

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick Festival

Bach, Vivaldi, Acker Bilk and much, much More for Festival Fortnight

Painswick's first Festival of Music, Art and Drama (6th - 20th November) promises to be a memorable fortnight. The outline programme, which has just been released, includes an opening choral concert in St. Mary's Church (Saturday, 6th November) by The Cambridge Voices, one of Britain's premier chamber choirs. A week of music all in St. Mary's Church, including a piano recital by Ian de Massini of Bach's Goldberg Variations and Acker Bilk & His Paramount Jazz Band, will culminate in a Festival Choral Day. This will feature a Festival Choral workshop during the afternoon of Saturday 13th November with Chris Swain, leading up to a Festival Concert in the evening with soloists including Claire Graydon-James.



In the second week, the focus switches to the creative arts and drama with a banner making afternoon in St. Mary's (Sunday, 14th November), a creative writing workshop and an evening of poetry in Christ Church on 17th November and an ambitious production of *A Man For All Seasons* by Robert Bolt, staged by Painswick Players.

Alongside these events will be two exhibitions of paintings by local artists in the Town Hall and displays of quilts, kneelers and banners in St. Mary's church. The Festival aims to fund young musicians and to restore the roof of the 13th century St. Peter's chapel. Some 10,000 programmes will be distributed county wide and tickets will go on sale in April. The Beacon will be providing further details over the coming months.



Dog Show plus

We are able to report, albeit briefly at this stage, that the very successful Dog Show held in its own right on the Recreation Field last summer is to be repeated this year. The provisional date is 24th or 25th July.

That said, we hear that other very interesting activities will be programmed for the same day; we look forward to publishing details as soon as they are available.

A family day out?

... and then there were Ten Councillors still in post.

In our Parish Council News report overleaf, we noted the resignation for personal reasons of Tony Crook.

Shortly before we went to press we learned that the Chairman of the Parish Council's Planning Committee, Malcolm Watts had also resigned.

Cllr Jackie Woof from Slad Ward is currently Acting Chairman until the next meeting of the Council on 17th March.

See also the 'Public Service' contribution on page 9.

Beacon doomed!

In the run-up to publication, the Beacon computer was attacked by the 'My Doom' virus.

Although no permanent damage was done, a number of emails were lost. We think we have recovered most of them but if we have lost any contributions, we apologise in anticipation.

The restored castellated 'pillar' at the entrance to Castle Hale; a tribute to quality craftsmanship and skills associated with Cotswold walling. Readers may recollect our picture of the original structure which we published in July last year; a photograph taken by Terry Dugan who was Site Manager of the St. Mary's Home development shortly before it was knocked down.

Castle Hale... & hearty again!



In this month's Beacon the possible **communications mast** in Edge, no more **skips**, **PADFAS** exposed, the Village **Quiz teams** listed, a touch of **Thailand**, Val's **silver medal**, local **Broadband** update.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vice Chairmanship

Consequent upon the resignation of Tony Crook, Jackie Woof accepted this duty, together with being the Council's representative where any planning application relating to Edge Ward conflicted with the interests of that Ward's councillor.

Policy regarding In-filling

The committee received and approved suggestions set out by the Chairman, Malcolm Watts, as guidelines for when consideration is given to planning applications for in-filling. The existing policy of the District Council (G1) and that already in the Parish Plan (p45/46) was included, together with references to off-road parking, safe access, retention of trees, sensitivity regarding building line and roof height, structural size, character and plot size relating to nearby properties. His suggestion regarding the financial implications for existing owners was removed as having no bearing upon planning considerations.

Upon enquiry by Terry Parker the Chairman confirmed that his draft had not been 'run past' the District Council's officers, and was regarded as purely for local use.

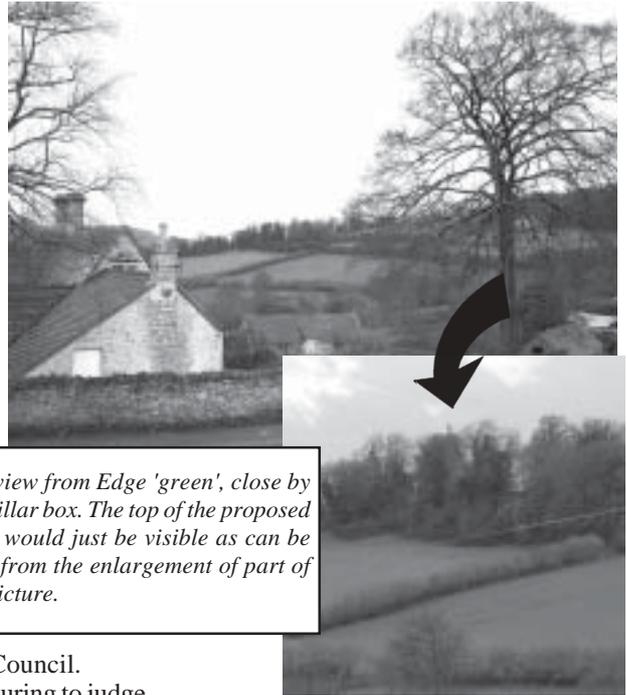
Communications Mast – Edge

The Chairman reported that, together with Terry Parker and Jackie Woof, he had

attended the demonstration by Vodafone, using a cherry picker, of the intended height and location of their communications mast in Edge on 3rd February. They had been surprised that the original site on Jenkins Farm was still under consideration, and not one to the west across the A4173, now considered by Vodafone as unsuitable. It had been recognised that the cherry picker could not be physically located as close to the trees as Vodafone propose for the mast should they appeal against the refusal of the application by the District Council.

While on site, and endeavouring to judge the visual impact of the slightly lower than intended height of the mast, adjustments were made to the equipment to allow for inclusion of the aerial display to be on top of a mast. It was noted that the option of a single-pole or a lattice mast might be put forward in any further planning application.

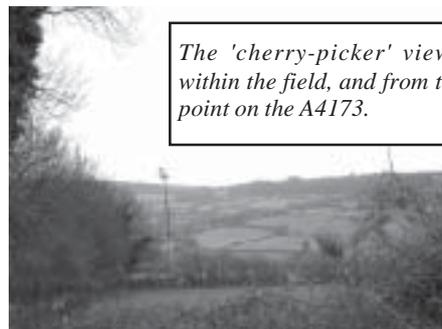
The Beacon took photographs from several angles, including within the field intended for the mast. We motored around the Painswick valley to see if any mast would be visible from such as the roadway between Pitchcombe and Edge, Wick Street, or the southern elevated area in Painswick along Edge Road. Not only was the cherry picker/mast almost impossible to see from these locations, but even from



The view from Edge 'green', close by the pillar box. The top of the proposed mast would just be visible as can be seen from the enlargement of part of the picture.

the bottom of the valley at Broadham Field the cherry picker could only just be discerned by its being of a bright blue colour.

(The Beacon has received copies of eight E-mail messages to the Parish Council from two residents in Edge regarding aspects of this and one other planning application, the unsatisfactory manner in which they have been dealt with, etc.. While we observed that the existence of this 'correspondence' was hesitantly and briefly recognised at the meeting of the Council on the 18th February, 7 having been dispatched in the preceding four days, no discussion about their content took place. In accord with the long-held policy of the Beacon we are not reproducing the correspondence or a précis until such time as we are officially acquainted with both sides of the matter. Ed.)



The 'cherry-picker' viewed from within the field, and from the closest point on the A4173.

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Communication mast – Golf Club

The Chairman reported having sought advice as to why it was necessary to erect a second mast alongside that existing, when it would appear that aerials could all go on one mast. It was noted that some regarded the proliferation of aerials on one mast worse than having two arrays.

PARISH COUNCIL

Resignation

The resignation of Tony Crook, for personal reasons, was received by the Council. Thanks were expressed for his work on behalf of the Planning Committee, of which he was vice-Chairman, and the Council as a whole.

Because there is to be a Parish Council election on 10th June, the Clerk to the Council has been advised that there is no requirement to fill vacancies at this time. (See also our Public Service item on p.8)

St.Mary's Development – Stroud Road wall
Representations have continued regarding what is widely regarded as inferior construction techniques applied to the 'Cotswold' walling at the southern end of this development adjoining Stroud Road, and its impact upon those entering the village by detracting from otherwise high standards of such walling in the village and elsewhere. The Council welcomed a message received that day from Richard Bird, Regional Managing Director of Taylor Woodrow in which he said "In response I can say we have carried out an initial visual assessment and agree that action needs to be taken. We are currently seeking the assistance of a specialist in such walling to help with our proposal".

Watch this – and that – space!

