

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Fun on and off the Rec

Whether young of age, or young at heart,

**Saturday 24th July**

looks like being a date worth putting in your diary.

Justifiably proud of their successful Dog Show last summer, even though it coincided with what was probably the hottest day of that year, the organisers have been extremely busy preparing for another this year. Dogs all around the village, and relatives from further afield, are already full of anticipation; tails are wagging, pleading eye contact is being made with their owners, and obedience is occasionally to be noted - and why? It's all in the hope that they can be allowed to compete for a rosette - or maybe even a cup. Our enquiries have led us to understand that previous skill in arenas is far from essential, and the range of classes has been put together to ensure there is room for dogs of all shapes and sizes - and parentage.

The organisers, Michelle Phillips, Fiona Chapman and Chris Campbell, were told by many members of the public who came along last year that it was just not fair that so much fun was had by dogs and their owners - it was a pity there were not opportunities for other events - ones which dogs were perhaps less likely to enjoy. The threesome, with quite a bit of help from their friends, have given this matter a lot of thought and put in a lot of work to plan a

### Painswick Charity Fun Day

The full details are, exceptionally for the Beacon, on a pull-out supplement across the centre pages this month. As can be seen, the fundamental goal is to combine having fun with the opportunity of helping Charities help themselves at the same time. Very British, very village. Organisers of local Clubs and Societies as well as representatives of Charities based in and around Painswick can expect a phone call from Chris Campbell, although it would be most helpful if you're interested in running a stall on the day, to contact her direct. Her contact number is on the final page of the centre pull-out.

The Beacon has heard from many individuals that they miss the opportunity to promenade and enjoy the Painswick Show. Albeit much smaller, could this combined summertime event be the beginning of a substitute? Public support will, undoubtedly, be the key - that and very good weather of course!

And what might 2005 then have in store?



## Parish Councillors 2004-08

No elections will be held for Parish Councillors this year as there were insufficient nominations.

At its first meeting on 16th June those whose names were notified to the District Council's Returning Officer will consider co-opting to fill the three vacancies.

So, the unopposed members of the Council will initially be

### Painswick Ward

Ann Burges Watson\*

Ann Daniels

David Hudson

John Johnston

Terry Parker

*two vacancies*

### Edge Ward

Martin Slinger

### Sheepscombe Ward

David Harcup

*one vacancy*

### Slad Ward

Jeanne Berry\*

Jacqueline Woof

\* new to the Parish Council

If you missed the dateline for nomination, or feel you would be willing to render service as a Parish Councillor, do let the Clerk know.

## Elections to the European Parliament and Stroud District Council

Our Polling Station is at Painswick Town Hall Thursday 10th June 7.00am until 10.00pm

On other pages this month - across the Atlantic, a free parachute jump, SDC election candidates profiled, \*\*\*\* hairdressers, Croft School news, new cup for drama, first in a Painswickian spotlight series, enhancing the Camp, the Bledisloe Cup schedule, wives dining at 60, volunteer to Thailand, legacy of Tyntesfield, girls need Guide help, Kimsbury Camp being enhanced, HGV et al, the Vicky Ball, and BT Broadband now in sight, Centre with 99lbs, the stamps licked, the Little Fleece, and the Grand Prix.

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.

The final meetings of the present Council.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### St.Mary's Development - that wall

Yet again it was reported that there was no report, the developers seemingly not yet honouring an undertaking to take action upon what they had admitted was a sub-standard wall construction. Alan Shearer had drafted a formal letter to the developers which it was agreed be immediately sent.

### Care Development - Stroud Road

In relation to matters raised by Mr and Mrs Simpson in a letter to the District Council regarding apparent increased traffic to use facilities at the completed Centre, as a result of intended opening of some facilities to non-residents, the observations of the SDC Planning Officers were reported. The officers had noted that it would be unrealistic to expect them to monitor every situation arising from operational activities of the centre and, indeed, close monitoring of one such project could be regarded as discriminatory relative to numerous other projects. Further, the officers had observed that use of any facilities by non-residents would be self-regulating since residents would have prior claim consequent upon their having met the financing of maintenance of such as the fitness suite and pool.

Alan Shearer pointed out that the Painswick relationship between the centre and the local community was dissimilar to that at the existing centre at Nantwich and he was particularly anxious that there be the fullest integration between the centre and village services such as the library, post office, pharmacist and hairdressers. He suggested that the Parish Council should take the initiative to bring about discussions between Mr Cockell of Richmond Care and local retailers and the Council. Terry Parker emphatically reminded the meeting that there had been several occasions when the Council had declined to meet with Mr Cockell, occasions when the current concerns could have been foreseen and dealt with; he pointed out that council members had not even taken much advantage of meeting Mr Cockell during any of the consultative meetings he had arranged in

the village. He had spoken with Mr Cockell and was assured that he was approaching operational arrangements, not least those which might involve local traders, with 'a blank sheet of paper'; Mr Parker suggested that this was an opportunity which should be grasped by the Council on behalf of the community.

It was agreed that Mr Parker speak further with Mr Cockell and seek to arrange a constructive meeting as suggested.

### Mobile Catering

The suggestion that a trader be permitted to set up a mobile catering facility adjacent to Broadham Field was greeted with astonishment by the committee and, also taking local objections into account, the concept opposed. *(The Parish Council has since been informed by SDC that the street trading application has not been approved.)*

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Public Question Time

*The Parish Council has a policy of permitting the discussion of questions raised by any member of the public and notified at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

### Canton Acre - parking limitations

Mr Edward Lane, resident of Canton Acre, had drawn attention to the difficulties experienced by such as refuse collection vehicles and others needing to manoeuvre around Canton Acre because of the not unreasonable on-street parking of cars. He commended the reduction in size of the grassed island at the centre of the residential area. It was reported that the Council had written to all the residents who might be affected by this proposal and the consensus was that the island be reduced by one metre all round.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lane for his initiating the suggestion and it was agreed that the Council make representations to both the District and County Councils to carry out such modifications.

### Village Guide, leaflet and map

The Council noted receipt of a draft replacement of the Village Guide (the previous one being out of print for some years) the printing of the first edition of which had been offered by the Beacon. Members welcomed this and the recommendation of acceptance by the small group it had set up to examine the text, and undertook to inform the Beacon of any comments upon the text within the following two weeks. The sale price of the completed Guide would

depend upon final printing costs and it was anticipated that monies accruing from sales might be set aside to off-set future printing and/or revision costs.

An updated full colour street plan of the village with many significant features highlighted was also received from the Beacon, together with a draft leaflet which might be widely distributed outside the area. The Clerk informed the Council that the District Council had undertaken to meet the cost of printing these sheets in substantial quantities, an offer the Parish Council welcomed. It was anticipated that the map, which would be free, could be printed at a very early date and the leaflet within the next few weeks.

### Newly appointed Police Constable

The Council welcomed PC Jerry Seymour who spoke briefly about his looking forward to service in this area, and that he had already made personal contact with traders. He went on to indicate that concerns regarding parking and some anti-social behaviour were high on his list of tasks. In response to PC Seymour's enquiry the Council affirmed that there was an unwritten rule in the centre of the village that motorists be permitted to park with wheels on pavements provided that in so doing they did not obstruct any type of pedestrian movement.

### Recreation Field - parking

The Council took note of the response of the Charity Commissioners to enquiries made by the field's Trustees regarding the possibility of restricted parking on part of the field for users of the sports facilities and Painswick Centre (*see report on page 2 May issue*). The Council noted the encouraging observations of the Commissioners that the Trustees could advance such a proposal for consideration. It was agreed that the Trustees, in advancing the proposition, include users of the Recreation Field itself.

### Council website

The Clerk reported that within the next two weeks or so much of the considerable work put in to creating and widening the scope of the newly created web site ([www.painswick-pc.gov.uk](http://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk)) information would be nearing completion.

### Elections - Parish Council

The Chairman, Terry Parker, reminded the meeting that there had been insufficient nominations to fill all twelve seats on the

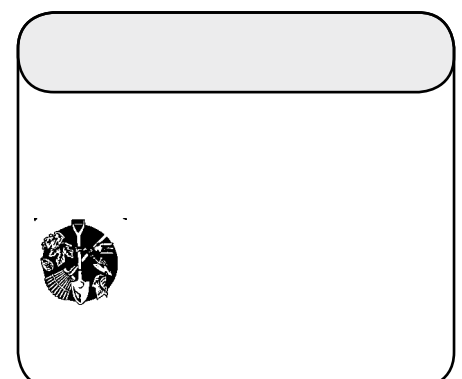
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Council and that elections for this body would not therefore be taking place. Since just under 80% of nominations had been made it also appeared that the incoming Parish Council was debarred from seeking 'Quality Parish Council' status. It was regretted that no election would be taking place since having one implied giving the Council greater authority.

The nine members would seek to co-opt to fill two vacancies for Painswick and one for Sheepscombe.

**Calor Village of the Year**

It was agreed to enter this competition again in 2004.

**Village Library**

The Chairman had drawn the attention of members to the detail of the County Council's review of libraries and pointed out that further researches by GCC were being undertaken. He urged that all possible use of the library be encouraged, including by the care centre, as well as pressing for the proposed permanent exhibition there and focus for village information as suggested early last year.

**Other matters**

The following cannot be detailed because of space limitations: frequency of street cleaning, Boundary Committee for England final proposals for review of the County Council ward boundary, agreement to have red tarmac and speed warning at Clattergrove, tenancy agreement for use of the pavilion, successful opening of enlarged Sheepscombe village hall.

**PUBLIC MEETING - HGV**

The meeting, arranged to precede the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm last week, on 26th May, to receive a report from the County Council on the results of the actions agreed at the packed and animated public meeting last October, drew an all-time record attendance.

There were just two members of the public present; one living in New Street.

This was surprising, given the number of affected residents living in New Street - the road about which heated discussion relating to the severity of the impact of heavy and large goods vehicles took place last autumn.

Given this proven lack of extensive public interest in the subject it could suffice to draw attention to the availability at the Town Hall of an undated letter received by the Parish Council on the day of the meeting fully explaining the actions by the

GCC and others to minimise such traffic through the village on the A46, this being because their officers were unable to attend themselves. The letter was read out. Maybe the most significant piece of information it contains is that HGV represent 1% of total traffic flow each day and, even more significant, a reduction of 76% between 1993 and 2003 compared with an average increase of 2.6% elsewhere in the county!

The weight and the size of any such vehicles remains a matter of concern to at least one resident, and the Parish Council.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The attendance at the annual meeting of the Parish (not the Parish Council) has been known to be a standing-room-only affair. This was far from the case last week, with twelve members of the public in attendance, of which four raised questions.

The customary reports were made by the Chairman of the Council and five of its committees, Ward councillors for Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad, as well reports from the two District Councillors and the County Councillor (written, as she was unable to attend) and a letter from the Member of Parliament.

Most of the matters of report have been 'covered' in these pages across the past year, but items which appear to be deserving of highlighting included:

- expression of appreciation of the service rendered by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk Roy Balgobin and Liz Fisher, and the Parish Handyman George Hodder,
- continuing need for affordable housing in the district as key workers could not be retained
- creation and continuous updating of the Parish Council's web site
- desire to be more flexible about the specification of use of Section 106 funds contributed by developers
- news that BT expect to bring the local exchange into Broadband status within the next year
- importance of use of the public library
- all village pavements being surveyed by the Council and given priority ranking to

**An apology**

The Beacon has received a number of letters and approaches critical of the item included in the last issue on page 5 regarding an impending trial. We included that item since it seemed to us to be a quite exceptional case of known concern locally.

