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A long way for Christian Aid

Caught on camera in New Street, Ian Macdonald, cousin of Gordon Owen, lives in Glasgow but decided to undertake the Lands End to John O'Groats walk to raise funds for two charities. One of the two main routes commended for that walk passes through Painswick, which is also a quarter distance point, hence his choice of this for an overnight rest and refreshment with the local branch of the family.

Ian told the Beacon that his choice of Christian Aid was partly because its main week of fund raising coincided with his walk, but the other one - the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Service - was because of his being rescued by them from a climbing incident.

At 68 Ian is certainly setting an example to just about anyone of lesser years by covering 30 miles on an average day. He carries all he might require if a bed and breakfast opportunity is not close to his chosen resting place. Well done Ian!



July events in

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

2.30pm. 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. 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.

Thursday 10th

6.30pm-8.30pm. Parish Council Walk. 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'. Painswick Centre.

Saturday 12th

11.00am. Charter Anniversary Street Market.

8.00pm Victorian Costume Ball Painswick Centre



Why are Painswick RFC Chairman Roger Turley and Gloucester RFC President Reg Collins holding a No.6 shirt?

See page 14 for the answer.

Village Quiz postponed, the Charter concert, the **big ones in New Street**, young country dancing takes off, house detective skills, care centre preliminaries, **Edge + jazz**, birders in fields, **Probus exposed**, the **coo-coooo** count complete, **pillar plea**, affordable **housing quest** not over, **Painswick publicity**, **Roman rulers**, **Lucy remembered**, **rest on the Beacon** and **temp in Sheepscombe**.



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

The Committee has, in recent months, been considering its response to various actions sought by the public in the Parish Plan. The following were among several items considered at this meeting.

District Council Planning Advice

The Committee continues to press the District Council officers to give their reasons in writing where their advice to the Planning Committee does not accord with the recommendations of the Parish Council.

Although the SDC has adopted such a policy, each and every case is not automatically explained.

Painswick Valley

The proposition that 'The Painswick valley and its historic mills should be designated as a Conservation area...' requires greater definition with regard to extent and purpose before the Parish Council can make its response. The Chairman undertook to obtain clarification of the implications from SDC as soon as possible. It was noted that the Painswick and District Conservation Society was currently drafting a paper on this subject which could be taken into account if available at an early date.

Leylandii Hedging

The committee remained opposed to the use of this form of hedging and urged the District Council to exercise such powers as it may have under current legislation to discourage its use, not least because it (a) all too frequently leads to discord between neighbours, and (b) its not being a species natural in this environment.

Castle Hale – entrance pillar

The committee noted the importance of tracing any photograph which might exist of the pillar which had been demolished many months ago at the entrance to Castle Hale. This was important in that such would enable the owner to reconstruct this feature as accurately as possible.

Business property signs

The committee urged that the requirement or otherwise for recently erected signs on the chapel building in New Street to obtain planning consent be investigated, not least as these had been put in place in a conservation area.

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

This was the annual meeting of the Council and the first business was to elect the Chairman and committees. The principal appointments are shown in the 'box' on this page; space does not permit fuller information about committee membership or the many posts of representatives of the Parish Council on other bodies.

Change of Clerk

The Chairman and members of the Council took this opportunity, the last meeting to be attended by Peter Grant as Clerk, to express their appreciation of his considerable service to the Council and the community.

Affordable Housing – criteria

The Chairman reported assurances from the SDC Housing Officer that priority would be given to Painswick residents when such housing within the village is allocated; three such units are included along Stanges Lane in the St. Mary's development. Copies of the criteria used by SDC have been obtained.

Affordable Housing – Gyde Field

The Parish Council had not yet received a reply to its letter, one which included the observations of the District Council Housing Officer on the surveyor's report upon the possibility of use of land below the surgery for affordable housing. The letter had drawn attention to possible initial misinterpretations placed by the Trustees upon the surveyor's report they had obtained regarding the possible use of land below the surgery for affordable housing. David Hudson, a Trustee, reported that the Trustees were to confirm that they adhered to their understanding that they were required to maximise receipts from the sale of Trust land.

The Trustees reaffirmed that they regarded the value of the land in the long term to be considerable and that it would, there-

fore, be improper to dispose of this small parcel in the foreseeable future; further, they took the view that the Charity Commissioners would regard such a policy as the only one acceptable to them.

The Chairman, Terry Parker, reminded the meeting that the Trustees had also taken the view that there was insufficient demand for affordable housing in this area to warrant exceptional action to dispose of this land being pursued. Contrary to this opinion, it was noted that one survey had identi-

fied 15 seeking such accommodation; this figure excluding those who had already – of necessity – been allocated such housing outside the area.

One member pointed out that the field in question was not identified in the District Council's Local Plan for development and that such cannot be revised before 2015. Further, there have been firm indications that major development across that field is unlikely to gain planning approval because of its potential impact upon Gyde House itself, a listed building within its own conservation area.

There appears to exist a strong divergence of view in this matter; on the one hand the Parish Council (incidentally, responsive to the public opinion expressed in item 106 of the Parish Plan) is seeking to represent the needs of all residents in the area in the matter, and the Trustees possibly feeling that undue pressure is being exerted upon them while they hold to the opinion that they should at all times maximize the value of their assets.

It was pointed out that there appeared to be a strong case for representations to the Charity Commissioners.

Internet – Council web site

The Council approved a budget for the acquisition of computing equipment, and also endorsed the setting up of an official Painswick Parish Council web site near future with the support offered by the District Council's 'webmistress' and the gov. uk location.

The creation of this site will enable the Clerk to place information such as approved minutes of meetings and a considerable amount of other material on the world wide web (www) for access by the public at any time. (*The Beacon will be publishing access information as soon as it is to hand.*)

Quality Parish Councils

The Council took note of the fact that the guidelines setting out the criteria by which Parish Councils might be assessed for 'quality status' had yet to be published despite promises of such at much earlier dates. The use of the Internet for making information available to the public is expected to be fundamental to the according of 'quality' status.

Parish Council

and responsibilities 2003-04

Chairman of the Council: Terry Parker
Vice Chairman of the Council: David Hudson

Chairmanships of committees

Finance and General Purposes: Johnny Johnston
Footpaths: Alan Shearer
Planning: Malcolm Watts
Plantation: Ann Daniels
Traffic: David Hudson
Cemetery and Parish Maintenance: Martin Slinger

Solo responsibilities

Town Hall: Tony Crook
Youth Club/Pavilion: Martin Slinger

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Annual Parish Meeting

The 2003 APM on the 28th May was one which started at a cracking pace, with the Chairman Terry Parker clearly seeking to set an example which was emulated by his colleagues in keeping reports short and succinct without wasting time upon matters already widely reported or in the public domain. The near 40 members of the public present listened to all the reports with rapt attention.

His presentation made reference to the underlying aim of seeking to improve the quality of life of residents. Modernisation of the Council's own systems was in hand and this was an opportunity to welcome the new Clerk Roy Balgobin who will soon be installing an information technology base and creating the Council's own web site; this a means of communicating such as Council agendas and minutes. The Council had risen to the invitation to seek 'quality parish council' status, such needing to be heralded - as in Painswick - by completion of a Parish Plan; precise definition of the status is still awaited, but the decision to strive for excellence had been taken. The cost of housing for first-time buyers was of increasing concern and (*see also Parish Council report*) the opportunities for acquiring land at less than 'hope' value were almost impossible.

Mr. Parker referred to the excellence of the efforts of the Vicar and many others in preparation for, and execution of, the civic service in celebration of the 750th anniversary of the granting of the Market Charter.

Tributes were also expressed to Council staff Liz Fisher and George Hodder, and he took the opportunity to thank Peter Grant on behalf of the Council and the community for his ten years of dedicated service as Clerk and, with acclamation from all present, wished him well in his retirement from later that week.

Planning Committee

Malcolm Watts presented his report, mentioning that 119 applications had been received and been commented upon during the year. He suggested that the roadside bulk of the St. Mary's Home development did not emulate the other approaches to the village of gradual increases in the density of housing, but thought the care centre would lessen that impact. New government regulations for the speed of determination of planning applications had required the Parish Council to contribute its responses much more quickly. He suggested that some in-filling on the land of private properties was obviously to the financial gain of vendors but in many instances at an environmental loss to other nearby residents. The monitoring of conditions attached to planning approvals was to be part of the council's action in the future.

Traffic

David Hudson made his report, including reference to resurfacing in Friday Street in the current year. A request for Kingsmill

Coo!

Let's get to where the real news is!

Following up on last month's Beacon story about the first cuckoo being heard on 22nd April at 10.20am, and another tweet on the 23rd at 11.30am, Mrs Susan McKinslay of Bulls Cross reports hearing one in the Slad Valley on Tuesday 15th April.

That said, Prudence Townsend from Greenhouse Court wanted us to know that she heard the beastie at 7.05am on the 13th.

Eric Röder was to hear the birdie about 11 o'clock on the morning of the 8th, and again that afternoon, from Orchard Mead.

Eric wins!

Thanks to these Beacon readers, but the Cuckoo file is now closed for this year. Ed.

Lane was as yet not programmed. The absence of a direction sign into the village at the junction of Pullens Road and Cheltenham Road will soon be corrected.

Cemetery and Parish Maintenance

This aspect of council work was reported by Martin Slinger. He pointed out that a recent survey had assured about 15 years remaining for full interment and 40 years for cremated interment at the cemetery; sufficient for most present! Although Mr. Slinger reported upon the youth club, ground maintenance, the vandalising of public conveniences and other matters, he particularly drew attention to the incidence of trees and hedges overhanging pavements in numerous parts of the village. Mr Slinger urged owners of properties concerned to increase their regard for the effect such had upon pedestrians and cut these back.

Footpaths

Alan Shearer reported upon the actions of his committee during the year, not least in matters of the maintenance of stiles.

Plantation

Ann Daniels expressed appreciation of the efforts of the British Trust for Nature Conservation whose 2-day efforts at the Plantation had helped keep it in good condition. The branches of fallen timber remain in the woods and can be freely taken by residents if they wish.

District and County Councils

Barbara Tait and Joan Nash, respectively, reported upon their personal involvement with these councils, and actions having a direct bearing upon the Painswick civil parish. The changes in membership of the District Council through elections this year were noted, as was the reduction in the county budget of £2.7m for highway maintenance and upgrading.