Skip – discontinuance

The Council expressed regret that the County Council could no longer provide skips for residents to use within each village, this due to the abuse of these by some residents depositing mixed refuse requiring, under recent legislation, separation into types of waste.

Upon a suggestion from the Clerk the possibility of 'mobile skips' would be raised with GCC whereby such would remain supervised by skilled operatives whilst parked in a village for (say) two or more hours only.

Catbrain Quarry – localised litter

The Council praised the considerable effort by many residents to maintain litter free areas close to where they lived, this



The 'mix' of walling which is causing much concern, alongside Stroud Road at the entrance to the village.

reflecting well upon the whole community.

Upon a suggestion from Chairman Terry Parker it was agreed to request help from those concerned about the beauty of Painswick Beacon to meet and assist with the collection and bagging of the considerable amount of litter which had accumulated between the quarry and the main (A46) road.

(See separate item from the Parish Council on page 11.)

Highway and pavement obstruction

The Chairman reported having written to the police regarding their recent 'booking' of car owners who had parked in Bisley Street close to the Bank with part of their vehicles on the pavement. The Council was informed that it is legal to park partially on the pavement provided this does not obstruct pedestrians. Members noted that almost all parking on the pavement thereabouts obstructs those using pushchairs, forcing parents to manoeuvre into the street – sometimes with other children alongside. (See also Parish Plan p.23) Some members expressed concern that the layout of the street and its high kerbs, and the stretch with double-yellow lines on one side in



particular, is such that the only way to park legally in relation to the carriageway is to mount the pavement and obstruct it. (Could there be something amiss in the design of the carriageway? Ed.)

..... and emergencies

Robert Goddard, attended the meeting in his capacity as a Leading Firefighter at the Painswick Station, and reported that on the previous Monday the appliance was obstructed in Vicarage Street. Fortunately there was no serious emergency requiring their attention on that evening, the 'offending' car owner willingly moving out of the way on request (a significant wastage of what might have been life-threatening time), only to have re-parked in the same obstructing location to be encountered by the brigade on their return journey!

Regular obstructions are also experienced in Knapp Lane and Tibbiwell and Robert pleaded for greater public awareness of the implications of their thoughtlessness.

(Our camera is at the ready! Ed.)

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Not quite the Antiques Road Show

Christ Church are holding an antiques evening on Thursday 15th April at which everyone is invited to bring along a medium/small antique. Philip Taubenheim of the Wooton Auction rooms will be present and will comment on the most interesting items. Supper is included and it should prove to be an interesting and enjoyable evening social event. Tickets will be available from mid-March at a cost of £10 with the proceeds going equally to the two Christ Church charities of the year, namely Mvumi Hospital in Tanzania and The Stroud Mencap Homes Foundation.

This early notice should enable you to look out that 'valuable antique' that Aunt Mabel left you and book the date. Ticket information will follow.

Hambutts Field Trust

Painswickians, particularly dog walkers and others who enjoy walking in Hambutts Field, might like to know of a new way of helping the Trustees of this registered charity.

From April 2004 people who complete a Self Assessment tax return will be able to nominate a charity to receive all or part of any repayment due to them. The donation will be paid direct to the charity's bank account, the form will incorporate a Gift Aid declaration. Gift Aid tax will be paid without the charity having to make a claim, and for the first time charities will benefit from Gift Aid on anonymous donations.

The Inland Revenue will publish a list of participating charities from which donors can choose on their website. The list will show the charity name and address together with an identification code.

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PADFAS

What is PADFAS? Many residents of Painswick will be well aware of our Society, but others may not know much about us. PADFAS stands for the Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society which is affiliated to the National Society.

We have a membership of 253 with a constant waiting list of around 100.

NADFAS was founded in 1968 as an educational organization with charitable status to encourage a wider appreciation and knowledge of decorative and fine arts.

To this end we have 10 top class lecturers per year, enjoy visits to places of historical, and architectural interest, and follow up many of our lectures with a Study Day. Membership gives us a unique opportunity to learn more about the nation's heritage. Our lecturers are hand picked for their expertise on a wide range of subjects. They are listed in our Directory of Lecturers, so that chairman and committees of local societies can choose exactly the right speaker for any given occasion.

Heritage Volunteers. Since 1973, groups of volunteers all over the country have been helping to restore and preserve the nation's cultural treasures, providing much needed support for museums, libraries, National Trust Properties etc. PADFAS spent two years helping the Museum in the Park, Stroud, getting many of their treasures ready for the opening of the new museum.

Church Recorders. Another very important part of NADFAS work is to record the contents of parish churches. Often uncatalogued until now, a rich store of treasures has been unearthed by these groups. PADFAS have recorded 15 churches in this area and the church authorities are delighted by some of the discoveries the Recorders have made, and the police have found the Records of great use when investigating theft or vandalism.

Young Arts. We believe in encouraging a love of the arts from an early age. Many societies do just that in their own locality by fostering children's interest in the arts either indirectly, by funding arts projects in their schools or in arts institutions such as galleries. PADFAS organised a lecturer from London to talk to year 12 of the Marling School, and the Stroud High School last summer. This year we have made contact with the **Croft School, Painswick**, and are looking forward to working with them on arts projects this coming year.

Rosemary Wonham - Member PADFAS

High Italian Renaissance from Bristol

Bristol University is running a series of 10 classes on the Italian High Renaissance. The classes are held on Thursday mornings, starting at 11.00a.m. in the small Church Room, commencing on 6th May. The work of many familiar artists will be explored, including Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Titian and Caravaggio, but we will also explore the less familiar artists such as Orazio and Artemesia Gentileschi. The classes are open to all and aimed at enthusiasts of Italian culture. To enrol call Hilary Belts on 0117 9287844 or write to: The University of Bristol Department of Continuing Education (History of Art), 11 Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1TB

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Village Quiz 2004

One week remaining before The Night; the occasion of the clash of intellect and (hopefully) collective memory and wit – the 2004 Village Quiz. All 27 teams tell us they are still bracing themselves for the challenge, the questions are set and sealed, the mid-evening trays of refreshments have been ordered, the bar stewards are flexing their corkscrews, and we are looking forward to welcoming over 100 'quizzers'.

We can confirm that there WILL be a General Knowledge round, but beyond that our lips are sealed. Only one reminder to give – we start promptly at 7.15pm. To ensure that this is achieved the doors of Painswick Centre will be open at a quarter to seven, as will the bar so that refreshments can be purchased and teams make themselves comfortable.

And the teams are:

BADMINTON CLUB
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PADFAS (last time winners)
PAINSWICK MUSIC SOCIETY
PAINSWICK PLAYERS
QUASIMODOS Bellringers
ST.MARYS A Team
ST.MARYS B Team
SENIOR CIRCLE
SLAD Four from the valley
THE BAND OF HOPE
 (Painswick Christian Men's Society)
THE CLERKS'TALE
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It only remains to say "Enjoy!"

Church Survey

The future role of the church in the community

As part of a process to arrive at priorities and objectives for the next 5 years or so, the PCC and Local Ministry team at St Mary's are seeking the support and input of folk throughout the community of Painswick. They need your views (whether you're part of St Mary's or not!) to inform their deliberations at an Away Day in May with their facilitator/consultant (Guy Bridgewater) and are asking for responses to the four questions below, by the end of March:

- 1) What do you enjoy most about living in Painswick?
- 2) What are you most hopeful about when you think of Painswick?
- 3) What concerns you most when you think of Painswick?
- 4) What do you think the churches might do to help?

Responses can be returned to the letter box of the Lychgate Church Office (either on the Questionnaire forms available from the Library or the back of Church, or on plain paper) or by e-mail to StMarys@Painswick17.fsnet.co.uk

It is really important that the thinking reflects the different perspectives of those involved in other churches and none, so please take out a little time to respond. If you have any questions or other comment, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Marsh (812829) or Rev John Longuet-Higgins (812334)

Spring into action for Breakthrough Breast Cancer

Local fundraisers will be stepping out on a Mother's Day Crocus Walk to Painswick Beacon on Saturday 20th March in support of Breakthrough Breast Cancer's vital programme of research and awareness, with Norwich Union matching all money raised on a pound-for-pound basis up to £100,000!

The walk will start outside the Croft School in Churchill Way at 2.00pm and last about an hour, finishing at Christ Church Hall in Gloucester Street, where refreshments will be served.

For further details or to make a donation, contact Ana Murray (812849) or Delyth Allen (813182).

Austerity Lunches

After nineteen years as treasurer, Joan Truman has decided to retire. The Austerity Lunches were started some 36 years ago and have been generously supported by the people of Painswick. Over £25,000 has been raised for developing countries and we thank Joan for her part in achieving this.

