

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Calor award for Painswick

Representatives from a number of Gloucestershire parishes recently attended a dinner held to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC). The dinner, at which the principal guest was HRH The Princess Royal, was also the occasion for the presentation of the Calor Village of the Year awards. Painswick Parish Councillor, Martin Slinger, who with his wife Mary represented the council at the dinner, told the Beacon that he and the council had been unaware before the event that Painswick had won the "Young Peoples" category. He said that he had been delighted to receive the award because it helped to belie the view held by some people that Painswick was a community dedicated to the elderly.

The overall winner of the Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year award was Coaley. Other category awards went to North Nibley (Community Life), Dymock (Business), Maismore (Older Residents), Blockley (Environment) and Fairford (Information Technology). The Princess Royal, in her address, spoke of the outstanding contribution made by the GRCC to Gloucestershire's rural communities since its creation in 1923. She said that the GRCC's role had never been more important than at the present time and she referred to the many areas in which the council was active. One of the areas to which the Princess Royal made mention, of particular relevance to Painswick, was the promotion of Affordable Housing for young people. Princess Anne, who was warmly thanked for her contribution to the celebrations by the GRCC Director, Stephen Wright, commented on the fact that the food and drink provided at the dinner had all come from Gloucestershire producers. Calor were the principal sponsors of the event.



*from left to right  
Stephen Wright, Director of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, Mary and Martin Slinger, and Alex Davis, Calor (Gas) National Sales Director*

## The Charter Week in pictures



The centre pages this month have been set aside to carry pictures of all the main events which took place during the 'Charter' week of celebrations.

We hope that these will be a pleasing reminder of many enjoyable experiences, in addition to those which gave us an insight to the history and valued heritage which is ours to treasure.

## Painswick Companion Dog Show



A reminder that the show is being held on Saturday 9th August at the Recreation Field. Judging starts at 1.30pm with entries taken from 12.30pm. Michelle Phillips (812340) and Fiona Chapman (812463) hope that the day will provide fun for dog owners and non-dog owners alike. There will be charity stalls, a raffle and refreshments provided by Painswick Youth Club together with a visit from the fire engine. As reported in our July issue, Michelle and Fiona are keen that locally based charities should benefit from the show and they have

told the Beacon that it is not too late for charity organisers to contact them about a site. Experienced Kennel Club judge, Jackie Lane, will judge the show classes and also some novelty classes. Local Vet, Bill Pigott, will judge other novelty classes. Obedience judges Alec Dando and Val Davis will judge the competitive obedience classes and Lady Linda Evans will be judging the Best Friend Dog Test: a fun test suitable for pet dogs and loosely based on the Kennel Club Bronze

Award.

The organisers advise that all dogs are entered at their owner's/handler's risk and that anyone with a dog should please clean up fouling in the bins provided. No puppies under six months may be entered nor bitches in season. Dogs that have Championship/ Reserve Championship Certificates, Junior Warrants or any other award to the title of champion, under Kennel Club rules, are not eligible for entry.

Why not come along with or without a

Other items this month include **change of ownership** of Painswick Hotel, strong views about **hunting**, a **'stranger' in the stocks**, definition of **quality Parish Councils**, a future for **junipers**, **vandalism** on a farm, **graduation** results, **bus service** withdrawn, the **feasting in Cranham** and a **rocket** regarding fireworks.

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

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A less 'heavy' agenda than usual, but concerns regarding two matters attracted quite a lot of attention.

**Clattergrove**

There was concern expressed that work was, apparently, in hand to remove the roof of old store buildings just off the road from the A46 adjacent to the Clattergrove properties and that the intentions in these works were unknown.

It was agreed to seek guidance from the District Council and the Painswick Manorship across whose land access was obtained.

**Pathway - Croft School**

The footpath adjoining the Croft School playing field, between Butt Green and Churchill Way, was reported as becoming less attractive than once was the case. A wall belonging to a private property had collapsed, mostly into its garden but leaving rubble adjoining the pathway; and the remainder of the wall was reported as none too stable.

It was agreed to write to the owner to ascertain intentions regarding reinstatement, not least on safety grounds.

**Parish Plan**

The Planning Committee's elements of Part Two of the Plan have now all been addressed.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Public 'question time'**

As part of the continuing process of endeavouring to maximise public access to Parish Council affairs, this itself a component of 'quality Parish Council status, the Council meeting will from September be open to public questions at the commence-

ment of proceedings - for the first quarter of an hour.

Written questions which have been lodged with the Clerk at least 24-hours prior to the meeting will be taken, with the questioner having the opportunity to be present and speak to his or her subject.

**Council correspondence**

It was noted that, under new systems introduced by the Clerk, all incoming and outgoing correspondence (other than that of a strictly confidential nature) was copied or included in files available to all councillors or members of the public interested in such matters.

**Museum - Information Link - Library**

The Council received a verbal report from the Working Party it had set up to examine the proposals (*p.5 of February Beacon*) which had been advanced for several services to be brought together within the County Council premises, including the library itself. It was noted that (a) the concept of a museum as such was unlikely to be progressed, (b) that accumulation of what might broadly be described as 'heritage' material was seen as highly desirable, and (c) that the future of the library service in these premises was in the balance.

It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the WP to write to the County Council and the Countryside Agency inviting them to come round a table at the earliest practicable date to discuss matters of interest to themselves and to this Council, including the possibility of the creation in these premises of an information/education point for the Cotswold Way National Trail - it being noted that such would conveniently lie at the mid-point of that trail (with existing car parking alongside).

**Charter Exhibition**

The Council applauded the remarkable exhibition which had been mounted by the History Society and others who had loaned material during Charter Week, and noted the considerable public interest which had been shown. A letter from the Society was received with an invitation to jointly explore the possibilities of storage of display items and consider the future of such exhibitions. It was agreed that such should be investigated thoroughly and supported if possible. (*See also preceding item.*)

Cotswold Way signage in Painswick

The Chairman of the Footpath Committee, Alan Shearer, reported that he had met with the National Trail Officer and the Chairman of the Conservation Society to look into the type and location of Trail signs along its route within the village.

Signs will probably be located at the ends of Gloucester Street and from Edge Road, and two additional 'fingers' added to the major sign in Victoria Square.

**Finger sign - Victoria Square**

It was agreed that this sign was needing re-painting and this will be put in hand.

**Street naming - St.Marys Development**

One new cul-de-sac will be formed within this development and adopted by the County Council, and the developers had invited the Parish Council (through the District Council) to consider their proposed name of 'St. Marys Close' for the carriageway. It was agreed to set up a small Working Party to respond to SDC having considered options.

**St.Marys Street toilets**

The Council gave further consideration to the area within the ladies toilets which was misused and in poor decorative condition. There was also concern that the overall condition and standards of these toilets did not reflect well upon the village. It was agreed to delegate the matter of remedial action to close off the unused area and consider quotations for overall upgrading.

**Inconsiderate users of fireworks**

A letter and verbal reports were received regarding the use of seemingly ever increasing firework events, with louder than ever rockets, and indifference regarding the timing of such private occasions. The distress caused to animals, whether on farms, in paddocks or domestic, was highlighted - as was the seeming indifference of users regarding the time of day when these were being set off. One recent event commenced after midnight.

Mention was made of the effect of loud explosions within valleys, and the considerable echo caused - and, hence, impact upon the wider community. It was agreed to ask the Beacon to draw attention to this conduct (*which we are, here, pleased to do - and on the letters page*) in the hope that prior to legislation greater discretion will be exercised.

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### Affordable Housing - Gyde Trustees

The Council received a long awaited letter from the Gyde Trustees regarding the area of land below the surgery which the Parish and District Council had hoped might be released for the purpose of erection of up to six 'affordable' starter homes for young people.

The Trustees recorded that they felt they were constrained by the professional report/advice they had received regarding the future values of that land and were, therefore, unable to make representations to the Charity Commissioners to release it. They did, however, point out that they were in no way challenging the fact that there was a proven need for such housing to complement the stock of properties in the area for such use.

### Right to roam

As part of its mapping process the Countryside Agency has been in touch with the Parish Council drawing attention to its duties under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to identify new rights to walk on certain types of land for the purposes of outdoor recreation.

A draft map identifying such land is currently open to public consultation and it is regarded as important that opinions are recorded at this stage in order to ensure that land which is common land is itself clearly identified, and private land and form of tenure made clear. The consultation period ends on 30th September this year.

Leaflets can be obtained from the Agency but the very small parcels of land can be found for the whole country, Painswick included, on [www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping).

## Horticultural Society Show

Another reminder that Painswick Horticultural Society's 51st Annual Show will take place on Saturday 6th September, a week earlier than advertised in the membership programme.

A fiftieth milestone is reached again this year with this being the fiftieth consecutive show to be held in the hall of the Painswick Centre.

The show is open to the public at 3.00 pm with the prizes being presented at 5.00pm. Members are reminded that entries may be staged between 10.00am and 1.00pm and that the closing date for entries is 10.00pm



on Saturday 30th August.

