

The Painswick Beacon

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New Guide for Painswick

After several years without an official up-to-date guide, a new Painswick Guide is about to be published.

As The Beacon has some working knowledge of desk-top-publishing, we offered to update and publish a guide for the Parish Council.

We gave the matter some thought and decided to 'pitch' the text and layout at the visitor or person moving into the area, and this through the perspective of a walker.

So, the new Guide - which will be on sale through local shops, the Tourist Information Office and the Council office from 15th June - is divided into six main sections, covering the distinctive parts of Painswick and the three neighbouring villages:

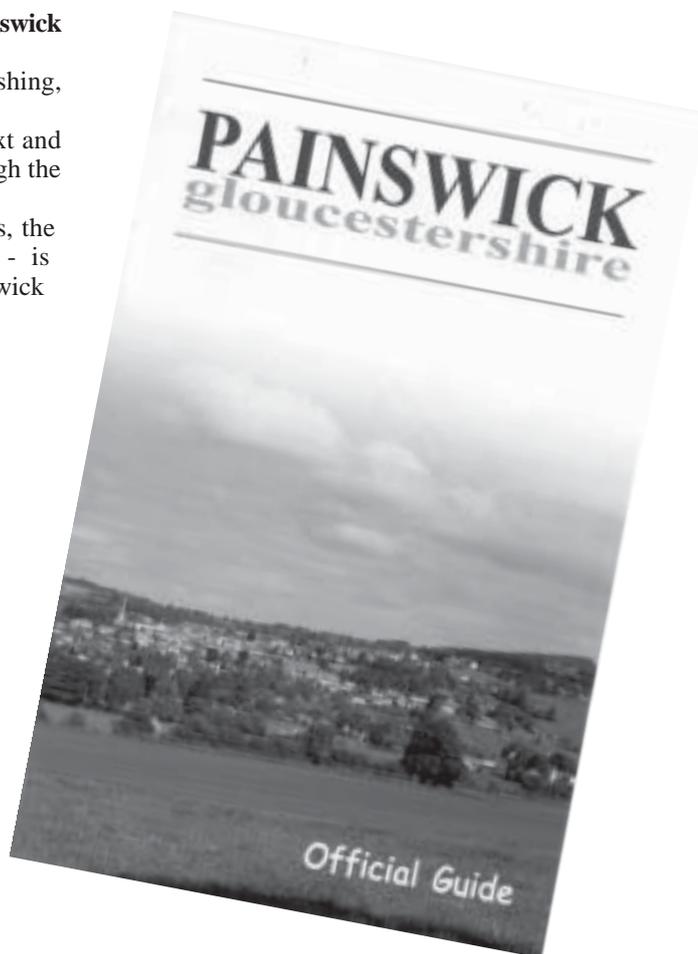
- *Painswick village centre*
- *Painswick Beacon and Sheepscombe,*
- *Painswick Stream, the mills and Slad,*
- *Broadham Field and Painswick Valley,*
- *The Cotswold Way and on to Edge,*
- *the Rococo Garden and the Plantation.*

We have also included the history of the area as compiled by Jonathan Blow for the previous Guide.

In addition, there is a full scale extract from the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger maps (162 and 163) and the street plans in full colour, also updated.

Unlike its predecessor, this issue of the Guide contains no advertising material, unless the reader feels that we have made a good job of advertising the wonderful place in which we live. If that has been achieved in any significant measure, we will be delighted.

And all this, and photographs too, for a mere £2.00!
Incidentally, full colour street maps are now available, free.



Election results...

Just over 2,000 Painswickians voted in last month's District Council elections, 59% of the electorate in the Painswick Ward.

Barbara Tait was again returned as one of our two District Councillors. The full result was:

- Barbara **TAIT** - Conservative Party - **1112**
- Martin **SHERRARD** - Green Party - **457**
- David **HARCUP** - Liberal Democrats - **310**
- Andrew **READ** - Labour Party - **127**

... and another election?

VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS NOTICE TO ELECTORS

From the Clerk to Painswick Parish Council:

There are vacancies on the Parish Council; two vacancies in Painswick Ward and one vacancy in the Sheepscombe Ward. A bye-election to fill the vacancies will be held if, within 14 days (not counting a Saturday or Sunday) from the date below, ten electors for the ward give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.

The address of the Returning Officer is Electoral Services Department, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 4UB

If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancies by co-option. Any elector who would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council should inform the Clerk, in writing, giving a brief CV as soon as possible and by no later than Noon on Monday 12th July 2004.

Roy Balgobin, Clerk, 23rd June 2004

On other pages this month - more **fun on the Rec**, **prizes and More** for Players, **6 of the best** for the Red Cross, spotlight on **Arthur Perrins**, **D-Day** remembered, an eventful **Rococo**, what the Romans ever did for us at **Prinknash**, poems at the **Festival** and on **Test Matches**, two sadly missing **Prime Ministers** and a thankfully present **councillor**...

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS -by Leslie Brotherton

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our usual monthly report is not included today for the straightforward reason that a committee was not in place until after the full Council met to decide upon its membership after the elections.

PARISH COUNCIL

New member(s)

The Chairman welcomed Ann Burges Watson to her first meeting of the Council. Jeanne Berry from Slad was unable to attend and there were two other apologies, bringing the total present to six - bearing in mind that there are three vacancies. (See separate item inviting nominations.)

Officers

The Members present clearly felt that they could not proceed to complete all the committee appointments required for the ensuing year without their absent colleagues. However, some appointments could not easily be deferred and it was unanimously agreed in each case that the following be appointed:

- Chairman of the Council – Terry Parker
 - Vice Chairman – David Hudson
 - Chairman of Planning Committee – David Hudson
 - Chairman of Plantation Committee – Ann Daniels
 - Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee – Johnny Johnston
 - Chairman combining Cemetery, Parish Maintenance and the Town Hall – Martin Slinger
 - Chairman of Footpath Committee – pending
 - Chairman of Traffic Committee - pending
- Quality Parish Council status (QPC) – vacancies**

While it has been an underlying policy of the council for many months now to seek to adopt procedures which accord with 'best practice', a formal decision whether to apply for QPC had been held over pending the result of the Parish Council

election. This was because to obtain QPS status certain criteria must be met, and among these are that no less than 80% of the members of the Council should have been elected on to the council. As only nine people had offered themselves for election to the twelve seats there is a short-fall of 5%.

The Chairman reported that he had sought guidance from both the District Council and the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils as to the procedure to be adopted to fill the three vacancies on the council in a manner which would be recognised for a QPC, but the advice was conflicting. What appeared to be the case was that moving to immediately co-opt three people who had already volunteered might not be regarded as acceptable and it was, therefore, necessary to obtain guidance at national level.

The council agreed to request the Beacon to carry an article formally inviting applications for the three vacancies once that advice is received, hopefully complying with QPC criteria. (See item on the front page.)

Canton Acre – parking limitations

The Council took note of the fact that both the District and County Council officers had been approached with regard to the reduction of the size of the grassed central reservation by about one metre radius.

Beacon conservation equipment store

The significant quantity of equipment, purchased primarily for use by the Beacon Conservation Group, was reported by Martin Slinger as presenting difficulties, not least because of its value and security. It was agreed that a container be located in the eastern upper corner of the cemetery close to the existing parish maintenance compound, a location which would be fully screened by existing trees and shrubs. The Council had been assured that such storage would not require planning consent.

Footpaths and horse riding

The Council received a letter from Dr.Lucas, resident of Sheepscombe, drawing attention to a concern he had that horse riders, some moving at speed, were using footpaths which presented a hazard for walkers. He was also worried that such activity seriously damaged the foot-

paths, especially after wet weather.

In anticipation of discussion of this matter the Clerk reported information from the County Council that horse riding upon footpaths designated on the Definitive Map is permitted, with the permission of the landowner, where no bye-law states otherwise. Councillors expressed their surprise that such is the case and agreed to make further enquiries, not least because of the implications for walkers, and the maintenance of stiles, etc..

It was also agreed to support Dr.Lucas, who was insistent that he was not seeking to 'make waves' in his suggestion that the Beacon be requested to draw attention to such practices and hoped that horse riders would confine their movements to bridleways.

Litter – Painswick Beacon

Ann Burges Watson drew attention to the lack of refuse bins alongside the road linking the A46 and the B4073 beneath the Beacon and consequent increase in litter thereabouts. The council noted that some bins had been removed and decided to request reinstatement.

Traffic speeds – Whiteshill Road, Edge

Martin Slinger reported that residents affected by the seeming increase in speed of vehicles along the Edge-Whiteshill road had been invited to suggest measures by which such might be reduced.