With hindsight we deeply regret publishing the item, and any distress it may have caused the family or other readers.

compete for limited GCC funds to resurface, starting this year,

- imminent introduction of 30 minute parking limitation in Stroud Road south of the library,
- police supported by the Council to proceed to prosecute motorists who park on pavements and obstruct pedestrians in so doing,
- seeking affirmation of at least two half days per week of traffic warden attendance in the village,
- probability of there being no reglazing of windows in the bus shelter because of persistent vandalism,
- fund raising for upgrading of the village hall in Sheepscombe at £150,000, inclusive of grants, as well as £50,000 for a new school classroom and £4,300 on restoration of stained glass in the church,
- significance of the Painswick Parish Plan as an example towards which to aim in the district.

The 'open forum' part of the meeting concentrated upon

- concerns regarding the temporary bus 'station' in Merrywalks in Stroud,
- the possibility of having some 'hard play' surfacing within the Recreation Field for older children,
- 'the wall' which has received such adverse comment and publicity in Stroud Road, the possibility of a speed limit reduction in the bends on the A46 at Paradise,
- the increase incidence of deer and the hazard they represent to drivers.

Barbara Tait, herself an ex-Chairman of the Parish Council, drew applause from the public when she expressed thanks to the Parish Councillors for the service they had rendered in the past year and the 5-year life of the council.

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# ELECTIONS 2004

We thought quite a number of Beacon readers would appreciate to opportunity to reflect upon the key points the four candidates for the Painswick Ward seat may care to share with us. So, we invited all four to let us have up to 230 words they would like us to print, with a photograph. Their verbatim statements are set out below.

## David Michael James HARCUP

Hill House, Far End, Sheepscombe, Stroud,  
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**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**



We Liberal Democrats want to axe the Council Tax and replace it with a local Income Tax based on ability to pay. The systems are already in place. A Liberal Democrat Council, raising its own Local income Tax, will be directly accountable to you, the taxpayer.

At the moment, Local Authorities are, largely, funded by grants from Central Government. Only a relatively small percentage is raised directly through Council Tax. Successive Governments, of either hue, have accused Local Government of reckless spending and bureaucracy. Yet the first head of the Audit Commission, a former international management consultant appointed by the Thatcher government, reported publicly that 'the private sector has much to learn from Local Authorities', and that their efficiency and management of public funds was largely effective. Of course there have been exceptions; and, no doubt, always will be.

Conservative and Labour governments have reduced financial support but have legislated for improved and additional services, often without providing the necessary funding. Why? To gain popularity and votes of course! So, under the current system, Local Government can only maintain existing standards and meet their new obligations by increasing Council Tax. *This is paid by you from already taxed income.*

p.s. Were you aware of the new level of allowances paid to Cabinet Members of the Stroud District Council? Telephone the Council (01453 754646) and find out for yourself! It may surprise you.

## Martin SHERRARD

Newlands, Cud Lane, Edge,  
Gloucestershire GL6 7ND  
**THE GREEN PARTY**



I live in Edge, and have been interested in Green issues since the 1970's, when, at 17, I campaigned for the recycling of household waste. Later, I joined the Ecology Party (the precursor of the Green Party). At this time, I worked for Philip Noel-Baker, the peace campaigner and Nobel Peace Prize winner. From him I learnt my life philosophy, which is that service to the community is an obligation on us all and a pleasure to participate in. My career since then has involved peace issues, alternative forms of energy, transport and integrated medicine. Being privileged to live in this beautiful area, one of my main concerns is to protect the special qualities of the Painswick and Slad valleys.

On June 10th you will be able to declare your hopes to safeguard and promote ways to enhance our lives. Applying Green Party values to Stroud District Council decisions will include: actions that protect the environment for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren; actions that radically improve and integrate public transport, making it so convenient, reliable, pleasant and cheap that car owners will be tempted to use it!; actions for easier home shopping; actions to support suppliers of locally grown, organic and GM-free food; and actions to enhance recycling and make it easier. If these are actions that interest you please vote for the Green Party on June 10th!

**Polling  
Day  
Thursday  
10th June**

## Andrew READ

Pike Lane Cottage, Old Horsley Road, Nailsworth,  
Gloucestershire GL6 0JR  
**THE LABOUR PARTY**



Andy is currently the youngest councillor at Ebley Mill, having served residents in the Cainscross area since winning the seat by a single vote four years ago. With an eight-year-old son, Andy works as a freelance music journalist and editor of a national police magazine. He also runs the Internet Cafe that he set up in an empty vegetable shop in Stroud High Street three years ago. Already, the centre has offered free training and cheap internet access to more than 20,000 visitors.

'As a result,' said Andy, 'I have daily contact with local people and get to really know the issues that they want tackled in their communities'.

As a councillor at Ebley Mill, Andy has built a reputation for his often outspoken views on planning issues. He has successfully campaigned to protect green sites from development, to provide more affordable housing and was the first to propose that the council develop a Green Spaces Strategy. As an experienced town councillor, he is currently leading the campaign for 'First Hour Free' and 'Pay-as-you-exit' at Stroud's car parks.

A member of the National Union of Journalists, Amnesty International and the Labour Animal Welfare Society, Andy is also a director of the Stroud Community Land Trust – a charity which he helped set up to protect and manage local green spaces for the community and wildlife.

## Barbara Anne TAIT

17 Churchill Way, Painswick,  
Gloucestershire GL6 6RQ  
**CONSERVATIVE PARTY**



I became involved in the District Council following the fight to save the Painswick Valley from the proposed massive development there, and have been one of your 2 elected representatives for 5 years. I am

very enthusiastic about environmental issues, and still believe that we have a duty to protect our beautiful landscape, although we have to balance this with the desperate need for affordable housing. As Cabinet member for planning, I have been involved in the Local Plan Inquiry, the result of which is expected in September. I am also involved in the Affordable housing group, the AONB board, Youth Council, Twinning, and the SWLGA.

I attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible, because I believe that they are the true 'grass roots' of our society, and in this way I learn of important issues and concerns of the electorate.

I look at all locally submitted plans, and receive comments direct from the Parish Councils involved.

I have actively supported, and had involvement in the allocation of grants to Cranham and Sheepscombe Village Halls, Cranham Cricket Club, Cranham Playing field, Painswick Croft School, Painswick Tennis Club, and Painswick Wildlife trust.

Having been born in Sheepscombe, I have always taken a keen interest in local issues, and have been pleased to listen to, and to help, local people, whatever their political persuasion, with any council-related problems.

# Plaudits for Painswick Hairdressers

Our very own Painswick Hairdressers (The Painswick Hairdressing Ltd) has received the prestigious Good Salon Guide award. Furthermore, a 4 Star rating was given which is, effectively, top marks (to achieve 5 you must have sunbeds!).

David Winstone-Ursell, the owner of the salon, is rightly thrilled. The Good Salon Guide is a nationwide scheme for assessing professional standards and service within the industry and to gain such a high rating is truly an accolade. It is indicative of very high standards with regard to staff, salon presentation, quality products and, of course, hairdressing skill. It is about professionalism. Inspectors visit the salon and assess everything in order to decide first whether the business should be included in the Good Salon Guide and, if so, what rating it deserves. As such, it can be seen as the hairdressing equivalent of the prestigious restaurant and hotel guides.

For David and his business the award opens up fresh possibilities both regionally and nationally. Painswick Hairdressers will appear in many national magazines such as Hello, Cosmopolitan, Hair International, it will be listed on the Good Salon Guide website and will have its own web page. There will be opportunities to demonstrate Painswick's hairdressing excellence to a wider public.

David says that the inspectors were particularly impressed by the expertise of the staff, the quality of the products used and the décor, layout and cleanliness of the premises. It certainly is a delightful salon, light and fresh and boasting a brand new inner open courtyard where customers can enjoy a little peace and tranquil-



lity.

This is David's twentieth year in Painswick. The business started with one stylist and one shampooist. Now there are five stylists, all highly qualified, of whom David is very proud. He also employs Saturday staff. The business has expanded beyond hair to include acrylic nails, make-up and a complete service for special occasions such as weddings, balls etc. The latter involves a free consultation and advice session.

When you consider David's expansive background in the hairdressing business – he trained and worked with Vidal Sassoon in London, Paris and Australia, and then ran his own business in Cheltenham for sixteen years – it is reassuring to hear him say that he loves working in Painswick. He never advertises as the quality of his work is known and, in addition to

providing a service for the people of Painswick and surrounding villages and towns, he has regular customers from Oxford, Bristol and Cheltenham. He does feel that he is progressing more into high quality fashion work now and is happy to cater for all ages and both men and women. The business is evolving naturally.

This award is well deserved. Painswick Hairdresser's customers can feel confident that with every visit to the salon they are literally putting their hair into professional hands. A very successful business in the very heart of the village.

## Painswick Festival

**Wanted:** ten kind sponsors to 'Gift Aid' £50 to meet the set-up costs for St.Mary's Church. Names will be displayed during the Festival.

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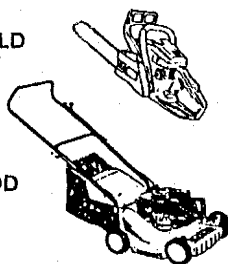
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# NEWS from the CROFT

Much is happening at the Croft School, as ever, in the Summer Term, and we think readers would like to know of at least some of the many activities and events.

A great variety of visitors are adding to the experiences of the pupils this term, including local chefs to cook with the children, the RNLI, Police Drugs Education team, and a percussionist. An activities week just before half term offered sports events, a quiz afternoon, art work in the school grounds, cookery and much more.

A visit to Gloucester Cathedral on 11th June will enable the Key Stage 2 children (aged 7 to 11) to learn more about the work of both modern and Medieval artists. They will see displayed Anthony Gormley's 'Field for the British Isles', a dramatic work of art composed of 20,000 clay figures packed into one side of the Medieval cloister. They will also be able to climb up and get 'Face to Face' with the figures in the great East window.

On 8th July the Key Stage 1 children (aged 4 to 7) will have an exciting day at Robinswood Hill, studying the local environment and enjoying a picnic lunch together.

The Sports Day, from which we took pictures last year, is on Tuesday 29th June. Parents and the public are very welcome to support this event. There will be activities for Key Stage 1 in the morning from 10 o'clock and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon from 1.45. A whole range of athletic events and challenges will be included, with fun for all. If the Tuesday happens to be a very wet day, the event takes place on the Wednesday.

A Summer Fayre is being organised by the PTA for Sunday 4th July. This is an important opportunity to attract support for the fund-raising activities upon which the school depends for those 'extras' that make learning even more enjoyable and complete. (The photograph shows children in Class 2 enjoying the new laptop computers, generously provided by the PTA.) Don't be put off by the fact that it is Wimbledon weekend – you will be able to watch the match on a big screen, in between enjoying the barbecue, bar, teas, strawberries and cream, ice creams...not to mention a wide variety of stalls and competitions for all the family. As well as watching the school's country dancers perform in their smart new costumes, you will also have the chance to join in! The Fayre opens promptly at noon. A pleasing afternoon out, in a glorious setting.

The school is having an Open Evening on Wednesday 7th July from 4.00 -7.00pm. The children will have the chance to show off their work to their parents, but the school will welcome any member of the community to go and see the displays of work. If you haven't been inside the school recently, why not come along and see what the children are achieving?

Shows by KS2 at 7.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday 13/14th July are open to the public as well as parents. The show is based on the siege of Troy. Work has begun on acting, singing, instrumental pieces, dancing, prop-making and a computer generated backdrop! Contact the school for tickets (812479).



## Mission to Thailand

In August this year I am joining a team of 12 volunteers to work with disadvantaged children in the slums of Bangkok and learn about the Christian community in Thailand. The trip is organised by CMS (Church Mission Society), who work in partnership with the Diocese of Singapore, which oversees the work of the Anglican Church in Thailand.



