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Pam's our Painswickian

"Why me? My life's been very ordinary, nothing exciting or unusual," says Pam Bailey. That may be so, but a considerable number of Painswick people think that Pam is a very special person and that is why she is our Painswickian of the Year.

Modest and self-effacing, she is a little taken aback by the many letters of praise and admiration for all that she does for so many people in Painswick. Just talk to Pam for a while though and it is easy to understand why so many think so highly of her. This is a lady who truly cares about the people she is involved with at the Day Centre at Ashwell House.

When Age Concern set up the Day Centre in 1985 Pam volunteered as a helper. She learned much during the early years but always felt her involvement in this sort of work was worthwhile. Later, Pam took over the organisation and management from June Crane and has continued in this capacity and all on a voluntary basis. Age Concern at Ashwell House welcomes a dozen or so elderly, housebound members every Wednesday.

"Without the Day Centre our lives would be very much the poorer. Here we... are assured of a warm welcome and help... thanks to Pam Bailey's kindness."

Pam recognises that society has changed and many elderly people no longer have family close by to support them. She is sensitive to the loss of independence that so many experience and believes that centres like Ashwell House are essential both for the members and for carers. "It's a day out for the members and a break for the carers and we like to make it fun," she says. Pam and her helpers work untiringly on their behalf, organising entertainment, outings, parties as well as the weekly Wednesday activities. She also always visits her members if they are in need or in hospital and all in her own time. Her dedication and positive approach are evident and she truly cares about what she does.

There are a group of volunteer helpers and drivers working



on a monthly rota, but now there are far fewer than in previous years. "We do need more volunteers, but people seem less willing to offer their services which is a shame as it really is rewarding and so worthwhile," she says.

Pam is also secretary of the Theatre Club and she organises the monthly distribution of the Parish Magazine, both of which are time-consuming. However, true to character, Pam simply acknowledges that this is all part of community life. All those who wrote in support of Pam talk of her kindness to others and her cheerfulness.

Her great loves are gardening and walking which she does with husband, John. She sees herself as very much a part of the Painswick community. "We are lucky to live here," she adds.

There are many here who feel Painswick is lucky to have Pam. "A truly warm hearted and caring Painswickian," is the united verdict of the Ashwell members.

Village Quiz 2004?

Does Painswick want a Village/Beacon quiz night, or doesn't it?

It's your call.

We have been trying to answer that question, as mentioned in these columns, for several months now. We thought we had reached a conclusion when the last response to our enquiries was such that the fingers of well under two hands were required to even count the 'possible' team entries.

One or two people have said "*Why not try just once more, please, to see if there are sufficient teams to warrant having a quiz*

- in the traditional format

- on or close to the traditional date around mid-late March."

Well, here we are, making that offer.

If we receive at least 15 team entries together with cheques for £12 per team (payable to 'The Painswick Beacon') by 31st January we will hold a quiz

- on Saturday 13th March.

Are you associated with a club, society, residents' group, interested in competing in a light hearted way with other village groups?

Best wishes

to all our readers
for 2004

Items inside include **closing down of the WI**, definitive **Broadband action** and meeting, the **facts about HGV** through New Street, avoiding **costly telephone scam**, revealing the **'brown envelope' planning process**, how to **keep our library**, action as ever at the **playgroup**, our **review of the year**, those **amazing mince pies**.

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.

A lonely job, reporting the Parish Council News. It is quite exceptional for any member of the public to sit in on these monthly meetings to witness the cut and thrust of debate and the processes revealed in the decision-making procedure.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Reports to District Council

The most regular item expected on the agenda, reporting the views of the committee upon all applications referred to it by the District Council since the last meeting, in case any Member wanted to raise a point, was conspicuous by its absence from the agenda! Upon being prompted by the Chairman of the Council, Terry Parker, the majority of the committee endorsed the five comments made upon applications. During a short discussion Mr.Parker reminded the committee that in connection with one application, Tall Trees in Cotswold Mead, he was unaware of the views expressed to SDC until after they had been forwarded and wondered what action might be taken if he or others who had been among the first in the circulation of the plans for comments were not entirely content with what had been communicated. He felt that planning application matters differed significantly from others determined on behalf of the Parish Council in that they were rarely discussed in committee. Alan Shearer pointed out that Terry Parker was endeavouring to reopen his proposal earlier in the year in which he had commended that there be a weekly or fortnightly meeting to consider planning applications, a meeting open to the public and the applicant; the proposal had been rejected as unnecessary. Tony Crook echoed the views of all Members that he had "no problem" with the Chairman being solely responsible for representing the views expressed separately by committee members.

(See separate report on the planning process opposite.)

In-fill policy

The Chairman, Malcolm Watts, had placed

an item on the agenda suggesting that consideration be given to formulating 'general principles governing consideration of specific requests' for permission for in-fill building.

In response to Tony Crook enquiring as to whether the subject had not been dealt with in the Parish Plan, the Chairman suggesting this was not the case. (Martin Slinger pointed out that it had been in Part II No.80.) Terry Parker suggested that the District Council already had a policy for such in-fill situations, and David Hudson felt such should be adequate. Alan Shearer felt that evolving an all-embracing policy for Painswick was likely to be very difficult. Despite these observations Tony Crook seconded a proposal from the chair that Malcolm Watts commence work upon preparing a draft policy.

Care Centre

Terry Parker drew attention to the fact that the Council had been informed that the application to modify the accommodation within the previously approved structural envelope of the care centre in Stroud Road had been approved by the SDC on 9th December.

Communications Mast - Edge

Mr. Parker also reminded the committee that this mast had been refused planning approval by SDC at the same meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL

Broadband

The Chairman reported that about 260 people wishing to access Broadband services had been 'registered' on the 81.... number to date. With new ideas having been suggested it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to take the lead in actions to advance availability in this area and that a further public meeting be held in the Town Hall on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm; a meeting to which all 'providers' wishing to make their services known be invited.

It was reported that Loop Scorpio had decided to initiate making provision and had already applied for BT to make a node connection point available for a wireless circuit to be laid out from late in January.

(See separate report.)

Lorries through Painswick

The Council had received a report from the GCC Traffic Department and copy of the survey they had carried out recently. The Parish Council also received copy of the data compiled from its own survey between 7.00am and 7.00pm on 25th November which was regarded by GCC as comparable to its own. *(See tables elsewhere.)*

The data thus accumulated indicates that there has been a very significant reduction in HGV traffic through Painswick across recent years, 76% in the last ten years, but an increase in the number of cars - reflecting the general increase in car ownership. As further information about the few vehicles which appeared to be using the A46 as a through route needs to be obtained it was anticipated that a further public meeting will not be worthwhile until about March.

Junction of Knapp Lane and Kingsmill Lane

Alan Shearer was supported in his suggestion that he approach the Cotswold Wildlife Trust to see if they might adopt the triangular parcel of land which was not well maintained, but which might be regarded as a haven for some wild animals.

Plantation tree management

All trees on land owned by the Parish Council are visually inspected at least once a year and at least one at the northernmost end and alongside the Gloucester Road will have an apparently dangerous bough removed in the coming weeks.



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Elections in 2004

“They.”

How often do we hear ourselves saying “When will *they* do?”, or “I wish *they* would not do” when we really mean “When will the *Parish Council* do?”, or “I wish the *European Parliament* would not do ...”.

The opportunity, indeed the challenge, our democracy places in our own hands comes around again this year because there will be elections on Thursday 10th June for

• the **Parish Council's** 12 seats, seven in

Painswick, one in Edge, two for Sheepscombe and likewise for Slad

• the **District Council**, for one of our two existing Members – the seat currently held by Barbara Tait is the subject of election this year

• the **European Parliament**, proportional representation by seven Members (MEP's) for the South West of England.

Polling booths will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm for all three elections.

An opportunity beckons to become one

of *them*, and exercise influence on behalf of our community.

If the idea of standing for election interests you, even just a little at this point, there will be specially arranged opportunities to find out more about what is involved before needing to reach a decision about letting one's name go forward. The Beacon hopes to gather that information together, as well as candidates' details at the right time.

The planning process - in focus

Brown envelopes or Transparency?

Gripping stuff, the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 16 Paragraph 20 !

The Beacon reports each month upon planning matters; a fly-on-the-wall attempt to pick up points of interest from the meeting of the Planning Committee, usually presented on page 2. Elsewhere, we publish a detailed summary listing all applications, permissions, appeals and so on.

For some time now it has become increasingly perplexing to note the 'brown envelope' method with which the Parish Council deals with all applications upon which they are entitled to make observations to the District Council (SDC) - the planning authority for this neck of the woods - under the 1972 Act s16,p20. Believing there might be some readers who would like to know a little more about the subject - and how matters proceed locally - investigations were made.

The District Council is under pressure to deal with planning applications within a tight time scale; this being part of government policy to ensure that there is the minimum of time elapsing, in the interests of all concerned. Almost as soon as several sets of plans are received by them one set is forwarded to the Parish Council together with an invitation to comment. The Parish Council has 21 days from the date of despatch from Ebley Mill in which to formulate its comments to SDC; quite some time. Those comments are included in the report to the panel of officers (if being dealt with under delegated powers) or the agenda if the application is referred to the Planning Development Control Committee. Incidentally, most applications are dealt with by authorised officers of SDC except where

- five or more letters of objection with reasonable planning objections are received
- the Parish Council makes a reasoned and reasonable planning objection, or
- the Ward Councillor requests otherwise.

