

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Shared Ownership Properties at St. Mary's Development

The Fosseway Housing Association of Cirencester is currently developing three Shared Ownership properties at the former St. Mary's Home development.

The properties are three storey, two-bedroom town houses, approx. 88sq.m (950sq.ft.) in size, with sales prices in the range of £165-170k, of which a 50% share would be purchased.

### What is Shared Ownership?

It means buying a share in a property built by a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) - in this case Fosseway Housing Association. In most cases you will purchase a share of a property representing 50% of the purchase price. The other 50% will, initially, be retained by the RSL. A sub-market rent will be payable on the 50% which is owned by the RSL; this is cheaper than a market rent and usually means that it is cheaper than buying outright. It is possible, if you want, to increase your share of the property.

### Who is it for?

It is becoming increasingly difficult for people to purchase on the open market due to increases in house prices. Shared ownership can help people get onto the housing ladder by reducing the overall costs. It is particularly suitable for people who are in regular employment, but are unable to afford a mortgage to cover the total cost of purchasing a property on the open market.

### Who Qualifies?

For the Shared Ownership properties at the St. Mary's development, priority will be given to people living in, or who have strong connections with, the parish of Painswick. The next priority will be for similarly placed residents in the parishes of Miserden and Bisley. In order to be considered for shared ownership you will need to be registered on the Council's Housing/Tenants Transfer Register. There are questions concerning Shared Ownership on the application form that you will need to answer. Nominations of people interested in Shared Ownership properties are passed by the Rehousing Team to the RSL.

If you need a form, please contact the Rehousing Team on 01453.754078, or e-mail [rehousing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:rehousing@stroud.gov.uk) to request one. Alternatively you may obtain a form from the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Town Hall. For more details about the Shared Ownership scheme, please contact Pippa Stroud, Development Officer at the Council on 01453.754095, or e-mail [housingstrategy@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:housingstrategy@stroud.gov.uk)

You'll need to hurry - the Rehousing Team will be making nominations from the Housing Register for these properties very soon.

**The latest date for placement on the Housing Register is Tuesday 16th September.**

The importance of being on the Housing Register cannot be overstressed as, apart from the St. Mary's development, opportunities for



**... and what did you record?**

## HGV public meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed that there should be a public meeting called to discuss the problem of the very heavy goods vehicles which use the A46 through Painswick. County Council officers have been looking at ways in which the problem may be addressed and it has been confirmed that they will be present at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th October.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

*Terry Parker  
Parish Council Chairman*



*See pages 12-13*

Elsewhere in this issue: a **Radio garden** commended, **Dog Show** report and classified results, unexplained **UFO** intrusion and danger, the **2001 census** analysed, **Painswick by-pass** not forgotten, **rare moth**, some **road closures**, local **firefighters**, **grants** for education, following **Anastasia**, and **Canon Heal** fondly remembered.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

A report upon the usual monthly meeting of the Parish Council is not included this month, for the simple reason that no meeting was held in August.

Not to be outdone, however, we have looked through the Council's incoming correspondence file - as any member of the public may do - and noted at least some items which

will be reported when they meet in September.

About six matters attracted our attention and these are included as items elsewhere in this issue, with an asterisk against each heading. As ever, selection of items to report can only be subjective, but we hope we have 'spotted' some of general interest.

## Census 2001

The Beacon has been looking out for the results of the 2001 census of the population at the 'small area' level ever since it was undertaken over two years ago. At long last we have managed, thanks to a combination and help of the County Council's Environmental Research Team and the Internet, to obtain the relevant information. We are pleased to share this with our readers.

Of some importance is any trend to be identified, and so that this can be shown we have dug into our own archives and the information we published in October 1993. It was a good job that we drew some figures together on that occasion because none could be found for years prior to 1981 after some hours spent on site or on the telephone to the County Archive, County Library Reference, County Hall, County History Library, the District Council or the Painswick Library. This has led us to make a note that any suggestion from any quarter that certain new policies are appropriate at such as civil parish levels anywhere in Gloucestershire based upon population trends should be viewed with some suspicion, solely because such cannot be founded upon accessible data for any of those areas.

So, we have reproduced all the data we can muster, and read-

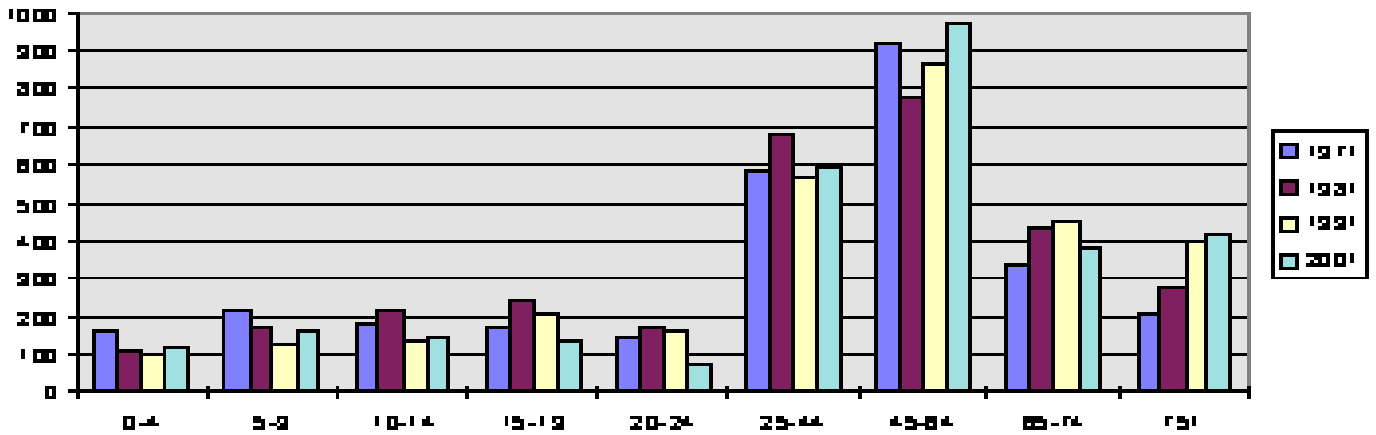
ers with a penchant for figures and 'damn' statistics can draw conclusions of their own.

The manner in which census information is analysed prior to publication has changed a little over these thirty years 1971-2001. We have, therefore, needed to arrange the layout in a manner which enables comparisons to be made; hence the extra columns for 1991 and 2001.

The population within each age band is, of course, interesting in its own right, but we think that representing that as a percentage of the total for that year is a better indicator of the significance of the figure and these we have also included. The 'key' figures are, therefore, in the columns marked A,B C and D. We have included the figures for Stroud District and the whole County only so that the relativity of each age band in Painswick to the same in those areas can be discerned.

Finally, we have also shown the information contained in the four main columns as a chart, on the next page, so that fluctuations/trends can be seen at a glance.

Census year	1971	1981	1991	
	<b>Painswick - previous census figures</b>			<b>Painswick</b>



A few of the thoughts which occur to us, but the Beacon will welcome others from our readers

- the National Office of Statistics have themselves suggested that the figures for 1991 are slightly less 'robust' than they might have been; however, that makes only marginal difference at civil parish level
- the equivalence of population for 1991 and 2001 is entirely coincidental
- an upward movement of 16% in the 0-4 age band in the last ten years seems to be encouraging
- similarly 26% and 9% increases for the next two bands confirms the perception of more children than in 1991, most working through to the next bands in 2011
- a drop of 35% in the number of 15 to 19 year olds is startling, and more so compared with 1981 and a 46% drop since then, is a real puzzle; GCC researchers suggest that there is a direct relationship between these figures and the birth rate
- the most dramatic change of all lies in the 20-24 age band where the reduction in the last ten years is no less than 52%; under whether more were off to university and colleges and enumerated elsewhere, or were there other reasons
- a 13% increase among the 45-64 age band is significant, but it was 10% for the preceding ten years
- a reduction in the 65-74 group of 15% seems to balance this out
- the overall increase in the 45+ age bands is under 4%
- however, the reduction of 0% among the 65+ must be significant because in mind that such is within a quarter of our population

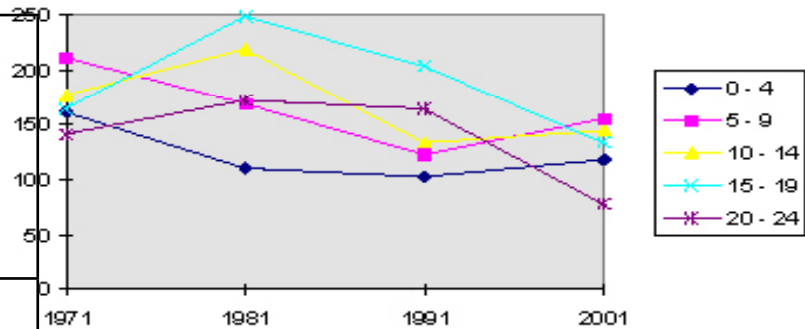
The Beacon invited Jennifer Payne of the County Council's Environment Directorate to shed any light she could upon the trend these figures show for the younger generation. Jennifer replied as follows:-

"The decline in the numbers of 15-29 year-olds in Painswick is interesting but I don't think it is particularly strange. You will see from the chart below that a general decline in all the young age-groups set in after 1981 (earlier for the 0-4s) which was pretty widespread at that time due to a combination of factors - a falling birth-rate, deferring of family formation by couples and an exodus of young people from rural areas due to 'lack of opportunities' and expense of living/travel. Significantly this exodus appears to have continued to the present day in the 15-29 age-groups, but there has been a recovery in the 0-14 age-groups. This will almost certainly be due to in-migration of young families and the occurrence of later family formation, rather than a sudden rise in the local birth rate. It remains to be seen whether these 0-14 year-olds when they grow up choose to remain in the area or like their predecessors move away. In all probability the number of 15-29 year-olds will continue to fall.

I hope that these comments will be helpful."

*Jennifer Payne*  
Senior Research Officer (Demography)

Young people in Painswick



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## Painswick Centre

Our community could boast that it has, in Painswick Centre, a venue worthy of the village; but are its roots secure?

It is some time since the Beacon carried an article to update news about the challenge taken on by the trustees, so we have been in touch with the Chairman, John Stephenson-Oliver to check out the situation. Our timing was propitious indeed, since they have their annual meeting coming up in late September (watch notice boards), but more about the significance of this 2003 event later.

The most heartening piece of information was to hear that the use of the Centre has quadrupled since 1999 and this has significantly affected financial viability, the No.1 headache when the trustees took over in that year. "There is no question, now, that the viability of the Centre has been proven" John told us, and went on to say that "but there are two challenges facing us in the medium term".

It seems that the first of these is to build further upon the use of the premises so that reserves of cash can be built up so that still more improvements can be made in upgrading the premises, and to provide a sinking fund to meet the invariably expensive maintenance that arises from time to time.

