

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Young Painswickians...

'Young' and 'Painswick' have sometimes been considered contradictions in terms. But despite an image of being a village made for retirement, albeit active retirement, evidence is emerging of a rising interest in activities geared towards youth and a rising generation of younger Painswickians keen to get involved with the community. In December, we reported on the successful re-launch of the Guides and now we can report on no fewer than four more new groups starting up which are aimed at younger Painswickians...

### beavering away...

**Painswick Scout Group is to restart the Beaver Colony for six and seven year olds to complement the existing Cub Pack.** Following a successful open meeting in November, the plan is to start soon after Easter at the Croft School.



Precise dates and times will be determined by the leadership team that David Bishop, the man behind the scheme, is seeking to recruit.

David, who recently moved to Painswick from Glasgow, commented,

"Whilst we have some volunteer parents who can help at some meetings, we still need others. For safety reasons, we will need three or four adults at each meeting. You do not have to be parent or of any particular age. Just young at heart and able to spare a couple of hours a week." To find out more, see the full story on page nine.



### getting dramatic...

**Following an enthusiastic meeting attended by more than twenty youngsters, Painswick Players is bringing forward its plans to launch a youth drama group- tentatively called the 'YiPPies' - for Painswick.** "What a fantastic response!", commented Lesley Wolowiec, who is leading the project, "It's great to see so many interested young people – and their parents."



Instead of launching in September, the plan is now to invite YiPPies to come along to some rehearsals of the Players latest production, *The Odd Couple*, to meet the cast, director and technical crew, and to see how the whole production is put together. After Easter and during the summer holidays it is hoped to arrange workshops, at which youngsters will be able to act, improvise and pick up backstage skills. To find out more, turn to page four for the full report.

### ... and ecumenical !

**A direct spin-off from the Painswick Festival has been the launching of a youth choir drawn from all the churches around Painswick.** The vicar, Revd John Longuet-Higgins, revealed that £2,000 from the funds raised by the Festival has been committed towards the choir and that the first meeting had attracted more than twenty children. The plan is for the choir to meet at the church each Friday under Christopher Swayne with a view to singing during Sunday services once a month at one of the Painswick churches.



In a parallel move, **Churches Together Around Painswick has announced that it is to form a Youth Group.** A first meeting at Christ Church on Friday 21st January arranged by Steve Bullock, Diocesan Youth Officer, drew thirty youngsters.

*The snowdrops adorning the Rococo Garden were awaiting us when we visited a fortnight ago... and you too can marvel at the carpet of blooms, as others are doing from all over the world!*



**Meanwhile, Painswick Guides go from strength to strength.** Reporting on a very active term, Julia Mundell said that they wanted to support a local charity and chose the Sue Ryder Hospice. The guides made a poster to help advertise the Coffee Morning held at the Town Hall recently and also raised £160 selling Christmas cards for the hospice.

"We felt it important that the girls were able to reflect on people who relied on local charities and to help support their cause. They all worked really hard and produced amazing results."

It was not all too serious, however. "We had a great day out '@ Bristol' followed by a trip to the IMAX cinema. The girls even had time to paddle in the freezing cold water for a few minutes - Oh, to be young again!!!!!"

**Painswick Guides**



The next project is to raise funds for the Tsunami appeal. On Saturday 5th February, there will be a fete at The Painswick Centre in the afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00pm, with lots of books, toys, homemade cakes and tea for sale.

Elsewhere in this issue - **architects**, centre **loos**, avian news, a **critical review**, missing **skylarks**, camp **make-over**, a **crocus walk**, **Irish tour**, **towering news**, **Village Quiz** details, **web site** extension, those **annual events** listed, **HGV restrictions**, **direction signs**, **child-line benefits**, **next generation** players, a **Ball in May**, wheels to **London**, spotlight on **John** and picture of **Tasmin Little**.

*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

### Care Centre – site lighting

Witton Associates had written to reassure the Parish Council that down lighting was intended wherever possible throughout the site and, where this was less practicable, steps to minimise spillage off-site were intended to be taken.

### Care Centre – liaison

Arising from the suggestion made at the last meeting Terry Parker reported having spoken with Keith Cockell of Richmond and a representative of the original local foursome who had been involved with the conception of this scheme and agreed that an exploratory meeting be held on 27th January. This would consider how the local liaison mechanism envisaged as integral to the project might be created.

The avoidance of conflicts of services was regarded as of importance and the need for the early creation of the liaison mechanism had been highlighted by the intention of Richmond to introduce its intended mini-bus service for prospective residents from February, this coincident with the inter-villages mini-bus scheme.

### Shutway Quarry

Barbara Tait, District Councillor, updated the committee upon the latest actions of the District Council concerning the extent to which planning decisions relating to use of this quarry had been disregarded. Mrs Tait reported that SDC had authorised the issuing of an injunction.

### Planning procedures

The Chairman, David Hudson, urged his colleagues to circulate copies of plans received much faster than at present as there were difficulties in meeting datelines for return of comments to the District Council.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Police report: Pullens Road

Although unable to attend the meeting PC Seymour had, however, informed the Council that his investigations led him to note that the commercial vehicles regularly parked in Pullens Road were of a size which brought them within the law for on-street parking.

Further, while the Parish Council's current policy was to allow parking partially on pavements generally no action in re-

gard to Pullens Road was contemplated.

### Direction signs

Site meetings had been held with representatives of the Society of Friends and of Painswick Hotel to consider their separate proposals for signage within the village to assist visitors seeking each location. Photographs and other information were tabled.

### - Quaker Meeting House

The Council noted the antiquity of these premises and their distance from the village centre. The proposal for a direction sign at the top of Vicarage Street on the wall of Red Lion House was supported by a majority of the Council; the sign to be in Council colours of white on green.

### - Painswick Hotel

Four signs had been proposed, two on the A46 and others at the lower end of Bisley Street and outside the Bath House in St.Mary's Street. Members noted that the hotel did not include mapped directions for prospective or booked users on its web site, and were very reluctant to create a precedent or proliferation of in-village commercial signs of this nature. It was agreed, on a vote (7/4), to support the erection of the signs on the A46 in the green/white colours and to give consideration to incorporating further directions to the hotel within the existing signs at the lower end of Bisley Street and outside the Bath House.

### Telephone exchange – parking

Proposals to British Telecom for permission for public parking at the rear of the exchange in Stroud Road had been turned down for security reasons.

### Allowances for Councillors

(see also report in January issue p.2) The Council decided to seek the approval of the District Council to permit Parish Councillors to draw allowances because the present rules did not allow claims to be made for expenses. Such expenses were especially relevant in the case of committee chairmen where some could be significantly out of pocket for such as telephone calls and travel within the parish.

Members indicated that not all intended drawing allowances and the discretion not to do so was noted.

### Recreation Field - restoring team sports

The Chairman gave notice of the intention to hold a meeting of the Trustees of the Recreation Field consequent upon receiving a request for 'overflow' training by the Rugby Club which had between 30 and 50 juniors now on its books, and a local resident who had an interest in the training of a Stroud based football team.

The Trustees were to meet on 26th January.

### Bus shelter – Bulls Cross

Although only used for the school bus, a parent had requested reinstatement of the shelter which had disintegrated in recent years. A costing was to be obtained and report made in due course.

### Freedom of information

Although not obliged under the Act to do so, the Parish Council had decided to make

all its documentation available for inspection by the public during normal office hours.

### Gloucester Street/Pullens Road

The loss of electricity supply to signs and such as the telephone kiosk at this location had been reported on a number of occasions to no avail. At the request of Ann Daniels, not least on grounds of safety, it was agreed to make strong representations to the County Council for correction of the situation.