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Fun on the Rec: why not?

The Beacon hears that plans are well advanced for the first Painswick's Charity Fun Day. When we took the unusual step of including the full schedule in our centre pages last month we did so in the belief that a major new (possibly annual) event was in the making. We think we may have been right, but public support will decide the matter.

The times and venues for what is on offer can now be confirmed. **The Recreation Ground** will be the central venue for all **Charity Stalls** and the **Companion Dog Show**.

The three ladies who have shouldered the organisation told us that they are "Excited by the response we've had from people wanting to raise funds, and although we've still to confirm with some folk, the range of Charities is very wide". In the spirit of the Fun Day they have already attracted groups wanting to raise funds for such as

- people with learning difficulties and the homeless,
- a carers group and local hospices,
- a group raising money for vital medical equipment,
- an overseas special school and orphanage,
- and various animal charities, including Hearing Dogs for Deaf People which is this year's chosen charity supported by profits from the Dog Show.

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Stalls will open from **11.00am**

Dog Show entries are from **12.30pm** and the **judging** starts at **1.30pm**

The venue for the various **floral and craft competitions** is to be **Christ Church** in Gloucester Street.

All entries (and they would like lots please!!) should be in place by 10.00am on Saturday the 24th, and judging will begin at 11.00am. If there are too many exhibits for Christ Church, the Town Hall will be the back-up venue and notices will be posted accordingly. All those taking part will be notified in the week leading up to the Fun Day.

Christ Church School Room will be the venue for **refreshments** which will be available throughout the day, including home-made lunches. **The Painswick Centre** will be holding a **Tombola** and opening its **Car Park** to all during the Fun Day, to help raise funds for upgrading Centre facilities for disabled people.

Further information or additional schedules for the **Dog Show** can be obtained from Michelle Phillips on 812340 or Fiona Chapman on 812462.

All queries relating to the Charity Stalls or Competitions should be directed to Chris Campbell on 863344. More schedules and entry forms are available on request, or can be picked up in the Tourist Information Centre.

A lot of work has been put into the preparation of this day and any thoughts of its being repeated, indeed expanded, in future years must depend on attendance by the public. As Chris told us "**We are looking forward to having a great time, and are still praying for the weather!!**"

Mission to Thailand: an update

Fiona Welbourn writes...



I have been touched and overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of local people who have helped support my Church Mission Society project to Thailand, in their donations, thoughts, prayers and encouragement.

I am on my way to reaching my target of £1250 and hope that the concert will enable me to reach this. So many people have helped me already, many of whom I do not know personally. I have even had a kind donation of some Thai money!

The big fundraising event is a **Summer Concert on Saturday 17th July**, St. Mary's Church,

Painswick at 7 pm, with music by J.S. Bach, Grieg, Vaughn Williams, Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and some jazz and folk music. Performers include Douglas Barnes (baritone soloist), Shimmering Flutes group, Isola String Quartet and Kevin and Penny Washburn.

Admission is by programme: £5 for adults; £2 for children (16 years and under) and programmes are available from Painswick Post Office as well as on the door.

During the interval, we are having a promises auction, with the opportunity for you to obtain some bargains:

- £20 voucher (donated by Paul Cooke - Complete Garden Maintenance) for Wyevale Garden Centre
- £25 Painswick Hairdressers' voucher
- 2 gift vouchers for photo sessions with Georgie Brocklehurst, professional portrait photographer, one including a 20"x20" photograph
- Pair of Odeon cinema vouchers (value £12)
- £20 voucher off Bridgewater pottery at The Patchwork Mouse
- Meal for 2 at The Royal Oak, Painswick, for use Mon-Thurs
- Redken hair products and hair towel (value £25) donated by Vogue Hair Salon
- Taxi service within 15 mile radius of Painswick and return for up to 4 persons donated by Goddard's Garage (value £30)
- Meal for 2 plus bottle of wine at The March Hare Thai Restaurant, Painswick (value £60)

I am very grateful to all the local businesses which have donated promises and, once again, my sincere thanks to everyone who has taken an interest in my mission.

Is your Beacon subscription in?

The Painswick Beacon is an independent community newspaper, produced on a voluntary non-profit making basis, with the main aim of bringing news of local activities to the attention of all Painswick residents. We rely on subscriptions for a major part of our income and we need to attract well over 600 subscribers over the course of the year. As you can see, we still need 50 – 60 more subscribers in the current year (which ends in March): are you amongst them?

Beacon subscribers for 2004 - 05

Summary at 31st June

	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
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Painswick Local History Society AGM

The History Society AGM took place on 15th June in the Croft School and the Committee were pleased to welcome Lord Dickinson, the President, together with Lady Dickinson. Hywel James, the Chairman summarised the years events, highlighting the 750th Charter Anniversary celebrations. He thanked the Parish Council for its financial support for the exhibition and John Bailey and Carol Maxwell for their effort in putting the exhibition together.

The next issue of the Painswick Chronicle is in preparation and the Society now has a web-site prepared by Peter Roe. Next year's program will be confirmed shortly.

Following the AGM, Elisabeth Skinner gave a most interesting and entertaining talk on a thousand years of Sheepscombe's history (*see below*), drawing on her researches for her forthcoming book.



The History of Sheepscombe

Elisabeth Skinner has been researching her village's history for some twenty years and hopes to complete a book for publication before the year-end. She shared with us the joys of research, and how theories evolve as they are tested against new information and ideas. Her current favourite for the origin of the name of Sheepscombe is an adaptation of "St Ebbe's Coombe".

Elisabeth divided the 1000 years into four periods. In the first, which lasted into the fifteenth century, Sheepscombe tithing was dominated by the Deer Park - where the lords of the manor (often living elsewhere in the country) would come and enjoy hunting and country pursuits with their friends in an attractive and secluded part of the country. The woodlands also provided employment, and there is some evidence of agriculture, though how it fitted in with the Deer Park is not entirely clear.

The second period, leading through to the eighteenth century, saw the growth of the cloth industry and of the population and number of cottages. The latter were often built on the spring line so as to be close to water, and clustered in small hamlets.

The third period, through the nineteenth century saw the growth in importance of the mill, and then its decline and total decay. The population of the tithing peaked in about 1831, when the census records 803 inhabitants. (Today's population is some 30% less than this.) Despite the introduction of steam power,

the mill was not able to compete and closed in 1839.

The fourth period covered the twentieth century. The population decline was reversed by an influx of people from outside the area. Some sought to escape the urban lifestyle; others were attracted to the beauty and tranquility of the area. Cottages have been combined into larger houses and house prices have soared as we all know.

At the AGM, Hywel James, our chairman, reported on the highlights of the Society's activities in the last year. Of particular note was the contribution to the Exhibition at the Town Hall celebrating the 750th anniversary of the Painswick Charter. There was also another successful year of talks and events, and a website www.painswickhistory.org.uk has been developed, which now contains a short illustrated history of Painswick.

A new series of talks and events will start in September. The programme is being finalised - more details will appear nearer the time in the Beacon (editor willing!) and on the website. The membership fee has been held at £8 (£12 for couples) for the coming year. If you are interested in joining the society and coming to our meetings, please telephone me (813228) and I will be happy to provide details. (I have just been honoured with the post of Membership Secretary.)

Peter Rowe

Music
Appreciation
Group



End of term report

Due to an oversight on our part we omitted a brief report from this Group in our May issue.

"Every cloud has a silver lining" - we were reminded of this saying on our outing to the Symphony Hall in Birmingham on 25th March. Conductor/pianist Andras Schiff had been taken ill but was at short notice replaced by a German conductor and, to our delight, the pianist Freddy Kempff whom he had heard last year in a Painswick Music Society concert. He excelled in the Emperor Concerto in an all-Beethoven concert.

And so on to our "Finale" on 8th April

with members' favourite CDs. Emphasis was on Mozart and Chopin, but there was also applause for a jazz recording.

Have a nice Summer and see you for "Music Samples" when we re-open in September with the date to be published here. Old and new members and guests welcome as always.

Ralph Kenber

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The New 256 Bus Service

We were pleased to publish copy of the (then) new 256 bus service to Gloucester in our April edition and are gratified to hear that it has attracted reasonable custom. As a result of feedback from passengers that timetable has altered slightly and the latest is reproduced here.

Usual strictures apply - Use it, or Lose it!



