

The Painswick Beacon

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David and Helen

ordained



David Newell O.L.M. (Ordained Local Minister) and Helen Sammon N.S.M. (Non-Stipendiary Minister) were ordained Deacons in Gloucester Cathedral last Sunday, 29th June.

Following the Service, a Benefice Buffet Lunch was held in the Painswick Centre to welcome the Ordinands.

Helen, who lives in Cranham, and David from Kings Mill Lane, have another interest in common as both are keen members of the Painswick Lawn Tennis Club.

Dog Show with a difference

A free-standing dog show has, as far as we are aware, never before been held in Painswick.

Enthusiasts Michele Phillips and Fiona Chapman have put their heads together and undertaken a lot of work, with help from others, to arrange a Companion Dog Show on Saturday 9th August - on the Recreation Field.

We are pleased to include a full report, including classes of entry, times, and other attractions and opportunities on the centre pages of this issue of the Beacon.



Wimbledon visit

With tennis fever reaching its height this weekend with the Tournament finals being played today (Saturday) and tomorrow at Wimbledon, it is good to report a Painswick connection.

On Wednesday 25th June, eight young players from the Painswick Lawn Tennis Club went with parents and coaches to Wimbledon on a visit organised by the Lawn Tennis Association.

The visit was awarded to the Painswick club in recognition of the club's outstanding commitment to junior tennis.

Charter Week



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 Stamages 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

11.00am Charter Anniversary Street Market.

8.00pm Victorian Costume Ball in Painswick Centre



Other news inside this issue includes **après school**, the **pillar rediscovered**, many **Charter Week highlights**, departure of **Fred and Flora**, advent of **patchwork+coffee**, annual **bird survey stroll**, a two-page 'spread' in **Cotswold Life**, the prospect of **Henry deferred**, some **road closures** on 12th July, fine outcome of **Christian Aid week**, how **two clicked in Peru**, Upton still keeps **Gloucester City at bay**, an **Australian knocks 179** and a **walk for children**.

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

Castle Hale - entrance pillar

The committee noted receipt of information about the pillar. (See story on page 5.)

Business property signs

The Chairman, Malcolm Watts, sought further guidance from the committee regarding the decision made at the last meeting which had agreed that further clarification be sought from the District Council as to whether planning permission had been granted or was indeed required for signs erected consequent upon the relocation of Murrays Estate Agents.

As important principles may need to be taken into account on future occasions, it was reaffirmed that the Parish Council should obtain information regarding planning criteria used in instances where such signs are to be erected in conservation areas, and whether permission was required in this instance.

Painswick valley

The Chairman reported the reply he had received from Ian Gobey of the Planning Department of the District Council in response to his query about the proposition that the whole of the Painswick Valley being designated as a conservation area. Mr Gobey had drawn attention to there being many properties within the valley in relation to which planning criteria were already tight as they were listed buildings. He went on to say that several areas had been identified as worthy of close examination as possibly receiving conservation area status, but that the staffing resources of the District Council were such that the considerable work required to undertake

such examination of the merits of each case precluded any such undertaking in the foreseeable future. He had concluded that he saw "no value in any further designation as a conservation area at this stage".

Terry Parker, not for the first time in recent months, reminded the colleagues that the District Council had still not adopted the Painswick Parish Plan which had been forwarded to them nearly eighteen months ago; this even though it is understood that it was taken into account when the Community Strategy was created for the District. The concept of Painswick valley being a future conservation area is the fourth of the 108 views included in the Parish Plan, itself formally adopted by the Parish Council.

On the suggestion made by Tony Crook, the Council did no more than 'note' the response received from Mr Gobey.

PARISH COUNCIL

Tree inspection

The Council received a report from the Clerk, Roy Balgobin, who had ascertained from the Council's insurers that provided councillors undertook their own annual inspection of trees on land under their control there was no requirement to receive professional advice other than when concerns were expressed about the stability of trees or their branches.

Arising from that discussion it was agreed that the trees alongside the Recreation Field which overhang Lower Washwell were worthy of inspection as some husbandry may be required if that growth is to be restrained.

Planning Committee - meetings

The members discussed a paper, prepared by the Chairman Terry Parker, upon Council Procedures with regard to planning matters. Fundamental to current 'best practice' is the goal of ensuring that there is evidence of openness to members of the public desirous of knowing the views expressed by the Council and its ward members.

Although Parish Councils must decide the system for scrutiny of planning proposals there is much advice that fortnightly meetings of a committee are commended rather than delegating much of the processing to individuals.

Upon a proposition by Malcolm Watts, present Chairman of the Planning Committee, seconded by David Hudson, it was agreed to leave the present system in place for the foreseeable future.

Council correspondence

It was noted that all correspondence on behalf of the Parish Council should be over the signature of the Clerk.

PM - Open Forum

The Council received a full summary of the matters raised by the public during the

Open Forum session of the Annual Parish Meeting, (reported by the Beacon last month, page 3).

Most of the matters raised on that occasion were in hand.

With regard to Heavy Goods Vehicles the assembling of questions raised regarding re-routing had been completed and forwarded to the County Council, and a date for convening a public meeting to be attended by John Lindsay in Painswick will be fixed as soon as his written response is to hand.

Cotswold Way - National Trail

In response to an invitation to do so, the Council agreed with Alan Shearer that he, together with a representative of the Conservation Society and Martin Slinger, should walk the section of the Way which passes through the village to discuss with the National Trail officers alternatives which might be considered for in-village signage.

Bulls - in fields

Alan Shearer, Chairman of the Footpath Committee, drew attention to a letter he had received which enquired about the instance of a bull in a field across which there was a public footpath, and that this was somewhat intimidating. Although the matter was referred to the Committee to deal with, Martin Slinger drew attention to precise guidance to farmers from the Health and Safety Executive (AI Sheet 17) in which it states:

"Section 59 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 bans bulls of recognised dairy breeds (Ayrshire, British Friesian, British Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry) in all circumstances from being at large in fields crossed by public rights of way. Bulls of other breeds are also banned from such fields unless accompanied by cows or heifers, but there are no specific prohibitions on other cattle. 'Fields' in this legislation does not include areas such as open fell or moorland."



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Road closures

- Victorian Market day

Upton stays rural

At its meeting last week, the County Council agreed to delete Upton St. Leonards from the Council's original proposal that the village should be included in the newly created Gloucester Principal Urban Area (PUA). The change in County Council thinking was brought about by the comprehensive case put forward by "numerous respondents, including the (Upton) Parish Council based on the character of the settlement and the outcome of a previous boundary review." Painswick Parish Council was among those respondents who made the case for Upton remaining in Stroud District.

Under the County Council's original proposal, Gloucester City's boundary would have extended as far as the northern slopes of Painswick Beacon. Under the new recommendation, the City boundary will continue to be the M5 motorway.

Iraq conflict

Councillor Barry Dare, who is Vice-Chairman of the Gloucestershire Police Authority, told the County Council recently that the cost of the additional policing at RAF Fairford during the Iraq conflict was around £3 millions. He said that, following strong representation from the Police Authority and the Chief Constable, the Home Secretary had agreed that Gloucestershire's contribution would be limited to £375,000.

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For the Victorian Market on 12th July the following streets will be closed between 8.00am and 6.00pm: Victoria Street, St. Mary's Street, Friday Street, Bisley Street and Tibbiwell. The streets will be re-opened as soon as the clearing up process has been completed.

Although, legally, access to frontages will be maintained, it would be much appreciated if residents would remove their vehicles from the centre of the village early on Saturday morning. Free car parking will be permitted on the Recreation Field, subject to ground conditions, the gate being opened at 7.30am and closed at 7.00pm.

The organisers apologise for any inconvenience which the arrangements may make, especially to the persons who normally use Painswick as a through route, e.g. from Longridge and Sheepscot. Passage of emergency vehicles will not be affected.