### War Memorial – upkeep and cleaning

The Clerk reminded the Council that the maintenance of the memorial was its responsibility. Further, to aid consideration of the implications and technical issues involved with cleaning of monuments, Roy Balgobin had researched and prepared a reference dossier which councillors could study prior to making a decision upon whether to proceed in the matter.

The subject will be on the agenda of a future meeting.

### Parish Council web site

(see separate report opposite)

### Information technology

The Council set up a small Working Party to consider issues such as Broadband and other technologies which might be adopted in the future.

### St.Mary's Home walling

Upon a question by Peter Rowe it was noted that no response had been received from the developers of this site regarding the 'mixed' walling alongside Stroud Road, this even though a professional report and quotation had been forwarded to them at their request by the Council.

The matter will be followed up.

### A46 status for HGV

It was noted that the County Council had invited the Parish Council and others to consider its proposal to re-designate HGV use of the A46 between Brockworth and Stroud as only for 'access and diversion' use.

### St.Mary's Home – Section 106 funds

It was noted that the planning condition that a sum in the order of £25,000 be made available to this Council for 'recreational services' was imminently available consequent upon near completion of building work.

### Elsie McCabe

The Council received the news that a previous and long-serving Clerk, Elsie McCabe, had died and requested that the Chairman convey its sympathy to her husband John and her family.

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# Parish Council web site: **Diary and Directory**

Many readers will have accessed the Parish Council's official web site on

[www.painswick-pc.gov.uk](http://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk)

and seen that much useful information is contained there, including agendas, minutes and so on.

Since the Beacon maintains a 'rolling' forward **Diary** which looks many months ahead - as well as an exhaustive **Directory** of local organisations, businesses etc - we have suggested to the Council that a significant amount of Council staff time could be saved if, instead of replicating this information, it created a distinct 'link' from the Parish Council's official web site to that updated monthly by the Beacon on its own site

[www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk)

## News from the Bell Tower

The old year was rung out on the run up to midnight on New Years Eve, and the New Year rung in on the stroke of mid-night. Our thanks to those ringers who held back on their celebrations to ensure that this annual event took place.

And on Sunday 2nd January 2005, for a period of one hour before Evensong the bells were rung by the Leeds University Old Boys, assisted by four Painswick ringers, namely Angela Newing, Deborah Foreman (Tower Captain), David Bishop and David Ryland, in memory of Vincent Daniels who in his youth rang the bells, to give thanks for his life, and to recognize the generous donation to the tower made by those who attended the service on 31st August 2004 to celebrate his life.

## Kimsbury Camp

A public meeting was be hosted by Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service and the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on Tuesday this week at the Town Hall in Painswick to provide an update on the forthcoming repair works at Kimsbury Camp, the area around the summit of Painswick Beacon.. The works will enhance the site for visitors and will provide essential repair works to the erosion gullies on the ramparts of the hill fort, scrub clearance in order to enhance the nationally important grassland and the provision of a limited number of sensitively located on and off-site information boards.

The works, which are scheduled to begin next Tuesday, 8th February, will involve the archaeological excavation and recording of a series of steps up the erosion gullies. These steps

The Council and the Clerk welcomed the suggestion and will be making the changes in the near future. This will enable those proposing to visit Painswick, and searching for information from anywhere in the world, to have immediacy of access to what goes on in this area.

The Beacon is pleased that its endeavours in this regard can play a significant further part in local affairs. So, we urge readers as well as those concerned with organisations to keep us informed of what is planned so that we can keep records up to date on behalf of everyone concerned.



## The Village Quiz

This year's Village Quiz will take place at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 12th March with doors open from 6.45 for a prompt start at 7.15pm. Last year, we had 25 teams taking part and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. We hope to see these 25 and a few more this year. And it's not only clubs and societies that can enter. How about some 'street' teams: two couples from your lane, mead, drive or road? However, there is a limit to the number of teams that the Painswick Centre can accommodate, so it is first come - first served.

The important thing to emphasise is that we need entries in by **Tuesday 22nd February**, so that proper arrangements can be made for the all-important interval brain-food to sustain each team. A modest entry charge of £16.00 per team is required in advance, essentially to cover catering costs - not too bad a figure for a pleasant and (fairly) relaxed evening out. The bar will be open from 6.45pm, and we aim to be reading out the last question by about 10.30pm. There is no need to be coy about entering as the answers are a team decision so that the diverse massed brain power in each team of four is brought to bear. The variety of questions is such that each member of each team should get the chance to shine.

Please send your team entries to the Beacon (c/o Longhope, Blakewell Mead, Painswick GL6 6UR) with (1) Name of team, preferably with a humorous alternative (2) Your address and telephone number for contact purposes (3) A cheque for £16.00 payable to The Painswick Beacon, and lastly (4) An indication of how many in the team are vegetarians.



will provide a stable base upon which to backfill the gullies in a series of well compacted layers separated by geo-textile layers.

The repairs will be finished by the spreading of seed, harvested on site during the last year, and faced with a biodegradable coir matting. This matting will degrade over a period of four to five years whilst offering a protective environment for the seed to establish itself in.

The site is included in The Cotswolds Commons and Beech Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest for its species rich limestone grassland, some of the finest in the country, and the scrub clearance will help to preserve this valuable habitat and restore it to the open condition that it has enjoyed throughout its history.

Kimsbury Camp itself is one of a number of iron age hill forts situated along the Cotswold scarp edge. It is a nationally important site that is protected as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

*Nick Russell*

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# Odd Couplings for Painswick Players

Last month I reported that director Kevin Parker was facing the odd challenge in finding six feisty females for *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon, which is our spring production (28th – 30th April at the Painswick Centre). This month, I am delighted to report that he survived some steaming auditions to emerge, exhausted but with a great cast. *The Odd Couple* themselves are to be played by Lesley Wolowiec and Jean Burgess. Lesley plays Olive Madison, a messy, disorganised but successful TV presenter, whilst Jean is Florence Unger, an obsessively house-proud control freak... You might just be tempted to jump to the conclusion that the MOO (for 'tis she) is being type cast here. You might. I wouldn't: I just don't have that sort of courage...

There are four other women involved in this closely observed and sharply witty comedy of Manhattan life: Nora MacAndrew, a newcomer to Painswick Players, plays Mickey, a hard-bitten New York cop; Lynn Gibson, who was responsible for set and costume design for *A Man For All Seasons*, makes one of her all-too-rare appearances on stage as Sylvie; Chrissie Stephenson-Oliver - just back from North America herself - must feel totally at home playing Vera because the last time on stage with us (in the memorable 2002 production of *Stepping Out!*), she also played a Vera; and Jackie Herbert, who will never be forgotten as the ever 'ooering Mrs Swabb in last year's *Habeas Corpus*, will play Renee.

Even though this is the female version of a play originally

made famous by Jack Lemmon and Walter Mathau, there is still a token male interest in the guise of the two Costazuela brothers, Manolo and Jesus (Hay-zooss!), who live in a neighbouring apartment. Jesus is played by Hamish MacLean, who gets to add yet another contrasting character to an already eclectic portfolio that includes the bizarre Canon Throbbing from *Habeas Corpus* and the evilly manipulative Thomas Cromwell from *A Man For All Seasons*. Mike Jackson, as Manolo, returns to us after a couple of years recovering from his last painful appearance on stage as the philandering Bernard in *Don't Dress For Dinner*. This was the production in which he was battered each night in a Most Organised way by Jean Burgess. He describes the prospect of sharing the stage with the MOO again as 'a bit worrying'. He shouldn't be in the least bit worried. He should be terrified.