EASTCOMBE TO GLOUCESTER VIA PAINSWICK (Wednesday and Saturday only)

Eastcombe, The Green dep	09:00	11:30	Gloucester, Bus Station	10:15	14:15
Bisley, The Stirrup Cup Pub	09:10	11:40	Gloucester Royal Hospital	r	r
The Camp, Village Crossroads	09:18	11:48	Painswick, Hoyland House Surgery	10:35	14:35
Miserden	09:23	11:53	Painswick, opposite Church	10:38	14:38
Whiteway	09:28	11:58	Painswick, Stamages Ln, Car Park	10:41	14:41
Foston's Ash	09:30	12:00	Painswick, Church	10:42	14:42
Cranham, Village Hall	09:34	12:04	Cranham Corner, Cranham Ln	10:49	14:49
Cranham, Church	09:35	12:05	Cranham, Post Office	10:52	14:52
Cranham, Post Office	09:36	12:06	Cranham, Church	r	r
Cranham, Corner, Cranham Ln	09:39	12:09	Cranham, Village Hall	10:54	14:54
Painswick, Church	09:46	12:16	Foston's Ash	10:57	14:57
Painswick, Stamages Ln, Car Park	09:47	12:17	Whiteway	10:59	14:59
Painswick, opposite Church	09:48	12:18	Miserden	11:04	15:04
Painswick, Hoyland House, Surgery	09:51	12:21	The Camp, Village Crossroads	11:09	15:09
Gloucester, Bus Station	10:11	12:41	Bisley, The Stirrup Cup Pub	11:18	15:19
Gloucester, Royal Hospital	r	r	Eastcombe, The Green	11:28	15:29

r Request stop, please ask driver. Please note that the driver is entitled to take passengers from anywhere along the route - please hail the driver if you wish to join

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Eastcombe the Green, Unclassified Rd, Nashend, Holloway Rd, High Street Bisley, Cheltenham Road, The Camp Village crossroads, Bunnage B4070, Salt Box, u/c The Camp (Wishanger Cross Rds), u/c Wishanger, Lypiatt, Miserden Village, Whiteway, Foston's Ash, B4070 and unclassified rd Cranham Village to Church (turn here), Cranham Village Hall bus shelter, Cranham opposite Post Office, u/c to Cranham Corner to A46 to Painswick Church, Painswick Stamages Road (turn at Village Car Park), Painswick opposite Church, New Street, Gloucester Road, B4073 Painswick, Gyde Rd for Surgery, Gloucester Road, Golf Course Rd, Painswick Rd, Barton Street, Eastgate Street, Clarence Street, Glos Bus Station, Glos Royal Hos (r),

(Gloucester to Eastcombe) is reverse of route above

Thanks

One day last week, between our house in Edge Road and the shops, I lost our house keys Panic! Intensive searching of Painswick's streets, to no avail. So, I telephone the Editor of the Beacon with a late request to insert a suitable notice. He agrees, but suggests I first try the Post Office. And there they were, handed in by an unknown person to whom I wish to express my thanks through your columns, and at the same time express my appreciation of the Beacon's good services and those of the Post Office.

Dick Jarrett

Christian Aid's Grand Total

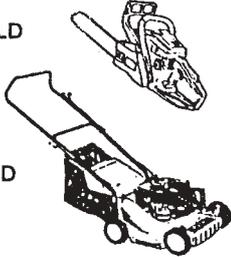
Liz Davies reports that the truly grand total raised in the Painswick Valleys during Christian Aid week was 'a fantastic £8972.12'.

She thanks everyone involved.

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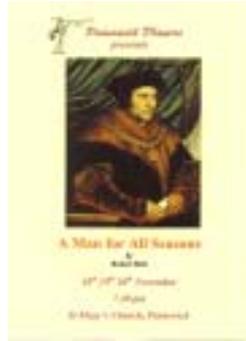
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First, a last hurrah for *Habeas Corpus*. Not only was our last production a great success in terms of audiences, it has also received critical acclaim across the county. In the annual Gloucestershire Drama Association awards, Hamish Maclean won Best Supporting Actor as the throbbing Canon Throbbing and Jaclie Herbert was nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her ever 'ooovering Mrs Swab. Actually, I thought we should also have won 'best supporting neck' for that unforgettable moment at the end of the first Act, when the chair on which the partially suspended Tony Gibson (as the suicidal Mr Purdue) was standing, was kicked from under him to leave him swinging gently as the curtains slowly closed. The audience gasped in astonishment. They gasped even more when the curtains reopened after the interval to find him still dangling there! As Churchill might have said: "Some acting... some neck!"

To be absolutely honest, I also thought I could be in the running in the best unsupported trousers category. For sheer panache – there is no other word for it – the silky way I dropped



my trousers exactly on cue cried out for recognition. To do this three nights on the trot (so to speak) required masterly control of braces and a swivel of the hips worthy of a belly dancer on acid, not to mention 5lb lead weights in both trouser pockets!

Enough of this frivolity! It's time to be serious. Our next production, *A Man for All Seasons*, is truly serious drama and – for my money - one of the dozen greatest plays of the last 50 years. Robert Bolt's classic play of conscience tells the story of Sir Thomas More and his refusal to compromise his beliefs and endorse Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon. To be staged in St Mary's Church from 18th - 20th November, it will be our contribution to the Painswick Festival for the Arts. As such, it will demand the highest production values, not to mention a large cast of first rate actors, particularly men.

It was, therefore, with some trepidation that we held auditions last week in the Painswick Centre. I am delighted to report that the lure of such a major production in such a magnificent and historic setting drew in acting talent from all over the county and we have been able to assemble a very strong cast. Rehearsals start in earnest in August: if you would like to follow the progress of the production, take a look at the *A Man for All Seasons* page on our website (www.painswickplayers.org.uk), which is crammed with background details and information on the historical context.

Jack Burgess

Two guided walks

Daisybank

Our guides on this walk along the northern flanks of Leckhampton Hill on 25th May were Frances Meredith and partner. They were extremely knowledgeable on wildlife and the area generally.

We enjoyed superb views across Cheltenham to Cleve Hill and the Malverns beyond. And the weather was excellent.

We certainly heard the advertised birds – tree pipit, warblers and goldcrest – but they were difficult to see because of the summer foliage. On the lower, more open, slopes we saw linnets and blackcaps in the blackthorn, and a kestrel and jay flew overhead. Other wildlife included butterflies and many flowers, including the comparatively rare white helleborine. We also saw several Roman snails.

Industrial archaeologists amongst us also had a field day with the course of an old mining transport route being pointed out.

If you would like to increase your knowledge of birds and wildlife generally, then do come on one of our advertised trips!

Bill Boydell



Nagshead RSPB

Less than a fortnight after the Daisybank field trip, club members were in the heart of the Forest of Dean. The sun shone for the six members and one friendly dog who met at Nagshead information centre. Ivan Proctor, the warden, led the party away into the woods. Immediately a pair of pied flycatchers were seen at the first nest box, feeding their young.

We moved on at a leisurely pace listening and looking, binoculars scanning the vegetation for the least movement. Blackcap, willow warbler and chiffchaff quickly made their presence known to us, and some members who were not quite as deaf as yours truly managed to hear the higher pitched goldcrest and wood warbler.

A broken branch in a lofty oak provided a nest site for a pair of redstarts, and both parents were observed bringing caterpillars to their young brood. Further down the track, leaves of the county rarity ivy-leaved bellflower were seen. Ferns occurred in good variety, including the scaly male fern, lemon scented and oak fern. Two contrasting sedges were the tall pendulous sedge and smaller remote sedge.

Two ponds were looked at, the larger had mallard and moorhen, and many damselflies, and a few broad bodied chaser butterflies. A beautiful freshly emerged Small Elephant Hawkmoth was found on a broken stem. Buzzard, nuthatch, jay and tree-creeper were also seen, and song thrushes were singing well.

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Art Exhibition

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 Tuesday 20th July until Sunday 25th July 10.00am until 6.00pm daily.
 Preview Monday 19th July 2.00 until 6.00pm.