From the Clerk to the Parish Council



The Inca Trail

Joan Wells and Joan Griffiths write to tell the Beacon that they "cannot believe all the weeks of preparation, fund raising and anticipation are over and the Inca Trail has been completed". They have looked back at the ten days in Peru with a mixture of awe and wonder.

They report that the trail was arduous and exhausting, but also extremely rewarding. "One day in particular was spent climbing for five gruelling hours up steps and slopes 4000 feet to reach Dead Woman Pass at 16,500 feet, and then to descend again to our tents for the night". The group of 21 supported each other when the enthusiasm was getting low, not least when the legs were weary.

The two Joans say they "feel very privileged to have the opportunity to help CLIC. We had several parents in the group who had lost children from cancer and their praise for CLIC in the support and

help they received was tremendous." The fund raising manager has written to these tough ladies to tell them that the group raised at least £45,000 between them (excluding expenses); this enough to fund 1½

CLIC nursing posts or 2 CLIC play specialists for a year, or give 115 families a chance to stay in a CLIC home-from-home for a month, or many other alternatives.

Although Joan Griffiths and Joan Wells say that "the amount raised will be a drop in the ocean" it is clearly much more than that for many families! They have asked that we pass on their "very sincere thank you to everyone who supported us, without your help we wouldn't have had the incentive to take part".

Well done, both of you!



ANDY AYLMER

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Living Legends! Julian Slade! William Shakespeare! King Henry Deferred & The Pirates of Painswick?

Living Legends (Friday, 11th July, Painswick Centre) started life as a modest celebration of the Painswick Players 80th Birthday in July. Someone said in passing that it might be quite nice to throw a modest party for members and friends. And perhaps put on some ad hoc entertainment from past productions. The mention of the word 'party' had the predictable effect, of course, of widening our circle of friends exponentially. And the ad hoc entertainment quickly burgeoned into a major theatrical event. Nearly everyone who had ever been a Painswick Player over the years seemed to want to take part. Then Julian Slade of Salad Days fame said that he would like to take part and suddenly absolutely everyone wanted to take part.

The next headache was what to select. In the 80 years since Miss Lucy Hyett put on Shakespeare's As You Like It on the bowling green of Painswick House, Painswick Players and its successors (Country Players and PaDS) have staged no fewer than 176 productions. We've done it all. Tragedy and farce. Musicals and murder mysteries. High drama and low comedy. Shakespeare and Cenarth Fox. (Cenarth who?. Don't ask!).

After much debate and many bottles of the infamous and strangely self-replenishing stock of PP Hungarian red, a programme gradually emerged. Some things chose themselves. With Julian Slade and a number of the original 1984 PaDS cast back on board, a selection from Salad Days became a must. Another easy choice was the 1985 hit Guys & Dolls, with Richard Murray returning to us after years of exile with Cotswold Playhouse. We wanted, of course, to reflect Lucy Hyett's original commitment to Shakespeare and plumped for Macbeth. (sorry, The Scottish Play (not that I'm the least bit superstitious, you understand) in which Miss H famously outed damned spots as Lady Macbeth in 1935. Another classic, which cried out for inclusion was Oscar Wilde's The Importance of being Earnest, staged first in 1948 and then again in 1984. Guess which part we have selected? Altogether now. 'A hand!')

And, of course, by popular demand (both from cast and audiences), we have had to include the finale from last year's toe tapping Stepping Out! Season these selections with half a dozen memorable sketches from the Acting Funny (1997) and April Foolery (1998) reviews and the 1987 Music Hall and you have a truly celebratory evening of 80 dramatic years in Painswick.

To be part of this little piece of history, you too will need to act, and quickly. Living Legends is only on for one night (Friday, 11th July,



Painswick Centre) and tickets (£10.00 from Painswick Post Office and The Shetland Shop) are selling fast.

As if all this were not enough, the following day we shall be taking part in the 750th Charter Market celebration, when we shall be presenting King Henry Deferred & The Pirates of Painswick, a recently discovered dramatic fragment thought by some to be by William Shakespeare (But not by anyone we know - Editor). The drama tells how a closely shaven King Henry Deferred presents the The Great Painswick Garter (or possibly Charter) to the good burghers of Painswick and how the Charter (or Garter) is subsequently captured by pirates.

Be there!

Jack Burgess Painswick Players



Peace and Quiet

Each Thursday in August between 2.00pm and 6.00pm, Liz and Ted Burge open their garden at Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street as a Quiet Garden, where you are invited to refresh yourself in quietness and peace.

This year, the Friends (Quaker) Meeting House - a few yards

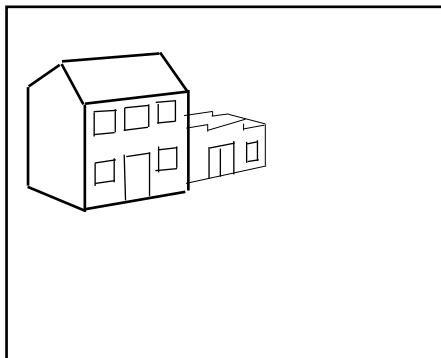
further down Vicarage Street - will be open at the same time and you are warmly invited to visit this lovely old building during your visit. On request, Liz Burge or a Friend (Quaker) will welcome you to the Meeting House.

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Castle Hale

The Beacon is indebted to Terry Duggan, the Site Manager of the St. Mary's Home development being undertaken by Wilson Connolly, for passing to us copy of this photograph he took of the entrance pillar to Castle Hale just two weeks before it was knocked down.

Readers may recollect our mentioning this in our report upon the meeting of the Council's Planning Committee last month.



Charter Week walk

Meet at Stamages Lane Car park at 6.30pm, and circle via Hammonds Farm and Folly Acres.

This should take about 2 hours, and we will be back in the village by 8.30pm - in time for some well earned

refreshment.

Landscape knowledge

Three questions

1. How many National Parks, including the Broads Authority, are there in England?
2. How many Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are there in the country?
3. Are there 11,700, 117,000 or 1,170,000 miles of public rights of way in England.
4. How many National Trails are there (excluding two under development)?

Answers at the bottom of the next page.

Why this clip?

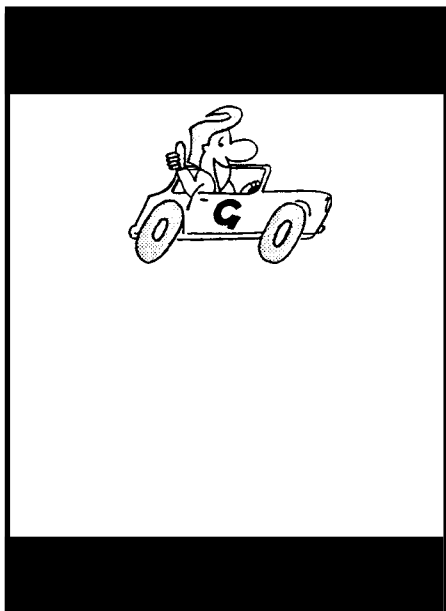
See centre pages for the companion.



Beacon Village Quiz rescheduled

Reminder that the Village Quiz is rescheduled for **Friday 10th October**, same time of 6.45 for 7.15pm and same venue of Painswick Centre.

The firm closing date for entries is **Monday 15th September**.



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This is your heritage, and the display reflects all aspects of Painswick's development. Come and see the lovely frieze depicting our past, produced by the children from the Croft School. See the range of fascinating objects and artefacts which so many of you have kindly lent for the occasion (we still need more if you have anything, small or large). Linger over the stands which take you pictorially from Roman Painswick to the present via industry and agriculture, transport, education, buildings, the tombs, drama and music, arts and crafts, conservation, Domesday, the landscape, churches, the Civil War, roads, war time, sport – to name but some of the themes.

Monday
11.00-5.00
Tuesday 11.00-8.00
Wednesday 11.00-5.00
Thursday 11.00-8.00
Friday 11.00-5.00
Saturday 11.00-5.00

Help us identify some of the mystery objects, and come and add to the existing information with your own knowledge and experience.