The focus of this project is to learn more about God's work in a country where Christianity is a minority religion and to offer practical help and support to local people. We will also learn about and be involved in the work of the Rainbowland Child Development Centre, which is a part of Christ Church Bangkok. CMS mission partners are attached to this centre and hold monthly training workshops for Thai teachers of English and most importantly, the centre helps children who are at risk. For more information on this project, please refer to the CMS website: [www.cms-uk.org](http://www.cms-uk.org).

CMS are subsidising this project but I still need to raise £1250. I would be grateful for any donation you feel able to make. Please see me in St. Mary's Church, email me on [Fiona\\_Welbourn@hotmail.com](mailto:Fiona_Welbourn@hotmail.com) or call me at home on 01452 812721 if you feel that you are able to help me in any way.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for reading this and for your interest.

*Fiona Welbourn*

**On Saturday 17th July at 7.00pm, Fiona is holding a concert in St. Mary's Church, Painswick to raise money.**

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## School Council

The Croft primary school has had a School Council since last September.

The point of the School council is to give children a chance to say what they think about the school and what we could improve.

There are councillors from each year group and the elections this term took place on the 27th April 2004.

The School council have been talking about recycling. We wrote to the Stroud District Council for advice and we have arranged boxes in each classroom which we put paper in. This has started well and we are recycling much more paper than we used to.

We have also been talking about the summer fair and are trying to think of some new ideas. The PTA have given us £20 to start us off with fund raising.

*by Oliver Hall  
and Hayley Saunders  
Year 6*

## Stroud District School Council

*This presentation, written and presented by Alice Gardner and Lucy Richardson, shown here in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill in the Spring Term.*



We are the school council from the Croft school in Painswick. The school council was formed on the 4th September 2003. Since then, we have put a lot thought into making the children happier and various other things.

There are 10 members, 2 from each year in key stage 2 and the year 2 school councillors represent the whole of the infants. It has been difficult to put every ones thoughts into action. We change the school council very term by holding elections in each year group.

Every child from each year selects a boy and a girl.

The school council shows that they made the correct choice in electing them. We have been given a book that we write ideas in. We also have suggestion boxes that our years put ideas in. The year 5 school councillors have written a letter to the Stroud District Council about

recycling and all the children are helping to run a recycling organisation in school. We have also run a bring and buy sale and raised £76.30 for the Blue Peter Appeal. At the beginning of September the School Council went around with their books and asked their year what equipment they would like for the playground. We were given £200 by the PTA to spend on equipment. The Council decided what to order from the Catalogues. When all the equipment arrived, they sorted it into boxes with pictures on the lids, so that everything can be put away tidily.

The School Council meets nearly every week to discuss important matters. We all put ideas forward to discuss them. We have a School Council board with all the councillors' photographs and we wear School Council badges. Sometimes, a member of the Council writes a short report for the newsletter to parents.

We would like to have more books for the library so we wrote a questionnaire asking what sort of non-fiction books all the year groups would like. We looked at all the questionnaires and new books are being ordered according to the replies.

A request came to the School Council that netball should be played at playtimes as well as football so we wrote a rota so that every year group can play football and netball several times each week.

## Victorian Costume Ball

We will be holding our annual ball at the Painswick centre on Saturday 10th July.

This will be the third year for this event which has proved to be very popular and we hope to see you all there once again for another evening of music and dancing.

Victorian dress is not essential but does add to the occasion. We would rather you came and enjoyed the evening than not come at all.

Should you wish to reserve tickets in advance for this event you can do so by calling us on 01453.833150 or calling in to the Centre any Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00pm when we are having our tea dance, which if many of you are not aware of is a regular event each week from September through to July when we finish off with our Victorian Ball. Usually this brings to a close the Victorian Market Day but this year of course this is not taking place.



*Geoff & Joy Dancing For Pleasure*

## Paradise is open . . .

Paradise Community is once again holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 12th June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

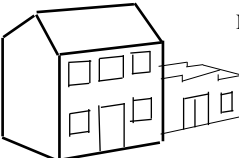
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# Kimsbury Camp . . . . . top of the Beacon

Last October we carried an article explaining that the top of Painswick Beacon is to receive £78,000 of investment to repair serious erosion, some scrub clearance and introduction of interpretation signage. With that work imminent, we turned to the County Council's Historic Environment Countryside Advisor, Nick Russell, for the latest information and his helpful report follows.

Work on the Painswick Beacon Restoration Project is due to start towards the end of June. This project, by the Archaeology Service from Gloucestershire County Council will provide environmental improvements to Kimsbury Camp including urgently needed earthwork repairs to the ramparts, scrub clearance and the provision of a limited number of sensitively located information boards.

The Iron Age hill fort, Kimsbury Camp, is a nationally important Scheduled Ancient Monument and the species rich limestone grassland in which it sits is a nationally important Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The works, designed to halt and repair the accelerating erosion scars and restore the species rich limestone grassland are the result of consultation with English Heritage, English Nature, the Blow Estate, the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group, Painswick Golf Club and the Cotswold Hills AONB.

The repairs to the earthworks will involve the construction of retaining structures within the erosion scars, which will be backfilled with limestone rubble and finished with a thin layer of topsoil and seed harvested from on site during the project in order to ensure a suitable variety of wildflower and grass seeds are re-established.

Because of the sensitivity and importance of the limestone grassland SSSI a programme of scrub clearance will be carried out on the area of the Camp. This will involve the removal of scrub and self seeded saplings in order to return the grassland to a similar condition as it has been for most of its history up until regular grazing ended this century. Aerial photography from

immediately after the second World War shows the hill fort as open grassland. These works were last carried out approximately ten to fifteen years ago.

The project will also push back some of the tree cover on the former wildflower slopes of the northern rampart and will provide information boards at the following locations; the walkers car park, Catbrain Quarry and Popes Wood in addition to a discrete plaque within the hill fort.

In order to undertake these works it will be necessary to temporarily fence the erosion scars, although we are hoping to limit the fencing to the actual area of works, which we are planning to undertake on a scar by scar basis. We hope that you can understand the need for these works, thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused during the works, which should take place between the end of June and October.

Finally we would like to thank the following organisations, without whose financial help the project couldn't proceed; The Heritage Lottery Fund, Your Heritage; The Gloucestershire Environmental Trust, English Heritage, English Nature, The British trust for Conservation Volunteers, Painswick Parish Council and Painswick Beacon Conservation Group.

*Nick Russell*

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## Deer and the motorist

At the recent Parish Council meeting, councillors discussed the potential threat to motorists from wild deer. Coincidentally, an article in the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's latest newsletter draws attention to a Government warning that "rapidly increasing numbers of deer are threatening Britain's ancient woodlands, wild flowers and animal habitats and are overrunning many areas of the countryside as well as killing up to 15 motorists a

year in collisions and causing damage to property worth millions of pounds. The estimated population of 1.5 million deer is already higher than at any time since the Ice Age and is set to double within ten years thanks to warmer winters and the availability of root and autumn sown winter wheat crops. The Nature Conservation Minister Ben Bradshaw is appealing to households to eat more venison and is finalising a plan for an annual deer cull which aims to destroy 25 to 35 per cent of the animals".

Councillors at the meeting commented that there was little anyone could do to prevent a deer from crossing a road in front of their vehicle.

However, at a meeting of the Stroud

Road Safety Committee the day after the Parish Council meeting, attention was drawn to the availability of a deerwhistle which can be mounted on any vehicle. At speeds over 35mph air rushing through the "Save-A-Deer" deerwhistle emits a sound frequency which warns and freezes deer, preventing them from moving into the path of your vehicle. The deerwhistle is quite small requiring only a single mounting. The whistles cost £7 and can be obtained from [www.deerwhistle.co.uk](http://www.deerwhistle.co.uk) via the Internet.

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On Wed 28th April, Painswick Wives Fellowship celebrated their 60th anniversary with a service in St. Mary's Parish Church followed by a dinner in the church rooms.

We were very pleased to welcome as our special guests, two ex presidents and one long-standing member; one of which had travelled some considerable distance.

During the evening, a message of congratulations was read from our president Peggy Mines who was unable to be with us. Doreen Boon, Vice- President cut the cake and gave a toast to the Fellowship followed by Hilda Musty who invited us to again raise our glasses in memory of absent friends.

Sixty years is an achievement; we would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a memorable one.



*Gillian Gyde*

## Yew Tree NGS

Vicarage Street ladies and their friends and relatives provided delicious home-made teas when Yew Tree House garden was open for the National Gardens Scheme on 9th May.

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**Help with FETE**

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The Charity is in the process of planning their first ever fete to raise much needed funds to enable them to continue to provide their valued service. The fete, a fun day for all the family, will take place on Sunday 13th June at 1.00pm in Brunswick Square Lawn, Brunswick Road, Gloucester. The Haven is

appealing for people to donate items suitable for raffle prizes. They would love to hear from companies who would be interested in sponsoring the event. They are also seeking volunteers to help on the day manning stalls.

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**Global Warming - True or False?**

Sir John Mason F.R.S., Formerly Director General of the Meteorological Office, will be speaking on this important subject on Saturday 19th June.

Arrangements have been made for a 7.00pm Supper at Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street and afterwards 8.15pm in the Friends' Meeting House.


Tickets at £15, to include a glass of wine, available from Liz and Ted Burge at Yew Tree House on 813177.

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**Visit by Bishop of Clifton**

Painswick's Catholic community was pleased to receive a visit from the Bishop of Clifton, Rt Rev Declan Lang, on Sunday 23rd May. The Bishop, who was making his first visit to Painswick, attended Mass before going on to Bisley.

Bishop Declan expressed his appreciation for the involvement of Painswick's Catholics in the life of the wider community. He said that he hoped the congregation and its welcoming church would continue to play an important part in the local Christian movement. Later that afternoon the Bishop met with representatives of the Painswick and Stroud Churches Together committees.

  
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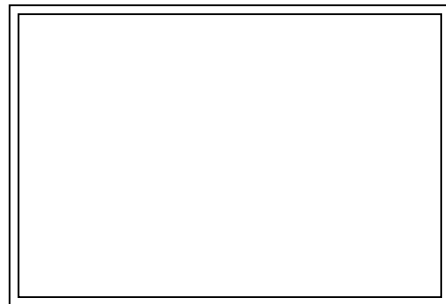
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## Spotlight on . . .

### David Ryland



*The Beacon hopes to run a series of interviews with people who were born in Painswick or came here when they were very young. We are grateful to David Ryland for his help in devising this first such 'Spotlight on . . .' interview. We think readers will be interested in the glimpse these personal notes reveal about past days and personal experiences.*

#### What are your earliest recollections of Painswick?

I can remember going to the Painswick Infant School, which was where the Church Rooms are now, and then on to the Painswick Junior School where the library and meeting rooms are today. After scraping through the 11+ examination I went to the Stroud Technical School for boys. There was an upper school in Painswick Town Hall. I also remember Mr. Harper, Head Master of Painswick School, and Mr. Hollister a master who had a reputation for wielding a stick for any small misdemeanours. John Marfell was also a teacher then and its nice to see him back in the village and looking so fit.

#### Where did you live then?

I was born in the house where I now live. In those days it was known as 18 Pullens Road, but became 21 Upper Washwell after the estate was enlarged in the 1950's. I was born on Battle of Britain Day, 15th September 1940, and had no brothers or sisters.

#### Have you any particular memories of your schooldays?

In those days Painswick was self-sufficient, and there was no need to leave the village except for my school and Saturday morning pictures at one of two cinemas in Stroud. The Big event of the year was a Sunday School or Youth Club outing to Weston-Super-Mare.

#### What were your career plans?

I planned to join the army, post office or the police. While still at school and waiting for job applications to develop I earned a few shillings working for the dairy in George Court. At six o'clock I was delivering variously milk, meat, and some post to many households in Painswick. Milk was available in 1 pint, 1/2 pint and one third pint sizes for schools. The dairy had large refrigeration storage but every house had to start the day with fresh milk. After the delivery rounds I collected milk churns from farms in the area and then helped with the bottling.