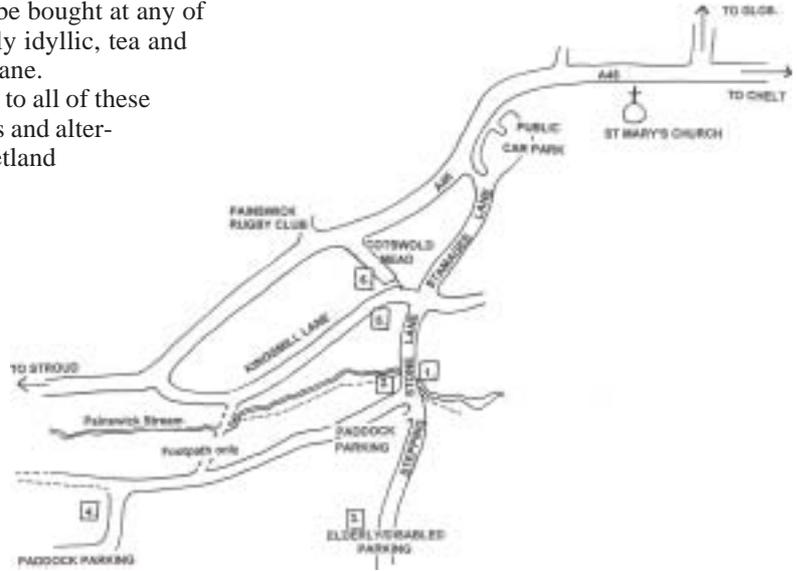
Judith Bussell

Six of the best for the Red Cross

On Sunday afternoon from 2.00 – 6.00 pm on 25th July, six Painswick gardens will be open in aid of the British Red Cross.

Entry costs just £3.00 for adults, whilst children get in free and a single ticket covering all seven gardens – in Stepping Stone Lane, Kingsmill Lane (West) and Cotswold Mead – can be bought at any of them on the day. And just to ensure the afternoon is truly idyllic, tea and cakes will be served at 'Sheephouse' in Stepping Stone Lane.

The accompanying map shows the locations and routes to all of these gardens. Leaflets including the map, details of the gardens and alternative parking arrangements can be obtained from The Shetland Shop prior to the Opening Day, and from any of the gardens, which will be clearly signed, on the day of opening.



The Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross would very much like to open more/different gardens in Painswick for this worthwhile cause next year. If you would consider opening your garden for the Red Cross in the future, or would just like more information, please contact Jackie Herbert on 813229 or Lindsay Gardiner on 814282

Gardening weather

Our May meeting, the last of this season, was also the A.G.M. Gordon Gardner, our President, had expressed the wish to retire from his post. The Chairman, Philip Berry gave his thanks to Gordon for all his work for the Society over many years. (Gordon is to remain a co-opted member on the committee.)

Pauline Lamont had been approached, and asked to fill the important role. Pauline, like Gordon, has given many years of work and support to the Society, and was duly elected as President, without opposition. Other committee mem-

bers elected under the Chairmanship of Philip Berry were:- Alan Major, Gus Gaugain, Doreen Pegg, Stan Miles and Harold Wood. Elected as Hon. Life Members were:- Joyce Hunt, Brenda Dunn and Jocelyn Warren.

After the A.G.M. we were entertained by Mr Kevin Hogg a meteorologist from the Met Office in Cardiff. You may have heard him on Radio Gloucestershire? He explained the history of forecasting from 1854 to date. He continued with explanations on Seavars, Gardening, and Global Warming, and how they may be affected, by emissions, rain forest removal, ice caps melting, etc. Graphics were shown to illustrate his talk which was enjoyed by us all.



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An Appreciation of Margaret Hampshire 1918-2004

A former Principal of Cheltenham Ladies College

When it was known that the new Principal was coming from industry, doubts in the minds of parents and misgivings amongst the staff were palpable. Those fears were soon dispelled when Miss Hampshire took office. We were in the swinging sixties: Beetle mania and rising pop stars. Girls were growing up too fast and the old order had to change. The new Principal talked with the girls and gained their confidence; she championed the underdog and the girls were her first priority. As a J.P. the police held her in high regard. Miss Hampshire had been Head Girl at Malvern Girls School; she went up to Cambridge and read History at Girton. Her first appointment was with the Board of Trade followed by some years at Courtaulds. Cheltenham was fortunate to have someone with the appropriate academic qualifications and importantly the right age. Suitable candidates are hard to find.

This is about the Margaret we know, for more specific details look her up in *Who's Who*. Margaret chose to live in Painswick. In the early years she took an active part in village affairs, joined societies, delivered meals on wheels, sat on the PCC and became a Lay Reader. There are many instances of Margaret's infinite kind-



ness and generosity. Parent's worries were sorted out; misunderstood children were listened to and understood. As long as she was able Margaret helped anyone in need if she could. A period of bad health and painful arthritis, bravely borne, made it necessary to use her car as walking was painful. She had several bumps but walls, corners and cars would get in her way. No one sustained physical injuries. We shall miss the familiar grinding noises of an injured gearbox and the rather eccentric way of parking. In Painswick Miss Hampshire had to succumb to the custom of Christian names, which she deplored. Margaret desperately wanted to be included in village life but she had a short fuse: this could be daunting. She was shy in giving and receiving affection but dropped her guard over her succession of small dogs. On those she doted, swore at and fondled, in any order. Much later she made life difficult for herself and others by a ploy of 'assumed' deafness; it seemed to satisfy to make one repeat ones words over a second time. Underlying this complex, lovable person, Margaret had a simple, ecumenical faith, to quote R. Hodgson '*twill ring the bells of Heaven*'. The Angel Gabriel will meet his match.

M. Francis

Painswick Country Market (formerly WI Market)

The Painswick WI Market has changed its name to Painswick Country Market. This follows a decision taken at the national AGM of WI Country Markets Ltd in April when shareholders voted to change the name to Country Markets Ltd. The new name more appropriately reflects the independence of Country Markets Ltd. from the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI).

Painswick Country Market will continue to open on Fridays at 10:00 am in the Town Hall, Victoria Street. Our local producers bake, grow and make genuinely home-produced goods, ranging from traditional cakes, preserves and crafts to plants and cut flowers. We also sell locally produced eggs, honey, fruit and vegetables. In addition, everybody is welcome to drop in for a freshly made cup of coffee or tea with a slice of cake. And we provide a glass of squash for our younger visitors.

Painswick Country Market is one of 480 markets throughout England, Wales and the Channel



Islands. There are 16 Country Markets operating in Gloucestershire in addition to the stalls taken at many Farmers' Markets. These markets and stalls are run on co-operative lines, with all producers also being shareholders in the business. At each annual general meeting, the local shareholders elect a committee to run the market.

The Country Markets can be justifiably proud of their history, having started during the First World War to provide fresh produce throughout the country. Lewes in East Sussex, which opened in 1919, is considered to be the first official WI Market. The NFWI took over the organisation of markets and training of producers in 1932. More than 40 years later, the turnover nationally has reached £11 million. The break with the WI actually took place in 1985 and now, our new name Country Markets Ltd. will more clearly distinguish us from the WI.

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Spotlight on . .

Arthur Perrins

The Beacon is continuing to run a series of interviews with people who were born in Painswick or came here when they were very young. We think readers will be interested in the glimpse these personal notes reveal about past days and personal experiences.

You were born in Painswick?

Yes, at the top of Vicarage Street in a nursing home run by Nurses Crichley and Judd back in February 1933. We lived at The Tump, a cottage near the Cross Hands pub in Kingsmill Lane; the cottage was recently demolished to make way for a modern house.

And your parents?

My mother was also a true Painswickian and her maiden name was Swayne. Father worked for Burdock & Son while mother, like so many others from the village at that time, worked at the Savory Pin Mill until I was born. I was the first of five children. My grandfather made his whole career in the Royal Horse Artillery, and my father was also in the army before his time at Burdocks.

Where else have you lived in the village?

When I was four we moved to Vicarage Street and I have lived there and in our present home in White Horse Lane ever since. Not many yards away from my aunt, Peggy Perrins.

What earliest memory do you have?

The earliest is of my mother taking me to the White Horse Inn, in Vicarage Street, after visiting the sweet shop next door. Another is of my first day at school, in what are now the Church Rooms, where Miss Toft was the headmistress. I was being dragged kicking and screaming to the school entrance by my mother until father, who was tiling on a roof nearby, came down the ladder and just carried me there! I soon settled down. My father was called up for further army service and I can vividly remember our receiving a telegram to say he had been killed in the retreat to Dunkirk. I have fulfilled a wish, and visited his grave in recent years.

School days?

When I moved on to Junior School, above the library, Miss Hutt was the head – a lovely lady. I remember our having beds at the school for us to have a midday rest because we had many sleepless nights from enemy planes passing overhead. There was a huge ‘tortoise’ boiler in the schoolroom where we could gather round and get warm before lessons. I stayed at Painswick School until I left at 14 in 1947. I was always keen on sport, playing for the school at football and cricket up on the ‘rec’. One highlight game each year was against Gyde Home boys.

So what was your early career like?

An uncle took me on for an apprenticeship as an electrician, but this did not work out and I moved to work for Jim Sollars based in Sheepscombe, again apprenticed but to be a tiler – I have a head for heights. That was interrupted by National Service in the Gloucestershire Regiment. Although I was transferred to the Devonshires I enjoyed my army days in North Africa at Tripoli, Derna and Tobruk; this during a period of tension in the Canal Zone.