The Parish Council has four options to consider on the form provided by SDC (a) no observations, (b) object - with or without reasons, (c) support - with or without reasons, or (d) neither support or object but wish to make a comment.

Existing practice is that as soon as the set of plans and the invitation from SDC are received they are placed in a 'brown envelope' and circulated among the parish councillors concerned, seven for Painswick village, two each for Sheepscombe and Slad, and one for Edge. This is so that each councillor can visit the site in question and form their own opinion upon the application. Upon their return the Chairman of the Planning Committee has the lonely task of formulating the views of the Parish Council based upon his interpretation of the information fed in by his colleagues, plus his own. He personally prepares and despatches these views to the District Council.

As is reported (opposite) there is usually little or no interchange of views in the final process. A councillor at the start of the 'brown trail' is unaware of points raised by those later in the shuffling of the envelope and, unless any of the group visit the Council offices after the process is completed by the Chairman, none are aware

of the comments forwarded on their behalf. There is no sharing of local knowledge, background, understanding of regulations applicable to planning matters, reminders of historic factors, requirement/expectation of consulting with residents close to the site concerned, or other views which might be brought to bear. Significantly, local residents must travel to Ebley Mill to see the plans (if they know of their existence) while the Parish Council makes its decisions. The plans are not open to view in Painswick until the 'brown trail' is completed. Interestingly, the process contravenes a practice which was firmly established consequent upon a legal challenge in 1986 involving the London Borough of Hillingdon in which, under Section 101 of the 1972 Act, if agreed by the council, decisions may be made on behalf of the council by a committee, sub-committee, officer or other authority. This means that an individual councillor cannot make a decision on behalf of the council and, where decisions are delegated to a committee, the committee must meet to make the decision on behalf of the corporate body. (*An abbreviated summary*).

So, the shortcomings of existing Painswick methodology seem clear, but what is the alternative?

Looking around to find out how the majority of Parish and Town Councils discharge their functions in such matters, it was illuminating to obtain authoritative information. It so happens that one 'key' institution is the University of Gloucestershire, which has a seat on the National Training Strategy Steering Group for town and parish councils and collaborates with the National Association of Local Councils to provide training for councils, members and clerks. The UofG was instrumental in preparing the 'Good Councillor's Guide'. Contact with the university affirms that the 'brown envelope' process risks being regarded as unlawful and that a more open arrangement which enables applicants, neighbours, interested parties and agencies to be participants in the process is now universally advised.

Achieving this end seems to be pretty simple, but it requires a very different mind set. It requires the parish planning committee or (say) some of its members to whom decisions are delegated, to meet every two weeks or so **and** be open to the public. Since notice of such an up-coming meeting would be posted on the Council's notice board (if not also notified directly to the parties concerned), and include the identity of each planning proposal to be considered, the applicants and others can get along to the meeting in question, and even be invited to make short comments to the committee before it makes up its mind as to what is to be sent off to SDC. Arriving at a decision would, through such a wide open process, also remove any suggestion of conflict of interest. Communication of decisions reached could then be transferred by the Clerk to the District Council's officers. He is, after all, employed for just such a purpose.

It seems that 'transparency' could readily be the order of the day - so that we can all clearly see the picture.

Leslie Brotherton

Broadband advances

There has been considerable movement on the Broadband front in recent weeks with several companies expressing an interest in providing Broadband to the Painswick area. The Parish Council is conscious of the importance of acquiring Broadband for the local community as it will enable both business and private users to access Internet data much more quickly than at present. It has the added advantage of providing a separate telephone line for accessing the Internet so that the normal telephone line is unaffected. A public meeting is to be held on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Town Hall to which all potential providers who have expressed an interest are being invited. This is your chance to hear presentations from the companies and to access the merits of the various systems and to learn about possible implementation dates. The companies that have, to date, informed the Parish Council of their intention to attend the meeting are, Video INTERACTIVE (ehotspot), ThreeK and Loop Scorpio.

Newent - LoopScorpio -

Painswick

Following up the comment made at the Parish Council, the Beacon approached Peter Cartwright of Loop Scorpio to find out just what he has decided to do. He responded immediately "Yes you are right! Now that Newent is live and we are connecting customers I have decided to "hit the go button" with Painswick. We have ordered a 1Mbps circuit from BT to link the Falcon Inn back to our Internet point in Gloucester. BT have not yet given us a "live date" on the circuit, though the standard lead time is 30 working days, which would hopefully mean around the end of Jan. Having said that, they managed to install the circuit in Newent 2 weeks early!

I have now set up a basic web site, mirroring the sites for Ledbury, Highnam and Newent - www.painswickbroadband.co.uk. I would encourage prospective customers to register on the site (no obligation) so that we can judge the real level of immediate interest (as opposed to BT registrations which I suspect will be overstating true immediate demand). Our first focus will be on Painswick itself, but once that is operational we shall be looking at how best to reach the surrounding bits.

We hope to install our first node aerial at the

Falcon Inn on Tuesday next week so that we can begin to assess how to cover as much of the village as possible prior to service launch.

In common with Newent, we will be launching with two service tiers: regular (at £37.50 pm inc. vat) and lite (at £17.50 pm inc vat). They both have an installation charge of £139 inc vat and will both offer up to 500Kbps in both directions (i.e. symmetric as opposed to BT's asymmetric service). They will also both have strict monthly caps on data transfer, beyond which they will drop to dial-up modem speeds (this will probably be set to 44Kbps). The monthly cap for the regular service is 6 Gigabytes and for the lite service is 500 Megabytes. The reason for the caps is two fold - firstly it allows us to offer a "light user" service, and secondly it will discourage the false belief that "always on" equates to "always download". The lite service is based on a cap that would account for perhaps the lowest 15% of our existing users. Customers will be free to move from one tier to another should they so wish.

Over time, it is my firm intention to raise the monthly caps as our ability to "purchase" cheaper Internet bandwidth in Gloucester improves. I will also be aiming to reduce the monthly fees over time so that they fall towards the levels in Ledbury and Highnam. The speed with which I will be able to do both of these will depend largely on the successful take up of the service in Painswick.

As soon as we can justify it, I shall also look to increase the size of the circuit back to Gloucester, which in turn will allow us to raise the maximum access speed. Again, the speed with which I will be able to do this will depend largely on the successful take up of the service in Painswick. One thing that would help greatly would be, for example, if the local school was served by us, though I suspect politics might make this tricky to achieve in the short term.

I had a meeting with Adrian Lane yesterday afternoon and went through much of this with him (we also did a walkaround similar to the one you and I did early this year to help me get a little better acquainted with the lie of the land). Adrian said that he would write up some notes to forward to the Beacon over the next day or so.

Peter Loop Scorpio Ltd"

BROADBAND Public Meeting

A public meeting is to be held
in the Town Hall on Friday 16th
January at 7.30pm to discuss the
implementation of BROADBAND in
Painswick.

Everyone is most welcome to attend
when presentations will be given by
various companies.

Painswick - Loop Scorpio

- opinion

"I had a meeting with Peter Cartwright of Loop Scorpio Limited on Thursday (18th December) concerning the progress of the Wireless Broadband for the village. I understand from Peter that he has ordered a 1Mbps link to the first node, being the Falcon Inn, Painswick, from their Gloucester headquarters and he is hoping that this will go live around the end of January 2004.

We walked around the village to see the full lie of the land in order that Loop Scorpio will now be able to work out how to gain the best coverage possible for the village, we did not see any potential problems, in fact Peter was quite happy with what he saw. He has come up with what I consider to be excellent tariff's for the service, starting at £17.50 inc VAT per month with a download limit of 500Mb per month, after which it would return to normal modem speeds for the remainder of the month, this package should suit the normal everyday user. The second tariff that Loop Scorpio has to offer is priced at £37.50 per month inc VAT, this package has a download limit of 6 gigabytes per month, I feel that this package is more than generous for the heavy user, I would also like to point out to the readers of the Painswick Beacon

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that this system that Loop Scorpio operate is true streaming 500kbps in both directions (symmetric) as apposed to BT's asymmetric system that only operates at full speed in one direction, both packages have an installation fee of £139 inc VAT.

A website has been setup at <http://www.painswickbroadband.co.uk> for people to go to and register their level of interest in taking up the Loop Scorpio service, please would you be so kind as to let people know that by registering an interest they are not obligated in anyway to taking up the service. I think that it is important that anybody who seriously wants to see Broadband Internet Access come to Painswick, should go to the site and register their interest.

(278 registered as we went to press.Ed.)

I have been getting very good feedback from users of the Loop Scorpio system in other areas and it appears that their system is stable. They have also managed to now connect their service to Newent, and it was achieved two weeks ahead of schedule. I feel that the introduction of this system in Painswick, can only but do good

and encourage people and business's to come to Painswick as we will be up to date with the Internet technology of the day, that most other villages cannot provide at present.

I would like to wish Loop Scorpio Limited good luck with this venture and I hope that they can look forward to a long association with Painswick.

Adrian R. Lane (Managing Director) for and on behalf of ARL Internet Solutions Ltd.

Edge - Satellite

Those frustrated by the lack of Broadband might be interested to know that I have BT Broadband already, via BT satellite. I am a mile outside Painswick towards Edge.