Overspill car parking will be available on the Recreation Field.

Last year the Society's Committee was delighted by the marked increase in entries in the Junior Section and by the very high standard of exhibits. We are hoping for a further increase this year, and, as always, all school children are invited to enter. There is no entry fee for their classes, and new members are always welcomed by the Society. Schedules for adult and children's classes may be obtained from Show Secretary Philip Berry, 813227.



As the children on the Charter Historic Walk came out of the churchyard into St.Mary's Street they came across this strange figure firmly locked in the stocks.

Can you guess who it was?  
(Answer elsewhere in this issue.)



## Art Exhibition

An exhibition of original paintings by Cyril Corio and Mary Hosler will be here again next month.

These two experienced Gloucestershire artists have been exhibiting in Painswick for a number of years, and attract a lot of attention.

Their latest exhibition will be held upstairs at the Library from Monday 8th September to Sunday 14th from 10.00am until 5.00pm each day.

The paintings will be mostly landscapes and florals, but a variety of media will be used; watercolour, pastel, oils and acrylics.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

## Tap time

Following the successful revival of the finale of "Stepping Out" in the "Living Legends" show at the Painswick Centre last month, Painswick Players have received several enquiries about the possibility of a new Beginners tap class being set up.

Sara Harwood from Leckhampton will be restarting the class she has been running in the village for the last two years on Saturday 27th September. If there are enough people interested in a Beginners' class or a Children's class Sara would be willing to include these in the Saturday morning timetable.

Anyone who is interested and prepared to make a commitment to any of these classes please ring me on 812130.

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## Busses stop

If readers did not already know, the B1 twice daily bus route **Painswick - Gloucester** has been ended with little notice to anyone. The last bus on this route runs tomorrow, Saturday. The Beacon understands that the extent of use was such that the subsidy could no longer be continued, but we have also received strong condemnation of this action.

We have been told that this was a very important service, even for the few regulars who used it. One reader told the Beacon that she has no other means of transport to Gloucester other than to walk into the village, mostly across fields and along a narrow lane, for the 0925 bus if she should want to visit such as the hospital, to shop in the City, or do other things which are so readily available to car drivers.

We cannot help but note that such a service has a very small number of users and that they are without any strength of voice in making their particular protest at the circumstances in which they now find themselves. We asked the Parish Council if they had received



notice of any closure and, if so, when was this made known to them and whether they were doing anything about the difficulties arising. Terry Parker, Council Chairman, told the Beacon that "The Parish Council was informed about the proposed withdrawal of the B1 bus service to Gloucester in a letter dated 13th June. The County Council has given an assurance that notices giving details of the proposed withdrawal were displayed along the route. The Parish Council's bid for the funding of a Village Link bus was unsuccessful but another bid is being submitted. That bid includes the provision of a service between Painswick and Upton St Leonards where passengers would be able to connect

with the regular service to Gloucester. It is appreciated that, even if the bid is successful, it will be a little while before the service can be introduced. In the meantime the Parish Council continues to be in discussion with the County Council in seeking to provide a service to Gloucester from Painswick that would not involve changing at Brockworth."

One suggestion has come our way, and that is for the County Council, and any other agencies involved, to seriously consider re-routing the 92 and/or the 92A service Gloucester-Brookthorpe-Pitchcombe- Stroud-Tetbury which runs no less than about twelve times a day, or the 93 service Gloucester-Pitchcombe(Church)-Whiteshill-Stroud-Forest Green of which there are a similar number. Could not some be diverted to take in Painswick, from Pichcombe and return there, a few times a day? It would actually be quicker to reach Gloucester by that route than on the B1.

Also, purely by chance, the Beacon was told that the 46 service **Cheltenham - Forest Green**, the main bus connection used from Painswick to such as Cheltenham or Stroud would no longer be running on Sundays. However, we are assured by the GCC Sustainable Transport Unit that this is not the case, and no changes are planned for that service.

## David Drew MP Advice Surgeries

Appointment surgeries will held in various parts of the constituency until 1st November, the nearest for Painswick being in Stroud on 11th August at 2.00pm, 23rd at 9.30am, 2nd September at 11.00am, 13th at 10.00am, 27th at 9.30am and in October on the 10th at 2.00pm, 17th at midday, and in November on the 1st at 9.30am.

Fixing an appointment can be by telephone to Hilary Fowles on 01453.752684

## for the over 55's

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and Age Concern are hosting an Information Day for the over 55's on Friday 17th October. It will be in the ballroom of the Subscription Rooms in Stroud between 10.00am and 3.00pm

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*Barbara Piranty on 01452.528491*

## Painswick Centre

It is some time since the Beacon included a report upon the Centre, but time and space ran out this month.

We are expect to be reporting upon this important facility, the largest in the village, next month. How much is it used, is it meeting upgrading targets, the AGM in the near future, extent of support by groups and individuals, are all questions we will be putting to the Chairman as we set about a report.

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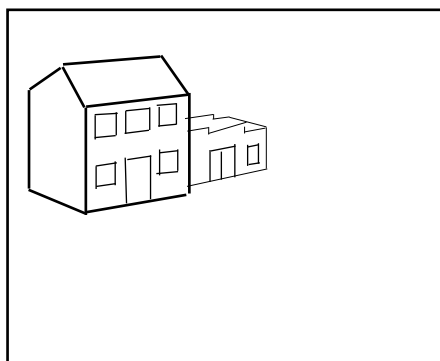
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# All Change at The Painswick Hotel

After five very successful years - capped by a 4th RAC Dining Award - Helen and Gareth Pugh have sold The Painswick Hotel to a new family partnership, lead by Mr. Guus Thomas-Verweij. Gareth commented: 'We have enjoyed making a success of The Painswick Hotel and are very grateful for the loyal support of Painswickians who have not only been our guests but have since become our friends. We feel very privileged to have worked in such a beautiful and friendly village. We wish Guus and the team every success as the new owners and are confident they will build on our success.'

Leading the new partnership is Guus Thomas-Verweij, an amiably enthusiastic Dutchman from Amsterdam with extensive 5 Star international hotel management experience (including the Hilton). However, we should not expect The Painswick Hilton: Guus is quick to emphasize that he is committed to retaining the tranquillity and atmosphere of a top quality family-run hotel. He wants The Painswick hotel to be firmly rooted in the Painswick community and he



is also committed to the existing award winning team at the hotel, including chef Kevin Barron. 'This is an exciting development for me and I am very much looking forward to working with the team here and becoming part of Painswick.'

Meanwhile, Gareth and Helen Pugh are on the look-out for another hotel challenge, although they are not leaving Painswick just yet. They will continue to live next door to the hotel in Gwynfa Cottage for the immediate future.

## Christmas Illustration

If you are aged between 12 and 20 years and have an interest in art, why not enter our competition for a Painswick-based Christmas scene. The winning entry will be reproduced on the front cover of the December Beacon edition.

The requirements are that the entry be a black and white drawing, 180mms wide and 140mms deep. If you require more information, please contact one of the Editorial/Production Team - preferably before devoting too much time to the finished drawing. The closing date for entries, which should be forwarded c/o of Longhope, Blakewell Mead, GL6 6UR, is 1st November. .



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# Painswick Blues

We would like to thank those people who have supported us during our first year.

The Blues Club opened last September and it has had excellent bands playing live every month since then. We have been very lucky, as already the club has attracted various artists from America and top line artists from the UK. During May and June we have had playing for us famous bands from the 60's The Yardbirds and The Animals and from America Bill Sheffield and George Buford who played harmonica with Muddy Waters for over 40 years. Valerie and I have enjoyed meeting a lot of very talented musicians, and most importantly all our regular 'customers' who we have got to know so well and have made each event worthwhile putting on. We would like to thank the bar staff for all their hard work and especially Tony who puts so much into making each event special.

Because the hall is occupied for the next six weeks there will be no events until September 20th 2003, when it will reopen with a band named The Barcodes. October will see the return of Simon 'Honeyboy' Hickling whom you may have seen at the Christmas Party last year. November we have the amazing Connie Lush and in December there will be a Christmas Party with 'The Blues Grinders' and a disco. If you missed The Animals this time then you will be able to see them next year, they will be appearing again at their own request opening their 40th anniversary tour in Painswick Friday 13th and Saturday



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## Painswick Show: The end? Or prelude to a new beginning?

It's August, it's Painswick and so we should all be looking forward to the Painswick Show. However, as reported in recent issues of the Beacon, the Painswick Show – at least for this year – has been cancelled, essentially because of doubts raised about how suitable the Painswick Park site is in the light of British Show Jumping Association requirements.

Whilst the current situation seems – at least in part – the result of a series of misunderstandings between the Show Society and Mr and Mrs Elvidge, the current owners of Painswick Park, the continuing exchange may well be masking more important issues. These concern the nature of the Painswick Show and the changing environment in which it operates.