Where did you meet your wife?

It was at the last funfair ever held on the ‘rec’, in 1953, this after discharge from the army, and I crossed my fingers and asked two girls if I could walk them home. Kathleen lived the furthest away, in Paradise, so we chatted longest! We married in 1957 at St. Mary’s Church. We had a son and daughter and can now count three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Who did you work for after National Service?

When I completed my apprenticeship I went to work for Burdocks, the biggest builders hereabouts, and stayed with them until they closed down.

Were you a retained fireman?

Yes. I joined the local team in 1961 and was Station Commander from 1970 until I



retired from them after 27 years. I am proud of the long-service and good-conduct medal I was given in 1983.

Did you keep up your sporting interests?

Rugby was my main interest and I can remember playing for Painswick against Coney Hill when I was 15. I suppose I have played over 600 games for the village. In those days we changed in rooms behind the Town Hall and ran up New Street to the pitch in the ‘rec’. After the game, and the run back (often covered in mud) we had two 6ft tin baths, one for each team, and the referee used ours first! We twice won the Glos. Combination Cup at Kingsholm.

One or two other memories to share?

I remember Arthur Swain being annoyed when an unexploded shell which had been fired at a passing aircraft came straight down his chimney at Carmania in Vicarage Street. Police Sergeant Hardy carried it out into the street!

When re-roofing the St. Peter’s Chapel at the church we found a previously unknown flight of stairs down into the church. When we were excavating foundations for the new porch we found a completely unknown brick lined grave of a lady.

And, reflecting upon your many years here?

The friendliness of everyone, and the willingness to always help one another.

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TRANSATLANTIC DIARY

A life-long interest in sailing, local resident Peter Jenkins has sailed in many small yachts and indeed has a certificate of competence as a coastal skipper from the DoT/RYA.

Late last year he saw an opportunity to apply as part of a crew of 8 sailing a 65 ft. yacht across an ocean - the Atlantic from west to east, New York to Plymouth. This was advertised by Challenge Adventure Sailing as a "challenge of a lifetime". His wife, Janet, gave him this trip for his 70th birthday. When the Beacon heard of this exploit and his acceptance as part of the crew we invited him to keep a diary and, as soon as we saw it, we decided to publish it in full.

Here today we have the second instalment.

The Skipper was Lin Parker, an experienced ocean sailor, yachtmaster examiner, skippered 'Isle of Man' in last BT Global Challenge round the world race. The Mate was Richard Andrews, an electronics engineer & experienced sailor. All others were crew.

Janet Jenkins, Peter's wife also used the opportunity to seek sponsorship for the Family Haven at Gloucester and indeed raised over £800. She and Peter would like to thank all who contributed.'

Day 4, April 17

On watch 0300 to 0700

On a run. It was light at 0500 because of our change in longitude. Ship time will be advanced by 1 hour. Saw stars for the first time and later a mysterious object in the sky called the sun.

On watch 2300 to 0300 (April 18)

Felt fine when woken. But getting dressed is not easy. I crawl somehow into wet clothes. I put on my boots. Put on sailing suits. Put on life jackets. My arms are now VERY SORE and I find it difficult to put on the life jacket3.

On a run - a lovely starry night. On deck I could easily have fallen asleep if I closed my eyes. I did for a fraction of a second and woke with my head drooping.

Day 5, April 18

On watch 0700 - 1300

Dressing is now a pain. My Trax is wet and soggy as are all my other thermals. Pulling on sea boots is very difficult. I have to sit on the floor which is at an angle of 30° and then getting up is a real effort since it is all so confined in the cabin.

But a real nice day which got better as the day went on. I soon changed into a T-shirt and for the first time wearing a life jacket on deck was not compulsory.

Day 6, April 19

On watch 1300 to 1900

Had lesson on sextant usage from Lin. Found it much easier to use plastic one. Repaired fore sail sitting on bow.

Lin heard warning from American Ice Patrol: a big ice berg has been observed at 42° N 45°W and drifting south - only 400 miles away. We are not too far from where the Titanic sank!

Day 8, April 21

On watch 0300 to 0700

I was first to helm for 70 minutes. Batting along. Pitch dark. No stars or moon (still haven't seen moon this trip - it rises during the day). Very surreal steering a boat blindly into darkness at 9 knots. Had to steer by compass alone. Sky too dark to do otherwise. Very important not to bear away because that would lead to a gybe which could well result in a broken mast in

these conditions. Frequently hit by gust and had to anticipate need to turn helm to hold course. Sailing so brisk got flashing algae again.

After went down to make hot drinks (chocolate, coffee). Whilst in galley, boat hit by enormous squall. Lin screamed out to Robbie on wheel to turn right to avoid gybe because of huge wind shift and she took the wheel. I was pouring water from the large kettle but fortunately had my sailing suit on. Gordon who had had his drink burned his hand. The course had to go from 110 to 160. Now there was spray and rain everywhere and I, being down, had to do the radar watch since visibility went to zilch but there were no 'targets'.

Atmospheric pressure had been falling prior to the squall. During the squall it rose 0.3 mb before settling back again. Wind was about force F7/8. Robbie was soon sick again

Off duty 0700 to 1300

During chat with Lin last night re helming that during our first gale for the first time ever on this yacht she had had to ask for help in turning and holding the wheel - she had never even had to ask for help during her race around the world!

Gas alarm has just gone off (as the grill was opened). Wonder what is for lunch?

On watch 1300 to 1900

Offered to make lunch. When I mentioned I could do Risotto Lin jumped at the chance. It was a Salmon Risotto and I got the quantity just right! Not like in Svalbard when I hadn't realised how much rice expanded and I made twice or three times the quantity needed! Also made yummy fruit salad with fresh oranges, apples, pears, bananas, tinned pineapple and dried black cherries. Gordon helped me serve. It was very well appreciated and full of compliments. Lin was very impressed with my "Student Cookbook".

On watch 2300 to 0300 (April 22)

A lovely starry night. Also saw at least 10 shooting stars. Very conscious of universe and all its mystery. Also you helm

using stars. Good sail on broad reach, bearing away 10° in gusts. We are going south at 160°/170°. Reason is to get away from the low pressure developing to the north and west of us but which is tracking SE! Forecast is gusts of 80 kn. close to centre of low; 50 kn. if within 500 nm. and 30kn if within 800 nm. It is a very low low @ 972 mbar.

Day 9 April 22

On watch 0700 to 1300

Boat is bouncing along in forward direction. Firstly it rears up, then it freefalls downwards ending in an almighty crash as it lands on the sea. What is happening is we are going close hauled through seas in a strongish wind and the boat crashes off each wave in turn.

Sailing is great fun and boat slides through waves like knife through butter. Much splashing of water over decks. Sorry for the sleepers below.

The problems with generator and engine have been resolved. Generator needed for producing fresh water will now run on port tack. The engine failure 2 days ago was caused by loss of sea water cooling. Lin & Rich have now bypassed the failed system using a spare electrical heater pump and fitted in new plumbing and an electric supply. This should allow the engine to be run longer without overheating - previously it was good only for emergency duty should someone fall overboard. (But in these seas you have to assume that anyone who falls overboard is not going to be rescued alive).

On watch 1900 to 2300

Lovely starry night. Saw moon for first time since leaving New York along with evening star, Venus, above. Very lovely. Makes you aware of universe and its wonders.

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Day 10, April 23

On watch 0300 to 0700

Woke up tired but got up since this is supposed to be enjoyment!

Constantly amazed at how different the sea looks each day. Today it is so flat one gets the impression of being at the bottom of a saucer shaped sea climbing up to the horizon.

Off watch 0700 to 1300

Shaved off beard. Looked too much like 'old man of the sea' and feared if I went home like this Janet would leave me. Kept moustache.

On watch 1300 to 1900

Busy afternoon. Lovely calm day so had to motor sail but nearly all motor. My job was to remove spare loo pump to replace existing one and managed to do with help of mole wrench. Problem was valve not closing. Found one day starboard heads flooded and boat sinking! We have-to in order for us to all have special dinner together. St George's Day and nearly 1/2 way home. Superb roast beef and Yorkshire pudding + all the trimmings with red Cabernet wine (so much for a dry boat) and apple pie and cream.

TO BE CONTINUED

D-DAY MEMORIES

The following article was written for the Christ Church monthly newsletter by Mary Krill and remembers particular events around D-Day. Although it missed our June edition, we think it is still timely and it is a pleasure to be able to reprint it here.