BT's Satellite 500/1 service (although not advertised as such) can be distributed via a router to more than one PC. I use a Linksys router to 2 PCs, but it could be a lot more. I get in excess of 500 Kbits/sec download, and 128 Kb upload (contrary to popular belief, you don't need a phone line for upload).

I suggest that some enterprising groups living in close proximity to each other might like to share the installation cost (£950) and running cost (£60pm), buy a few routers (wired & wireless) and, so long as the distances are not too great, they could set up their own LAN and get excellent results. The routers I use could in theory support 250 users, but I wouldn't attempt more than 20. Remember, you only get degradation when 2 or more users press the 'enter' button at the same instant. If there is only one active user for that second, they get the full 500Kb bandwidth. I own many networks set up elsewhere using the same router technology with up to 10 users sharing the same Broadband link, and get excellent trouble-free service with no apparent degradation.

The disk is a small ellipse, similar to a Sky disk, and points in the same direction (i.e. the Sun at 11.00am).

Allan Read

Yew Tree House, Edge allan.read@yewtree.com

That Magical Christmas Garden Tour



The Beacon was pleased to carry notice of this 'first time' event at the Rococo Garden on 7th December (p.15 in November). Carols, singing, Chalford Silver Band, stories and - above all - tours by groups around these magical gardens by lantern light at dusk, concluding with free gifts for every child from Santa Claus in a real grotto!

Cold it may have been, but that did not deter over 700 visitors in three hours; yes, seven hundred! Watching and listening to the children as they excitedly guided their parents from one attraction to another was to realise how precious and influential such a unique experience is in contrast to the commercially orientated world in which we live.

Mince pies and mulled wine were available in abundance and the sight of children of all ages clutching their 'magic' candles as they set off into the gloom, with candles in jars among the trees and hedges to light their way, was heartwarming indeed. Actors from the Cotswold Playhouse in Stroud were to be found in various locations around the grounds, in full and colourful costume depicting scenes from their 'The Owl and the Pussycat went to See' Christmas entertainment. The immediacy of contact with these actors held every child in awe.

Difficult though it may be to visualise over 700 visitors, their attending raised £2,500 for the Cobalt Unit Appeal. Imagine over 1100 mince pies all being sold to raise a further £310.70 for that appeal! If you made a few pies Christmas, think about all of these being made by June Gardiner, Susy Archer and Anne Kemmett.



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Austerity Lunches

The primary aims of the lunches are to highlight the continuing need for food aid in developing countries and to raise funds for three of the agencies involved in this work; Christian Aid, Save the Children and Oxfam.

Over the years the people of Painswick have also benefited, as it is an excellent social occasion when folks can meet and enjoy a simple meal together.

Thank you to those who have hosted and/or supported the Autumn Session of the Austerity Lunches. The Spring session commences on Monday 19th January when the hosts will be Churches Together Around Painswick.

Gill Gyde Co-ordinator

Library

A quick message from Painswick Library to say thank you for publishing my article on the library.

Already we have had great response from the piece, signing up a few new members and had some great interest in our free computer taster sessions.

So thanks again and have a merry Christmas

Richard Kennett

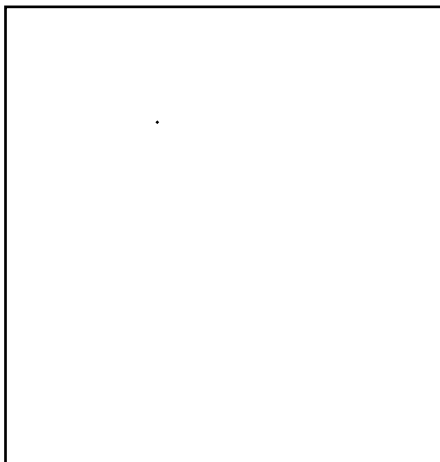
That Richard's initiative moved several of us to revisit our library is very significant indeed. As has been mentioned here several times in the last year, the whole of Gloucestershire's library service is under review. That review will probably be completed in February or March.

If the most unimaginable outcome were to be concluded, Painswick would lose its lending library completely, all its reference section, the computer services and day-long access to the Internet, and almost certainly the location for the Tourist Office and the meeting room upstairs.

What a loss all of those would be for our community, today and tomorrow!

One of the fundamental factors the review group take into account is the statistic of book borrowing. Such seems entirely reasonable, but we remind our readers that the statistic is capable of being monitored minute by minute at Shire Hall - the relevant data being entered on the computer every time a book is borrowed. If you have been putting off your own increased use of the library and withdrawal of extra books PLEASE DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER - EVERY WITHDRAWAL COULD MAKE A POWERFUL DIFFERENCE.

Ed.



Care Centre

On 9th December the Richmond Care development off Stroud Road received its planning consent from Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee.

This element of planning detail increased the number of units of close care within the care centre itself, this without any change in the size of the physical envelope of the building as already approved, or its 'footprint' on the site. Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care told the Beacon that he is, as a result of this decision, able to affirm contracts for site works to be put in hand very early in 2004, followed by construction the associated dwellings. The construction of the care centre will commence in June.

Meanwhile the hedge alongside the A46 has been severely cut back prior to a significant section being moved into the site itself to create even better sight lines where the main entrance is created. Further information about the dates for aspects of works to proceed will be carried in these



Boxing Day Walk

It seems to have become the norm for about 30 people and 2 dogs to set out on the Parish Council's Boxing Day Walk. This year proved no exception with 30 adults, 3 young people and 2 dogs (different dogs to previous years!) in the party.

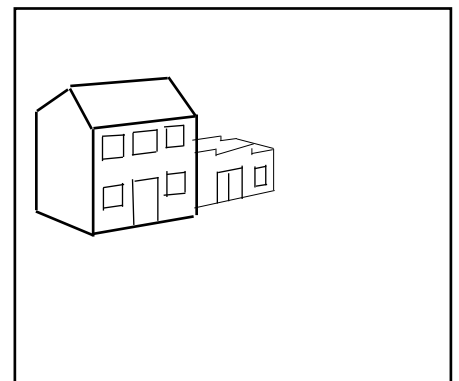
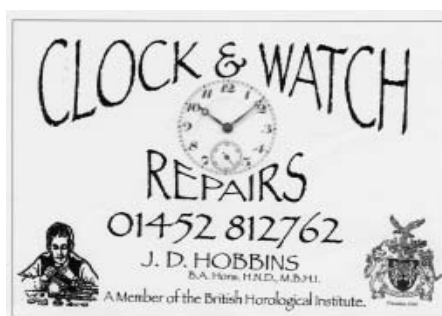
The weather forecast had been terrible with warnings of consistently heavy rain. The warnings proved inaccurate and the walk took place with no rain throughout although some areas were quite muddy.

The route took the walkers down Vicarage Street and along the Painswick Stream, passing Damsell's Mill and Tocknell's Court before crossing the parish boundary into Cranham at



Eddell's Mill. The walkers then made their way across the stream past Sutton's Mill and on to Mann's Court before coming to Haregrove and Brook Farm with its attractive fish pools. Here they entered Saltridge Common Wood, eventually crossing the Sheepscombe Road below Saltridge Hill where they returned to the Painswick Stream at Damsell's Mill and retraced their steps to Painswick.

The walk had taken the better part of 3 hours but no complaints were heard about the longer than advertised time.



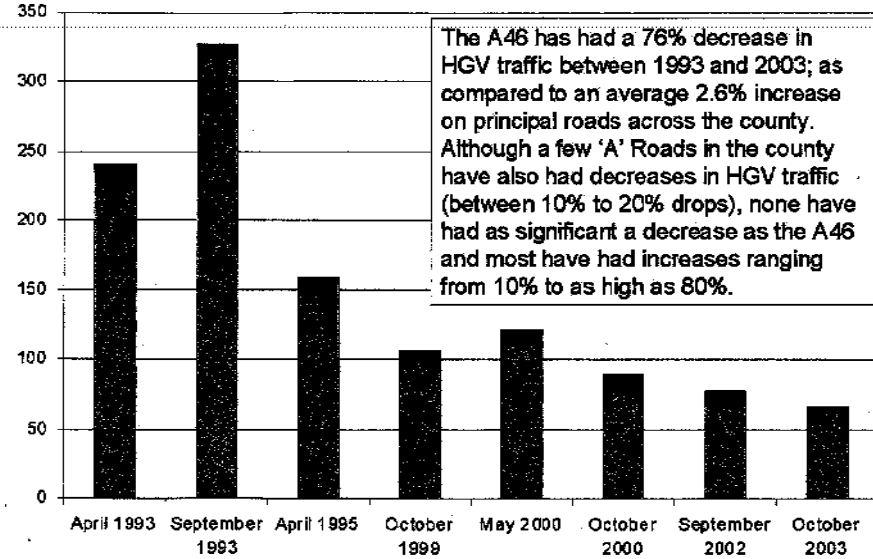
Heavy Goods Vehicles

The report upon proceedings of the Parish Council (page 2) refers to the surveys undertaken to check type/frequency of HGV using the A46 through Painswick. The survey conducted by the Parish Council, with considerable voluntary local support, yielded results which corresponded with those of the County Council.

The two most significant summaries of findings to date are reproduced below.

A full night-time survey is intended before a report is made to a further public meeting, as is investigation of the routing of the few very heavy vehicles still seemingly regularly using the A46.