The Show started life in 1946 as a small, one-day, agricultural and horticultural show at Jenkin's Farm, Edge. Over the years, and particularly since moving to Painswick House in the 1970s, the show has grown into a high profile two-day event, with trade stands and a show jumping component that attracted top riders from all over the county and indeed the country. David Broome, Richard Meade, Mark Phillips and The Princess Royal have all competed at the Painswick Show. By the time of its Golden Jubilee in 1995, it was described as 'one of only a few remaining real village country shows'.

Arguably, Painswick Show has been punching above its weight (or, perhaps, jumping above its height) for years. In other words it has been trying to maintain its credibility alongside major county shows, always struggling to achieve the critical mass necessary for a two-day commercially viable event and to maintain the facilities required to reach British Show Jumping Association standards (particularly with regard to health and safety). It has also relied on a small, dedicated band of unpaid organisers to tackle the ever more formidable tasks of administering and managing the show in a professional manner.

So, what of the future? Will there be another Painswick Show? With the recent sad death of Janet Dent, who was largely responsible for the Show's horticultural content and one of the senior committee members, the Show Society has put matters on hold for the time being. The chairman, Bob Rumble explained that that Painswick Show Society would make a statement when it felt it was appropriate and a replacement site had been identified. He remains convinced that Painswick Park is no longer a viable proposition for the Show in its current format. For their part, the Elvidges remain committed to making Painswick Park available for some sort of annual event, which could combine equestrian with other country pursuits.

The point of consensus seems to be that a smaller scale, one-day village fete/ gymkhana could be possible at Painswick Park. Perhaps it is time for the Painswick Show to revert to its roots and become once more small but beautiful! Could the planned Companion Dog Show in August, reported in last month's Beacon, provide the future focus for such an event?

*Jack Burgess*

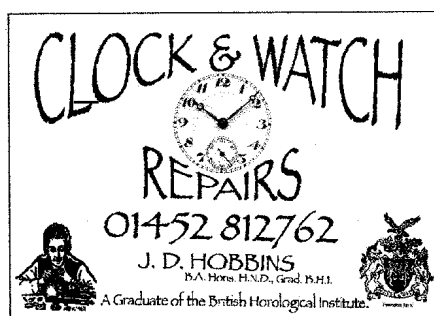
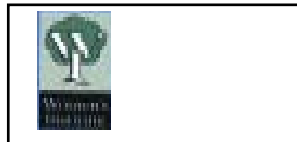
## Pole to pole

It was a very wet afternoon for the WI's 'Faith Tea'. Every member was asked to bring enough food for herself, but many brought more than enough. This was all pooled.

The meeting started with a few quiet moments remembering Janet Dent. The secretary then read some rave letters of thanks for our hosting the Group Rally. Members were pleased to hear that our team has reached the final of the WI Echo Quiz. A lunch at Charlton Kings is planned for 18th August.

We were interested to hear an account, by Jane Otway who was invited with her husband who was in the Indian Army, of a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This was followed by a report on the Albert Hall WI meeting where the speaker was Dr. Michael Stroud who had been to the north and south poles.

*Margaret Richards*



## Cranham Feast

It is all happening again this year in Cranham on several days this month.

This Sunday, Olive's Walk at 1.00 pm, starts at the School. Please ring Olive 813587 for more details.

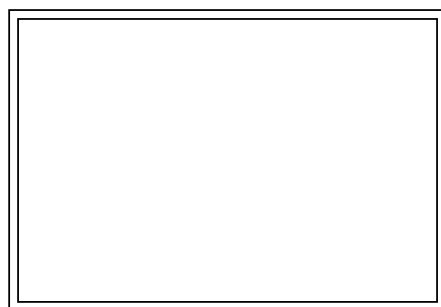
On Friday 8th to Monday 11th at St James's the Great Flower Festival will be on display throughout the weekend. Also, on Friday 8th, 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall there will be a Supper & Audio/Visual presentation on the local countryside and events, and a second chance to see the old photos and memorabilia presented during the 2002 Jubilee weekend. Tickets £5.00 (including a glass of wine) available in advance from Karen 812275 or Clive 814695. There will be a Bar available.

On the next day, Saturday 9th, Verinder Family Reunion. 11.00am Cricket Tournament and Mediaeval Fayre from 4.00pm – 6.00pm including various stalls and entertainment. The Deer Roast at 6.30ish, The Mime, Boundary Race inc. (hopefully) one for children.

Sunday 10th Open Air Service 3.00 pm at the Church; preacher: - Dr. Jim Hoyland. Procession, following the Jazz band, to the top of the common. Carnation & lavender buttonholes will be on sale. The Teddy Bears Picnic for all ages. Please bring your favourite teddy and listen to the Jazz band. Delicious cakes will be on sale. 'Three Corner Competition' - with Rounders and a Tug of War. There will also be some 'school sport' races for all ages, entries on the day. Please ring Jim Green on 812686 for more information

On Monday 11th in the Village Hall a formal Dinner 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets £17.00, in advance, to include sherry and coffee, from Karen 812275 or Clive 814695. Wine – by the bottle.

*Clive Hayden Chairman Cranham Feast Committee*



# The junipers are coming

A group of children from The Croft School took a walk on Painswick Beacon recently to look at Juniper trees, which have been in steady decline over the years.

Hamish, Rory, Perry, Samantha, Gemma and Kate from year 2, met with Beth Sidaway from English Nature and Cedric Nielson from the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on 7th July to learn about and observe some of the few remaining trees. Armed with a camera and paper and pencils for sketching and making notes, we learned that Junipers produce male and female plants.



The female plants were full of berries, green now but turning black when they ripen. The berries can be used to flavour meat dishes, and Gin. The trees were affected by the wind force, and had interesting, lop-sided shapes where they had been blown. We discovered that the leaves are spiky and sharp.

Cuttings of the Juniper trees have been taken to a nursery in Cheltenham. We are hoping to go and see their progress in the Autumn term.

When they have rooted we will look after them at the school until they are mature enough to plant back out on the Beacon.

## Private recital

Caroline McBrayne very generously gave a recital on the evening of 29th June at 1 Hambutts Mead in aid of the Three Choirs Festival. It was very well attended and we were not only enchanted with beautiful playing of unusual music but revived by Pimms and strawberries and cream!

Caroline has become quite well known in Painswick and is a remarkable pianist in that, instead of giving programmes of the well known Beethoven or Mozart — she plays Ravel, Granados - and other really interesting work. We are very lucky to have her and I am delighted to tell musicians in the village that she will be playing again in the Autumn. I for my part am so delighted to have my beautiful Steinway piano used and enjoyed by so many people. So we look forward to hearing Caroline again and meanwhile, if anybody wants to try the piano please let me know.

*Diana Feilden*

# Beacon Conservation Group

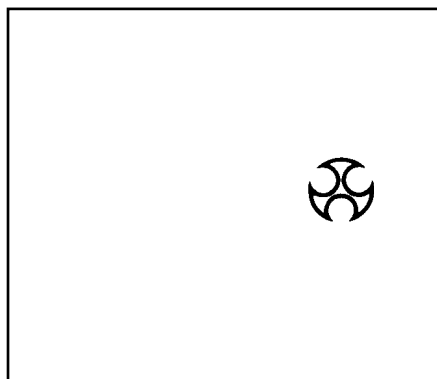
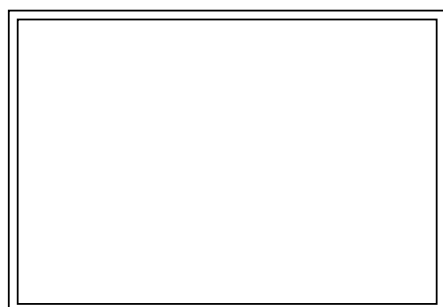
Last month I reported that we will be holding a demonstration how to operate and maintain the new grass cutting machine. The date will be 3rd September and the time 9.30am. Anyone who is interested in attending this hands on event including present members is invited to attend. We will meet at the Walkers car park, Golf Course Road, on the Common. It would be helpful if you could leave a message to say you were coming on 812385.

On the the Juniper Project, some of the pupils from the Croft School with their teacher, Mrs. Sanderson, Beth Sidaway, the National Trust schools liaison officer and myself took them up to see the Junipers growing on the Beacon. It was a fine sunny afternoon with good views over the countryside. We were able to see many Juniper bushes and the students made drawings and took a video recording for the rest of the class to see. (*See separate report alongside, and photographs.*)

Later in September they will be taken to see the cuttings which we took in the Spring, being grown under a mist propagator at a nursery in Cheltenham. Mrs. Ros Harris sent me a very encouraging letter about the number and varied types of flowers and butterflies she has seen on the common. She was of the opinion that this was partly due to the Groups efforts clearing scrub last winter. It is pleasant to receive uncritical comments on our work. This summer has been a good one for the grassland plants and flowers. The small green flowered musk orchid has been particularly plentiful in the areas of short grass, the students had difficulty avoiding them when looking at the Junipers. Yellow carpets of Horseshoe vetch have made some of the old quarries very colourful. They are the food plant of some of the blue Butterflies, in particular the Chalk-hill Blue which is on the wing now. The Brown butterfly family of Meadow browns, Gatekeepers, Ringlet, and Small heaths have been found in large numbers, not only on the Beacon but also at Broadham Fields.