We have been hearing a lot about the D-Day landings in the media in the last few days. Sixty years ago the greatest sea-borne invasion that was ever launched took place and the memories of that great battle are now fading. It was a vast international military operation that succeeded against all odds thanks to the human endeavour and courage of the ordinary people who stormed through the fortified beaches during the night and all the long day. Many of them did not return and we should never forget that they did it for us - so that Great Britain could remain free.

I feel now that at long last I should put pen to paper and record my experiences of those terrible days and also the happy times that were to follow. I was nursing in one of the hospitals that had been made into a casualty clearance station at Basingstoke in Hampshire. During the week before D-Day, I was wondering what was happening as we had so few patients left in the wards. With the benefit of hindsight, I realised that the hospital had been deliberately, cleared of patients to make way for the massive influx of casualties, which the invasion was expected to incur. I was on night duty and the wards were very quiet but when I looked down into the courtyard. I could see the dim lights of a stream of ambulances standing outside with Queen Alexandra nurses and doctors climbing in. They were getting ready to take their place along the Southampton Road leading to the ships that would be waiting to take them to France.

The following evening as we got onto our hospital bus to travel the eight miles from our accommodation, the sky was white with gliders from Aldermaston, the American base. We arrived at the hospital and the distress was unbelievable, even for the nurses who were used to seeing



many horrific cases in the course of our daily work. Not only was every ward full of patients but also the corridors outside were full with patients on stretchers or whatever they could be put on. Army, Navy and Air Force personnel and also some German casualties were to be found amongst them.

I was nursing in a plastic surgery unit about a mile from the main hospital, and I was privileged to work under Sir Harold Gillies who was well known throughout the world as a famous plastic surgeon. During this period many surgeons were sent to him for six months' training prior to returning to their hospitals or going to serve at the battle front. Their number included his nephew, Archibald McIndoe who also became a famous plastic surgeon at East Grinstead.

It was pathetic to look at the patients' faces knowing how they felt and the pain they were suffering. The beds were so close to each other and patients were coming from theatre one after the other so quickly that it was as much as we could do to hold on to the blood transfusions desperately needed by those terribly injured men. Of course, the same thing was going on in the other wards.

Some incidents you cannot forget although you wonder why you remember. I can remember so well many things that happened such as when I was attending to patients and a man in the next bed looked up with pitiful eyes and said, "Nurse Rees are you Welsh?" I said "Yes and you too". He said, "Please help me" He had lost both his legs. I picked him up in my arms and made him as comfortable as I could. Anyway it was all very very sad. The doctors worked so very hard, as did the nurses and anyone else who could do anything for the injured. As the weeks went by and lots of them were recovering from the shock of losing limbs and other serious injuries, it was wonderful to see how their spirits rose when people started thinking about others around them and not only of themselves.

We had many happy times over the two years and kept contact with a number of patients coming back to have plastic surgery.

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A Medley of Events at the Rococo Garden...

Recently the Beacon carried an item about the change in fund-raising plans at the Rococo Garden. A noteworthy aspect of those plans is the range and diversity of activities and events, arranged by Paul Moir, and which are now very much a part of life at the Rococo. During the last few weeks all sorts of occasions have been celebrated and enjoyed in and around the Garden.



(Left) About 200 people brought picnics to enjoy before and during a production of Twelfth Night by the Festival Players in aid of Victim Support Gloucestershire on the evening of 15 June. They were blessed with fine warm weather in this idyllic setting – what better way to spend a lovely summer evening?



(Above) Some of the people who came to the coffee morning in the Orangery organised by the Friends of the Rococo Garden.



(Left) Children from years 5 and 6 of Lynworth Primary School in Cheltenham spent a day discovering the joys of the Garden and at the same time covering valuable elements of the maths curriculum. The head teacher remarked what an excellent learning experience it was for the children, "...even better than we had ever anticipated."



(Above) The Hoyland family held a pre-marriage party for friends and family in the Orangery. For them, the Rococo Garden is the first choice always. "There is such a relaxed atmosphere, the food is so good and 'Paul, Claire and the staff organise it all so unobtrusively. And such a beautiful setting from the terrace."



(Above) Nicky Sweet and Steve Burge were married in the Red House. "We chose the Rococo Garden because it was personal and romantic and beautiful. Paul couldn't have done more. It was perfect."



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Magnificent Woodchester Pavement - at Home at Prinknash?

The wonderful reconstruction of the famous Roman Woodchester mosaic, the great Orpheus pavement, will be on view to the public from 1 July at Prinknash Abbey.

Together with a display depicting the history of the Benedictine Order, it is hoped that it will form a permanent exhibition housed in the converted pottery and open seven days a week. This means that the mosaic will remain in Gloucestershire after much speculation about its future and we should consider ourselves privileged to have such a precious artefact on our very doorstep.

The background to both the original and the reconstruction is fascinating and detailed and there is not room here to enter into a full explanation. In brief, the reconstruction took 10 years to complete and involved 1.6 million pieces cut from twelve tons of fired clay. The result is a magnificent achievement, an academically acclaimed replica which deserves all the praise and admiration it has received. However, although it went on display briefly in Stroud four years ago, it has since been kept in storage because it has been considered too expensive to exhibit.

After much anxiety over the possibility of it leaving the area – its natural home, after all – Prinknash would seem to be an ideal setting as a permanent location. The disused pottery has been specially adapted for the purpose.

The original mosaic will probably never be seen again. It was first fully excavated and recorded in detail by Samuel Lysons in 1796. Over a period of two centuries it was opened up for public inspection



every ten years, the last occasion being in 1973 when 141,000 visitors came to look. Now just over half of the pavement lies buried beneath the graveyard in Woodchester, having been damaged by the elements and by the intrusion of coffin-shaped holes in it, the vandalism of previous centuries.

The mosaic was part of a magnificent Roman villa at

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It was one of a very few courtyard villas in Britain and very large with over 65 rooms. At least 20 of the rooms were decorated with mosaics, including the large hall which contained the great Orpheus pavement – the largest, most intricate mosaic north of Italy. Probably begun in the reign of Hadrian (117-138AD) and finished between 325 and 345AD, the villa must have belonged to someone of great wealth and influence, possibly the Governor of the west of Roman Britain. It was sited at a convenient distance from three important towns (Gloucester, Bath and Cirencester) and in a situation that afforded comfort and convenience to the owners – a beautiful sheltered position, with running water, plentiful stone and abundant fuel from wooded hillsides. It has been called “one of the most important Roman archaeological sites in Europe.”

The pavement is 48 feet 10 inches square surrounded by a strip of red brick tesserae (the whole is made up of tesserae, mostly half inch cubes and smaller) and bordered with a wide labyrinth fretted pattern. Within this are twenty-four compartments arranged about a central square and the whole represents the legend of Orpheus, the master-musician of Greek and Roman mythology. He was, apparently, able to charm all forms of nature including birds and beasts by his music and songs and the pavement shows a veritable parade of magnificent creatures and water nymphs. It is fascinating and beautiful.

The Orpheus pavement at Prinknash is a wonderful creation in itself, the painstaking work of Bob Woodward. It evokes a great sense of wonder and curiosity about these rich Romans at Woodchester. The hope is that Prinknash will be a suitable location as a permanent home for such a valuable cultural and historic asset. Do go and see it and take all your visitors too.

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Cricket

Painswick have had an excellent run in the Stroud District Mid-week League, winning all five of the matches played to date in the eight match fixture list.

They are also doing well in the Stroud Senior Cup where they are scheduled to meet Stone in the 20 overs competition semi-final. The game has had to be postponed on two occasions because of wet weather and so both sides are hopeful that it will be third time lucky. In the second round, playing at Haresfield, Painswick left victory to the final over of the game with Andrew Wise taking the winning single off the very last ball.

In the Readers Gloucestershire County League, Painswick First Eleven have had a good start to the season and are currently lying in second place in the Third Division. The match against Oldlands produced an exciting finish with the home side hitting a boundary off the last ball to defeat Painswick by one wicket.

The second eleven have played four league matches, winning two and losing two. Ian Hogg told the Beacon that the club's two new all-rounders, Lee Nicholson-Gates and Dan Cave have settled in very well and have made good contributions to the team's performances.

Results (Saturday matches all league games)

Sat 5 June.
Slaughters United 1st XI 159 Painswick 1st XI 163-5.
Sat 12 June.
Painswick 1st XI 126 Chalford 1st XI 127-2.
Fairford 2nd XI 160 Painswick 2nd XI 161-8 (J Telling 63).



Our picture shows Philip Longuet-Higgins in action against Bisley last Sunday.