HGV on the A46 through Painswick

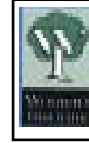


A46 compared to other 'A' roads in the County

Comparison Sites	Total Vehicles 2002	2002 HGV's over 7.5t	2002 % of lorries > 7.5t	Total Vehicles 2003	2003 HGV's over 7.5t	2003 % of lorries > 7.5t
A46 Nailsworth (through Village Rdb)	5697	208	3.7%			
A46 Painswick	6674	77	1.2%	8821	80	0.9%
A44/A424 Troopers Lodge	8900	400	5.8%	7674	610	6.1%
A40/A429 Northleach	13450	1200	8.9%	13817	1170	8.6%
A4136/A4151 Nailbridge	15000	1130	7.5%	16215	980	6.0%
A435/383 Bypass/Stoke Rd/Voxwell Ln Bishops Cleeve	18150	780	4.2%	17638	720	4.1%
A46/A435 Teddington Hands Roundabout	18800	1620	8.6%	18035	1730	9.6%
A40/A48 Highnam Roundabout	22050	1530	6.9%	23424	1320	5.6%
A418/B4008 Horsetrough Roundabout	28000	1010	3.6%	28177	930	3.2%
A417/A436 Air Balloon Roundabout	29500	2800	9.5%	31529	2830	9.0%
A38/B4088 Berkeley Heath				10748	388	3.6%

WI closes down

Painswick WI met for the last time on 18th December, on a lovely sunny afternoon, to be greeted by our President Shirley Purdy. After a small amount of business our hard working secretary Doreen Boon read out a letter which she had received from an old



friend Flora Se-mark telling us about her new home and that she still enjoys reading the

Beacon each month.

A happy hour was spent under the direction of Dorothy Daniels and we enjoyed playing the Beetle Games.

The committee provided a most delicious tea.

At our November AGM meeting it had not proved possible to form a committee, so a Special Meeting was held after tea to discuss the future of our WI. So Audrey Fielding from Head Office was invited to take the meeting, and guide us through the procedure needed to continue or disband as a branch. As a result of this a vote was taken and sadly by a majority it was decided to close down the Painswick Branch of the WI.

The Painswick WI Market will not be affected by this decision, and continues on Friday mornings at ten o'clock in the Town Hall.

Beth McDonald

The closure of this Branch of the WI in Painswick is momentous, and the Beacon hopes to compile a tribute to its many years of operation in this village in the February issue. Ed.



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Mast Victory

Residents of the Edge were delighted when Councillors on the Development Control Committee of Stroud District Council on December 9th voted unanimously to refuse permission for a 22.5 metre high telecommunications mast.

It was turned down because of the adverse impact it would have had on the landscape. The proposed mast would have dominated the skyline above the village

and spoiled views from Edge Common and the Cotswold Way as well as being visible from Edge Lane in Painswick.

The campaign was all the more vociferous because residents were angry that the Parish Council supported the mast in Edge, having objected to a much smaller (8 metre) mast in Steppingstone Lane two years earlier. One of Stroud's District Councillors questioned the way in which Painswick Parish Council had behaved and suggested they should review the way in which they make their decisions.

We do not yet know whether Vodafone

will appeal but it is hoped that they will consider alternatives with less visual impact and that the Parish Council will listen to residents of the Parish, even those in the outlying villages.

Carolyn Luke

Twenty-four hours

Since when has 22nd December been the Shortest Day? Is it all to do with global warming?

Pauline

Berry

(Oops! It is when you're using a cheap diary and are in a hurry, as I was. Well spotted. Is it the same in Canada? Ed.)

Painswick on view

On 21st December HTV screened a programme about Painswick in its "Particular parishes" series. The programme opened with presenter Richard Wyatt making the mistake of asking some of the locals in the Royal Oak whether Painswick was a village or a town. David Archard fiercely defended the historical evidence that Painswick was a town while others drew

attention to the survey in the Beacon which had shown that some 90% of residents believed Painswick to be a village. David then took Richard on a tour of the "village", pointing out many places of interest, not least St Mary's Church and the tradition and meaning of the Clipping Ceremony. Other residents who later featured in the programme were Jane Otway and David

Mannering (Church kneelers), Mike Powis and the Fire Service crew, Paul Moir at the Rococo Garden, Norman Rampton (Falcon Bowling Club) and Deborah Forman with Quentin Mathias and members of the Ancient Society of Bellringers. And so the programme ended fittingly with panoramic views of the "village" accompanied by the pleasant sound of the bells ringing out across the "town".

Painswick Playgroup

The staff and children returned to Playgroup refreshed after the half-term break last November and found themselves tasting curry flavoured rice, naan breads and poppodums. What were we doing you might ask yourselves. Well, the children were learning about Diwali, the Indian festival of light, which is celebrated each year. As well as trying on Indian costumes brought in by Beaty Bell, the children also made Diwali tea light holders from clay. Beaty has visited her relatives in India in previous years and during her shopping trips there she has bought lots of beautiful Indian clothes for the playgroup children to try on and lots of lovely jewellery for them to look at. The girls looked lovely in their saris and bindis (a jewel worn on the forehead) and the boys looked smart in their suits. Beaty and the children also brought in wall hangings.

When Diwali was over the children turned their attention to Christmas. The following few weeks saw them rehearsing for the Playgroup Nativity Play; they

all did so well in learning their lines and getting dressed up in their costumes. From the outstanding performances they all gave we feel we may have a budding Catherine Zeta Jones or Hugh Grant in our midsts!

The staff were kept busy helping the children make lots of Christmassy things such as cards, tree hangings, calendars and cooking Christmas goodies all to bring home to surprised parents! With glitter, tinsel and Christmas carols, the staff enjoy this time of year as much as the children!!

On the last day of the term a Christmas party was held for the children. As they had all been very good over the year a certain person with a red suit, black boots and a fluffy white beard paid them a visit and he brought with him a large sack full of presents! It was of course Father Christmas!

As from January 2004 Painswick Playgroup nearly has a full house. We look forward to welcoming the new children to our group.

Happy New Year to you all from everyone at Painswick Playgroup.

Sandra Chandler

Churches Together Around Painswick

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

all are welcome to these events
in January

Sunday 18th 6.30pm 'Unity Service' at Our Lady & St. Therese

Monday 19th 12.15 to 1.15pm 'Austerity Lunch' at Christ Church Hall - Hostess: Jean Newell (CTAP)

Wednesday 21st 10.15 to 10.30am 'Prayer Cell' at Our Lady & St. Therese

Thursday 22nd 6.00pm 'Service for Christian Unity' in Prinknash Abbey Church; and afterwards supper in the Monastic Refectory (For supper replies were required before 8th January.)

Sunday 25th 6.30pm Beacon Service at Pitchcombe Village Hall

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VOWELS

The answers we had were as first shown here (but a selection of the others received are in brackets)

1. What is the shortest word in the English language which contains all the five different vowels (AEIOU) somewhere in its spelling? **SEQUOIA (DOUANIER)**
2. What is the shortest English word containing all the five vowels in their correct alphabetical order (with consonants in between of course)? **FACETIOUS (CAESIOUS) (AERIOUS)**
3. What is the shortest English word containing all the five vowels in reverse alphabetical order? **SUBCONTINENTAL (QUODLIBETAL) (UNCOMPLIMENTARY) (UNORIENTAL) (SUOIDEA) (PRUNOIDEA)**
4. The Hawaiian word hooiaoa boasts a consecutive string of 7 vowels. No English word can match that, although the word Hawaiian has four. Can you think of a familiar English word containing a consecutive string of five vowels? **QUEUEING (QUEUING) (MIEAOU) (COOEEING)**
5. And what about the longest English word that contains no vowels at all? **RHYTHMS (SYZGY) (NYMPHS) (SYLPHS)**

Bottles of wine are on their way to

Angela Newing and Alan Bamber for their fine efforts.

WORDSEARCH

Eighteen associated with a Christmas tree.

presents-candles
cards-drink
glasses-tinsel
balloons-decorations
chairs-children
carols-punch
fircones-pineneedles
toys-fairy
nuts-mistletoe

No entries, so no prizes for this 'Search'.

ON A BIRD WATCHING HOLIDAY

1. dea**R** ED **S**TAR**T**ing
2. too**K** IT **E**asily
3. be**L**L **I**nn **E**ton
4. **J**ACK **D**AW**L**ing
5. daw**L**ing **A**ND **E**R**N**est
6. er**N**est **O**NE
7. **C**HAT**T**ed
8. **S**W**I**FT**L**y
9. g**R**A**V**E **N**uisance
10. ha**N**D **O**VER
11. s**T**EAL
12. reach**I**ng **U**LL**S**water
13. mid**N**IGHT **I**N **G**ALE
14. fine **A** **G**LE**N**
15. with **R**U**S**H**I**ng
16. stee**P** **L**O**V**E**R**S'
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18. bu**T** **I**T
19. no**W** **R**EN**O**vat**E**d
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26. off **I**N**C**H**E**s
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28. **I**S **W**AN**T**ing
29. regu**L**AR **K**ilts
30. kilt**S** **A**ND **P**IP**E**R**S**
31. fro**M** **A**LL **A**R**D**e**l**le

A bottle of sherry is on its way to

David Mannering for his completing all 30 !