#### What next?

My first job offer was with the Metropolitan Police. In April 1958, after passing the medical and educational tests I was accepted as a junior cadet at Hendon Training School. Then I was posted to Holloway Police Station in north London and given quarters in Stepney, east London - quite a culture shock from Painswick! I transferred to Scotland Yard working in the information room which received all the 999 calls and was promoted to senior cadet. In April 1959 with three months more training I transferred to Streatham in south London before becoming a PC in September. I continued in uniform riding motor bikes, driving police cars, and on the beat until the late 60's when I moved to a plain clothes unit specialising in dealing with youth crime, community work and abused children. I continued doing this until I retired in 1984.

#### Where did you meet your wife Jean?

Jean worked as a window dresser in the rag trade. She and an assistant had hidden the shoes of a workman who had been working in the shop. When he couldn't find them, he threatened to call the police. At that time I happened to be passing the shop and he called me in. Later, on my way back I went to the shop and asked Jean if she would like to go to the pictures. We later married and have two daughters, one son, and three grand daughters aged 4 -24.

#### You had a second career, in Painswick?

Yes. I decided to put my police driving skills to good use and in 1984 set up a Private Hire/Taxi service driving to most of the major air and sea ports as well as locally until retirement in 2000. I am happy to report that there were no major incidents in those driving days.

#### What are your hobbies and pastimes now?

I enjoy bowls and am Captain of the Painswick Falcon Bowling Club. I was Church Warden at St. Mary's from 1997 until 2004 and still work as the manager of the Benefice Office covering the six parishes in our area. I have just started to learn to ring bells, and together with Gus Gaugain deliver this wonderful publication to its distributors on a monthly basis.

## Stamp collecting

Last month we invited readers to let the Beacon know if they were interested in meeting up with others to compare philatelic notes, swaps, or other sticky activities.

We had three responses which may be of interest and pass these on to any who may be concerned.

Peter Grant writes "I was interested to read the philatelic article in last month's Beacon as I have been considering disposing of my collection started in 1940 and which, from 1948, generally reflects my Army postings. It includes some interesting first day covers such as a Ros Dependency Antarctic Expedition 1955-1958, New Zealand Royal Visit 1953-1954 and India Coronation Durbar Central Post Office cover of 1st December 1911; and there is a Malawi set of 20 African birds which are a composite picture - a collector item as it would be almost sacrilege to detach one for use on an envelope. I was collecting used foreign stamps from family and friends in Australia, Canada, Malawi, New Zealand and South Africa to send to my grandchildren, but as they have stopped collecting stamps and started collecting boy friends, I am looking for a child (children) to whom I can pass them on." Peter can be contacted on 812941.



Trevor Radway wrote to tell us that (1) there is a Philatelic Society in Stroud which meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month September to May at the hall opposite the hospital, and (2) Gloucestershire Philatelic Society meet on the 2nd Monday of the month also September to May at the Glos Club (old Farmers Club) at Longford. As a postal historian Mr. Radway has some items from Painswick and Stroud, and he can be contacted on [trevor.radway@tesco.net](mailto:trevor.radway@tesco.net)

Lastly, Brian Whittebury tells us that he has collected "mainly Victorian up to current issues" and would like his name made known to "any other interested parties". His number is 812390.

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# 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 first of three or four instalments.

The Skipper was Lin Parker, an experienced ocean sailor, yachtmaster examiner, skippered 'Isle of Man' in last BT Global Challenge round the world race. The Mate was Richard Andrews, an electronics engineer & experienced sailor. All others were crew.

Janet Jenkins, Peter's wife also used the opportunity to seek sponsorship for the Family Haven at Gloucester and indeed raised over £800. She and Peter would like to thank all who contributed.'

## Pre crossing

### 11 April, 1630 Heathrow

Well, it's real after all! It's not a dream and I am going off to New York for a transatlantic sail. Feel very funny. I felt sad & somewhat emotional at leaving Janet who came to the airport with Rob & his family to see me off. Janet has been wonderful. She sensed I wanted to do this & has been 100% supportive.

So why am I doing it. I suppose I've had a dream of sailing the Atlantic for many years and now the chance has come. It's my Everest. Also, being on a boat is so different from normal living that that too is a challenge. It has also got me fit, and I thought I'd like to see if I could still do it. It's nice to think that simply being 70 is no bar to adventure.

### 1000 13 April

Now on board. Plan is to leave early tomorrow morning on the tide. To the NE there is more fog & ice off Newfoundland with gales forecast so she plans to go SE to start the crossing.

### Day 1, April 14

Slowly getting things stored away properly. Important to know where things are. Must be easy to find, say, towel and sponge bag and to know where to find sailing gloves, hat, clothes quickly. All my possessions are in my locker box and in case under bunk. Life is all about making my private space cosy.

It is foggy so skipper Lin delayed departure. Could be busy in shipping lanes and anyway it would be nice to see Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty, which we did when we eventually left at 0940.

There will be two watches: one with Simon, Gordon, Robbie and me with Lin the watch leader; the other one is with John, Jerry, Roy and Marcus with Richard the watch leader.

Watches are 0700 to 1300, 1300 to 1900, 1900 to 2300, 2300 to 0300 and 0300 to 0700. You are alternatively on-watch, off-watch and in this way you don't do the same watch time two days running. When on watch the crew (not Lin or Rich) helm, change sails etc and do the 'household chores'. Cleanliness is essential on a boat

so when on-watch you also clean and disinfect the 'heads' (lavatory/ shower/ basin to landlubbers), pumping out waste from a holding tank. You clean & disinfect all hand rails in the corridor down below; also the galley, stove & cooker. On the 0300 to 0700 watch you make breakfast; the other watch eats it at 0630; you have it after your watch finishes and the other watch then washes up. On the 0700 to 1300 watch you make dinner; the other watch eats at 1230; you eat after your watch and the other watch washes up. Similarly on the 1300 to 1900 watch you make dinner etc. On the 2300 to 0300 watch you make bread later in the voyage.

### Off watch 2300 to 0300 (April 15)

Very cold in bed for the first time ever on a boat. It was so cold I decided to pull on my long Johns. I fished them out from my pillow<sup>1</sup> and managed to put them on whilst remaining within my arctic sleeping bag! But I put them on back to front and over my underclothes. I felt a bit better.

### Day 2, April 15

#### On watch 0300 to 0700

Still very cold outside. Robbie is still very seasick. Marcus is also very seasick. Gordon, Roy and Jerry are also none too bright. John, Simon and I are fine. Robbie being so ill (lying in his bunk) meant Simon, Gordon and I had to do Robbie's turn at helming and all the chores.

#### On watch 1300 to 1900

Blowing force 7 at start of watch. Wind then picked up and I was sent onto the fore deck with Gordon and Simon to put in a third reef. Richard gave directions and Lin took the helm. I winched in the reef line. This was very hard work - a lot of line had to be wound in. Soon Gordon joined in to help on the 2-man winch handle. But in the end Simon also had to help. We were all very puffed and it got the heart beating hard!

#### On watch 2300 to 0300 (April 16)

A rather scary sail. It was pitch dark. No moon or stars. It was blowing force 8 and we were on a very broad reach or run.

Soon it got gustier. The windex (which measured wind speed and direction) recorded a wind speed of 45 knots (ie force 10) before it was blown away from the top of the mast in a gust!

I had never seen anything like it before. There was light all around from phosphorescence on the water. The impression was of sking down a mountain valley through banks of snow - all around the boat was surrounded by spray which was white and phosphorescent. Elsewhere surf was breaking and this too went phosphorescent. Phosphorescence is caused by the algae in the water - they think they are in danger from a predator and they go phosphorescent to attract bigger predators to catch those that they think are attacking them.

We had also to follow a course on the compass whilst ensuring we did not gybe. A gybe in such circumstances would undoubtedly result in a broken mast or worse! By now I had given up wearing my glasses - useless in all the spray - but it made my eyes very tired. I helmed for over 1¼ hours - Robbie was incapable in his bunk and the other 3 of us on watch had to fill in for him. I got a maximum speed of 11½ knots<sup>2</sup> as the boat started to surf.

At least we are now going south heading for the Gulf Stream and warmer waters. We couldn't head south earlier because of the fog and danger from the shipping lanes. But we need to head south because of reports of ice if we had simply pressed on.

I went to bed very tired thinking the sights I had seen were some which Wagner might have conceived for a really out of this world scene in one of his operas.

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5	Best Veteran	Bill Pigott
6	Waggiest Tail	Bill Pigott
7	Most Appealing Eyes	Bill Pigott
8	Best Condition	Bill Pigott
9	Best Child Handler (6 - 17 years)	Jean Griffiths
10	Best Rescue	Jean Griffiths
11	Best Crossbred	Jean Griffiths
12	Most Handsome Dog	Jean Griffiths
13	Prettiest Bitch	Jean Griffiths
14	Best Titbit Catcher	Jean Griffiths
15	Best Dog/Bitch from the Painswick Postal Area	Jean Griffiths
16	Best Movement	Jean Griffiths
17	Dog/Bitch the Judge would most like to take home	Jean Griffiths
18	Dog/Bitch not winning a first before today	Jean Griffiths
OBEDIENCE CLASSES		
19	<u>Never done it before</u> (Open to dogs that have not won a 1st - 6th place at any Obedience Show) Heel on lead, Recall, 30sec sit stay, and 30sec down stay	Berit Ahearne
20	<u>Done it for a while</u> (Open to dogs that have not won a 1st - 6th place at any Open or Championship Show) Heel on lead, heel free, recall, retrieve, 1min sit stay, and 1min down stay	Berit Ahearne

**SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE DAY - Dog IQ's and Special Retrieves!!**

### NOTES FOR ENTRANTS

All dogs are entered at the Owner's/Handler's risk

No puppies under 6 months and no bitches in season allowed

Dogs/Bitches that have CC, RCC, JW or any other award to the title of Champion are not eligible for entry

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL

PAINSWICK CHARITY FUN DAY

Saturday July 24th 2004

Building on the success of the Dog Show held last year, a bigger event is planned for 2004 which will include a small number of flower and craft competitions. The emphasis is on the villages coming together and having a fun time. The competitions are open to anyone who would like to take part, and a schedule of categories is listed at the end of this article. There will be small prizes for flower and craft competitions and rosettes for the dog show.