Recent television coverage of the Sudan has highlighted the continuing need for such aid, so if anyone would be prepared to consider taking on the important role of treasurer please contact me: Gill Gyde 812587 or Joan Truman 813965



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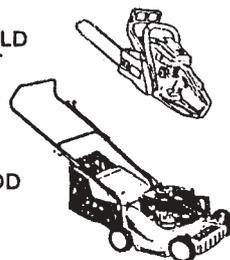
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52nd Annual Show

The Painswick Horticultural Society is holding its annual show on Saturday 11th September this year.

In order that Members (and there is plenty of time to join) have time to prepare their exhibits, here is a preview of the Handicraft Section:

- A knitted toy
- A pair of knitted gloves
- A gardener's kneeler
- A gardener's tool belt
- A pair of decorated candles
- A greetings card for a silver wedding
- A decorated flower pot
- A painted scene of my garden
- A photograph of tree bark
- A photograph of a garden structure.

Any queries, please contact Philip Berry on 813227

Where the bee sucks

"Bees and Pollination" was the topic chosen by Mr. Smallwood of Swindon Village for the meeting of the Society on 12th February, and what a success it really was! He began by giving us a glimpse into the history of bee-keeping from earliest times down through the centuries with references stemming from art and literature to prove that bee-keeping was popular from ancient Greece to most other areas of Europe.

With 30 hives of his own, 12 kept in his garden and 18 on farmland, Mr Smallwood expertly took us through the various stages in honey production, his excellent slides adding much to the detailed account of the role played by the queen, the drones and the worker-bees. He mentioned the most sought-after flowers for them to plunder and the way

in which the pollen is gathered in 'sacs' on their back legs which is then taken back to the hive.

All aspects of bee-keeping were covered from swarming to replacement of the queen. Mrs Smallwood offered pots of their own honey and small statuettes of beeswax for sale after the talk. The many questions asked at the end were proof of the interest shown in this fascinating subject and many members were heard to say as they left; "If only I were ten years younger...."

On 10th March we return to our usual meeting time of 7.30pm when the subject of the talk will be "Ask the experts - trees and landscaping" with Geoffrey March and Stuart Gibbs.

Pauline Lamont

As Time Goes By... just a distant mammary?

I'm sorry for the headline, dear readers, but you try linking *As Time Goes By* - an afternoon of timely poetry, prose and cream teas this Saturday March 6th - with our next full production (May 6th - 8th) *Habeas Corpus*, Alan Bennett's brilliant expose of bust enhancement and the Permissive Society. *As Time Goes By* is the latest of Pauline Foreman's annual celebrations of dramatic wit and wisdom which this year is in aid of the Meningitis Trust. Tickets are £4.50. But time is of the essence! Is it already too late? Has time already gone by? Hopefully as you read this, there's still time to grab your coat and hat and stride purposefully to the Church Rooms before it starts at 3.00pm.

On to *Habeas Corpus*. I promised to keep you abreast (so to speak) of the titillating details of this bizarre tale of dallying doctors, bosom friends, friendly bosoms and suggestive slips (both nylon and Freudian), as rehearsals get underway. In order to do this, I disguised myself as an actor and put myself up for a part.

'Very well,' agreed director Lesley Wolowiec, a trifle petulantly I thought, 'You can be Sir Percy Shorter. He's a bumptious, vertically challenged, pompous old fool.'

To create such a character, I was clearly going to have to draw on my vast reserves of dramatic technique. I said as much to Lesley.

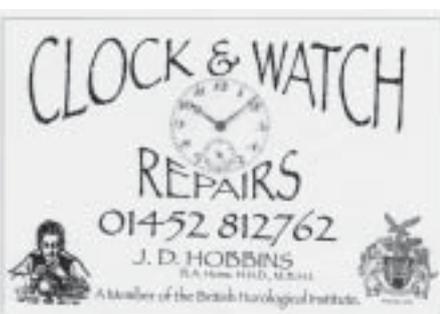
'er... ye-es,' she replied, eyeing me carefully, 'And he also has absolutely no perception of just how bumptiously pompous an old fool he is. Or how vertically challenged.'

I sometimes feel, after a conversation with Lesley, that I have somehow missed some vital nugget of information. Anyway, on to the rehearsals. About halfway through the first rehearsal,

I - as Sir Percy - was called upon to play a dramatic love scene with (of all people) the dearly beloved, ie the Most Organised One, who plays the bustily presumptuous Constance. This was no mean feat given that we were locked in a passionate embrace, scripts in hand, each trying to read their lines over the other's shoulder. Curiously, the MOO maintained that she has used this technique for years and claimed to have read *Wuthering Heights* thus entwined. Not at one entwining, of course.

To reveal more of what happened at that first rehearsal would be to introduce more vicarious excitement than is proper for a gentle village such as ours. Hence, for the present, I will leave you to speculate why Canon Throbbing (Hamish Maclean) throbs... or what causes the rumpus for Lady Rumpers (Avril Dorey) ... or whether Benedict Kolczynski, as Dr Wicksteed, will get his wicked way with the dew-eyed Felicity (Fiona Maclean)... or how far into the ample bosom of Muriel Wicksteed (Susanna Davis) will the hapless Sir Percy be drawn before I suffocate... I shall not tempt you with the trials and tribulations of Mr Shanks (Alistair Anderson), a fully qualified breast tester, as he searches in vain for a genuinely false breast to test... or poor, pimply Dennis (Ian Kubiak), a hypochondriac who sadly believes himself to be sick of the very disease he is actually suffering from... I shall keep you tantalisingly in ignorance of what Jackie Herbert, as Mrs Swabb, is a doing as she 'oovers with 'er 'oover. And I shall keep you in a state of suspense concerning Mr Purdue - a state, indeed, he himself is in for most of the play... gently swinging at the end of a rope.

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A Touch of Thailand in the Heart of Painswick

Ian Calvert likes his customers to feel at home when they spend an evening in his Thai restaurant at The Cross in Painswick. The rich colours of the tableware, the beams, the décor, a very gentle light and your table for the whole evening certainly make for a relaxed atmosphere in this delightful setting. Add to that the excellent food and the service without pressure and you have the perfect venue for a truly relaxed evening.

The restaurant opened in March 1997 and seven years on it continues to attract diners in substantial numbers. There are many regulars from Painswick and beyond and, of course, the tourists. The appetite for authentic Thai food is much in demand. Paddy Burt for The Daily Telegraph wrote that some of the best Thai food she'd ever eaten was here in Painswick.

Ian grew up in Pitchcombe and attended Cheltenham Gentlemen's College. Later he decided to take a year out and, according to him, somehow boarded the wrong boat and ended up in Thailand. There he met his wife, Jai, and eventually they returned to Pitchcombe. Not long afterwards, quite fortuitously, he was invited during a conversation with the property owner to lease the premises and set up the restaurant.

Ian had no previous experience and his wife had cooked only for the family, but they liked the idea. "If you're not afraid of failing, then you've nothing to lose," says Ian of his approach at that time. He is quick to point out, however, that if he was

about to start now, knowing what was involved, he would be considerably more apprehensive.

Undaunted, they went ahead. Just one month after the suggestion had been made they opened the doors to 22 customers on the first night. There has been no looking back since. Busy from the start, one year later on Valentine's night they extended the restaurant into what is now the lower half.



There is a set menu which changes weekly, determined to a large extent by the availability of fresh produce. As far as possible all the ingredients are bought locally. Customer comments are valued and changes are made accordingly, though often this involves restoring favourites which have been omitted for a few weeks.

This month Ian is introducing a new feature. From 6.30-7.30, Tuesday to Friday, a choice from the set menu can be selected – a sort of quick Thai bite. It

should suit a whole range of circumstances and offer an opportunity to sample a selection of real Thai cuisine at a very reasonable price.

Ian and his team - Jai, stepdaughter, Mai, stepson, Mac, and manager and right-hand man, Wayne – have succeeded in creating a restaurant that serves excellent food in a relaxed atmosphere right here in our midst. It's well worth a visit.

The Thai Restaurant is licensed and opens Tuesday to Saturday from 6.30 to 9.30pm.

Carol Maxwell

Winston's Wish Coffee Morning

Helen Baker and Anne Leoni will be holding their Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th March in the Town Hall, 9.45am – 12 noon.

Their main charity this year is **Winston's Wish** with donations to Our Lady & St Thérèse and Father Franco in Papua New Guinea.

Since **Winston's Wish** began in 1992 it has helped many thousands of children live with their loss following the death of mums, dads, brothers and sisters. This loss can have a devastating effect on a young life. Your support will enable **Winston's Wish** to provide help, information and support.