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Wordsearch

for this month - the one in which DIY starts to rear its head
- twelve words associated with that hobby.

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F A N G G N O I S L U M E
F S I R L I O N S V A N T
Y K R A O P I G I C I R T
N I A T S D O O W W S E I
O N E R S I L D S T E P S
A G W I P A N S Y H P A S
S T S M A L L Y S T A P S
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The Camp - Painswick - Gloucester

service 256/257

It has only been running since early December, yet this bus service has attracted an interesting mixed response.

The Beacon made enquiry and found that while there were 19 passengers on one occasion, there were only five on another.

Rover European, who operate this service twice weekly via Cranham, Gloucester Royal Hospital to the City centre feel that the take-up is a little disappointing, but are hopeful that their regulars will return to this most useful of routes. It goes without saying that the use-it-or-lose-it factor applies.

The full timetable was on page 8 of our December issue.

2003 was, if nothing else, a year of celebrations. The big celebration of the year was, of course, the 750th Anniversary of Painswick's Market Charter, duly commemorated in a Service of Thanksgiving in the Parish Church of Saint Mary's on 8th April, the very day in 1253 that Henry III granted Warin de Munchensi and his heirs of . . . *a weekly market on Thursday at his manor of Wyk, co. Gloucester, and of a yearly fair there on the vigil, the feast and the morrow of the Assumption.*

Charter celebrations continued in July with a beautifully sunny week of events involving a whole spectrum of activities from local groups and societies. These included a superb new banner for the Town Hall from the Senior Circle, a celebratory cake from the WI market, a concert by the Vox Angeli Choir in St Mary's, floral displays in all the churches, the colourful and superbly organised Croft School Fair and two organised walks took place around the village and its environs.

The Local History Society's much acclaimed exhibition of Painswick through the ages in the Town Hall was enjoyed throughout the week by more than a thousand people. The astonishingly varied display of pictures, artefacts and drawings provided numerous reminders of why we are justifiably proud of our heritage. The meticulously prepared time-chart frieze, which stretched around all four walls, from the pupils and staff of the Croft School was particularly impressive.

Four major events brought the week to its conclusion. On Friday evening, Painswick Players celebrated its 80th Anniversary with 'Living Legends', drawn from past productions. The evening was a tremendous standing-room-only success featuring a cast of thirty-odd Living Legends - i.e. vintage former and current Painswick Players. One of the many highlights was a 'Salad Days' selection under the direction of the composer, Julian Slade, an original Painswick Player from the 1940s.

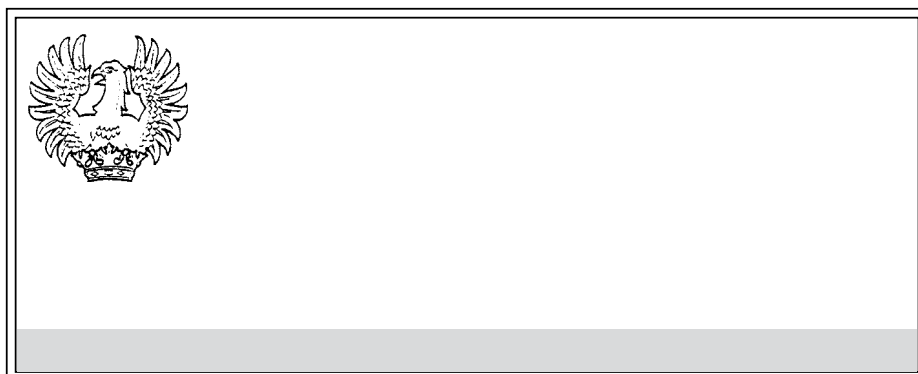


On Saturday, there was the annual street market, which many visitors thought the best ever. Adding a spuriously medieval tinge to the usual Victoriana, Painswick Players opened the day with 'King Henry Deferred & The Pirates of Painswick', which purported to be a re-enactment of the presentation of the Great Garter (or Charter) to the burghers of Painswick in 1253 and the subsequent loss of the Charter (or Garter) to pirates. A great range of stall holders were accompanied by street performers providing continuous entertainment - some of it of local 'talent'. Meanwhile, Broadham Field was the idyllic setting for a Painswick cricket team to challenge one of the best from Cheltenham: a wonderfully relaxing environment, quintessentially English, on a hot summer's day.

Finally, on Saturday evening, a costume ball in Painswick Centre was an elegant way in which to unwind from the hectic pace of a week of memorable events. It was not only well attended, but conducted in a manner which residents from a hundred years ago would instantly have recognised and applauded.



There was a lot more to make 2003 a year to celebrate, particularly in sport. In May, we reported that Croft School had become the County and Regional Soccer Six champions and had actually finished 3rd in the national championships, during which Benjamin Garbett scored a truly memorable, goal by lobbing the opposing goalie with all the panache of a young Beckham, from the halfway line!



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Also in May, Painswick Rugby Club celebrated the their distinctive Cherry and White shirts loaned to ... 101 years ago. Gloucester apologised for being ... they had meant to return them for the following week and pressed. But you know what Mondays can be like and it was after the weekend before anyone ... out to look at it ... And then, well, someone didn't quite get round to getting them ...

In August, Painswick Cricket Club celebrated a successful season, during which they reached the Championship, helped by their resident ... against Ruardean and then took 9 wickets ... has now gone back to Oz. On foot pres...

Meanwhile, Sheepescombe Cricket Club ... ning the Stroud and Swindon Premier

And just when we thought there was nothing left to ... People's category of the Calor Gloucestershire Vill ... citizen image.

To be completely perfect, summer in Painswick ... Show. Sadly, organisational problems meant this ... remains in doubt. However, we were able to we ... Dog Show at the Recreation Ground, which was a ... a few 'hot dogs'.

Perhaps as a result of all this celebration, the incre ... came an issue. All through the year we reported c ... and unexpected fireworks and the nuisance ... particularly striking example occurred on ... 'a deafening explosion' was heard over C ... a sizeable rocket clattering on the roof an ... perhaps it was just a stray Weapon of Ma...

The other recurring themes of the year in ... crime, the St Mary's Home development ... planned Care Centre and Broadband.

The onslaught of heavy lorries on the A46 through ... Meeting and rumbled on to a heated public meet ... County Council and the police. After a 'free and f ... spurred into action and agreed to reinstate a traffic ... directed off the A417 away from the A46. This u ... Parfitt to threaten referral to the Ombudsman.

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celebrated a suc- ceeded the district final of the National Village at Aussie, James Boland who scored a record 179 wickets for just 23 runs against Tetbury. Sadly, James sumably...

club finished a wonderful season by win- Division.

to celebrate, Painswick won the Young age of the Year! So much for our senior

ould have included the Painswick was not to be and the future of the show welcome the first Painswick Companion resounding success even though it left

creasing number of firework displays be- complaints of unseasonable e and distress they cause. A ne evening in August when otswold Mead followed by d landing in the road. Still, ss Destruction.



cluded heavy lorries, petty and affordable housing, the

New Street was a major issue at the annual Parish ing in October attended by representatives of the 'rank' exchange of views, the County Council was e survey. It also promised to see if HGVs might be nderwhelming response caused the doughty John

Petty crime and the continuing problem of anti-social behaviour by a minority of young- sters was highlighted in January and continued to attract attention throughout the year. In April, we reported the arrival of our new community constable, PC Andy Skorski, promising a more vigorous response and – whether coincidentally or not – by the end of the year we were able to report some successes in terms of arrests, including the case of a snatched handbag inside the Lloyds TSB branch. As the unfortunate victim commented, 'You don't expect to be robbed in a bank!'

Affordable housing in Painswick, or rather the lack of it, continued to exercise our minds. The re-development of St. Mary's Home, which this time last year was just a demolition site, proceeded through the year to near completion and the first residents are now in. The development includes three two-bedroom town houses intended to be affordable, shared ownership properties.

Some things, of course, are forever with us and seem to exist simply to keep a lively debate going. The Care Centre is a case in point. Last year, we confidently predicted that 'work will probably commence early in 2003'. However, it remains the subject of some controversy, following design changes involving substantial enlargement within the agreed building footprint. Work will now commence early in 2004...probably.

Broadband as a topic of concern emerged in February and grew month by month amid fears that Painswick was missing the boat as far as a BT connection was concerned. The importance of Broadband for Painswick as an attractive location for doing business spurred the Parish Council to call a public meeting in November and led to non-BT 'wireless' alternatives emerging. As we go to press, it seems that wireless Broadband will be on-stream early in 2004.



Notwithstanding Broadband, the Painswick busi- ness community continued the trend of losing retail outlets – a dozen over the past ten years - with the closure of the Fiery Beacon gallery, the National Trust shop and (hopefully only temporarily) Chan- cellors tea room. On the plus side, the Patchwork Mouse introduced coffee and cakes and the Pains- wick Hotel & Restaurant won a fourth RAC Dining Award, changed hands and promised to become 'more local friendly'. We have also seen the arrival of a cluster of interesting new businesses, all run by energetic young women: Caroline Crawford

(interior design), Georgie Brocklehurst (photography), Madeline Curran (reiki), and Lucy Brecknell (personal fitness training). And our Tourism and Information centre celebrated its 10th anniversary.