After receiving the Parish Council's accounts for the 2002-03 year the meeting was thrown open for the public to ask questions or raise matters of concern.

New Street - HGV

(See separate report.)

Publicity and village traders

Desiree French of Painswick Woodcraft drew attention to the fact that Painswick Parish Council had not decided to pay (in the order of £600) to obtain a large display advertisement in the publication 'The Undiscovered Cotswolds' this year and regretted the fact that such was not clearly recorded in the Council's minutes for 21st August last. John Gozzard rejoined by wondering whether Painswick would learn the lesson

of such as Bourton-on-the-Water, Chipping Campden and Broadway, many of whose residents he knew well and none of which believed that tourism would come to dominate their communities and trading to the exclusion of basic services to the resident community; suggesting that such can happen without pre-planning. Terry Causon, speaking as organiser of the voluntary Tourist Information Office invited Mr and Mrs. French to meet some of the 5000+ visitors who called in to that office, many of whom firmly expressed their conscious decision to visit Painswick as a village unspoilt by a proliferation of tourist orientated businesses and shops.

The meeting was reminded by Johnny Johnston of The Falcon Inn and the Royal Oak, that traders might do more collectively to help themselves - there being numerous channels of 'free' communication available these days. Paul Moir urged that those offering bed and breakfast services do more to help themselves.

Terry Parker pointed out that the Parish Council had to weigh decisions on spending in relation to the interests of the community as a whole and that, as he had already pointed out to Mr. Mrs French, investment of £600 in one publication had not been agreed.

Painswick Library

Angela Hudson drew attention to the importance of the future of the library, and Joan Nash urged residents to make more use of the library, suggesting the expression "Use it, or lose it" could prove to be apt.

Broadband services - aerials

Ann Mortimore of George Court suggested that the Beacon's report upon bringing broadband Internet connectivity to Painswick by British Telecom and/or the wireless system offered by LoopScorpio was a biased representation of the services and datelines for provision, and that there should be greater debate before the wire-less system is introduced. The Chairman assured her that the Parish Council would seek to obtain such debate when the time came.

Care Centre

An enquiry by Donald Harding as to "Any news of progress regarding the building of the care centre in Stroud Road?" was referred to Leslie Brotherton who reported that the latest information would be in this issue of the Beacon, and would indicate preliminary works regarding surface water drainage and access roadways were scheduled to commence in June.

Annual Parish Meeting - New Street and HGV

This subject occupied much of the open 'public' session of the meeting (*see previous page*) and was led by John Parfitt who pointed out that there was ever increasing deterioration of the frontages of properties facing into New Street consequent upon such as (now) 44-ton vehicles continuing to use the A46 as a through-route between Brockworth and the A417 and Stroud and beyond. He emphasised the fact that at a public meeting in the Town Hall in November 1995, 8½ years ago, Mr. Lindsay of the County Council Highways Department had affirmed that when the Ebley by-pass was completed signage for all HGV

would be introduced to use the motorway when proceeding between Boockworth and Ebley by-passes; this avoiding such vehicles passing through Painswick other than where deliveries to the village were authorised. He had, more recently been informed verbally that it could cost between £30k and £60k to sign a compulsory route and, when enquiring in succeeding years was informed that the budget did not permit consideration of their introduction.

Although the County Council had drawn attention to the attitude of the Highways Agency in the matter, Mr. Parfitt had ascertained from the Agency that this was

the sole responsibility of the County Council and did not involve them at all. At the 1995 public meeting the banning of HGV from this A46 route had been supported by the GCC road safety officer. Such was his frustration at what he saw as officers front-running elected Members of the County Council that Mr. Parfitt was contemplating seeking a reference to the Ombudsman or the small claims court, or both, if the GCC and SDC do not get together and sort this matter out within the next few weeks.

Dennis French confirmed that his cellar lies beneath the A46 and that his insurers were not prepared to cover the cost of possible caving in caused by a heavy vehicle. Tony Littler from the Post Office interjected several times to say that he, too, was considering action in the matter.

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.

Beacon Village Quiz rescheduled

With only three teams notified to us for the Village Quiz scheduled for 5th July, only a few weeks away, we have needed to decide whether to keep our fingers crossed that there are at least 15 more entries just about to reach us, to discontinue these events, or look at an alternative date in (say) the autumn.

We are reluctant to abandon what have proved to be 'fun' evenings in the past, events which have drawn village groups together in a very special way. Although some urged us to have the quiz in June/July we now realise that mid-summer may not, after all, be the best time of year for such an indoor event.

We have decided to reschedule the event for **Friday 10th October**, same time of 6.45 for 7.15 and same venue of Painswick Centre.

A firm closing date for entries seems necessary if we are to arrange catering and allow sufficient time if we (hopefully not) need to notify cancellation due to under-subscribing. The closing date will be Monday 15th September.

If yours is a club or society which did or intended to enter for July, we hope this postponement will not inconvenience your team members. Nothing would please us more than to get enough entries, sooner rather than by 15th September, to create a waiting list; for that we would need 25.



Since the meeting the Beacon has received copy of the Summer 1995 Liberal Democrat publication 'Valley Views Focus' in which it was reported that "... County Council Traffic Manager, John Lindsay, has told County Councillor Terry Parker, and the Parish Council that once the Brockworth by-pass is finished later this year, he will start the process which could result in heavy lorries being directed onto the A417, M5 and A419, thus avoiding Painswick."

We have also been informed, by County Councillor Joan Nash, that she has immediately begun pressing for the introduction of a legally enforceable weight limit on the A46 through Painswick.



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A Report on the success of the Croft School Football Team

This year has been very successful for the Croft School Football Team. They have been travelling to many different places in England including the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall.

They started their season by winning the ESFA tournament for schools in Gloucestershire beating Heron in the final on penalties 4-2. Because they then went on to win both the small schools tournament and the big schools tournament, they had to make a choice whether to carry on in a particular one. They chose to carry on in the small school competition and proceeded to Yate.

At Yate they had another triumphant campaign. The group stages didn't produce anything spectacular but when it came to the semi-finals Benjamin Garbett made a tremendous attempt from the half way line. It soared into the top corner leaving the keeper scrambling back to his goal. The Croft team grew in confidence from that, and finished the tournament as winners.

Next came one of the harder rounds in Swindon. With a new formation the Croft went into the first game not completely confident, but with a few shots from Lewis Towell and Tom Pigott they pulled off a worthy draw. In the next few games Croft won convincingly and when it came to the last game Jack Reed showed some excellence in pulling off a superb save to keep them in the game. Croft knew they had to win to be 100% sure of getting through to the 4th and final round at Lilleshall. So in the last minute Tom Pigott broke through and slotted the ball in the back of the net. The Croft team was off to Lilleshall!

Being the biggest tournament the Croft had entered they were determined to play their all-time best. Unfortunately the Croft got off to a slow start and lost their first game 2-0. After their loss in the first game they went on to play in the 3rd and 4th position play off.

The game went to extra time but when George Jackson got the ball played to him he could only tap the ball into the back of the net! The whole team celebrated with glee as they earned a worthy **3rd best in the country**. The squad contained eight players.

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| No 1 Jack Reed | No 2 Matthew Whittaker |
| No 3 Tom Pigott | No 4 William Unwin |
| No 5 George Jackson | No 6 Lewis Towel |
| No 7 Benjamin Garbett | No 8 James Harding |



Mr Lewis and Mr Richard Royle were super coaches for the season and all the squad would like to thank them for all their time and commitment to the team.

In the league the Croft didn't have but came 2nd by the end of the season. Overall we think the Croft School Football team have had a very successful season and we had a great time representing our school.

*Tom Pigott
and Benjamin Garbett*

Country Dancing too

On Tuesday 20th May, members of the Croft School dance club attended the Stroud Schools Country Dance Festival at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. They formed part of 280 children dancing together and great fun was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Skinner for running the club and taking the children to the festival.

The event is reported by Hannah Gornall and Georgina Smith:

'This year The Croft School attended the country-dance festival at Stroud Leisure Centre. We practised for two terms and were confident about all the dances, except one that was very complicated called the Cotswold Contra. We performed ten dances we had practised (apart from the Cotswold Contra) and one that was made up on the day. For a couple of dances we had to dance with our parents. The dances were: Gloucester Corner Dance, Muffin Man's Jig, Downfield Snowball, Cheltenham Flyer, Cotswold Contra, King Silver Jig, I Want To Be Near You, Cam Hopton Circle, Cumberland Square Eight and Circassian Circle. The whole festival went very well.

Pete Hendy, the caller, made up a few dances, which were fun, but simple for our parents and us.

At the end Georgina persuaded Mrs Hoyle to join in and she danced with Francesca Pickin.

Over all, it was a very enjoyable event and we hope that next year the Croft School pupils can go to the festival again and do just as well.'

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such a successful time. They lost three games but came 2nd by the end of the season. Overall we think the Croft School Football team have had a very successful season and we had a great time representing our school.

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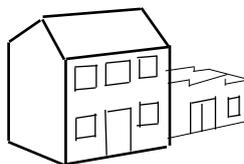


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Care Centre

Realising that there has been no report since our March issue of the Beacon we contacted Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Village in Nantwich to enquire how things were progressing in the design and other pre-construction stages of the care centre for the land off Stroud Road. Our timing turned out to be just right to hear news of preliminary work on the site being only a matter of weeks away.

As was mentioned in our previous report, an important matter to resolve has been that with regard to surface water drainage, including that relating to the St.Marys Home development. It seems that the expectations of Severn Trent Water, the 'lead' organization in design and execution of this aspect of the development, have also needed to take into account the desires of the County Highways Department who made it known that they were keen to provide more gullies in Stroud Road to reduce the effects of cascading storm water across that road which causes additional hazards for drivers - as well as doing nothing to improve the road surface itself. Mr.Cockell told us that he can "confirm that all paper work associated with storm water drainage for all three interested parties has now been completed". He was able to point out that the "drains will follow the A46 from the St.Mary's site down to the access point to the care centre and then cross that site to its lowest point and exit into Cotswold Mead and on to Kingsmill Lane, and that these works should hopefully start in July or August". Clearly the need to coordinate these interests has taken much time, but that aspect is now resolved.

Mr.Cockell also anticipates that the site enabling works of access road and taking in the main services for the care centre and the associated dwellings will follow these drainage matters, possibly in September - before the onset of winter - so that other building work itself can be programmed to follow soon after. The design work has involved, we are told, no less than four architects and two engineering firms and this is reaching its final stages. Once all is completed by them and contracts can be signed Mr.Cockell expects to circulate particulars of just about every detail of properties and the care centre to those many people who have expressed interest.