There will be the usual cake stall, jams and preserves, Raffle, bric-a-brac, books and some fresh flowers and plants. Cakes, quiches, roulades and flowers can be ordered in advance. Coffee, tea, chocolate and our famous home biscuits for £1.00.

Donations of good quality, nearly new children's clothes and toys may be brought to the Town Hall from 11am to 1pm on Friday the 26th March.

Do come and support this cause especially those mums, dads and grandparents with young children.

Contacts for Helen 813091 & Anne 812521

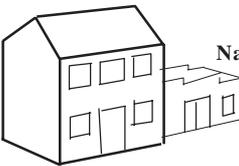



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Music matinee

The third of these music-for-the-afternoon events will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 16th March at 2.00 for 2.15pm

Elgar
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Painswick Music Appreciation Group

"A Globetrotter's historical Music Cavalcade" might aptly describe Ann Burgess-Watson reliving periods of her life on 29th January with an exciting mixture of recordings illustrating the many different foreign cultural influences she had experienced, some while abroad for the Foreign Office.

Debussy's "La Cathédrale Engloutie" - tremendous bell effects - was inspired by her French period at pre-prep school. Her parents also influenced her early musical taste and we admired Gwen Catley's gorgeous voice overcoming a very scratchy 78! Then a guitar piece by Heitor Villa-Lobos with fascinating Brazilian-Indian rhythms. As a reminder of her visits to Milan's La Scala we heard a superb soprano rendering of "Ritorno Vincitor" from Aida. The "Pastoral Symphony" reminded her of a young Beethoven addict in France as well as of Painswick's beautiful surroundings, and the first half ended with a tremendously exciting piece "Three Violins on a Theme of Carmen" which left us quite breathless.

In Poland she saw "Boris Godunov" and we enjoyed Chaliapin singing the Boasting Song, followed by three very forceful Chopin preludes and a sonorous bass rendering of a Polish miner's song. "Hello Dolly" - very nostalgic - and "My Bucket's got a Hole" superbly played by Jim Robinson's New Orleans band epitomised her American sojourn. Brahms' "Lullaby" reminded Ann of her little children in Paris. Next to Japan and some Koto music - lauded by some but not to your reviewer's taste! Thence to Milan and "Queen of the Night" from the Magic Flute, and on to Kathmandu with daughter Sarah practising Mozart's D Minor Piano Concerto for 2 years!, and lastly Hong Kong with a haunt-

ing rendering of "Amazing Grace" by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

Now settled here, Ann frequently listens to organ recitals in the Cathedral and we heard the amazing "Variations on Old Macdonald had a Farm" played by David Briggs.

What an excellent selection and what an enjoyable trip down memory lane!

And what a contrast it was learning on 12th February about the banner of Russian nationalism raised in St. Petersburg in the 19th century first by Glinka, followed by the "Mighty Five" - Balakirev, Cui, Borodin, Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, all composers from the same period. Geraldine Brown began with a helpful account of the socio-

historical background which explained their initial isolation from the West European scene and relatively untutored progression to excellence. We heard Balakirev's "Overture on 3 Russian themes" - wistful and majestic. Our reviewer had never heard of Cui, but the "Orientale" for cellos was pleasant enough.

Mussorgsky - intensely Russian radical experimentalist - was represented by another of those rich Russian basses singing a Boris Godunov aria. From Borodin - scientist and arch-typal musical amateur possessed of genius - we heard a superlative symphonic poem with a central Asian theme of camels and horses and an excerpt from "Prince Igor", completed by Rimsky Korsakov extracts from whose exciting and dramatic satirical opera "The Golden Cockerel" ended an instructive and interesting evening.

Ralph Kenber

**Music
Appreciation
Group**



Award winning violinist plus pistol packing pianist open Music Society Season

Our concert season opens on 20th March with the award winning violinist, Ruth Rogers. Ruth graduated from the Royal College of Music in 2001 with first class honours and the college's highest accolade. She has since performed in all the major London venues with leading orchestras, given concerts throughout Europe and the USA and played in radio and television broadcasts. The Countess of Munster Trust, to whom we are

grateful for sponsorship, presently supports her. Ruth Rogers performs regularly with the pianist, Alvin Moisey and they are much in demand in the UK and abroad.

**Painswick
Music
Society**



Alvin was described in the Times as 'a pistol packing pianist' and Musical Opinion has highlighted his 'startling technique' and 'sensitive mastery'. He has played widely as a soloist and chamber musician here and also in the Middle East,

Japan and the USA making his New York, Carnegie Hall debut in 1997.

A unique feature of the afternoon is the delicious tea served in the Church Rooms afterwards when there is an opportunity to meet the artists. Membership for the whole season of four concerts - £26, - which offers great value for money and a saving of £14. Individual tickets at £10 can also be obtained for all four concerts. Young people are especially welcome - tickets for children and students are £1.

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Valerie wins RHS Silver Medal for leaf paintings

Local artist, Valerie Dugan, has been awarded a Silver Medal for her botanical paintings of leaves at the RHS Spring Flower Show in London.

Even when she was very young, Valerie knew she was going to be an artist. At the age of thirteen she passed a scholarship to attend Sutton College of Art and Design in Surrey, specialising in calligraphy and



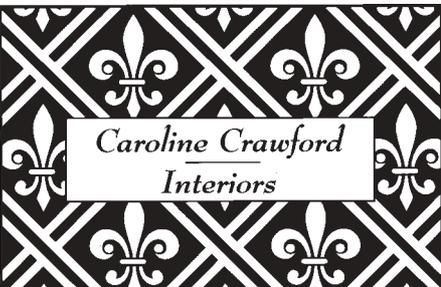
fashion design. She then spent many years working in various art studios in London before becoming self employed.

After training as a botanical artist at the University of Gloucestershire, Valerie had her work accepted by Westonbirt Arboretum, The Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, Cambridge and Harrogate, and the RHS Gardens at Wisley.

In early January, she was invited to exhibit eleven of her botanical paintings of leaves at the RHS Spring Flower Show in London for which she was awarded a Silver Medal.

She has received many other awards for her work and one of her designs was chosen by The National Silver Trust to be engraved onto a silver charger, which was used at 10 Downing Street and British Embassies around the world.

Valerie will be exhibiting her calligraphy and botanical paintings, all of which are for sale, at the Painswick Town Hall on Friday 5th March from 2 till 8pm, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March from 10.00 am till 4.30pm. Joining her will be Ian Shearmen, a well known local landscape painter and ceramicist.



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Public service

Whether for Parliament or Parish Council, whether for the European institutions or for the County Council, giving of one's time and sharing of one's talents is a surprisingly demanding job. Those who are remunerated receive their thanks through pay cheques and plaudits, while those in the first tier of local government - the Parish or Town Council - receive no pay, and few expressions of thanks.

The resignations of Tony Crook and Malcolm Watts in the past couple of weeks have highlighted, in their letters to the Chairman of the Council, their appreciation of the experience their duties brought to them and the value they placed upon working within the team of twelve who discharge numerous important functions on behalf of the whole community.

Rendering service at the highest levels of democratic governance is so detached from the public that there is an element of insulation from the 'bricks and bats' which are metaphorically hurled from time to time. At the village level the challenge to render public service in this capacity is in part a different challenge, this because one cannot help but encounter one's 'constituents' within hours of exercising one's duties as a Parish Councillor. That is an added pressure, and we all owe a great deal to our representatives who have found ways to withstand that local social pressure, and equally respect those who have other pressures of family, work or health who decide to retire for a while, or indefinitely.

One trusts that close observation of councillors each month whilst reporting for this publication is a privilege which enables me to make these observations.

Leslie Brotherton

Cakes, Clothes & Cuttings

The Painswick Friends of Cotswold Care will be holding their annual Spring coffee morning, 10am till midday, in the Town Hall on the morning of Saturday 24th April. Nearly-new clothes will be on sale. There will also be a cake stall and a plant stall.

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Broadband update

Since last month's public meeting, both of the wireless broadband operators interested in Painswick - Node Broadband and Loop Scorpio - have made significant progress in starting up services.

For Node, Terry Anderson reports that several serious business broadband users in Painswick have registered, attracted by the 2Mb per second download speed offered (not 512kb as erroneously reported in last month's Beacon). The central relay point location, which overlooks most of Painswick and can service



up to 4 km line of sight (*see photo*), has been provided by Nigel and Debra Browne of Fabric Architecture in Yokehouse Lane, who expect to be major users of the service. To find out more or to register for inclusion in a site survey, log on to www.nodebroadband.com.