So much for 2003. In trying to review a whole year in such a vibrant community in Painswick, I realise I have missed much that ought to be celebrated. However, to finish off, there is one final celebration I must record: in April The Painswick Beacon celebrated 25 years of telling the everyday stories of Painswick and Painswickians. To commemorate the event, we published a supplement describing the fifty-odd clubs and societies that enrich our community. We also inaugurated the Painswick Beacon website which now includes the 2004 Directory, the Village Diary and the Painswick Beacon Personal Column, all updated monthly.

Jack Burgess

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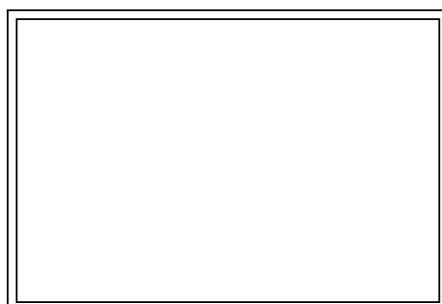
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Hockey

Painswick Hockey Club 1 Painswick Rugby Club 5

Full of Christmas cheer, Painswick Hockey Club met with Painswick Rugby Club for their annual festive hockey game on Saturday 27th December at Broadham. Despite the driving rain, the rugby lads set a fast pace leaving the hockey club reflecting on the turkey and trimmings. The rugby side showed excellent communication and pushed their play into space leaving the Painswick Hockey Club players still counting the twelve days of Christmas. The first goal set the scene for the rugby team who, despite some interesting but unorthodox tacking skills, showed determination to deliver another three goals before half-time. The Rugby Club pulled three established hockey players out of their Christmas stocking to show the Hockey Club that they were simply putting the icing on the cake.

The Painswick Hockey Club players looked likely to score when they were awarded a penalty. With pressure to deliver, Sophie Hinds felt the 'turkey' when her shot was saved and wondered if she would do better with shots in the bar. One minute into the second half saw the rugby team score their fifth goal. Not deterred, Jason Ratcliffe took the opportunity to score the Hockey Club's goal to retain some dignity for his team knowing that the Rugby Club were enforcing their victory. A fabulous and most enjoyable game was had by all, followed with true to style hockey and rugby celebrations in the bar. Painswick Ladies Hockey Club's next match is against Stroud Ladies on January 10th at the Stroud Leisure Centre.

Anita Wright

Tennis

Youngsters shine

Painswick Lawn Tennis Club's young players have been showing the benefit of the club's coaching regime with success both within and outside of the county. 30 youngsters have been playing in 7 teams with group coaching being organised by Sharon Hall and Peter Bolton. The Boys Under-11 team won the County Championship beating their East Gloucestershire Club equivalents and then going on to defeat Herefordshire. Their excellent run ended

when they lost to a strong Cardiff side. Four teams won their divisions. The players representing Painswick were:-
Boys Under-11 Division 1. Robert Sidwell, Tom Pigott, Ben Garrett.

Boys Under-11 Division 3. Freddie Unwin, Freddie Speed, Chris Green.

Girls Under-15 Division 2. Lucy Moir, Sarah Thomas, Judith Thomas, Annabell Sidwell.



*Pictured at the presentations are:
Back row: Judith Thomas, Tom Pigott,
Edward Andrew, Ben Garbett.
Front row: Sarah Thomas, Lucy Moir,
Robert Sitwell, Josh Read.*

pressure during which they succeeded with two penalty attempts but the match was put beyond the home team's reach when Bressington cleverly beat the opposition to run in under the posts for a try which he himself converted. On the same day, Painswick United travelled to Stow where they played well but lost to the North Cotswolds team's second string by 29 points to 8. For Painswick, Rob

Boys Under-15 Division 2. Harry Waller, Edward Andrew, Ian Barwick, Ben Ruggles.

Christmas Tournament

The Tennis Club held its annual Christmas Tournament on the morning of the 27th December. The successful event was organised by Joan Griffiths who ensured a goodly supply of mulled wine and mince pies. It was fortunate for the tennis players that the weather held good until after midday so that, other than the final round, the tournament was able to be completed in dry conditions. Robin Hall and Debbie Westgate were the tournament winners. The season starts again after the Christmas break with the Thursday evening intra-club programme and the inter-club winter floodlight and week-end leagues.

Rugby

Cirencester 1st XV 6 Painswick 1st XV 22

Painswick secured a convincing victory in their Gloucestershire Premier Division league match at Cirencester immediately before the Christmas break. The game was closely fought in the first half with Painswick ahead by the one score, an Alastair Bressington penalty. The second half saw the Cherry and Whites establish superiority through their forwards and that advantage was turned into points with tries from number eight Alan Halling and prop forward Ben Pollard. Alastair Bressington was successful with the one conversion. Cirencester then had a period of

Andrew scored an unconverted try while Tom Pollard kicked a penalty goal.

The United were understandably very disappointed to lose their Junior Combination Cup match against Dursley 1st XV at Broadham last Saturday by 5 points to 3.



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(Sport continued)

The Painswick second team had a number of opportunities to take the lead but were unable to convert their chances, the most notable of which was a penalty attempt close to the posts in the final five minutes. Also at home, the first fifteen achieved a good result against Coney Hill defeating the Gloucester side by 19 points to 7. Aussie Smith, Alastair Bressington and Mark Henley scored tries for the Cherry and Whites with Alastair succeeding with two conversions. Painswick 1st XV's next league game is against North Bristol at Broadham on Saturday January 10th.

Results [(L) indicates league match]

Sat 6 Dec. (L) Painswick 1st XV 27 Avonmouth 1st XV 18. Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XV 39 Painswick United 10.

Sat 13 Dec. Painswick 1st XV 12 Monmouth 1st XV 39. Gloucester All Blues 1st XV 7 Painswick United 17.

Sat 20 Dec. (L) Cirencester 1st XV 6 Painswick 1st XV 22. Stow 2nd XV 29 Painswick United 8.

Sat 26 Dec. Painswick Under 35s 25 Painswick Over 35s 7.

Sat 3 Jan. Painswick 1st XV 19 Coney Hill 1st XV 7.

Junior Combination Cup. Painswick United 3 Dursley 1st XV 5.

Plough Sunday Service

11th January

Traditionally, this service is held on the first Sunday after Epiphany, which is 6th January. When ploughing was done with horses, it occupied the whole winter when conditions allowed. Ploughing was, and still is, the basic operation in preparing the land for sowing the next crop. It reminds us of our dependence on co-operating with the natural cycle for all our food. In the Plough Sunday Service we commit our labour to the service of God.

The service this year is on Sunday 11th January at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church, Painswick. It is being organised in conjunction with the National Farmers Union. The guest preacher is Mr Malcolm Whitaker, a former chairman of Gloucestershire NFU. Everyone is invited to come and join us in this rural celebration.

David Newell

From Pump Rooms to four courses of music

On 25th November we went to the Pitville Pump Room in Cheltenham - a perfect setting for the youthful, energetic and enthusiastic Orchestra of the Swan, founded in 1995 in Stratford-on-Avon by Artistic Director David Curtis and now firmly established as the Chamber Orchestra of the Heart of England.

He introduced each item in what was the launch of Music in our Time", a two-year programme celebrating the life, work and influences of Sir Michael Tippett. After some baroque pieces we heard Vaughan Williams' Concerto Grosso and Sellinger's Round, written by Britten and five of his friends

It was a special delight to see so many students from local schools given the chance to take part in the later works. We look forward to welcoming the orchestra here in 2005, the Painswick Music Society's Diamond Jubilee.

Ralph Kenber

On 11th December, the Group held their Christmas party, a four course alternation of delicious food and musical questions. Anyone who was in doubt about the identity of our first nibble would soon have heard relieved whispers of 'The Trout!', as people realised that no one was going to get a duck. The walls were hung with photos supposedly to provide clues. The

expert answer to one question was Wagner; but you could have fooled me. Everyone relaxed again as they recognised The Rococo Gardens.

The starter questions melted in the mouth: old favourites like Mussorgsky's Pictures, and festive delicacies like Nutcrackers, Swans and Fireworks. However, some of the (musical) main courses were decidedly chewy. There was learned debate about whether The Sea was a terrestrial or a nautical feature. Older participants became misty-eyed as they heard the theme music of



Tyntesfield House

+ AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Painswick and District Conservation Society will be on Wednesday 5th May, an evening which will include a member of the National Trust talking about this amazing acquisition.

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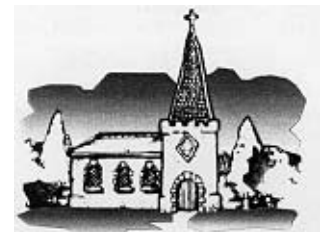


Brief Encounter. The more Philistine amongst us were delighted to find Joseph and his Technicolor Dream Coat amongst the Desserts, an easier nut to crack than putting names to the rogues gallery of look-alike musicians, most of them less familiar than The Beatles.

Finally we were offered some anagrammatic sweetmeats. The clue to WE CARTS TRIPE was "Our handsome, distinguished etc etc local presenter". Stewart Price - none other - was warmly applauded, as was Leslie Brotherton whose charades helped us to recognise Scotland as the venue for a musical fantasy, while special applause went to the ladies who produced our splendid feast.

