

The Painswick Beacon

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St.Mary's Churchyard Memorial Garden

The many people who pass through St.Mary's churchyard may have noticed that almost all of the available individual plots for the interment of cremated remains on the south side of the church have been used.

The Parochial Church Council has therefore decided to create a Memorial Garden for the interment of ashes within the churchyard.

The Vicar and Churchwardens have told the Beacon that "Because it is not possible to continue with individual memorial stones, it has been agreed to place a new 'Memorial Stone' as the focal point in the Garden, with a suitable inscription. In addition, there will be a Memorial Book, in St. Peter's Chapel inside the church, for the recording of names".

On the death of any Painswickian, the family will be able to apply to the vicar to have the ashes buried within the memorial garden of the churchyard and names entered into the Memorial Book.

Designs for the stone have been sought from local stonemasons. The masons were invited to submit differing designs and styles, but in keeping with the historic monuments for which the churchyard is so famous. Four local stonemasons were invited to submit designs and their suggestions were on display in the church for several weeks while observations and comments were sought.

The design agreed is by Rory Young of Cirencester. This was chosen by the vast majority of people who responded. It is in sympathy with the historic monuments in the churchyard, but has an "Arts and Crafts" influence to reflect the impact of that movement in Painswick and throughout the country. There is a display of the agreed design on the notice board within the church porch.

The Vicar and Churchwardens add that "We need to raise the £5000 to pay for this Memorial. Its provision potentially opens the churchyard for use by any Painswick family, and therefore it seems appropriate for a general appeal inviting all residents to contribute towards the cost.

If you wish to make a donation would you please make it payable to Painswick Parochial Church Council, and hand to Hywel James or David Harley, or post through the Lychgate Office at the end of the churchyard on Stroud Road. Thank you".

The memorial garden at Painswick Cemetery also has individual remembrance plots available for many years to come, preserving the opportunity for choice. Details are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council



On the Easter Egg Trail



Angus, Alice and Jane visiting the Rococo Garden to see what might be on the Easter Egg Trail on Sunday 4th April.

On other pages this month **Feedback** at the library, tribute to **Mary West**, the **Pilates** beckon, grand **bingo**, the **election timetable**, some **Easter goodies** at the market, **Village Quiz 2004** results, that **Easter Egg trail**, bowling for **450 years**, the **music scene**, date for the **Dog Show**, about **Tyntesfield House**, celebration of the **coronation of George VI**, and **Casting Their Shadow**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairmanship

Consequent upon the resignations from the Council of Malcolm Watts and Tony Crook the committee elected Jackie Woof as Chairman and David Hudson as Vice-Chairman.

St.Mary's Development - Stroud Road wall

The Chairman reported that no further information had yet been received from the developers regarding upgrading the quality of stone laying.

Procedures

The committee considered a letter received from Elisabeth Skinner in which she had urged that all planning applications be the subject of committee scrutiny with public notice and opportunity to be present. She had suggested that to do otherwise might be unlawful and that the Parish Council be vulnerable to action by an aggrieved person.

Terry Parker reported that the matters raised by Mrs. Skinner had been referred to the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils and they, in turn, were pursuing enquiries as to the assertions made. No definitive answer had as yet been received. It was widely recognised that best practice might well be the convening of (say) fortnightly meetings of the Planning Committee, but that did present practical difficulties. It was noted that, notwithstanding the commendation by Mrs. Skinner that the decision-making process in Painswick be through a committee open to the public, over 80% of decisions made by the District Council were made by officers under delegated powers and 'behind closed doors'!

Upon urging by John Stephenson-Oliver it was agreed no further action is proposed in the matter until guidance is received from GAPTC.

Care Centre

A letter was received from Hilary and David Simpson of Cotswold Mead (*see also our Letters column*) criticising aspects of the development in Stroud Road including the intended health suite which may be open at times to the public. Terry Parker informed the committee that he had attended the presentation by Keith Cockell of Richmond Care at the Church Rooms on 9th March and, in particular, was concerned that nothing had been stated about the extent to which there was likely to be a real 'connection between the care centre

and its operations and the village, a two-way process which would include encouraging use of the library, local traders, etc.'

The committee decided to remind Mr.Cockell of his earlier undertaking to strive for the maximum of relationships of this sort.

PARISH COUNCIL

Resignation - Malcolm Watts

The Council formally received the resignation of Mr.Watts and thanked the Chairman for his tribute conveyed by letter immediately after the event.

Ann Daniels drew attention to a letter she had written to the Council and requested that it be included in the Council's minutes and, if possible, published in the Beacon; herewith

I was sad to be told Malcolm Watts had resigned from the Council. Chairman of Planning is very time consuming and I know many hours are spent on planning matters. We are all volunteers and all spend many hours on various committees. We don't just 'turn up' for meetings once a month. Martin, the Edge representative, is to me one of these. He doesn't just work hard for all Edge parishioners, but he does a lot of work for the whole Parish. Some individuals seem to forget this.

I have been a Parish Councillor for a long time and the abrasive confrontational attitude bordering on upright rudeness we have been subjected to in recent weeks appals me. As Parish Councillors we should not be subject to this. It gets us nowhere and certainly does not help the situations we are trying to deal with. Maybe the individuals criticising should consider contributing constructively to the Parish Council. We have an election in June when I suggest they consider standing as Parish Councillors when they will be required to consider the views of the whole Parish. What is best for everyone, not just themselves.

Powered hang-gliders

The Council had previously taken note of the concerns expressed by some members of the public regarding powered 'flights' in the area of Juniper Hill and across the Painswick Valley. These not only had a nuisance factor in that lengthy periods of droning of the low horse-powered engines were unpopular in the area, but that the flights may be of serious consequence given that low flying military jet planes passed through this air space on occasion.

The Clerk reported having been advised to pass the Council's concerns regarding hazards posed and any authorisation required by those involved for such activities to the Civil Aviation Authority. A reply was awaited.

Victorian Street Market

The Council took note of the fact that no such market would be held in 2004. The reason behind this decision, expected only to apply to this year, is to off-set the strenuous efforts in this last Market Charter anniversary year.

Bledisloe Best-Kept-Village Cup

The Council decided to enter Painswick village for this competition in 2004.

St.Mary's Development - community funds

The Council was informed by the Clerk that a total of £22,870 would be available for discretionary expenditure by the Parish Council within a limitation required by the District Council of 'amenity areas and open spaces'.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the SDC be asked to support expenditure from this planning gain being committed towards the upgrading of public conveniences at St.Mary's Street and the Town Hall, and possibly at the Youth Club on the Recreation Field. Precise improvements were to be decided at a later date.

Policing of Painswick

The Council noted, by chance, that PC Andy Skorsky had been deployed to other duties and that there was no longer an officer of Gloucestershire Constabulary with a dedicated assignment to this area. This 'news' caused some consternation, not least because the Council had received no official communication on the subject or the courtesy of forewarning or reason for the action.

The Council resolved to write to Inspector Nick Holmes expressing concern at the breakdown in communication and invite him to the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss how this could be rectified. The seeming loss of direct contact with the police via the mobile telephone provided by the Council would also be discussed.

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Pilates for Painswick

If, like me, such activities as reiki, yoga, tai chi and pilates all blend into a sort of exotic oriental blur, then Ann Crowther is the one to set you straight. Quite literally. My opening gambit that pilates was 'a bit like yoga, wasn't it?' produced a crisply succinct response:

'Not at all! Pilates is based on a muscle strengthening exercise programme leading to improvements in posture, increases in energy levels and reductions in stress.'

All of my vertebrae snapped guiltily to attention as she went on to explain that whereas Yoga involves a more spiritual approach and concentrates on body positions to achieve its goals, pilates uses a series of controlled movements that engage the mind and body in developing strong, flexible muscles, without building bulk. Emphasis is placed on developing deep torso strength and flexibility to ensure proper posture and reduced risk of injury.

Pilates takes its name from one Joseph Pilates who was born in Germany in 1880 and died in New York in 1967. He developed a fitness programme and successfully used it to overcome his disabilities as a frail and sickly child. The lithe musculature and ease of movement possessed by a cat was an image he used to illustrate the technique's objectives.

Ann has twenty years experience as a fitness and lifestyle consultant to major companies in occupational stress management as well as coaching individuals on how to improve their health, fitness and well-being. She has been teaching pilates in Painswick (at the Rugby Club) for the last four years and is about to launch a new class on 19th April. You don't have to be superfit to undertake the course but you do have to make a commitment. To find out more, call her on 07710-635915 or 01242- 254043 or call Zarina Abrahams on 07881-511535.

Ann's own original programme for coaching pilates has been published in an impressively chunky book *Pilates For You*. Following the international success of the book, Ann has now been engaged to produce a video for the European market. The T-shirt can only be a matter of time...