And, no, since you ask: I don't have a part in this particular production. I'm resting. And, no, I'm not in the least in a huff about it. Not at all. The director must always cast the play as he or she sees fit. And, anyway, nowadays, I prefer to save myself for the more thoughtful, more serious parts, parts that are suited to the more mature, compact and follicley more economical actors such as myself. As, for example, my last role as Sir Percy Shorter in *Habeas Corpus*. What? er... well...yes, that may have been a role that called for my trousers to fall down. But at least they fell down with gravitas. Well, alright yes, it was mostly the gravity.

Jack Burgess



## It's a Small World for Child-line

Painswick Players is to make a donation to ChildLine from the proceeds of an afternoon of readings entitled *It's A Small World* on Saturday 12th February in the Painswick Centre at 3.00pm. ChildLine is the free 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK. Children and young people can call the helpline on 0800 1111 about any problem, at any time - day or night. Compiled and directed by Pauline Foreman, *It's A Small World* will comprise selections of poetry and prose presented by a team of Painswick Players and will be followed by a delicious cream tea, all for £4.50! Tickets are on sale now at The Shetland Shop.

## YiPPies see a dramatic future!

Last month, Painswick Players held an exploratory meeting to gauge interest in starting a youth group. Such was the enthusiastic response - more than twenty youngsters of all ages - that plans to launch the group - tentatively called the YiPPies(!) - have been brought forward. Lesley Wolowiec, who is heading up the project,

said that it was a fantastic response. "It's great to see so many interested young people – and their parents. We are so delighted by all the interest that we have decided to kick things off before the planned September start date."

What is now planned is to arrange some evenings when YiPPies can come along to rehearsals of the Players latest production, *The Odd Couple* to meet the cast, director and technical crew, to see how the set building is coming along and perhaps lend a hand with some painting etc. After Easter and during the summer holidays, it is hoped to arrange some workshops, when youngsters will be able to do some acting or improvisation, pick-up skills on directing or technical know-how.

If you would like to find out more, phone Lesley on 813295 or e-mail Painswick Players: [sheephouse@hotmail.com](mailto:sheephouse@hotmail.com). And don't forget to check the website: [www.painswickplayers.org.uk](http://www.painswickplayers.org.uk).

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# Croft School PTA May Ball

The first ever May Ball for The Croft School is to be held on Saturday 21st May and promises to be an evening to remember. Tickets at £35 to include dinner, wine and dancing can be bought through the school. There will be further details soon. The PTA would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in sponsoring a table.



# Infants Party surprise donation

On 13th January the Croft PTA arranged to have a party for the Infants. A group of puppeteers, ventriloquists and magicians from Archway School provided the entertainment and the children had a fantastic time. The entertainers very generously donated their fee to the school Tsunami appeal. Many thanks to them.

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

*On Wednesday 23rd October, many schools in the Gloucestershire region watched "A Midsummer Night's Dream", staged on two days at the Olympus Theatre by the fabulous Kings School. Croft School were among those whose Year 6 pupils went along. All who attended were invited by Kings School to write a criticism of the performance and, judged by their staff, Felix Gilding's was one of the two most outstanding; he was the proud recipient of a £10 book token. This lad has a future....*

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a story of love, identity, magic, comedy and the supernatural, by William Shakespeare. It is set in Ancient Greece and a wood. The change from Athens to the wood and back represents the change of Night and Day.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has a small cast, with only 29 people in altogether. The speech was excellent, considering that this was the actor's first, major role in a play, let alone in a Shakespearian play.

It had lots of expression; you could "picture" the play in your mind! The acting was better still but Oberon (fairy king), Puck (Oberon's Lieutenant) and Bottom appealed to me most!

This was because Oberon acted evil, jealous and humiliated by Titania (the fairy queen). His movements made you feel scared and that he thought that he was the more powerful - in the story - of the two. Oberon resembled nature and life (the dry ice helped this).

Puck however, was active fluttering around the stage, trying to impress his master with speed, cunning and knowledge. You could hear every word from him with all the expression if he was on any part of the stage!

Bottom however acted as if he thought, "Oh I'm so good, and why should I be poor? For I am the best of the best, I should be celebrated by all!" Even when he had an ass's head!

My opinion is that this is a must, for all the family!

And that King's School should be highly thought of as the effort they've put in is outstanding!

*Felix Gilding, Year 6 Croft School*

# All mod-cons at the Centre

**Users of Painswick Centre will soon benefit from the next phase of modernisation, when the toilets are completely reconstructed.**

First were the kitchen services alongside the main hall and those serving the Green Room and the Cotswold Room. Together with the creation of the Cotswold Room itself as a very attractive venue for regular meetings, conferences and the like, all users have greatly appreciated how their refreshment needs have been met. And the last few weeks has seen the addition of a stairlift, as well as a state-of-the-art hearing loop in the main hall installed with the help of a grant from the Summerfield Trust obtained by Painswick Players. This has all been part of a strategic plan to make the Centre accessible to all, recognising all disabilities plus an aging population.

Far and away the biggest new investment was to be replacement of the men's and ladies toilets alongside the main hall, not least to meet the needs of major events on these premises while complying with the latest health standards as well as the expectations of users. That time has come and within the next few weeks over £30,000 will be invested in this project. The work will include the demolition of the existing facilities, followed by their reconstruction and total refitting to include the provision of a toilet for disabled users.

When completed, hopefully in April, this aspect of services to users will no longer be an embarrassment in any way - quite the reverse in fact!

Anyone using the Centre during these twelve weeks or so will be able to use the toilets adjacent to the Guild shop and upstairs there and (with no excuses for the pun) the inconvenience for such a short time will be well worth the effort.

# Bingo too ...

A coffee morning will be held at the Town Hall on 26th February from 10.00am until midday.

There will be a Tombola stall, Bric-a-Brac, raffle, etc.

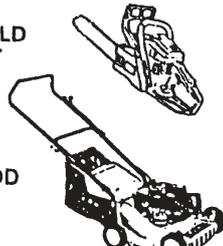
This is being run by the Bingo Ladies in support of Painswick Centre.

*Rose Smith*

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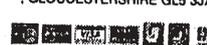
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# Painswick's ANNUAL EVENTS

Barely a day passes without there being a meeting, or more, of one of our seventy or so clubs or societies – not forgetting their organising committees. A glance at the rolling diary across the last pages of every issue of the Beacon vouches for a diversity of interest groups which must surely be the envy of others with a rural population of only 3000.

What can be overlooked are the icing-on-the-cake annual events in which there is also great pride, so we thought we would remind ourselves – and newcomers to the area – of what is or is not happening in the coming year, in date order where known.

## Village Quiz

On 12th March this year, this event is promoted by the Beacon as a village-wide opportunity for friendly rivalry which does not embarrass anyone and yet brings representative foursomes together in its own unique way.

## Music Concerts

Diamond Jubilee season of four live music events between 19th March and 23rd April, this 60th milestone will include welcome return visits by Emma Johnson and Tasmin Little. *For further details see page 6.*

## Gyde Reunions

On Saturday 11th June, Gyde Home 'children' and staff and Painswick school children from several former decades will meet up once again at The Falcon, Ostlers Bar from 12.00-5.00. The reunions have become a regular event, having taken place every two to three years since 1994.

## Victorian Market

When the whole of the centre of the village becomes traffic-free, street entertainment and stalls are everywhere, and many don costumes of the Victorian era. As we go to press it is not possible to confirm that this event will be held, but 9th July is pencilled in – if the particular cost of meeting new and old regulations (including insurance) can be overcome.