Many village people are involved with Charities, and there is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to raise money for their cause to have a street stall for the day. We are aware that fund-raising is never an easy task, however, a small stall-fee of £10 per stall will be charged to help cover the cost of the necessary insurance. If anyone is interested in running a stall, would they please contact Chris Campbell on 01452 863344, or e-mail mikehtc@aol.com

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

All sections open to local Residents living in the Parishes of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Slad

### Floral Section (Any age)

1. A flower arrangement in a basket within a 450mm square (18 inches)
2. A miniature arrangement in a tea cup and saucer not to exceed 178mm (7 inches)
3. An arrangement using foliage only within a 450mm square (18 inches)

### Houseplant (Any age)

4. A flowering houseplant in a pot no larger than 150mm (6 inches)
5. A foliage houseplant in a pot no larger than 150mm (6 inches)

### Baking Section (Any age)

6. Boiled Fruit Cake (18cm (7 inches) round - recipe provided)
7. Victoria Sponge Sandwich (18cm (7 inches) round - recipe provided)
8. Shortbread Biscuits (4 round - recipe provided)
9. Home-made Bread using own recipe NOT BAKED IN A LOAF TIN (For MEN Only)

### Handicraft Section (Any age)

10. An article of hand embroidery (original design, no kits please)
11. An article made from wood
12. A knitted article for a baby
13. A cushion - not to exceed 450mm square (18 inches)

### Photography Section (Any age) - all photos to have been taken by the entrant, be in colour and no larger than 205mm x 255mm (8" x 10")

14. A village scene
15. A building by night
16. Water

### Young People's Section - a. up to 11 years on 1.9.04 and b. 11 - 15 years on 1.9.04

- 17a. A miniature garden on a plate no larger than 18cm (7 inches)
- 18a. A decorated hen's egg
- 19a. A photograph of a pet (in colour, no larger than 205mm x 255mm (8" x 10"))
- 20a. Six chocolate crispy cakes - own recipe
- 17b. An original painting - no larger than A4
- 18b. Six decorated fairy cakes (judging on the decoration only)
- 19b. A soft toy
- 20b. A photograph of a holiday scene (Not people, and no larger than 205mm x 255mm)

The cost for entries to all the various competitions is 50p for adults and 20p for children

Painswick Charity Fun Day 2004  
Competition Entry Form

Important notes for Entrants

1. All entries must be made on an official Entry Form, and accompanied by the relevant fee (Cash or Cheques payable to Painswick Fun Day) Please print forms clearly to avoid confusion
2. Completed entry forms and fees should be posted in the Town Hall letter box
3. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 20th July. No late entries accepted
4. All entries for the Young People's Section must include the Entrant's date of birth
5. The various venues for exhibitors will be confirmed nearer the time
6. All exhibits to be in place by 10am on Saturday 24th July, and judging will start from 11am. Venues will be closed to the public and exhibitors until judging has finished
7. Exhibitors may collect their class labels from the Town Hall on the morning of Friday 23rd July, or alternatively between 8am and 9am on the morning of the Fun Day
8. Any queries should be directed to Michelle Phillips (812340) Fiona Chapman (812462) or Chris Campbell (863344)

Entry Form

Class No.	Fee	Description	Class No.	Fee	Description

Declaration:

I hereby declare that I qualify to enter for the above class/classes, and that all exhibits are my own handiwork

Entrant's Details

(Families may share an entry form providing that each individual is clearly highlighted)

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (Children only) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_

## RECIPES

### Class 6 - Boiled Fruit Cake

#### Ingredients:

340g (12oz) mixed fruit, 113g (4oz) sugar, 113g (4oz) butter/margarine,  
142ml (1/4 pint) water, 1 egg - beaten, 227g (8oz) self-raising flour

#### Method:

Place fruit, sugar, fat and water in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer gently for 20mins.

Allow to cool, add the beaten egg and then stir in the flour

Place mixture into a greased 18cm (7") cake tin, and bake in a moderate oven 160 - 170 degrees, gas mark 3 for about 90 minutes

### Class 7 - Victoria Sponge Sandwich

#### Ingredients:

113g (4oz) self-raising flour - sifted, 113g (4oz) butter/margarine, 113g (4oz) caster sugar, 2 eggs - beaten, a little milk. To finish: Raspberry jam and caster sugar

#### Method:

Prepare 2 x 18cm (7") round baking tins

Cream the fat and sugar until very light and creamy. Beat in the eggs a little at a time. Add the sifted flour with a little milk to give a soft dropping consistency.

Divide mixture evenly between the two prepared tins, and bake at 190 degrees, gas mark 5 for 25-30 minutes until golden brown. Turn out onto cooling rack. When cold, sandwich cake together using jam and sift caster sugar on top to finish

### Class 8 - Shortbread Biscuits (4 round)

#### Ingredients:

170g (6oz) plain flour, 113g (4oz) butter/margarine, 57g (2oz) caster sugar

#### Method:

Sieve the flour. Rub in the fat until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar, and knead into a smooth ball. Roll out to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thickness and cut out 4 round biscuits. Bake at 150 - 160 degrees, gas mark 2 - 3 for about 30 minutes. The biscuits should be a pale golden colour

### ABOUT THE CHARITY FUN DAY

Above all, the emphasis of the day is that it should be FUN, whilst giving an opportunity for people of all ages to become involved in what should be an exciting village event. We are hoping for generous support. If anyone wishes to sponsor the event either by making a small cash donation or perhaps by donating a raffle prize in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, we would be most grateful to hear from you. It is intended that this event should be non-profit making for the organisers, and a full financial statement will be published in the Beacon as soon as is possible after the event. Please contact Michelle Phillips (812340) Fiona Chapman (812462) or Chris Campbell (863344) if you're willing to help or need further information

*Many thanks*



# What's the future for Our National Trust Proper-

There is a very special house right in the heart of Painswick, special because it is a National Trust property. Little Fleece in Bisley Street has been in the Trust's possession since 1969 and, since its spell as a bookshop came to an end a few weeks ago, there has been much speculation about its future.

In fact, there are as yet no firm plans for the long-term for Little Fleece, according to the Trust's property manager. However, if you have any ideas, the Trust would be very pleased to hear about them.

For the immediate future there will be a one year assured short-hold tenancy for a private resident. Leaving a property such as this empty for even a few months can lead to deterioration and other problems and the tenancy arrangement gives the Trust a consultation period in which ideas can be considered and the right decisions made. Local views will be sought from, for example, the parish council and the district council about possible future usage, but the thoughts and ideas of individuals will also be welcomed. The Trust is anxious to get it right for Painswick.

During the past few weeks rumours have abounded, from holiday-lets to a tea shop and a host of other businesses. There are several factors to be considered before any decisions can be made and a thorough

evaluation must take place first. One of the problems is the fragility of the interior. The lime mortar is not in good condition and some of the stonework is deteriorating rather alarmingly. Until the Trust pays this some serious attention it is not necessarily ideal as a business.

The property is believed to date from 1350 and was an inn for several cen-



turies. It also had connections with the wool industry and by 1900 was in use as a butcher's shop with slaughter house at the back. The existing building is of 17th and 18th century construction. In 1935 Sir George Oatley remodelled the inte-

rior in the Arts and Crafts style and it is now valued as a very fine example of that style. In particular, the oak woodwork is exceptionally beautiful, notably the doors (also with fine ironwork features), window seats and floors. In 1942 Margaret Hope gave Little Fleece to the National Trust in her will and it finally came into the Trust's care in 1969.

The Trust's prime considerations are conservation, public access and, of course, financial viability. Achieving the balance is the challenge. In the long-term the Trust is keen to open to the public but whether that will be on a permanent basis or a once-a-year event remains open for discussion at present. Whatever happens, the vision includes public benefit but as yet nothing has been agreed or decided.

Next time you walk down Bisley Street, linger and look at Little Fleece, one of Painswick's gems. Your contribution to the forthcoming discussion about its future is important.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Broadband: Yet another update

Just when you thought it was safe to open the Beacon without being assailed by a fusillade of wireless broadband megabits...

Readers may remember that BT seemed to have ruled out upgrading the Painswick exchange for broadband by setting the target level for expressions of interest so high that we were unlikely ever to reach it. As a result, and following a campaign led by the Parish Council, Painswick has attracted three rival broadband operators, all offering variations on microwave wireless solutions, and these have now bedded down with a core group of dedicated users. However, it seems that BT



has decided that all exchanges which have been allocated a target will now be broadband enabled regardless of whether they actually hit the target or not: Painswick currently stands at 329 registrations out of the target of 500. The rolling programme should see the Painswick exchange upgraded by June 2005.

This is good news. However, it is worth remembering that the standard BT broadband service at £19.99 per month offers a speed of 512 Kbps, significantly faster than present dial-up services but still slower and more expensive than the cheapest wireless option available (£15.00 per month from Loop Scorpio) and only a quarter the speed of the fastest wireless solutions on offer in Painswick. Even the enhanced 1 Mbps BT service at around £30.00 per month is still only half the speed of the Node or Whispering Parrot wireless services at roughly the same price.

*JRB*

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## Nash Ensemble Concert

The final concert of the season brought the Nash Ensemble to St. Mary's on 8th May.

First, Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Til Eulenspiegel*, perhaps his most popular work, depicting the life and death of a fictional German prankster. Programme music if you like with lots of fun for the violin as well as the horn representing Til himself, challenging us to work out exactly which bits of Til's life are depicted in the tuneful sequences. A nice beginning.

Then a little-known 19th Century Swede, Franz Berwald, whose early Septet must have seemed very avant-garde when it came out in 1828. Its three movements have a certain elegant shapelessness, odd rhythms and changes of mood mixing slow and stately with



quick and cheerful. It rattled along, then it trundled along before rattling again to a crashing finish, all beautifully managed by the players. Berwald is definitely a composer to be taken out for special occasions.

Then THE Septet: Beethoven's opus 20. A *tour de force*, making it look like they'd just got together for a bit of fun, but actually giving us years of accumu-

lated top-grade musicianship. Never mind deconstructing its six movements: highlights included the liquid passages in the second movement when the clarinet comes into its own, the acrobatic descending horn passages in the third, the lovely wind ensembles in the middle and beautifully-controlled dynamics in the final movement with its mini-cadenza for the violin introducing the final charge to the end. With Marianne Thorsen's cheerful egging on of her fellows from the violin desk, these people looked HAPPY. So did we. They've recorded this and they're in Cheltenham on 12th July. Put it in you diary.

*John Parfitt*

## Restoration to an Unfinished

Painswick Local History Society was fortunate in its outing this year. For a start the weather was perfect – memories of the rain on Minchinhampton Common and the Slad Valley could be banished. The sun shone upon us.

This year's outing was to Woodchester Mansion and about thirty of us had a memorable evening. The mansion which is being restored (more about this later) was bought in 1986 by Stroud District Council, with the help of an English Heritage grant, for £20,000 after it had been left derelict for a number of years.

Work started on the Mansion in the mid 1850s and is built in two sections and styles. The rear, the servants quarters, is built in the typical Cotswold style while the front is in a Victorian Gothic style. So what is the history of this mansion. It is the work of Edward Leigh who had been a member of the Oxford movement but who had then converted to Catholicism. A wealthy man he bought the estate which at that time was some 4000 acres including Nympsfield, Frocester, Woodchester and Kings Stanley. But the mansion was not being built for himself and his family... they lived in the gardener's cottage which they gradually extended into a 17 bedroom house. The mansion on the other hand has but four principal bedrooms. Various suggestions are made as to whom the mansion, and what is probably one of the largest private chapels around, was for. Possible suggestions are that it was being built either for the use of the newly restored hierarchy of the Catholic Church in England (there are indications in the Chapel that a bishop's throne was intended) or perhaps even as a dwelling for Pope Pius IX! But we shall never know for certain as the mansion has never been completed - work simply stopped on it one day and was never started again, and the restoration of the mansion is to restore it to that same state as when the builders walked out.

This leaves behind an amazing building for when the build-

ers left they left behind tools and left in place the forms around which the gothic arches had been built. The mansion gives an amazing insight into the process of building such a dwelling for different rooms are in different stages of completion so every aspect of the process can be viewed. The brick relieving arches providing the strength above stone lintels of doorways, bare lathes ready for plastering, first rough coats of lime mortar plaster, stone tiles with their oak pins to hold them in place. Then there are some very fine features; the main staircase with its vaulted ceiling, the bosses in the chapel roof, some fine gargoyles to throw the rain water away from the building (these and the rest of the water drainage on the building have all now been restored), there is a Cotswold stone bath (a bit too porous to hold much water) and a shower room with ornately carved shower head.

It is impossible to tell all, but it is well worth a visit on one of its open days. Apart from the building itself the grounds (not the mansion) are National Trust property and can be walked around. And last of all, it should be mentioned that the mansion is inhabited... four different types of bats have colonies in the building including greater and lesser horseshoe bats which can be viewed by means of the infra-red cameras that are installed to study them. It may never have been completed but that does not take away from its interest. Those who went on the visit cannot thank enough the members of the Woodchester Mansion Trust, unpaid volunteers, who gave up their time to guide us round this wonderful gem.

*Peter Jackson*

## British Red Cross

The British Red Cross would like to thank collectors and the people of Painswick for their help during 'Red Cross Week'.