Regular users include ballroom dancing, the blues club, Painswick Players, PADFAS and the badminton club. Additionally, there are periodic users such as horticultural shows, craft exhibition, weddings and charity fund raising events. The judicious letting of parking spaces generates some revenue during weekdays, as does the accommodation exclusively set aside for the Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen's shop and base. "I can tell you that my trustee colleagues and I are very pleased that we have reached such a stage when we can see real improvements in the Centre and it is now an important part of the fabric of village life. "There is a friendly atmosphere about the place", John mused, "and it is particularly pleasing that the regular users include completely new groups such as ballroom dancing which meet local needs in a local setting.

We enquired as to the second 'challenge' John had mentioned, and it seems that much of what has been achieved has been by the efforts of a very small number of people. "I see it as imperative that there is greater job-sharing and public interest in this fine facility to move the Centre and its activities into the next phase of its operation" John said. "I intend to stand down as Chairman at the AGM in September, and nothing would please me and my colleagues more than there being a good turn out from both the public and user groups that evening; an expression of genuine interest in building upon what we have – not without difficulty and considerable effort – brought about."

There are, we understand, various ways in which others might greatly assist. Within such as community associations, and there are similarities here, regular user groups have security for their bookings and advantageous booking fees in return for active participation in the management of a centre and its maintenance. Could this be formalised for Painswick Centre, and bring with it the strength of numerous talents and interest in raising standards and the future prospects of this facility? Are there others in this community willing to contribute even a small fraction of their time to further the ideals now in place?

The Beacon looks forward to reporting upon what could prove to be an important annual meeting at another 'turning point' in the history of this valued village asset.

## Monty in Montpelier: a doggy day out

Cheltenham as a centre for retail therapy is well-known amongst human beings. However, according to Marie Reason from Pitchcombe its attraction seems to have spread to the canine world.

Monty, her griffon dog, went missing early one morning last month and was then seen boarding a No.46 bus to Cheltenham at the Pitchcombe bus-stop. A few hours later, Monty was returned to the same bus-stop by an amused No.46 bus driver. Marie commented, 'I just hope I don't get fined for not getting Monty a ticket!'

## Hawkwood Festival

The Hawkwood Festival of Mind, Body, Spirit and Healing takes place on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September. Long over due for Stroud, a mecca for the alternative, it's a show case of complementary therapies and related products, with tasters, demonstrations and mini-workshops on wide-ranging topics from aromatherapy to yoga.

All is brought together in the beautiful house & grounds of Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud GL5 7QW. Admission is £3 / £2 conc., free for under 12s. Workshops are £2.50 - £3.50 and tasters are about £5 for 15 minutes. For more information, please phone 01453.759034.

Katie Lloyd

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# BBC commended Jo

The BBC Radio Gloucestershire's 'Real Gardens' competition attracts many entries from its listeners, and it is nice to know that at least one was from Painswick.

Jo Palmer sent off three photographs of her courtyard garden in Ashwell and was to receive the comment from the judge, Reg Moule, that her garden was an "Outstandingly designed and themed garden which makes very good use of available space." This merited a 'Highly Commended' certificate of which Jo is very proud, and the Beacon was delighted to catch her refreshing the many potted plants just a couple of weeks ago.

Jo was appreciative of the design help she had received from friend Polly Hamilton, and insists that upkeep is one thing - but design is



## Rarity calls

Not an every-night event when a gasp is heard, closely followed by a cry from the lady "There's a bat in the house! I think."

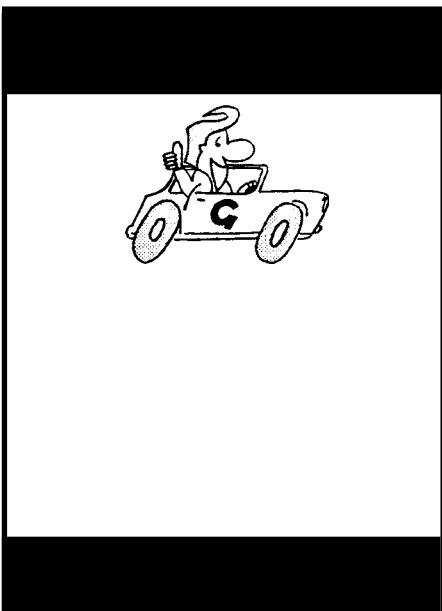
Sure enough, there is this 3½ inch object at the corner of the ceiling - motionless. Out with the steps, and the camera, and still it did not move. Flash photograph taken, still it did not move. At this stage we began to realise it was a gigantic moth, of a species unknown; so we reach for the reference books and realise it was one of the Hawk moths - but which?



Fishing net out, and capture achieved, one wondered whether the fount-of-all-mothy-knowledge Cedric Nielsen would be interested, even though it was close to 10.00pm? Affirmative, with alacrity (and, "Anyway, the dog could do with an extra walk.") and sure enough he was with us in a matter of minutes. Opening up its wing span to no less than 5" (12.5cm in new money) and a further examination of the books and the Internet, and he announces that we are looking at the largest of any British insects - the Convolvulus hawk moth *agrius convolvuli*!

Returned to the warm outdoors - and by morning it had moved. Capable of travelling 1000 miles in just a few days, such was hardly surprising.

A few anecdotes from CN relating to hitherto unknown aspects of his colourful career, and off to bed.

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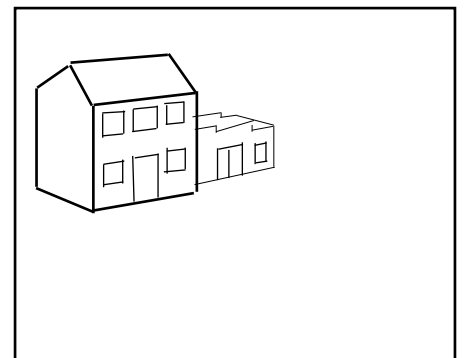



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# Flu vaccinations

At the time of writing, we are still experiencing some lovely weather.

However, the 'flu season will shortly be upon us and the doctors at the Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We also recommend that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma, kidney and lung disease is also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

As in previous years, we will be holding special Flu Clinic sessions over at Ashwell House - the dates are Tuesday 30 September and Thursday 2 October (2 pm to 5.30 pm). We will also be holding a session at the surgery on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 October. Please contact the surgery to book a convenient appointment. Many thanks.

*Nicola Hayward  
Practice Manager*

# Painswick Educational Foundation

Painswick Educational Foundation is able to make small grants to boys and girls in the civil parish of Painswick to assist with their educational expenses.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held in September 2003.

Application forms for grants are available from The Clerk, Painswick Educational Foundation, 2, Rowcroft, Stroud. Glos. GL5 3BB, ('phone 01453-763433) to whom they should be returned completed as soon as possible.

*Michael Little*

Readers are reminded that the Police non-emergency number is  
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Direct line to Painswick's PC  
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# Russian Royalty

Did you ever wonder whatever happened to all those royal Russians after the Bolshevik Revolution?

A new course beginning the end of September entitled Refugees and Rogues: Russian Royalty after the Revolution will be able to answer all your questions. The first term of the course (Refugees), sponsored by the University of Bristol, will begin with the death of Nicholas II and his family and look at the investigation launched immediately after the murders as well as the recent investigations and the execution of other family members. It will also follow the trail of the survivors including the Grand Duchesses Marie (mother of Nicholas II and sister to England's Queen Alexandra), Olga and Xenia (sisters of the last Tsar) and their families; Felix Yusupov and Dmitry Romanov (the murderers of Rasputin) and others. It will explore the survival of the families up to the present and those who still stake a claim on the Russian throne.

The next term (Rogues) will cover all the false claimants to the Russian throne.

The class will begin on Tuesday, 30th September at Edge Village Hall and will run for a total of ten weeks from 2:00pm to 3:30pm and will be taught by Dr. Anastasia Hackett an expert on Russian History. For more information please call the University of Bristol's Public Programmes Office on 01179.287153 or just come along to the first meeting.

# Mission concert

A concert is being given on Friday 3rd October in St. Mary's Church by The Wycliffe College Choir and Soloists from which the proceeds will be in aid of the Missions to Seafarers.

The conductor will be Christopher Swain and the organist Simon Taranczuk.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £3.50 for the under 16's and £7.50 for adults; with combined tickets at £10.

# Churches Together Around Painswick

Advance notice. Painswick's annual Day of Prayer for World Peace is being held on Thursday 16th October in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street from 9.00am until 7.30pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come at any time during the day.

## \* Skips

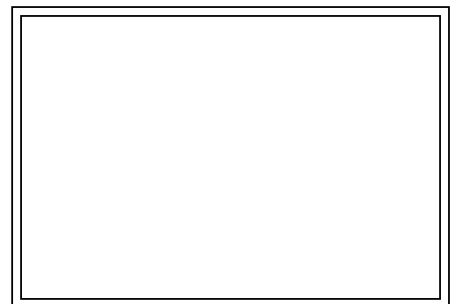
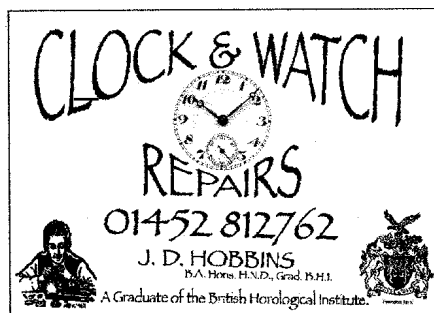
Skips for debris disposal will be located in Slad from the afternoon of 12th September, and Edge from the 19th.



# Painting Exhibition

Saturday to Saturday 20th to 27th September and open in the Library Rooms from 10.30am until 5.00pm each day. Admission is free.

A variety of media and painting will be displayed from artists Joyce McCreary, Lillian Hoskin and RHS medallist Molly Hornby.



# The Threat to Painswick

## Human Sanctuaries

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - Opinion is divided and feeling is running high in the Cotswolds as to the proposed Painswick by-pass road. The Gloucestershire branch of the C.P.R.E. is not quite unanimous and I am therefore debarred, as their chairman, from taking sides publicly in the discussion. But I am at liberty to express my views on the general issue which the discussion places before the Government for consideration and which I conceive to be of first-class national importance.

The Painswick Parish Council have voted unanimously against the proposal, believing that there is at least one alternative which would meet the requirements more satisfactorily. The Ministry of Transport nevertheless want this by-pass. We are grateful to them for the magnificent system of roads they are giving us and proud when we compare their achievements with similar efforts abroad; but the arguments they have brought forward in this connection have failed to modify local opposition. These arguments have however been reinforced by the assertion that the Ministries concerned with National Defence also want this by-pass; and in the present sensitive state of our patriotism this makes those in opposition uneasy. It raises the general issue to which I have referred.

Within the last 12 months our Gloucestershire countryside has been scarred by the building of gaunt aerodromes; munition factories are also seeking safety here in distance from the Eastern coast. In a few months the hum of aeroplanes will be constant in the air and the mechanical activities of various branches of rearmament will add to the new discord in our Cotswold fields and villages. This, as other countries, we have accepted as in-

evitable. But what of the future, here and elsewhere?