We look forward to seeing you at the grass cutting demonstration.

*Cedric Nielson*



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# Quality Parish Councils

Any expression using the word 'quality' when speaking of Parish Councils tends not to slip off the tongue. Indeed, despite an enormous amount of voluntary effort, considerable personal inconvenience and intrusion into their private lives, and unrelenting pressure from a diverse community they try hard to voluntarily represent, Parish Councillors tend to receive little or no recognition by way of thanks for their efforts. As one who has been a very close observer of councillors at all levels of Local Government for most of his career, I feel I am in as reasonable a position as anyone to observe the stresses and sometimes irreconcilable situations our elected (or co-opted) representatives face.

For more years than some can remember there has been a lobby which has tried to use every opportunity to bring about full recognition of the significance of government 'from the bottom up'; put another way, for rural communities such as ours the role of the Parish Council should be the first tier of such government - not the last, the also-rans.

The government has seized upon at least part of this movement for change, and this at a time when there is an ever increasing means of communication between individuals and the-powers-that-be. Among these changes has come the opportunity to attain, in a full formal sense, the status of 'Quality Parish Council'. The Painswick Parish Council is resolved to do all it can to achieve the standards laid down by HM Government in this regard, even though it has postponed at the moment submitting a request for such a status to be conferred. The postponement appears to be solely because our councillors want to know more about actual benefits such a formal status will bring to the community before committing themselves to possible increases in work-load and/or expense to be passed on to those paying Council Tax through the precept.

Meanwhile, and with some vigour, this Parish Council is doing all it can - with the support of the new Clerk Roy Balgobin - to comply with the tests the government have themselves set out. These include the following, only summarised for this report:

- **Electoral Mandate:** at least 80% of council seats filled by members who stood for election
- **Qualified Clerk:** holding a recognised certificate in Local Council Administration
- **Council Meetings:** minimum number each year, well run, publication of minutes, time for public participation, good attendance records of councillors
- **Communication:** effective communication and active involvement of the community represented, newsletters as appropriate
- **Annual Reports:** accountability, conduct and ethical matters.

The Beacon has noted a resolve among Parish Councillors in these aims, and looks forward to continuing its own reporting of matters raised at Council meetings in as objective a way as we can. Meanwhile readers may note the introduction of a Parish Council Email address, mentioned as [clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com](mailto:clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com) elsewhere in this issue, and their aiming to get their own Web site created and 'on line' in the coming weeks.

Quality is never assured, but it is in that direction that they are pointing - realising of course that such is in no way to say that all in positions of responsibility have done their personal best for a century or so already!

*Leslie Brotherton*

# "Another Beastly Art Exhibition"

will be open in the meeting room above Painswick library between Tuesday 5th and Sunday 10th August 2003. Opening times are between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. The exhibition features work by three Gloucestershire artists, Nat Morley, Hazel Morris and Jane Vernon.

All the artists are inspired by nature and their work combines well to create a colourful impact. Work is for sale and is accessible to a wide range of budgets with items such as greetings cards and mugs through to individually designed pieces of jewellery.

Nat Morley lives and works near Tetbury. She produces lively woodcut prints inspired by nature and large, colourful oil paintings on a similar theme. This year Nat has been very busy with 22-month-old twins Emily and Naomi so has continued to concentrate on smaller woodcut prints. She has also been working on large oil paintings for commission. Nat can be contacted on 01666 502323.

Hazel Morris (Arkane Jewellery) specialises in individually designed and hand-crafted solid silver jewellery inspired largely by Anglo-Saxon design, alongside a range of precious and non-precious jewellery influenced by historical, natural and contemporary styles. This year has seen Arkane settling into the new workshop at Brimscombe and an increased output in work and ideas. Arkane now sells through a number of outlets around the south and at a larger number of shops and exhibitions. The Painswick Exhibition will see a selection of new smaller one-off cast pieces and a range of jewellery combining silver with gold. Hazel can be contacted at Unit 6, Lewiston Mill, Toadsmoor Road, Brimscombe, Glos. Telephone 07961 914957, email [haze.morris@virgin.net](mailto:haze.morris@virgin.net)

Jane Vernon lives and works in Stroud. She makes colourful silk wallhangings inspired mainly by fish and animals, and a wide range of domestic pottery and 'beastly' dishes, with animals modelled onto thrown dishes. Following the very large hangings she produced last year, this year Jane has gone to the other extreme and has been working on "mini" hangings. Additionally, she has enjoyed branching out into more abstract hangings using velvet and there will also be a small number of cushions in the exhibition. In her pottery work she has added a small range of lustre-ware mugs, teapots and jugs to her wide selection of domestic pottery. Jane can be contacted on 01453 763590 or by email to [jane@clothandclay.co.uk](mailto:jane@clothandclay.co.uk) and work can also be seen on her website, [www.clothandclay.co.uk](http://www.clothandclay.co.uk)





# HGV rumble to a September meeting

The Beacon noticed that, in another (but commercial) newspaper which circulates hereabouts, there was a recent report asserting that "Plans to stop the narrow streets of Painswick being congested with heavy goods vehicles are being discussed in a private meeting.." and that "The meeting will take place behind closed doors."

Somewhat bemused by this apparent change of policy of the Parish Council, the Beacon investigated.

Readers may recall that we reported in our June issue (page 4) on the subject of HGV raised and discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting: "The general feeling was summed up by Terry Parker from the chair, that the residents of New Street and the Council should draw together and make representations. He undertook to formulate a questionnaire based upon the documentation from Mr.Parfitt and this meeting for presentation to the County Highways Officers and, once their written response is to hand, convene a public meeting with their officers present to advance local interests."

Readers may wish to note that we have been reassured that it is certainly not the case that the matter will not be open to public discussion and report. Those who have experience of Local Government will be aware of the standard practice that officers endeavour to brief their elected councillors on subjects arising so that, in turn, they can ensure that the officer(s) have fully grasped the subject matter and completed their research prior to any public response. Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Parker, told the Beacon "The facts are that there is to be a public meeting in early September. We are determined that we should not have one during the August holiday 'season', but am pleased that the GCC officers will thoroughly look into what we want to know before that meeting takes place. We have no intention of doing other than what we said we would, hold a meeting of which due notice is given, open to the public."

# Word-search - vegetables

Quite a change of direction this month, right into the garden or the kitchen.

With the Horticultural Society Show only a month or so away, we have concealed twelve vegetables in among these letters. Try your luck here (or at the Show?)

WORDSEARCH  
July answers

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- Amenhotep
- Pepi
- Khety
- Mentuhotep
- Senusret
- Tutankhamun
- Ptolemy

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# Budgie at large

A lad has lost his light blue budgerigar, and anyone who can help locate it will bring back a lot of pleasure.

It has white wings with light grey markings. It does not talk, but it does listen.

It was lost in Longridge area during the week commencing 14th July, so it may have roamed some way by now.

If you have seen him, please call Sam on 01452 812847

# Yoga gaps

The Beacon has been asked to mention that there are one or two vacancies in the Thursday morning Yoga Classes which take place at Painswick Centre.

If interested please telephone Eileen on 813138

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# British Red Cross

Painswick Red Cross would like to thank the collectors and the people of Painswick for their help during our annual Flag Week in May.

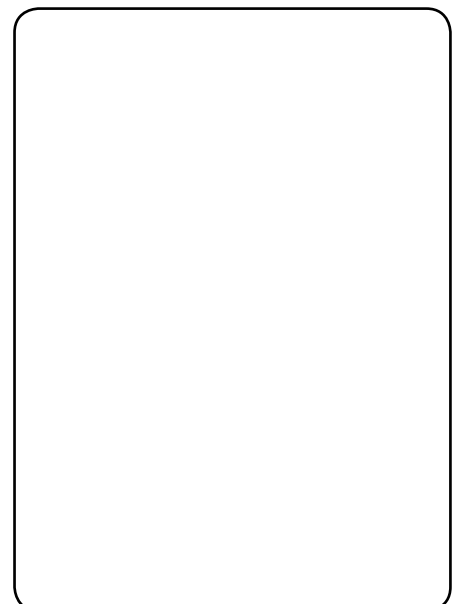
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*Joan Ashton*

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# A week to remember

The Charter celebrations through the week of 4-12th July were, by any yardstick, enjoyable and memorable; a credit to our village. The Beacon is pleased to set out photographs, as reminders now and for the future, of aspects of each part of the programme which reached into every one of those eight days.

The dedicated needle-women of the Senior Circle produced a superb new banner, now gracing the wall of the main hall in the Town Hall; a fine depiction of aspects of our heritage as it relates to wool. The WI Market reminded us of their culinary skills, with many visiting their Friday market to sample a celebratory cake - while moving on to the stalls of weekly produce.