If you would like to help with stewarding, which is not at all an onerous task, or have any artefacts which you are willing to lend, please contact me (813387). We should be very grateful.

This is a truly important event for all - and remember, it won't happen again. So, this is your golden opportunity to spend a thoroughly enjoyable visual experience and maybe even learn a thing or two.

Carol Maxwell

Local History

The current programme of meetings of the Painswick Local History Society ended with the Annual General Meeting on 17th June. Retiring Chairman, Mark Bowden, who will be succeeded by Hywel James, reported another successful year for the society, thanking Carol Maxwell for organising a wide range of interesting lectures. The annual outing this year to Tetbury had been much enjoyed by those who attended. A promising start was reported to the local landscape study which members are currently undertaking.

Concern was expressed regarding the rising costs of printing the Chronicle and speakers fees, and various ways of improving the society's financial position were discussed. Business over we were then treated to a most illuminating talk by Mark Bowden on the Kimsbury Hill fort. Although there has been no excavation or recorded survey of this site, aided by aerial photographs and comparisons with more well recorded forts such as the one at Crickley Hill, Mark was able to paint a vivid picture of what life may have been like for the iron age people who inhabited Kimsbury.

Built approximately 600 BC and enlarged in 400 BC, Kimsbury went out of use approximately 100 BC, having a life-span of about 500 years. It is seven and a half acres in size with very closely spaced massive ramparts overlooking the Spoonbed valley to the Severn beyond, and overlooking a major trade route. Unfortunately large areas of the interior have been quarried away but it would have been expected to have contained a dense occupation of buildings both houses and granaries or store houses otherwise known as four posters. The houses were

Painswick Local History Society

quite sophisticated and strong to withstand the weather, round, covering a larger area than some modern houses, and all about the same size, there appearing to be no hierarchy in these communities. The people traded and exchanged goods across quite large distances, pottery probably being acquired from the foot of the Malverns, salt from Droitwich and querns both for grinding corn and as a means of currency from May Hill. Coinage was not a feature as the first coins arrived in Britain about 100 BC, as Kimsbury was being abandoned.

They were superb metal workers and carried highly decorated iron swords. A sword is recorded as being found at Kimsbury in the 18th century but its whereabouts is unknown. Bone tools were also used, probably in the weaving process. Kimsbury's purpose is unknown, but it originated and also went out of use at times of change and upheaval which are probably significant.

Historical artefacts and also stewards are still needed for the Charter Exhibition 7-12th July. Please contact Hywel James 812419 or Carol Maxwell 813387 if you can help out. The first meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday 16th September when John Keenan will give a talk on Kimmins Mill.

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Coffee and Cake at the Mouse

"It's absolutely delicious," said my friend. We were sitting at one of the little tables in the Patchwork Mouse and he was indulging himself in a piece of coffee cake. Meanwhile, my other friend and I were sipping our tea, fresh and hot and definitely much better quality than many of us have come to expect in cafes. The cake eater, who continued to wax lyrical about each mouthful, drank coffee having been given a choice of types. We sat for some time, talking about all sorts, watching everything go by outside and feeling relaxed and content.

A few weeks ago Dawn Mallinson introduced this new feature to the Patchwork Mouse in New Street and it has proved very popular. I'm not surprised. The little tables with their pretty cloths and flowers are cleverly placed so that you can watch the world going by outside and yet not be on full show yourself. Dawn serves fresh quality tea and coffee and very good cake (as my friend can testify to). The atmosphere is stress-free and delightful, the perfect place for a pause or for easy conversation.



Dawn is very pleased that quite a number of local people have discovered her little haven and some have even become regulars, dropping in for tea and a chat on a weekly basis. Then there are the visitors, of course. When we arrived two tourists were just finishing their coffees and chatting to Dawn. When I jokingly asked if they would recommend the service they couldn't praise it enough. The perfect balance of good hot beverages, atmosphere, fascinating goods for sale all around, decor and smashing waitress (Dawn).

"It's perfect for a place like Painswick," they said. As we left, my cake-eating friend, who does not live locally but visits often, was quite emphatic about bringing his wife to experience the pleasure of coffee and cake at the Patchwork Mouse.

If you haven't ventured in there yet, you should. Try it. It's scrumptious.
Carol Maxwell

Floral Displays

Flowers will be arranged and displayed in

St.Marys

Christ Church

and the

Our Lady and St.Thérèse

churches between the Sunday 6th and Saturday 12th July.



Costume Ball



This highlight event, a Victorian Costume Ball, is being held in Painswick Centre next Saturday - 12th July.

There are a few tickets

left and can be bought from the Shetland Shop. Act quickly if you want an evening you will not forget in a hurry!



Painswick W I

At our meeting on June 19th, the lovely flowers in shades of red for the President's table, were supplied by Shirley, our President, herself, from her own beautiful garden. With Barbara Thorley away on holiday we were not to receive her lovely rendering of Jerusalem; instead we all sang lustily to a recording.

The meal for our Group Meeting in the Church Rooms was discussed and finally arranged for Wednesday 25th June.

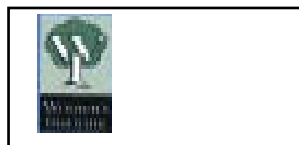
Shirley and Doreen gave a report on the A.G.M. which was held in London.

Our speaker, a well known figure in Painswick, Sue Oakley, gave us a most informative demonstration using Dorothy Daniels as her patient; the subject was Reflexology. She told us how the feet mirror the body so that different parts of the feet affect areas of the anatomy, and how, with massage, they can be improved. Dorothy gave Sue a very heartfelt vote of thanks. Sue's mother, Jean

Newell, was our guest for the afternoon.

Our tea hostesses were Helen Briggs and Kathleen Gibson.

Beth McDonald



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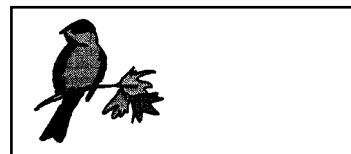
On a fine late spring morning, members of the Painswick Bird Club gathered in Kings Mill Lane for what is now known as the annual bird count. At this stage I hasten to write that we are not "twitchers", just a group of villagers, who like, and are interested in, most areas of nature.

We were welcomed by 7 sounds and 20 sightings, a record number for this yearly gathering. Considering that we were there for less than two hours we were considered to have been well rewarded.

We were pleased to have the company of a lady from South Africa, who had read one of our posters, and was most impressed with what she saw, heard and learnt. So if you also have a slight interest come along next year - it is free.

Our next Field Visit is on Monday 15th September to Keynes Country Park at South Cerney where many water fowl will be seen.

Then on Thursday 9th October a talk by David Cramp, Leader of Gloucestershire R.S.P.B. on garden wildlife with advice on bird



Sighted

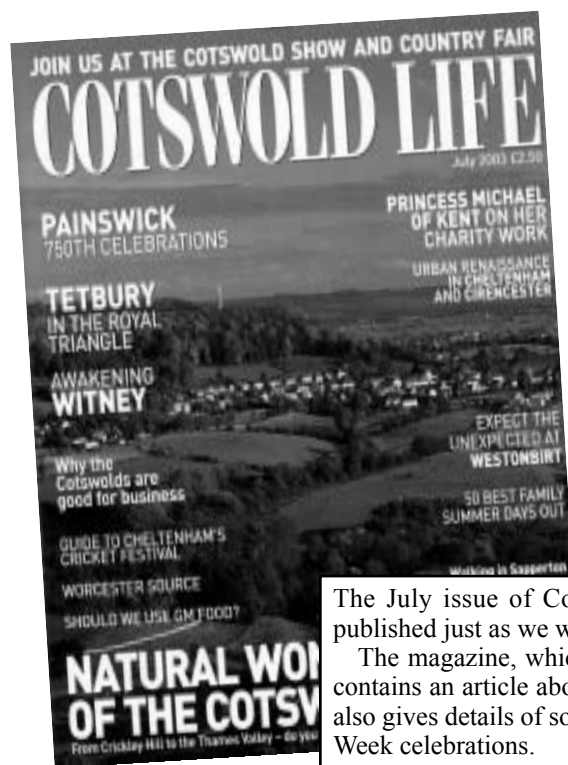
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Mallard	Greenfinch	House S

PAINSWICK WEATHER

report from Sheepscombe School

for the period 221st May to 20th June

date	Rain	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Sky
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The July issue of Cotswold Life was published just as we went to press.