If, as some tell us, the Air Force must ultimately duplicate the Navy as a means of defence, it will follow that the land must provide anchorage, scientifically distributed, for many times the number of units hitherto occupying the broad seas. Can little England contain her share - if it is to be commensurate with our present defence requirements? At any rate it is certain that the time has come when - if as we older people still pray our civilisation is to be saved - sanctuaries must be planned and provided for human beings as thoughtfully and as wisely as they have been secured to birds and animals. Rest must be assured to the tired mind, quiet to the active thinker, peace for his creative dreams to the writer and the artist - as far removed as this narrow land will allow from the encircling rush of traffic and the tumult of armament.

Here surely is a task to which the Government should see that foresight and energy are devoted equal to that displayed by the Ministries controlling transport and defence. The Ministry of Health can do much; but a far more embracing power of supervision must be exercised by the Government in a matter which concerns immediately the spiritual and intellectual welfare of our people.

"Painswick proud," as we call her in Gloucestershire, enclosed in the hills, off the line of through-traffic, is the last of the natural human sanctuaries of considerable size left in the Southern Cotswolds. Cirencester, which successfully fought a lesser threat: in the early days of railway development, is being gradually overborne.

I am your obedient servant,

*Fabian Ware  
Amberley, Gloucestershire*

From 'The Times' newspaper of Saturday 19th June, 1937  
kindly drawn to our attention by David and Barbara Harley

## Coach Outings

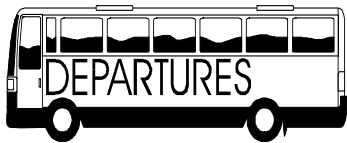
Seats are still available on the coach to BATH on Wednesday September 17th, leaving Painswick at 10.00am. Fare £7.00

The autumn coach to LONDON is planned for Wednesday 15th October. It will leave Stamages Lane car park at 8.30am, setting down at Harrods at about 11.15am and Northumberland Avenue for Trafalgar Square at 11.30am. The return journey will be from Trafalgar Square only at 6.30pm. The fare is £10.

Bookings for both outings, cash or cheques payable to 'Painswick L & B Outings' should be made with Joan Truman, Little Place, Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH.

Enquiries to

*Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227.*

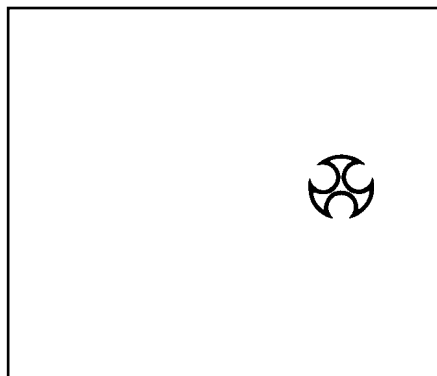
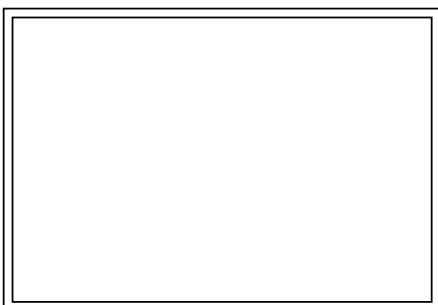


## Music for listeners

If you listen occasionally to Classic FM, or Radio 3, or maybe are a concert-goer, and would possibly enjoy the music of classical composers with like-minded people, there are no less than fourteen opportunities to do so, here in Painswick, this autumn and winter.

Painswick Music Appreciation Group (PaMAG) has presented such a programme of fortnightly get-togethers for 15 years now, and an average of twenty people from the village and other places come along on a regular or occasional basis. The up-coming events are always in the diary at the end of the Beacon, but if you would like to know more or have your own free complete programme do telephone 01453.873396 and Alex Nichols will be only too pleased to send you one.

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## Painswick Playgroup

After a long summer break the children will be looking forward to returning to Painswick Playgroup and to seeing the staff (we hope!) and their friends. Not all the children will be returning to the Playgroup as quite a few have now left and will be starting school. After an emotional goodbye from the staff at the end of term in July - Beaty, Linsey, Christine and Sandra wish all the children good luck at their new schools.

If there are any mums and dads or carers reading this who have a child approaching the age of 2 years and 9 months or above now is the time to put their name down for a place at the Playgroup. Please call in or ring Beaty Bell (Playgroup Leader) for an informal chat. The telephone number to call is 01452 813316. A convenient time can be arranged for you and your child to visit the Playgroup for a free taster session.

Also during the first term a new prospectus will be available for all new parents/carers, giving lots of valuable information about the Playgroup.

*Sandra Chandler     Playgroup Assistant*

## Gloucestershire FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

'Working together for a safer Gloucestershire'  
Fire Service Launches Recruitment Drive in Painswick

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is looking to recruit ordinary people from the Painswick Community to become Community Fire Fighters.



Mike, Paul, Sharon, George, and Paul C are all members of the local community. Mike runs the local Pharmacy, Paul is the local window cleaner and decorator, George conducts work on behalf of the parish council, Sharon works for the local news agency, and Paul C is a local landscape artist. All are quite ordinary people but they also do an extraordinary job. They are all community Firefighters at the local fire station in Pullens Road, Painswick.

So what exactly does a Community Firefighter do?

- Attend emergency situations when requested by members of the local community to give aid and assistance (fires, road traffic accidents, rescues - human and animal, floodings, etc)

- Attend training events/courses when required to maintain skills to a high standard and ensure a safe and healthy workforce

Educate members of the community of the dangers of fire and raise awareness to the preventative measures that are available

**COULD YOU BE PART OF THIS TEAM?**

You must be below the age of 55 and should have a moderate level of fitness. It would benefit us in particular if you are able to respond to emergency situations during the day, Monday to Saturday although not absolutely essential.

If you are interested and would like to know more either visit your local station on a Monday evening between 7 and 9pm, e-mail [painswick@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:painswick@glosfire.gov.uk) (or [dave.norman@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:dave.norman@glosfire.gov.uk)), or alternatively ring 01452 753333 and ask to speak to a member of the Retained Stations Management team.

## Another bus service off

The Parish Council has been informed that the No.10 'Beaumont' Painswick/Tuffley Sunday service is to be discontinued with effect from 5th October.

Comments on the proposed closure should be addressed to Mr Bill Carr at Shire Hall, Gloucester 01452.425985.

## Directory 2004

Club and society secretaries may appreciate an early reminder that the Beacon will be updating its free Directory in anticipation of publication of hard copy with the December issue.

As in previous years, we will be giving fuller notice next month, but we appreciate that some committees do not meet very often and that this reminder helps in the process of organisations identifying whose name should be included as the principal point of contact.

We do, as readers already know, also publish and regularly update the Directory on our Web site, and we are aware already that this has been helpful to quite a few from around the world interested in making contact with activities hereabouts.

## All-weather bowling

Did you know that you can bowl whatever the weather, here in Painswick?

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# Village Quiz

Well, the date is almost upon us - and you.

As published several times in recent months, the closing date for entries to the 2003 Village Quiz is just over one week away

**MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**

At the time of preparing this item, for publication on 6th September, the Beacon has very few entries. If you feel that having an annual event of this sort is worth continuing, we need your club or society or street or friendship group's entry by the 15th.

On that date we really must confirm catering arrangement, confirm the booking of Painswick Centre, finish setting the questions, and much more.

**Will you be there, or be represented**

## Word-search - garden tools

Staying in the garden, we have hidden no less than thirteen garden tools in this month's box.

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# The Family Haven

The Family Haven was delighted to have information about the charity on display at the recent dog show held in Painswick. It was a glorious day and people were very interested in their work with families in need.

Can you imagine life without a washing machine or cooker? Could you face life living in one room with a young family? Can you imagine not having the money to send your child to a nursery?

Families living in B&B or unsuitable accommodation, those with mental health issues, victims of domestic violence and pre-school children with special needs use the centre. They receive a hot midday meal as well as the use of the laundry and bathroom facilities. The children attend the excellent registered nursery and really look forward to the many outings organised by The Haven. This year they enjoyed a trip to West Midlands Safari Park and more recently a day at the seaside in Weston.

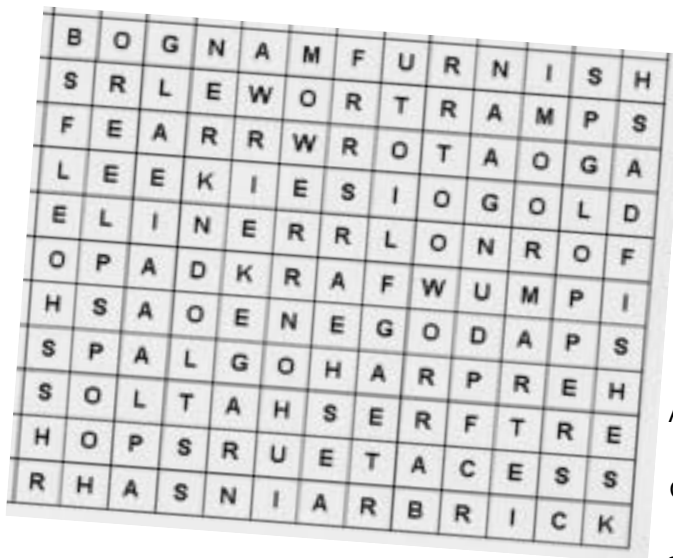
Preventative measures are taken to ensure that the family can look forward to a better future.

Parents are helped to cope with life's difficulties with services such as benefit and welfare advice, an advocate service, parenting classes and a counselling service.

The charity is always grateful for help from the community from donations of money to children's clothing and toys. We also welcome volunteers in our nursery/ or helping at fund-raising events.

If you would like to know more about The Family Haven or would like to help in any way please contact me on 01452 528692.

*Claire McGrath*

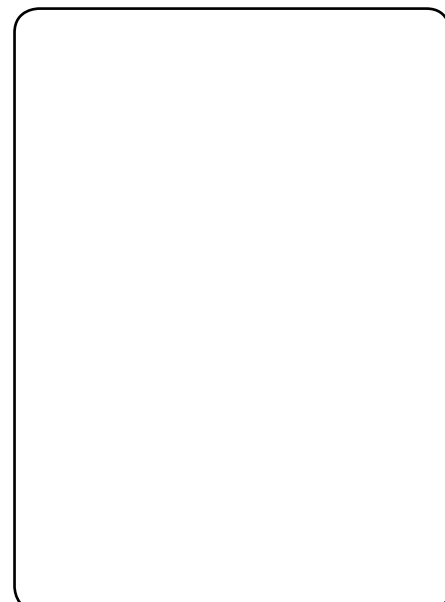


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# Amazing Revelation to follow Painswick Players AGM Suspense Drama!

My fellow Painswickians, I stand accused once again by our beloved editor for (as he puts it) 'rambling on'. Apparently, I'm being blamed for the Beacon having over-run to an extra couple of pages last month and costing an extra £grillion to print. So, this month he is restricting me to a measly 400 words, or else.... This being a family publication, I won't go into the 'or else' bit.

Not that the restriction bothers me in the slightest, you understand. In fact, I positively relish the challenge of distilling my message into a mere 400 words, of being precise and concise, getting straight to the point, focusing on the nitty gritty. Brevity, after all, is my middle name. (Actually, it isn't, but let's not split hairs.)