Jack Burgess

450 years of Bowling Along

This year marks the 450th anniversary of the founding in 1554 of the old bowling green at the Falcon, which predates Drake's exploits at Plymouth Hoe before the Armada. This remarkable record of continuity in a much loved game will be celebrated by the Falcon Bowling Club with special matches during the coming season. The season starts with the opening of the green on Saturday 24th April when a banner will be unveiled to mark this special year.

The first special match will be on Tuesday 15th June, when the Falcon men will play a team representing the President of the English Bowling Association. Good authority has it that the visiting team will include former world champion Tony Allcock - now Chief Executive of the EBA. A little later on Saturday 3rd July, the Falcon ladies will host a team representing the President of the English Womens Bowling Association. Later in the season on 31st August, the Club men will play a team representing the President of the Gloucestershire Bowling Association.

Quite apart from these special events the Club has a very full programme to suit all tastes with ladies, mens, seniors, leagues, and mixed fixtures totalling 113 matches (home and away). This includes four touring teams visiting the County from Thurrock, Essex Vice Presidents, Camel, and Chelmsford. The Club will also welcome 11 new members at the start of the season.

If any readers are interested in playing bowls on the hallowed green at the Falcon, please contact

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Painswick Music Society Concerts

3 April .. Angela Hewitt piano

24 April .. Emperor Quartet

It is not necessary to become a member to enjoy these superb concerts – you can purchase a ticket for a single event. If you would like to come to the remaining three concerts of the season it is still worth buying a

membership ticket. Tickets and membership details are obtainable from the Shetland Shop, or Hywel James, on 812419 or on the door subject to availability. Membership is £26, a ticket for one concert is £10 and students and children £1. Concerts are in St Mary's Church at 3.00pm, and a delicious tea is served in the Church Rooms afterwards when there is usually an opportunity to meet the artists.

We are privileged to welcome the Canadian pianist, Angela Hewitt. On winning the Toronto International Bach Competition she was hailed as ‘the pre-eminent Bach pianist of our time’ She is dedicated to ‘keeping live

music’ alive and now performs throughout the world, with a very wide repertoire. She has made numerous recordings and is much in demand for her master classes. Last year Radio3 listeners voted this accomplished musician, Royal Philharmonic Artist of the Year. At her request we have managed to hire a Fazioli piano - an instrument with a powerful tone and extreme clarity. She will play works by Bach and Chabrier

We also look forward to a return visit from the award winning Emperor Quartet who delighted us with their outstanding performance in our 1995 season. This string quartet, which formed in 1992, still have their original membership intact. Their programme will include works by Mozart, Martinu and Ravel

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Brilliant duo

REVIEW
Ruth Rogers (violin)
& Alvin Moisey (piano)

The Music Society's 2004 season got off to a cracking start on 20th March with the rising young violinist Ruth Rogers and pianist Alvin Moisey.

The French composer Jean-Marie Leclair's violin sonata whose quiet introduction and cheerful quick movements written for 18th-century virtuosos, pushed along in happy style, got us nicely comfortable in our seats. Then the fireworks.....First, Szymanowski, an early 20th-century champion of Polish Nationalist music. Miss Rogers and Mr Moisey played his little-known Violin Sonata in D minor. Not a piece for violin with piano accompaniment, but for two instruments partnered to battle it out together and given with stunning effect: an opening with furious passages alternating with quiet ones, an andantino with amazing pizzicati and a spectacular finale handled by Miss Rogers with great maturity and palpable affection for the music.

Then 20th-century Argentina. Ginastera's Pampeana No 1: programme music to be sure but what a programme! The ranchero's musical day, starting with a slow sunrise, breaking into cadenza-like passages with dramatic bowing to gallop the horses along before the cowboys' evening carousals. A ferociously fine display from both players, a new experience for most of us. and very welcome too.



The second half was given to The Famous Belgian. Cesar Franck's Violin sonata in A, agreeably conventional, made a nice contrast from what had gone before. Its peaceful opening took us into a vigorous Allegro with the piano again playing a full part in its big sound, then a slightly spooky Fantasia and a display of showmanship in the final movement with bell-like passages bringing the formal proceedings to an end before we were sent on our way with a couple of jolly lollipops.

The next concert is on Saturday 3rd April when Angela Hewitt, known world-wide for her Bach interpretations, plays Bach and Chabrier. On form, be there.



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Snow good

The group's second concert outing of the season was much awaited by members — a visit to the Colston Hall, Bristol to hear John Lill play the 2nd Beethoven Piano Concerto as part of his 60th birthday celebrations — with the added bonus of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, under their rapidly rising star, principal conductor Marin Alsop.

A bus departure from the Painswick car park at 5.30pm would give us ample time for a leisurely cup of coffee before the 7.30 concert start - wouldn't it? Well, the M32 had different ideas, and when the back end of a solid queue met us at the M4 interchange, a gradually increasing panic set in! A phone call to the Colston revealed the "good" news that the orchestra was stuck in the same gridlock as we were, and the start was delayed to 5.00pm. We eventually arrived at 8.15, just after poor John Lill had decided to start on his own — firstly, a Mozart Piano Sonata, and then, from this acclaimed Beethoven specialist, a sublime rendering of the "Waldstein" Sonata. Lill, whom you may recall, rode to fame with victory at the Moscow competition in his mid 20s, plays with an effortless style, and this memorable performance was more than adequate compensation for 2 hours on the M32, (for this writer anyway). The Orchestra? - Oh yes, they did arrive, too late for John Lill, but they turned in a stirring performance of the Brahms First Symphony - the full works - great brass, great strings and Marin Alsop in full charge. But me? - I'm looking out for the next Beethoven recital by John Lill - wonder if the Music Society could tempt him to Painswick?

Stewart Price



In happy contrast to Stewart's somewhat mixed experiences, we fully enjoyed Jane Rowe's presentation of Benjamin Britten's life and music on 11th March. It was a real tour de force - well researched

and documented, and beautifully illustrated with recordings of excerpts from some of his best loved works. She started with the "Simple Symphony" (1933); incidental music to "Night Mail", text by W.H. Auden - 1936; the riveting and much undervalued "Violin Concerto" (1939); "Peter Grimes", one of his most popular operas which established his reputation, with Peter Pears (1945) and from it "Four Sea Interludes", superbly exciting and haunting instrumental music. On to "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" (1946); "Albert Herring" (1947); "Noyes Fludde", first performed at the Aldeburgh Festival created by Britten and Pears (1957); the "War Requiem", arguably one of the greatest musical masterpieces of the second half of the 20th century (1962) and after the interval, "Variations on a Theme by Frank Bridge" (Britten's first important mentor - 1937) and his incidental music to J.B.Priestley's play "Johnson over Jordan" (1939). Bravo!

Ralph Kenber

Pilates in Painswick

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Casting Their Shadow

John Sharwood Smith's autobiographical trilogy is very like a pretzel : it coils in and out of time; it is crisp with detail and salty with wit. At the risk of flogging a simile to death, I must admit that it is also difficult to stop reading once you have started. These compelling accounts of John's life before, during and after World War Two contain much social history as well as personal reminiscences of the life of a perceptive, stylish and witty author.

The latest book to come off the press, 'Casting Their Shadow', describes John's childhood education at a traditional public school and at the hands of his schoolmaster father. Later a less structured form of education greets him as he sojourns in France and Italy before establishing himself first at Cambridge and then in the RAF. Woven throughout his personal experiences are vivid recollections of school friends,, school masters, neighbours, acquaintances and his somewhat peripatetic family.

I was completely captivated by the skill with which John evokes those bygone days, with humour, insight and a wealth of picturesque detail . He is really an excellent story teller with a masterful command of language as befits a classical scholar. I also found myself chuckling aloud at some of his more acerbic comments on the sexual fantasies of youth or his meditations on the motives of those who sought to influence his life, all written from the perspective of a wiser and older man.

While reading "Casting Their Shadow" I had to pause frequently to contemplate the sheer virtuosity of expression or the cultivated reflections on art, classical and modern literature, philosophy, theatre and music.

This is a book to think about as well as to enjoy. I just have one question to ask John. Why, oh why, did we have to wait so long for you to come forth as an author when you can write with such style and flair? I trust that a fourth volume is destined to appear.

Beacon on-line

Pleased to see the Beacon on line.

Well done to all concerned.

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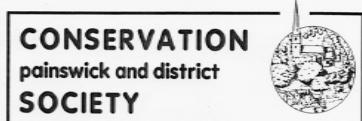
Tyntesfield House .. and AGM

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 5th May**, in St Mary's Church Rooms. The doors will open at 7.00pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. By custom, the formal agenda will be taken first, to be followed by an interval for a glass of wine and nibbles.