Dry Stone Walls explained

The Cotswolds AONB Partnership are running a number of training week-ends throughout the AONB in Partnership with the Royal Agricultural College, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers as part of the Caring for the Cotswolds Project.

The courses will appeal to beginners wanting to take up this traditional craft and improvers wishing to hone their skills. Qualified trainers will provide the expertise on the courses.

Interested?

More details can be obtained from Jonathan Gahan who is the Dry Stone Walls Project Officer on 01451.862000 or jonathan.gahan@cotswold.gov.uk

Dates of courses near Painswick include 5/6 July at Woodmancote, 9/10 August near Andoversford; and here in Painswick on 16/17August.



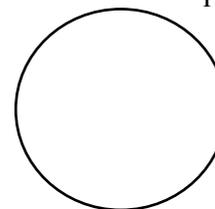
Help!

Would the young lady on a motorbike who picked up a silver mobile phone outside the Lodis shop please hand it in to the shop.

It contains vital medical information.
Susan Pyle

The Senior Circle in June

Two fascinating talks are on our June programme. Yesterday, 6th June, Tony Crook's subject was 'Life on the Street', somewhat ambiguously suggestive you might think until you discover that the street he talked about was Fleet Street. As a correspondent for, variously, the Daily Mail, The Times and The Sunday Times (pretty good coverage of the Street that) Tony has reported from many parts of the world the momentous events at the height of the cold war that centred on Germany, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the North West Passage (now Afghanistan) and the Philippines. Remembering the devious doings of the time by the nations that Fleet Street unearthed (and perhaps instigated some!) we will have appreciated fascinating revelations of behind the headlines background. Not only these events, Tony will have reflected on the personalities of the press then - they used to be called Barons - and the press of today.



Then on Friday 20th June, Billie Grant has an equally fascinating story to tell of her early years as a missionary's daughter in Kerala, SW India.

With her father a missionary from the Salvation Army, she was brought up from babyhood to her teens among the local population, sharing their culture and village ways of life in the family compound. These were days that saw the decline of the Raj (and Empire) from pre-war heights to Independence during which she met Gandhi and other prominent leaders.

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Probus in Painswick What is it?

Having just held our 12th. AGM. and welcomed five new members we are clearly vibrant and want to advertise our existence, not least to encourage others to join us.

Technically Probus is part of a national, even international, network of clubs which grew out of Rotary to cater for those with a PROfessional or BUSIness background who had matured beyond dashing about organising events and fundraising.

The word technically is used deliberately to emphasise that predictably Painswick is different. We are a group who simply welcome the opportunity to meet friends in a new setting, or meet new folk, every other Wednesday morning; drink coffee, chat, listen to interesting and entertaining speakers on a wide range of topics, have a drink (if wanted) and go home for lunch.

So in Painswick the only qualification is to be free on some Wednesday mornings and to enjoy a social gathering; consequently members do not need to be fully retired. Indeed the wider the range of careers and interests members have the better, it is for all and such a range gives Probus its essential character and frees it from a narrow focus or set of objectives. Meetings are held in the Ostlers' Room of the Falcon Inn giving easy parking and a venue all on a single level. Attendance is assumed but full attendance is not obligatory. On average members, because of other interests and activities, attend two out of three meetings. In addition to fortnightly meetings there are annual summer and Christmas dinners to which partners and friends are invited.

There are also occasional excursions organised by members to which partners and friends are again invited. Members can also join excursions organised by other groups in the area. In recent times members have been to the Three Choirs Winery, Windsor Castle, Highgrove, Cheltenham Races, Corsham Manor, Birmingham Concert Hall and Jewelry Quarter, Stratford Theatre and Bletchley Park.

Probus, now in its 13th year, has encouraged, over the last two years, opportunities for wives, partners and widows of former members to meet monthly in members' homes for coffee and, occasionally, talks from members. A very informal setting but valued by all who attend.

Painswick Probus has 50 members and can happily embrace another ten. There is a one-off annual subscription of £35 to cover meetings, including coffee. Dinners and excursions are self-financed activities. Speakers, paid from subscriptions, often give their small fee to a charity of their choice so that a small proportion, about 10%, of our income goes to a wide range. of charities.

So if you are free on most Wednesday mornings, would enjoy social conversation and discussions with speakers on topics ranging through engineering, cultural, geographical, social and historical matters come and join us. Visits prior to joining will be welcomed. For initial contact use any known member or Geof Archer 813557, Peter Jenkins 812724, Keith Hardwidge 812918, or Ken Gibson - President 01452 372326.

Keith Hardwidge (President 2002-03)

We can't get enough of it!

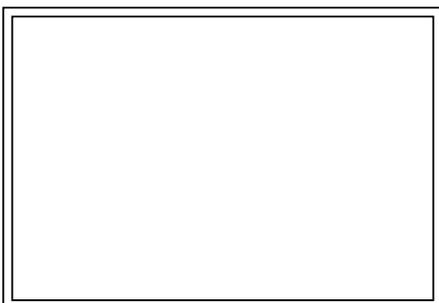
We still need your contributions for the exhibition. Last month's plea for items brought forth an interesting response from several people but more is needed.

The exhibition, to be held in the Town Hall, 7-12th July, will celebrate the granting of the Royal Charter to Painswick in 1253 and will display various facets of life in the town both before and since that time. We can provide the narrative and some illustrations but your artefacts and objects are needed to add that extra living dimension. It can be little or large, ordinary or extraordinary and, of course, everything in between.

We would like the display to represent a wide range of themes from the serious to the whimsical. It will be carefully supervised at all times and anything lent for the occasion will be returned immediately afterwards.

If you have in your possession any item from Painswick's past which you are willing to lend for the week please contact John Bailey 813503, Hywel James 812419, Elisabeth Skinner for Sheepscombe 812747 or me 813387. This is an important event for Painswick – we have waited 750 years for it! – and your contribution will make it one to be proud of.

Carol Maxwell



Isobel Mannering 1910 - 2003

Isobel was born in Muswell Hill in 1910 and after leaving school, joined the Bank of England. In 1932 she met David and they became engaged in 1937.

During the blitz the Bank's staff slept in the vaults underneath the Central Line. David, who had been at sea with the Royal Navy since the start of the War, returned home just before Christmas 1940 and they married at 5 days notice. He went straight back to sea but in May 1941 his ship was sunk at the Battle of Crete. He was unscathed and they set up home in Plymouth but after only 6 months their house was destroyed by incendiary bombs.

After the War they lived in various parts of the UK and overseas, moving as David's Naval career dictated, including 2 years in Ceylon, long periods at Yelverton in Devon and 4 years in Malta. When David retired from the Navy in 1965 they moved to Painswick where they lived happily for 38 years, initially in the Highlands and latterly in Kingsmill Lane. Isobel developed a great love of gardening and became President of the Horticultural Society in the 80s.

She was a talented violinist and, before the War, played with the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society. Venues included the Albert Hall, where she played under Sir Henry Wood. On one occasion in Malta Isobel played her violin with the Royal Marines' Orchestra in a performance of 'The Messiah', in which David was singing.

Isobel was a devout Christian with a lifelong love of the Church of England and was a keen supporter of the Mothers' Union, becoming Enrolling Member for 6 years and was Secretary of the Bible Reading Fellowship for many years.

She died peacefully on 28th April 2003 and is survived by David and her two children.

Peter Mannering

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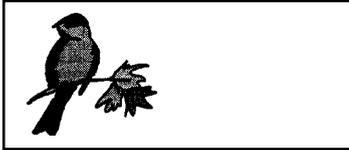
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Birders in the field!

Our Spring field trip in late April to Frampton-on-Severn was led by County Bird Recorder Gordon Avery. On a blustery day we were rewarded by large numbers of recently arrived swifts, swallows, house and sand martins swooping over the lakes. Ravens and a peregrine falcon were sighted high in the sky.



David Cramp. Several nightingales burst into song towards the end of the walk. The following week we were at Dowdeswell Nature Reserve. Warden Arthur Ball pointed out bird life on the reservoir, including great crested grebes, as well as the intricate 'tree walks' for dormice in the fine woods on the valley slopes.

On Sunday 8th June, starting at 9.00 am, there will be a walk along Kingsmill Lane in Painswick, starting at Kingsmill. Car parking is limited. Non-members are most welcome.

On the evening of 7th May club members were at Highnam Wood for a nightingale walk led by RSPB County Leader

Bill Boydell

Painswick WI Market Charter Celebration

On Friday 11th July at 10.00am in the Town Hall we will be offering free coffee and a slice of a Celebration cake to mark Painswick Charter Week.

Do call in whether you are a regular customer or would like just to participate in the celebrations.

All are very welcome. It will be a large cake, so plenty for every-



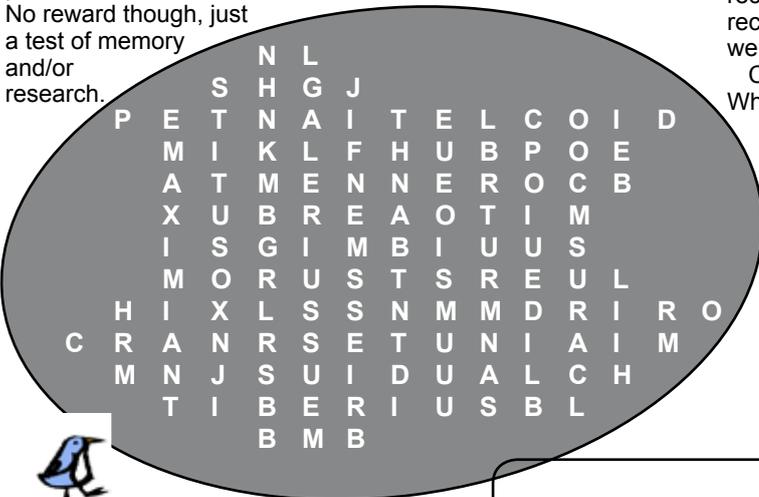
Former Painswick resident and overseas aid worker, Hazel Hendry, is pictured with His Excellency, Mr Josko Paro, the recently appointed Croatian Ambassador at a lunch given in his honour at the Bell Hotel, Tewkesbury.