## Painswick Show

We can confirm that the Show will, again, not be held this year, and we are advised that its future will under discussion in the near future.

## Festival of the Arts

The combination of several arts events across two weeks in the late autumn of last year was a great success, stimulated as it was by the desire to recognise several milestones – including the 60th anniversary year of music concerts. There are, currently, no plans to consolidate this into annual or biannual festivals.

## Horticultural Show

Continuing the uninterrupted tradition of over 50 annual shows organised by the Horticultural Society, that for 2005 will be held on 10th September, when the excellence of those who cultivate vegetables or pursue culinary arts will be displayed for all to see – and be inspired.

## Clipping Service

The annual occasion when the church of St.Mary's is 'embraced' by village children, traditionally wearing flower garlands, joining hands as they encircle the building. Held on 19th September if such is a Sunday, or the first Sunday after that date; 25th September this year.

## Dog Show

The organisers of the outstanding show, held on the Recreation Field last summer, and earlier years within Painswick Show, are confident that another will be held this year. Fixing a date which does not clash with other major shows is difficult, but the third week in July is most likely.

## Art Exhibitions

Several major art clubs as well as individuals exhibit in the Town Hall and the library rooms across the summer months, attracting visitors from far and wide.

## School Summer Fayre

One highlight of the Croft School year is the school fete, an opportunity for parents, friends and the public to join in a great deal of fun and support the raising of ever needed funds towards the education of young Painswickians. The Summer fayre is planned for Sunday 10th July this year.

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## Spotlight on . . .

### John Goddard

John was born at St.Mary's Nursing Home in the house now known as Lovedays Garden, which backs onto the Royal Oak, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1923.



The family lived at 4 Stroud Road. John had two sisters, Muriel who was four years older, and a younger sister Ursula. His parents lived there until they died, and Muriel continued to live there until she died in 1999. Ursula now lives in Kempford near Fairford.

#### Where did you go to school, John?

I went to prep school in Lansdown Road in Stroud at 5, and moved to Marling from 1932-1939. After that my father put me into a four-year marine engineering apprenticeship with W.Sissons and Company in Gloucester, who built steam engines. I qualified as a machinist and, due to the war, I was moved to the Gloucester Aircraft Company at Brockworth in 1944. There was no choice. When the war ended in 1945 I returned to Brockworth and completed my apprenticeship.

#### How did you change from marine to motor engineering?

In 1945 I was called up for National Service in the Army. After square-bashing in Bodmin I attended a Motor Vehicle Mechanics course near Reading. Following this I was transferred to R.E.M.E (the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) in Camberley before being posted to the R.E.M.E service station at Asluj in Palestine. The British Army had a huge garrison on the Gaza Strip and all convoys from Port Said in Egypt to Gaza passed our service station. I was promoted to Corporal in charge of six mechanics, our role being to recover (often from the sand), repair all breakdowns involving passing traffic. I was amongst the last to leave Palestine and I was demobbed on returning to Southampton in 1947.

#### Tell us about Goddards Garage.

This was started by my father, Tom, and his brother Dick in 1911. At that time my grandparents ran the Falcon Hotel (now an Inn) as tenants, and the Falcon Garage was opened beside it. The Ostlers Bar, with a canopy, was our workshop, with parking space behind for 4 four-ton trucks and two taxis. There were also two petrol pumps at the entrance off the road with long arms which swung out to fill up cars parked in the road outside – there was not much traffic in those days!

I joined my father in the garage trade when I returned from the

army. Then when my grandfather, who died when I was very young and my grandmother had died we moved the garage to Cheltenham Road and changed the name to Goddards Garage in 1950.

#### There must have been a lot of changes since then?

Oh yes. We still have the private hire business today, but our contract with Wm.Cary and Sons to deliver coal and coke to government installa-

tions in this area using our four trucks ceased to be viable in 1964/65 when other fuels such as oil became available.

And the garage business has changed beyond all recognition. In the early days there were very few cars, and these were technically simple but we were kept busy with two mechanics. Today there are many more cars which are very much more technical, requiring my son Robert who now runs the garage to regularly attend courses with his mechanic. I then get called in to run it in his absence.

Also the number of government regulations nowadays are incredible with new ones being introduced and changes taking place all the time. I was involved in the action to try and prevent Tesco's from getting planning consent to set up a petrol station; unsuccessfully.

#### Most importantly, tell us about your family.

You would no doubt wish me to start by hearing how I met my wife Barbara. She was a Cranham girl who caught the bus to Painswick to work in Burton's Stores, where the Patchwork Mouse is now, and then the dairy and creamery where Chancellors Tea Rooms are today; and she disembarked at the bus stop which was where it is today, right outside the garage.

Flora Tidmarsh, who worked with her husband Eddie running the butchers at the entrance to the garage (on the left), one of four in Painswick at that time, told Barbara that there was a nice young man working in the garage. We met, and two years later Flora made the wedding dress and one bridesmaid dress.

We had two sons; Robert who runs the garage, and James who runs a marketing company employing 75 people near Oxford. Unfortunately, Barbara died 1½ years ago.

#### What are your main interests, other than the garage?

I still love driving, and drive well established customers.

My father was a brilliant bowler and played for England four times. I now play short-mat bowls in the Town Hall and won the singles title in 1991.

Before this I helped Peter Little with the Scouts in the 70s, played cricket for Painswick in the 50s, and was a member of the Parish Council from '79 – '87. There was never a spare moment.

#### Finally, what about Painswick today?

I am sorry there are so few shops and pubs now, and regret that youngsters are having to move out of Painswick. I also feel that the whole character of the village is changing, particularly when I drive up Stroud Road past the new houses and care village. It's certainly not like it used to be.

*Dermot Cassidy*

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*Another of our series of interviews with people who were born in Painswick, or came here when they were very young.*

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## Painswick Bird Club

# Winter birds in Painswick

A Robin perched on a garden tub in the sunshine against the background of a lawn covered with snow, blue sky

above, was a very special Christmas Day scene hopefully observed by many other Painswick residents!

Britain's "national bird" is a year-around resident, but winter brings migratory birds to Painswick's gardens. The cold weather and an excellent crop of berries and seeds last Autumn brought flocks of Redwings to my tall hawthorn in late December. These are probably Icelandic birds. They have distinctive tawny-red underwings and a creamy white eyestripe, and are members of the Thrush family. Fieldfares keep their distance from my garden but I hear the "chack-chack" calls of over-flying birds. Dulcie Brotherton has observed them on her tall garden Sycamore, and neighbours on Randalls Field, Helen and Duncan Richardson, report sightings in their fruit trees. Fieldfares have been widespread in the open countryside around Painswick, and are winter visitors from the Continent.

The British Trust for Ornithology predicted fewer Coal Tits, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Jays and Nuthatches at our garden feeding stations this winter because of the abundance of berries and seeds. This prophecy seems to be correct for my

garden to date. However, Joy Elworthy has seen all of these species on her Wick Street Garden feeders. Perhaps the proximity of her garden to woodlands is the reason for so many sightings there.

Flocks of up to fifteen Greenfinches, Blue Tits and Goldfinches are regular visitors to my seed and peanut feeders, with Chaffinches, Dunnock and Wood Pigeon feeding on the ground below. Small roving groups of Long-Tailed Tits briefly feed on the peanuts, a pattern also observed by Malcom Watts in Lower Washwell. A decade ago they were far less frequent visitors to garden feeders. Birds are remarkably adaptable! Well, to a point. I have seen very few House Sparrows and Starlings in my garden, and not a single Song Thrush.