Our guest speaker after the interval will be Mr John McVerry, the Project Director of Tyntesfield House, near Bath, who featured in a recent TV documentary about this remarkable National Trust property. This house became famous almost before it had opened to the public, following its dramatic purchase for the nation by the National Trust, the National Heritage Memorial Fund and a huge public appeal. We will therefore be very privileged to hear the Director himself tell us the story of this acquisition and give us details of the amazing contents of this Victorian country house and Gothic Revival extravaganza.

Admission will be for Society members only, but non members will be very welcome and will be asked to join (only £4) at the door. So, members, please bring a guest and add to our numbers! The agenda will be distributed during April together with a subscription form for 2004-2005. Payments will be collected at the door, if not already paid.

Jenny Gaugain, Hon. Sec. -812599



Trees and Landscaping

Trees and Landscaping were the subject of our recent meeting.

Geoffrey March of Tree Maintenance Ltd and Stuart Gibb of Graduate Gardeners gave us the benefit of their vast experience.

After a brief introduction giving their backgrounds (Mr. Gibb having won a Gold Medal at Chelsea) a lively question and answer session followed. Queries on Monkey Puzzle trees, Fairy rings in lawns, Decking, Pruning, latest plants and trees worth considering, and honey fungus where just some of the questions asked, the whole evening enjoyed by a packed town Hall.



Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm** when the subject will be **Burford House and Gardens**.

The leaflet on our summer outing schedule is now available. The booking day is now passed, but contact **Gus Gaugain 812599** for information. Stan Miles

Anne Smith

Playgroup News

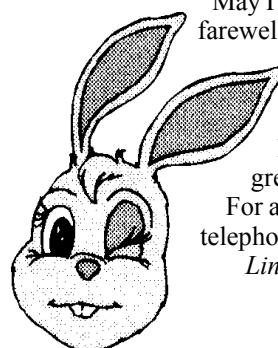
On Sunday 4th April from 2.30pm till 4.30pm Playgroup will be hosting an EASTER EGG HUNT at ROCOCO GARDENS. There will be lots to do, with two hunts running, one for the under 5's and one for older children; there will also be activities on hand in The Orangery to help keep everyone entertained. As a registered charity Playgroup relies on Fundraising events to ENSURE its FUTURE, so please come along, have some fun and support your local Playgroup. Prices for the hunts are £1.50 per child, normal admission prices to Rococo Gardens apply. Tickets can be purchased at Playgroup in advance or at Rococo Gardens on the day.

May I also take this opportunity to say farewell to Sandra Chandler our Play

Assistant who is leaving us this month, we thank Sandra for all her hard work and wish her well in future - She'll be greatly missed !!

For all information about Playgroup telephone 813316.

Linsey Grant - Deputy Playleader



Dog Show plus

We reported last month that there is to be another Dog Show this year. The date will be **Saturday 24th of July**.

More information soon!



Polling day 10th June

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Count down to Elections

2004 is one of the 'big' years for elections, with seats contested hereabouts for

Painswick Parish Council

Painswick ward - 7 seats

Edge ward - 1 seat

Sheepscombe ward - 2 seats

Slad ward - 2 seats

Stroud District Council

Painswick ward - 1 of the 2 seats

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Stroud District Council District & Parish Elections

Thursday 10 June 2004

Timetable of Proceedings

Last Day to Apply to Register as a Voter for this Election

5:00 pm Tuesday 13 April 2004

Wednesday 5 May 2004

Publication of Notice of Election

4:00 pm Thursday 13 May 2004

Close of Nominations

Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated

Noon

Monday 17 May

2004

Noon

Tuesday 18 May 2004

Withdrawal of Candidate

Noon

Tuesday 18 May 2004

Appointment of Election Agents

Tuesday 18 May 2004

Publication of Notice of Election Agents

Tuesday 18 May 2004

Amendments to existing

Absent Vote Applications

5:00 pm Tuesday 25 May 2004

Wednesday 2 June

Publication of Notice of Poll

2004

Receipt of Absent Vote Applications

5:00 pm Wednesday 2 June 2004

Appointment of Polling and

Counting Agents

Thursday 3 June 2004

Polling Day

2004

7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Thursday 10 June

Winston's Wish + £533.36

The annual coffee morning mainly in aid of this charity was held in the Town Hall last Saturday, raising a wonderful £533.36.

The usual happy atmosphere prevailed and our thanks to all who contributed in any way the day before and on the day in the kitchen and in the room. A special thank you to Audrey Watts who made and donated the banner. Also our many thanks to all who have and are supporting us through the years in raising money going to worthy causes.

Helen Baker and Anne Leoni



Prompt response

.... seems to have been the resolution of over 400 of our readers, for which we are very grateful.

BEACON SUBSCRIBERS for 2004-05

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Celebrations

Three excellent talks at the Members' evening of the Painswick Local History Society on 16th March reminded us that Painswick has long had the ability to celebrate national events.

John Bailey described the village celebrations in 1937 on the occasion of the coronation of George VI. The day's events started with services at St Mary's and the Catholic churches. St Mary's was wired up and re-broadcast the coronation service from Westminster Abbey. A carnival parade and procession took place through the village. The photograph here shows one float outside the Cotswold Private Hotel (now the Lamp House). There were sports events in the afternoon including a tug of war competition. The day concluded with a procession up to the Beacon where a mighty bonfire was lit.



David Archard and Helen Briggs talked about the Painswick Honourable Guild of Loyal Toast Drinkers. The members met in the Falcon and drank a loyal toast on each anniversary of the Queen's coronation in 1953. This continued every year (with a short break between 1964 and 1973) until the fiftieth anniversary in 2003 when there were only four of the twenty-six founder members still alive.

Derek Hodges described the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977. There were church services, a parade through the village, an exhibition in the Town Hall, sporting events, and a huge bonfire on top of the Painswick Beacon. The bonfire was built by the chil-

dren from Gyde House and set alight at about 10 p.m. when the bonfire on the Malverns was seen. He also described the difficulties and ultimate success in building the Croft School. The school then was in what is now the library. The first site considered was some land adjacent, but after various delays an enterprising developer bought the



land and Court Orchard and Stamages car park resulted. The second site (where the Painswick Care Village is now being developed) was rejected because of landslip concerns. A possible site on the other side of Stroud Road towards Lullingworth was explored, before the current site was decided upon. The first classes at the school opened in 1973, but it was not until 1978 that all had transferred.

Woodchester Mansion:

The Society's annual outing will be a two hour guided tour around Woodchester Mansion in the early evening of 18th May. There will be a small charge of £6 per person. Please let Eddie Buttrey (812565) know as soon as possible if you intend to come.

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- Q.** How many weight classes are there in judo?
A. About six

- Q.** Which Elizabethan explorer and buccaneer mounted two unsuccessful expeditions to South America in a quest for the fabled El Dorado - the supposed source of Spanish gold?
A. Twiggy

- Q.** In Elizabethan and Jacobean England what would be worn in styles such as pique devant, screw, hammercut, sugar loaf and swallow tail?
A. A cod piece

- Q.** In the statue in the Albert Memorial in London's Kensington Gardens, what is Prince Albert holding?
A. A photo of Victoria Regina
A. Crystal Palace model
A. Crown jewels
A. His own

- Q.** And, what was the headline on the front page of Volume 26 Number 12 of the Beacon, last weekend?
A. Quizmasters assassinated!
A. Village quiz goes ahead.

- Q.** Which 1997 book by Kit Williams gave clues for a quest to find a hidden jewelled, 22 carat golden hare which he had made?
A. Brere Rabbit Goes Uppity
A. Star Trek

- Q.** Which veteran Labour politician famously said he was retiring from the House of Commons in order to have more time for politics?
A. Enoch Powell

Village Quiz 2004

Few will be surprised that we were delighted with the response to the invitation to take part in the Village Quiz this year and, how so many organisations and parts of the village (and beyond) came together to enjoy the event nearly as much as we did ourselves. Twenty-five teams on the night was probably a record, and the feedback we have received has inspired us to promote the event again in 2005.

For those who wondered what sort of questions were set, look around this page. All the answers shown are wrong, but demonstrate a sense of humour!

Our thanks to you all!

Beacon Committee



The WINNING TEAM 2004, Edge Road - Buzzards, received the trophy from the Chairman of PADFAS (2003 Winners) Howard Davies on the left.



- Q.** Who is the patron saint of television?
A. Richard Dimbleby
A. Jonathan Ross
A. Carol Vorderman



- Q.** Which German-born British astronomer discovered the planet Uranus in 1781?
A. Copernicus.