The ambassador told the guests that he was delighted to attend the lunch as it gave him the opportunity to personally thank Hazel for the considerable help she had given to his country during the war period.

Word-search - Roman rulers before 310AD

Serious historians among us? This month we have concealed twelve rulers of the Romans prior to 310AD. Can you find them? This is serious stuff!

No reward though, just a test of memory and/or research.



Last months challenge involved finding 12 flowers/shrubs AND we offered a £5.00 token to spend at one local shop to the first correct list drawn out of the Beacon 'hat', and written on a post card received by the 16th May. Not too difficult a task for us, only two were received, and only one correct!

Congratulations, with £5.00 to spend, to Ruth Robinson of Whyte Wall End in Stamages Lane.

- 1 ROSE
- 2 LAVENDER
- 3 LILY
- 4 MIMOSA
- 5 PANSY
- 6 SNOWDROP
- 7 SAXIFRAGE
- 8 VIOLA
- 9 LABURNUM
- 10 WALLFLOWER
- 11 PINK
- 12 MARIGOLD

Answers to last month's WordSearch on flowers K-Z

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They Dressed for Dinner

After a painful evening at the Painswick Centre watching the Painswick Players' latest production of Marc Camoletti's play "Don't Dress for Dinner", I am still feeling the results of laughing constantly for about two hours And, judging by the audience on that Friday night, I was not the only one to have a wonderfully painful evening, in the company of the strong team which the PPs had lined up for this production.

The play, directed by Lesley Wolowiec, assisted by Jack Burgess, is a masterly piece of fast dialogue about a situation which is out of hand from about two minutes into the play and which has you feeling that things simply cannot get any worse ... until they do. With a backdrop of a superb set (as usual), totally professional back stage crew and costumes which were outstanding, the actors really excelled themselves. Whenever Lesley performs on stage, I get the feeling that the part was really written with her in mind and never more so than as Suzette, the cook (or mistress or actress or niece ...) - her range of roles during this play showed off her talents to perfection. Michael Jackson and Alastair Anderson gave us beautifully contrasting men, with affairs to deal with - their timing was spot on and the sheer physicality of their parts was exhausting for us to watch, not to mention theirs to play! Susanna Davis, the frighteningly manipulative, scheming wife and Jean Burgess - wonderfully glamorous as the very badly-treated mistress - made up the rest of this strong cast. George - Tony Gibson - was complete with motorcycle helmet and swagger, and would not have been one to make an enemy of!

Well done, PPs - you'll have to work very hard to better this one.

Gill Cox



Greens wanted

I am on the committee of the Painswick Ball to be held on Friday 20th June at Painswick mill and wondered if it was possible through the Beacon to ask for greenery, mainly ivy in all shapes and forms and herbs, particularly rosemary, sage and parsley. If people would like to contact me on 813815 for more information or to bring it to Painswick Mill on Thursday June 19th, or I will come and collect.

Thank you very much.

Susan Shearer

Wives Fellowship

Painswick Wives Fellowship wish to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on Saturday 5th April. The amount of £300 was raised for the charity (County Air Ambulance).

Peggy Mines

(Our apologies for not including this item last month. Ed.)

Outing to Tetbury

The annual outing this year, on 20th May, was a visit to Tetbury where we were shown around by a member of the Tetbury Civic Society. Some 30 members enjoyed a pleasant evening, after the rain, walking around the centre of the town.

Tetbury provides some interesting contrasts with Painswick. We first went to the 17th century market hall in the centre. This has been put to a variety of purposes over the centuries, including use as the town fire station. Painswick's market hall disappeared some centuries ago.

Then down to West Street (formerly Harper Street), a road of now ordinary and attractive houses that used to be particularly disreputable. Then along the pre-1776 lane that used to be the old road to Bristol before they built a large viaduct crossing the infant Avon. We saw the old pack horse bridge across the stream. The new road was built some 50 years before the A46 came to Painswick.

Then the parish church, dedicated as at Painswick to St. Mary, which was built anew in 1781, a beautiful, tall and airy 18th century building, much bigger and grander than we can boast of here. It had been Victorianised in the 19th century, but all this was reversed at great expense in 1993.

We passed a baptist church that had become a catholic church

and many houses that had clearly seen many changes over the years. There were Chipping Steps, the old railway goods shed (1889 - 1964) - the railway never made it to Painswick - and the Millennium Green.

Long Street, apart from the sumptuous Close Hotel, comprises many houses dating back as far as 1700, and many of them very grand, many occupied by antique dealers, but seemingly neglected above ground floor level.

There has clearly been a grandeur of scale and wealth that we did not have in Painswick, but the stone is greyer and laid in fairly narrow courses, an interesting and in many ways a different place from Painswick.

The last meeting of the season will be the Annual General Meeting at The Croft School at 7.30 on Tuesday, 17th June, when our chairman, Mark Bowden, will be talking about Painswick Beacon. In the meantime we are pressing on with arrangements for a local history exhibition in the Town Hall from 7th to 12th July, the week of further Charter celebrations. We would welcome any historical artefacts which people would be willing to lend for the week. Please contact myself (812419) or Carol Maxwell (813387).

Hywel James

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Our Co-President, Dorothy Daniels, began our A.G.M. with a light hearted ditty:-

Yesterday was History,
Tomorrow is a Mystery,
Today is a Gift,
That's why it's called the Present!



before thanking Jean Harley, our newest member, for the unusual flower arrangement, composed of gerberas, which graced the President's table.

We were all sad to hear of the death of Katherine Jones, who had done so much for our Institute.

Barbara Harley kindly accompanied us, on the piano, whilst we sang Jereusalem.

A nice surprise! "Taylors of Harrogate" gave each member a packet of Yorkshire Tea!

The three Resolutions were carefully read out, and considered. They were: "Care for the Elderly", Modern Apprenticeship Schemes" and "Child Care & Management of Their Diets". These were dealt with, adroitly, by Doreen Boon, our Secretary.

The three members who read out the Resolutions were ready for a cup of tea!

Dancing for Pleasure

Our second year of Tea Dances at the Painswick Centre is drawing to a close and our last dance for this season will be on Wednesday 16th July and the first dance of our autumn season will be on Wednesday 3rd September.

In the mean time we will of course be continuing with our Wednesday evening dances at Eastcombe where you will be made most welcome.

The highlight of the year at Painswick is undoubtedly the Victorian Costume Ball on Saturday 12th July and at the time of going to press we have just 18 tickets left for this year's event. As it was such a popular evening last year many of those who attended then have already asked for tickets for this year, so if you are hoping to come and would like to reserve your tickets please call us on 01453 833150 Any tickets still available will be on sale July.



Our picture shows the Sutton memorial bench dedicated to Josie (née Cook) and Maurice Sutton, reference to which was made in last month's issue.

Sheepscombe School Celebrates Double Achievement

Sheepscombe pupils, staff and parents are celebrating two outstanding achievements.

At the beginning of the academic year, Gloucestershire LEA nominated Sheepscombe for the School Achievement Award for the outstanding KS2 SATs results in 2002. The nomination was sent to the Department for Education and Skills, along with other applications from LEAs across England. Following a verification process, the school received a letter from David Miliband, the Minister responsible for School Standards, confirming the award for 'achieving better results than most schools in similar circumstances'. This has resulted in a payment of £1760 to the school, and the governing body is currently deciding on how best to distribute this. Mr David Drew will formally present the award on Friday 23rd May.

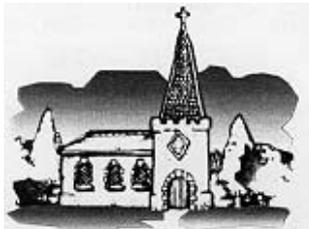
As well as high academic standards, Sheepscombe prides itself on the breadth of the curriculum offered, with particular emphasis on the whole child and creative development it is, therefore, especially satisfying that this aspect of teaching has been recognised by the Arts Council and they have granted the school an Artsmark Gold Award - the most prestigious award for arts education. It is a wonderful achievement to be given both awards in the same year and reflects the hard work of staff, enthusiasm of the children and the support and commitment of parents,

some of whom travel substantial distances to bring children to the school.

The Artsmark award will be given at a special ceremony later in the term.

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Beacon Conservation

The funds reported in previous issues of the Beacon have now been used to obtain the equipment and tools needed for scrub clearance. More volunteers are needed to help with this important work and Cedric on 812385 will appreciate a call. The funds can also be used for training volunteers, so do not hesitate to apply!

Information boards are being designed for erection at strategic points on the Beacon, but these will be delayed a little

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

while we obtain quotations for supply and design.

A scheme run by English Nature to conserve and add to the rare juniper trees on the Beacon is in hand. Cuttings have been taken and are being grown on for us in pots by a local garden centre. In due course they will be transferred on to the Beacon itself.

The random horse riding on the Beacon during February, when the land was saturated, caused considerable damage. Those concerned are being contacted so that a meeting can be arranged with them and also the Golf Club to discuss the problem. Riders are urged to respect the conservation of this aspect of our heritage and keep to the designated bridle paths.

The Group is looking forward to its AGM which will be on 6th November with part of the evening shared with Painswick Bird Club for a talk by Helen Williams on 'Birds, Mammals and Flowers on the Islands of Britain.'

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Georgie's passion

For Georgie Brocklehurst photography is not simply a job, it is verily a passion and a constantly growing passion at that.

Since July last year Georgie has worked professionally from her home in Painswick, taking commissions from near and far. Apart from the shoots, most of the work is done at her home in Vicarage Street though she also has access to the facilities at the University of Gloucestershire in Cheltenham (formerly the art school) and the Studio in Pincot Lane.

Georgie specialises in portraits and particularly those of babies, children and teenagers. Sit in her kitchen and gazing down at you from the display on the open-plan stairs is a host of local children, each one beautifully caught within the frame. She is happy to do studio sittings but prefers to photograph children in more natural settings. The parents seem to prefer this too. It takes more time but the result, she feels, is more effective and rewarding. Georgie aims always to achieve a very natural representation of her subjects. Painswick is an ideal place for her to do this work as she sees the Cotswolds as the perfect backdrop for her photography with children.



So how did all this start for her? Georgie was given a camera as a child living in Stroud and did receive some training in photography at the age of 14 at Millfield School in Somerset. By the early 1980s she was working in advertising in Jordan and it was on the journey home from there that the true passion started to burgeon. Travelling overland through many different countries she was struck by the many happy smiling faces of the children she encountered, especially in Bosnia – before the terrible war there. This was the beginning of a career which has since continued to go from strength to strength.