The magazine, which is widely read, contains an article about Painswick and also gives details of some of the Charter Week celebrations.



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Après school

The Beacon is only too pleased to respond to a request from Kathryn Perris to include some information about the Croft School's After School Club in this issue. We were reminded that the club has been running since October 2002 with a great deal of success and provides a fun environment for Croft School children to be looked after - after school has finished.



They are currently hoping to recruit more staff to help and wonder if there is anyone locally, or not too far away, who could help them out?

Their specific request is as follows:

'The Croft School Fun Club currently has a vacancy for Playworker to support the Playsession Leader. If you enjoy the company of children and would like to work between 3.00pm - 5.15pm two days a week, earning £6.00 per hour, then please contact Jackie on 01452 814766 for further details. No qualifications are required and you can, of course, bring your own children along to the club while you are there.'

Children's Walk

David Archard is leading an Historical Walk for children on Wednesday 9th July, commencing at 10.00pm from the Church Rooms.

In the interest of safety and security all children should be accompanied by an adult family mem-



A Big Weekend

Following the success of last year's event, Cotswold Care Hospice will be hosting a second Big Weekend extravaganza at the beautiful Old Priory in Woodchester.

The two-day event brings together the worlds of movie and music in one of the most beautiful gardens in the Cotswolds. On Saturday 12th July, courtesy of Pyjama Pictures, the Hospice will be screening the hit film Harry Potter or Chicago (the vote is still out on this one!), whilst on Sunday you will be able to enjoy a fantastic afternoon's entertainment with The Gloucestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra. This exciting young band plays a vast variety of swing and jazz from Nat King Cole to the Macarena. You name it, the band can play it!

Tickets £5.00 adult and children over 12, £4.50 concessions OAPs and Children under 12 (children under five go free).

There is something for everyone so bring a picnic, enjoy the scenery, savour the unique programme of entertainment... and help your local independent Hospice. For further information please contact Vicki Smith, Events Manager on 01453

Anyone for Tennis?

Stroud Constituency Conservatives have booked the two courts on the Painswick Rec for a light-hearted Mixed American Tournament on Sunday afternoon, 10th August.

All friends at all standards are most welcome to join in for an entrance fee of £5, to include home-made tea, sandwiches and cakes.

Further details from Judith Johnston on 01453-543623 or myself on 813259.

Ralph Kenber

Word-search - early Egyptian Rulers

We thought last month's Word-search was a little on the difficult side, so we have eased it this month by moving south across the Med.

Eight rulers of Egypt are concealed here.

Do let us know if you find them all.

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Last month's challenge involved finding twelve rulers of the Romans before 310AD. We received one response, and congratulate Jane Otway - who found eleven of them.



Hard to believe, but the Semarks have finally left Painswick to live in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. Hard to believe because they have had such a key presence here for so long and so many people will miss them. Talking to Fred about his life you feel this last sentiment will be reciprocated. Painswick and especially Gyde Home have, it would seem, always played a dominant role no matter where else he has lived and worked. He says fondly that he always found an excuse to come back to Painswick and Flora recalls that in the 1950s when they had a car the family would say 'All roads go through Painswick.' Painswick apparently was en route to everywhere during outings.

Neither of them was born here but Fred, along with his two sisters, arrived at Gyde Orphanage at the age of 7 in 1928. His father had died when he was eighteen months old and his mother, in poor health with a big family and little money, could not cope. Before the days of the Welfare State what happened to Fred was a commonplace. At this time Gyde was run by the Gyde Trust and Fred retains warm memories of the care he received. In 1933 it was taken over by National Children's Homes and, in accordance with their single-sex policy the girls were sent to live elsewhere. Fred says the regime was tough but that there was personal freedom. He was at Marling School, was a choir boy and a server in the church. Indeed, he had church ambitions, being very religious at the time.

Fred was a bright boy, enjoying certain lessons because of inspiring teachers. However, he admits that later he was 'lazy and slipped down.' At fifteen he took an RAF apprentice exam, went to Cranwell for 3 years and trained as an instrument maker. In his last term the war saw him posted to East Anglia and then to Aston Down. It was here that he met Flora at a dance. Flora was an evacuee because of her work with the Air Ministry. She was a civil servant in accounts in Tetbury and then Stroud. They were married at Stroud Parish Church in 1941 and spent one night at The Bear for their honeymoon. Almost immediately, Fred was posted overseas to the Indian Flying Training School and then

Fred and Flora 1

commissioned and posted to Calcutta as assistant inspection officer. Bombed by the Japanese, posted to Bombay as inspection officer, he finally came home in 1945. Flora, by this time, was in Blackpool. Posted to St. Athan in Wales and then to Henlow, Beds., they lived in rented accommodation. A pregnant Flora returned to her mother's in Upminster, Essex. Fred's release came in 1946 and daughter Janet was born in the same year. Fred worked as an engineer for de Havillands in Hatfield and continued to attend night school until 1951. He finally achieved his HND in electrical engineering in Bristol, by this time working at Bristol Aircraft Company in charge of the vibration test department. Meanwhile, second daughter, Margaret, arrived.

Then came a career change. Fred was invited by another company to undertake consultancy work with them. He became chief engineer and the family moved back to Watford to live. The business, a subsidiary of PYE, grew and Fred became a director. In the late 1950s an American company bought out the vibration section (Ling) which became the biggest company of its type in Europe. When the American end folded,



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Big, big thanks to ALL concerned with the shop and the collections – we raised £8105 in the week, another huge total which will make a huge difference to some very desperate people.

Liz Davies

An evening at the Castle

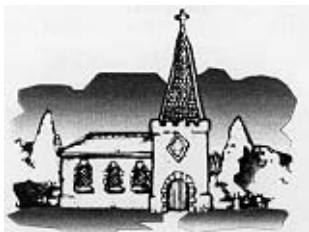
The Painswick Conservative Association are holding a Fork Supper at Castle Godwyn on Saturday 19th July, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. John Milne.

The guest speaker is Mr. TJ Finney OBE, Chairman of the Amberley Branch, who will be speaking on Reminiscences of Iraq. Mr. Finney, who speaks arabic, has lived in the Middle East both in the army and as a civilian and spent some years in Iraq.

Tickets at £17.50 are available. Please ring 01452-812743

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Fred plus 2 others bought them out becoming Ling Dynamic Systems and finally achieving status as the biggest in the world.

Fred's work took him all over the world. His one regret? He feels he missed out on his children growing up. His daughters both married in 1971 and Fred and Flora moved to Royston. They had always visited Painswick and in the 1970s were allowed to park their caravan in Gyde grounds for fete days. At this point they started to get involved. They bought the house in Knapp Lane in 1978 and retired to live here in 1981. The house, about a hundred years old and built of Painswick stone, took 2 years to get in order.