So, in 400 words (or rather, 270 words now... er...267...), I have two things to inform you of:

1. Our truly dramatic, suspense-filled AGM, which is on Tuesday 9th September at 8.00 pm in the Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre; and
2. An amazing revelation about our next production, *Dead Man's Hand* by Seymour Matthews (4th - 6th December).

First then, our truly dramatic, suspense-filled AGM is to be held on Tuesday 9th September at 8.00 pm in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre. Have I just said that? Anyway, rumours are rife of big changes following the resignation of Chairperson, Jan Campbell. You may recall that she gave it all up for love and ran off to marry the lovely Keith Young in Sutton, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire. This she did - marry Keith, that is - last Saturday (August 30th). Then, there is the sensationally dramatic rumour that our Most Organised Secretary, The MOO herself, is threatening to give it all up to concentrate on organising other things. I fear 'other things' could include me. So, who will be the new Chairperson? Will there be a new Secretary? Can you bear the suspense? Can I bear the suspense?

How are we doing...? Mmm 75 words left. No problem: more than enough...

Just to keep the suspense going, once the AGM is over, we will hold auditions for the mysterious and suspense-filled *Dead Man's Hand* to be directed by a very experienced PP newcomer, Sally Lewis. It's an ingenious mystery with more twists and turns than... a really twisty turny thing. And now for the really amazing revelation about *Dead Man's Hand* which is ... (*I warned you - Editor*)

Jack Burgess, Painswick Players [www.painswickplayers.org.uk](http://www.painswickplayers.org.uk)

## \* Post Office use

David Drew MP, and others have written to Parish Councils and Post Offices:

Dear Resident,

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- International priority services

## Autumn Talks by Craftsmen

The Gloucestershire Guild will be running a short series of talks by members this Autumn.

The makers will talk about their work and show slides. This series will include Anne James ceramics, Neil Ions ceramics, Molly Meager and Katherine Coleman, stained glass and engraved glass. Anne James ceramics, Neil Ions ceramics, Molly Meager and Katherine Coleman stained glass and engraved glass.

Anne James makes decorative pots, with lusted burnished surfaces fired in a Raku kiln. Neil works in earthenware making beautiful ceramic musical instruments and small sculptures of birds and animals. Katherine is a superb glass engraver working on specially commissioned glass pieces and her work is concerned with colour and light. Katherine has recently been short-listed for the prestigious Jerwood Prize. Mollie, a stained glass artist produces small panels and large commissioned work, her work often includes beautifully drawn figurative designs.

These talks will take place at the Painswick Centre at 7.00pm and the Gallery will be open also. A small charge will be made at the door and light refreshments will be provided.

These talks are open to all and the Guild welcomes visitors.

Anne James. 26th September

Neil Ions 24th October

Mollie Meager and Katherine Coleman 21st November

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# Broadband: the plot thickens

The continuing saga of getting Painswick connected to an Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) enabled exchange, i.e. on Broadband gets ever murkier. The good news is that BT has now set the trigger level for the Painswick exchange. The less good news is that the level has been set at 500 – ie 500 local phone users need to register interest with BT in Broadband – and this is somewhat higher than was expected a few months ago. Thus far approaching 200 have registered, so we urgently need another 300 concerned Painswickians.

Why does Broadband matter to Painswick? Broadband matters because it is becoming one of the key factors for people and businesses choosing to live and work in a particular locality. Much of our future economic health as a community will depend on Painswick being seen as an attractive location for doing business over the Internet. Broadband is vital both for maintaining present jobs and for creating new ones in new businesses. Furthermore, the perceived advantages of Broadband, particularly with regard to its use by children at home and at school, is actually opening up a house-price differential between those areas with Broadband and those without it. This differential was identified as a powerful argument in helping Nailsworth generate interest in Broadband and reach its Broadband target trigger.

What can we do in Painswick? What should we do? There seem to be two lines of action, which are not necessarily mutually exclusive:

1. Get a BT Broadband campaign going, along the lines of the successful Nailsworth campaign
2. Examine non-BT alternatives, such as the LoopScorpio

wireless proposal reported in the March issue of the Beacon

For BT Broadband, the seeds of a Painswick campaign have been set. Local businessman, Chris Brent-Smith has already volunteered himself to BT as the registered point of contact to get the campaign going. What is needed now is for more concerned Painswickians to join in. Perhaps the Parish Council will give a lead.

On the question of non-BT alternatives, Adrian Lane of Painswick-based ARL Internet Solutions has been in discussions with Peter Cartwright of Loop Scorpio, which has already been developing wireless broadband networks in Ledbury and Highnam. Loop Scorpio has set a target of 80 – 100 potential Painswick potential users to make it worthwhile coming here next, although they emphasize that they are concentrating on making sure the Ledbury and Highnam networks are up and running smoothly before looking elsewhere. Peter Cartwright comments 'Both networks are now progressing quite well, though we do still have the expected teething challenges associated with something new.'

Whatever option is chosen, the key is to encourage enough Painswickians to register their interest. Registering interest means just that: it does not imply any commitment to buy. To register interest with BT, simply log on to [www.bt.com/btbroadband/register/](http://www.bt.com/btbroadband/register/) and follow the links. And just think, whilst you're drumming your fingers waiting for it to download, if we had broadband it would have appeared in the blink of an eye!

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## Midsummer Ball

On a beautiful midsummer evening the Painswick Ball was enjoyed by over 400 guests. This was due to the overwhelming generosity of Richard and Joan Wells who opened up their home and garden for this event.

The Cotswold Care Hospice and The Family Haven will both benefit from the £14,500 that was raised on the night.

During the evening a bracelet and earrings were found. We are also searching for Olivia Robinson, who won 2nd prize in the casino.

Please contact me on 814415 for information on the above.

*Trudi Pigott*

## \* HGV and New Street

The Parish Council has received a comprehensive letter from John Lindsay, the County Council's Traffic Manager (South) responding to the questions raised by them, these reflecting concerns expressed by the residents of New Street in particular at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The Chairman of the Council, Terry Parker, has advised the Beacon of the arrangements for the promised public meeting as is indicated on our front page.

The public meeting will be the opportunity for options regarding any regulation

## Lorry Survey



Following on from the Parish Meeting in May and the concern expressed about the volume of heavy traffic going through the village and a subsequent meeting with Mr. Lindsay, County Highways have decided to carry out a lorry monitoring survey on the A46 through the village sometime in September.

The Parish Council has offered to assist so that the survey can cover a longer period of time, and with this in mind I shall be looking for volunteers to assist the Traffic Committee. If you would like to help will you please contact me or the Parish Clerk 813250 or 812722 respectively.

I look forward to an enthusiastic response.

*David Hudson  
Chairman - Traffic Committee*

# THE Companion Dog Show

After months of praying that it would not rain, we were 'rewarded' with an afternoon of blistering heat which kept a number of dogs away. Fortunately the Recreation Ground has some beautiful big trees around its perimeter providing welcome shade, and friends rallied around to bring large umbrellas and a gazebo for dogs to shelter under. Some really beautiful dogs came out to be judged by top Kennel Club Judge Jackie Lane who selected the Bolognese "Chile" owned by Gina Taylor as her Best in Show with my own German Shorthaired Pointer Twigg" being awarded the Reserve Best in Show.

Best in Show Puppy was won by the lovely Australian Sheepdog "Ice" against some strong competition. "Ice" is owned by Sandra Saunders whose husband John used to run the greengrocers shop in Friday Street. It's nice to see them maintaining their links with the village. Another popular win was "Beth" the Golden Retriever owned by Peter and Janet Jenkins who won the Best Veteran class. It's hard to believe that Beth is 12 years old, she still behaves like a puppy. The oldest veteran and winner of a special rosette donated by Greyhound Rescue was "Leo" owned by Shirley Burley. The Veteran class, Waggiest Tail, Most Appealing Eyes and Best Condition were all judged by Bill Pigott. The latter classes must have been some of the best supported in the show but Bill kept his cool, judging calmly and accurately throughout. This was Bill's first engagement as a dog show judge which many of us found hard to believe. The Best Crossbred Class was won by another lo-dog, "Tilda", owned by Claire Burgess-Watson who had original-rescued him from Ecuador.

Lizzie Chapman, who showed Irish Red and White Set- "Blazer" with great skill, retained her title as Best Child Handler. We understand from Anne Curtoys that "Fred" was very disappointed to lose his title of "Best Painswick Dog" to Charlotte Day's younger "Boris". The Obedience Classes also yielded some worthy winners with the first class being won by rescued Doberman "Ben", owned and handled by Magda Bujarkova, winning the first class 'Never Done It Before' and the following two classes being won by Caroline Richardson and her dog "Peter". A worthy winner as Peter has not been easy to train and Caroline worked hard to produce some excellent work including what looked like a faultless recall. Thank you to our Obedience Judges, Val Davies and Alec Dando and their steward, Carole Dobson, who worked hard in the 95F degrees heat. The Youth Club has recently been redecorated and looked bright and clean and the kids should be applauded for their hard work and commitment to the catering which earned them a lot of positive comment and approximately £100. PC Ruben Wyatt attended with the Mobile Police Station and did a wonderful job of entertaining the children who, in spite of the heat, kept running past the station in order to be "clocked" by his vehicle speed monitoring device which was set at a low level. 15mph was noted by one youngster.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the show. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. This was the first time we had run a dog show and, at times felt out of our depth, but overall we enjoyed the experience and are grateful to everyone who contributed and helped raise the £410 which we were able to send to Greyhound

*We are obliged to Serena Robinson, Digi-Pet Portraits, of 25 Park Walk, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 5LW 01989 565993, for the photographs of Peter and Twigg.*



**Best in Show**

"Chile" a Bolognese

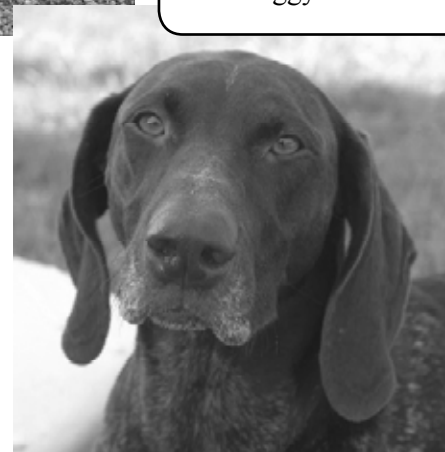


**Obedience  
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"Peter"

**Reserve Best in Show**

"Twigg" - Pointer



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## Show results

**Best in Show:** "Chile" (Bolognese): Gina Taylor.

**Reserve Best in Show:** "Twiggy" (German Shorthaired Pointer): Michele Phillips.

**Best Puppy in Show:** "Ice" (Australian Shepherd): Sandra Saunders.

**Any Variety Puppy:** 1st "Ice", 2nd "Maddie" (Irish Deerhound): Anita Taylor. 3rd Rushka (Russian Black Terrier): Gina Taylor.