As I write these notes I see a female Blackcap, with its brown crown (!) and likely to have migrated from Germany, feeding on cotoneaster berries by the patio. There seems no limit to the number of species we can admire in our gardens!

The Bird Club's next event will provide an opportunity to exchange information on bird sightings over Winter. Mike Smart, Warden of the Ashleworth Ham reserve, will give a talk on "Birds on the flood plain". The meeting is on Thursday 24th February at 2.30pm in Painswick Town Hall. **Please note that this is an afternoon meeting.** Everyone welcome.

Bill Boydell

## Irish tour

For our January meeting a speaker, new to the Society, Maurice Everett, took us on a 'tour' of gardens of South and South-west Ireland.

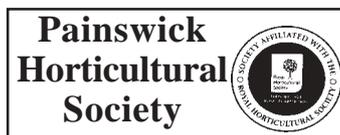
Arriving at Cork, it was first northwards to the Burren to meet up with well known botanist Charles Nelson for a guided tour of the expansive limestone pavement. Some unusual slides were shown of visitors lying face down on the pavement to examine the many alpine plants growing in cracks in the rock. Bloody Cranesbill, Rock Roses and Saxifrages were among the plants shown.

Having seen plants growing on very little soil we moved on to Garinish Island near Glengariff where the landscaper Harold Peto had imported many tons of soil to construct a garden of some 37 acres. The Italian garden, complete with tea house, was most impressive, as were the plants collected from many corners of the world.

Finally to a superb garden at Waterford owned by a wealthy entrepreneur who maintained an intensively planted 100 acres with a degree of old fashioned splendour. Interestingly our speaker had supplied a large number of heathers here from his nursery in Herefordshire some years earlier. Were the heathers in his slide the same plants? Unfortunately it wasn't crystal clear.

This month we are 'back home' meeting next week, on the ninth at 2.30pm, at the Orangery of the Rococo Garden. Peter Dinning will give a talk on Snowdrops and then take us on a garden walk. Please wear warm clothing and suitable footwear, and perhaps arrive in time for lunch and enjoy tea afterwards.

Philip Berry



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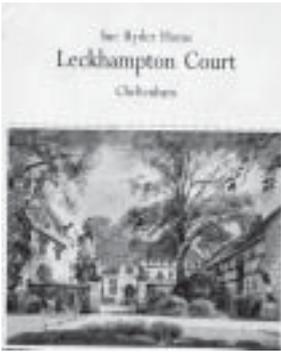
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# Sue Ryder Care: Leckhampton 25th Anniversary Year



This year is the 25th anniversary of the start of the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton and of the support group in Painswick. To mark this occasion we are holding a celebration coffee morning in the Town Hall on Saturday 11th of June. There will be a raffle and maybe a cake stall, but it will be a chance to relax and hopefully enjoy a piece of our 25th celebration cake. There are still two members of the original group on "Active Service" but several more who, though unable to help, still support us in other ways.

The nine rooms the Hospice was forced to close due to "new regulations" were re-opened just before Christmas: they are now back to 18 residential rooms. We are also pleased that the Ashwell community Centre is supporting us as their annual charity this year and this will give us another "excuse" for a celebration tea at Ashwell: they love to party! More details nearer the time.

Another date for your diary: Saturday the 12th November for our regular annual fund raising Coffee Morning: we promise we will be back to just one fundraising a year after 2005!

Any of the group who would like to adopt Sue Ryder, as their charity this year, would be welcome.

Anne Leoni

## New Beaver Colony for Painswick

Painswick Scout Group is planning to restart the Beaver Colony for boys and girls aged six and seven years to complement the existing Cub Pack for eight to ten year olds. Following



a meeting at The Croft School on Wednesday 24th November, David Bishop said that it was clear there were enough youngsters to make this viable.

The plan is to meet for an hour on either a Wednesday or Thursday evening at the Croft School starting at some time between 5.30 pm and 7 pm. The day and exact times will be determined by the leadership team that they are seeking to recruit. David commented, "Whilst we have some volunteer parents who can help at some meetings, we need other volunteers to come and help. For safety reasons and in order to run a quality programme we will need three or four adults at each meeting."

The Beaver programme is based on the slogan 'Fun & friends' and there is very good support material available to help plan programmes. There are a number of Beaver Colonies in the

Stroud area with experienced leaders, who would run at least the first four weeks of the new Painswick Colony to help it to get off to a good start. In addition Stroud and district leaders will be available to help plan programmes by offering practical ideas. The new Painswick Colony will also be able to visit other Beaver meetings, either to help decide whether to become involved or to find out more how to run a programme. As David says, "Helping run a Beaver Colony is not technically demanding – no knots to tie! – but it can be very satisfying helping youngsters to grow up. You do not have to be parent or of any particular age. Just young at heart and able to spare a couple of hours a week."

In order to become a leader you will need to undergo statutory child protection checks and a few hours training on essentials such as basic first aid. If you can help as a leader to get this venture going or want more information, please phone David Bishop on 814205 or e-mail dc.bishop@btinternet.net. If all goes well, parents of those potential Beavers, already registered, will be contacted to start soon after Easter.

## Sheepscombe Bridge Club

We are happy to be back on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.00pm in the congenial surroundings of the newly refurbished Sheepscombe Village Hall. Our numbers have been rising steadily but our membership list is still open at the moment. So do come and enjoy some friendly and not too serious duplicate bridge with us - our first meeting in February will be on Thursday, 3rd and fortnightly from then onwards. Start time 7.15, £1 per person.

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# A Painswick Miscellany

There were upwards of 70 people at the monthly meeting of the Painswick Local History Society on 18th January to hear David Archard and Helen Briggs giving their lively reminiscences of Painswick and an account of its traditions and legends over the last 50 years. David talked of the building of the church porch in 1967 and the care that had to be taken with old gravestones and vaults that were uncovered during the work. There were fine photographs of those Painswickians involved, including Derek Hodges (churchwarden) and a very youthful David Archard.

There were excerpts from interviews by Brian Johnston with Revd Harold Heal in 1975, when the "Down Your Way" programme visited Painswick. This included an interview with Jack Smythe the manager of Brookhouse Mill at the time who gave many details of the pin manufacturing which was still continuing at the time.

Helen and David talked of many Painswick stories: the 100th yew that will not grow; the bellringers' ten gallon pot that disappeared from the church tower and was found in Wales; the puppy dog pie offered to the men from Stroud; the weathercock from the church spire that was peppered with shot and ended up in Stroud, and all the features of the Painswick banner made by the Thirties Kids that hangs now in the Town Hall and replicates the old one lost during the war. All these stories were interspersed with readings of poems by local authors, one by Mr. St.Clair Baddeley on the death of Mr Hollister-Short, another by Bruce Mawdesley "The Temptress".

Finally they talked of farming in Painswick with an interview by Brian Johnston with Stan Slinger of Jenkins Farm on whose land the first Painswick Show (which later moved to Painswick House) was held just after the war to raise money for the new vicarage. At last it was "Good night from Briggs" and "Good night from Archard".



## Local History Teaser

The Fire Brigade is, as you will have observed in the January Beacon, an active and valuable part of Painswick life. However, this is not some recent phenomenon. The scene in the photograph did not take place within living memory, but do you know what was happening, when, where and who the damsel in distress apparently being rescued was?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

The answer to last month's teaser: the Nativity scene was from a play staged in the early 1950s and the actors were Bill West and G.D.Insley as the two Kings, Faith West as Mary, Rene A'Bear as the Angel Gabriel and Bob, Sid, Jim and Sam Gyde as the shepherds. Pauline Berry has written to the Beacon, recalling the production in wonderful detail. As a member of the cast herself, she says that it was organised by St Mary's Church and the Congregational Church (now Christ Church), that the casting was excellent and there was a choir. The only spoken words were those of the story read by Geoffrey Hoyland from the pulpit. Pauline was able to name many other members of the cast and says that the production was much acclaimed.