Right from the start, Fred and Flora plunged into village life, becoming active and effective in worthwhile projects. Flora joined the WI and the Sue Ryder group in Painswick. Cotswold Care Hospice opened in Minchinhampton and what had been the Painswick Sue Ryder group became attached to that. Fred became Chairman. The Semarks are proud of the fact that the Cotswold Care Charity shop in New Street raised a lot of money. Fred was also

a member of the Gyde Trust and organised the fiftieth anniversary NCH fete in 1983. In 1986 the Mountbatten Trust took over Gyde Home intending to transform it into a holiday home for deprived inner city children. It lasted only eighteen months. Then, inspired by Libby Purves on Radio 4, Fred invited Coral Atkins to move in with a group of seriously disturbed children on local authority grants and gifts. Unfortunately, by the early 90s it too was failing for a variety of reasons. Gyde Home finally came to an end in 1997. Meanwhile, involvement and activity in other worthwhile causes have abounded. Fred was a governor at Stroud High School for twelve years and is rightly proud of the long service award he subsequently received. Flora has been quietly but diligently involved in much charity work on behalf of the WI and has been very supportive of church projects. She has been a real stalwart. Fred ran the austerity lunches, twenty sessions a year, for twelve years. On behalf of 3 charities, the money raised over the years has amounted to over £20,000.

Fred and Flora want a smaller house and they have chosen to be closer to their family. They would prefer to have stayed in Painswick and indeed made great efforts to find an alternative to moving away. As Fred ruefully points out, there really is no accommodation in Painswick as yet suitable for older people. They have moved to a retirement village.

Painswick will miss them and their tireless efforts for the community.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Companion Dog Show

Chapman (812463) are organising a Companion Dog Show at the Recreation Field. They are keen that locally the show and look forward to receiving inquiries of stalls. Companion Dog Show is the new name shows are held by kind permission of the Kennel Club. The Show is being held in aid of Greyhound

entries taken from 12.30pm. All classes are charged at for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy and so on. All dogs are entered at the owner's/handler's risk. No puppies under 6 months old. Dogs that have Challenge Certificates, Reserve Certificates or any other award to the title of champion are subject to Club Rules. There are four Show Classes, to be judged by the following: Any Variety Puppy, Any Variety Sporting, Any Variety Open. The Novelty Classes, to be judged by the following: Best Veteran (Special Rosette to old-time appealing Eyes, and Best Condition. The remaining classes by Jackie Lane are, Best Child Handler (6-12 years), Best Rescue, Best Crossbreed, Most Handicapped Catcher, Best Dog/Bitch from Painswick postal

area, Best Movement, the Dog/Bitch the judge would most like to take home, the Dog/Bitch not winning a first before today.

Obedience Classes are also being held on the day. These will be judged by Alec Dando (from Bristol), Lady Linda Evans (Hamburys) and Val Davies (Jacamalis). The classes are, dogs that have not won 1st-6th at any obedience show, and dogs that have not won 1st-6th at any open or championship show (two categories). There is also a Best Friend Dog Test which involves you and your dog completing a few basic obedience tests. Enter this class and win a rosette - pay at the ring. Michele and Fiona express their grateful thanks to the following, Boswell Dog Biscuits for sponsoring classes and donating prizes, Greyhound Rescue for sponsoring the Veteran and Rescue Classes, Mike Vines for sponsoring the Dog/Bitch the judge would most like to take home, Stonehouse Dog Training Club for sponsoring the Best Friend Dog Test, Painswick Dog Training Club for sponsoring the Obedience Classes and, of course, the Recreation Field trustees (Parish Council) for allowing the use of the field.

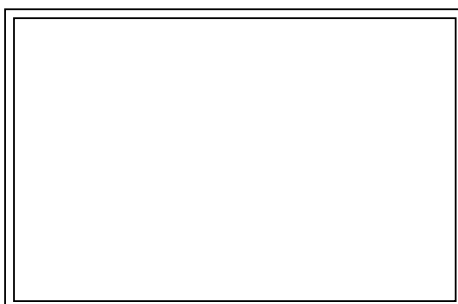
The trustees have also agreed to allow cars to be parked on the field, weather permitting. Refreshments will be available.



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Record score

Painswick's Australian all-rounder, James Boland, set a club record for an individual batsman in a league match when he amassed a total of 179 runs in his innings against Ruardean. It was also the highest score he has made at any level. His innings was the foundation of Painswick's very challenging total of 273, made with the loss of five wickets. The total proved too great a task for the Forest of Dean side who needed another 62 runs for victory when the last ball of their 45 overs innings was bowled. However, in sport it's very easy to go from one extreme to the other and last Saturday (28 June) James "achieved a golden duck" which is the term given

to a batsman's dismissal by the first ball he receives.

Painswick were pleased with their successes in the National Village Championship in which they progressed to the district final with victories over Stone, Bredon and Old Down. In the final they played Dumbleton, a club whose first eleven plays in a considerably higher league than Painswick. They therefore did not feel too disappointed when the result went against them. Nathan Bressington gave an excellent performance taking 4 wickets for 47 runs. Second eleven captain, Steve Pegram, is delighted with the team's performances this season. After difficulties in raising a side in previous years, there is now a settled nucleus of players, all of whom are playing with commitment and enjoying

their Saturdays. Steve says that the outstanding feature of the team is the quality of the fielding.

Results (Saturday matches all league games: * indicates not out),

Wed 4 June. Rockhampton 187-3 Painswick 148-7.

Sat 7 June. Corse & Staunton 1st XI 164 Painswick 1st XI 226-4 (N Bressington 59

W Neville 71*). Painswick 2nd XI 196 (P Edgington 110) Hatherley & Reddings 91.

Sun 8 June. Old Down 1st XI 191 Painswick 1st XI 192-5 J Cook 40

E Bressington 43 J Boyland 58*).

Sat 14 June. Tetbury 1st XI 192-9 Painswick 1st XI 168 (J Boyland 61).

Painswick 2nd XI 195 (N Graham 79 S Pegram 42) Charlton Kings Whitefriars 2nd XI 197-5

Sat 21 June. Painswick 1st XI 273-5 (J Boyland 179) Ruardean 1st XI 212-5.

Painswick 2nd XI 227 (J Telling 69) Cam



Wimbledon visit

Nigel Barnett told the Beacon that the visit to Wimbledon by the Painswick LTC youngsters had been a great success. Nigel was one of four senior club members who went with the juniors to London.

The youngsters who made the trip were, Alicia Barnett, Alex Dunccliffe, Chris Green, Oliver Hall, Joe Holmes, William Moir, Robert Sidwell, and Oliver Smithson.

The juniors are pictured (left) in front of the Wimbledon Hon-

ours Board with (left to right) Claire Moir, Ruth Smith (Club Secretary) and Sharon Hall. In our other picture (right) the youngsters are standing in front of the Fred Perry statue.

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2nd XI 165 (N French 4-42).
 Sun 22 June. Dumbleton 1st XI 243-7
 Painswick 1st XI 146-9.
 Wed 25 June. Painswick 109-9 Frampton
 110-1.
 Sat 28 June. Painswick 1st XI 124 Slaught-
 ers 1st XI 128-9.
 Haresfield 2nd XI 192 (J Hogg 4-57)
 Painswick 2nd XI 193-3 J Telling 46 N
 Heaven 107*.

Can you help?

Painswick is seeking an organiser for the club's under-13 cricket team. The age range is 11 to 13 years. Practices are held on Friday evenings at the Broadham ground and there are 6 Sunday morning fixtures in the early summer.

If you are interested, please contact John Hogg on 812505 or Andrew Wise

Falcon Bowls Club

The Painswick mixed triples were played on 31st May with sufficient teams entering to justify using both the Painswick and Falcon greens. Local residents and visitors were "treated" to players in whites commuting between the greens. Some teams enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine at lunch-time, others the fine fayre provided by the ladies of each club. The presentations were held at the Painswick clubhouse with trophies and bottles of whisky presented to the winners Sheila and John Holmes with Derek Adcock - wine to the runners up, a Falcon triple comprising of Norman and Mary Rampton with Paul Harding. A splendid competition played in brilliant sunshine, and resulting in some very weary but happy bowlers at the end of the day.