**Any Variety Sporting:** 1st "Twiggy", 2nd "Tilly" (Whippet): Lyle. 3rd "Timmy" **Long-haired Dachshund:** Mrs I Wheaton.

**Any Variety Non-Sporting:** 1st "Kala" (Shih-Tzu): Dorothy Bridge. 2nd Leo (German Shepherd): Margaret Carlisle. 3rd "Merlin" (Australian Shepherd): Molly Apperley.

**Open:** 1st "Chile", 2nd "Xena" (German Shorthaired Pointer): Magda Bujarkova. 3rd "Dayzie" (Bernese Mountain): Sally Cooper.

**Veteran:** 1st "Beth" (Golden Retriever): Janet Jenkins. 2nd "Bruno": Kim Woods. 3rd "Ben" (Doberman): Magda Bujarkova.

**Waggiest Tail:** 1st "Dayzie", 2nd "Midge": Sheridan Adbib. 3rd "Nipper": Sarah Phillips.

**Prettiest Eyes:** 1st "Cleo": Kay Phillips. 2nd "Midge", 3rd "Suzy": Fiona Fletcher.

**Best Condition:** 1st "Merlin", 2nd "Jack": McAllan. 3rd "Henry": Alan Tyson.

**Child Handler (6-12 years):** 1st "Dayzie": Cooper. 2nd "Archie": Tom/Ben Pigott. 3rd "Inca": Miss Waters.

**Child Handler (13-17 years):** 1st "Blazer": Lizzie Chapman. 2nd "Dayzie": Cooper. 3rd "Merlin": Apperley.

**Best Child Handler:** Lizzie Chapman **Best Rescue:** 1st "Meggie": Tom/Ben Pigott. 2nd "Jet": Maureen Gidley. 3rd "Sweep": Alison Shaw.

**Best Crossbreed:** 1st "Tilda": Claire Burges Watson. 2nd "Jaz": Donna Doridge. 3rd "Sadie": Mrs James.

**Most Handsome Dog:** 1st "Pepper": Sue Martin. 2nd "Henry": Alan Tyson. 3rd "Bruno": Kim Woods.

**Prettiest Bitch:** 1st "Bella": Barbara Simpson. 2nd "Penny": Pauline Dixon. 3rd "Kala": Dorothy Bridge.

**Best Titbit Catcher:** 1st "Bingbong": Marie Allen. 2nd "Merlin", 3rd "Beth".

**Best Dog From Painswick:** 1st "Boris", 2nd "Fred", 3rd "Sasha": Lesley Warriner.

**Best Movement:** 1st "Oz": Christine Gridley. 2nd "Sadie": A James. 3rd "Jaz".

**Judge's Choice:** 1st Meggie, 2nd "Buddy": Donna Doridge. 3rd "Rupert": Mrs Adlam.

**Never Won First Before:** 1st "Pepper": Sue Makin. 2nd "Libby": M Lee. 3rd "Jet".

**Obedience**  
**Never Done It Before:** 1st "Ben", 2nd "Inca": Jeff Waters. 3rd "Leo".

**Done It For A While:** 1st "Peter": Caroline Richardson. 2nd "Twiggy", 3rd "Bruno".

**Getting Serious:** 1st "Peter", 2nd "Twiggy".

Found. A lead was found on the Recreation

## Personal Training arrives

If you've always thought of personal trainers as being the preserve of over-pampered, sun-bronzed celebs, then think again! Nowadays, it seems, we all need personal trainers if we are to turn that 'comfortable rear end into a pert bum and get a six-pack other than the one in the fridge!' The quote comes from Lucy Brecknell, who has just opened up as Painswick's first Personal Trainer dedicated to improving our fitness health and well being through a blend of physical training, nutritional advice and massage therapy.

Lucy, who grew up in Painswick, graduated from Reading University last summer with an honours degree in Animal Sciences, after which she took an intensive course in personal training, nutritional advice and sports therapy. Thus qualified, she landed a position with the Seb Coe Health Club in Gloucester, where she is now based and from where she has now launched her own business. Her ultimate aim is to have her own therapy centre, working alongside other complementary health professionals.

So why can't I achieve the body beautiful on my own, without a personal trainer?

'Well, you could,' she said, eyeing my paunch doubtfully, 'but the point of a personal trainer is not just to devise the most appropriate fitness programme for you, but to motivate you through it; to get you over the boredom threshold.'

The key, she went on to explain, is to achieve a balance between building up muscle via weight training (which speeds up the metabolism) and cardio-vascular exercise to burn off the fat. The objective is to tone up not to bulk up. And you can do all this, with Lucy's guidance, in your own home, if you don't fancy fighting the flab in front of others in the gym.

Mind you, if you choose the gym, you get use of the pool, sauna and steam room at the Seb Coe Health Club all included in the cost. Ah yes! The cost. Expect to pay between £18 and £25 per one hour session (or less if you go with a friend).

'Remember,' said Lucy as she sprinted off to her next appointment, 'You're born with your bones but what covers them is up to you!'



## Fox problem

On the Sunday morning following the dog show, my husband and I walked round the Recreation ground to ensure that everyone had picked up their dog mess, which, with two exceptions, they had.

However, I was horrified to find that the area around the children's play area was littered with fox excrement. I picked up no less than 12 lots!

The only reason I can think of as to why the foxes are using that area as their toilet is because people must be dropping food there, or placing discarded food and wrappers in the rubbish bin near the play area. If dog mess is considered to be a threat to public safety then fox mess must be considered doubly so. After all dogs (particularly in this area) are regularly wormed to cut down on internal parasites and foxes do not have such advantages. The simplest solution would be to ensure that all waste food and wrappings are either taken home or discarded well away well away from the play area. Fencing could be considered as an alternative but foxes have been known to jump 6 feet when there is the lure of food on the other side and I am sure nobody would like to see the play area segregated from the rest of the Recreation Ground by 6 foot fences.

Michele Phillips

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# UFO crashes on Cotswold Mead

The customary calm of Cotswold Mead was punctuated by a mid-air explosion on the evening of Friday 8th August.

Closest to the blast were Peter and Daphne Hudson. 'We were sitting quietly in the living room', explained Daphne, 'when there was a deafening bang, which made the windows shake, followed by the clatter of something hitting the roof.'



The following morning they checked the roof for damage: there appeared to be none but they did find the burned out remains of a sizeable rocket on the road outside. 'We think it must have bounced off the roof!' she commented.

But where had it come from?

Was it one of those much-sought after Weapons of Mass Destruction? Were its origins extra-terrestrial?

PC Skorski had a more mundane explanation: 'There was a properly organised professional fireworks display in the vicinity on the night in question. This was probably just a stray rocket.' Oh, well: that's alright, then...

.....Or is it? Enquiries we have made give no indication of a fireworks display or party anywhere in the Painswick valley that evening, and certainly none we know about at 10.30pm when this monster landed.

The sound was described by one reader, nearly a mile from Cotswold Mead, as equivalent to that of a military mortar, and not at all funny. If it had landed close to anyone the story would have been much more serious.

# Tap Classes - reminder

Further to my article in last month's Beacon, we have had a good response from people interested in joining a new adult beginners tap class in Painswick on Saturday mornings, commencing on 27th September, run by Sara Harwood from Cheltenham.

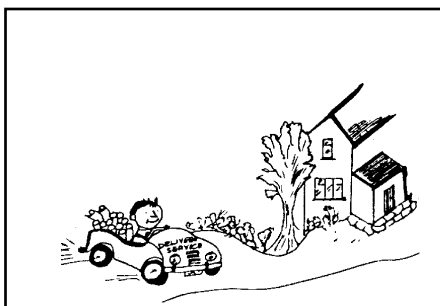
This is a reminder for any one else who might be interested to give me a ring on 812130 by 12th September please.


We have not had so many enquiries about a children's tap class, but do get in touch with me if there is any interest.

There is no need to buy tap shoes until people have tried it out and are sure they want to carry on with the classes.

If you've always had a secret ambition to try tap dancing, now is your chance, and you don't have to be very young, as quite a few of us in Painswick have proved!

*Liz Fisher*





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# Vox Angeli Choir

The above concert, held at St. Mary's Church as part of the Painswick Charter Celebrations, has been written about elsewhere. It was a wonderful performance in front of a capacity audience and rightly received many plaudits.


The beneficiary of this performance was the Stroud & District Mencap Homes Foundation and we received the wonderful sum of £1240.

I am sure most people in Painswick know about the Homes but in case a few have escaped the net I'd like to paint a brief picture. Some twenty-odd years ago a group of friends, all of whom had children with learning disabilities, were discussing what would happen to their offspring when they themselves died. At the end of their discussion they each put five pounds on the table and so the Homes Foundation was born. The first home, Barn Lodge, opened with five residents in Stroud in 1982. We have since opened three more homes and now care for thirty residents. At one time there were four "children" from parents living in Painswick resident in the homes. There are still two. We have a waiting list of people needing places, most of whom are with elderly parents. We shall shortly be looking into the right area to set up another home. It is much needed.

I have tried to condense more than twenty years work into a few lines. I hope it will give a little insight into why we are so very grateful to William and Nicola Nash and their delightful and very professional choir. Our thanks go to them and to all who attended the concert and helped to raise such a magnificent sum for Homes Foundation.

*Marion Sadler*

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## Canon Harold Heal remembered

The 24th August, St. Bartholomew's Day, was a special Sunday for the Heal family who gathered at St. Mary's Church for the dedication of the Heal Cross at the east end of the nave roof. It did not escape notice that the date was that of his birthday and, it is said, coincident with his being ordained. The cross is one way of recognising his service in this parish from 1954 to 1976.

The picture, kindly provided by Jane Otway, will remind many residents of members of the family here in the church lobby. Ruth Heal is surrounded by children, grand children and great grandchildren.

Daughter, Alison, writes "Yesterday, St. Bartholomew's Day was such a memorable day for us as a family and the warmth and welcome of so many old friends at the Sung Eucharist was overwhelming.

Only recently I came across notes my father had written for his funeral arrangements. I quote 'I have had such a full and happy life surrounded by the love and affection of my dear wife Ruth, children and many friends, so in all humility, let joy and



thanksgiving be the note of my service'.

These words alone speak for yesterday and after such a lengthy period H.F.H.'s long ministry was still remembered

by so many with love and affection. It was the greatest fun to catch up and recall with numerous friends our days in Painswick, but above all to see the Parish Church so alive and vibrant would have given Harold the greatest possible pleasure. He would have loved to think his great-grandchildren were present as he adored children, but equally sorry that Tim and his family were unable to be there due to an already arranged holiday.

Our love and thanks to you all, but especially John who took such a fitting service and to David Ryland who was tireless in his efforts to get the whole plan into action."

## Autumn around the Benefice

### September 21st

10.30am Pitchcombe Harvest Festival  
6.30pm Beacon Service Sheepscombe

### September 28th

10.30am Edge Harvest Festival

### October 5th

9.30am Painswick Harvest Festival  
11.00am Sheepscombe Harvest Festival  
11.00am Cranham Harvest Festival  
Afternoon Painswick Family Harvest Celebration

### October 19th

6.30pm Beacon Service Cranham

### November 2nd

pm All Souls Service Painswick

### November 16th

6.30pm Beacon Service Painswick

## Clypping Service

The annual Clypping Service will take place in the churchyard at St Marys Church, Painswick. on Sunday 21st September at 3.00pm. We welcome everyone to this special event, and hope to see lots of young children so that we can encircle and embrace the church at the appropriate time.