- Q.** In October 2001 in which game did Patrick Barrie defeat Dave Lockwood to become World Singles Champion?
A. Conkers
A. Marbles

- Q.** Can you think of a link between the works of the following three writers: Henry James, James Joyce and Dylan Thomas?

- A.** Wales
A. Alcohol
A. New York
A. Not English
A. Christian names as surnames

- Q.** What is the Cockney rhyming slang for 'whisky'?
A. Butter
A. Hotch potch

**Village Quiz
2005
Saturday
12th March**

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Broadband update: competition hots up

Whispering Parrot Ltd has become the third operator competing to provide Painswick with broadband services. The company, a survivor of the dot.com boom which developed as a provider of network services and distant

learning packages, first entered the broadband market when it became apparent last year that its home-base in Chipping Norton was to be bypassed by BT broadband in the same way as Painswick has been.

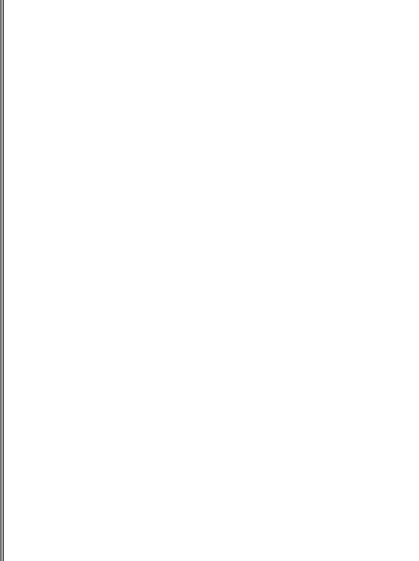
Based on a leased BT line (all fibre optic) and a hub on Longridge, Whispering Parrot is offering very fast (2 Mb per second) wireless broadband at £29.99 per month across a broad sweep of the southern face of Painswick. A second node is being established in Vicarage Street, focused on Sheepscombe. About a dozen subscribers have signed up thus far and the company's development manager, Craig Sumner, envisages about 40 customers in total over the next few months. For more information, call Craig on 07801-340903 or log on to the website www.whisperingparrot.com.

A couple of interesting add-ons to the basic broadband service to be offered by Whispering Parrot are 'Voice over IP' (a technology for making extremely cheap long distance phone calls) and remote security CCTV devices by which you can see and control what is happening at home via the Internet from any PC anywhere. Both sound like a godsend for parents with teenagers!

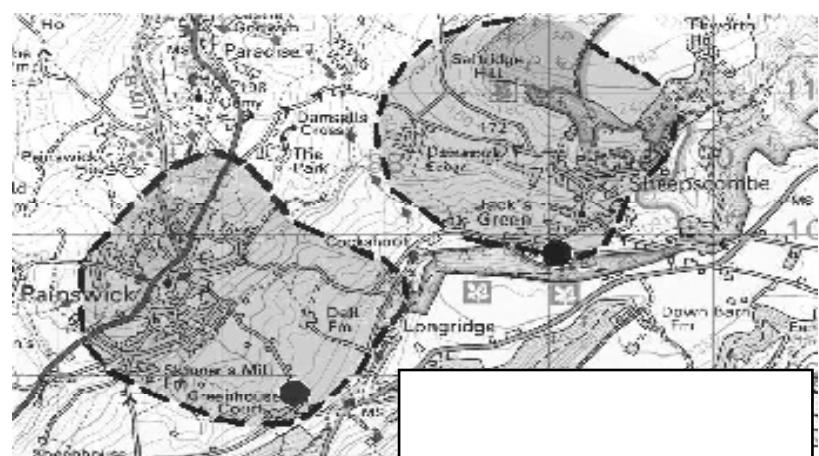
Meanwhile, Node Broadband reports good progress with Cranham, Sheepscombe, and Painswick all having reached trigger levels of interest. In Cranham, the central node location has been provisionally agreed and a detailed technical survey is being carried out. In Sheepscombe, the option of two locations for the central node has also been provisionally agreed. For both Cranham and Sheepscombe, the aim is to complete installations in April.

For Painswick, the prime location in Yokehouse lane has excellent views across the valley to provide a service to the whole of Painswick. Node hope that this installation will be the first of several to ensure contention ratios are kept low and speed maintained for demanding business daytime use. Terry Anderson, for Node Broadband commented, 'We are particularly keen to encourage business users in Painswick to recognise and take full advantage of the competitively priced 2Mb per second and 30:1 contention ratio which will provide a competitive edge to their businesses.' To find out more, log onto www.nodebroadband.com.

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Scope of *Whispering Parrot* latest cover.



Loop Scorpio
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Loop Scorpio, the third competing operator, is now well established with two nodes in operation. Coverage takes in most of central and northern Painswick from the primary node in New Street (The Falcon) up towards Golf Course Road. Contact www.painswick-broadband.co.uk for more information.



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Painswick Centre: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities

Six years ago, the Painswick Centre (or ‘The Institute’ as it then was) was a sadly dilapidated, underused building. A shadow of its former self, it had become a liability. An acrimonious dispute between the Trustees and the now-defunct Painswick Club had left it with a handful of regular users and an air of neglect. Everything seemed to have given up: the stage curtains were jammed open, floorboards in the hall were loose, the roof leaked, the toilets didn’t work, it was gloomy even with the lights on. And, of course it was cold. The heating system – although deafeningly audible – seemed to have its own ideas about whether and how much warmth it was going to allow out, leading to that curious phenomenon whereby you actually had to nip outside to warm up! In short, the Institute club was effectively bankrupt and seemed to have reached a dead end.

Then, following a well-attended and lively – not to say heated – public meeting, the threat of the Institute being closed down and sold off for housing prompted action. There was a change in trustees and a new, hands-on management committee under the leadership of John Stephenson-Oliver was formed. Over the next couple of years the new team turned the tide and started to invest in the infrastructure. Two new kitchens have been installed and a major electrical rewiring completed. The Institute had become the Painswick Centre and been rejuvenated as a community asset of which Painswickians can be proud.

Six months ago, Russ Herbert took over the chairman’s role. Russ pays fulsome tribute to what has been achieved:

‘John and his team have done a great job in turning the operation round. We now have the Centre used virtually every day and night of the week for everything from art classes to yoga, from drama to dancing and from bingo to badminton. Most importantly, the operation is now financially viable, with major regular users hiring the facilities at commercial rates, including the Blues Club, private parties and weddings, special sales (eg carpets) and the Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen open all day Tuesdays to Saturdays.’

However, there are still formidable challenges – some, like parking congestion, arising from the centre’s very success – and there are also some real opportunities to add value to the life of Painswick.

The immediate challenge is to improve disabled access and facilities to bring the centre in line with new legislative requirements. Russ is adamant that it should not be a question of merely meeting the minimum legal standards but that the Centre should aim at providing facilities that meet the expectations of its users. For example, currently being installed are an acoustic loop for the benefit of those with hearing difficulties, a stair lift to the Cotswold Room and the Green Room, and ramps for wheelchair access.

By October this year, an even bigger challenge will be to upgrade the central toilet facilities. This will entail extending and rebuilding the toilet block and bar area to create the environment expected of a professional performance venue. ‘There should be no more queues for the loo!'

Such facilities will not come cheap. This will be a major project and has been costed at around £45,000, some of which may be covered by a loan, but significant sums will need to be raised. Russ is hopeful that the community will help with raising these funds, particularly the major Centre users.

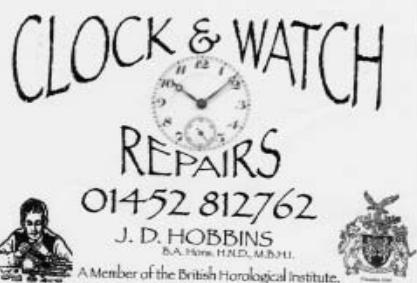
Inputs from users have already been significant: the lighting, sound and other stage facilities have been significantly upgraded in partnership with Painswick Players, who have also committed themselves to replacing the main stage curtains. PADFAS have committed to contributing to the blackout curtains and, as reported last month, the members of the old Painswick Club have already committed to the new stair lift.

Russ and the Centre committee are now thinking longer term with plans for redecoration and upgrading the heating system next year and later a resurfacing of the car park. But perhaps the most ambitious and challenging opportunity is to bring the former club bar area back into use as a coffee shop and/or restaurant alongside the Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen display area. The idea is to offer the unit as a commercial catering venture, probably on preferential long lease terms. Russ is eager to hear from a (preferably local) entrepreneur with the vision and capacity to undertake such a development.

Looking further into the future, Russ says his ambition is to be able to hand over to his successor a vibrant community asset which is seen as a first class performance venue and location for other activities.

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Christian Aid's campaign for Trade Justice is focussed on 2005 when Britain will both host the G8 summit and hold the presidency of the EU.