Falcon continue playing our full range of matches both locally and as far as Col-
 eford in the Forest of Dean and Moreton in Marsh in the north Cotswolds. We hosted a visiting touring team from Paignton in Devon and our annual Presidents versus Captains day was a great success, and resulted in a win for the Captain. We welcome as a new member Terry Howson who with his wife Diane have recently moved to the village.

David Ryland - Captain

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An Unusual Sunday Morning

It was very windy when we collected near a roundabout about ½ mile out of Lutterworth, adjacent to the M1 motorway. On this roundabout and the roads round it were hundreds of people. Mounted in the centre of the roundabout was a full size replica of the first allied jet plane, designed for Sir Frank Whittle's revolutionary jet engine, which had been developed in a disused foundry on the north side of Lutterworth. The aeroplane was designed by the Gloster Aircraft Company Limited in their Gloucester Works, under the leadership of Mr George Carter. Bus load after bus load of enthusiasts arrived, many coming straight from the Lutterworth Museum which has been built up in the last few years. The replica aircraft points heavenwards and looks every bit as impressive as it did when I first saw the actual aircraft in April 1941.

The reason for this gathering was to unveil a plaque pointing out the importance of the aircraft and its propulsion system, linking it to the immortal name of Whittle which should be in everyone's mind when considering the history of the Jet Aircraft. On this occasion Ian Whittle, Sir Frank's son, unveiled the explanatory plaque giving a brief history of the E28/39 aircraft and the fact that the engine was developed in Lutterworth. Captain "Winkle" Brown then gave a fascinating historical review.

For me, this was a moving occasion. I met many old friends who had worked for Power Jets in Lutterworth in developing the original Whittle Engine for the E28/39 aircraft, leading to its first very successful flight on 15 May 1941. Sadly, the original Whittle team was dispersed in 1946 when the Government of the day nationalised Power Jets Limited. The members of the team, however, felt strongly bonded and decided to set up an Association called The Reactionaries, which would have annual reunions until 2001, when the regular meetings and The Secretariat were closed down.

On 18th May, we had many happy reunions of people of all ranks who had worked for Power Jets. We are all showing signs of wear and tear, but were delighted to meet each other again after such a long time and on such a notable occasion. We particularly congratulated the local team based at the Lutterworth Museum, which had bought the project to fruition in spite of many difficulties on the way.

Bob Feilden



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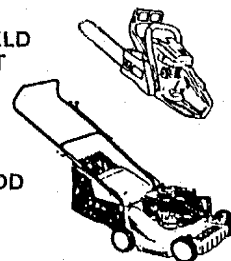
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LETTERS

The Countryside and Hunting

The controversial Hunting Bill is scheduled for its Report Stage and Third Reading in the Commons on 30th June and the Countryside Alliance has alerted MPs to the lack of perspective by the Bill's supporters.

Living in the Cotswolds, Beacon readers may be aware that:

- TB in cattle is reaching epidemic proportions
- Funding for regenerating dying villages is suspended
- Lack of CAP reform brings real potential for the collapse of world trade talks
- The PM's Rural Advocate reports that most government departments are harming rural development through neglect.

Total debating time on these subjects by MPs has been ZERO but the debating time by (mostly urban) MPs on the hunting bill is over 85 hours in the last year, plus two public inquiries. This is more than twice the effort and time spent on BSE, Foot & Mouth and all other rural issues combined. By contrast a very recent national newspaper poll shows only 2% of the electorate thought hunting should be a priority for the government.

Even in Westminster it is recognised that this hunting bill is largely motivated by bigotry, with principles and evidence sacrificed to expediency and prejudice. The latest NOP survey shows that 59% of respondents now think that hunting should be allowed to continue.

Douglas Robinson

Proposed Richmond Village Care Centre

As residents of Cotswold Mead, we were rather surprised to read in last month's Beacon that Richmond Village Managing Director Keith Cockell was able to "confirm that all paper work associated with storm water drainage for all interested parties has now been completed" and that "the drains will.....exit into Cotswold Mead and on to Kingsmill Lane' with work starting 'in July or August'".

Cotswold Mead is a private road and, as very interested parties, we have yet even to be approached by Mr Cockell about plans to dig up our road in order to dispose of sewerage and storm water, with all the damage to our road surface (which we maintain at our expense) and inconvenience that this will involve.

Both Richmond Care and the St Mary's Home site developers, who are also involved,

seem to be relying on Severn Trent Water to use their apparently draconian legal powers to drive the drains through regardless. Notwithstanding this, the legal processes to do so (which give us, as the land owners, rights of objection) have barely begun; Mr. Cockell's statement that "the paperwork is completed" cannot therefore be correct!

We would at the very least expect to have been consulted by Richmond at an early stage. Given that the whole project will no doubt give rise to many other issues, we believe that regular communication and consultation with ourselves (and others with appropriate interests) is the way forward. We would urge Richmond to adopt such an approach from now onwards, but we are ready to "fight our corner" if they fail to do so.

*Stewart Price Chairman
Cotswold Mead Residents Association*

Response from Richmond Care

(Keith Cockell, MD of Richmond Care informed the Beacon that he had telephoned Stewart Price upon receiving copy of the letter to the Beacon, and replied as below.)

Further to your letter and our recent telephone conversation, I will be pleased to meet with yourself and any members of the Cotswold Mead Residents Association at any reasonable time, wherever you wish. However I am on holiday from Friday 4th July to Tuesday 22nd July. I am holding regular design meetings in Cheltenham on Mondays or Fridays and look forward to hearing from you with a date.

In the meanwhile I am concerned about some of the comments you have relayed to me, made by other members of your Association. I enclose, for information, a copy of my Engineers proposal for the off site storm and foul drainage, this drawing you will see is dated January 1999 and was available, within in a bound book, at Painswick Parish Offices until it was stolen!

More recently Wilson Connelly have requisitioned the sewer to come through our site to complete the storm water system at St Mary's.

I will be pleased to address your Association, I look forward to hearing from you.

Keith Cockell

Heavy Goods Vehicles

This letter is addressed to you as the report on the Parish Meeting in (last month's) Beacon does not identify the contributor and unfortunately contains several errors. It will be appreciated if these could be corrected in the July Beacon.

1. Terry Causon did not invite us to visit the tourist office. Her offer was directed to Mr. Gozzard, the gentleman with the serious concern about Broadway and Bourton-on-the-Water. Having sold quality woodware in Painswick for nearly fifty years we are well aware of the tastes of most visitors to Painswick.

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2. At no time has Mr. Parker discussed with us the cost of the 'Undiscovered Cotswolds' advertisement nor is there any mention of this in Parish Council minutes. However, there are details reported about the funds proposed for 'hospitality' following the Charter Service. The cost of the advertisement would be 40% of that sum.

3. Dennis did not state that our cellar lay beneath the A46. It is below the adjoining narrow footpath which is sometimes mounted by excessively heavy lorries.

4. He has had no such contact with our insurers about possible damage. It was Gloucestershire Highways who confirmed that they would accept no responsibility.

I also have to admit to an error, having underestimated the number of businesses in Painswick which have closed in the last eleven years. I omitted the Country Elephant so it is twelve, not eleven; sadly we learned on Friday last that yet another is closing in the coming October.

As my complaint about lack of support from the Parish Council for local traders was based on this serious loss of shops I was surprised that no mention was made in the Beacon report.

Should you wish to comment on any of these points I can be contacted on 01453.883054 on Monday to Thursday and am at Painswick Woodcrafts on Friday and Saturday 814195.

Your confirmation that the errors will be corrected would be appreciated.

Desiree E French

(By publishing the above letter in full we have met the request made by Mrs. French.

However, apart from the possibility that our report relating to her point 4 may have been in error, we remain satisfied that the report made in the June issue is correct and accords with contemporaneous notes.)

Farewell to Fred and Flora

It goes without saying that the Fred and Flora referred to are the Semarks. They have contributed so much to the life of the village and will be greatly missed. I well remember my first meeting with them. As Chair of Painswick Playgroup I'd gone to ask them for a loan of £3000 so we could complete our new building and move in. By the end of coffee, this was agreed. By the time we repaid the loan I'd become clerk to the Semark Trust!