Georgie's own three children, the youngest of whom is a pupil at the Croft School, have all been the subjects of her well-practiced apprenticeship. This led to studying for a degree in photography and to membership of the British Institute of Professional Photography and the Royal Photographic Society. This membership ensures contact with other professional photographers and the maintenance of the highest standards in photography, both very important to Georgie. She continues to study at Cheltenham, observing wisely that it is a constant learning process.

A perfectionist, Georgie does all her own developing and printing by hand, satisfied only with the best result possible. A drive for quality and a palpable pride in the end product are evident in all of her work. She is excited by new technologies but at the same time sees old systems as still appropriate in some situations, as demonstrated in her classic black and white shots of today's teenagers.

At present she is in the process of producing a book, Mad Hatters, featuring children wearing their favourite hats. She is still looking for more potential models, so if you know a child willing to sport a beloved hat do make contact. She also finds the idea of fashion photography for children's magazines appealing. Meanwhile, she continues to work at her commissions both locally and nationally, very happy to operate from her Painswick base. She is, enviably, someone who loves her work.

Georgie's work can be viewed by prior appointment at her home in Vicarage Street or at the Seagrims Studio in Pincot Lane. It will also be exhibited during the Open Studios event this summer.

Carol Maxwell

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Many in the village will be aware of specific criminal activity in the past few weeks, and the Beacon believes that mentioning some incidents here may increase 'awareness', which is all-important. Getting ahead of the is something we can all do.

In no particular order we can report:

- A 61 year old American tourist was head-butted in the Falcon Inn. Two local men were arrested regarding this event, both are currently on police bail for assault and obstructing the police during their investigation.
- A walk-in attempted theft at the Painswick Hotel rapidly led to the arrest of a man and a woman in Stamages Lane car park. The man, from Gloucester, has been charged and is on remand in prison.
- Joan Nash had money snatched from her hand and then robbed of her hand bag while in LloydsTSB here in the village, this after an enjoyable holiday in Italy and

crossing London on her own and being extra careful to look after her luggage. Three were arrested, two have been charged and are remanded in prison. As Joan told the Beacon "One somehow does not expect to be robbed in this village, least of all in the bank! While I was pretty put out by the experience, my concern lies with such as Mary Harris, living alone."

- Mary Harris, robbed of her hand bag, containing money she was safeguarding on behalf of others; an event which included forced entry through her front door as she watched. One person has been arrested and charged.
- A local man was arrested two weeks ago for drug offences and has been charged.
- The Marden home off Edge Lane where someone called to seemingly enquire about the availability of a room for the night, but removed a hand bag while Mr.Marden left the front door to check availability. This case is under active investigation.

Andy Skorski, the police officer with the closest knowledge of Painswick and

the surrounding area, is very much with us in urging everyone to be much more stringent about looking after their property - whether it is premises or items we leave around the place. Andy has spent much time in connection with such as handbags left for all to see in unlocked cars, or incidents involving unlocked or even open front doors which those with criminal intent regard as invitations. As he says "Criminals these days travel around, looking for opportunities - and take them and drive off without delay".

Please keep a note of the police numbers, especially the direct line to Andy Skorski 07799.624643 handy. We are reliably informed that the use of the direct line was instrumental in obtaining the promptest of responses - and arrest!

Police cannot do it alone

Beacon accounts summary 2002-03

It is of continuing importance that we draw attention to our two main sources of income, advertising and voluntary subscriptions. The support of our advertisers continues to secure our ability to prepare and print the Beacon, and it is of interest to note that we have a 'waiting list' of advertisers seeking space on our pages.

There seems to be recognition of the fact that our charge for advertising is very reasonable, not least when it is realised that copy reaches every household in the village - and quite a few much further afield! Income from this source has increased by about 3% this year, but we have held our charges pretty steady.

Subscriptions, in some ways a 'barometer' of the readership's assessment of the Beacons worth, hit the 655 level in the past year and we are very grateful for this measure of support. The increase in subscription income was about 5%!

Our expenditure was increased because we have included more photographs and undertook the Queen's Jubilee colour cover last June. The Directories are proving to be of even wider use so we increased our print run to catch up with visitor and incoming residents wanting the latest information about businesses, clubs, and so on.

We were pleased to help Sheepscombe School install a weather station and, as readers will see, the youngsters take great

| Summary of Income and Expenditure 2002 - 03 | |
|---|--------|
| Income | |
| Advertising | £7544 |
| Subscriptions | £4616 |
| Donations and 'retail' copies | £254 |
| Misc. including sale of old equipment | £100 |
| Interest | £74 |
| | £12588 |
| Expenditure | |

'Around the World in 90 years'

Many moons ago Maida Harris, now living in Nailsworth, took a bus from here to Australia (yes, a bus). On the way she painted many English landscapes and, together with others painted very much closer to home, will be exhibiting them in the Library Rooms from 30th June until 6th July.

Also exhibiting, with this 'Around the world' theme will be Brian Dowling, Juliet Keyte and Pamela Blackmon.

pride in forwarding the information each month for publication.

We invested significantly in training in desk-top-publishing and incurred other expenses in relocation of equipment, telephone, and so on with the changes in organisation we predicted a year ago.

A full copy of the audited accounts is available on request.

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Architectural Detective?

The House History Workshop held by the Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust on Saturday 17th May attracted an enthusiastic number of owners of old houses in the area eager to find out more about the history of their homes.

The first presentation was by Dr Philip Dixon, an expert on medieval buildings, who showed us slides of buildings he had studied and made discoveries about by observation of architectural features. His message was to beware of superficial impressions and not to be afraid to ask questions. The first step to discovery is often a feature which cannot be readily understood. He showed examples of many interesting finds, medieval buildings which had been converted to other uses such as a barn or a house, but which in their roof spaces, or by observation of changes in stonework, revealed their true age. We had opportunity to ask questions of Dr Dixon assisted by Dr Beryl Lott, a buildings conservation expert.

Dr Graham Lott from the British Geological Survey specialises in building materials and showed examples of different local building stones. He explained the origins of different types of limestone and their appropriate uses in buildings together with problems arising from misuse of cement mortars.

In the afternoon we were generously given access to two local listed houses where in small groups we had a practical observation of some of the features we had learned about in the morning.

The day finished with Dr Dixon explaining the 'homework' he would like us to do before meeting again in October. Anyone interested in joining the next session should contact me at 01452 814139.

Carolyn Luke

A Successful Year

At the AGM on Wednesday 14th May the Chairman, Philip Berry said the Society had been deprived this year of two excellent past residents, Isobel Mannering and Wally Brooks. This was the only sad note through a year in which the Society had flourished.

The 50th Horticultural Show had been very successful with its eye catching programme, the speakers chosen so skilfully by Stanley Miles had given us a wealth of advice as well as stretching our minds about gardening, and the spring and summer outings had introduced members to a wide variety of gardens, carefully selected by Gus Gaugain.

The Chairman cited many other highlights of the past year and thanked officers and Committee members for their willing service in the life of the Society. Philip Berry was

re-elected unanimously as a Chairman whose work for the Society is inspiring and whose witty remarks in votes of thanks are invariably much appreciated.

After the A.G.M. Mr G Alway gave an informative talk on "Sweet Peas" with slides, and members were able afterwards to buy these and other bedding plants.



but please note, about the Painswick in Bloom

An important omission occurred in last month's report in these pages. The information about Painswick in Bloom did not mention that if your garden is not on the area of the map and you want it judged you have only to contact in good time a Committee member.

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Trade Justice

A national campaign to increase awareness of the unfairness of the present World Trade system will include a rally in Stratford Park on the 28th of June.

Frances Watson and Jennifer Watts have drawn our attention to this gathering. Picnics are suggested when supporters meet there. David Drew MP will be attending and there will be discussions and activities.

Frances and Jennifer are looking forward to meeting those coming from Painswick near the Band Stand at 11.30 that morning.

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Painswick v Painswick



Steven Vines, the victorious captain of Painswick First Fifteen, with Painswick United skipper, Julian Mitchell (left), proudly holds aloft the Stroud Senior Combination Cup which the senior side won by 29 points to 18.

Falcon Bowling Club

Since the green opening on 19th April the weather has been fairly kind to us, and all our mixed matches have been played without interruption. On 8th May we hosted St.Saviours a touring side from Jersey who obviously brought the weather with them. A pleasant afternoon, and a win for Falcon.

Our seniors have had to cancel two matches because of rain, but to date have kept up their unbeaten record.

Our ladies have played club games against Woodlawns which they lost but managed to win against Dowty. They also won in the county fours against Morton but lost in the next round to a side from Tetbury. Our men played a Bristol side in the County 2 rink and at the end of normal play the sides were tied, and an extra end had to be played which they lost by one shot.

David Ryland

Anniversary Day

Painswick RFC organised an excellent day's entertainment on Sunday 25th May to celebrate the club's 130th anniversary. In the morning a mini tournament was held involving teams of enthusiastic youngsters at the under 7s, 8s, 9s and 10s levels. The afternoon saw the presentation of the shirts worn by the Gloucester RFC players in the Powergen 2002 Cup final to the Painswick club. The presentation was made by Reg Collins, the President of Gloucester RFC, to Roger Turley, the Painswick RFC Chairman. Mr Collins explained the reason for the presentation which was that in the 1870s, Gloucester had borrowed a set

of shirts from the Painswick club. The two clubs had agreed that it was right for the loan to be made good after all these years, hence the presentation. Our picture shows Mr Collins about to hand one of the shirts to Roger Turley who is on his right. On Mr Collins' left are Gloucester stars, Henry Paul and Mark Hazel. Henry Paul is also pictured with Lady Sophia "Sophie" Gordon from Paradise who is a keen follower of the Painswick teams and popular figure with the players. A second set of shirts, an away strip, has been presented to Painswick by the Gloucester RFC Supporters' Club of which local resident, Bob Rumble, is the Chairman. After the presentations had taken place, a Pain-

swick fifteen entertained a team of Gloucester RFC former players, "the Cherry Pickers". The game was watched by a large crowd who enjoyed the skills of the veteran players. No-one was really bothered about the result but, for the record, the visitors scored 53 points to Painswick's 33.