Free trade favours the rich and means that the governments of poor countries have no way of protecting their local producers from cheap imports. Subsidised American rice sold in Northern Ghana has meant that local farmers' livelihoods have been destroyed.

The big players make the rules, Europe only charges 3% import duty on cocoa beans but 27% on chocolate, so the 4 countries which produce 90% of the world's cocoa produce only 4% of the chocolate – development is stifled.

Poor countries do not have the resources to attend the hundreds of meetings held by the World Trade Organisation each year or to analyse the thousands of pages of rules published after each G8 summit. The imbalance has become obscene and we are proud to be helping in the fight for fair trade as well as supporting work on the ground.

PLEASE HELP AGAIN! Christian Aid week starts on 9th May, the familiar red envelope will be delivered and the shop doors will open (details next month) so please start turning out unwanted treasures and stocking up with flour!

*Liz Davies
and the Painswick Valleys Christian Aid committee*

Birds of the Cotswold Water Park

Ali Swainston, Head Ranger of the Keynes Country Park, gave an illustrated talk to the Bird Club on the 18th March.

His theme - the attractions of the Water Park for bird life - revealed both the vast scale and the diverse habitats of this very special place for wildlife.

The many lakes are inhabited by ducks, grebes, nationally important numbers of coots, as well as 'passage' migrants such as little egrets and terns. Dragonflies abound on summer days around the shores. Between the lakes there are old meadows full of flowers, such as the rare snakeshead fritillary. Hedgerows attract summer migrating birds, including willow warblers and nightingales. Along the streams and rivers kingfishers, dippers and wagtails can usually be seen. There are over 30 species of waders, many frequenting the shallow waters of the active pits.

The audience appreciated the experience and enthusiasm of the speaker, and recognised the key importance of the Ranger's management work in sustaining the outstanding wildlife of the Park in the context of continuing large-scale extraction and the ever-increasing range of leisure activities.

The Club's AGM followed the talk. A full programme of field events and talks for the year ahead was outlined. The next meeting is on Thursday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Chris Riddler will give an illustrated talk on kingfishers.

Everyone is welcome.



Readers are reminded that the Dog Warden telephone number is

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New Collection at the Library .. now

As some of you may know many of the larger county libraries have had Fastback collections for a number of months now and finally we are happy to announce that Fastbacks have arrived at Painswick. This collection of books are those that have been most recently published and include the new bestsellers from authors such as Phillipa Gregory, Anne Rice, Terry Pratchett and Emma Blair to name but a few. Bestselling titles such as these used to have long waiting lists but that is not the case with the new Fastback collection. These books are non-reservable and therefore will always be waiting on the shelves at Painswick Library, unless someone in the village is reading them!

However as demand for these books will be high borrowers can only take them out for one week at a time unlike our usual three-week loan period. But this does mean that if someone has got the book you were after you will only have to wait a week before you can get your hands on it, so all in all its only a small downside!

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Previewing the Players

There is always more to an Alan Bennett play than mere farce, much much more. *Habeas Corpus* is certainly no exception. It is so cleverly written it has appeal on many levels though Bennett himself describes it almost dismissively as "a farce without doors".

Painswick Players are currently rehearsing their production of *Habeas Corpus* for presentation at the Painswick Centre on 6,7,8 May. They want to make it a tribute to the author.

Bennett is a complex writer. It is difficult to categorise his dramas. This one is a farce, a light-hearted romp, but the fast comedy is interspersed with poignant observations about the human condition, thought-provoking interludes which stop your laughter in its tracks and rouse a different set of emotions. It has real breadth.

The play is set in the late 1960s and our characters are gripped by the so-called permissive society. It is not, however, time-constrained as each character is very much a part of his/her own time.

Habeas Corpus introduces us to a group of characters, all rooted in their own social worlds but each obsessed with personal dilemmas and issues which are universal. They are a set of stereotypes, caricatures, desperately indulging in their own longings and needs but farcically interacting with one another in the belief that instant and permanent happiness is possible through physical gratification. *Habeas Corpus* – you should have the body – interlinks the characters with the human body.

On the serious side, Bennett shows how we are all potentially at the mercy of our own passions and desires, almost victims of our own weaknesses. This gives us a frailty which he writes about with both love and irony. His characters, with their physical and sexual desires, are trapped in Bennett's favourite themes of propriety and respectability, repression, aspiration and class.

The play is linguistically clever, simultaneously light-hearted, perceptive and observant. There are some wonderfully written lines and ingenious subplots. It is fast and witty. The humour



is not subtle and the play is full of comic misunderstandings. As Lesley Wolowiec, who is directing the Painswick production, says, the pace is difficult because it is not totally a light romp. The Painswick cast is, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoying this play. Their view of the writing is that it is so rich in content there is room to develop many aspects of the characters. They are using a very simple set as the play speaks for itself. There is sufficient staging to allow movement on and off in true farce mode.

This play is very funny and the Painswick cast members are eager to point out the fun they have had rehearsing it. They are also working very hard to ensure that you too will thoroughly enjoy their production of *Habeas Corpus*.

Carol Maxwell



Wordsearch

This month we have stayed with the USofA and concealed eleven western States.

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Our new bread-maker bakes delicious traditional and fancy breads, including granary and wholemeal loaves. Her savoury breads are flavoured with herbs and sun-dried tomatoes. Hot Cross Buns will be available at our Maundy Thursday Market.

We sell a good choice of local honey and home-made preserves, with the new season's Seville orange marmalade now being available. Fresh eggs can also be bought. Our home-bakers offer delicious cakes, pastries and desserts, and for Easter, will be baking Simnel cakes. If you want to be sure of a specific item, to avoid disappointment, we strongly recommend that you order in advance. Please telephone Doreen Boon on 813850 at the beginning of the week with your requirements.

Once you have completed your purchases, why not relax and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and a taster of the home-made cakes and breads sold at our markets?

We continue to look out for new producers in every section. We are particularly interested in hearing from growers of spring and early summer vegetables and home-bakers of sweet and savoury dishes.

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Market and at our weekly Friday markets thereafter. Although the town's WI has been suspended, happily, the Market continues to flourish. Even the recent overnight snowfalls have not deterred our producers and sellers from opening-up for business! And a special thank-you to all the customers who have supported the Market in such difficult weather conditions.

Patricia Davey and Jane Rowe

PAINSWICK WEATHER Sheepscombe School Report						
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27	frozen	8	12	79	5s	grey clouds
28	frozen	10	15	75	1n	white clouds
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10	9	7.2	9.5	65	0	white, grey & blue
11	6	5.7	7.9	75	5s	blue, white clouds
12	4	6	13.2	69	1n	grey all over
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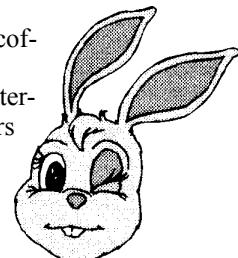
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Hurry! Seats are still available on the coach to BATH on Wednesday 14th April. It leaves Stamages Lane Car Park at 10.00am and, coming home, the coach leaves BATH at 5.00pm. Fare £7.00.

Bookings with cash or cheque, 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.



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Care development - Stroud Road

Detailed designs for Richmond Painswick were presented at an exhibition held in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 9th March. The exhibition complemented a comprehensive brochure about the new development which had been sent to those who have already enquired about the development, including some 150 residents of Painswick. Two separate sessions were held during the day, in the afternoon and the evening. At each session, the designers of the development, Keith Cockell and Stephen Lloyd, gave short presentations followed by Question and Answer sessions. Detailed plans were displayed and a senior member of staff from Richmond Village at Nantwich, Sue Hughes, was also available to answer questions on an informal basis.

Work on the A46 highway improvements and access-way to the site commenced in that week, and is expected to last for between 12 and 16 weeks. On the highway itself a 'right turn' holding point will be included in the carriageway for vehicles proceeding northwards, and the whole road widened at that point. The street lighting, required to the specification of the County Highways, and which has been erected by the developers of St.Mary's site closer to the village but not yet connected to a supply, will be moved backwards along part of its length to follow the line of the realigned pavement. The foul water drainage system for St.Marys is being laid within this initial excavation, and will join up with that for the care development on the site itself as part of these preliminary works. A new hedge will be planted as soon as possible using native species as before.