The address will be given by the Very Rev. Nicholas Bury, the Dean of Gloucester. After the service, and as tradition dictates, those children taking part in the service will be given a coin and a bun.



It should be noted that two T.V. companies have indicated their intention to film the service.

*Painswick Churchwardens*

## Sheepscombe Bridge Club

**Start Date:** Thursday, 11th September

**Venue:** The upstairs room at the Painswick Centre

**Start Time:** Doors open at 7.00pm for prompt start at 7.15pm

New members are very welcome - you just need to be able to bid up to slam level. Please telephone Joy Edwards if you need a partner or for any further information on 812588. EBU Master Points will be awarded where appropriate.



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## Tennis

Not surprisingly, given the hot summer, tennis club members have had a very enjoyable season with a hectic league programme and a number of tournaments. The league teams have had mixed fortunes.

The ladies are disappointed that their first team will not be in the Premier Division next season as they have failed to avoid relegation. The ladies second team has had an indifferent season and will be relegated from Division 1. The men's fourth team will be relegated from Division 4. That's the gloomy news. On the bright side, Painswick men's first team will continue to play in the Premier Division and the second team will once more be playing in Division 1 where they will be joined by the men's third team which has won promotion from Division 2. The ladies fourth and fifth teams have also won promotion, from Division 4. The club's annual tournament is gathering momentum with the finals in the various competitions taking place later this month. The final of the popular August handicapped mixed doubles tournament is to be played shortly. Val Sharpe and David Haslam won the over-50s tournament while Hamish McLean and Hilary Kilby took the honours in the Tuesday evening tennis/barbecue event. The winter competitions begin shortly with members involved in a number of league and cup events. Thursday evenings see the start of the popular intra-club matches. A note for diaries. There is to be a disco/buffet at the Broadham Clubhouse on Saturday 15th November.

The junior tennis season ended with the annual Parent/Child tournament, held on Saturday 19th July at Broadham. As usual the event was well supported and the weather was perfect. 15 pairs took part, divided into 3 groups according to experience. The winners in Group One were James Barnett and his father, Nigel. Edward Andrew and his mother, Pat, won Group Two. In the third group, Annabel Sidwell and her father, Phil, drew with Freddie Unwin who

played firstly with his father, Jon, until he sustained an injury, and then Chris Hall. All participants enjoyed the tournament and the barbecue that followed. Particular thanks to Pat Andrew who organised the event. Although the final results are still awaited, everyone is confident that the Junior teams have done very well in the Summer League, winning several divisions.

There was a very pleasant occasion last month when a considerable number of members gathered at the Broadham courts to see founder member and several times ladies singles champion, Jane Dickinson, present a bench seat to the club. Club President, John Courts, accepting the seat on behalf of the members, spoke warmly of Jane's loyalty to the club over many years. He said everyone was especially pleased that Jane's husband, Mervyn, and other members of their family were able to be present. Jane thanked the members for coming and expressed her appreciation to those club committee members who had organised the very successful evening which concluded with a barbecue.



family surrounded by the club members, while that above shows Jane with John Courts in front of the seat.

Our picture below shows Jane and her



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# Cricket

## Painswick

The cricket season reached its conclusion with the final league matches being played last weekend. Everyone at the club has been delighted with the success of the second eleven who expect to gain promotion. It has been a particular pleasure for Steve Pegram to see the team's achievement as, in recent years, he has struggled to field a team each Saturday. 2003 has brought an influx of players of varying ages and the members have been especially pleased to see veteran bowler and Club Chairman, John Hogg, back in action after his temporary setback through illness. Highlight of the season to date was the defeat of Hatherley & Reddings when Painswick passed their opponents' formidable score of 242-7 with just 2 balls remaining. Needing 7 runs of the last four balls, Steve Pegram hit a six. A single followed and Painswick had won a very exciting game. There is a tinge of sadness that the first eleven's outstanding Australian all-rounder, James Boyland, returns to Perth later this month. His contribution to the side has been noteworthy, not least with the remarkable figures of 9 wickets for 23 runs against Tetbury. He told the Beacon that he had been disappointed not to take all ten wickets as that would have been a first in his career. The annual cricket week was a great success, blessed with glorious sunshine. Painswick were very pleased to emerge victorious in the six-a-side tournament held on the opening day of the week, something they had not managed to achieve in recent years.

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

Sat 2 Aug. Cheltenham Civil Service 2nd XI 159-8 Painswick 2nd XI 130.

Mon 4 Aug. W Jamieson's XI 206 Painswick 145.

Tue 5 Aug. Painswick 222-8 (J Cook 58 C Loveridge 62\*) BAC Preston 204-6.

Wed 6 Aug. Chairman's XI 175-5 (P Morris 61\*) Painswick 176-8.

Fri 8 Aug. Painswick 209 (J Boyland 64 D Emery 56) Upton St Leonards 195-9.

Sat 9 Aug. Corse and Staunton 1st XI 189 Painswick 1st XI 158-9 (D Barnard 42).

Hatherley & Reddings 212-7 Painswick

2nd XI 213-7.

Sat 16 Aug. Painswick 1st XI 178-9 (E Bressington 39 S Cratchley 57\*) Tetbury 1st XI 69 all out (J Boyland 9-23).

Whitefriars & Charlton Kings 2nd XI 168-8 Painswick 2nd XI 172-6 (P Edgington 77 A Wager 49).

Sat 23 Aug. Ruardean Hill 1st XI 276-6 Painswick 1st XI 136 all out.

Sun 24 Aug. Painswick 216-6 (J Boyland 67 A Wise 60\* W Jamieson 62) Travelers 217-3.

Sat 30 Aug. Painswick 1st XI 138 all out Slaughters United 1st XI 139-2. Painswick 2nd XI 200-7 (S Pegram 41, A Wager 35) Haresfield 2nd XI 201-2

## Cricket sheep-

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Congratulations to Sheepscombe Cricket Club who have won the Stroud and Swindon Premier Division.

## Badminton

Painswick Badminton Club starts the new season at the Painswick Centre from Monday evening, the 8th September for adult members, while Junior coaching will start on Thursday 11th September. Any Juniors interested in joining should turn up on the 11th: Primary school ages at 6.15pm and Secondary school ages at 7.15pm. Cost will be £30 for the season (Sept - April). Numbers will be limited. This year there may be one or two vacancies for prospective adult members with reasonable Badminton experience. If interested please contact Delyth Allen on 813182.

## Rugby

The new season is underway with everyone at the club looking forward to the prospect of a successful year. Alyn Humphries is the new club coach with Stuart Smith captaining the first fifteen and Julian Mitchell continuing to skipper the United. Last weekend both fifteens were at Drybrook for pre-season trial matches. The Premier Division league season starts on Saturday 13th September with a home game against the Bristol club, Aretians. In recent seasons the clubs

have been well matched and the game will give Painswick an indication of the Premier Division's expected standard. On 27th September the first fifteen travel the short distance to Chosen Hill for their next league match. The United are at home in the corresponding second fifteen fixture. The next league fixture at Broadham is on 4th October when the visitors will be Chipping Sodbury.

## Falcon Bowling Club

There are a happy band of very brown and weary bowlers at Falcon this month. The past weeks have been ideal bowling weather, in fact a little too hot for some people.

One of our ladies collapsed with heat-stroke (now fully recovered and back bowling I am happy to report) and sun blocker has been liberally applied to those parts which could not be covered without interfering with play. Sadly our mens league team did not improve on last years position, but our ladies put up a better show finishing in the top half of the league. This will be the last report before we go indoors to play through the winter. Should anything exciting happen you can be sure it will be reported. One item of news which should not go unnoticed is that the Cotswold Indoor Club, currently operating from rather old premises in Merrywalks, Stroud, have put in a planning application to build a 6 rink indoor facility at the old Cope Chat site in Dudbridge (opposite Sainsburys). We wish them luck with this application. The plans include a provision for an outdoor green which should make up for the demise of the old Cope Chat club - and perhaps the modernisation of the old Merrywalks site should a suitable developer be found. Good news for bowling in Stroud.

David Ryland

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## LETTERS

### Painswick Show - History

Please may I make a small correction regarding Mr. Jack Burgess's article on Painswick Show in the August issue.

The show started life, not at Jenkins Farm, but in 1945 at Holcombe Farm, by permission of my late father-in-law, Mr. Harry Berry, who, along with other local farmers and residents, helped with the organisation. The show, which was mainly a horse show, was the idea of the Vicar's wife, Mrs Jackson.

Harry won a prize for his shire mare and foal.

I remember helping with the refreshments. Ice cream, supplied by Mr. Walter Whitting from his Spoonbed Dairy in Gloucester, was served by two ladies, Mrs Lucy Hobbs and her sister-in-law, Mrs Harry Berry. I was asked to go down to the farmhouse to get a can of water from "Granny" Berry, having no idea, then, that, a few years later, I would become a member of the family.

There are still a few "oldies" around who are able to supply information of past happenings. Although some of us may be getting towards the stage when we can't remember what we did the day before yes-

terday, we can recall in some detail what took place 50 odd years ago! We would be very pleased to help if necessary.

*Pauline Berry  
Highfold Farm. 813227*

### Three Cheers!

Woof, woof, hooray!

Yes, three cheers for Michelle Phillips, and her team for organising a wonderful, successful dog show.

My children and I had such fun entering our dog in 'The most handsome', the 'Wag-giest tail', the 'Best tit-bit catcher' and the 'Best child handler' classes.

Although I had expected to walk away with first prize in each category, but didn't, it was very entertaining and a laugh.

And after all in my eyes my dog is the best at everything anyway.

My daughter enjoyed entering Dylan for two events as she came 4th and 5th. The rosettes they won were very professional and they showed them off with pride.

It was an extremely hot day. However, the Recreation Ground did provide shade from its large trees. Plenty of water was also available for the dogs.

The dogs who went to the show were extremely well behaved, they didn't seem

to put a paw or a woof wrong! And as for toilet training - not a poop in sight.

Thank you all for the hard work you put in. It would be great to have another dog show next year.

*Diane Longuet-Higgins*

### What on earth is that?

I refer to the heap of stone thrown together to presumably mark the boundary below the former St. Mary's home on the A 46.

I would have thought the Construction Company responsible for the site would have wanted to give a presentable finishing touch on one of the main approach roads into Painswick.

I have seen walls built by craftsmen and DIY's alike, all of which somebody has been proud of, however this surely must be an exception.

There is no excuse for such appalling workmanship. Short courses in stonewalling are readily available but looking at other stone walls is a very good starting place. Staying on the bright side all may not be lost, many years of wayward lorries, acid and weather erosion and plenty of ivy might do the trick. I think this is a serious blot on the landscape in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

*D.H.Juggins*

## Future classics

A voluntary group exists to support the performance of music of today's composers, and one strong local supporter is Maureen Thulin from Edge.