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Cricket

The Painswick club has made a tremendous start to the season, not least with victories in the first and second rounds of the National Village Championship. They now play either Kingsholm (Gloucester) or Oldlands (Berkeley) tomorrow (8th June) in the Gloucestershire area semi-final. Victories over St Stephens (Cheltenham) and Leonard Stanley have provided the platform for a successful league season. At tea last Saturday, Painswick with a total of 247 for the loss of 5 wickets, felt reasonably confident of securing another victory. However, visitors Poulton took advantage of a good batting surface and, needing 40 to win with 5 overs remaining, reached the necessary 248 runs with 3 balls to spare. Painswick batted well and James Cook was desperately unlucky to be sent back to the pavilion on 98 when his colleague batsman straight drove the ball, only for the bowler to deflect it onto the stumps at the far end and James to be run out backing up. Painswick's batsmen have been sharing the runs and it was pleasing to see Australian James Boyland reaching his first half-century for the club against St Stephens. The club has made a number of appeals for new players in recent times and there is not a little irony in that the playing strength this season is at its highest for some years, only to find the second eleven at the time of writing without a completed match, mainly through adverse weather conditions.

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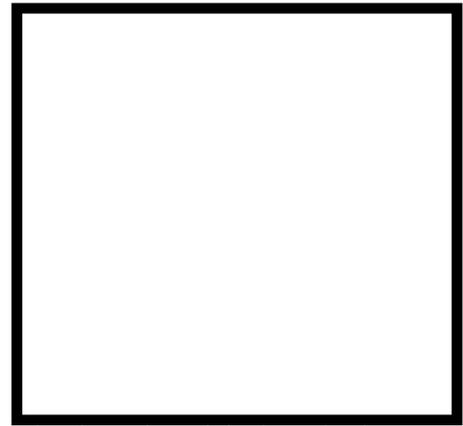
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Ups and Downs of Alpine Skiing

Following a successful trip to the World Schools Championships in Schladming where they represented England Schools, local skiers Fern and Ashley Barker from Sheepscombe returned to Austria for the British Alpine Championships in early April.

Ashley at 16, in his first season as a junior and racing against some of the best under 21s in Europe did extremely well to be in the top 50 and record vital FIS points in both Giant Slalom and Super G events despite minimal training this year due to imminent GCSE examinations.

Fern at 12 really felt the Ups and Downs of alpine ski racing. In her first Super G race of the season on Wednesday she stormed to victory in her age group by some way finishing 3rd overall and nearly 2 seconds ahead of her own age group with an excellent display of speed reaching over 50mph. The next day in the Giant Slalom she decided to examine the snow much more closely with two gates to go, fell and slid almost to the finish. After picking herself up and running 30 metres up-hill, she finished to much applause. Last and almost 40 seconds behind her rivals. The second run she obeyed her coach and treated as a training run, working at 80% speed and concentrating on technique, finishing 9th overall and 2nd in her age group...still last overall.

Final day saw Fern's favourite discipline, Slalom and back to her usual form, a second ahead of her nearest age group rivals and 4th overall. The second run saw her extend her lead in her age group but drop to 5th overall, a great comeback after yesterday's disappointment.

A great week for both our local skiers with Fern being crowned British Alpine Champion in two of three disciplines, Slalom and Super G. If she had not fallen in the Giant Slalom it may well have been a clean sweep.

Unfortunately for Fern and Ashley, family circumstances and the pressure of school-work and imminent GCSE examinations saw them return home at the end of the week while many of their friends were off to compete in the England Alpine Championships in France. This was particularly disappointing to Fern who was reigning England Alpine Champion in Giant Slalom and Super G and was unable to defend her titles.

Ray Barker

A Thank You

Cheering enough to bring the dust from the rafters, sustained applause for yet another curtain call.

Could this be The Everyman, The Royal Theatre, Bath?

No dear reader, it was The Painswick Centre on Saturday 11 May. The Players had just completed their three night run of "Don't Dress for Dinner".

This production would have graced any provincial theatre.

In less capable hands this funny and sometimes complicated script could have been too much even for the gifted amateur, but the small cast of six actors were totally confident in their own considerable ability with a sureness of touch bringing out the best from each other.

The lighting and wonderful costumes were a reflection on the growing professionalism of the company.

My thanks to you all for a very enjoyable evening.

To quote (or rather misquote) The Bard: "The people of Painswick now a-bed shall think themselves accursed they were not there".

Alan Hudson

Charter Pannelists

A 13-panel tapestry is under 'construction' by a Charter 'sewing bee' working together to further enhance the collection in the Town Hall.

The completed tapestry will incorporate no less than thirteen panels depicting aspects of our history in pictures since 1253. Capp Mill, New Street, the Packhorse route, Kingsmill, pub signs, mills on the stream, Lovedays Mill, the village stocks and more will be revealed when the needles complete their intricate work.

The ladies dedicating much time to this project, the Senior Circle's contribution to marking the anniversary of the Charter are Jane Otway, Flora Semark, Ann Williams, Daphne Hudson, Ella Adlam, Hilda Musty, Mair Daly, Anne Smith and Kathleen Quant.

Painswick Fabrics and others have generously helped in many ways in providing some of the materials, but the designs and layout are entirely the product of team work and personal skills.

The Beacon was pleased to catch some of these ladies hard at work, and the presentation on the 4th July will be quite an event.



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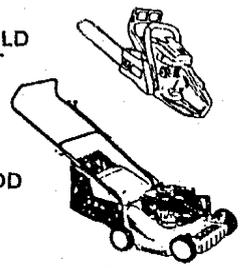
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Lucy Squeezed into an Historic Future with Living Legends!

Once again, I find myself being squeezed, this time by Gill Cox, whose review of *Don't Dress for Dinner* has squashed me into this tiny corner at the edge of the page. Since the editor has even refused to let me read the review before publication, I fear the worst...

So, dear reader, avert your eyes! You don't want to read about how brilliant *Don't Dress for Dinner* was! You want to look forward to an even more dramatic future. Or, more precisely, look forward to a dramatic past! Intrigued? Let me explain...

Exactly 80 years ago, Miss Lucy Hyett was in the midst of rehearsing the very first



Painswick Players production, Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, which was staged on the bowling green of Painswick House on 27th July 1923. Over the following 38 years, this truly grand and formidable lady was responsible - virtually single-handedly - for 56 separate productions, involving some 93 plays. Her last was the 1961 Christmas show, *The Holly and the Ivy*, during rehearsals for which, she was heard to exclaim, 'This play will be the death of me...'

As ever, she was right and she died early in January 1962. But the tradition she had established for drama in Painswick lived on.

To celebrate this 80th Anniversary, we shall be presenting on 11th July at the Painswick Centre - for one night only - *Living Legends*, an extravagant cornucopia of past PP classics with excerpts from *Macbeth*, *Salad Days*, *Guys & Dolls*, *On Golden Pond*, *Stepping Out!* and lots more still being arranged. The evening will feature a cast of 'Living Legends' - ie vintage former and current Painswick Players - drawn from the past ... well... forty odd years, anyway. In particular, we are delighted to announce the return of Julian Slade, an original Lucy Hyett Painswick Player who achieved fame and fortune as the writer of *Salad Days* and other hit musical revues of the 1950s.

In addition, from Saturday, 7th to 12th July, we shall be participating in the 750th Painswick Charter Anniversary exhibition at the Town

a dramatic presentation of the Painswick Players, in some rare archive pictures of Lucy Hyett in full thespian action. I hope she approves!



Old photographs, but reproduced because of their interest.

LETTERS

They Deserve Better

On Saturday 10th May I went with three friends, two from Cranham, one from Abbeymead, to see the Painswick Players in "Don't Dress for Dinner".

What a wonderful evening; the acting was superb, the scenery, lighting, sound, direction, everything top class - we laughed till we cried! No fault at all then with the Players, the fault lay with the audience or rather lack of it, 60 seats taken out of 120 available. So what's the matter with you?

A group of people who work so hard month after month to produce entertainment worthy of the 'Everyman' if not the 'West End' deserve better than this!

Soon (July I think) the Painswick Players will be on stage once again, so come on. We have a jewel in our midst, let's enjoy it!

Yvonne Castiglione

Music Society - Review of the 2003 Season

Our first concert was given by the renowned duo of Natalie Clein (cello) and Charles Owen (piano) playing to a capacity audience. The first part was devoted to works by Schumann and Schubert originally written for other instruments, and the second to Chopin. The highlights of the programme were Schubert's titillating *Arpeggione Sonata*, written for a near-forgotten six-stringed instrument, Schumann's *Adagio and Allegro* which filled the church with some virtuoso playing from both instruments, and Chopin's scintillating *Polonaise Brillante*.

Our second concert in quite different style came from the Zephyr Wind Quintet, with a stimulating selection of works by modern composers including Malcolm Arnold, Samuel Barber, Ligeti, back into the 19th century for Rossini and notably and rarely heard, Luciano Benio's amusing *Opus Number Zoo*, for wind instruments and voices. (Think 'Cats' in miniature without the scenery!) and Farkas' lovely *Ancient Hungarian Dances*, variations on folk tunes collected by the composer on his travels. A much-deserved encore was Jimmy Parker's jazzy little *Mississippi Five*: great fun, and it's a safe bet nobody's ever played THAT in St. Mary's before.

Susan Gritton (soprano) Eugene Asti (piano) and Joy Farrall (clarinet) gave our third recital with three Schumann works followed by Schubert's *Shepherd on The Rock*, for soprano, piano and clarinet, a lovely piece of programme music showing the emotions of a lonely shepherd gazing down into a valley, his gloom dispelled by a rousing finale announcing the arrival of spring. We also had the song cycle 'Where Heart Meets Heart' by John Sanders, formerly Organist at Gloucester Cathedral, with us for a spirited performance. The cycle is based on poems by the late Roland Pepper, a well-known local poet and was fol-

lowed by Debussy's *First Rhapsody* for clarinet and piano and a magnificently pyrotechnic display of songs by Fauré, Liszt and Bizet for a rip-roaring finish.

The final concert came from the French Quatuor Danel string quartet. It started quietly with Haydn's Op 1 No.1, one of the first string quartets ever. Then we got a rousing awakening from Debussy's only string quartet. You do not usually think of rousing awakenings and string quartets in the same breath but this was astounding. It opened with a wall of sound, goes through seat-gripping violent changes of mood and tempo and a hauntingly pastoral second part and then on to the finale, a *tour de force* not just of the afternoon but the entire season. It opened quietly and then went wild. Musical raw meat: vigour, energy, fire: pile up the words and you still haven't described it. In 60-odd ('fraid so) years of listening I have seldom heard anything quite like it. Beethoven's *Razumovsky 3'* quartet, another example of this quartet's vigour, closed the afternoon and the season. If you think string quartets are something to drink tea to, think again.