At the presentation Keith Cockell explained how they will provide three types of accommodation "designed to meet different aspirations and needs, together with excellent facilities to allow its residents to enjoy active and fulfilling lives". He went on to explain that there will be 18 independent apartments, 32 rooms in which the occupants will receive full residential and nursing care, complimented by 36 suites of rooms to be known as the Richmond Suites. These suites will provide a new concept



for retirement living, one successfully pioneered at Richmond Village in Nantwich, and one to be introduced – for the first time in a new development – at Richmond Painswick. "This concept has been well received because it combines living in one's own apartment with the personal care previously only available in bed-sitting rooms and does so at a more reasonable cost than in a comparable residential or nursing home. The Richmond Suites, available in many different designs, include a bedroom with en suite bath/shower room, a separate sitting room, a galley kitchen and a balcony, with a daily maid service to make the beds and keep everything fresh and clean. When, and if, the time comes for more personal care to be needed this service can be seamlessly extended to provide whatever care is required. Some of these suites are of a size and design to allow a married couple to continue to be together even when one or both of them may require a lot of personal care."

Mr.Cockell said that all the accommodation at Richmond Painswick will be built and equipped to a very high standard. Moreover it will be complemented by a wide range of facilities, such as a restaurant, a library, an IT room and an excellent Spa Club with swimming pool, gym and a variety of beauty and fitness services.

The Beacon understands that about half of the apartments have already attracted local buyers, this in anticipation of their completion about April or May next year.

For further information telephone: Keith Cockell or Sue Hughes on 01270.629080 **A repeat presentation is scheduled for the 28th April between 10.30am and 4.30pm in the Town Hall.**



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From RF Jarrett

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Care development - Stroud Road

From Philip Berry

Travelling to Stroud recently I felt I had gone 'round the bend' in more ways than one. You didn't need the eyes of a hawk to see that the long established and recently trimmed hedgerow bordering the Chestnut Ground had been removed. One would have thought such a fine rural feature, in excellent condition apart from the spot damaged by vehicular impersonations of Eddie the Eagle, would have come under the wing of the Hedgerow Protection Act.

Has this action ruffled the feathers of the Painswick Bird Club? and will Donald Juggins fly into a rage at the prospect of some more strange Cotswold Stone Walling?

For many years Painswick was known as the Queen of the Cotswolds. Now, with the coloured adornments and lighting of our approach roads, 'Queen of Suburbia' might seem more appropriate.

and

From Hilary Simpson & David Simpson

Perhaps the people of Painswick have now had a wake up call regarding the development at Broadham Fields for the "Richmond Village" A delightful old hedge was completely destroyed in one day - surely this was not totally necessary?

The "Road Show" put on by the developers last week beggared belief. Was anyone aware that a Spa centre was being included and this to be opened to external membership? The inclusion of a shop, café, rooftop garden and rooftop restaurant, all of which will be open to external users, was a complete surprise to those of us that have followed the planning process carefully. The intention to have outside concerts in the "natural amphitheatre" must surely be a joke. The increase in traffic volume with all these additions will be huge - was this included in the traffic survey?

It is not too late to halt these proposals for such inclusions. Have they planning permission for all of these "attractions"? If they have then the public was not allowed to put their views on these specific inclusions, as they were not obvious in the plans submitted.

and

From Cllr Barbara Tait

Several people have contacted me regarding the removal of the

hedge along the side of the site, abutting the A46.

The bank and hedge had to be removed to accommodate the Highway Authority's specifications for highway alterations. Severn Trent also have some major works to be carried out there.

I am assured that as soon as it is possible, after the work has been completed in that section, the upper part of the hedge – (that is, excluding the visibility splay required by highways), will be replaced with native species.

Hello from Eastbourne

From Antony Miles

Thankyou for the e-mail with info on excellent web-site.

My late father, Rob Miles, was an occasional contributor, with stories of the Chemist Shops, first in New Street then also at the Shetland Shop, run by my Mum, Marjorie. But Dad died in '92, and Mum passed away aged nearly 93 last November.

I was born and bred in Painswick, moved to London but then moved back and lived in Hazelbury House with my new wife, Maree. Our first child, Paul was born in Stroud hospital in 1964.

We miss Painswick very much....maybe it was my cousin in law Dave Gunton gave you our e-mail address?

Thanks anyway...keep up the good work!!

(ex-Marling, mate of Dave Archard, who was a neighbour when we were at Nutgrove House in New Street and his dad was boss

Bingo

.....on the evening of Tuesday 6th April
- 7.00 for 7.30pm in the august surroundings
of the Town Hall.

In aid of the Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund.

June Gardner

First tier of Local Government Parish Councillor?

For any weighing up the implications of standing for office as a Parish Councillor there is a unique opportunity to find out what is involved/expected of one.

Richard Bellis of Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils will be at the Town Hall on Tuesday 27th April at 6.30pm to explain, inform, and answer just about any question.

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A Tribute to Mary West

26th April 1916 – 22nd February 2004

I would like to pay a tribute to a dear friend, Mrs Mary West, who passed away on 22nd February 2004 in Magdalene Nursing Home in Gloucester.

She lived for 56 years in Painswick and married the local Coal Merchant, William West. My first sight of Mary was as a seven-year-old boy at Gyde Home. As a fresh faced Sister in the National Childrens Home she arrived from Newquay in Cornwall in 1948 to help one other Sister to look after thirty boys



on the east end at Gyde aged from five to seventeen, which must have been a daunting task. One year later in 1949 the N.C.H. decided to split the families up so she was chosen to look after fifteen boys on her own. I was in her family for

the next five years.

They were hard times. She was strict but fair and made sure everybody was treated as an equal. She was the nearest to a mother I had come to in the N.C.H. I remember well the Christmases she tried so hard to be both mother and father to fifteen boys. It must have been hard going at times.

In 1954 she married William West who, as well as being the local coal merchant, was the organist at the Baptist Church that we attended every Sunday. I remember my disappointment on the occasion of her wedding in Shipton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire as only three boys from the east end could attend and my elder brother Tom was chosen.

Over the years we kept in close touch. Wherever I was she always sent me a birthday card. For the last ten years, since her husbands death, I often popped in to see her when I was passing and helped her maintain her house in Churchill Way and often went for walks with her around the village and up to her beloved Beacon. She loved Painswick and was proud to be part of the local church and village life. I will sadly miss her.

Brian Jubb

Churches together around Painswick Easter Services 2004



Maundy Thursday April 8th

10.00am-3.00pm Children's Workshop. St. Mary's Church Hall, Painswick
7.30pm Holy Communion. St. Mary's Church, Painswick
8.00pm Table Communion. Christ Church, Gloucester St., Painswick

Good Friday April 9th

10.25am Procession of Witness. Start at St.Mary's Church, Painswick, followed by hot-cross-buns and coffee at Christ Church.
11.30am-12.15pm Service followed by lunch. St. James the Great, Cranham
12.00-3.00pm 3hour with Ven. Tim Raphael. St. Mary's Church, Painswick
2.00-3.00pm Service. Harescombe

Easter Sunday April 11th

Sunrise Hymns and Prayers on Cranham Common
8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion. St. Mary's Church, Painswick
8.00am Holy Communion. Harescombe
8.30am Mass of the Resurrection. RC Church of Our Lady & St. Therese, Painswick
9.00am Holy Communion. Pitchcombe
9.15am Easter Breakfast. Christ Church, Gloucester St., Painswick
9.30am Holy Communion. St Mary's, Painswick
10.30am Holy Communion. Edge
10.30am Festival Service & Holy Communion. Christ Church, Painswick
10.30am Meeting for Worship. Friends' Meeting House, Vicarage St, Painswick
11.00am Holy Communion. St James the Great, Cranham
11.00am Holy Communion. St. John's, Sheepscombe
6.30pm Holy Communion. Methodist Chapel, Sheepscombe
6.30pm Beacon Service. St Mary's Church, Painswick

For Palm Sunday and other Holy Week services please see Church notice boards. There are also RC services at Prinknash Abbey and Stroud.

60th Anniversary Celebrations

On Wednesday 28th April, Painswick Wives Fellowship will be celebrating its 60th anniversary with a service in St Mary's Church at 6.15pm to which all are welcome. This will be followed by a dinner in the Church rooms for members and invited guests, however if any former members would like to attend, please contact Pamela Westcott on 812471 before 12th April.

Painswick Young Wives Fellowship (as it was then known) was started in 1944 by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Morris, wives of the Vicar at St Mary's and the Minister of what is now Christ Church, at a time when married women had very little status in their own right. "A woman's place is in the home" was very much the order of the day, so to start a group which was run by the members for the members and was not affiliated to any national or religious based organisation was very forward thinking. Over time the word "young" was dropped and the membership was opened up to include all women irrespective of marital status but the name was not altered to reflect this change.

Members now feel that it is time to rectify this, so after the celebrations of 28th April, the group will be known as Painswick Womens' Fellowship; however the group's motto "By love – Serve one another" is still as relevant today as it was sixty years ago.

Meetings take place on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Christ Church Hall and aim to provide a varied and interesting programme of speakers and activities.