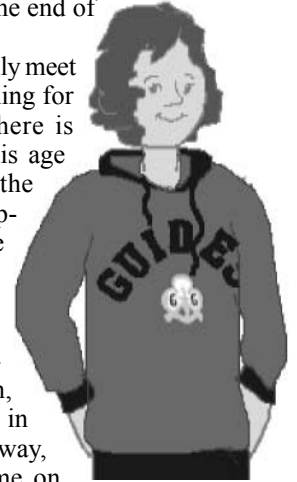
The total collected for Painswick was £636.03.

*Joan Ashton*

## Leading girls

I have been the Guide Leader in Painswick for about 10 years. We have a strong group of around 16 girls who are keen to continue and I am looking for anyone who may be interested in taking up this challenge as I am finishing at the end of the summer.

The group usually meet on a Friday evening for 1½ hours. As there is very little for this age group to do in the village I am hoping that someone can be found so that the Guides may continue. If you wish for further information, or are interested in helping in some way, please contact me on 812240.



*Karen Goddard*

# Players donate Lucy Hyett Cup for drama

Painswick Players have donated a trophy - to be known as the Lucy Hyett Cup - to the Croft School, to be awarded annually as a Prize for Drama.

The Players' treasurer, Andrew Leach, explained that during the process of searching the archives for last year's 80th anniversary celebrations, it was discovered that when the Players' formidable founder, Miss Lucy Hyett, died in 1962, the Players had given a Drama Prize of 1 guinea a year to the School in her memory. This annual guinea having been swallowed up in general school administration, the Players decided to mark their anniversary by updating the prize in the form of a trophy to encourage drama in the School.

The presentation to the Headteacher, Mrs Janet Hoyle, took place on 6th May, during the interval of the first night of the Players production of *Habeas Corpus*.



## *Habeas Corpus* Review Falling trousers and rising breasts delight Painswick



Painswick Players chose well with this early Alan Bennett piece. He is one of Britain's favourite playwrights, and this sometimes dark comedy of marital infidelity and mistaken identity is as fresh as at its London first night 31 years ago.

It would be hard to fail seriously with *Habeas Corpus*; the Painswick cast made it a success that delighted full houses. They avoided the trap of failing to take the plot's absurdities completely seriously, and rose to the challenge of a script that includes song, dance and verse as well as crackling, funny lines.

Perhaps the pace slackened in the second act when nonsensical explanations were laboured instead of quickfire. But the loss of several pairs of trousers and the possibilities offered by a fitter of breast enhancers confusing a splendidly-endowed wife with a flatter sister in law were exploited with gusto.

Alistair Anderson was the earnest falsie salesman, lifting and rearranging with delicate dedication. He and Jack Burgess, playing the lover who got away and came back with a title, bore their de-bagging with dignity.

Benedict Kolczynski was well cast as the mournful doctor with the roving eye. Susanna Davis was his unfulfilled wife seeking solace with the chairman of the BMA but finding instead the arms of the visiting breast expert. Jean Burgess made an excellent job of Constance, flat at the play's opening, but outstanding once her appliance had arrived.

Jackie Herbert gave a full-blooded and well-observed performance as the domestic help who sees all, and confides - chorus-like - in the audience.

Hamish Maclean, a sex-obsessed parson, and Ian Kubiak, a backward son unexpectedly blessed by the attentions of pretty Felicity - a nice debut role for Fiona Maclean - made the utmost of their opportunities.

Avril Dorey was formidable as Felicity's fearsome mother, with a commanding eye and voice to match.

And no-one could have struggled more convincingly in his noose, than Tony Gibson as the almost-hanged man.

Lesley Wolowicz directed the romp, and everyone enjoyed the performance tremendously.

*Robert Cunningham*

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## Painswick in Bloom

The Painswick Horticultural Society will again be organising this annual village floral competition, for plantings in containers that can be viewed from the road or footpath. The usual central area will be judged with the inclusion, this year, of Edge Road and continuing along Churchill Way to the junction with Gloucester Street.



Judging will take place in July by Mr. Ray Fardon of Bourton-on-the-Water. There will be the two classes, one for Residential properties and the other for Business premises. Last year's winners will not be eligible for trophies this year.



Winners will be notified and their trophies will be presented at the Society's annual show on Saturday 11th September.

These displays not only give much pleasure to residents, they also enhance the beauty of the village for tourists.

*Pauline Berry*

## Day of Prayer for World Peace

Painswick's annual Day of Prayer for World Peace will be held in the Church of Our Lady and Saint Therese, Friday Street on Thursday 21st October between 9am and 7.30pm. Full details will be published in due course.

## Edge Village Fete

Edge village fete is to be held on the village green on Saturday 26th June between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. All familiar stalls and attractions including live music, bar, barbeque and tea & cake room. Childrens fancy dress competition with prizes for the most adventurous entries with a 'Romans & Greeks' theme.

In addition to the evening fete there will be a number of open village gardens during the afternoon to help raise funds for the village and extend the activities for an enjoyable day for all.

Prizes, help and donations always useful along with plants, toys and bric-a-brac.

Please contact Paul Harris on 813567) or email [paul@mitchell-harris.co.uk](mailto:paul@mitchell-harris.co.uk) for more information.

## Country Studio July exhibition

As was reported last month, the 'Country Studio', Painswick's own art group, is planning an exhibition of members' work in the upstairs Library Room in July. The dates for public viewing have been altered slightly to be 28th July to 6th August.

The group meets every Tuesday in the Church Rooms, where there is a permanent exhibition of their work on the walls. Speaking for the group, Shirley Elliott said that members were keen to exhibit to a wider audience, hence the planned

## I'm fine

### - Thank you

There is nothing the matter with me,  
I'm as healthy as can be,  
I have arthritis in both knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,  
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well, for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to be in the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night  
But every morning I find I'm alright;  
My memory is fading, my head's in a spin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral of this is, as my tale I unfold  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin  
Than let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know my youth is all spent  
Well my "get up and go" has "got up" and "went".  
But I really don't mind, when I think with a grin  
Of all the grand places my "Get up" has been.

Old age is golden I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My eyes on the table, until I wake up.  
Ere sleep overtake me I say to myself  
Is there anything else I can lay on the shelf?

I get up each morning and dust off my wits  
And pick up the paper and read the 'Obits'.  
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead,  
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

*Our thanks to Joy Elworthy for sending this in.  
We will appreciate more short poems we can print in these columns.*

## Cotswold Care says 'Thank You'

The coffee morning put on by Painswick's Cotswold Care Committee in April raised £562.

We are most grateful to all the people who supported us.



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# Grand Prix Winners

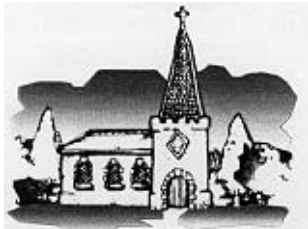
A team from the Beacon Benefice will be running a 'Grand Prix Winners' holiday club in August. The club will run from Monday 9th - Friday 13th August from 10.00 - 12.00am at The Croft School, and will be for children in school years 1-6, there will be a small charge per day.

The holiday club material uses the idea of 'Grand Prix' racing as its theme. Grand Prix translates to mean 'the big prize', each day the children will experience and learn about the big prize in life of having an ongoing relationship with God. As 'Crews' work together they will learn from people in the Bible who had a relationship with God that made a difference to their lives. Every day the children will have great fun as they enjoy racing theme games, crafts, challenges, dramas, sketches and songs - all aimed at encouraging them to race towards God, knowing they are all winners in his eyes.

Come and join the fun, booking forms will be available shortly and places will be limited. To find out more details please contact Ana Murray - 812849 and Karen Goddard - 812240.

For the holiday club to function we are relying on a team of volunteers to give time and help. If you feel you could be a Track Side Marshall (general helper), Media Technician (musician / PA set up team), Crash Steward (first aider), Refuelling Crew (refreshment team) or Sign Up Crew (registration Team) whether for all or part of the week, we would love to hear from you, please contact Ana or Karen.

*Victoria Soutar*



# Conservation Society and Tyntesfield

Before opening the AGM of the Conservation Society on 5th May, I paid a short tribute to a previous Chairman of the Society, Dr. Bob Feilden, who died on 1st May.

*'Although he was a Commander of the British Empire, as well as a Fellow of the Royal Society, he was the most modest of men. He would have been extremely reluctant to tell you, for example, that he was among the world's leading aeronautical engineers and one of the developers of modern aircraft jet engines.'*

*In Painswick we have all benefited from his contribution to our community and the loss to Diana and his family is our loss too. He truly was a scholar and a gentleman.'*

The formal agenda included an annual report, which showed a strengthened financial position and an increase in membership, now up to 151.

**Significant planning matters** Attention was drawn to the emerging government national policy on new housing, with its overtly political aim. There is increasingly a presumption in favour of development, with measures being introduced that are specifically designed to overcome local objections. These should greatly concern both urban and rural residents alike.

The Society's responses to Stroud District Council on a number of planning applications have maintained our positive commitment to the environment and conservation. These included objections to development adversely affecting a listed property, to placement of a 22.5m high phone mast at Edge, and to several other very inappropriate developments. We have also made representations to the Planning Inspectorate on several appeals, including development proposals in the Highlands and Edge Lane and are pleased that our views have been taken into account and the appeals dismissed.

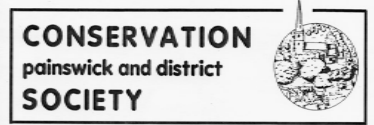
We are still seeking clarification from SDC on their policy regarding any further development off Edge Road, given the impact of its traffic and some contradictory rulings by Planning Inspectors.

In a major gain for Painswick the Gyde House Conservation Area has been saved from further development, at least within the immediate grounds of Gyde House, in perpetuity. Agreement was recently reached between the residents and the developer that he would no longer try to build three large, detached houses just in front of the House. Meanwhile, because the District Council admits it cannot meet its obligation to produce a Conservation Area Policy Document to support this designation, the Society has completed one of its own which will be submitted to SDC and which we hope will be accepted as a substitute.

**Tyntesfield** After refreshments our guest speaker was Mr. John McVerry, the Project Director of Tyntesfield, the National Trust's spectacular acquisition near Bath. He gave an outstanding talk on the history of this grand property, linking some 150 years development of the house and grounds with the fortunes of generations of the Gibbs family. They were not just rich, they were seriously rich, and almost entirely through selling efficacious but revolting guano deposits from South America - in the process of which labourers even tried to commit suicide.

Today the resulting legacy to the nation is a fabulous Victorian country house and garden. In this case, instead of normally closing it for five years for preparation and restoration, the National Trust has introduced a programme of ongoing conservation work beside a controlled visitor intake. Admirably, they are also giving on site training in specialist restoration skills and offering experience to young people who have never worked, or who are young offenders starting rehabilitation. Tyntesfield will take time to complete - but will be brilliantly worth it.

*Douglas Robinson*



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## Short mat bowls club



The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Monday 26th April. Marguerite Treglown was re-elected as Chair, Ken Gibson as Treasurer and Shirley Burley as Secretary.

The Club continues to be very popular and regular sessions are held on Monday mornings and evenings. The mat is down all day and is also available for play in the afternoons. The members enjoy good natured competition and a friendly knock-out competition is held over the year. There is a strong social side to the club, with a summer garden party and a Christmas dinner.

Any further details may be obtained from Shirley Burley on 812378.

## Cricket

Painswick's cricketers are full of enthusiasm at the start of the new season. Club official, Simon Base, told the Beacon that the playing strength was such that the club was considering fielding a third eleven. This is a remarkable situation given that only a few seasons ago Painswick were having difficulty in honouring their second eleven commitments.