Outside Painswick, Node have registered about a dozen subscribers in Sheepscombe with the help and support of Frances Day of XHP Consulting and a site assessment carried out last month proved positive. Frances is also approaching a number of interested parties willing to host the central node. In Cranham, more than enough potential subscribers have come forward and a site assessment, also carried out last month, has proved that it will be possible to bring a full broadband service into this complex village layout. Two central node options are being investigated, including the use of a single central node and a

strategically positioned transmitter repeater. It is possible that from Cranham, Node could also serve houses on the A46 towards the Royal William. Any residents there who are interested should contact Martin Quinn on 812656 or Peter Roberts on 812753. In Edge, Node have begun separate campaigns which

will include Haresfield and Harescombe.

As reported last month, Node Broadband uses the Ehotspot system, which now has nearly 50 active rural sites and 200 sites projected by the end of this year. Ehotspot claims to be rapidly becoming one of the major wireless

broadband providers in the UK and also claims higher technical specifications than most other rural community solutions.

The other broadband operator, Loop Scorpio, has just gone live and the Falcon Inn - where the primary antenna is located - became the first 'live' customer. They are now looking to add a few more nodes as soon as possible to extend coverage across the village and to link up the 40 or so subscribers who have indicated strong interest.

They are also exploring how best to include Longridge and Edge as soon as is practical. For Loop Scorpio, Peter Cartwright commented, "We are very interested in exploring the possibility of using homes in both Longridge and Edge to 'beam back' a service to Painswick itself which could greatly ease our challenge of getting as close to 100% coverage of the village as is practical."

Old Painswick Club gives lift to the Painswick Centre

Prior to its demise, the former Painswick Club held dances and other fund raising events in support of a number of local causes, including the Painswick Surgery Equipment Fund and the Painswick Playgroup. Since the Club has now effectively become synonymous with the Painswick Centre, the trustees have decided to donate the balance of monies accrued to the Centre. On behalf of the trustees, Rose Smith said that the donation was specifically towards installing a stair lift to help the elderly and disabled reach the upper floors.

Russ Herbert, Painswick Centre chairman, commented that he was delighted by the donation which would enable the stair lift to be installed in the near future. 'It is a fitting memorial to the efforts of Club members and will be of great benefit to the elderly and disabled users of the Centre'.

Installing a chairlift is just one of a whole range of improvements planned to enhance the value

of the facilities to existing users and make the Centre more friendly to the disabled, in line with new legislation. The Trustees hope to fund these works with a combination of grants, current revenue and the help of organisations that regularly use the Centre. The Beacon plans next month to produce a full feature on the Painswick Centre, the progress made over the past five years and exciting plans for future developments.

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Painswick on the Web

Beaconline - The Beacon goes on the Web.

As the cyber spider spins the world wide web ever wider, we are pleased to announce that **Beaconline** - the web edition of the Beacon - is now available and will in future be published simultaneously with the paper edition. Apart from those whose paper edition has been lost, pinched or recycled in error, we hope that **Beaconline** will be particularly useful to the growing Painswickian diaspora, absent friends and distant relatives.

Also published on-line this month is the Clubs & Societies supplement produced last April as part of the Beacon's 25th Anniversary celebrations. With descriptions and photographs of 56 local organisations, the supplement was designed to be a lasting recognition of the role of clubs and societies in Painswick.

The on-line version is to be regularly updated and is linked to the on-line Painswick Directory, so that contact details and the description for each organisation can be easily cross-referenced.

We invite all clubs and societies to check their entries and provide updates and/or photographs for inclusion.

The Beacon homepage is:
www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

Painswick Surgery Website

Patients of Painswick Surgery may be interested to know that there is now a surgery website www.painswicksurgery.nhs.uk. The website gives useful information about the doctors, surgery times, how to get a repeat prescription etc.

There are also useful links to other websites :- a link to Gloucestershire Health Services which can provide lists of doctors, dentists and opticians together with information on the various Primary Care Trusts working in Gloucestershire. There is a link to PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) who provide help for patients and their families or carers to find answers to questions or concerns about the care or treatment they receive from all NHS Services. There is also a link to GUIDe (an organisation based in Gloucestershire who provide information on health, social care and disability support organisations both locally and nationally) and an Advice and Self Help section providing useful advice on dealing with common conditions - everything from bumps, bruises and burns through to sore throats, spots and sprains.

Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager says it is hoped to add an email facility in the not too distant future for patients to email their prescription requests and enquiries. 'We will of course keep you informed as soon as we have a date when we can accept email requests.'

New Rugby Club website

Also published this month is a new Painswick Rugby Club website - www.painswickrfc.moonfruit.com - with a complete fixture list, results, news and pictures.

Subscription invitation

The Beacon committee would like to thank all who support us, subscribers and advertisers, our team of distributors, and all who take the time and trouble to send in articles for publication. The number of subscribers reached 635 this last year, very close to our all-time record.

It is with the March issue that we invite readers to subscribe. We hope, of course, that you find your monthly newspaper, delivered free of charge to all households in Painswick, and to subscribers beyond the village itself, of real value. Enclosed with this copy is a pre-addressed envelope and a slip to enter your subscription. If you care to post this or leave at the desk in the Post Office, we will be most obliged. For those requesting or continuing postal delivery of the Beacon there are fixed charges to defray our costs, but in all other instances the amount you decide to subscribe is entirely at your discretion. Some ask us for an indication of what might be contributed and, to be helpful, we can point out that each copy costs 40p - 50p to print; we leave the mathematics to you!

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For newcomers to the village we point out that The Painswick Beacon is an independent community newspaper, produced on a voluntary non-profit making basis, with the main aim of bringing news of local activities to the attention of all Painswick residents.

The numbers of subscribers from the various areas covered by the Beacon are as follows:-
Painswick 426, Edge 66, Pitchcombe 30,
Sheepscombe 13, Gloucester 7, Slad 4,
Postal and other areas 89

Fact

About one in two residents/households in Painswick village subscribe to the Beacon.

Question

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LETTERS

PARKING IN BISLEY STREET

From Cedric Nielsen

I refer to the article After Bisley Street, in the February issue of The Painswick Beacon. I do sympathise with the residents who do not have off street parking. However, there is a small minority of car owners who abuse the arrangements and park their vehicles so far onto the pavement that the public are unable to pass to reach the Bank. I understand that such an incident caused the parking tickets.

I was saddened to see that no mention was made of the right of the public to use the pavements provided for that purpose. For people like myself with walking difficulties, one is forced to walk in the road for the section from the entrance to Friday Street to St Mary's Street. The only pavement is occupied by parked cars and shrubs which have been allowed to grow across it. The traffic using Bisley Street expect walkers to get out the way by squeezing into gaps or onto private forecourts.

I believe it is time that the Parish Council took a fresh look at the parking problem before someone is involved in an accident.

EDGE COMMON

From Carolyn Luke

I read last month's article in the Beacon with much interest, having been involved with the volunteer management of the Common since 1993 when English Nature first proposed fencing the Common for grazing and initiated a program of scrub management with the agreement of the Blow Estate.

Since then, volunteers from the village of Edge, BTCV and the Cotswold Wardens have put in many hours of hard work removing scrub in order to improve the habitat. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those volunteers for their efforts over the past 10 years.

I understand that the Common has recently been designated as a National Nature Reserve as a result of the efforts of Paul Hackman of English Nature with the cooperation of the Blow Estate. This designation will ensure the funding for future management and we look forward to Mr Griffith's input into the project to help make it a success.

PAINSWICK WI

*From Doreen Boon,
Former Secretary, Painswick WI*

I am sure that by now everyone in Painswick will know of the closure, or rather suspension, of Painswick WI. It has been well documented in the last two issues of the Beacon and such news never takes long to circulate. What hasn't been mentioned is the future of the Village Leaflet.

It would be a great pity if this service to the village was to cease. So I have volun-

teered to continue to sell the leaflets in the same way as before, arranging printing and distribution to the various outlets and making sure that whenever any profit is shown, the money will go, as previously, to village amenities.

Copies of the leaflet will be available by ringing me on 813850.



MORE ON THOSE PARKING FINES

*From David Hudson,
Chairman, Traffic Committee*

Quite recently several cars in Bisley Street were given tickets by the police for parking in such a way as to obstruct the pavement. The police have made it very clear that while it is not illegal to park on the pavement (subject to double yellow lines) it is illegal to obstruct the pavement in such a way as to prevent free access by pedestrians, push chairs and wheelchairs. We understand that the police have asked the Central Ticket Office to waive the charges this time but in the future they will prosecute and this applies throughout the village. Residents should therefore ensure that their cars do not obstruct the pavement.