The generosity shown then by Fred and Flora has continued over the years. Painswick Playgroup and the Croft School have benefitted regularly. The people of Painswick have a special place in their hearts. Fred and Flora have faithfully supported local events and charities. They have taken particular delight in giving to the young, particularly those with a Painswick connection.

On the world front, they have a continuing concern for the plight of others, of those less fortunate than themselves. Hence, a major disaster would bring an immediate response from them.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be part of the Semark Trust. The final cheques have been written and dispatched. Fred and Flora have moved. May they enjoy good health and much happiness among their family. We, the trustees, salute you both.

Margaret Hodge

(The Beacon has a full article - on the centre pages - and we hope that this letter and that article combine to express the views of the many residents who will miss Fred and Flora being in their midst.)

PROPERTY REPORT at 24th June from Murrays

Pressure eases as market settles down.

At last, one might say, the boom seems to be over and the idea of bust is rapidly diminishing. A return we hope to a stable market when buying and selling is far more comfortable and the days of bidding wars and gazumping can for the time being at least be far less threatening. This we hope will also reduce the pressure from those who seek to influence the property market - increasing stamp duty or even capital gains tax on private property sales would be rather like closing the stable door after the horse had bolted. Stamp duty already deters would be house buyers, so perhaps it is time to re-address the heavy tax burden put upon those fortunate enough to be able to buy a home for over £250,000.

Time has flown by since our last report,

they say it does when you're busy. There has been lots of activity after we moved to The Old Baptist Chapel and many thanks to all those who have said such encouraging things about our new office. Completions and sales agreed include 17 Gyde Cottages, a re-sale at Gyde House which links with our sale of 3 The Court in Butt Green, and another local move, our vendor from Portlett Cottage by The Stocks has bought a cottage through us at Clattergrove on the Cheltenham Road. Monks Ditch in Cranham Woods, Outside Edge on Blakewell Mead and Willowdene at Upton have all exchanged, whilst 9 Churchill Way, The School House, next to the library, Sunnycroft in Hollyhock Lane, and Spring Cottage by Painswick Mill are all proceeding with many others

in negotiation.

New to the market are some attractive homes, a really roomy four bed house on Randalls Field, a detached bungalow with lovely garden and view at Pitchcombe, 2 four bed modern house in Upton St. Leonards, a charming barn conversion in the centre of the village, an excellent individual house on the Cheltenham Road, a splendid stone eco-friendly house with pool at Edge, a lovely stone cottage with most beautiful garden at Sheepscombe, a charming Mill Cottage at Slad, and last but far from least The Fiery Beacon with its gallery and comfortable accommodation overlooking the Church.

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Reiki

When the Beacon was asked to accept an advertisement about Reiki (see page 2) we were keen to obtain some explanation of this healing method. Madeline Curran, who lives and offers this service locally, has provided the following.

Reiki is an ancient Tibetan method of healing which aims to treat mind, body and spirit. The tradition of Reiki is referred to in the 2500 year old writings in sanskrit, the ancient Indian language.

Over the years this method of healing was forgotten, until it was rediscovered in the nineteenth century by a Japanese monk called Dr. Mikao Usui.

Rei (pronounced Ray) means aura, spirit or subtle energy. Ki (pronounced Key) means energy or power.

All loving things have a life force which flows through them. Through daily life our life force energy can become depleted. When this happens a person may feel low or exhausted; we may even develop physical symptoms in the form of colds, headaches, migraines, stomach aches, etc.

A Reiki practitioner has received four "attunements" which enables them to channel the life force energy which surrounds us. By placing their hands on the client's body in varying positions, from the head to the feet, they channel this healing energy into the client's body. The client is not receiving the practitioner's energy, nor is their own energy being used. The energy is not directed to specific parts of the body, although there are certain hand positions which are particularly beneficial for certain ailments. The client's body receives the energy and draws it to where it is needed most.

Reiki affects each person differently. It may relieve pain and acute symptoms very quickly. If you are suffering from stress or anxiety you can feel it disappear through a treatment, leaving you feeling relaxed and centred. Some people even fall asleep during a treatment, which is fine!

Reiki can be complementary. In fact it may improve the results of any medical treatments, acting to reduce negative side effects, such as those from chemotherapy, surgery and invasive procedures. It can shorten healing time after operations and even broken limbs. It has been noted in some hospitals in the USA where they permit Reiki to be practised on patients, that those receiving Reiki tend to leave hospital earlier than those who do not.

Reiki is spiritual in nature and not religious and therefore can be experienced by any person, whatever their own religious beliefs. Even plants and animals can benefit from Reiki. Reiki can never do any harm as the energy is only received by the body if it is needed or wanted.

Reiki is a holistic therapy and not a substitute for professional medical advice. Always consult your doctor.

Cancer Research

A garden Fete is being held in the grounds of Marling School between 2.00 and 5.00pm on 5th July (today).

Any Beacon readers who may have items which could be donated towards the raffle or tombola stall can get in touch with Nora Regan on 813313.



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PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a garden store & workshop/studio.

Farmyard adjacent to PAINSWICK LODGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Creation of new boundary wall.

RED LION HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET. Change of use from offices to residential.
SUNNYSIDE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of stable building.

THE RED HOUSE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Erection of one house.

MERRY LODGE, 3 COURT ORCHARD. Erection of replacement conservatory.

DELL FARM, BEECH LANE. Erection of steel framed barn (resubmission following refusal)

THE VATCH HOUSE, THE VATCH, SLAD. Erection of single storey extension with terrace above (existing extension to be demolished)

HILLFOOT COTTAGE, 22 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Erection of new kitchen extension plus internal & external alterations. (Existing 1980's extension and parts of garage outbuilding & summer shed to be demolished)

REVISED PLANS

BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Extension to existing lake to form a wildlife & coarse fishing lake.

THE MALT HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a conservatory (resubmission following refusal). Main changes: Repositioning of conservatory & retention of wall buttresses. Addition of stone work to south & east elevations.

CONSENTS

HYETT CLOSE (T.P.O. No: 317). Prune & shape Norway Maple at 5 Hyett Orchard.

HIGHBURY, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Alteration to rear roof extension including construction of new garage under terrace.

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VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

Sat	5	750 Charter Concert of Choral Music. Vox Angeli - 'Faire Is The Heaven' Proceeds for MENCAP	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	6	Croft School Fair Painswick XI v St.Stephens, Cheltenham	School Grounds Broadham Field	2.00pm 2.30pm
Mon	7	Charter Anniversary Exhibition – until Saturday	Town Hall	11.00am
Tue	8	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays Mothers' Union Garden Meeting Guided tour of St.Mary's Church by Derek Hodges	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12noon 2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	9	Probus: Discovering Exmoor - Mr David Bridgeman Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays Children's Historical Walk – led by David Archard - accompanied by adult family member Bingo Session: all welcome – prizes (Wednesdays)	St.Mary's Church Ostlers Room, Falcon Painswick Centre Church Rooms	10.00am 2.00 to 4.00pm 6.00pm
Thu	10	Parish Council Charter Walk	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	11	W.I. Market: Free Coffee and tasting of Charter Celebration Cake Painswick Players - 'Living Legends'	Stamages Car Park Town Hall	6.30 to 8.30pm 10.00 – 11.00am
Sat	12	Charter Anniversary Street Market Victorian Costume Ball	Painswick Centre Painswick Village Painswick Centre	7.30pm 11.00am 8.00 to 11.00pm
Tue	15	Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	16	Traditional Tea Dance - Last of the season Wives Fellowship: Barbecue Parish Council Meeting	Painswick Centre Latchetts, Kingsmead Town Hall	2.00 to 4.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	17	W.I.: Faith Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	18	WI Market – Fridays. Coffee and "Tasters" available Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Town Hall Wynstowe,	10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	19	Copy dateline for August to Editorial Team Cotswold Care coffee morning Strawberry Tea and Garden Party Conservative Fork Supper Painswick Blues: Blues Summer Party	Town Hall Edge Rectory Castle Godwin Painswick Centre	10.00 to 12.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun	20	Dedication Service and picnic	St.Johns, Sheepscombe	11.00am
Tue	22	Probus Lunch (with Ladies)	The Hill, Stroud	
Thu	24	Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey		
Sat	26	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen: Annual exhibition and Market (until Mon. 25 August)	Painswick Centre	Daily
Sun	27	Exhibition of Etchings by Robert Ball (to 3rd August)	Library Rooms	Daily
Wed	30	Wives Fellowship: Running a B&B – Jean Burgess	Christ Church Hall	8.00pm