New members and/or visitors are always welcome.

Gillian Gyde

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Rugby

Aware of a difficult end of season programme, Painswick First Fifteen took the opportunity to rest a number of players for their friendly match against old rivals Cainscross at Broadham Fields last Saturday. Painswick play in the Gloucestershire Premier Division while Cainscross are two divisions below the Cherry and Whites in the Gloucestershire Three North Division.

However, Painswick never take matches against the Stroud side lightly, not least because games between the two clubs have the added incentive of the Barrie Meadows Cup as a reward for victory. Painswick played up the slope in the first half and took the lead through an early try scored by Martin Hayward. Cainscross replied with a penalty so that at half time the home side's lead was a slender 2 points. After the interval, James Wynn went over for Painswick's second unconverted try and Nick Rogers kicked a penalty goal. The visitors had several periods of pressure but were unable to break Painswick's defence and the result was a victory for the home team by 13 points to 3.

In the corresponding fixture at Victory Park, Cainscross, Painswick United beat their second fifteen opponents by 12 points to nil. Painswick had one league fixture during March when they travelled to north Bristol to play Aretians. Although the result was a disappointment in that the Cherry and Whites lost by the only score of the match, a converted try, the visitors were very pleased with their performance, not least in defence where the forwards in particular played with commendable spirit against a heavier pack.

On 20th March, Painswick played the Stroud Nomads for the Simon Turley Memorial Cup. The cup was presented by Simon's father Roger to be played for by the two clubs annually in memory of Simon who was tragically killed in a road accident. Simon had played for Stroud before joining Painswick. The Cherry and Whites ran out convincing winners by 24 points to 5. At the conclusion of the game, the Nomad's captain, Rupert Foote, presented the cup to his Painswick opposite number, Ben Pollard.



Painswick prepare to scrum down against Cainscross

Golf

Painswick Golf Club news.

Men's March Medal.

Division 1. Carl Gyde: 96 on countback from Adam Northcutt Nett 61.

Division 2. Ralph Gallagher: 96 on countback from Nigel Yatea Nett 60.

Division 3. Peter Mayes: Nett 59. Tony Green achieved a hole in one.

Ladies' March Medal.

1st Angela Woodward. 2nd Sylvia Walker.

The Seniors March Medal was postponed because of fog.

The new Captain, Paul Gobey, was installed at the A.G.M. on 5th March, along with a new committee.

The Captain had his drive-in on Saturday 6th March. He started his year off by presenting the prizes at the Ladies Presentation Evening on Wednesday 10th March where there was a good spread of prize winners.

The Club Championship Rose Bowl was presented to June Davis and the Order of Merit to Bronwen Godley. At the Men's Presentation Evening on 28th February, 17 years old Steve Gerrish from Painswick won the Order of Merit. Steve, who is a student at Hartpury College and attended local schools, has been playing for 5 years. He started with junior coaching and has worked so hard at his golf that he is now playing for the A team.

Junior coaching will be starting again soon and it is hoped that some Painswick boys and girls will be interested. Carl Gyde of Painswick, who through the years has run the A team and won most trophies many times, was pleased to be able to collect the Peter Higgins Trophy. This is a new trophy and was donated in honour of Peter, an old friend of Carl, who sadly died last year.

Sylvia Walker



Hockey

Painswick Ladies' league match against the East Gloucestershire Club from Cheltenham, scheduled to be played at Broadham last Saturday, had to be postponed because of the gale force winds. The match will now be played on Saturday 17th April.

On Saturday 6th March, Painswick were at home to Newent who were one place above the home side in the league before the game. Newent caught Painswick off guard with an early goal but Painswick thought they had equalised when Maggie Morse appeared to have converted a short corner from an excellent strike, only to have the umpire disallow the "goal". Painswick were dismayed by the decision but remained calm and ever more determined to score. A minute later Morse had the satisfaction of scoring an indisputable goal to level the scores. Newent scored a second goal but Painswick displayed some excellent moves and controlled the second half of the game. The home side's teamwork was very good with countless chances being created, only to have the final decisions

going against them. Players of the match: Lisa Bircher, Maggie Morse and Anita Wright

The following Saturday, Painswick were again at home when they met the league leaders, Lansdown. Despite their inexperience on grass, Lansdown looked confident but Painswick were playing well. Full use of the pitch was displayed with Nikki Keating pursuing every opportunity to take the ball up

the wing to finish with some effective ball skill to locate the centre forward, Maggie Morse. Painswick had several opportunities at goal but Lansdown were quick to push the ball away. Some well communicated play between Suzie Barr, Emma Watkins and Anita Wright gave Painswick a scoring chance but despite attempts from Karen Davis and Maggie Morse, no goal resulted. A well-balanced game developed but neither side could find the opening to score. Painswick had an excellent game and defended well to achieve the result they were looking for. Player of the match: Emma Watkins.

Anita Wright



Painswick on the attack against Newent

Cricket

The new season starts on Saturday 1st May when Painswick second eleven are at home to Birdlip and the first eleven away at Cam.

The club extends a warm welcome to anyone with an interest in the game, whether potential player or supporter, and looks forward to meeting them at the Broadham ground during the summer. League matches are played on Saturday afternoons starting at 2pm. The games are of 45 overs per innings duration.

Club Secretary, Andrew Wise (01453 755202) or Chairman, John Hogg (812505) will be pleased to provide more information.

Tennis

Last Sunday was the final day of the winter league programme when Painswick A were in action against Minchinhampton A. It is hoped to publish the league tables of the various divisions in the May issue.

Preparations for the summer league matches are underway with ladies practice nights on Wednesdays at 6pm and the men at 7pm on Fridays. Existing club or potential new members of league standard are most welcome to come to these practices which take place at Broadham.

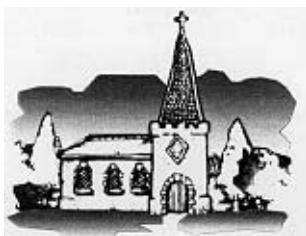
The Quiz Night was a great success with 94 people participating. Ann Brown's team led for most of the evening, only to be pipped at the post in the final round when Rod Gordon's team played their Joker (for double points) and took the prize.

Skiing

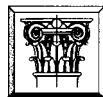
Ray Barker writes that Fern travelled off to France in early February to compete in the British Schoolgirls' championships where she did extremely well. In a field of 150 plus girl racers she took 1st place in the Giant Slalom and 5th place in the Slalom under 15 age group; 8th and 13th overall (under 19) to finish 2nd in her age group and 8th overall in the combined competition.

She followed this with a trip to Croatia to represent Great Britain, finishing 18th in the Slalom. Her better event, Giant Slalom, was unfortunately cancelled.

Finally the weekend before last saw her team up with brother Ashley and travel off to Cairngorm, Scotland with two school colleagues to race in the Combined Cadet Force team championships representing Pates Grammar School. Fern won her age group (under 18), both male and female and was the first female overall, finishing in 7th place in the competition. Ashley finishing just behind her in 12th. The team were 2nd Cadet and 4th overall at their first attempt.



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Another record month for Hamptons in the West Country with sales agreed up by one third on last year and here in Painswick we have continued with much of our pipeline exchanging in the last two months.

However, there is still a lack of properties coming to the market with many vendors holding back as there is nothing out there for them to buy. We are doing a lot of valuations and many people have indicated that they will wait until after Easter before deciding whether to sell or not. Now is definitely the time - do not delay.

Recent exchanges include Stable Court-yard and The Granary, the last remaining conversions at Painswick Court and also Millpool House, off Kingsmill Lane. At Edge, the North Wing of The Old Vicarage, Park House at Whiteway and in

Sheepscombe Pyll House. In Upton St. Leonards, Perry Way also completed.