However, Derek Hodges has quite rightly refuted the assertion that it was the last play to be performed in St Mary's Church before last November's excellent production of A Man For All Seasons. In fact, in 1972 Derek directed Amahl And The Night Visitors which ran for a week in the Church. At the time, Derek was the Headmaster of Painswick School and supervising six students from St Paul's College who were on teacher training practice. Their tutor from the college happened to be the director of music and he and Derek decided to stage this musical play in the Church. Burdocks built the stage and Derek directed



the project. It starred Richard Barnfield as Amahl and the mother was Glenys Nelmes who, says Derek, sang so beautifully that she brought tears to many an eye of those in the audience.

Culgate me.

This month's Local History Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th February at the Croft School, starting at 7.30pm. Dr Richard Savage will give a presentation on the subject of Crickley Hill and his many years of involvement in its study and excavation.

*Carol Maxwell*

## John Sanders remembered

Dr Jim Hoyland talked to the Group about the life and music of his old friend John Sanders. He and John had both sung the Bach B Minor Mass in the chorus of Kings College Cambridge in 1952. John, an organ scholar at Caius, had come to Gloucester as Organist in 1967, and later became the Director of the Gloucester Three Choirs Festival. 50 years on, at his last festival, John had conducted the same Mass, again with Jim in the chorus. Jim played first an extract from John's Reproaches, a slow and stately piece of music, written in 1985 for performance on Good Friday. Then, among other pieces, he played the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from the Evening Service he had written in 1996 for Gloucester Cathedral, and part of his Requiem of 1998, calm and meditative music, one movement of which, "communion", was based on a famous poem by John Donne. Music with which Jim was closely involved included The Prayer of St Francis, Lord make me an instrument of thy peace, written in 1989 for the Gloucester Hospital Choir, and chosen by Jim's daughter Clare for her wedding.

John wrote two song cycles for Painswick. The first was The Beacon, which included a song Cotswold Choice, written by Frank Mansell, who lived near Sheepscombe, which referred to villages in Jim's practice. The second was Heart to Heart, sung in Painswick Church by Susan Gritton. One song was called the Gardener, written in memory of his friend Roland Pepper, a lawyer and poet.

In the second half of the evening, Jim played music from John's Memorial Service, held in Gloucester Cathedral on 28 February, 2004. This included John's last work, O Lord, within my heart forever; John's famous Responses; and The Festival Te Deum of 1960, John's first major work. Jim quoted the Dean of Gloucester, who said of John that he set words to music profoundly well; the Dean also said, quoting Joseph Addison, "Music, the greatest good that mortals know/ and all of heaven we have below."

Jim concluded that John was a lovely man and a fine composer.



*Richard Burges Watson*

# Wordsearch

Brother Leslie has absent-mindedly mislaid twelve English counties south of Nottingham in the grid. Can you find them for him?

Last month's challenge was to find fourteen counties north of Watford, which had been similarly lost. They were:

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*Delyth Allen*

# Spring into Action

Local fundraisers will be stepping out in support of Breakthrough Breast Cancer on Saturday 5th March to take part in a Mother's Day Crocus walk again this year. The spring walk has been organised to raise money for Breakthrough's essential breast cancer research and education work. Norwich Union is sponsoring the event again and will match pound for pound all funds raised.

The walk will start outside the Croft School in Churchwill Way at 2:30pm. All are welcome to join us there. We are also hoping to have refreshments available afterwards. For further information, or to make donations if unable to attend, please contact Delyth Allen 813182 or Ana Murray 812860.

# Calligraphy workshops

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# LETTERS



## Skylarks

From Dr Dick Jarrett:

The beautiful, musical, long-sustained spring-summer song of the skylark is no longer heard soaring over Dry Knapps field. Why?

## Traffic matters?

From Graham Lilley:

Thank goodness for the Beacon and "Parish Council News". How else would we now what is going on?

I was interested to see that one of the many matters that has been decided by the Parish Council is "Speeding in Edge Lane at Edge". (I take it that what has been decided is not that there should be speeding in Edge Lane but that there IS speeding in Edge Lane). I find this curious since I have lived in Edge Lane at Edge for nearly 30 years and I am not aware of this presumably common activity or indeed of any recent accident. Furthermore, as I understand it, no objective evidence has yet been collected to support the contention that cars and lorries speed in Edge Lane. What then is it that the Parish Council has decided and on what grounds was a decision made that will no doubt result in a cost to be borne by local residents?

The latest edition of the Beacon (January) reports the many traffic measures debated by the Traffic Committee and it would be nice to know that they are aware of current thinking, as reported in national newspapers recently, that following traffic research carried out in the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany (and to be trialed in parts of London) traffic experts have concluded that traffic safety is enhanced by LESS rather than more traffic measures which simply cause more environmental damage. Since we are to suffer a further above inflation increase in our Council tax bills this year it would be nice to know that our money is being spent on effective solutions to known rather than supposed problems.

From Rod Moulton:

It's entirely correct that emergency vehicles should have free passage through Painswick but I am not sure of the motives of those who go on "jollies" in the local fire engine. It appears that perhaps they consider the outing as scientific? To see if a large red vehicle can negotiate it's way through winding streets past other parked vehicles must be most amusing - one could however measure the width of the street and sundry parked vehicles instead and have a chat with Pythagoras - but not as much fun I suppose. In fact neither are necessary - anyone knows that a vehicle as large as a fire engine is always going to struggle around Painswick, just as they do in Montpellier, Cheltenham for example.

Ralph Kenber seems to consider Cllr Watson worthy of congratulations for her original ideas, such as additional parking spaces; perhaps the other unmentioned ideas have merit, this doesn't. He obviously didn't take in LWB's article in December's Beacon which clearly puts the points that no permanent parking would be allowed on the Recreation Field - quite right too, and that there is no consensus of opinion in so doing. LWB does suggest fuller use of the Stamages Lane car park and that there is no solid evidence for a second car park.

I agree that there are some who park thoughtlessly, there are in every town, but to say that we have parking problems demanding radical action as RK seems to want is overstating the case.

## Losing our soul

From Pauline Berry:

I refer to the letter in the January issue of the Beacon from Ros Harris, in which she criticises David Archard, who when he was interviewed said that he feared that Painswick was "losing its soul".

David was interviewed and, when asked for his opinion, gave it.

Many of us older Painswickians and others will know exactly what David means.

From a personal point of view, I wonder how the soul of any village can be preserved when so many of the small houses which were family homes have been bought to be turned into holiday cottages?

## Broadband

From Trevor Radway

I understand there are some people in the village who now enjoy the Broadband connection through BT, from 12th January. Not so if you happen to have Tesco.net as your service provider (and I suspect Virgin as well). They use a system called Data Stream and the Telephone Exchange in Stroud Road is not geared up to deal with that.

What are we poor disenfranchised persons to do? I do not really know!

There is a chance that we have to badger BT to make more provision here. Ideas from the technically minded welcomed please.

## From WP to DTP

There must be several hundred regular users of computers in and around Painswick, among whom quite a few use their powerful machines for word processing.

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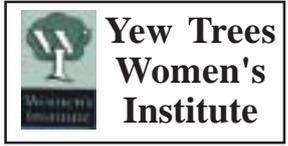
## A warm reward!