We can take the excellence of the performances at the Music Society's concerts for granted, but what is also welcome is the wide variety of music it presents to us. Even if you think that Debussy is modern, that Church Music died with Stainer, that all the best music is in 4-4 time and preferably played by a Royal Marine Band, you will never fail to be amazed, inspired and entertained, so perhaps special thanks to Barbara Thorley who somehow always manages to surprise us happily with her selection of programmes.

John Parfitt

THE Charter Concert

Charter Week is going to get off to a rousing start with the concert to be given by the Vox Angeli Choir in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 5th July at 7.30 p.m.

Vox Angeli is a London based choir which draws its members largely from the Philharmonia Chorus but also recruits other singers of a similar standard. They sing a broad range of Choral music drawing particularly from the English Choral repertory. Since their debut concert at the Brighton Festival in 2001 they have performed in churches outside London to bring choral music to smaller communities and raise money for local charities, in our case the Stroud and District Mencap Homes.

William Nash, son of Colin and Joan, is the link with Painswick. William sings tenor and his wife Nicole is a soprano. Before becoming a solicitor, William sought Roland Pepper's advice about what to read at University. Roland advised music and this has turned out to be excellent advice.

The programme will be wide ranging and will include works by composers with local connections. Gerald Finzi and his mother lived in Kingsmill House from 1922-1925. Elgar was, of course, a major figure the Three Choirs Festival. Parry was born at Highnam and finally John Sanders, the organist at Gloucester Cathedral, for many years. He has composed some fine music since he retired.

Tickets at £5.00 for this concert can be bought from myself on 812007, Joan Nash 813104, Bob Watkin 812885 and the Shetland Shop 812027.

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Music

on a summer evening

Caroline McBrayne, who is now quite well known among music lovers, will be giving a Recital on Sunday 29th June at 7.30pm at 1 Hambutts Mead.

There will be summer drinks and refreshments, and tickets for £10 are available either from me or Enid Castle, the Chairman of the Three Choirs Friends, on 01452.712946 All is in aid of the Three Choirs Festival.

This should be a lovely evening.

Diana Feilden

It's Carnival - it's Jazz - it's Edge Village Fete

Ever since Edge started to hold a fete on the village green some 50 years ago, people have been trying very hard to better it every year.

It used to be a spectacle of colour with the many umbrellas scattering the green, courtesy of our very dear friend in the village, the late Mr Brian Ricketts.

Then in 2001 Rod Carpenter and his Committee took on the task of organisation and came up with the theme of Witches and Wizards, particularly to please and encourage the children to take part and enjoy the village fete. There was a fancy dress competition, which was a great success, together with stall holders getting into the spirit with wizard like costumes of their own. Many black cats and witches' broom sticks could be seen flying across the green on that occasion!

Last year the theme was 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and classic cars were brought onto the green especially for the occasion. In spite of the fact that important sporting events were also going on that weekend, we had a very successful day.

So what could possibly top that to make this year's fete even better?

Well, the Committee hit on the idea of 'Carnival' as a theme as there is so much scope for colour, music and gaiety. Rod has managed to secure us a Jazz group, called The Brickhouse Band, so this year promises to be an evening of toe tapping, swinging and singing!

Again there will be a fancy dress competition for the children plus, of course, all our usual wonderful stalls. These will include the bottle stall, raffle, home produce, books and bric-a-brac as well as a B.B.Q., so that you can munch on something delicious as you linger to enjoy the beat of the jazz. Besides the fancy dress

competition there is always plenty there to entertain the children. Last year the children's games were a great success and there is always plenty for the youngsters to spend their pocket money on.

If you have been before, don't forget to come along on June 28th, 5.00 pm on Saturday afternoon to Edge Village Green. If you have never visited us before then make this year the year to come!

Any queries or questions, please ring:

Rod Carpenter 01452-812812 or

Andrea Cahill 01452-813396

Harp Recital supported the CPRE

Saturday 17th May saw a most enjoyable performance by the young harpist Jemima Phillips, this year's Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year, playing a varied repertoire of music from the 18th Century to the present day.

On a wet Saturday afternoon over 50 people turned out to experience what was an exceptional performance displaying the full range and versatility of the harp. The recital started with Variations on a Theme by Carlos Salzedo and ended (as an encore) with a very atmospheric piece by an American composer depicting the night life of New York.

The afternoon ended with tea and home made cakes. Many thanks to all those who came along.

PROPERTY REPORT at 24th May from Hamptons International

Hamptons are experiencing a strong upturn in buyer activity in all regions. Data is based on a monthly survey of our 50 local offices and it shows we are actually experiencing a boom in our six offices in the Cotswolds. We have agreed as many sales in April and May as we did in the same period last year, the peak of the boom. This activity is confirmed by the Painswick office where we have doubled our instruction base in the last month, and with increasing confidence buyers are returning to the market and we have arranged sales on many of our new instructions.

Vendors of properties which have been on the market for some months are also becoming more realistic on price, considering offers and are mindful not to miss this healthy spring market. Sales are being

driven by the many London buyers who are relocating from the City – "It's all about lifestyle as people are getting fed up with London and want a village life."

We are delighted to report on recent completions including Tadleys at Little Witcombe, Crofters Hollow in Cranham, Sheepscombe House, and two properties at Painswick Court. After a hectic Open Day recently resulting in great interest we have only two of these Grade II listed barns now available.

Our recent flood of instructions are too many to list but include 5 small 2 bedroomed cottages, 3 in Painswick and 2 in Sheepscombe; a lovely period cottage at Coopers Hill, just below the famous cheese rolling hill, 5 family homes in Upton St. Leonards, and some fine country Houses – namely Byfield House in Bisley Street

- An impressive Grade II* listed property with historical connections; Knapp Cottage another listed property in Knapp Lane with its beautifully presented accommodation and glorious views. Longridge Court at Bulls Cross is on the market with its 11 bedrooms, separate cottages and great potential. At Birdlip, two very fine large period country houses and for those who prefer modern, we are marketing two very contemporary properties, both luxuriously appointed, one at Miserden and one at Edge.

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PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

THE MALT HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a conservatory (re-submission following refusal 03/74)

KENWOOD COTTAGE, ELCOMBE, SLAD. Erection of 2 storey extension.

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Change of use & provision of extension to provide one additional loose box.

DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension (re-submission following refusal 02/2190)

CORNER COTTAGE, 11 CHURCHILL WAY. Erection of a conservatory.

WAYLAND, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of a conservatory & enlargement of existing bedroom.

Land at LONGRIDGE (NEAR LONGRIDGE FARM), SHEEPSCOMBE. Change of use from agricultural land to agricultural & equestrian and construction of a horse gallop.

RAKEHILL, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension.

DOWN BARN FARM, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE - Erection of a 2 storey extension.

BUNNAGE FIELD FARM, THE CAMP, SHEEPSCOMBE - Erection of new hay barn.

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE - Erection of extensions. (Re-submission following withdrawn application.)

LAVENDER DOWN, CHELTENHAM ROAD - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

TABITHAS, VICARAGE STREET - Erection of extension, alterations to dormer windows & internal alterations.

FOLLY COTTAGE, PAINSWICK BEACON - Erection of 2 storey extension, log store and detached double garage. Demolition of existing sun lounge & garage. (Re-submission following refusal.)

CONSENTS

SNOWS FARM, SLAD. Conversion of farm buildings to single unit holiday accommodation.

PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD. Construction of a retaining edge on north forecourt.

1 PULLENS ROAD. Retrospective

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application for erection of replacement garage.

HAMMONDS BARN, PAINSWICK OLD ROAD. Erection of extension.

LONGRIDGE MEEND, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE. Alteration & extension to existing dwelling, new cart shed and change of use to allow relocation of access to highway.

RED STABLES, YOKEHOUSE LANE, BULLS CROSS. Replacement gates & new gates, construction of woodshed, summer house & greenhouse; relocation of oil tank; increase in area of hardstanding.

MOUNT COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of 1st floor extension.

SPRING BANK, STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD. Erection of single storey extension.

LONG MYND, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of conservatory to rear.

QUERCUS BLUFF, THE PARK. Resurfacing of farm track (retrospective application)

THE OLD FARM, EDGE. Erection of a garden room.

OLD MEADOW, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of 2 storey extension.

THE MARTINS, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a conservatory.

14 CHURCHILL WAY. Erection of single storey extension.

REFUSALS

WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Revised application following approval 02/1772 - Erection of extensions & conservatory.

ARIES, HAMBUTTS DRIVE, EDGE ROAD. Erection of 1 detached dwelling with separate garage & new access onto Hambutts Drive.

LITTLE DENE, COCKSHOOT, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a 1st floor extension, porch & replacement dormer window.

RESULT OF APPEAL

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Outline application for erection of 1 dwelling.

Cotswold Care's Spring Coffee Morning

The Spring Coffee Morning held by the Friends of the Hospice on 26th April, raised £505. Committee members are most grateful to everyone who supported us.

Midsummer Lunch in a Marquee

By kind permission of Richard and Joan Wells, the Painswick Friends of Cotswold Care Hospice are holding a Sunday lunch in the marquee at Painswick Mill on 22nd June; salmon and strawberries in a magnificent setting.

Lunch will be followed by a talk by Nigel Dimmer, the silver expert, who will speak on Silver: Old and New. Guests are invited to bring a small piece of silver for valuation.

Tickets (£15) are available from Paula Woodcock 01452-812845

Valerie's Special Birthday Party

I would like to thank everyone who came along to the Painswick Rugby Club on Sunday 4th May to help me celebrate my very special birthday.

We had a lovely sunny day with some classy jazz music and the evening exploded with a live Blues Band.

I had a wonderful time and hope everyone else did as well.

My extra special thanks to Paul who organised a very memorable occasion.

And finally thank you to everyone who sent me flowers, cards and gifts, you are all so kind. They made my 'Special Birthday' even more special.