The Vox Angeli Choir, which we caught in full rehearsal on the Saturday afternoon, attracted an audience appreciative of their virtuosity and in so doing raising money for charity. The choir, at St. Mary's, and visitors to the other churches were also to be greeted with the finest displays of arranged flowers. The quiet garden to the rear of Our Lady and St. Thérèse, not normally visible to church visitors, was opened to the public and proved to be a welcome refuge on the hot days that week. Much of the history of St. Mary's church was explained when many attended a presentation which included moving around the building and hearing about its evolution.

The Croft School Fair was colourful and superbly organised, and proved a point that despite its being coincident with certain Wimbledon finals, parents, friends and children knew what their priorities were - and where to fulfil them too! Two walks took place and, although not too many children were to come along, the stroll around the centre of the village while features reminding us of the history of this place was greatly enjoyed and another way in which evidence of our past could be passed on to the next generation. The walk arranged by the Parish Council was clearly popular, and ventured beyond the village itself on a circular route.

Broadham Field was, as ever, an idyllic setting for a Painswick team to challenge one of the best from Cheltenham - no easy task as the results indicate. A wonderfully relaxing environment, quintessentially English, on a hot summer's day.

An exhibition prepared by the History Society completely filled the upper room of the Town Hall, with pictures, artifacts, drawings and numerous reminders of why we are justifiably proud of our heritage. A frieze of pictures and dates of significance had

been meticulously prepared by pupils and staff from the Croft School, a massive undertaking and very impressive in itself. Exhibitions of history are not noted for attracting the public, but that idea was turned on its head with over 300 visitors in one three hour period alone.

Three major events brought the week to its conclusion. The annual street market, retaining the theme of 'Victorian' as in recent years, must have been as well attended as any we can remember. Adding a medieval tinge to all the Victoriana, Painswick Players opened the day with 'King Henry Deferred & The Pirates of Painswick', which purported to be a re-enactment of the presentation of the Great Garter (or Charter) to the burghers of Painswick in 1253 and its subsequent loss to pirates. A great range of stall holders were accompanied by street performers providing continuous entertainment - some of it of local 'talent'. The weather was kind throughout the day with lengthy queues for roast refreshments, beverages and ices in great demand.

On Friday evening, a warm audience - in every sense of the word - packed into the Painswick Centre for an outstanding evening of 'Living Legends' celebrating 80 years of the Painswick Players. One of the many highlights was a 'Salad Days' selection under the direction of the composer and PP president, Julian Slade.

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

A week arranged with energy and care, with a great debt owed to those who so willingly gave of their time so that hundreds could enjoy themselves while being reminded of what makes Painswick such a wonderful place. A significant number who came to these celebrations were from other parts of the world, and their interest in our pleasures and where we live was very clear to see. Could it be that a Royal Charter was itself a 'draw'? Might planning commence for the 760th celebration, with such comparable annual events attracting the use of Charter Market as a way of bringing in visitors?



## and thanks

Just a quick note to thank all those involved in the organisation of this year's very enjoyable celebrations. Their mainly unseen efforts were typified by the sight of a lonely figure (anonymous male) seen clearing rubbish from the Recreation Field at 7-15 am this Sunday morning. A great week of events concluding with a warm,

dry, sunny and very memorable final Market day providing interest for children of all ages. Thanks.

*Malcolm Burley*

Sylvia Marden received that message by Email and thought "how nice and thoughtful to thank everyone for all their hard work during the weeks and months before Charter Week.

It was a good week and everyone should

be proud of Painswick for doing such a good job. I think it would be wonderful if a permanent home could be found for the Local History Society display in the Town Hall during Charter Week was a museum on its own and very fascinating. I only spent an hour in there and could have spent much longer.

Well Done Painswick !!"

*Sylvia Marden*

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# Charter Week

4th to 12th July 2003, in celebration of the 750th anniversary of the granting of a charter to hold a market in Painswick



Charter Banner



Vox Angeli Concert



Croft School Fair



Cricket Match





**WI Celebration Cake**

**Exhibition**



**Parish Council Walk**

**Painsw**



**Floral Displays**





## Children's Historical Walk



## Cricket Players - Living Legends



**Friday 4th**  
4.00pm Presentation of the Senior Circle's Charter Banner to the Parish Council.

**Saturday 5th**  
7.30pm The Vox Angeli Singers Concert in St Mary's Church.

Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th  
Floral displays in all three churches

**Sunday 6th**  
2.00pm The Croft School Fair in the school grounds.  
2.30pm Cricket match between a Painswick XI and St. Stephens from Cheltenham, at Broadham Fields

**Monday 7th - Saturday 12th**  
Charter Anniversary Exhibition in the Town Hall.

**Tuesday 8th**  
7.30pm Guided tour of St. Mary's Church by Derek Hodges.

**Wednesday 9th**  
6.00pm Children's Historical Walk led by David Archard; children must be accompanied by an adult family member.

**Thursday 10th**  
6.30pm-8.30pm Circular Parish Council Walk starting from St. Mary's Lane Car Park.

**Friday 11th**  
10.00am WI Market invitation to free coffee and Celebration cake at the Town Hall  
7.30pm. Painswick Players 'Living Legends' at Painswick Centre.

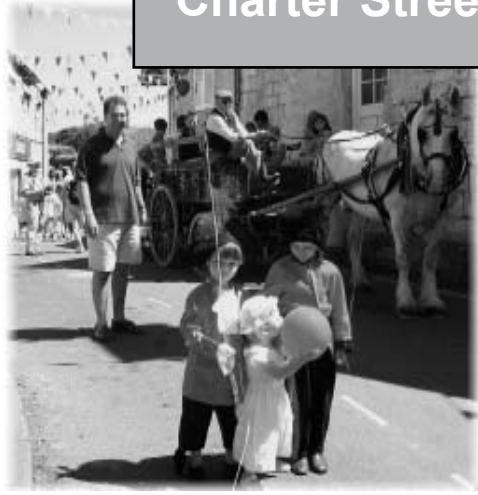
**Saturday 12th**



Guided tour of St.Mary's



Charter Street Market



Costume Ball



## Living Legends – The Movie!

It was a memorable evening. The audience was warm: they could hardly be anything else with a couple of hundred bodies (or 179, if you're the Fire Officer) packed into the Painswick Centre. In fact, the scene was quite extraordinary, with people wedged in everywhere, sitting on the lighting desk, standing round the sides, hanging from the beams... (OK, I'm lying about the beams). But, was what we were trying to do – celebrate and tell the story of eighty years of drama in Painswick in eighty odd minutes – actually possible?

The *Living Legends* format - a dozen excerpts from very different productions and eras, all rehearsed separately - was always fraught with problems. Had we got the mix right: the balance between serious and comic, music and drama, poetry and prose? Would all the excerpts be ready in time? Could this eclectic mix of bits be glued together to make a seamless show? And, of course, would we get an audience to watch it?

Just over a week before the performance, the tickets were about half sold and we had our first attempted run through. As the one responsible for linking it all together, I had one of those 'Ikea moments'... you know: one of those moments when you realise that the chic bedroom suite you thought you were assembling is going to look more like a prime contender for the Turner Prize. A few days later and a recognisable show was beginning to take shape. And ticket sales were picking up. Come the final dress rehearsal, there was a real buzz that something special was happening. And the 'SOLD OUT – STANDING ROOM ONLY' signs went up.

Nevertheless, there was still plenty of 'creative tension' around backstage as the curtains opened for the opening number, *Painswick Am. Dramatical* from the 1997 *Acting Funny* revue. We needn't have worried: the audience responded immediately. Everyone seemed to want to celebrate with us. Here was an audience looking to enjoy itself and be part of history. I only had to mention Julian Slade's name to get a tumultuous round of applause. They were even laughing at my jokes! (*which have long been part of history – Editor*) It was indeed all vintage stuff: even the programmes made their traditionally dramatic late entry just ten minutes before the start (flown in from Glasgow – don't ask!) and still sold out five minutes before curtain up.

It would be invidious to single out individual pieces. So I shall: the sparkling *Salad Days* excerpts (with Richard Murray and Enid Walklett recreating their original 1984 roles), the explosive *Luck be a lady tonight* (with Richard Murray again as Sky Masterson), the electrifying *Lady Macbeth* from Lesley Wolowiec, the choreographed brilliance of Alistair Anderson and his *Master & The Maid* silent movie team, the memorably *pukka* Georgina Sutton (and her memorably *pukka* knees!), the sheer cross-legged desperation of Pauline Foreman's Ladies seeking the *Ladies in the Lords*, the stylish 'handbag' scene from *Importance Of Being Earnest* (with Pauline Foreman and newcomers John Torr and Sheree Carver), the evocative and beautifully paced *Resting Place* from Judy Reed and Derek Hodges, and the foot-stamping *Stepping Out* finale.

And if all this were not enough, we had Julian Slade as well. It was a memorable evening.