Money raised at the sale of woollens brought to the Town Hall on Saturday 18th October by Jean and Nick Brown will be going towards the "Support Future Classics".

## \* Stone Walling

The Painswick and District Conservation Society, recently made very detailed representations to the developers of the St. Mary's site Wilson Conolly regarding the poor workmanship in the laying of the Cotswold stone wall on the perimeter of the site, alongside the Stroud Road boundary.

The Parish Council has been informed that, consequent upon those representations, their Technical Director John Waddington is visiting the area to examine the offending wall since he is anxious to ascertain that quality standards have been achieved.

*(See also letter, above.)*

## Enjoying Poetry

The classes will commence on Wednesday 1st October, 2.30 to 4.00pm in the Library Room.

The course will run for nine weeks and the Tutor will again be Mary Newman.

The study will be upon a new international anthology of poetry: *Staying Alive: Real Poems for Unreal Times*. The course fee is £35.

Enquiries to Yvonne Penfold on

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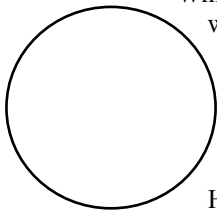
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# Painswick Senior Circle

After all the rush and excitement preparing the wall hanging celebrating the Market Charter, we took a well-earned break, but are now preparing our 2004 programme.



While being round and about Painswick during this lovely summer weather promoting the Senior Circle it appears not everyone is aware that being resident in the Parish of Painswick automatically qualifies you to come to any of our meetings. There is no membership fee, just £1 when you attend a meeting, and everyone is welcome over the age of 50. We meet twice a month, usually 2nd and 4th Fridays, at 2.30 pm in the Town Hall Painswick. A notice of what theme our next meeting will be is put in the Town Hall notice board, and in the Beacon.

Meetings start again on 12th September, Entertainment for the coming year will include our very own Antiques Roadshow, Astronomy, Gardening experts, Travel Experts, How to look after your money, or how to get some if life is a bit difficult, and not to mention Auntie's Bloomers. Plus at least 4 outings a year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who have so kindly given freely of your time and given us great entertainment. What a wealth of interest and experiences we have in Painswick, thank you for sharing it with us. Oh! And if anyone would like to tell us about his or her latest escapades, there are still a few spaces left and we would love to hear from you.

After the entertainment we have a cup of tea and a chance to make new friends or meet old ones. If you would like to come but have transport problems do let us know and we will try to help.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th September, we especially need some more men to join us as we swear the tables and chairs are getting heavier!! Please don't wait until you are 75 to join us.

*Best wishes to you all, Anne Smith, (Chairman 812427)*

*Committee:- Anne Williams, Daphne Hudson, Maurice Maggs, Doreen Birt, Jean Ryland, Avril Dorey, Jane Otway, Naomi MacLaurin-Jones, Lena Hope.*

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## Hospice fund raising

Thanks is very inadequate for the generosity and help given towards the coffee morning at the Town Hall on 18th August in aid of the Minchinhampton Cotswold Hospice.

An amazing result was £1078.00!

The six members of the Stroud Master Swimming Club have successfully swum the English Channel in just under twelve hours.

They have raised just under the total aimed at £10,500. Well done to all of them, a personal achievement for them in their swim.

*June Gardiner, John Hogg, Suzie Archer and the Washwell Team*

## PROPERTY REPORT for September by Murrays

Wow! What a difference a day makes, or in this case just a few weeks, since my last report when I talked about the market settling down. Perhaps it did, but since the end of June we have been run off our feet and in what is normally the quiet holiday period, we are recording record activity and sales. Not only have many of the properties that have been slow through the early part of the year started selling but many of the latest ones have gone straight away, and at top prices too. I think the Cotswolds have had their dip and we are on the up again. On a nationwide basis too, our Mayfair office is getting reports of increased activity from their country members in most areas. On the Internet as well, our enquiry level has increased dramatically, over 37,000 visits to Murrays

site in July alone. We believe since moving our Internet site from Property Finder to Prime Location it has made an enormous difference. Prime Location represents nearly all the major agents in the country and it is now the first stop for those looking for traditional country property all over the U.K.

Many of you will have noted how the St. Mary's site has taken shape, the show house will open in mid September, but hurry, we already have several sales and when the show house opens they will all soon be gone. There have been lots of new instructions for which we are very grateful. The Malt House at Sheepscombe, a lovely Cotswold house with 2.5 acres, Madison House in New Street with its handsome

proportions, Cambrai on Cheltenham Road, an affordable refurbished end terrace, another flat in Haresfield Court and a 7 acre field at Sheepscombe which has already sold before auction. Lions Cottage at Harescombe, Springfield at Cranham and a cottage by the church, all sold without advertising. Another exciting auction due in October is a pair of cottages from the Painswick House estate which we expect to overwhelm us with interest. Our involvement with the outskirts of Gloucester seems to be growing with many more quality instruction and sales.

*Clive Murray*



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**PLANNING MATTERS**

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

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

FORTUNES WELL, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a Garage  
 CATSBRAIN QUARRY. Retrospective change of Reclamation workshop to Stonemasons  
 CARRWOOD COTTAGE. Erection of replacement garage/porch with Playroom/store above  
 Land adjoining TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of detached dwelling.  
 LONGRIDGE COURT, BULLS CROSS, SHEEPSCOMBE. Removal of condition B of permission S.9743/M to permit use for a residential care facility for adults with learning disabilities  
 REST BY THE WAY, CUD LANE, EDGE. Erection of a replacement dwelling. (Re-submission following permission 02/1669)  
 ST. MICHAEL'S, VICTORIA STREET. Change of use of ground floor front room from estate agents to mixed office/residential use  
 MOONRAKERS, NEW STREET. Change of use from part commercial to residential. (Re-submission following withdrawn application 02/1170)  
 MAPLE COTTAGE, PAINSWICK LODGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Two storey extension.

**REVISED PLANS**

Land adjoining. TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of 1 detached dwelling. Main changes: Garage position & access altered to protect the tree  
 OUTSIDE EDGE, EDGE ROAD. Erection of extensions including garage & loft conversion. Main changes: Fully hiping gable on northern elevation of extension. Insertion of roof lights on eastern & western elevations of proposed extension.



**CONSENTS**

BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Extension to existing lake to form a wildlife & coarse fishing lake.  
 THE MALT HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a conservatory  
 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  
 FOLLY COTTAGE, PAINSWICK BEACON. Erection of 2 storey extension, log store & detached double garage. Demolition of existing sun lounge & garage (Resubmission following refusal)  
 SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, VICARAGE STREET. Erection of a garden store & workshop/studio  
 RED LION HOUSE, ST. MARY'S STREET. Change of use from offices to residential  
 SUNNYSIDE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of stable building  
 MERRY LODGE, 3 COURT ORCHARD. Erection of replacement conservatory  
 DELL FARM, BEECH LANE. Erection of steel framed barn (resubmission following refusal 03/62)

THE VATCH HOUSE, THE VATCH, SLAD. Erection of single storey extension with terrace above (existing extension to be demolished)  
 THE LAURELS, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Rebuild retaining wall & erection of pergola  
 COPPER HILL, THE GREEN, EDGE. Erection of an extension  
 Land off KINGSMILL LANE. Outline application for 1 dwelling on land to rear of Abbots Leigh

**REFUSAL**

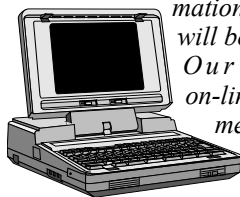
PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of extensions (resubmission following withdrawn application)  
 DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Erection of extension for dependant relative (resubmission following refusal)

**PLANS WITHDRAWN**

Land adjoining. TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of 1 detached dwelling  
 Land opposite HILLWORTH HOUSE, GLOUCESTER STREET. Conversion of garage with single storey extension to form dependant person's annexe accommodation to Hillworth House.

**Web matters**

- The Beacon web-page can be found at: [www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk)
- As well as displaying the front page for the current month and providing key Beacon contacts and other details, it also carries the complete Painswick Directory on-line, updated on a monthly basis. As has been mentioned elsewhere, those providing information for the 2004 Directory should be aware that the information will be on the Web.
- Our intention remains to expand the Beacon on-line service according to demand and we would welcome comments, suggestions and even criticisms. A Painswick Links page has now been included as a point of connection with other local websites with which we will seek to be complementary.
- If there are any other local organisations or businesses with websites who would like to be included, please let us know.
- In particular, it is our intention to work closely with the Parish Council site when it comes on on-stream. For the time-being, we are pleased to pass on the Parish Council email address: [clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com](mailto:clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com)



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## VILLAGE DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

Sat	6	PCMS/GDMS Family Day: Horticultural Society: Annual Show and Exhibition	Bibury Church Painswick Centre	10.00am 3.00 to 5.00pm
Mon	8	Art Exhibition – Corio & Hosler – until 14th	Library Room	10.00am – 5.00pm
Tue	9	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays Mothers' Union: The Overseas Work of the MU - Mrs Jean Capstick Painswick Players AGM (in the Cotswold Room)	Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 12noon 2.30pm
Wed	10	Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	8.00pm 2.00 to 4.00pm
Thu	11	Sheepscombe Bridge Club re-starts	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	12	W.I. Market: Coffee with "tasters" available, Fridays Senior Circle: How can we help? – Jane Rowe Skip available	Town Hall Town Hall Slad	7.00 for 7.30pm 10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	13	Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride/Walk in aid of Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust	Around Gloucestershire	10.00am to 6.00pm
Mon	15	Bird Club: field visit Keynes Country Park Closing date entries for Village Quiz	Spratsgate Lane	10.30am
Tue	16	Local History Society: Kimmins Mill - John Keenan Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Members' Day Coach to Bath: Enquiries: 813965/813227 Parish Council Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	18	W.I.: Special Diets - Helen Brown Music Appreciation 16th Season opens: Music Samples, presented by Alex Nichols	Town Hall Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	19	Skip available	Edge	
Sat	20	<b>Copy dateline for August to Editorial Team</b> Christian Aid: Basement Sale & Bring and Buy Cakes/Produce, Books, Paper Napkins & Candles. Painting Exhibition (until 27th) Painswick Blues – the 'Barcodes'	Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street Library Rooms Painswick Centre	10.30am to 12 noon 10.30am – 5.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun	21	Clipping Service: Speaker, the Very Rev N Bury	St Mary's Churchyard	3.00pm
Wed	24	Piano Circle - Workshop: Enquiries, 01242 574997/ 01452 812198	Camp Ari, Edge	9.30am to 4.30pm
Thu	25	<b>Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey</b>		
Fri	26	Senior Circle: Poundbury – Val Hurlston-Gardiner Talk for Gloucestershire Guild: Anne James, talk and slides - Lustred Raku Ceramics	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.00pm
Sat	27	Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Relief Tap Dancing Classes - possibly recommence	Christ Church Hall tba	10.00am to 12 noon tba
Tue	30	Flu clinic Refugees and Rogues: Russian Royalty .....	Ashwell House Edge Village Hall	2.00pm – 5.30pm 2.00pm – 3.30pm