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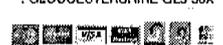
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VILLAGE DIARY

JUNE

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| Sat | 7 | Paradise House Open Day - All Welcome | Paradise | 2.00 - 4.30pm |
| Sun | 8 | Bird Club: Stroll along Kingsmill Lane Summer Christian Unity Week Service | Kingsmill Pitchcombe Church | 9.00am 6.30pm |
| Tue | 10 | Dog Training Club: Tuesdays Mothers' Union Outing to Glenfall House | Christ Church Hall | 9.30 to 12noon 2.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | Probus: A History of Cereal Milling - Mr Stan Trickett Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays Christian Unity Week Service Bingo Session: all welcome – prizes (Wednesdays) | Ostlers Room, Falcon Painswick Centre Friends Meeting House Painswick Centre | 10.00am 2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm |
| Thu | 12 | Theatre Club Outing to Stratford-on-Avon | The Falcon | 10.30am |
| Fri | 13 | WI Market – Fridays. Coffee and "Tasters" available | Town Hall | 10.00am |
| Sat | 14 | Monks of Prinknash Abbey will sing their short midday Service in English 'Tubalate': delightful music by one of Britain's finest brass ensembles Painswick Blues: From America – Bill Sheffield | St James Church, Cranham Edge Church Painswick Centre | 12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Mon | 16 | Calor 'Village of the Year': judging during week | | |
| Tue | 17 | Local History Society: Annual General Meeting with a talk about Painswick Beacon by Mark Bowden Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee | Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon | 7.30pm 8.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council Meeting Wives' Fellowship Outing | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 19 | W.I. Reflexology - Sue Oakley | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 20 | Senior Circle: A Young Girl with a Mission - Billie Grant The Painswick Midsummer Charity Ball | Town Hall Painswick Mill | 2.30pm 7.30pm |
| Sat | 21 | Copy dateline for July to Iris McCormick Painswick Blues: The Daniel Smith Blues Band | Painswick Centre | 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Wed | 25 | WI Group Rally: in Painswick Probus: Caricatures and Cartoons - Hogarth to Giles - Mr Colin Bowden Free Fitness Check-ups | Church Rooms Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall | 10.00am 2.00 - 4.30pm |
| Thu | 26 | Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey | | |
| Fri | 27 | Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) Garden Party Painswick Blues: The Animals | Wynstowe Painswick Centre | 2.30pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Sat | 28 | Trade Justice Campaign in Stratford Park Edge Fete Painswick Blues: The Animals - again | Stroud The Green in Edge Painswick Centre | From 11.30am 5.00 to 7.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Sun | 29 | Gardens open to the public in aid of The Red Cross Gardens signposted from Car Park | Painswick Centre Around Village | 8.00 for 9.00pm 2.00 - 6.00pm |

JULY

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| Tue | 1 | PCMS: AGM Speaker – The Revd John Longuet-Higgins | Church Rooms | 8.00pm |
| Wed | 2 | Wives Fellowship: Amateur Acting – Lesley Wolowiec | Christ Church Hall | 8.00pm |
| Thu | 3 | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House | 2.30pm |
| Fri | 4 | Senior Circle: Are you missing out? – Jackie Herbert Presentation of Charter Banner to the Parish Council | Town Hall | 2.30pm 4.00pm |
| Sat | 5 | July Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published 750 Charter Concert of Choral Music. Proceeds for MENCAP | St Mary's Church | 7.30pm |
| Sun | 6 | Croft School Fair | School Grounds | 2.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | Charter Anniversary Exhibition – until Saturday | Town Hall | |
| Tue | 8 | Mothers' Union Garden Meeting Guided tour of St.Mary's Church by Derek Hodges | | 2.30pm 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | Probus: Discovering Exmoor - Mr David Bridgeman Children's Historical Walk – led by David Archard | St.Mary's Church Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am 6.00pm |
| Thu | 10 | Parish Council Walk | Stamages Car Park | 6.30 to 8.30pm |



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| Fri | 11 | W.I. Market: Free Coffee and tasting of Charter Celebration Cake | Town Hall | 10.00 - 11.00am |
| Sat | 12 | Painswick Players - 'Living Legends' Charter Anniversary Street Market Victorian Costume Ball | Painswick Centre Painswick Village Painswick Centre | 7.30pm 11.00am 8.00 to 11.00pm |
| Wed | 16 | Wives Fellowship: Barbecue | Latchetts, Kingsmead | 7.00pm |
| Thu | 17 | W.I.: Faith Tea | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 19 | Painswick Blues: Blues Summer Party | Painswick Centre | 8.00 for 9.00pm |
| Tue | 22 | Probus Lunch (with Ladies) | The Hill, Stroud | |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| Sat | 6 | 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 | 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

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| Wed | 1 | Probus: Getting a word in (Crosswords) - Mr Eric Burge | | Ostlers Room, Flacon |
| | | | | 10.00am |
| Thu | 2 | Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting | Ashwell House | 2.30pm |
| 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 |

NOVEMBER

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| 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 | |

DECEMBER

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| Fri | 5 | Senior Circle Christmas Party | Town Hall | 2.00pm |
| Wed | 10 | Probus: Malta through the ages - Miss Barbara Drake | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |

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.



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Our pages can be laid out within hours of the copy dateline, and fitting more in is frequently very difficult and certainly disproportionately time consuming. We hope that correspondents will re-check their arrangements for preparing reports and dates for getting news to us, and understand if we omit those which are late coming in.

COPY FORMAT

It is a great help, wherever possible, if we can receive copy already typed. If we do, we can 'scan' the text and move it directly into the Beacon page, and errors arising from our reading of hand writing are reduced. The No.1 method is for articles to be in the form of E-mails, this reducing our work almost to zero.

If your correspondent knows of someone who can relay reports to us by E-mail, or clearly typed originals, we will be most appreciative.

DIRECTORY 2004

When we compile the 2004 Directory for publication as usual with our December issue, we will be pleased to also include E-mail addresses and/or web sites IF we receive them very clearly printed before 15th October. We are giving this extra notice in case it helps organisations.

The Directory, we are told, is much used - not least by organisers and new residents in the area.

WEB SITES

We hope to be in a position to report about some 'key' www sites in the next issue.

We are actively creating our own Beacon web site at www.painswickbeacon.org.uk and we hope that the first item on that site will be the current Directory (without alterations). As soon as we can we will include updated information for Directory entries as well as other pages.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council hopes to begin to have its own official web site up and running in the next few weeks.

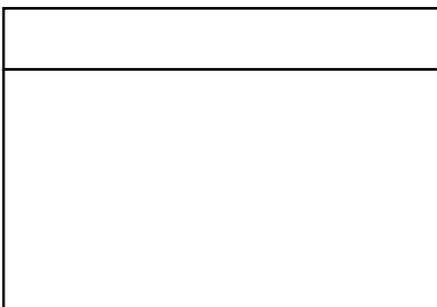
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Contributors are asked to please note that we have adjusted our task-sharing within the Beacon committee.

Business advertisers are affected by these adjustments. All contact should in future be direct with Iris McCormick on all matters with which Liz Fisher has dealt in the past.

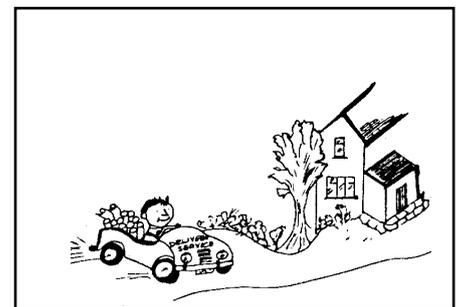
Copy for up-coming issues is being collected from the Beacon box in New Street by the Editorial Team and, as we have explained elsewhere, we are increasingly indebted to contributors who forward material by E-mail.

In case anyone wonders whether Liz Fisher has left our committee, please note that she has kindly agreed to help us in the editorial work.



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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to HELEN and PETER OGILVIE on the birth of their son, Adam, on 24th April; a third grandson for Maureen and Wally Walters,

also to VICTORIA and GORDON SOUTAR on the birth of their son Benjamin David on 23rd April; a brother for Emily,

also to CHARLOTTE and JONATHAN PRICE on the birth of their son, Jack Alexander Threlfeld on 10th May; a third grandchild for Stewart and Jennifer Price.

Engagements

Congratulations to KATE TRENFIELD of Ashwell and NICK HOLLYWELL of Kings Stanley who became engaged on 17th May while on holiday in Turkey.

Weddings

Congratulations to REBECCA LENDON and DAVID SANDFORD who were married at St. Mary's Church on 17th May,

and congratulations to SHAUN HERBERT (eldest son of Jackie and Russ), and LENE RASMUSSEN, on their marriage, also on the 17th May, at St Albans Church, Copenhagen,

also to LORNA BARTLETT and ANDREW TURTON whose wedding took place at St. Mary's on 24th May.

Golden Weddings

Congratulations to AUDREY and JOHN TIMPSON who celebrated their golden wedding on 6th June,

and to BERYL and DON SLADE of Wyckway Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane who will have been married for 50 years on 27th June.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to PADDY COLVER and LES LEWIS.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of ISOBEL MANNERING, KATHARINE JONES, KATHLEEN WEAR, GUY BENTLEY, MARGARET

JOHNSON, TONY GYDE (suddenly on 24th April at the Royal Cornwall Hospital), and JOHN MATHEW who have all died recently.

Comings and Goings

Welcome to IAN and HELEN CROWTHER and their small son Benjamin who have moved to 4 Randalls Field,

and to Mr and Mrs STANLEY who have moved to No.3 The Court from Andoversford,

and HELENE MOORE who has moved into 1 Cheltenham Road,

and CAROLYN DAVIES who is the owner of Spring Cottage, having moved from Harescombe,

also welcome to Mr and Mrs HENDRY who have moved into Sheepscombe House,

and JEREMY and Dr. KATHERINE IBOLD and their daughter Hayley (5) and son William (2) who are living in Bellstone Cottage in Friday Street for a year, from New Zealand

BOB COX has moved to 17 Gyde Cottages,

and URSULA DAWS has moved to Lawn Cottage, Painswick Court.

John Mathew

Our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of John Mathew who died on the 2nd May.

John lived in the Court House Painswick from 1977 for nearly 20 years before moving to Longborough and then to Wallingford. John's friends may be interested to know that there is a memorial service for John on 24th June near Oxford. Anybody interested in attending should contact Joan Wells at Painswick Mill 812245.

Joan Wells

Thanks

Bill and Phyl Varah thank all who kindly wished Bill a speedy recovery after his recent illness.

NEXT ISSUE

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