We are delighted to be able to offer two new houses to be built in the area, Fieldways in Longridge where a builder is currently constructing a 5 bedroom house with magnificent views and similarly we hope shortly to have received the go ahead to sell a new house in Blakewell Mead, which is currently being considered by the Planning Department at Stroud. Next door to this plot is Barncroft, a traditional 3 bedroomed house requiring updating with stunning views over to Edge. Also in Painswick is Abacas House – a 4 bedroomed modern house in Kingsmill Lane; Both Croome House and Gwynfa Cottage - 3 bedroom period properties in the heart of the village; At Gyde House - Bay Tree

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VILLAGE DIARY

APRIL

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Sat	3	Wives' Fellowship Coffee Morning Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt, piano	Town Hall St Mary's Church	10.00am to 12 noon 3.00pm
Sun	4	Easter Egg Trail Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Improvers) - Sundays	Rococo Garden Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30 to 8.30pm
Tue	6	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays Bingo in aid of Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund PCMS: Churchyards and Interment Policy - David Harley	Christ Church Hall Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 12noon 7.00 for 7.30pm 7.45pm
Wed	7	Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	8	WI Market: Coffee & "tasters" available Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners Music Appreciation: Finale for 16th Season	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 12.30 to 1.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	9	Please note: No W.I. Market today Senior Circle: No Meeting today	Town Hall	
Wed	14	Probus AGM Coach to Bath. Enquiries 813965/813227 Horticultural Society: Burford House Gardens - Mr R Bracher	Ostlers Room, Falcon Stamages Car Park Town Hall	10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	15	Antiques Evening followed by Supper. For Christ Church Charities. Tickets available 15 March. Bird Club: Kingfishers talk by Chris Riddler	Christ Church Hall	7.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	16	WI Market: Coffee & "tasters" available, Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	17	Copy dateline for May to Editorial Team Theatre Club outing to Cardiff Cranham Auction	The Falcon Village Hall	10.30am noon
Sun	18	Sunday Antiques Fair: Refreshments available	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.30pm
Mon	19	Pilates class first meeting	Broadham Pavilion	
Tue	20	New 256 bus service commences Local History Society Research Evening Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	New Street Croft School Ostlers Room, Falcon	9.46am 7.30pm 8.30pm
Wed	21	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	22	Diary dateline for April to Edwina Buttrey	Town Hall	10.00 to 12.30
Sat	24	Cotswold Care Coffee Morning: Coffee, Clothes, Cuttings, Cakes, Curtains. Painswick Music Society Concert: Emperor String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	27	Parish Councillor? Duties explained by Richard Bellis	Town Hall	6.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Anecdotes of an Antique Dealer - Mr Gerald Firkins Care Centre presentation	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 10.30am to 4.30pm
		Wives Fellowship 60th anniversary celebration service Followed by Dinner in Church Rooms	St Mary's Church	6.15pm
Fri	30	Senior Circle: Them bones, them bones - G. Carter	Town Hall	2.30pm
MAY				
Sat	1	May Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
Wed	5	Senior Circle Coffee Morning Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM Speaker: member of National Trust - Tyntesfield House	Town Hall Church Rooms	10.30am 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	Bristol University Classes (10) commence on Italian High Renaissance. To enrol Tel: 0117 9287844 Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Painswick Players - <i>Habeas Corpus</i> by Alan Bennett (until Sat May 8th)	Small Church Room	11.00am
Sat	8	Painswick Music Society Concert: The Nash Ensemble	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	9	Christian Aid Week commences		
Wed	12	Probus: Ataturk - Dr Richard Long Horticultural Society AGM	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	13	Closing of nominations for election candidates		4.00pm

Fri	14	Senior Circle: Health & Safety in the Home - Steve Marshfield	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	18	Local History Society Annual Outing to Woodchester Mansion	Woodchester	7.00pm
Sat	22	Theatre Club Outing to Water Mill Theatre, Newbury	The Falcon	10.30am
Wed	26	Probus: Farming Today - Mr J Rowe Annual Parish Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	28	Senior Circle Outing to Weston-super-Mare/Weymouth		
JUNE				
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Thu	10	Elections	Town Hall	7.00am to 10.00pm
Fri	11	Senior Circle: Anchors Away - Johnny Johnson	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	15	Local History Society A.G.M.	Croft School	7.30pm
Sat	19	Talk by Sir John Mason on Global Warming in aid of Christian Aid: followed by supper	Friends Meeting House Yew Tree House	
Tue	22	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern Theatre	The Falcon	6.00pm
Fri	25	Senior Circle: 'Seen but not heard': Being a Parish Clerk - Roy Balgobin	Town Hall	2.30pm
JULY				
Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	9	Senior Circle: "Antiques Roadshow" - Philip Taubenheim	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	17	Tennis Club Games & B.B.Q Evening	Broadham	
Sat	24	Dog Show	Recreation Field	tba
AUGUST				
Mon	30	Coffee Morning in aid of USPG	Church Rooms	10.30am to 12.30pm
SEPTEMBER				
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
OCTOBER				
Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
NOVEMBER				
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6 - 20	Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama Fortnight opens (<i>see programme below</i>)		
Sat	13	Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening		
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.30am to 2.30pm
MARCH				
Sat	12	Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm

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

Sat	6	Choral Concert: Cambridge Voices	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Sun	7	Piano recital: Ian de Massini	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Wed	10	Acker Bilk & Paramount Jazz Band	St Mary's Church	8.00pm
Sat	13	Festival Choral Workshop Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	14	Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church	2.00pm 7.30pm
Thu	18 - Sat 20	Painswick Players present A Man For All Seasons	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

SPRING HOUSE, CHURCH HILL, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a conservatory & demolition of existing conservatory

HALEBOURNE, KNAPP LANE. Erection of first floor extension, dormer window & internal alterations
Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of one dwelling. Revised Full Application following withdrawn application S.03/CO232/REM

COURTHOUSE, HALE LANE. Demolition of lean-to greenhouse in grounds
14 CANTON ACRE. Erection of an extension

WORGANS BARN, FOLLY LANE, SLAD. Erection of garage, store & stable building. (Existing barns to be demolished)

THE LANGET, KEMPS LANE. Erection of a conservatory

CASTLE HALE, HALE LANE. Remedial work to various trees

BYFIELD HOUSE, BISLEY STREET. Internal & external alterations. Installation of ventilator outlets

SNOWS FARM, STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD. Amendment to Consent S.03/6 for the conversion of redundant farm buildings to single unit holiday accommodation
BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of two storey extension.

MAPLE COTTAGE, DAMSELLS LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage.

CONSENT

THE VATCH HOUSE, THE VATCH, SLAD. Internal alterations including insertion of paneling and the replacement of the existing back staircase.

Land adj. TALL TREES, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of a dwelling & garage
THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of extension & car port

ULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD.

Internal & small external alterations

WOODSIDE BUNGALOW, THE VATCH, SLAD. Retrospective application for restoration & rebuilding of pre-existing extension, plus new extension to front & rear and raising part of roof
Land at STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE). Erection of a non illuminated hoarding sign

REFUSAL

4 CLATTERGROVE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Single storey extension
HILL VIEW, VICARAGE STREET. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a new residential annexe

PLAN WITHDRAWN/AMENDED

Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Approval of reserved matters. Resubmission following withdrawn application for erection of one dwelling

RESULT OF APPEAL: APPEAL DISMISSED

DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS. Proposed new dwelling

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

Land at LONGHOPE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Outline application for the erec-

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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to SARA and STEVEN WILCE on the birth of their second daughter, Madeline May, on 27th January; a sister for Grace and an eighth grandchild for Sylvia Wilce and fourth grandchild for Jill Elliot of Nailsworth.

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to BARBARA and DAVID HARLEY who celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary on 28th March.

Welcome

We have some new arrivals at St.Mary's to welcome JANE and ROY GEDEN from Stratford upon Avon to No.7 Stroud Road,

KAREN and PETER ROBINSON to No.8 Stroud Road,

FRANCES and WILFRED DARREN to No.11 Stroud Road,

and SARAH and PAUL SALTER to No.9 Stroud Road

Welcome also to Mr and Mrs DUFFIELD who have moved to Millpool House from Harrow,

and to Mr and Mrs RORY ATKINS to Pyll House, Sheepscombe,

and to JOHN MUNDAY to The Granary

and ALAN MUNDAY to Stable Orchard.

Change of house

JOHN and CRISSIE STEPHENSON-OLIVER moved to Sheepscombe on 30th March. John has asked those concerned to note their new telephone number is 01452.813431 and say it would help if Ward enquiries could be channelled through the Stroud District switch board on 01453.766321.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to BETTY HERBERT, OLGA HILL and DENYS CHAMBERLAIN.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MARY WEST and RALPH

Thank you

I am indebted to the back page of the Beacon to thank all those kind friends who sent me 'get-well' cards and letters and visited me in hospital during my stay in the Coronary Care Unit at GRH. I am home, and pleased to be back in Painswick. I hope it will not be too long before I can be out and about again, and thanking everyone personally.

Pam Bailey

John Thynne-Russell says a sincere thank you for many cards and telephone calls for his 85th birthday on 12th March, the day of the snow!

He regrets having to cancel a party arranged at the Golf Club.

"Thank you all, there will be another day."

Angela Critchley acknowledges with sin-

Mark Hancock

The Beacon is grateful to Douglas Robinson, on behalf of the Conservation Society, for the additional information which might have been included with our front page photograph last month.

Douglas writes "Your photo of the restored pillar at the entrance to Castle Hale was good news but we thought it unfortunate that there was no mention of Mark Hancock, who did the work.

He is the very skilled Master Mason who is improving much of Painswick - in this case constructing a perfect cylinder, several metres high and in stone."



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