Jack Burgess

PS If you're kicking yourself for missing *Living Legends* – or couldn't get in – you can still catch the movie! The whole evening was captured on video and is now available. Just call Jean Burgess on 01452-812167 for a copy. Incidentally, the video includes highlights from following day's 750th Charter Market celebrations, including our historically unique *King Henry Deferred & The Pirates of Painswick* performance, which opened



## Dancing for Pleasure-Victorian Costume Ball

A memorable evening is probably the best way to describe the Ball at the Painswick Centre which rounded off the festivities to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the granting of the Charter.

With most guests arriving in period costume, some soft lighting to create the correct atmosphere, and music played in a style to suit the occasion, the evening was a huge success. Several non dancers attended just to enjoy the evening but soon found that they could join in many of the dances, a particular favourite being the Johann Strauss Galop. Our many thanks to all who came and to Mark for running the bar ably assisted by Paul and Valerie who had been on their feet all day helping with the Victorian Market. In anticipation of next year's Ball, anyone who would like early information and a chance to learn some of the dances prior to the evening please let us have your phone numbers and we will contact you nearer the time as we will be once again having a workshop prior to the Ball.

Some of the dances are regularly performed at our Tea Dances which will recommence on Wednesday 3rd September and continue through to July next year at which everyone will be made welcome. We do teach a dance each week before the Tea Dance starts.

Geoff & Joy 01453 833150

## The Charter exhibition

The Charter exhibition in the Town Hall attracted nearly 1000 visitors, over 500 of whom came on Saturday 12th July. The stands depicted many aspects of Painswick's history and development and, together with the fascinating array of objects and artefacts so kindly lent for the occasion by many local people, stimulated much interest.

The Croft School's contribution was a magnificent frieze stretching the length of the room and a model castle complete with gibbet and guillotine! The children should be very proud of their endeavour – it received endless praise from visitors.

This exhibition represented a great deal of enthusiastic hard work and, amongst the many expressions of praise and appreciation, there were many others lamenting the fact that such a display could not be retained at least throughout the summer season.



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## Cricket Week

Painswick's annual cricket week begins tomorrow, Sunday, with the very popular six-a-side tournament being played throughout the day at Broadham. The first match is scheduled for a 10.30am start.

The week has matches everyday except Thursday which is the day when Gloucestershire are playing in the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society Cup Semi-final.

All the matches are being played at Broadham. Why not come along and support the local side.

The full list of fixtures for August is as follows. All Saturday matches are league games.

Sat 2nd. 1st XI v Poulton (Away).

Sun 3rd. Six-a side tournament at Broadham.

Mon 4th. Painswick v Merryfellow.

Tue 5th. Painswick v BAC Preston.

Wed 6th. Painswick v Chairman's XI.

Fri 8th. Painswick v Upton St Leonards.

Sat 9th. 1st XI v Corse & Staunton (Home).

2nd XI v Hatherley & Reddings (Away).

Sat 16th. 1st XI v Tetbury (Away). 2nd XI v Charlton Kings Whitefriars (Home).

Sat 23rd. 1st XI v Ruardean Hill (Home). 2nd XI v Cam (Away).

Sun 24th. Painswick XI v Bristol United Banks.

Sat 30th. 1st XI v Slaughters (Away). 2nd XI v Haresfield (Home).

The second eleven has again been frustrated with bad weather or opponents unable

to field a side. The one match played in July was against Huntley where they achieved a convincing victory by seven wickets. Last Saturday (26th July) Painswick 1st XI's match against Leonard Stanley was cancelled and Painswick 2nd XI's home game was called off in mid-afternoon when heavy rain set in for the day. On 19th July, the 1st XI lost to Churchdown who passed Painswick's total of 102 for the loss of 5 wickets.

## Net appeal

The cricket club needs to purchase a new net. A net is vital for the cricketers and young players in particular if they are to improve their techniques. The cost is approximately £1,000 and the club will be very grateful for financial contributions. If you are able to make a donation, please contact the Club Chairman, John Hogg, on 812505.



## Tennis

Two young members of Painswick Tennis Club, Lucy Moir and William Unwin recently took part in the 'Road to Wimbledon' County finals at Oxtalls Tennis Centre. Lucy was runner-up in the Girls Section and is pictured here proudly showing her trophy.

## Under 13s

As reported in last month's Beacon, the club is seeking an organiser for the under-13 team. Practices are held on Friday evenings and there are 6 Sunday morning fixtures in the early summer. If you are interested, please contact John Hogg or Andrew Wise on 01453 755202.

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# Have I got news for you?

The Beacon is always pleased to receive and normally publish items with a sporting interest.

A number of clubs do submit items regularly but others are not so forthcoming.

Many of our readers have a considerable interest in local sport and it seems a shame if they are not given the opportunity to read about past and future events. Your club may not have thought about submitting reports previously but with September not far away and the change of seasons, it's a good time to recap on summer happenings and to look forward to the winter sports scene. We are always keen to receive photographs. Items should be emailed to [teparkar@cix.co.uk](mailto:teparkar@cix.co.uk) or forwarded to the Beacon in accordance with the details of the back page of this edition.

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**Painswick Golf Club**  
**Painswick Juniors Golf Club**  
**Painswick Ladies Hockey Club**  
**Painswick Lawn Tennis Club**  
**Painswick Rugby Football Club**  
**Painswick Rugby Football Club (Juniors)**  
**Sheepscombe Cricket Club**  
**Sheepscombe Table Tennis Club**  
**Painswick Short Mat Bowling Club**

## Gottingen - Stroud District Civic Visit

Painswick was not only the first stop for this Town Twinning delegation, but they were to reside here during their visit last weekend, at their request.



*Group includes guests Herr Reinhardt Schermann (CDU) and Leader of the Council, Gerhard Strohleim (SDP), Frau Maria Gerl-Plein (Green) and Frau Alex Liebrecht their Twinning Officer.*

*The hosts were Chairman of SDC Cllr Sybil Bruce with Cllr Barbara Tait, accompanied by David Hagg Chief Executive and David Marshall the SDC Twinning Officer.*

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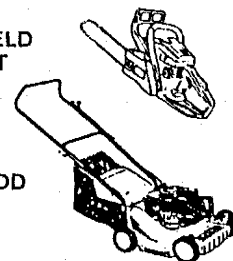
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# LETTERS

## Message board

Very good first website, it has been a long time in the waiting.

What further developments can be expected from the development team for this website, just out of curiosity? Perhaps a message board would be a welcome addition to the website?

*Richard Bamford Richard.bamford@ntlworld.com*

## Fireworks

Despite coverage and an appeal in 'The Beacon' last year, for more consideration to be shown to local residents and the many animals in the area, over the matter of letting off fireworks, particularly late at night, quite a number of fireworks were let off from Bulls Cross on 28th June at twenty minutes past midnight.

Even in this day and age, when so many values relating to social awareness, noise pollution and generally being 'neighbourhood friendly' are ignored and flouted, I find it difficult to reconcile such arrogance and thoughtlessness.

I can only trust that whoever authorised this particular example of extreme anti-social behaviour, will, in a reflective moment after the high spirits of that particular day's events, feel a twinge of remorse, and at least have the decency and sense of responsibility to apologise.

*Maggie Drake*

## Painswick Show Society

I am instructed to write to you in respect of a letter from Mr & Mrs R.Elvidge, which you published in the May issue of the Painswick Beacon.

Our purpose herein is to correct inaccura-

cies contained in that letter. Firstly, Mr & Mrs Elvidge state "we too were astonished and most disappointed to learn that there is to be no Painswick Show this year .... we agreed (the proposed date August 9) with enthusiasm and... we heard nothing more until receipt of our copy of last month's (the June edition - Ed.) Beacon.

In fact, I wrote to Rusty Elvidge by e-mail on 27 March 2003 and stated "I very much regret that the siting of the newly-planted trees will invoke the doctrine of supervening impossibility as far as our organising this year's Show in the Park is concerned. We shall have to make an announcement in the Painswick Beacon to this effect in order that our supporters may know".

Secondly, Mr & Mrs Elvidge state in their letter to you "We have planted eighty trees in the Park.... The area used for the showjumping has, however, been deliberately left clear".

That claim is most surprising in view of the fact that Mr Elvidge had already written the following by e-mail to the Painswick Show Society Secretary, on 30 January 2003. "Tree planting has taken place - there are some where the jumping takes place, but I should imagine they will cause no problem, though suggest you take a look".

We did take a look, accompanied by a British Show Jumping Association official, whose advice we had specifically sought, and this led immediately to our 27 March e-mail advice referred to above in respect of the doctrine of supervening impossibility.

It is our opinion that the Beacon management could have avoided any protracted correspondence by seeking a response from us before publishing Mr & Mrs Elvidge's letter.

Ordinarily, we would not wish to write to you in respect of the foregoing but public reaction to your action has made it necessary.

*RG Rumble Chairman*

## Fox hunting

Mr. Robinson states (letters, July) that we should be more exercised over TB, dying villages, etc. than fox-hunting, yet it is this issue which has driven him to put pen to paper.