There have also been occasions recently when the fire-engine was unable to proceed up Vicarage Street, Tibbiwell and Kemps Lane because of cars obstructing the road. It is absolutely essential that emergency vehicles should have free access throughout the village and we have asked the police to take the appropriate action should this occur again.

We are very fortunate to have our own public car park which is free of charge from 5.00 pm to 9.00 am. The charges during the day are modest and season tickets are available from Stroud District Council. The Parish Council urges residents to make use of the car park as doing so would ease the parking problem in the village and might save the embarrassment of parking tickets in the future.

ASHWELL HOUSE

From Peggy Bradshaw.

I think it's time that a tribute should be paid to Ashwell House and Michelle Elliott, who is our Manager.

I have been here about two years and cannot praise Michelle enough. She plans many activities and various outings and when possible contacts us every day. She is always so cheerful and willing to help or do anything for us. I hear from other

sources that some managers just do the official duties full stop.

I do wish there were more sheltered houses like this: they are far better than some residential homes I have visited and worked in! We all have our own units but can join in for special occasions or not as we please.

We have just had a wonderful Valentines Breakfast a la Continental which was presented in a wonderful way and whenever there is a special day, eg Pancake Day, Michelle makes it a special day for us.

I know Michelle's mother, Margaret Day, and Charles are well thought of and I am sure have given Michelle support. Michelle's children are also very helpful: not all youngsters are tolerant of older folk!

ACCESS AT THE PARK

From K E Hemming

I am writing in response to the report that appeared on page 3 in the February edition of The Beacon.

Concern was expressed about the proposed changes to the access of the property "Welcom". There appears to be some misunderstanding of the regulations, as planning permission is not required to form an access onto an unclassified road. The road in question is "unclassified" as are all the roads in The Park, therefore, the District Council Officers gave the correct advice.

I trust this clarifies the matter and will terminate further misleading comments.

BROADBAND NODE RADIATION

From Ann Mortimore

With reference to The Beacon's celebratory coverage of the advent of Broadband to Painswick, and having attended two public meetings, I would like to make the following points:

No overt mention was made in the account of the meetings that Loop Scorpio, in contrast to BT, uses microwave transmitters. Peter Cartwright, in a helpful and frank conversation, said that he had received letters, from parents in Ledbury, raising health concerns and that he had been unable to give the reassurances that they sought. He also confirmed that microwave transmissions affect everyone and not just those who use his system.

The rooftop aerials are not visually intrusive, but, in view of the latest Beacon report that there would be a need for "quite a few subnodes to bounce the signal around the village", an earlier report that transmitters at 400 metre intervals would "cover" the village and a reference, at the last meeting, that the transmissions could become more powerful, please may we have clarification of this issue before people select their preferred supplier? Thank you.

Peter Cartwright of Loop Scorpio writes: We are bound by regulations as to the frequencies and power levels we are allowed to use. The "standard" equipment

uses the same power levels as the wireless networking equipment used inside homes and offices all over the world, which are about one tenth of those used by a mobile phone. There has been much debate about the safety of mobile phones, but this has been restricted to either the central masts (which use much higher power levels than the phones themselves) or the "near field" effect of holding a mobile phone right against the head for long periods, neither of which is relevant to broadband deployments.

The "more powerful transmissions" relate to new equipment for use in the 5.8GHz band, but even here the power levels are only about the same as a humble mobile phone.

As far as Ledbury is concerned, I have had one or two people ask me about the health concerns. I have been very open in my responses to them and told them that nothing is ever 100% certain in life. I also had people who have asked me (and I do mean in a serious way) and then come on board as customers.

Ann is also probably unaware that she is exposing herself to such "microwave radiation" probably every time she goes shopping, travels on a train, visits airports, etc. Indeed whenever she walks within sight of people using mobile phones - yes mobile phones are classed as microwave transmitters - she is exposed to radiation up to 10 times higher than our equipment. Given the level of mobile phone penetration, the "microwave smog" from those in Painswick will be far higher than anything produced by Broadband nodes.

SEX APPEAL

From Rod Moulton

Doubtless the Mission to Seafarers are a reputable concern but I wonder who is well served in their appeal for books containing crime, sex and violence. Whatever they consider suitable in their appeal is their choice, but I believe the editor has made an error of judgment in allowing this sordid petition to appear in The Beacon, a publication that most consider is for "family" consumption.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

From John Rhodes

Like many people this last week we have

participated in the garden watch. We would like to know what other birds people have been seen in their gardens this last month rather than one hour in the last week. In that case we have got the full set in the RSPB list plus Gold Finch (7), Jackdaw (5), Blackcap (1). The Gold finches are down to the mixed seed which includes niger seed.

Also in the last year we have seen a belligerent Sparrow Hawk when we disturbed it eating its kill in a back lane and two reports of that errant Peregrine Falcon eating kills on peoples lawns. The local Buzzard at Rococo Gardens will arrive at the yard when Clare is moving wood around and she will go quite close to Clare but will keep its distance when I am up there. On my travels I have seen Buzzards next to major roads and motorways, something I have not seen in previous years.

In the Rococo area we have also sighted several Kestrels and a pair of Sparrow Hawks. Clare also saw a female Sparrow Hawk sitting on a stump near the top of Upton Hill this very afternoon. Lastly Clare and Zeb dug up an almost record 14 inch worm in our garden much to the delight of the Glos Nature Trust.

BANISH BROADBAND!

From Angela Hudson

We seem to have had almost non-stop coverage of Broadband in the last three editions of the Beacon, a subject which holds little interest for many of us who live in the village.

Could this subject now be banished to the back pages so that the Beacon can concentrate on items that have a more general interest.

Editorial comment:

The Beacon tries to maintain a balance of (hopefully) interesting articles on major current topics relevant to Painswick. We believe Broadband to be particularly important to the future economic health of the village and it so happens that there have been significant developments to report over the past couple of month.

It may well be that Broadband holds little interest for many Painswickians, but the fact that 300 households - about a third of the village - have registered their interest with BT suggests that there are many who are indeed interested.

MORE ON PLANNING PROCEDURES

Elizabeth Skinner from Sheepscombe, in her capacity as Principal Lecturer on Local Policy in the School of Environment at the University of Gloucestershire, has written to the Parish Council expressing interest in the discussion reported in the Painswick Beacon regarding the procedures followed by the Painswick Parish Council in making decisions related to planning applications. She points out that "I do have some expertise in parish council matters. I am responsible for the advanced professional qualification for town and parish officers delivered nationally by the University", and proceeds to express her professional worries that under the Local Government Act 1972 s101 as confirmed by the London Borough of Hillingdon case in 1986 councils are "not permitted in law to delegate the power to make decisions to any single councillor".

Mrs Skinner points out that while a council is permitted to delegate decision making powers to a committee, that committee must not only in law meet but make clear what decision is reached, with all members equally well informed prior to making their decision. She questions the lawfulness of the 'brown envelope' system used by Painswick Parish Council, adding that under the current system "the councillor at the end of the line has (potentially) far more information on a planning application than the councillor at the start of the process". She goes on to state that while this system has yet to be tested in the courts, it is highly questionable, and there appears to be a real risk that such a test may arise and be "expensive trouble for the Parish Council".

She goes on to advise revision of procedures immediately. "As others have noted, you require a short committee meeting every two weeks in order to comply with the planning authority's tight schedule."

The Beacon has extracted some of the key points from this letter, received by the Council after its last meeting, so we anticipate reporting further after its consideration in March.

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Rugby

Painswick were pleased to end a disappointing month last Saturday (28 February) with two victories. At Broadham there was particular cause to celebrate as the home side's third fifteen, the Adders, defeated Minety in the Bill Adams Cup competition and now go forward in mid-March to the semi-final. Leading by 19 points to 5 at half-time, the Adders ended the game with 26 points to the visitors 10. Painswick's try scorers were, Matt Coombs (2), Andrew Callum and Nick Rogers who also slotted in 3 conversions.

The first fifteen travelled to Bromyard for a friendly fixture and came away with a convincing 29 points to 15 victory. The Cherry and Whites' try scorers were Aussie Smith (2), Russell Thornton, Ben Pollard and Andy Golledge with Ollie Clewes succeeding with two conversion attempts. The two league matches played during February were against Chipping Sodbury where the senior side lost by 20 points to 7 and at home against Chosen Hill, a game in which the visitors scored 38 points with Painswick uncharacteristically failing to score.

Painswick are looking forward to their trip to Bristol this weekend when they play Aretians. The other league games are away to Avonmouth on 3rd April and at home to Old Bristolians on 17th April.

Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club's AGM took place at the Broadham Clubhouse last month. The accent was very much on youth and parents/guardians are asked to note that the club will be running Under-13 and Under-15 teams this season. For further details, please contact the Chairman, John Hogg on 812505 or Andrew Wise, the Club Secretary on 01453 755202.