### OCTOBER

Wed	1	Probus: Getting a word in (Crosswords) - Eric Burge WEA: Enjoying Poetry - First of 9 weekly sessions, with Mary Newman	Ostlers Room, Falcon Library Room	10.00am 2.30pm
Thu	2	Medieval Art in Italy 1280-1400: Classes by Dr Peter Clarkson (10 weeks until December 11) Flu clinic Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Music Appreciation Group: Purely Piano	Small Church Room Ashwell House Ashwell House Town Hall	11.00am to 12.30pm 2.00pm – 5.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	3	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) Choral Concert by Wycliffe College Choir in aid of Mission to Seafarers	Wynstowe, St Mary's Church	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	4	<b>October Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b> Mothers' Union/PCMS Bring & Buy Coffee Morning - in aid of M.U. Projects Painswick Music Society: AGM with cello recital by Katie Denton; accompanist, Joseph Middleton.	Town Hall Church Rooms	10.00am to 12 noon 7.00pm



Sun	5	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Painswick Beacon Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)		10.00am
Tue	7	Flu clinic HGV Public Meeting	Surgery Town Hall	by appt.pm. 7.00pm
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
Sat	11	Our Lady & St Therese Coffee Morning in aid of renovation of the Immaculate Conception Church, Stroud House History Course 2	Town Hall Pitchcombe Village Hall	10.00am -12 noon 10.00am
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hosts, St Mary's Church	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	15	Probus: W.F.Lee - Edwardian Photographer of Stroud Coach to London: Enquiries: 813965/813227	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park	10.00am 8.30am
Thu	16	World Day of Prayer W.I.: Aluminium Foil Sculptures - Mrs Stammers Music Appreciation Group: Richard Wagner	Our Lady & St.Therese Town Hall Town Hall	9.00am – 7.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	18	Sale of Woollens: Jean Brown's Collection	Town Hall	11.00am - 2.00pm
Mon	20	Austerity Lunch	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	21	History Society:	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	22	Theatre Club Outing to Birmingham	The Falcon	12.15pm
Fri	24	Senior Circle: A peculiar people - Ken Helps Talk for Gloucestershire Guild: Neil Ions, talk & slides, Earthenware ceramic musical instruments and sculpture.	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.00pm
Wed	29	Probus: Pitville and its Gardens - Mr John Milner	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	30	Music Appreciation: Music at the Zoo!	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	31	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe	2.30pm

## NOVEMBER

Sat	1	<b>November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Mon	3	Calligraphy for Beginners/Improvers: with James Skinner: Tel 01452 611614 (also 17th & 24th) £45 for 3 workshops	Church Rooms	10.00am to 4.00pm
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Bird Club: Birds, Mammals and Flowers in the UK	Ashwell House Town Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	7	Senior Circle: Strange customs - Wynn & Helen Roberts. Preceded by AGM at 1.45 pm	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	8	Charity Bazaar	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm
Sun	9	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Wed	12	Probus: Genetic Engineering - The Rev Phil Challis Age Concern Day Centre Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy	Ostlers Room, Falcon Ashwell House Lounge	10.00am 10.30am to 12 noon
Thu	13	Music Appreciation: Gerald Finzi	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	15	Knitwear Sale	Town Hall	
Thu	20	W.I.: Annual Meeting	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	21	Senior Circle: Actuary quite interesting - Nicola Bailey Talk for Gloucestershire Guild: Mollie Meager & Katherine Coleman, talk & slides, Stained glass & Engraved glass.	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.00pm
Wed	26	Probus: Annual Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
Fri	28	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm
Sat	29	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45 to 12 noon

## DECEMBER

Wed	3	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
Thu	4	Painswick Players production (until 6th)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Christmas Lunch Party	Hardwick	2.00pm
Sat	6	<b>December Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
Wed	10	Probus: Malta through the ages - Miss Barbara Drake	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	11	Music Appreciation: Christmas Social	Town Hall	7.15 for 7.30pm
Thu	18	W.I. Christmas Party	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	19	Carers and Fellowship Group (Lower Washwell) (Christmas Party)	Wynstowe,	2.30pm

## 2004 JANUARY

Thu	8	Talks: Early Renaissance Italy - by Dr Peter Clarkson	Small Church Room	11am - 12.30pm
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# Kathleen Wear

*"Do not die with the music inside you!" Dr. Wayne Dyer.*

When remembering our Dear Mum, Mrs. Kathleen Wear, one might say; "Do not die with the recipes inside you!" and she certainly did not, for she shared all she had!

As the wonderful cook she was, she chose the very best ingredients: A life centred around her deep faith in God and her desire to follow Our Lord's request to "Love one another. All this without bitterness despite an upbringing of poverty and hard, often cruel, experiences. Her choice of life partner, our Dear Dad, her Bill, whom she dearly loved, respected and trusted and to whom she gave her complete devotion. Guidance, teaching and example for her children in all that was good, honourable, true and worthy. Always ready to share a moment with them despite the long and busy days, listening, encouraging and consoling. Love and caring for neighbours, strangers, anyone in need. A helping hand, an encouraging word, a listening ear, a willing server whose feet covered many miles to fulfill a request!

Her love and kindness reached out to all those who came to our home, she and Dad never failed to leave them departing "richer" than when they had arrived. The result was a life garnished with joy: Her cooking was delectable! The cause, not just her wonderful talent, but her special ingredient of Love. Her company was steadfast, loyal and true. Her advice was wise and Godly. Her face was radiant, tender, loving, peaceful. Her hands were work worn and oh, so comforting. Her heart was pure and true. Such was this little lady who blessed our lives so richly. How thankful we are for all the time we shared. 'God Bless You and Keep You Dearest Mum.

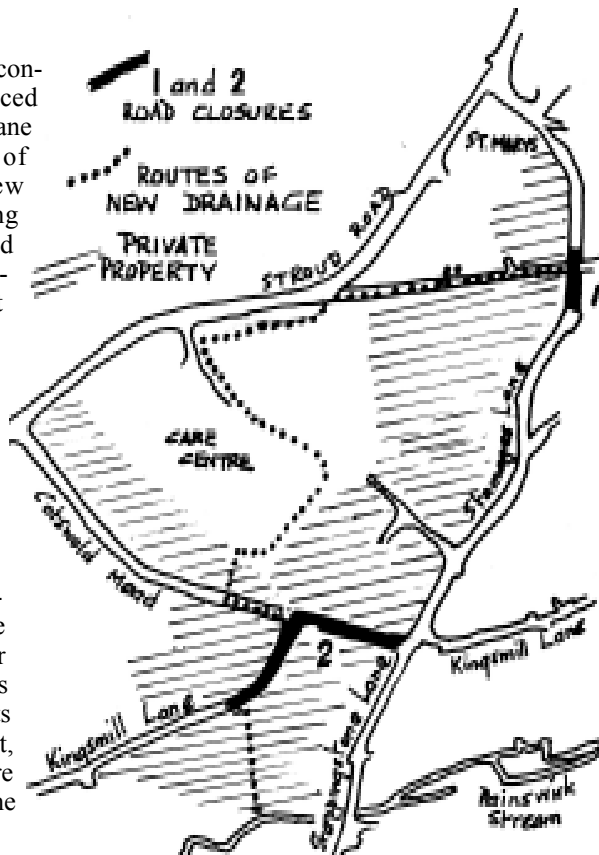
*The Wear family.*

## \* Road closures for drainage works

Much, albeit temporary, inconvenience is being experienced by residents in Stames Lane and the western section of Kingsmill Lane while new drainage services are being laid. Notice was not received until 15th August, for commencement on 22nd August with the first closure being from the 26th.

Both sections, shown on our sketch here, will not be undertaken simultaneously. The dates for sections of drainage other than the first will be notified later.

These services are required by the developer of the St. Mary's site but, in order to minimise further works when the care centre and its associated dwellings are built, the works for that project are being undertaken at the same time.



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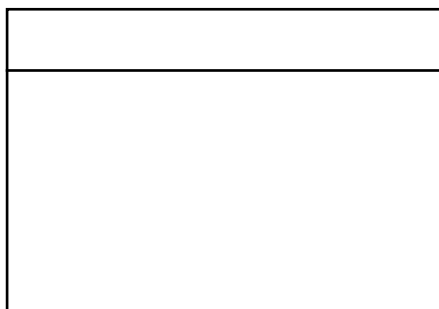
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# The Personal Column

## Babies

PETE and EMMA BRADSHAW are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie on 22nd July, weighing 7lbs 9oz; a first grandchild for Peggy Bradshaw of Ashwell and Jane and Nick Warren of Leonard Stanley,

and congratulations to KATE and PAUL FRENCH on the birth of their son James Andrew Peter on 3rd August,

and congratulations to PAUL and LUCY JENKINS on the birth of a daughter, Lily Harriet, in Melbourne Australia; and a fifth grandchild for Bob and Rachel Miles,

also congratulations to JOANNA and DUNCAN PROCTOR on the birth of a son Benjamin Hartley on 8th August; a first great grandchild for Pauline Foreman,

and Thea and Craig Carrington are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchildren; daughter IZZIE and STEFAN SZCZUREK who live in Ebley had a daughter Miriam Isabella on 12th July, while JESSE and SELVA CARRINGTON had a son Pablo Nahuel a week earlier on 6th July in London

and a daughter Ilana to SARAH and GRAHAM TURNER of Churchill Way on 28th August..

## Weddings

Congratulation to ROBERT LITTLE of Pitchcombe House who married ELIZABETH BENNETT at Stafford on 16th August,

also to JULIE RANDALL and ANDREW CATCHPOLE who were married at St.Mary's Church on 2nd August,

and SCOTT TRENFIELD and TRACEY WALDEN who were married at St.Marys on 16th August,

and to GLENN COLLINGBORN and LAURA BADHAM who married on 22nd August also at St.Mary's Church

and JAN CAMPBELL, late of Otterpool in Kingsmill Lane, and KEITH YOUNG who married in Sutton, Oxfordshire, on 30th August.

## Forthcoming Wedding

Michael and Allyson Davis have pleasure in announcing the forthcoming wedding of their daughter JENNIFER to PETER BARBER from London.

The family welcome anyone who would like to attend the ceremony which is to

be held on 20th September 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

## Golden Wedding

Congratulations to BILLIE and PETER GRANT who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 24th August

## Well Done

We would like to congratulate JOHN Bessant who has been given the Emerald Badge from the Blood Transfusion Service for giving a total of 75 pints of blood.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome JOHN STONHILL to 19 Ashwell House and Mr. Mrs. BARNET who have moved into 9 Churchill Way.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to PHILIP OAKLEY, JOANNA WEATHERHEAD, JOAN TRUMAN, JUNE CRANE and GLADYS HOBBS.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the friends and family of DOROTHY BINNS who died recently.

## Thank You

Betty Cope would like to thank the many kind friends in Painswick who sent flowers, gifts and cards, but most of all for their prayers.

Also to the staff of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud Hospitals for their wonderful care.

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