Most grown-ups now accept that deriving pleasure from hunting a sentient creature to death is, to put it mildly, somewhat unseemly.

*Charles Arthurs*

I cannot understand Douglas Robinson's argument that hunting with dogs - fox hunting - should be allowed.

I do not think 85 hours in one year is over much time to debate this matter - just over an hour a week by my reckoning.

All the other matters mentioned are important I know, but this matter of fox hunting is cruel, barbaric and obscene and totally unsuccessful in getting rid of foxes.

It is well known that foxes are bred purposely to breed more foxes so that these mindless people can hunt them to satisfy their inhumane lust for the thrill of allowing other animals to hunt, catch and literally tear to bits a defenceless animal. Why don't the farmers and any one else practice good husbandry?

It sickens me to see the women too who can let their children watch and indulge in such cruel practices. We are becoming more and more barbaric in our attitude towards animals - what chance have we of teaching young children to have compassion towards animals while this practice is allowed to continue?

We humans are supposed to be the highest of the primates, but we can learn an awful lot from the animals. They have a far superior code of behaviour than we do. I suppose it gives these people a feeling of superiority and power to chase and kill.

I am afraid I have never earned my living by indulging in such cruelty. The end does not justify the means.

I find these people totally mindless, selfish and very shallow.

Disgusted.

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## Making Hay While the Sun Shines

The old riddle of "When is a door not a door" may equally be applied to gates. A gate is definitely not a gate when it is removed from its secure position and thrown on the ground. Footpath users did this to one of my gates on Sunday 29th June. The gate was between a grazing field and one that was to be mown for hay. The grazing sheep took advantage of the absence of a gate to avail themselves of an unexpectedly tasty Sunday lunch.

Far from being a day of rest for me, this

Sunday was a particularly busy and vital working day. I had two fields of hay to bale and get in before the forecasted rain arrived that evening. I duly baled the first field with the conventional baler, broke off to extract the sheep from the tall mowing grass, and then hauled the 320 bales in. I had managed to bale 12 round bales in the second field when the rain arrived. The remainder of the field was baled exactly a week later, having seen three wet days and having been turned four more times to dry the hay. I collected a further 24 round bales of a distinctly black colour. Had I not been distracted by the sheep round up, all my hay would have been baled as good winter feed. As a result of a stupid act I lost approximately £240 in value of hay, and time that could have been more

usefully spent in cutting and making a further field.

*Philip Berry*



## A tale of changing times 'Beware of strangers'

On Friday 18th July at about 11.20am, and after the WI Market had finished, two young people about 20 years of age walked in the Town Hall.

The man asked questions about the hall and while being shown the plaques on the wall his female companion took a wallet from a handbag.

The wallet was found on Saturday morning in the Old Bakery area in a dustbin, minus a small amount of money -£5.00. The cost to the loser £21 to replace the driving licence which could have also been taken and a lot of inconvenience.

So please remember, even in Painswick your property is not safe. This incident has been reported to the Police and on Friday the Post Office, Chemist, Bank and National Trust shop were alerted to the presence of this couple in the village by the loser.

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### PROPERTY REPORT for August by Hamptons International

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Following on from our last report which reported lots of new instructions and a lot of buyer activity, the market has slowed down considerably probably due to the recent heat wave and families starting their summer holidays early. There are still good quality purchasers around and many of our properties have gone under offer in the last few weeks. However, surveyors are being extra cautious resulting in properties being down valued and fall throughs are inevitable. We therefore, do not rejoice until contracts have been exchanged.

The successes we have been seeing are a direct result of the (often unpopular) advice we started giving to clients more than six months ago, to price their properties to reflect the falling market. Not

unexpectedly this process has taken time to filter through, but results are now being reaped.

Recent exchanges include - Maryland in Sheepscombe; Tump Farm in Edge where the vendor moved to the new chalet bungalow Sunnyside on the Cheltenham Road; 9 Hyett Orchard and 1 Churchill way in Painswick; Twyver Cottage in Upton where the owner is moving into Overmead on the Cheltenham Road in Painswick; Also Cedar House in Upton. Grey Gables completed last month as did The Lygon - one of the Grade II listed barns at Painswick Court and the idyllic Down Cottage in the Slad valley.

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**PLANNING MATTERS**

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

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

THE LAURELS, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Rebuild retaining wall & erection of pergola.  
 COPPER HILL, THE GREEN, EDGE. Erection of an extension.  
 OUTSIDE EDGE, EDGE ROAD. Erection of extensions including garage & loft conversion.  
 HYETT CLOSE. Pollard lime tree.  
 Land off KINGSMILL LANE. Outline application for 1 dwelling to rear of 'JAYS'  
 DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension for dependant relative (resubmission following refusal).  
 WELCOM, THE PARK. Erection of 2 storey extension & internal alterations.  
 THE PAINSWICK HOTEL, KEMPS LANE. Erection of stone boundary wall to residential dwelling.  
 Land opposite HILLWORTH HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET. Conversion of garage with single storey extension to form dependant person's annexe accommodation to Hillworth House.  
 TOCKNELLS HOUSE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Construction of new garden room & renovation of minor outbuildings. Existing conservatory to be demolished.

THE FIERY BEACON, NEW STREET Change of use from gallery on the ground floor to residential.

**REVISED PLANS**

Land adjoining TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of 1 detached dwelling. Main changes: Position revised & design altered to accommodate tree exclusion zone.  
 RAKEHILL, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension. Main changes: Ridgeline reduced & simplified.  
 THE RED HOUSE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE Erection of one house. Main changes: Siting and materials revised.

**CONSENTS**

JENKINS FARM, EDGE. Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and conversion of barn to dwelling. Restoration of stable.  
 DETCOMBE HOUSE, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of 2 storey extension & garages  
 TIMBERCOMBE COTTAGE, JACKS

GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of an extension.  
 YEW TREE COURT, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of extension.  
 PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Change of use to equestrian and provision of extension to provide one additional loose box.  
 WAYLAND, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of a conservatory & enlargement of existing bedroom.  
 BUNNAGE FIELD FARM, THE CAMP, MISERDEN. Erection of new hay barn.  
 LAVENDER DOWN, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of single storey rear extension.

**REFUSAL**

DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension (resubmission following refusal)

**NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL**

DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Outline application for the erection of one dwelling.

**The coach to Bath**

If you wish to go to Bath in September a coach will be leaving Stamages Lane at 10.00am on Wednesday 17th September. The return journey leaves Avon Street Coach Park in Bath at 5.00pm.

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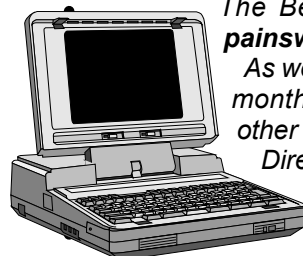
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 : The Beacon web-page can be found at: [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk) :  
 : As well as displaying the front page for the current month and providing key Beacon contacts and other details, it also carries the complete Painswick Directory on-line, updated on a monthly basis. :  
 : Our intention is to expand the Beacon on-line service according to demand and we would welcome comments, suggestions and even criticisms. Currently a Painswick Links page is being compiled as a point of connexion with other local web-pages with which we will seek to be complementary. In particular, it is our intention to work closely with the Parish Council site when it comes on on-stream. For the time-being, we are pleased to pass on the Parish Council email address: [clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com](mailto:clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com) :  
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 : Ultimately, the goal is to publish an on-line Beacon each month to better serve the ever growing Painswickian diaspora across the globe! :  
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# The Painswick Beacon

detail until the next issue  
and mostly non-weekly after that

## VILLAGE DIARY

### AUGUST

Sat	2	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen: Annual exhibition And Market (until Mon. 25 August)	Painswick Centre	Daily
		Exhibition of Etchings by Robert Ball (to 3rd August)	Library Rooms	Daily
		Lansdown Art Club Exhibition Preview	Town Hall	2.00 to 6.00pm
Sun	3	Lansdown Art Club Exhibition: Free admission - Donations to Cotswold Care Hospice (Until 10 Aug.)	Town Hall	10.00am to 6.00pm
Tue	5	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12noon
Thu	7	Quiet Garden (all Thursdays in August)	Yew Tree House	2.00 to 6.00pm
Fri	8	W.I. Market: Coffee with "tasters" available, Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	9	Companion Dog Show Cranham Feast – boundary race and deer roast	Recreation Field Cranham	1.30pm
Sun	10	Mixed American Tennis Tournament	Rec. Field Courts	
Fri	15	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm
Mon	18	Creative Coterie 5th Annual Art Exhibition Preview	Library Room	2.00 - 6.00pm
Tue	19	Creative Coterie 5th Annual Art Exhibition Daily until Monday 25th August	Library Room	10.00am - 6.00pm
		Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Aspects of Code Breaking - Mr John Storer	Ostlers Room, Flacon	10.00am
Sat	23	<b>Copy dateline for August to Editorial Team</b>		
Mon	25	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen: Exhibition ends Woodturning Demonstration	Painswick Centre Painswick Woodcrafts	10.00am to 4.00pm
Tue	26	Theatre Club visit Malvern	Falcon	6.30pm
Thu	28	<b>Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey</b>		