There are to be no indoor net practices this Spring. Practices will be held outdoors at Broadham on the artificial wicket. New members are welcomed. For details of the practice dates, please contact a committee member.

The success story of last season was clearly the second eleven, admirably led by Steve Pegram. After several years of struggling to raise a side each week, 2003 saw a considerably strengthened squad blend into a very effective eleven which gained promotion. The meeting agreed that the recruitment of the Australian fast bowler/batsman James Boyland, had proved a great success. James would not be available for Painswick in the coming season but arrangements were being made to recruit another Australian player. The club welcomes offers of sponsorship for the overseas player. John Hogg would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in providing financial support.

The officials elected were: President, Mr Jack Smith; Chairman, John Hogg; Hon Secretary, Andrew Wise; Hon Treasurer,

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Sat 7 Feb.
Tewkesbury 2nd XV 23 Painswick United 20.

Sat 14 Feb.
(L) Chipping Sodbury 1st XV 20 Painswick 1st XV
7.
Painswick United 14 Old Patesians 3rd XV 51.

Sat 21 Feb.
(L) Painswick 1st XV 0 Chosen Hill 1st XV 38.
Chosen Hill 2nd XV 62 Painswick United 0.

Sat 28 Feb.
Bromyard 1st XV 15 Painswick 1st XV 29.

Bill Adams Cup
Painswick Adders 26 Minety 10.

Robert Cook; First Eleven Captain, Wayne Neville; Second Eleven Captain, Steve Pegram; Mid-week Captain/Fixture Secretary, Simon Base; Director of Cricket/Match Secretary, Ian Hogg. The 2004 season begins on Saturday 1st May.

Hockey

Last Saturday Painswick Ladies played Cheltenham Civil Service Ladies in a league match at the Pates Grammar School ground. Painswick were very pleased to have Sophie Hinds return from university for the game. Both defences were in good form and, although each side had chances to score, at the final whistle honours had been shared with a nil-nil result.

Today (Saturday) Painswick are scheduled to play Newent at Broadham. On 21st February, Painswick travelled to Keynsham to play Frys in a friendly match. The home side defeated the Cherry and Whites with a single goal late on in the match.

Tennis

Members and non members of the club are invited to a "Quiz Night with Hot Supper" to be held at Painswick Rugby Club, Broadham on Friday, 19th March at 7.15pm. Teams will comprise 6 players or individuals will be placed into a team. Tickets are available from Gill Willoughby (720052) or Ruth Smith (813693) at £8 per player



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Golf Club News

An enjoyable Texas Scramble was played on 24th February in teams of mixed Ladies/Seniors. First prize was won by Lesley Wylde, Bob Shilling, Malcolm Booth and Roger Collier. Second prize went to Sylvia Walker, Doug Jones, Ken Morris and Derek Hayden.

The A.G.M. of the club will be taking place on Friday 5th March, when the new Captain and other officers will be elected.

The refurbishment of the clubhouse has been going ahead and the smart new flooring is now in place.



Social functions planned for March are:

- Draw Night on Friday 12th March with special dining. The theme for food will be Irish with St. Patrick's Day in mind.
- Music Night on Saturday 20th March. The duo "Terrain" will be playing. Tickets £6 including light supper.
- Talk on Flora and Ecology of the Golf Course on Thursday 25th March, by Bill Darling who is an expert on orchids and related species.

Bill will illustrate his talk with slides. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy the appearance of different species more knowledgeably, as they appear this season. We may also have a clearer understanding of the importance of the wonderful habitats and balance of the ecology which must be preserved by all users of the golf course.

The April Draw Night is on Thursday 8th April and will have a Mexican Theme. As always there are alternative food choices available with notice.

Sylvia Walker

February Medal
1st Tom Ballingall nett 63,
2nd John Dyte nett 66.

Seniors Medal
1st Nick Turner
2nd Bob Shilling

Ladies Medal
1st Audrey Payne
2nd Ann Smith



Badminton

This year, the annual club championship was brought forward to January, when more club members were available, providing the best entry for the tournament for many years.

John Barrus and Sharon Hall beat David Simpson and Julia Richardson in the first semi-final whilst David Walker and new member Diane Bourne beat Roy Woodward and Delyth Allen in a very close second semi-final. In the final, John and Sharon eventually overcame strong opposition from David and Diane in a tight three-setter.

It was a pleasure to have Charles Yates along on the finals night to present the Yarnold Trophy to the winners.

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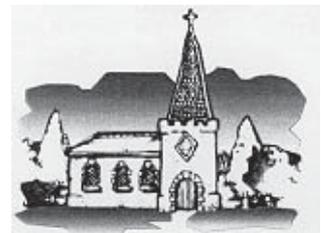


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Bridge Drive

There are still a few tickets available for the Painswick Conservatives' Bridge Drive on Saturday afternoon, 27th March in the Church Rooms.

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Ralph Kenber

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Wordsearch

This month we have concealed twelve States from the USofA, all on the eastern side of that country.

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February Wordsearch

The 18 highway related words from last month were:

PAVEMENTS - ROADMARKINGS - SPEEDSIGN - LAMPPOST - LORRIES - CARS - MOTORCYCLES - BICYCLES - LITTERBIN - YELLOWLINES - PEDESTRIANS - JUNCTIONS - CROSSING - DRIVERS - METERS - POLICE - BUS - TRAM

Congratulations to Beryl Smith for getting all 18 plus claiming a bonus point for BARLEY because 'she's my neighbour's black and white cat and is often on the road!'

PROPERTY REPORT for March by Murrays Estate Agents

"Price panic over shortage of property!"

These were the first words I heard as Radio Five Live came on as I left Heathrow Airport on my return from New Zealand last week. Jenny and I have just had a wonderful holiday there and were intrigued by the remarkable similarities to home so far away on the other side of the world. Like us too, their property prices have risen dramatically in recent years and they too suffer from media scare mongering about future stability. Anyhow, the Five Live program in fact was addressing the problem that first time buyers are having finding a property they can afford, and when they do buy whether or not they can afford the repayments if interest rates should rise. Although a problem for concern for those trying to get onto the property ladder, not something that will disturb the market in a village like Painswick. Most buyers wishing to settle here only require moderate borrowing if any at all and those with investments will mostly benefit from interest rises.

I was pleased to find my team had had a successful few weeks in our absence (perhaps we should have stayed longer) and considering the time of year had achieved a good number of sales. Completed or about to are Berry Barn at Paradise, Ashcroft and Bagend both at Cranham, Solway on Cheltenham Road, Pyll Barn at Sheepscombe and Pendaren at Upton. New instructions were a little scarce however with very little coming to the market in the village at all. Whitehall Cottage in Stamages went under offer as soon as it came available, Kempside is an excellent family house in Orchard Mead, Yeomans, a black and white period thatched cottage on Upton Hill, a very pretty three bedroomed cottage in Sheepscombe and Rose Cottage, a charming stone cottage in Vicarage Street. We are still short of property in the village with plenty of buyers waiting so if you are thinking of a move, now may be a good time to take some professional advice, there is no obligation or charge and you may even be interested in our discreet low key no advertising service where costs and hassle are significantly reduced.

Clive Murray.



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MARCH

Sat	6	Painswick Players - <i>As Time Goes By</i> . Poetry, prose and a cream tea	Church Rooms	3.00pm
		Blues Night - Ben Walters	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Improvers) - Sundays	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Miss P Lamont	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	9	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12noon
		China Painting Classes - Tuesdays until 30 March	Library Room	10.00am to 1.00pm
Wed	10	Art Classes for beginners – re-run	Church Rooms	9.30am to noon
		Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm
		Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Ask the experts - Trees & Landscaping - G March & S Gibb	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	11	Classes: Early Renaissance Italy 1400-1500 - Dr Peter Clarkson	Small Church Room	11.00am to 12.30pm
		Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Music Appreciation: Benjamin Britten	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	12	WI Market: Coffee & "tasters" available, Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Senior Circle: Mangols and Things - Hayden Gardiner	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	Theatre Club outing to Bristol Beacon Village Quiz	The Falcon Painswick Centre	12.45pm 6.45 for 7.15pm
Mon	15	Austerity Lunch: Hosts -Senior Circle	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Matinee music Local History Society - Members' Evening	Town Hall Croft School	2.00 for 2.15pm 7.30pm
		Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	17	Coach trip to London £10: Tel 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
		Probus: The changing face of music - Dr Norman Bailey	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Wives' Fellowship: "A good book is the best of friends" - David Price	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	18	Bird Club: Talk about Keynes Country Park and its Birds - the Head Ranger. (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	19	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Rugby Club, Broadham	7.15pm
Sat	20	Copy dateline for April to Editorial Team Antiques Market: Free Admission; Refreshments Available	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm
		Mother's Day Crocus Walk (in aid of Breakthrough)	Croft School	2.00pm
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Ruth Rogers, violin	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Blues Night - Bad Town Blues	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Mon	22	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Club	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Thu	25	Diary dateline for April to Edwina Buttrey Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to CBSO	Symphony Hall, B'ham	
Fri	26	Senior Circle Outing to Daffodil Country - Dymock		
Sat	27	Annual Coffee Morning: Main charity, Winston's Wish	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
		Painswick Conservatives Bridge Drive	Church Rooms	2.00pm
Wed	31	Horticultural Society Outings booking morning	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12 noon
		Probus: Sinking the Konigsberg - Mr Tom Fauske	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Wives' Fellowship: Hawaii - Janet Jenkins	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm

APRIL

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	3	April Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published Wives' Fellowship Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am to 12 noon
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt, piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	6	PCMS: Churchyards and Interment Policy - David Harley	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation: Finale for 16th Season	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	9	Senior Circle: No Meeting today		

APRIL

Wed	14	Probus AGM Coach to Bath. Enquiries 813965/813227 Horticultural Society: Burford House Gardens - Mr R Bracher	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	15	Antiques Evening followed by Supper. For Christ Church Charities. Tickets available 15 March.	Christ Church Hall	7.00pm
Tue	20	Local History Society Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Sat	24	Cotswold Care Coffee Morning: Coffee, Clothes, Cuttings, Cakes, Curtains. Painswick Music Society Concert: Emperor String Quartet	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00 to 12.30 3.00pm
Wed	28	Probus: Anecdotes of an Antique Dealer - Mr Gerald Firkins Wives Fellowship 60th anniversary celebration service Followed by Dinner in Church Rooms	Ostlers Room, Falcon St Mary's Church	10.00am 6.15pm
Fri	30	Senior Circle: Them bones, them bones - G. Carter	Town Hall	2.30pm

MAY

Wed	5	Senior Circle coffee Morning Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM Speaker: member of National Trust - Tyntesfield House	Town Hall Church Rooms	10.30am 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	Bristol University Classes (10) commence on Italian High Renaissance. To enrol Tel: 0117 9287844 Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Painswick Players - <i>Habeas Corpus</i> by Alan Bennett (until Sat May 8th)	Small Church Room Ashwell House Painswick Centre	11.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	8	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Nash Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	12	Horticultural society AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society Annual Outing		
Fri	28	Senior Circle Outing to Weston-super-Mare/Weymouth		

JUNE

Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Thu	10	Elections	tba	7.00am to 10.00pm
Sat	19	Talk by Sir John Mason on Global Warming in aid of Christian Aid: followed by supper	Friends Meeting House Yew Tree House	

JULY

Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	17	Tennis Club Games & B.B.Q Evening	Broadham	
Sat	24	Dog Show (or Sun 25)	Recreation Field	

SEPTEMBER

Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
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OCTOBER

Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
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NOVEMBER

Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6 - 20	Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama Fortnight opens (<i>see programme below</i>)		
Sat	13	Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening		
Sat	27	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon

Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama: 6th - 20th November

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 Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church St Mary's Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	14	Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church Christ Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
Thu 18 - Sat 20		Painswick Players present A Man For All Seasons	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

THE OLD INN, GEORGE COURT, VICTORIA STREET. Rebuild section of boundary wall in old weathered stone & introducing double vehicular gates
MEADOW COTTAGE, KINGS MEAD. Erection of a porch
LITTLE BRIDGE HOUSE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Erection of a conservatory
COTSWOLD HOUSE, NEW STREET. Internal alterations, demolition of garage & external render renewal
PAINSWICK GOLF CLUB, GOLFCOURSE ROAD. Erection of a 15 metre monopole
Telecoms tower mounting two antennae and two 0.6m transmission dishes, with ground based equipment cabinet and AC link cabinet within a fenced compound
LOWER WASHWELL COTTAGE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of glass house
TROY, GLOUCESTER STREET. Change of use of existing stone store building to residential accommodation
EDGE HILL BUNGALOW, THE GREEN, EDGE. Erection of a storage barn
FURNERS FARM, ELCOMBE, SLAD. Single storey extension
WELCOM, THE PARK. Erection of a private garage
Land at DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK. Retrospective application for minor extension to residential curtilage by realigning access tracks
ASHLEIGH, GLOUCESTER STREET. Single storey extension
ASHTON HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET. Erection of new conservatory &

conversion of existing outbuilding window to door
Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Approval of reserved matters. Resubmission following withdrawn application S.03/CO232/REM for erection of one dwelling

CONSENT

THE STABLES, GREENHOUSE COURT, YOKEHOUSE LANE. Erection of a porch
KIBANDA, MAIN ROAD, EDGE. Garage extension
WELCOM, THE PARK. Two storey extension & new vehicular access
MARLING HOUSE, GYDE ROAD. Replacement of sections of boundary wall & reposition wall
STAVELEY, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of extension
WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Resubmission following refusal 03/138 for the revised application following approval 02/1772

REFUSAL

Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of one dwelling

APPEALS DISMISSED

ARIES, HAMBUTTS DRIVE, EDGE ROAD. Erection of one detached dwelling with separate garage & new access on to Hambutts Drive
DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension (re-submission following refusal 02/2190)
DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension for dependant relative (re-submission following refusal 03/669)

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED ON APPEAL

LITTLE DENE, COCKSHOOT, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a first floor extension, porch & replacement dormer window

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Baby

In Cape Town on 19th January 2004, a daughter ENIOLA CHARLOTTE for Nicola and Femi Oshinowo, a sister for Damiola, a twelfth grandchild for Douglas and Alison Robinson and a nineteenth great-grandchild for Ruth de Courcy-Ireland.

Welcome

We would like to welcome RICHARD ALLEN and SARAH MARSHALL moving into Berry Barn, Paradise,

also Mr and Mrs J POOLEY who are moving into Ashcroft, Mill Lane, Cranham,

also Mr and Mrs AIDAN FOWLER who have moved into the North Wing of The Old Vicarage in Edge,

also to Mrs G HILL who has bought No.2 Sunny Terrace, Vicarage Street.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to IAN CRABB and NINA LA HEI who are moving to Whiteshill,

also Mrs PAT RELLE who has left The Ferns, Randalls Field,

and JOHN and MARY BESSANT who have moved to Abbeydale from Vicarage Street.

Engagements

Congratulations to CLARE HOYLAND of Painswick and LACHLAN BOWER of Adelaide, Australia, who announced their engagement recently. The wedding is to take place at St.Mary's Church, Painswick, on 17th July at 11.00am.

also to MARK MUSTY and CAROLYN LYNCH of Benfleet, Essex, who became engaged on Christmas Day.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to ANGELA CRITCHLEY, PAM BAILEY, ELLAADLAM, EILLEN O'SULLIVAN, TED BURGE and AUDREY PRICKETT.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of TED POYNTER who died recently.

Thanks

JACK WATSON. Jenny and Alison would like to thank all their Painswick friends for the many kindnesses to their father, and for their sympathy and support following his death in January. Jack was a Painswick resident for 60 years.

MAVIS MANDEL would like to send her most sincere thanks to all the dear people who have written, called, sent flowers on the untimely death of Alison, and she is deeply grateful for the love, comfort and support these have given her.

Thank you to all my kind friends and neighbours for letting me use their baths, showers, washing machines and top up my drinking water during my 12 days with no water supply. Thankfully all is now reconnected. Helen Goldsmith.

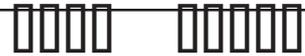
SANDRA ILLINGWORTH would like to express her grateful thanks to all the kind friends who rallied round both during and after her unexpected stay in Gloucester Royal Hospital. She and Vera were really touched by the loving support experienced in messages and prayer, hospital visits, lifts to and from the surgery and thoughtful offers of shopping. The patient is improving in health every day, and looking forward to getting out and about again, very soon.

RAY BARNARD 15th February 2003. One year ago. When my thoughts go back as they often do, I treasure the memories I have of you. My love as always. God Bless. Joan.

Muriel Ransom at 90

Congratulations to our dear Mother and Grandmother, Muriel Gwendoline Ransom of Ashwell House, Painswick, who will be ninety years old on Sunday 28th March. We all thank you for your love and generosity over the years and wish you a Very Happy Birthday.

All our love from Sally Ann, Alan and Shirley, Jane and John and all the Grandchildren and the Great-grandchildren.



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