Sat 19 June.
Painswick 1st XI 154 Oldlands 1st XI 158-9 (S Base 5-34).
Painswick 2nd XI 77 Charfield 2nd XI 78-2.
Sat 26 June, All matches rained off.

July Fixtures

Sat 3rd.
1st XI v Cam 1st XI (Home). 2nd XI v Birdlip (Away).
Sat 10th.
1st XI v St Stephens 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v St Stephens 2nd XI (Home).
Sat 17th.
1st XI v Bharat 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v Stinchcombe 2nd XI (Home).
Sat 24th.
1st XI v Poulton 1st XI (Home).
Sat 31st.
1st XI v Corse & Staunton 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v Churchdown 2nd XI (Home).
Aug 7th.
1st XI v Slaughters United 1st XI (Home). 2nd XI v Huntley 2nd XI (Away).

Cricket Week

Painswick's Annual Cricket Week will be held from Sunday 1st to Friday 6th August inclusive. On the Sunday, Painswick host their popular Six-a-Side tournament with invited teams from around the Stroud area. There will be matches each day throughout the week and a warm welcome is extended to everyone with an interest in the game.

Under 13

Painswick's Under-13 team has had a good season reaching the semi-finals of the cup competition and runners-up in their league. Chairman, John Hogg, told the Beacon that the youngsters enthusiasm boded well for the future of the club.

'Jack' Russell retires

Painswick cricketers have been paying tribute to the former Archway student, Robert Charles 'Jack' Russell, the Gloucestershire and England wicket-keeper who announced his retirement last week. His retirement has been brought about by a severe back problem which has failed to respond to treatment.

Rugby

Painswick rugby players were delighted to learn that their former Colts loose-head prop forward, Tim Payne, had been selected for the England national side against Australia last Saturday. 24 years old Tim who plays his rugby with the Premier Division Club London Wasps, reportedly had a promising debut.

Bowls

There was disappointment for the Painswick Bowling Club members last Saturday when heavy rain prevented any play in the President and Captains Day event until 4pm. However, 5 ends were possible after which the players retired to the pavilion for a buffet supper hosted by the President, Mr Bernard Child, and the Captains.



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Churches Together Around Painswick

Golf

Golfers from the Churches around Painswick enjoyed this annual event held at Painswick Golf Club on the fine morning of Friday 18th June. It took the form of a "Texas Scramble" with teams mainly of four.

Five teams took part. The team of Angela Hudson, Stewart Price, Bob Watkins & Martin Alder were the clear winners with a score of 55½. In second place were Joan Wells, Michael Renton, Ian Marsh & Rev.

John Longuet-Higgins with a score of 58¼. In third place with a score of 60 were Margaret Hodge, George Bragg & David Hudson. Reigh Sutton gave out the prizes. We were glad to have Father David Ryan, the Roman Catholic priest for the village, with us again after a gap of three years.

After the competition we sat down for an excellent meal at the Golf Club, where we were joined by spouses and others.

Francis Otway

Charity Cricket Match

On Sunday 15th August there is to be a charity cricket match at Broadham Fields in aid of the Church of the Immaculate Conception Stroud Renovation Fund by kind permission of Painswick Cricket Club. The match starts at 2.00pm. For further information, please see the various church notice boards.

VMT

NEWS from the CROFT

Music making at The Croft

Mrs Mills continues to teach the guitar and recorder every Friday afternoon. In addition we are delighted to have twenty-five children learning to play musical instruments through the Gloucestershire Music service. These children are learning to play the violin, trumpet, French horn, euphonium, saxophone, flute and clarinet.

For the past few weeks, we have had a new development. The woodwind and brass players have been playing together with their teachers, Mr Shepherd and Ms Atkinson. They gave a super performance to the whole school and their parents of four pieces. They performed at a very high level considering that the majority of them had only begun learning their instruments at the beginning of this year.

We hope to further develop our music making in the future – this is just the first step along the way to performances by The Croft School orchestra!

Janet Hoyle



Year 6 Giant Sleepover

On the 18th of June the year 6 of Croft School participated in a world record-breaking sleepover event. We raised money for Winston's Wish and we are hoping to have raised well over £100. During the sleepover we did various activities such as rounders and swimming in the rain (which was very cold!). We also made up our own songs to do with the sleepover and had several games of hide and seek in the dark. Then we watched the film Austin Powers 2. Mr Tucker loved it! And lastly we had a midnight feast! Several people stayed up till 4:00 in the morning (no names given!)

When we woke the next morning, with headaches, we packed (which everyone dreads!), had breakfast while listening to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, got a goodie bag each (which the teachers will learn to dread over the coming weeks) and then went home.

We would like to give a thank you to Mrs Skinner, Mr Lewis and Mrs Hoyle. And an extra special thank you to Mrs Nichols and Mr Tucker.

By survivors of the sleepover, Andrew Godden and Tim Fenwick

Calling all netball players!

During this school year we have competed against other schools in football, netball, rounders, athletics and swimming. We are keen to continue The Croft School's participation in competitive sports and we are lucky to have staff committed enough to give up their time to offer these opportunities to our children.

However, we are severely in lack of someone to help train children in netball and to occasionally umpire matches. I have helped to keep the after-school club going, but I am the first to say that my skills in netball coaching are sadly lacking.

Are there any netball players, of any age, who could help us out? We can provide a member of staff to be responsible for the children – we just need some help with developing skills. We hope to run a weekly after school club from late September through to March.

If you think that you know anyone who could help, please ask them to contact Mr Lewis or Mrs Hoyle on 812479.

We regret we could not carry photographs because of late arrival of copy.

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Wordsearch

Once again, we present Brother Leslie's monthly philologic challenge. As ever, there are no prizes, but we are pleased to print the first name or two claiming to have 'cracked it'.

This month's challenge concerns Prime Ministers. Sixteen different people have served as Prime Ministers of the UK since 1916. Just to make it more of a challenge, one of these is not concealed here, and one has been included twice. Can you spot these two?

The answers to last month listing elements I to Z were:

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Duncan McKenzie from Cheltenham Road was the first to send us the correct list, with the comment "At last I have been able to complete a wordsearch puzzle!"

“What is this life...”

...you may associate these words with an advert for Centre Parcs holidays; you may recognise them as the opening words of a poem by William H Davies; or it may be a question you have asked yourself. Whichever one they have sparked some response within you – reminded you of your need for a holiday, reminded you of a poem that has stuck in your mind or reminded you of some wonder or need within your life. Words can do that, whether words we read or words we write, they have a power beyond their simple presence on paper.

On Wednesday 17th November, as part of the Painswick Festival of Arts, we are focussing on poetry and creative writing with two special events. In the afternoon there will be a workshop run by LAPIDUS, The Association for the Literary Arts in Personal Development. This will be an opportunity to experience guided writing, a chance to dabble and have a go, or to develop a skill you have already identified. In the evening we will spend time listening to words, and hear more about the work of LAPIDUS.

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In the meantime we have been very busy here in and around the village with 15 new instructions since my last report – Angels Roost in Vicarage Street, Gwynfa Cottage by The Painswick Hotel, Painswick Woodcrafts and The Patchwork Mouse in New Street, The Wool Barn, Woodbank, Field House and Norway House all in Sheepscombe, Abbey Barn and The Laurels in Slad, Hillcrest at Pitchcombe, The Doreys at Edge and Sangria and Pleiades Field in Upton St Leonards. Latest sales include Rose Cottage and Amesbury in Vicarage Street, Croome House in Bisley Street, Kempside in Orchard Mead, Moorcroft in Painswick Road Gloucester, Painswick Woodcrafts and Norway House with active negotiations on many others. Exchanges and some completions took place on Close Acre and Surmang at Cranham, 1 Wordings Mount at Sheepscombe, Hill House Farm at Edge, Elm Cottage at Pitchcombe, Madison House and Hill Cottage in Vicarage Street. Despite the interest rate rises and Bank of England comments the market remains strong.