### SEPTEMBER

Wed	3	Probus: The Christian Orders of Knighthood Mrs I V Miller	Ostlers Room, Flacon	10.00am
		Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm
		Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	5	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm
Sat	6	<b>September Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b> Horticultural Society: Annual Show and Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
Mon	8	Art Exhibition – Corio & Hosler – until 14th	Library Room	10.00am – 5.00pm
Tue	9	Painswick Players AGM (in the Cotswold Room)	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Fri	12	Senior Circle: How can we help? – Jane Rowe Skip available	Town Hall Slad	2.30pm
Mon	15	Bird Club: field visit Keynes Country Park Closing date entries for Village Quiz	Spratsgate Lane	10.30am
Tue	16	Local History Society Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Members' Day Coach to Bath: Enquiries: 813965/813227 Parish Council	Ostlers Room, Flacon Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	18	W.I.: Special Diets - Helen Brown Music Appreciation 16th Season opens	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	19	Skip available	Edge	
Sat	20	Painswick Blues – the 'Barcodes'	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Fri	26	Senior Circle: Poundbury – Val Hurlston-Gardiner	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	27	Tap Dancing Classes - possibly recommence	tba	tba

### OCTOBER

Wed	1	Probus: Getting a word in (Crosswords) - Eric Burge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	2	Medieval Art in Italy 1280-1400: Classes by Dr Peter Clarkson (10 weeks until December 11)	Small Church Room	11.00am to 12.30pm
		Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		Music Appreciation Group	Town Hall	7.30pm



Fri	3	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) Choral Concert by Wycliffe College Choir in aid of Mission to Seafarers	Wynstowe St Mary's Church	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	4	<b>October Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b> Mothers' Union/PCMS Coffee Morning in aid of M.U. Projects	Town Hall	10.00am to 12 noon
Wed	8	Horticultural Society: Start of new season of meetings	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	9	Bird Club: Wildlife in the Garden + bird feeders	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Senior Circle: On and off piste - John Stephenson-Oliver		Town Hall
		Beacon Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Wed	15	Probus: W.F.Lee - Edwardian Photographer of Stroud Coach to London: Enquiries: 813965/813227 Parish Council	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 8.30am 7.30pm
Thu	16	W.I.: Aluminium Foil Sculptures - Mrs Stammers	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	24	Senior Circle: A peculiar people - Ken Helps	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	29	Probus: Pitville and its Gardens - Mr John Milner	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	31	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe	2.30pm

## NOVEMBER

Sat	1	<b>November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Mon	3	Calligraphy for Beginners/Improvers: with James Skinner: Tel 01452 611614 (also 17th & 24th) £45 for 3 workshops	Church Rooms	10.00am to 4.00pm
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Bird Club: Birds, Mammals and Flowers in the UK	Ashwell House Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	7	Senior Circle: Strange customs - Wynn & Helen Roberts. Preceded by AGM at 1.45 pm	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Genetic Engineering - The Rev Phil Challis	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	15	Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	
Thu	20	W.I.: Annual Meeting	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	21	Senior Circle: Actuary quite interesting - Nicola Bailey	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	26	Probus: Annual Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
Fri	28	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe	2.30pm
Sat	29	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45 to 12 noon

## DECEMBER

Thu	4	Painswick Players production (until 6th)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.00pm
Sat	6	<b>December Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Wed	10	Probus: Malta through the ages - Miss Barbara Drake	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	18	W.I. Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	19	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) (Christmas Party)	Wynstowe	2.30pm

## 2004

### JANUARY

Thu	8	Talks: Early Renaissance Italy - by Dr Peter Clarkson 10 weeks until 18 March	Small Church Room	11am - 12.30pm
Thu	22	Bird Club: Talk by Derek Jackson, on Raptor Identification	Town Hall	7.30pm

### FEBRUARY

Sun	15	Bird Club visit to Ashleworth Ham to see Migrant Birds	Nature Reserve A417 at Hartpurpy	10.30am
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### MARCH

Thu	18	Bird Club: Talk about Keynes Country Park and its Birds - the Head Ranger. (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	20	Painswick Music Society Concert: Ruth Rogers, violin	St Mary's Church	3pm

### APRIL

Sat	3	Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt, piano	St Mary's Church	3pm
Sat	24	Painswick Music Society Concert: Emperor String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3pm

### MAY





Did you guess who the masked figure was on page 3?

A chap with a good sense of humour. Of course, the Vicar - even if he still seems to need a haircut!



## Sheepscombe Bridge Club

The new Season start date, please note, is Thursday 11th September.

Details of the new venue will be in the next issue of the Beacon.

Any queries please 'phone me on 812588.

Thank you.

## Shoulder bag - lost

A black shoulder handbag was lost on Painswick Beacon close to the Royal William on 4th July.

If anyone has information about the bag, please telephone 01452.616501.

## Thank you

The Tyler family wish to thank neighbours, friends and associates of St Mary's Church, for their help and consideration arising from the illness and death of Sylvia Tyler.

The 30th May 2003 Thanksgiving Service enabled this to coincide with what would have been the 50th Anniversary of her marriage to Ralph.

also

Michael, Mary and Sue and their respective families wish to thank Painswick friends and neighbours for their continued thoughtfulness and support over recent months.

Although a lady of small stature, Kath Wear's passing has inevitably left a huge void; her sincere and loving ways touched the lives of so many. To all who visited Mum and Dad at Brookthorpe Hall our heartfelt thanks.

Sue Jones ( nee Wear ) 01534 482103

and

Linda Evans would like to thank the many kind people of Painswick who sent her cards and good wishes while she was in hospital. "I really appreciated your love and prayers. I would especially like to thank my Meals on Wheels Team who have kept the meals

going without a hitch. Also Craig Gamble who took my puppy to the Championship show in Exeter and won with him. Enough to make anyone feel better!"



## MINI-ADS

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to JUSTINE and JOHN WORTHINGTON on the birth of their son Remy Benjamin on 27th June, a brother for Max, Tom and Ella, and a sixth grandchild for Moyra Wothington and a seventh grandchild for Sarah and Hugh Unwin,

also PIPPA and ANDY LOVELL are delighted to announce the birth of Pheobe Victoria on 11th July, a sister for Ollie, Hugo and Gus,

congratulations also to RACHEL and DAVID HALL on the birth of their son Matthew James, a first grandson for Margaret and Tony Phillips,

also to JAI and IAN CALVERT on the birth of their daughter Lily on 30th April,

and, in Sheffield, LOUISE and DAMIAN MILLAR have given news of the arrival of a second son, a brother for Luke (they used to run Chancellors here in Painswick),

and congratulations to JULIE and FERNANDO NAVARRO LEONI on the birth of their son Matthew Oackley on the 13th of July, a first grandchild for Duccio and Anne Leoni.

and STEVE and MARIE WHITE of Cotswold Villa, Gloucester Street, announce the birth of their baby son, Toby Charles, born on 30th June 2003 weighing in at 4lbs 15ozs.

## Wedding

Best wishes for their future happiness to GILLIAN DALY and JEREMY HILL who were married at the Painswick Hotel on 5th July,

and CHRISTINA (Chrissie) PEMBERTON-JAMES, formerly of Edge, and RICHARD LEWIS of Tetbury who were married on 21st June at Eastleigh Parish Church in Hampshire, where they are making their home after a honeymoon in Cuba.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to DEREK HODGES, JENNY OAKLEY, MAUREEN WALTERS and SANDY DUPONT.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies for the family and friends of MARTIN RICH, CONNIE SPRINGS, HARRY BRITTON, HEATHER BOUSEFIELD and PAT WHITTING.

## Comings and goings

Welcome to Mrs O'GRADY coming to live at 'Grey Gables' in Cheltenham Road, and Mr and Mrs HARRIS who are moving to 'Overmead' from Upton St.Leonards,

JOHN and MAUREEN DANDY are moving to 'Outside Edge' in Blakewell Mead from Gloucester,

and SHIRLEY RIGBY to 4 Clattergrove,

and JO RICHARDSON to 'Portlett Cottage',

and Mr and Mrs FARADAY to the 'School House' in Stroud Road.

## Farewell

Mr and Mrs vanSLOOT are moving to Tetbury,

and Mr and Mrs REECE are off to Nailsworth,

and our Librarian HILARY is leaving for family reasons.

## Change of house

EVA WILDY is moving to 14 Ashwell House.

## Congratulations to

Eleanor Richardson of Randalls Field who has been awarded an upper second honours degree in Drama with Linguistics from the University of Surrey in Roehampton,

and Christina (Chrissie) Pemberton-James (now Lewis!) who graduated from Chichester University in July with an Upper Class second Honours degree in Physical Education, with qualified teacher status, after her 4 year course. Chrissie has been offered and accepted a teaching position in Poole in Dorset.

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