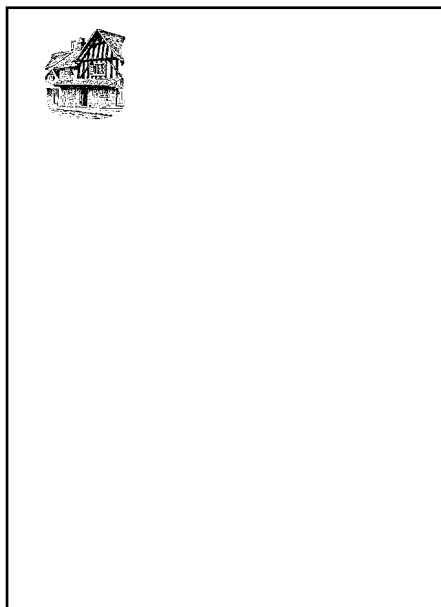
The playing strength has been reflected in the results with the first eleven unbeaten in league matches at the time of writing and the second eleven making a promising start to the season. Last Saturday the second eleven were disappointed to be narrowly beaten away at Churchdown when, with ten runs needed for victory, skipper Steve Pegram found himself "stranded" on 43 as the last wicket fell at the other end.

On 15th May, away at Stinchcombe, the second eleven seemed to have been heading for defeat when they were dismissed for just 79 runs. Then came an inspired bowling spell from Stevie Golding who returned the remarkable figures of 6 wickets for 5 runs and the Stragglers were bowled out for 24. The first eleven has also produced some excellent cricket with James Cook hitting a fine century off the Poulton attack and David Boon taking 6 wickets for 32 runs in the same match.

Results (Saturday matches all league games: \*indicates not out.

Sat 1 May. Cam 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI, Painswick 2nd XI v Birdlip 2nd XI – rained off.

Sat 8 May. Painswick 1st XI v St Stephens 1st XI, Painswick 2nd XI v St Stephens 2nd XI – rained off. Sat 15 May. Painswick 1st XI 207 (W Jamieson 50) Bharat 1st XI 109.



Stinchcombe Stragglers 2nd XI 24 Painswick 2nd XI 24 (S Golding 6-5).  
22 May. Poulton 1st XI 114 (D

Boon 6-32) Painswick 1st XI 257-7 (J Cook 104).  
29 May. Painswick 1st XI 163-3 (J Cook 61\* E Bressington 44)  
Corse & Staunton 1st XI 162-7.  
Churchdown 2nd XI 145 Painswick 2nd XI 136 (S Pegram 43\*).

Fixtures

Sat 5 June. Painswick 1st XI v Slaughters (A). Painswick 2nd XI v Huntley 2nd XI (H).

Sat 12 June Painswick 1st XI v Chalford 1st XI (H). Painswick 2nd XI v Fairford 2nd XI (A).

Sat 19 June. Painswick 1st XI v Oldlands 1st XI (A). Painswick 2nd XI v Charfield 2nd XI (H).

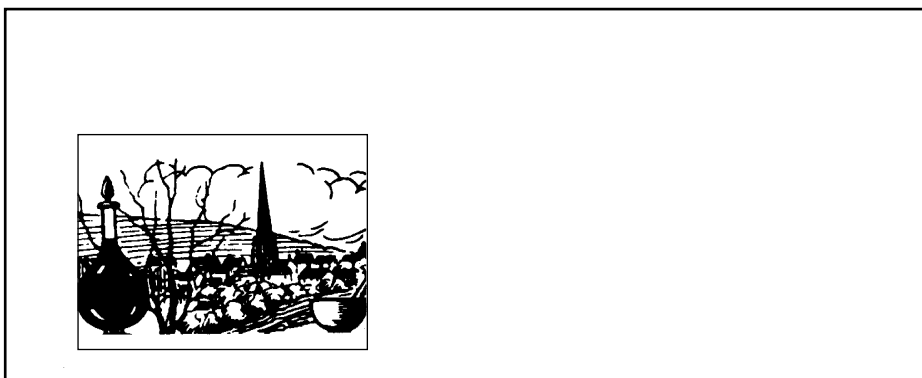
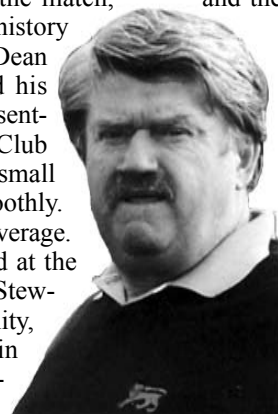
Sat 26 June. Painswick 1st XI v Tetbury 1st XI (H).

## Golf

The Beacon is grateful to the Painswick Golf Club for allowing us to publish the following extract from the club's web site. The site, [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com), is being expanded to include a "who's who", club history, news and forthcoming events.

### Painswick Hosts International "Ryder Cup" Match

"Nature in her sterner moods has little to learn in the matter of golf course architecture. All the hazards here are natural ones and arduous enough to satisfy the most exacting demands." So said Painswick Golf Club's Official Handbook & Souvenir printed in the 1930s. Richard Goodale, a member of the American Golf Course Architects Association, played the course four years ago. Richard, delighted to find this gem, posted information and photographs to the web site used by his colleagues who soon shared his enthusiasm. A "Ryder Cup" format match was arranged between Richard's American colleagues and colleagues from The Rest of the World to be played at Painswick on May 13th to 15th. Building a golf course today means using earth-moving machinery, creating lakes and bunkers, planting trees and shrubs, and building approach roads and services. For the American architects, Painswick was new to their experience. Club Captain, Paul Gobey gave the visitors a warm welcome. Painswick President, Terry Stead, was delighted by the good humour that prevailed throughout the match, and the specialist interest in the design and history of the course. Everyone agreed that Dean Roberts, Head Green Keeper, and his small team, did a first class job in presenting the course in superb condition. Club member, Barrie Hesling organised a small committee to ensure things went smoothly. National television and press gave coverage. A welcoming Gala Dinner was held at the club, prepared by Les and Caroline, Steward and Stewardess. Golfing personality, Peter McEvoy, Walker Cup Captain and British Amateur Champion attended and gave an entertaining after-dinner speech. He played for



the Rest of the World Team. "Great course" he enthused as he walked off the 18th green. The result of the match was 15 ½ - 11½ to the USA.

#### Accolade for Painswick

Peter McEvoy who came to Painswick a couple of days after playing at Royal Beninat in Majorca has since written about the match in the current issue of the "English Club Golfer". In his report he comments that Painswick is only about 30 minutes from where he lives but he has never played it. He says, "although I'd heard a lot about it, I was not prepared for the absolutely awesome experience of playing a course of 4,800 yards that tests nearly every club in the bag! To say Painswick is unique is to understate the fabulous quirkiness that this ancient hilltop fortress course houses. I would not be exaggerating to say that a couple of the finest holes in Britain are at Painswick and certainly the sixth, a long par-3, would be in my own world 18. The point is that anyone can play it. It is short and not especially tight and therefore playable for the high handicapper. However, to break the standard scratch score anyone would have to be playing great golf. It confirms the view that there are other ways to test golfers other than pure length. Painswick provides a fair chance of unpredictable bounces which some might call luck, but my view is that this just tests the patience and perseverance of a golfer. In any case such bounces usually even out. Beninat and Painswick, thousands of miles apart, are proof of the beneficial effect different kinds of courses allow for different skills to yield results. I know that all of the golf course designers playing at Painswick would have gone away with much food for thought."

## LETTERS

*Two letters this month and, as can be seen, pressure of space to fit most of the copy into this over-sized edition – so we feel we must summarise them.*

#### Care Centre

The letters are from Hilary and David Simpson of Cotswold Mead and Maggie Drake from Tibbiwell.

Both letters include objection to the remarks made in the closing paragraph of the letter last month from Keith Cockell where he referred to protests during the planning stages and queried whether the time had come "to draw a line in the sand and accept the benefits that this development will bring...". They, not surprisingly, comment that opposing views are a legitimate part of any planning process.

Mr and Mrs Simpson question the proposed relationship between existing village shops and the facilities planned for the Care Centre. Readers may note the decision of the Parish Council (*see p.2*) to initiate discussions between themselves, local retailers, and Mr.Cockell which should resolve some of the views expressed in the letters and, hopefully, build relationships between the centre and facilities such as the library, post office, pharmacy, etc..

*The Beacon's policy is to print readers' letters whenever practicable, and space permits. However we reserve the right to give priority to new subjects.*

## Local boy heads for the Arctic Circle

James Townsend, aged 16, of Bulls Cross has been selected as one of 50 young explorers from 3,000 applicants nationwide to take part in an expedition. The one month trip to the Arctic Circle this summer will include scientific research and exploration of the area.

Currently studying his AS levels at Dean Close School, James will travel to Svalbard, a group of islands owned by Norway, 800km from the magnetic North Pole. The temperature will average at minus ten degrees, requiring specialist equipment. Since most of the expedition will be on foot, James is currently training to improve his fitness so that he can manage the equipment.

Before he leaves, James hopes to raise £1,500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. He comments: "I am very excited about the trip. It will be a brilliant experience, and I am looking forward to seeing a polar bear, though not too close!"

## Puffins - potential recruits!

The Painswick Puffins, the senior fitness group for the over 50's which is in its fifteenth year, is bridging the generation gap and exercising its culinary and hostessing skills by organising a Coffee Morning in aid of the Painswick Playgroup. This is an opportunity for villagers of all ages to come and support the event and help raise much needed monies for the Playgroup.

The Playgroup is a charitable organisation managed by a committee of volunteers and run for the benefit of pre-school children in the Painswick area. It relies on its income from Playgroup fees and fund-

raising. Because of the low number of children attending Playgroup at the start of the 2003/04 academic year, the Playgroup has been struggling to make ends meet and is desperate to secure the long-term future of this invaluable resource for the village. At Easter, the committee organised a very successful Easter Egg Trail, hosted by the Rococo Gardens, which raised £330. It is hoped that the coffee morning will help get the Playgroup one step nearer to reaching its target of £1,000 of fund-raising by the end of July.

The coffee morning will take place at the Town Hall on Saturday 26th June from 10.00 am to 12 noon and will include re-

freshments, cake stall and tombola. The Playgroup will be assisting by running a second-hand toy stall and children will also be able to "decorate-a-cake" and take part in a colouring competition.

Any contributions to the tombola, cake stall or second-hand toy stall would be very much appreciated and can be left at the Playgroup building, Monday to Friday from 8.30-12.30 or by contacting Susie on 812633.

DAVID WEBB

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# Wordsearch

We hear, from a few readers, that they like to have this monthly challenge. There are no prizes, but we are pleased to print the first name or two claiming to have 'cracked it'.

Congratulations to Beryl Smith, who is not looking forward to this month's remaining elements, and Claire Bamford aged 10, both of whom found all sixteen.

There are no less than 21 elements in the box today, all beginning with a letter between I-Z.

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The May answers - 16 elements with first letters A-H were:

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- BORON
- CADMIUM
- CALCIUM
- CARBON
- CHLORINE
- CHROMIUM
- COBALT
- COPPER
- GOLD
- HELIUM
- HYDROGEN

# Christ Church News

What or where is the Mvumi Hospital was the question on many peoples lips at the Antiques road show held recently at Christ Church to raise money for this years Charities of the Year.

On Friday 11th June there will be an opportunity to find out, as an African evening is planned. This will be in the form of a video presentation followed by supper, which will include some (but not all) African dishes.

Obviously for catering purposes we need to have some idea of numbers, so if you would like to come please contact Audrey Price 812551.

Coffee and Crafts

Christ Church is planning a series of Coffee and Craft mornings and would like to hear from any hobby artists and/or crafts people who would welcome an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. For further details contact; Gill Gyde 812587

## PROPERTY REPORT for June by Hamptons International

With the end of spring, and the onset of summer, the property market has been faced with many conflicting reports and a certain element of uncertainty. Interest rates have taken another rise, and are predicted to increase further before the end of the year.