Ladies who deserted their comfortable homes on a cold January night in order to attend the January meeting of the Yew Trees WI were warmly rewarded. Marian Beagley's

*Memoirs of Japan* were entertaining, informative and frequently very funny. They covered such varied aspects of Japanese culture as trains, toilets, food and clothes.

In February Painswick's RHS award winning artist Valerie Dugan will talk about her life as a calligraphic and botanical artist.

Celia Lougher



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# Painswick Music Society: 2005 Season

A sparkling series of four concerts has been arranged for you in our diamond anniversary year. We are delighted to welcome the Skampa String Quartet, Emma Johnson and the Orchestra of the Swan, Alexis White, and Tasmin Little and Wayne Marshall. Brochures providing details and booking forms are being sent out to last year's members and others on our circulation list. If you are not on our circulation list and would like to receive further details, please contact Hywel James, our membership secretary and treasurer (contact details below). Please book early – we expect several concerts to be completely sold out.

As regulars know, each concert takes place on a Saturday at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church. The musicians perform on a raised stage with added lighting to enhance the experience. There is a short interval of about 20 minutes to allow everyone to stretch their legs – hopefully outside if the weather is kind. After the concert, you are invited to the Church rooms for a tea and there is usually an opportunity to meet the artists there.

Our season opens on 19th March with Skampa String Quartet playing Mozart, Suk, Prokofiev and Smetana. The Skampa, founded in Prague in 1989, now performs regularly throughout Europe and across the world, including venues such as the Wigmore Hall in London and Carnegie Hall in New York.

Our second concert is on 2nd April when Emma Johnson (clarinet) plays with the Orchestra of the Swan. The programme includes Mozart's symphony No.29 and Haydn's symphony

No.7 - and Mozart's clarinet concerto. The Orchestra of the Swan, based in Stratford-upon-Avon, has achieved national recognition for outstanding performances. Emma Johnson has established an international career as a soloist.



Our third concert is on 16th April. Alexis White - a talented pianist - is our chosen young artist this season. She will present a varied programme, starting with a Haydn sonata and followed with pieces by Dutilleux, Schubert, Rakhmaninov and Brahms.

Our last concert this year is a week later on 23rd April when we welcome Tasmin Little and Wayne Marshall. Tasmin Little (*pictured here*) is regarded as one of the world's leading violinists and Wayne Marshall appears all over the world as a virtuoso pianist. Their programme includes sonatas by Bach, Grieg and Prokofiev, and concludes with pieces by Cole Porter and Gershwin.

Membership (£31) entitles you to all four concerts and a music evening at our AGM in October. Tickets for two concerts – Orchestra of the Swan (with Emma Johnson), and Tasmin Little & Wayne Marshall – cost £15 each. Tickets for the Skampa String Quartet and Alexis White cost £10 each. Tickets and membership can be obtained from Hywel James, Canton House, New Street, Painswick GL6 6XH (812419) or at the Shetland Shop. Cheques should be made payable to "Painswick Music Society".

Peter Rowe



## Phoenix Tsunami concert

The Phoenix Ensemble, a twenty strong string ensemble of amateur and semi-professional musicians drawn from around the county, gave an afternoon concert in aid of the Tsunami Appeal, at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 23rd January. A good size audience enjoyed a fascinating programme of Scandinavian music with pieces from Nielson, Grieg, Sibelius and Dvorak. Playing with assured confidence, the ensemble drew a haunting wistfulness from Nielson's Little Suite, presented a brilliant (but exhausting!) musical kaleidoscope from Grieg's Holberg Suite and romanced gently through the Sibelius Romance in C, before letting rip into Dvorak's Serenade for Strings.

This was an exhilarating concert played with enthusiasm and precision under the baton of Julia Morris and raised more than £600 for the Tsunami Appeal.

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## Painswick Singers

The Painswick Singers will be performing *The Crucifixion* (by Stainer) in Painswick Church on Good Friday evening at 7.30pm. What the Choir is looking for are extra singers to help to make this an extra special evening. If you are able to come along and sing, please contact either Valerie or Arthur Westwood on 812400 or come along to practice evenings on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Church Rooms, Painswick.

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## Rugby

### League programme

Both Painswick sides had a frustrating Saturday last weekend with the first fifteen sharing the points in a Premier Division game against Longlevens and the United losing their Citizen Merit Table match against Chosen Hill by 13 points to 5 after a run of successes.

In the Longlevens game, Painswick had been leading at half-time but fell away in the second period to allow the home side to level the scores at 17 all. Painswick achieved an excellent result against Barton Hill on 22nd January, beating the Bristol club by 18 points to 3. Painswick were particularly pleased with their game as they had been disappointed to lose to North Bristol the previous weekend when, although going down by 25 points to 7, they had given a very committed performance.

The Barton Hill match, played at Broadham, was a closely fought affair with the visitors levelling the score some 5 minutes from full-time. However winger Aussie Smith settled the result with a good try after the forwards had laid the platform. Painswick were especially pleased that one of their scores had come through a try by new signing Fijian William Fredrick. William is one of 4 Fijians who have joined the Painswick club. All are currently serving with the Army; 3 of the 4 are threequarters and one a second row. As most rugby players have come to expect, the Fijians play with great commitment and a particularly fierce level of tacking.

There was also good news for the United as, on the same day, they defeated Cheltenham North Second Fifteen in a Citizen Merit Table match. The United's victory came a week after another first class performance when they beat Tetbury First Fifteen by 17 points to 14. Painswick's performance was notable for the fact that their opponents play in the Third Division of the Gloucestershire League. In a Citizen Merit Table match on 8th January, the United beat Cheltenham Saracens at Cheltenham by 15 points to 13.

Painswick had further reason to celebrate when the first fifteen beat Minety in a hard fought match to move into the second round of the Stroud Combination Senior Cup. Minety who play in a division above Painswick in the league led by 19 points to 7 at half-time but Painswick raised their game in the second half and, with the home side's pack tiring, flanker Jamie Read went over for the winning try with just minutes of the game remaining.

### Fixtures

Sat 5 Feb. Painswick United v Cainscross 2nd XV.  
 Bill Adams Cup. Painswick Adders v Cirencester 3rd XV.  
 Sat 12 Feb. Painswick 1st XV v Stow on the Wold 1st XV.  
 Painswick United v Gloucester All Blues 2nd XV.  
 Sat 19 Feb. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Old Richians 1st XV.  
 (Merit Table) Painswick United v Tewkesbury 2nd XV.  
 Sat 28 Feb. (L) Chosen Hill 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.  
 (Merit Table). Old Patesians 3rd XV v Painswick United.

## Cricket

### Painswick Annual Presentations

Painswick Cricket Club held its Annual Presentations Evening last Friday (28th January) at the Broadham Clubhouse. Chairman John Hogg welcomed everyone and commented on the very successful 2004 season. He said that he was especially pleased that so many juniors had come for the occasion and this reflected their commitment both on and off the field. The Chairman then made reference to the death of John Thynne Russell. JTR had been a great supporter of the club and would have undoubtedly been present that evening to share the celebrations. Members were asked to pause for a time

of reflection on John's life. The Chairman said that he wished to thank those supporters who had sponsored various items: John Goddard (the junior shirts); Roger Philips and John Loveday (practice frame); Wayne Lee (nets); Ela Bentley (Scoreboard) and Colonel Brennan (equipment).

Among those receiving awards was Under-13 Player of the Year, Nick

Collins, pictured here with Chairman John Hogg. Senior Player of the Year was New Zealander, David Boon. Clubman of the Year was Simon Cook. The presentations closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his continuing hard work on behalf of the club generally and with the junior section in particular. The vote of thanks was given by Club Captain, Wayne Neville. The evening concluded with a disco.