Clive Murray



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JULY

Sun	4	Croft School Summer Fayre	Croft School	from 2.30pm
Tue	6	PCMS: AGM	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Wed	7	Open evening Probus: Work of the British Council – Jan Long	Croft School Ostlers Room	4.00 to 7.00pm 10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	9	Senior Circle: “Antiques Roadshow” - Philip Taubenheim	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Antiques Market Victorian Costume Ball. For information Tel. 01453 833150	Town Hall Painswick Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm 8.00 to 11.30pm
Tue	13	Shows based upon Siege of Troy (and Wednesday)	Croft School	7.00pm
Wed	14	Painswick Women’s Fellowship: B.B.Q.	The Latchets	7.00pm
Sat	17	Tennis Club Games & B.B.Q Evening Summer Concert & Promises Auction including Refreshments, in aid of Church Mission Society Painswick Blues: The Guy Tortora Band	Broadham St Mary’s Church Painswick Centre	7.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	20	<i>until 25th</i> Creative Coterie Art Exhibition	Library Rooms	10.00am – 6.00pm
Wed	21	Probus: Planning the M25 (South) - Maurice Maggs	Ostlers Room	10.00 for 10.30am
Sat	24	Dog Show and Charity Fun Day <i>Copy deadline for August Beacon - to Editorial Team</i>	Recreation Field	11.00am onwards
Tue	27	Probus: Ladies Luncheon	Stroud	tba
Wed	28	<i>until 6th</i> Country Studio Art Exhibition opens	Library Room	Daily
Thu	29	<i>Diary dateline for July to Edwina Buttrey – Beacon Box</i>		

AUGUST

Wed	4	Theatre Club to Cheltenham	The Falcon	6.30pm
Fri	6	Country Studio Art Exhibition ends	Library Room	
Sat	7	<i>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</i>		
Mon	9	Children’s Holiday Club - daily until 14th Led by a team from St Mary’s Church	Croft School	Mornings
Mon	30	Coffee Morning in aid of USPG	Church Rooms	10.30am to 12.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	8	Probus: Highway Maintenance – L Elcocks	Ostlers Room	10.00 for 10.30am
Thu	9	Theatre Club to Malvern	The Falcon	6.30pm
Fri	10	Senior Circle: “Wills of the rich and famous” - Mr Haigh	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
Wed	22	Probus: Farming Today – J Rowe	Ostlers Room	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	24	Senior Circle: “Mares eat oats” - Ha Houghton	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Bird Club: “Bird ringing and migration” - Brian Bailey	Town Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
Tue	19	Bird Club: Visit to Cotswold Falconry Centre, and Optional visit to Batsford Arboretum		11.30am
Thu	21	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm
Fri	22	Senior Circle: “Keeping it in style” - Jenny Bailey	Town Hall	2.30pm



NOVEMBER

Thu	4	C.T.A.P. AGM: Speaker Mr Douglas Sammon FRCS, Orthopaedic Surgeon	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Bird Club: "Alternative Majorca and its bird life - Tony Hawkins	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6 - 20	Painswick Festival of Music, Art & Drama Fortnight		
	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	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
		Festival Concert: Claire Graydon-Jones	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
		Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening		
Sun	14	Banner making afternoon	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
Wed	17	Creative writing workshop	Christ Church	2.00pm
		Words for Life: Poetry evening	Christ Church	7.30pm
Thu	18 - Sat 20:	Painswick Players present A Man For All Seasons	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Fri	19	Senior Circle: AGM followed by "Richmond Village" – Keith Cockell	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon
Sat	27	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.30 to 2.30pm
Sun	28	Carols for Advent – Bring and Share Supper/ Taize Worship	Town Hall	6.00pm 7.30pm

DECEMBER

Fri	3	Senior Circle: Christmas Party/Lunch	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	6	Bird Club: Visit to Slimbridge WWT	Slimbridge	11.00am

MARCH

Sat	12	Village Quiz		Painswick Centre
		6.45 for 7.15pm		

Test Matches

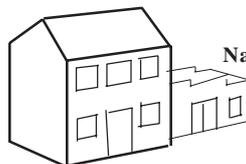
English cricket is slow, slower or static;
The Bothams and Larwoods are gone
Gower is in the commentary box
And Boycott hectors too long.
England is always in crisis;
She sinks and sometimes she swims;
I need a tranquilliser
And another glass of Pimm's.
The strain of watching is painful;
The strain of not watching is worse.
I'm hooked! Hook line and sinker -
Damn it - cricket's a curse!

*Selected from a book of Poems by
Leslie Chapman of The Old Surgery,
first printed in April 2003.*

Village Diary

The custodian of the Village Diary, Dennis French, has announced amended opening days for at Painswick Woodcrafts, where the Diary is kept:

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PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

HEATHER BANK, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Proposed loft conversion, demolition of part of house & erection of an extension
4 UPPER WASHWELL. Erection of a two storey extension
BEECHCROFT, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Retrospective application for construction of new roof and formation of rooms in the roof space
OLD MEADOW, COTSWOLD MEAD. Erection of a conservatory
Field adjacent to COLDSTREAM COTTAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of replacement storage building
WOODSIDE COTTAGE, ELCOMBE, SLAD. Renewal of permission S.99/1607 for the erection of an extension
BYFIELD HOUSE, BISLEY STREET. Alterations to annexe to provide bathroom facilities

CONSENT

COURT HOUSE, HALE LANE. Demolition of lean-to greenhouse in grounds
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
YEW TREE COURT, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Construction of a raised terrace and landscaping
PARK LODGE 2 & 3, BUTT GREEN. Erection of extension, double garage & installation of a dormer window
FIELDWAYS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of conservatory
CAMPERDOWN, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of a garage. Existing garage to be demolished
PARK BANK COTTAGE, THE PARK. Erection of an extension to form a garden room/conservatory

THE PAINSWICK CENTRE, BISLEY STREET. Erection of a single storey rear extension
ST PETER'S COTTAGE, ST MARY'S STREET. Installation of a dormer window on rear roof
OUTSIDE EDGE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of a conservatory
DOZMARY COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET. Removal of steel plates in roof & replacement with steel channels. Removal of stud partition to expose truss rafter
WOODBOROUGH, KNAPPLANE. First floor extension and replace single storey extension

PLANS WITHDRAWN

BLAKEWELL FARM, EDGE ROAD. Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to holiday accommodation
PARK HOUSE, THE PARK. 2 storey extension
JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE. Repairs & refurbishment of existing house and erection of extensions
JENKINS FARM, STROUD ROAD, EDGE. Change of use of stables to living accommodation & extension
THE BARN, JENKINS FARM, EDGE. Extension to dwelling (barn conversion allowed under permission S.03/173 and S.02/2354)

REVISED PLANS

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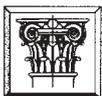
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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to:

- WENDY and JAMES HART whose daughter, Georgina Elizabeth, was born in Olney on April 27th, a sister for Oliver, a second grandchild for Libby and Simon Graesser and a second great-grandchild for Joy Shaw;
- BRITT and ANDREW BUTTREY on the birth of their daughter, Georgia, on June 16th in Hongkong, a sister for Noah and a second grandchild for Eddie and Michael Buttrey;
- ZIZZY and CHRIS RICH on the birth of their son, Jack David Martin on May 14th, a first grandson for Angela and the late Martin Rich;
- JEANETTE and CLIVE SYMCOX on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Jessica in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital on June 10th, a first grandchild for Sylvia and Peter Pigott.

Weddings

Our congratulations to:

- HELEN WELLS and WARREN TAYLOR who were married at St Mary's Church on June 12th;
- KATHRYN STEEL and STUART KYLE who were married at St Mary's Church on May 15th;
- CAROLINE HEMMING and MARTIN TAYLOR who were married on May 22nd at St Mary's Church.

Nonogenarians

Congratulations to:

- JOY SHAW who will be 90 on July 16th;
- GWEN GORTON who was 96 on June 9th;
- JOAN PALMER who was 98 on April 3rd.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

- ALEC BROWN
- BRIAN HUNT
- MARGARET BOUCHER
- ANN GAIGER
- MARJORIE GURDEN

who have all been in hospital recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of:

- CHRISTINA MATHERS
- JEAN SCOTT
- MARGARET HAMPSHIRE
- MARGARET WEBB

who have all died recently.

Thanks

- JOAN PALMER wishes to say a sincere thank you for her many cards, phone calls and visitors for her recent 98th birthday. 'During my 70 years as a resident in Painswick, first at Landmoor in Stroud Road, Outside Edge in Blakewell Mead, and now at Resthaven, I made many friends and would welcome everyone who would like to visit me.'
- BRIAN HUNT wishes to thank all friends for their enquiries and 'Get well' messages, during his recent surgery at the Oxford Radcliffe.
- The family of CHRISTINA MATHERS would like to thank all her many friends and everyone at the surgery who have helped and supported her over the last few months.

... and a 'Thankyou' from Barbara Tait

May I through your pages, thank everyone who voted for me on 10th June. I would also like to thank all of those who worked so hard on my behalf to ensure my re-election.



It was a wonderful feeling to win by such a large majority, and to know that so many people had put their trust in me again. It really is a great honour to be representing this ward, and I will do my best to continue to work hard, and to listen to, and to represent the views of as many of you as I can, whatever your political persuasion.

Barbara Tait

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