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RAF's Niki - desert challenge

A Gloucester RAF officer missed out on the traditional Christmas treats as she prepared to undertake the challenge of her life. Flight Lieutenant Niki Gabb is currently training for the Marathon des Sables, a gruelling six-day, 150 mile race across the Sahara Desert.



While the rest of the Gabb family settled down to a hearty lunch of turkey and Christmas pudding, Niki was pounding the streets of Gloucester, hoping her endeavours help her complete what is the equivalent of running a marathon a day.

Niki, 30, has been in training for several months - she will be required to carry all her food, clothing and other equipment with her as she runs across the desert. She hit upon the idea after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya earlier this year, a feat she described as "not physically challenging enough". "I needed an extreme challenge, one which was worth training for, something that would really push me to the limit," said Niki. "To me it's about proving that I and other women can do the most extreme things."

The Marathon des Sables was created in 1986 by Frenchman Patrick Bauer.

Bauer completed a 200-mile trek across the Sahara and decided that he wanted others to share the experience. Since then it has become one of the most prestigious endurance events in the world. The race is held in April in the Saharan provinces of south Morocco, generally in the vicinity of Ouarzazate. The exact location is kept secret until a day before the event begins. The route covers an extremely diverse terrain of sand, stones, small mountains of approximately 1,000m, dried lakes, palm groves, dried riverbeds and dunes. The six separate stages range from 20km to 80km and include an actual marathon as one of the stages. Sand makes up 25%-50% of the route.

Niki, who is an administrator at RAF Wittering in Lincolnshire, is naturally athletic. A former county hockey player, she swims and has completed a tandem skydive. She also took part in the initial research into female participation in the Royal Marine Commandos 'All Arms Course'. Her training has steadily increased as the race draws ever nearer: "I'm running about 50 to 60 miles per week at the moment which will increase to 120 miles per week in the New Year. "I have suspended my life for six months to prepare for this. Having now given up hockey, this is something that will push me physically and make me continue to strive. "I feel I am well prepared. Being in the RAF has given me mental toughness and an ability to focus which should also stand me in good stead for this sort of physical challenge."

Niki's efforts will not be without reward - she is going through the whole gruelling process to raise money for two charities, Cancer Research and the RAF Benevolent Fund. "I haven't got a clue how much money I will raise but obviously the more the better and all donations are welcome!" Anybody who would like to make a donation should write to Flt Lt Niki Gabb, Work Services Flight, RAF Wittering, PE8 6HB. To find out more about the Marathon des Sables please visit www.darbaroud.com

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PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Resubmission following refusal 03/138 for the revised application following approval 02/1772

LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD. Internal & small external alterations

WOODSIDE BUNGALOW, THE VATCH, SLAD.. Retrospective application for restoration & rebuilding of pre-existing extension, plus new extension to front & rear and raising part of roof

Land at STROUD ROAD, (CARE CENTRE). Erection of a non illuminated hoarding sign

CONSENT

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of extensions (resubmission following refusal 03/784)

SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, JACK'S GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal alterations including replacement doors & windows

EDGE LANE HOUSE, (formerly Moorlands) EDGE LANE, EDGE. Relocation of driveway

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE HOME). Revised scheme for Care Home following reserved matters approval S.02/418 including works to form additional accommodation, increasing bedspaces from 48 to 67 within approved footprint and ridge height and alterations to fenestration

SPRING COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Single storey extension

BROOK HOUSE, GREENHOUSE LANE. Single storey extension

HAZELING, THE VATCH, SLAD. Erection of a garden shed

THE LAURELS, SLAD ROAD, SLAD. Erection of extension

CENTRELINE

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JENKINS FARM, WIDGE. Erection of a 20 metre high monopole with 300mm diameter poles to a height of 22.5 metres)

2 x 300mm diameter poles to a height of 22.5 metres)

CONSERVATION SPECIFIC cabinet enclosure by a 1.8 metre high fence

WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Erection of a garden shed

PAINSWICK, GLOS GL6 6XS (Resubmission following refusal 03/138)

BELL HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET.

Unbluffed

For those who played my game of 'Call My Bluff' at the Church Bazaar on 29th November, I now have pleasure in revealing the answers, as follows:

1. **Ackamarackus:** a) a load of nonsense
2. **Crampan:** a) curly/tousled hair
3. **Dumka:** c) a piece of chamber music
4. **Gobang:** b) a game of Japanese checkers
5. **Hadada:** b) the cry of an African wild bird
6. **Kaikomako:** c) a tree found in New Zealand

Congratulations to the Reverend John Longuet-Higgins for winning this game, and many thanks to all those who took part in that and the other games that I ran.

I hope you all enjoyed them as much as I did.

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Margaret Wallace on
812461

Clive with Jenny and Richard on the occasion when their 10th Anniversary was celebrated at the Painswick Hotel and Restaurant on 9th December

Come and play Bridge

Sheepscombe Bridge Club meet alternate Thursdays upstairs at Painswick Centre, while the Sheepscombe Village Hall is being re-furnished.

It is a social club playing duplicate bridge. Members come from surrounding villages, including Painswick. We'd love to see more people. Phone Joy Edwards 812588 for details and possible partners. Next meetings Thursday 22nd January and a 7.15pm start. The last meeting in December was won by Hugh Tarran and David Buxton, 2nd John Polhill and Pat Burrows, 3rd John Barnby and Richard Harris.

Hugh Tarran



PROPERTY REPORT for January by Murrays Estate Agents

We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Now well into our 4th year with an office in Painswick, we have just reached our 10th anniversary as Murrays Estate Agents. As a family we have been estate agents in the Stroud Valleys since 1971 and after selling the old business to Hamptons, we started Murrays in 1993. We are delighted with the way things have progressed and extremely grateful to all who have supported us. The Painswick office in just a few years has gone from strength to strength, 2003 almost doubling its performance of the previous year. Not only have we moved to more prominent premises, we have increased the workforce, Clive and Jenny as many of you know live in the village and both play an important role in the Painswick

office, Richard Marriage is office Manager backed up by two excellent ladies, Hilary Kilby and Kate Franklyn who keep the office buzzing.

The end of 2003 closed at a more manageable pace than the frantic year we have had but I think 2004 will take off pretty rapidly. Already we have many new properties ready to roll including a couple of auctions, a means of sale we plan to expand in the coming year having had several successes in 2003, particularly Park Lodge at Butt Green which went so competitively under the hammer in October. Not so many new instructions at this time of year but good quality ones none the less; a barn conversion with five acres in Sheepscombe is already under offer, a very impressive town house at Gyde House, an enchanting cottage overlooking

the cricket ground at Witcombe, a period cottage at Upton St Leonards, a building plot in Kingsmill Lane and Painswick's Old Bakery, now a superbly restored period house recently featured in BBC "Changing Rooms".

Sales have continued to be pretty fair with completions on Greengates at Pitchcombe, Park Lodge, 2 Randalls Field, Whispering Trees, and St Mary's Cottage in Victoria Street. Sales agreed include Pyll Barn (20 viewings without even advertising), Ashcroft at Cranham, Berry Barn in Paradise, Malt House at Sheepscombe, Baggend at Cranham, Solway on the Cheltenham Road and Hill View at Butt Green.

All seems set fair for a strong market in 2004 and we look forward with eager optimism, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Clive Murray



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The volunteers have now ended the 10th Season, having dealt with over 5600 visitors in 2003, including many from overseas.

We have had two celebrations; one at a local hotel and the other an afternoon tea at the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs French at the Falcon, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. This afternoon also allowed us to take the opportunity to catch up with all our news, tourist information, and amusing stories we hear in the office.

We are a very happy and helpful group and enjoy meeting and greeting visitors who refer to "your delightful town and countryside".

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the volunteers a Happy New Year, and thank them for all their help and loyalty over the years.

Terry Causon

China painting

These classes start again on Tuesday 27th January in the library rooms from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

All are welcome to join this friendly and happy class to learn the lovely art of china painting. No experience is necessary as tuition is on a step-by-step basis, so do not be put off if you do not have any art training . . . you will be thrilled by the work you can create!

Each term we paint different subjects and learn new techniques. Lately we have explored lustre work, structure pasting and gilding.

All materials can be purchased from the tutor. Any enquiries please telephone me on 01242.681236 or just pop in at the start of next term and see what we are up to!

Sally Andrews

The 2004 Directory

Painswick address book superb: one small blemish, the 2 public toilets locations are not listed!

Just joking. Great effort and thank you.

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Dead Man's Hand - Review

Painswick Players continue to amaze us with their very polished productions - you really should try to go one of their events if you have never been to one. This play was well paced, slick and most enjoyable.

Dead Man's Hand is an intriguing play within a play. We are led to believe two couples, each unknown to the other, are invited to a holiday villa in Italy by a mysterious Greek tycoon. It transpires that we are watching the rehearsal of a play. The two couples are actors who, along with their director and stage manager have been brought together in an equally puzzling manner. After two apparent murders it is finally revealed that the whole set up is a device to expose a real murderer! The play was challenging for the actors, most of whom have dual roles and they carried it very well.



For this concluding event in Painswick Players' 80th Anniversary Year, the company invited Sally Lewis as guest director. It is always good to have fresh input and Sally brought great expertise to this production. I am sure the founder Lucy Hyett would have been proud to know that the company still flourishes- in fact on the first night we were well into the play when a butterfly flew onto the stage - was this her sign of approval?



