERING TREES, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of extensions
Main changes: Reduced length of proposed extension

CONSENTS

EDGE HILL BUNGALOW, THE GREEN, EDGE. Erection of a storage barn

1 BUTT GREEN. Erection of extensions & installation of dormer windows

PACKHURST FARM, EDGE. Retrospective application for alterations to building

LITTLE DENE, COCKSHOOT QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE. 1st floor extension, porch & replacement dormer window (re-submission following approval S.03/394)

OLIVERS FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a steel framed building

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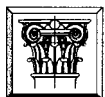
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More recent activity has included overseeing preparation of our annual Directory of enterprises throughout the civil parish.

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to SARAH and MICHAEL PATERSON on the birth of a daughter, Emily, on 6th June at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, a sixth grandchild for Shirley and Dick Purdy,

also to DAVID and LISA ALLISON on the birth of a daughter, Emma Jane, on 6th June in Derbyshire, a first grandchild for Paula Errock,

also to NICKY and JONTY DRAKE on the birth of a daughter, Matilde, in Caen, France, on 21st June, a sister for the twins Saskia and Emilia and an eleventh grandchild for Andy and Arthur Lock,

also to HELEN COLE and DECLAN KELLER on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Rose, in April, a third grandchild for Carol Cole,

also to CHARLOTTE and WILL SMITH on the birth of a daughter, Madeleine Kate on 24th June, a fourth grandchild for Angela and David Hudson,

also to CATRIONA and ALASTAIR GRAHAM on the birth of a son, Archie, a brother for Hamish, Rosey and Fraser, and a fourth grandchild for Diana and David Merrylees,

also to SHARLA and MICHAEL DANDY a daughter, Emily Rose, in Stroud Hospital on 7th July, a grand-daughter for Maureen and John Dandy and a great grand-daughter for Ted Holford and great-niece for Barbara Tait and Jane Holford,

also to JO and DYKE McMURTY on the birth of their son, Louis in Bristol, a first grandchild for Sheila and Claud Lanyon who used to live in Vicarage Street

also to NICK and CATRIONA WATSON on the birth of their daughter Sara Molly Catriona, in Kuwait City on 7th July, a sister for Alec and a second grandchild for Frances and John Watson of Cranwood in Lower Washwell Lane

Weddings

Congratulations to VICKI HARLEY and NOEL REILLY who were married at St.Mary's Church on 10th July,

and to CLARE HOYLAND and LACHLAN BOWER who were married at St.Mary's Church on 17th July.

Golden Wedding

BARBARA and JOHN HULME celebrated



fifty years of married life on 14th July. Our congratulations!

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to IRENE HODGES, HELEN DUNLOP, GLADYS HARDING, CHRISTL MATTHIAS, DENIS (Tuffy) TUFNELL, GEORGE HODDER and DORRIE CHILD.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of GWEN ELLIS, and also BETTY BIRKS who died recently (she moved to Dorset from Hollyhock Lane two years ago).

Comings and Goings

Welcome back from Bangkok to THOMAS, JILLY, LUCY, FREDDIE and PIPPA SPEED to live in Madison House,

and welcome to Mr. and Mrs. ANTONY BRIDLE to No.1 Hambutts Cottage, and to Mr. and Mrs. WILSON to Garden Bungalow at Resthaven,

also to Mr. and Mrs. GREENWOOD to Aarons House in Butt Green.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to MARY and CHARLES MULLER who have moved to Bath from Loveday's Mill.

80th Birthday

Congratulations to BILL VARAH who celebrated his eightieth birthday on 29th July (which was also Bill and Phyl's wedding anniversary),

also JUDITH O'RIORDAN who celebrated hers on 23rd July

Congratulations

David Askew, of Lower Washwell Lane, on gaining a 2:1 degree in Economics BSc (Hons) from The University of Birmingham this summer.

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