AUGUST

Sat	2	August Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published 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
Thu	7	Quiet Garden (all Thursdays in August)	Yew Tree House	2.00 to 6.00pm
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
Wed	20	Probus: Aspects of Code Breaking - Mr John Storer	Ostlers Room, Flacon	10.00am
Mon	25	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen: Exhibition ends	Painswick Centre	

SEPTEMBER

Wed	3	Probus: The Christian Orders of Knighthood Mrs I V Miller	Ostlers Room, Flacon	10.00am
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	5	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm
Sat	6	September Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published Horticultural Society: Annual Show and Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm



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
Wed	17	Probus: Members' Day	Ostlers Room, Flacon	10.00am
Thu	18	W.I.: Special Diets - Helen Brown	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	19	Skip available	Edge	
Fri	26	Senior Circle: Poundbury – Val Hurlston-Gardiner	Town Hall	2.30pm

OCTOBER

Wed	1	Probus: Getting a word in (Crosswords) - Eric Burge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	2	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	3	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm
Sat	4	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published 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 Beacon Village Quiz	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 6.45 for 7.15pm
Wed	15	Probus: W.F.Lee - Edwardian Photographer of Stroud	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
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	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
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
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

Fri	5	Senior Circle Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.00pm
Sat	6	December Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
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)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm

If the number of telephone calls we receive are any indication, the projection of the Village Diary on these two pages is helpful to those arranging their own events and meetings well into the future; and is a good way of avoiding clashes.

Please let us know dates as far ahead as you like, and we will include all the dates we can in these pages. As can be seen, there was room for quite a few more this month!



Cotswold Care Hospice

Coffee Morning

There is to be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th July in the Town Hall between 10.00am and 12.30pm in aid of Minchinhampton's Cotswold Care Hospice. Stalls will include, Bric a Brac, Marmalade and Jams, Plants and Cakes with a raffle and Tombola.

Cross-channel swim

June Gardiner writes to tell us that her son-in-law, Brett Granger, is one of a team of six from the Stroud Masters Swimming Club who will be attempting to swim the English Channel in aid of the Hospice. She and her colleagues are looking for sponsors and the Coffee Morning is their way of contributing. The plan is to raise in excess of £8,000 for a wheelchair-carrying vehicle. The vehicle is for use by the day facility for adults with life threatening illnesses and also for their families and friends. June writes that, as always, they are looking for the generosity of Painswick's Beacon readers (and others) to support this event. She asks that donations be sent to her at 8, Upper Washwell or a telephone call made to 812505 for the collection of items for the Coffee Morning. Beacon readers will realize that June and Suzie Archer with their helpers usually raise funds for the Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund. June says that they will of course continue to support the Cobalt Unit after this one-off sponsored swim event has been completed. Monies raised for the Cobalt Unit so far amount to approximately £11,000.

Midsummer Lunch

The lunch held in the marquee at Painswick Mill on Sunday 22nd June (Speaker: Mr. Nigel Dimmer) raised £2076. The Painswick Friends of Cotswold Care thank everyone who helped us raise this magnificent sum.

Paula Woodcock Chairman

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

The Group are fortunate to have a new scrub clearing leader Pete Bradshaw, for the coming winter programme of work. Pete lives in Painswick, and works for Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, where he is their Reserves Manager.

We aim to start the season by arranging a demonstration on how to maintain and drive our newly acquired grass cutting machine.

The demonstration and hands on day will be held in Mid-September on Painswick Beacon Common near the Walkers Carpark. The suppliers have yet to offer us a date and time. This will be announced in the August issue of the Painswick Beacon.

The Group invite anyone who is interested in wildlife and conservation to come along to the demonstration and join in. For further information please call me on 812385.

The group have joined up with the Croft School and English Nature to grow

replacement Juniper bushes to build up the wild stock on the Beacon. The bushes were once common throughout the British Isles on poor upland soils, but have declined over the past twenty years. We have lost a third of our Junipers during that time.

Cuttings have already been taken from bushes on the Beacon and these are being grown in a mist propagator at a Cheltenham nursery. Once established they will be brought to the Croft, for pupils to look after until they are strong enough to be returned to the Beacon.

We plan to take pupils to see the bushes growing on the Beacon and to visit the nursery to see the cuttings in the propagator during the autumn.

Last winter the Group cleared scrub from an area behind the Cemetery on the Beacon. The area was once one of the best to see the limestone grassland wild flowers and butterflies. This Spring we have been rewarded with good displays of cowslips and violets. Also the only remaining group

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of wild Columbines did very well. We hope that this will continue throughout the Summer. We look forward to seeing some new faces to help with the winter work programme.

Cedric Nielsen

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to HELEN and JULIAN STAPLETON on the birth of their daughter Isabelle Evelyn on 11th June (a first grandchild for Audrey and Malcolm Watts),

also to NEIL and KIRSTY DALLEY on the birth of their son Jacob on 22nd June, a brother for Emily (and a first grandson for Linda Dalley).

Engagements

Congratulations to JULIA BRECKNELL and CHRISTOPHER HALL, both of Painswick, who became engaged last month,

and HELEN WELLS and WARREN TAYLOR who plan to marry at St. Mary's church on 12th June next year,

also to Rev. CHRIS GARRETT of Painswick and SANDY DuPONT of St. Briavels who became engaged recently.

Weddings

Best wishes for their future happiness to Dr. PAULA ALLISON and ALAN ERROCK who were married on 7th June at St. James, Cranham,

also to WENDY MUSTADÉ and SCOTT WELPTON who were married on 7th June at St. Mary's in Painswick,

also congratulations to EMMA BLAKEY and NICK WATKINS who were married at St. Mary's on 28th June,

and ALISON PUCKRIDGE and ERIK LARSEN who were married at Fort Calgary in Canada on 31st May (Alison is Hilda Musty and Max and Annie Puckridge's granddaughter).

Emerald Wedding

Congratulations to PHYLLIS and FRED RUSSELL of Elmer Lodge, Cheltenham Road, who celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on 31st July.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to QUEENIE BALLINGER, LINDA EVANS, MARY KRILL, BARBARA GODDARD and VINCE DANIELS.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JANET DENT and JOHN BUSH who died recently.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to FLORA and FRED SEMARK who have left Painswick for Hertfordshire (*see separate article*)

Welcome

We would like to welcome BARBARA and DAVID GAY who have moved into Little Orchard in Cotswold Mead,

also Mr. F. BATE who has moved to 1 Churchill Way,

and Dr. NEILS and Mrs. CAROL JENSEN who are moving to Halebourne in Kemps Lane from Bournemouth.

Change of House

MIKE and JEAN HALL are moving from Tump Farm in Edge to Sunnyside in Cheltenham Road.

Beacon on the Web

The Beacon is pleased to announce that it has at last launched itself into cyberspace with its own web-page (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. Our intention is to expand the Beacon on-line service according to demand and we would welcome comments, suggestions and even criticisms.

For the immediate future, we are looking at adding a Painswick Links page to connect with other local web-pages and we will seek to complement the on-line services that they provide. 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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