Kevin Parker, Jackie Herbert, Alistair Anderson, Melanie Bloyce-Ellis, Leslie Wolowiec and Jack Burgess were the excellent cast. Without exception each played their roles with ease, confidence and sensitivity. The characters were distinct, delivery superb and stage movement particularly good.

The stunning set was designed by Lynne Gibson and built by Russ Herbert, Tony Gibson and Mike Breeze. Lynn's amazing tromp l'oeil effects, set the Italian scene. Excellent lighting by Jacek Wolowiec in the final scene enhanced the dramatic effect. Many more members of the company played supporting backstage and front of house roles to make the whole production go smoothly.

Audiences of about 200 over three days are average for a Painswick Player's production - but they deserve a lot more. Note the dates for the next play, 'Ladies Who Lunch' on 6,7, 8 May 2004. You are guaranteed first class, live entertainment - come and have an evening out with friends, right here in our community.

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VILLAGE DIARY

2004

JANUARY

Sun	11	Plough Sunday Service, Preacher Mr Malcolm Whitaker	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Improvers) - Sundays	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Tue	13	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12noon
		Mothers' Union: The Three Choirs: Past, Present and Future - Mr Bernard Day	Croft Orchard, Gloucester Street	2.30pm
Wed	14	Art Classes for beginners – re-run	Church Rooms	9.30am to noon
		Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm
		W.E.A.: Enjoying Poetry - Wednesdays	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Gardens with a difference - Video presentation by Stan Newey	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Thu	15	Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Classes: Early Renaissance Italy 1400-1500 - Dr Peter Clarkson - weekly until 18 March	Small Church Room	11.00am to 12.30pm
		Music Appreciation: Antonin Dvorak	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16	WI Market reopens. "tasters" available, Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Senior Circle: Aunties Bloomers - Iris Lewis	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Broadband public meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sun	18	Christian Unity Service - All welcome	Catholic Church	6.30pm
Mon	19	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - C.T.A.P.	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	20	Local History Society: The rebuilding of Prinknash - Jim Wise	Croft School	7.30pm
		Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: Pull the other one (Bell-ringing) - Mr M Clifford	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Week of prayer for Christian Unity: Prayer Cell	Catholic Church	10.15 to 10.30am
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	22	Service for Christian Unity in Prinknash Abbey Church	Prinknash	6.00pm
		Sheepscombe Bridge Club	Village Hall	for 7.15pm
		Bird Club: Talk by Derek Jackson, on Raptor Identification	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	24	Copy dateline for February to Editorial Team		
Mon	26	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Horticultural Society	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	27	China Painting Classes - Tuesdays (10 weeks)	Library Room	10.00am to 1.00pm
Thu	29	Diary dateline for February to Edwina Buttrey		
		Alpha Course begins - for 10 weeks	Christ Church Hall	7.15pm
		Music Appreciation: Music in My Life	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	Senior Circle: Read all about it - Skip Walker	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	31	Closing date for Village Quiz entries		

FEBRUARY

Sun	1	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	2	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - W.I. Markets.	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	3	PCMS: "Father Carole - one woman's priestly mission" - Rev Carole Selby	Church Rooms	10.30am
Wed	4	Probus: The River Thames - Mr Bob Perry	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	7	February Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
Mon	9	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	11	Horticultural Society: Bees and pollination - Mr C Smallwood	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thu	12	Music Appreciation: The Mighty Five	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Senior Circle: Valentine's Entertainment - Pauline Foreman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	15	Bird Club visit to Ashleworth Ham to see Migrant Birds	Nature Reserve A417 at Hartpur	10.30am
Mon	16	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Tennis Club	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm



Tue	17	Local History Society: Burdock & Son - an old-Established Painswick Firm - David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: H.M.S. Warlord - Mr Leslie Dalton Wives' Fellowship: Art demonstration in pastels by Jan Whitton	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Mon	23	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club.	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Thur	26	Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Bristol	Colston Hall	7.30pm
Fri	27	Senior Circle: From out of the strong came forth Sweetness - Craig Dunn	Town Hall	2.30pm
MARCH				
Mon	1	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mothers' Union	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	2	PCMS: Scripture Union, a light to live by - Ian Marsh	Church rooms	7.45pm
Wed	3	Probus: The Humorous Naturalist - Mr Gerry Rylands Wives' Fellowship: World Scout Jamboree - Nicky Lawrence	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Thu	11	Music Appreciation: Benjamin Britten	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	13	Village Quiz (if sufficient entries - see 31st January)	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Thu	18	Bird Club: Talk about Keynes Country Park and its Birds - the Head Ranger. (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	20	Painswick Music Society Concert: Ruth Rogers, violin	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sat noon	27	Annual Coffee Morning: Main charity, Winston's Wish	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00
APRIL				
Sat	3	Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt, piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation: Finale for 16th Season	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	24	Painswick Music Society Concert: Emperor String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
MAY				
Wed	5	Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM Speaker: member of National Trust - Tyntesfield House	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	'Ladies Who Lunch' Painswick Players (until 8th.)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	8	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Nash Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
JUNE				
Thu	10	Elections		tba
7.00am to 10.00pm				
NOVEMBER				
Sat	6	Music and Arts Festival	various	

Upstairs Downstairs

Painswick vocal ensemble, Upstairs Downstairs, will again be providing the entertainment for an Edwardian Gourmet Evening at the Painswick Hotel on Thursday, 29th January.

Gilly Padbury, for the Painswick Hotel, said that the evening builds on the success of a similar event last November and will feature a specially prepared period menu. Upstairs Downstairs will be singing selections from popular operas, songs from Gilbert & Sullivan and drawing room ballads, as well as some more earthy material from the Music Hall tradition.

For reservations, contact Gilly on 812160.



JRB

Upstairs Downstairs - Robert Bateman, Susanna Davis and James Barrasford-Lane - in performance

To the Treasurer of the Beacon, Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street, Painswick GL6 6QN :

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Subscriber round off 2003-04

We usually omit from our February and March issues the summary of subscription numbers; this because we begin to get unsolicited subs for the following year before we make our annual appeal alongside the March issue.

That said, we are intrigued by the figures in this summary because they represent a 3% reduction upon last year.

Beacon subscribers for 2003-04 at 27th December

	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02
New or returned	62	75	80
Renewed	573	580	552
Totals	635	655	632

If you overlooked subscribing in the last year our Treasurer will be only too pleased to hear from you.

Very costly telephone scam

We have resisted passing on some of the 'choice' messages which find their way around the Internet and E-mails; they are dealt with in their own environment. However, this one is not only serious but we already know it has affected more than one resident in Painswick.

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Thanks

May I through your columns thank all who, over the past few weeks, telephoned, visited and who wrote to me offering their prayers and good wishes while I was a patient in the Gloucester Royal and the John Radcliffe hospitals.

Their words were of great comfort and encouragement for which mine now of gratitude seem woefully inadequate.

Yours truthfully Patrick Daly

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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to KRISTINA SADLER and PAUL YOUNG on the birth of their son, Jesse Seamus, on 15th November; a first grandchild for Ian and Karen Sadler and a great grandchild for Peter and Marion Sadler.

Wedding

Best wishes for their future happiness to NICHOLAS MARSH and JENNIE TIPPER who were married on Saturday 13th December at East Lavant Church, near Chichester; Jennie is a grand-daughter of Jean and Peter Sheldrick.

Golden Wedding

LEN and RACHEL TAYLOR were married fifty years ago on 9th January 1954 (*that may be the limit of content provided by Rachel for this column, but there will be many others who will join her Beacon colleagues in extending congratulations*)

90th Birthday

Colonel MICHAEL BRENNAN will be 90 on 15th January

Welcome

We would like to welcome PAUL and ANNE CASTLE who have moved into St.Mary's Cottage in Victoria Street from London,

also to MIKE and CLARE GAMBLE and their children Edward (6) and Charlotte (4) who are the new owners of 1 Canton Acre,

also Mr and Mrs F DIXON who have moved into Armany, Golf Course Road, from Bristol,

also GILLIAN PADBURY who has moved into Hambutts Cottage from Surrey,

also to TED AND CHRISTINE FELLOWS who are the owners of Manzanas, Orchard Mead,

and MICK and SUE SHEPHERD who have come to live at No.2 Randalls Field from Farnborough in Kent,

and MALCOLM BURLEY who has moved into 11 Berry Close from Brock-

worth.

and to New Street

Welcome to Mohammed (Zed) Zaryaab, a Pharmacy graduate from Aston University, who is spending a year at The Painswick Pharmacy to undertake his pre-registration training.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to PAT and BOB DEAN who have moved from Armany to live at Eastington,

and we also say goodbye to ANNE OWEN who has left St.Mary's Cottage to live in Eastcombe,

and MARK and SUE DRAPER and 6 year-old Laura have gone to live at Chalford Hill from Hambutts.

Get well soon

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to IMOGEN WHEATON, JOHN HULME and PHILIP OAKLEY who have all been in hospital recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to MAVIS MANDEL on the death of her daughter Alison.

Did you see?

St.Mary's Painswick Choir in the lovely Carols from Gloucester Cathedral on BBC1 on 21st December, followed by many familiar faces and places when Painswick was the subject of 'Particular

Thanks

JIM SOLLARS

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support, for the many cards and letters that we have received following Dad's sudden death.

Patsy Ratcliffe

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