However, on a national level, the property market has still remained strong, with some excellent growth apparent, especially in the northern part of England, and a strong return to the London and South East markets. Similarly, I am pleased to say, there is still a strong demand for quality village property in and around Painswick. With two new offices now open in London, giving Hamptons International a total of 16 in the city, we are registering a large number of London buyers looking to either relocate or find their dream weekend cottage. Similarly, interest has increased from our Bristol and

Cheshire offices, with buyers looking to take advantage of the M5, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and many facilities that the Cotswolds can offer.

We have recently been instructed on some fine properties including Birdlip House – a fine country house with acreage at Birdlip, “The Red House”, Lower Washwell Lane with its self contained cottage, two modern properties, namely Mullions in Queens Mead and St. Johns in Orchard Mead – both 4 bedroomed houses with exceptional views, 8 Brookhouse Mill, a unique 3 bed converted millhouse, many more 2 bedroomed cottages are also being brought to the market including, May Cottage just off Edge Road, the Watch House in New Street, 17 Gyde House, Spring Cottage – with its stunning views at the top of Tibbiwell, Anns Cottage in Pitchcombe. Also in Pitchcombe we are offering Jays – a 4 bedroomed period cot-

tage, and Penlan – a 3 bedroomed modern chalet house. Hillside is a charming converted barn at Coopers Hill, The Ferns, - a period cottage in The Camp.

In the last month we have concluded sales on 10 Gyde House, Mellguards in Pitchcombe, Corinium House in Edge, New Inn House at The Camp, The Cottage at Brookthorpe and Millside in Upton St. Leonards.

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*Rupert Oliver*



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## VILLAGE DIARY

### JUNE

Sun	6	Bird Club: Field trip to Nagshead RSPB Reserve Guide Ian Procter/Tim Fretter	Forest of Dean	10.30am
Tue	8	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Improvers) - Sundays Dog Training Club: Tuesdays Mothers' Union AGM	Painswick Centre Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	7.30 to 8.30pm 9.30 to 12noon 2.30pm
Wed	9	Mothers' Union Deanery Quiet Day Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	St Mary's Church Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	11.00am to 3.00pm 2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	10	<b>Elections</b> Bristol University Classes - Italian High Renaissance To enrol Tel: 0117 9287844 (Thursdays) Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays	<b>Town Hall</b> Small Church Room Town Hall	<b>7.00am to 10.00pm</b> 11.00am 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	WI Market: Coffee & "tasters" available, Fridays Senior Circle: Anchors Away - Johnny Johnson African evening (see page 25)	Town Hall Town Hall Christ Church	10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	12	Paradise Community Open Day	Paradise House	2.00 to 4.00pm
Tue	15	Local History Society A.G.M. Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	16	Painswick Women's Fellowship: "Air Ambulance" - Ian Nicholls. Visitors Welcome. Parish Council Meeting	Christ Church Hall Town Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	19	<b>Copy dateline for July to Editorial Team</b> Edge & Pitchcombe Conservatives. Coffee & Bring & Buy. By kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Tony Beard Talk by Sir John Mason on Global Warming in aid of Christian Aid. Preceded by supper Painswick Blues '99LBS'	Old Farm, Edge Friends Meeting House Yew Tree House Painswick Centre	10.30am to 12.30pm 8.15pm 7.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	22	"Big Toddle" - Sponsored half-mile walk in aid of Barnardo's and Painswick Playgroup Theatre Club Outing to Malvern Theatre	Painswick Playgroup The Falcon	11.00am 6.00pm
Wed	23	Bird Club: Field trip to Keynes Country Park. Guide, Ali Swainston Painswick Players: <i>A Man for All Seasons</i> - Auditions	The Falcon Painswick Centre	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	24	<b>Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey - Beacon Box</b>		
Fri	25	Senior Circle: 'Seen but not heard': Being a Parish Clerk - Roy Balgobin	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	26	Painswick Puffins Coffee Morning in aid of Painswick Playgroup: Coffee, Cakes, Second-hand Toys, Tombola and Colouring Competition Edge Village Fete. Village Open Gardens Edge Trail	Town Hall Edge Edge Village Green	10.00am to 12.00 noon 5.00 to 7.00pm 2.00 to 4.00pm
Tue	29	Croft School sports day		
Wed	30	Painswick Women's Fellowship: Evening Drive		

### JULY

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	3	<b>July Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Sun	4	Croft School Summer Fayre	Croft School	from 2.30pm
Tue	6	PCMS: AGM	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Wed	7	Open evening	Croft School	4.00 to 7.00pm
Fri	9	Senior Circle: "Antiques Roadshow" - Philip Taubenheim	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Victorian Costume Ball. For information Tel. 01453 833150	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 11.30pm
Tue	13	Shows based upon Siege of Troy (and Wednesday)	Croft School	7.00pm
Wed	14	Painswick Women's Fellowship: B.B.Q.	The Latchets	7.00pm
Sat	17	Tennis Club Games & B.B.Q Evening Summer Concert & Promises Auction including Refreshments, in aid of Church Mission Society Painswick Blues: The Guy Tortora Band	Broadham St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	7.00pm 7.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm

Sat	24	<b>Dog Show and Charity Fun Day</b>	<b>Recreation Field</b>	tba
Wed	28	Country Studio Art Exhibition opens	Library Room	Daily
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Fri	6	Country Studio Art Exhibition ends	Library Room	
Sat	7	<b>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Mon	9	Children's Holiday Club - daily until 14th Led by a team from St Mary's Church	Croft School	Mornings
Mon	30	Coffee Morning in aid of USPG	Church Rooms	10.30am to 12.30pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
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
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
Tue	19	Bird Club: Visit to Cotswold Falconry Centre, and Optional visit to Batsford Arboretum		
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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Thu	4	C.T.A.P. AGM: Speaker Mr Douglas Sammon FRCS, Orthopaedic Surgeon	Christ Church Hall	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	<b>Painswick Festival of Music, Art &amp; Drama Fortnight</b>		
Sat	6	Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
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	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
		Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
		Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening		
Sun	14	Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop	Christ Church	2.00pm
		Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church	7.30pm
Thu	18 - Sat 20:	Painswick Players present A Man For All Seasons	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Fri	19	Senior Circle: AGM followed by "Richmond Village" - Keith Cockell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.30am
Sun	28	Carols for Advent - Bring & Share Supper/ Taize Worship	Town Hall	6.00pm
				7.30pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Fri	3	Senior Circle: Christmas Party/Lunch	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	6	Bird Club: Visit to Slimbridge Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	Slimbridge	11.00am

## Cobalt Appeal Fund

A note from June Gardiner, Sue Archer and The Washwell Wonders tells us that the coffee morning held in the Town Hall on Saturday 22nd May raised a tidy sum for this Appeal.

"The sum raised was just a few coppers short of £600.00. Many thanks to the helpers, and many thanks to those who donated, and of course those people who supported the coffee morning. As always, a good time was had by all!"

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## PLANNING MATTERS

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

### NEW APPLICATIONS

DOZMARY COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Removal of steel plates in roof and replacement with steel channels. Removal of stud partition to expose truss rafter

WOODBOROUGH, KNAPPLANE. First floor extension and replace single storey extension

JENKINS FARM, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Change of use of stables to living accommodation and extension

THE BARN, JENKINS FARM, EDGE. Extension to dwelling (barn conversion allowed under previous permission)

1 CHELTENHAM ROAD. Removal of rendered infill to 1st floor façade and provision of new timber sash window

PACKHURST FARM, EDGE. Retrospective application for alterations to building

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

OLIVERS FARM, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of a steel framed building for use as a livestock unit

WHISPERING TREES, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of extensions

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Introduction of ensuite bathroom on second floor

PACKERS HOUSE, THE GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Single storey extension and installation of a dormer window

4 UPPER WASHWELL. Erection of a bungalow

### REVISED PLANS

1 BUTT GREEN. Erection of extensions and installation of dormer windows. Main changes: Relocation of garden shed added to application.

Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of one dwelling. Revised full application following withdrawn application S.03/CO232/REM. Main changes: Revised fenestration

### CONSENT

SPRING HOUSE, CHURCH HILL, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a conservatory and demolition of existing conservatory

HALEBOURNE, KNAPP LANE. Erection of first floor extension, dormer window and internal alterations

14 CANTON ACRE. Erection of an extension

THE LANGET, KEMPS LANE. Erection of a conservatory

CASTLE HALE, HALE LANE. Remedial work to various trees

BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of two storey extension

MAPLE COTTAGE, DAMSELLS LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage

THE MALT HOUSE, THE GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal alterations to convert 1st floor bathroom to an ensuite bathroom

### REFUSAL

WORGANS BARN, FOLLY LANE, SLAD. Erection of garage, store and stable building. (Existing barns to be demolished)

### APPEAL DISMISSED

SHUTWAY QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE. Alleged breach of Planning Control. Construction of Unauthorised Hardstanding

### NOTIFICATION OF APPEALS

WELCOM, THE PARK. Erection of 2 storey extension

## MINI-ADS

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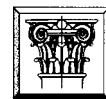
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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to HYWEL and REBECCA DAVIS on the birth of their daughter, Emma Louise, at St. Thomas's Hospital in London on 12th April; a first grandchild for Linda and Brian Davis,

also, congratulations to TRACY HALLIDAY and CRAIG THOMPSON on the birth of their son, Lydon, who was born on 26th March; a brother for Hannah and Emma, and a third grandchild for Eddie and Frances Halliday.

## Engagement

Congratulations to JULIAN DAY and SALLY BASSINGTON who announced their engagement recently; Sally, who comes from Tavistock in Devon was librarian at Painswick Library from 1985 to 1989.

## Weddings

Congratulations to JOHN PAUL and KELLY ENGLE who were married on 15th May at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunneytown, Pennsylvania; John is the grandson of the late Kath and Bill Wear and he has fond memories of his time spent in Painswick,

and congratulations to ANDREW BROTHERTON, Leslie and Dulcie's son, who will marry ELENA STARIKOVICH from St. Petersburg on this Sunday 6th June in Tewkesbury,

and congratulations to GAVIN HALL, son of Liz and Les Hall of Harescombe, who married MARINE LEBLOND of Versailles on Saturday 15th May in Guadeloupe in the French West Indies.

## Diamond wedding

Congratulations to BARBARA and ROBERT BALL who celebrated their Diamond Wedding in April.

## Comings and Goings

Welcome to 'St. Marys' and Painswick to NICK BOON and DEBBIE GOBEY who have moved into 9 Stamages Lane,

and to Gordon, MICHELLE and SARAH ANDERSON who are living at St. Mary's House, Stroud Road,

and welcome to COLLEEN FISHER from Bristol who has bought No.10 Gyde House,

and Mr. RORY ATKINS who has bought Pyll House, Jacks Green

and Dr and Mrs Bishop who have moved from Glasgow to Whitehall Cottage in Stamages Lane.

## Welcome back

We would like to welcome back JIM HAWTIN and ZOE PEACE to Oak House in Hambutts Drive after a year abroad.

## Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Brian Hunt and Margaret Boucher.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of SIMON DIXON, JOHN HANCHETT, BOB FEILDEN. Also RUTH JONES (107) Isobel Jones' sister, and THOMAS HUSKISSON MBE MC, a former Rugby International.

We also extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Sgt. STANLEY PLUMB from Sheepscombe who, together with the entire crew of the Stirling Bomber which was brought down into a marshy field near Opmeer in Holland on 11th May 1941, was buried with full military honours on 11th May this year.

## Personal messages

Thank you to all those who kindly sent me cards and good wishes for my 90th birthday. Also thank you to Michelle, at Ashwell House, for organising my party and the cakes. **Muriel Ransom.**

**Ian, Frankie and Nick Marsh** wish to thank all of you who have sent messages of sympathy and love after the tragic death of Jennie. We have been overwhelmed by such love and care.

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