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# Tennis

## The Lorraine Ristic School of Tennis

A programme for adult tennis and fitness is being run by the Lorraine Ristic School of Tennis at the Painswick Lawn Tennis Club. The courses began in the week commencing Monday 24th January and continue over a six week period. The courses comprise a Master Class, Fit for Tennis, Doubles Tactics for Beginners, Doubles Tactics for Improvers and a Mix In session.

There is a further course entitled Mental Madness planned to begin in February after half-term. This course is for more advanced players looking to break through the mental side of tennis. For information about the courses and the cost please contact Lorraine on 01242 570298 or 07775 606399.

## Quiz

The Tennis Club is holding its Annual Quiz at the Broadham Pavilion on Friday 25th February. The start time is 6.30 for 7.00pm. For further information, please contact Gill Willoughby on 01452 720052.

## Winter programme

The winter league programme continues with matches being played on various evenings throughout the week and at the weekend.

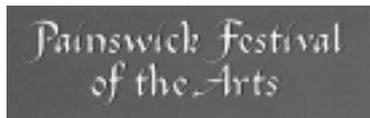
# Plantation Volunteers

Parish Council Plantation Committee Chairman, Ann Daniels has been delighted to have the services of members of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers helping her to keep the Plantation in good order.

The volunteers come to Painswick twice each year in the winter months, and our picture shows Ann (extreme right) with the BTCV group on a recent Plantation visit.



# Painswick Festival funds



The vicar, Revd John Longuet-Higgins reports that, following discussions amongst the Festival committee, it has been agreed how the total profit of £5,554 is to be distributed. Half of the funds raised - £2,870 - will be committed to the restoration of the roof of St. Peter's Chapel. A further £2,000 is going towards establishing a youth choir drawn from all the churches around Painswick. The first meeting has already taken place and attracted more than twenty children. The plan is for the choir to meet at St. Mary's Church each Friday under Christopher Swayne with a view to singing during Sunday services once a month at one of the Painswick churches.



The remaining £684 will be split between making outside lighting available for activities involving Painswick churches (£380) and a donation of £304 to Christ Church.

Also announced is the intention to buy a lap top computer, projector, stand and screen at a cost of about £3,000 for the use of all Painswick churches, drawing on the funds raised from selling the *Christmas in the Painswick Valley* CD. The balance of the approximately £5,000 raised from the CD will be devoted to other ecumenical projects.

# The War Requiem

The Spring concert of the Gloucester Choral Society will be a performance of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, one of the most beautiful and moving works in the English choral repertoire.

## Gloucester Cathedral - 12th March

Andrew Nethsingha conducts the Choral Society (augmented by singers from the City of Birmingham choir), Gloucester cathedral choristers and lay clerks, and the Regency Sinfonia. The soloists are Judith Howarth, James Gilchrist and Stephen Roberts, all well-known to Three Choirs audiences.

Britten was a Christian pacifist and the work carried a powerful message, beautifully expressed. In the aftermath of the war in Iraq, and as we approach the 60th anniversary of the close of the second world war, it seems appropriate that the concert will take place on the eve of Passion Sunday. Please come and support us. Tickets are available at the door, priced at £15, £12, and £5; or in advance from Audiosonic in Westgate Street; or by post from the Concert Manager, 11 The Hedgerow, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 9JE (SAE please).

A special inclusive offer including transport is available to Painswick residents for this concert. A Beavis coach will be waiting at 6.30pm in Stamages car park for departure at 6.45pm. returning at about 10.00pm. Tickets are £19.00 (centre nave) or £16.00 (rear nave) inclusive of discounted seat prices and coach fare.

To use this service, send a cheque (made out to Gloucester Choral Society) to Gordon Owen (Treasurer), Kemps Orchard, Kemps Lane, Painswick, GL6 6YB, providing your name, address, contact 'phone no. and SAE. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis. (If there are too few users, cheques will be returned forthwith - the "Messiah" coach in December proved very popular).

Bernard Day Chairman - Gloucester Choral Society

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# Police Report

10th November 2004 - 10th December 2004

House Burglary - 0  
Business Premises Burglary - 0  
Shed Break - 0  
Vehicle Break - 2 (1 in Painswick and 1 in Slad)  
Vehicle Theft - 0



Criminal Damage - 1 (vehicle in Painswick)  
Theft - 0  
Assault - 3 (Painswick, 2 resulting in arrests and 1 currently under investigation)  
A very quiet month in and around the Village, apart from stereos being taken from 2 vehicles overnight.

10th December 2004 - 13th January 2005

Business Premises Burglary - 1 (Cranham, one premises entered but nothing believed taken)  
House Burglary - 2 (Both in Painswick, nothing believed taken in either).  
Shed Break - 1 (Cranham, garage entered and an air compressor taken)  
Vehicle Break - 2 (1 in Slad, stereo/tools taken), (1 at Painswick Beacon and a bag taken from under the passenger seat)  
Vehicle theft - 1 (Edge)  
Criminal Damage - 3 (2 in Painswick), (1 in Cranham, all relating to attempt thefts from vehicles).  
Theft - 8 (2 in Slad, a sender unit from an electric fence and a Post Box), (4 in Painswick, A pair of Grey Grecian style large round urns on pedestals and about 30 Cotswold coping stones from a garden

wall in the village, taken over a period of days during darkness. Some plant and lights were also taken from a local construction site), (1 in Sheepscombe where a number of hedging whips were taken from the border of a field), (1 in Cranham, food taken from public house external fridge).  
Assault - 0  
Total reported crimes this period 18.

There has been a spate of thefts and attempted thefts from motor vehicles over the last 4 weeks in our area and all around Stroud. A lot of effort has gone into attempting to identify the offenders. As a result a number of males have been arrested and are helping us with our enquiries into the offences. There has also been an increase in the theft of garden pots and a substantial number of coping stones from one address where several visits were made to remove them. All of these offences have occurred overnight. A very useful tool for us in recovering stolen ornaments and tools is if you can discreetly mark them with your own unique marking, or even take a photograph of them, enabling us to return them to you should they be recovered. Serial numbers from machinery and tools are also very useful to us.

Please remember to keep forwarding any suspicions or information you may have to us or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800.555111.

Thank you for your continued support,  
PC Jerry Semour 1270, Bussage Police Station

# Fred Semark

The death of Fred Semark at his Hertfordshire home on New Year's Day was unexpected and received with much sadness in Painswick. In January 1991 Fred was chosen as the Beacon's "Painswickian of the Year" and we thought it appropriate to recollect what was written at that time. The Beacon reported that "Mr Semark had been chosen in recognition of his outstanding contribution to community life and in particular his financial and personal backing for numerous village projects and organisations". Fred was an 'old boy' of Gyde House and was there from 1928 until 1937 before leaving to embark on a successful business career. He returned to Painswick on his retirement in 1978 and soon became involved in a number of local organisations. One of the appointments most dear to him was that of Gyde Trustee. He was particularly pleased to be asked to become a trustee of the Painswick Pre-School Playgroup. The creation of the Semark Trust brought financial benefit to a number of groups including local churches and they would wish to add their appreciation for the support given to them. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Flora, and the members of his family.

*A Service of Thanksgiving is being held at St.Mary's Church on Saturday 9th April at 10.30am.*

## PROPERTY REPORT for December by Hamptons International

**With Spring now just around the corner, Hamptons predictions of a soft landing in respect of the property market appear to be on course.** The general shortage of good quality property stock in the Painswick area seems likely to continue and with demand outstripping supply this will undoubtedly assist in supporting price stability.

2004 proved to be the best year ever for the Painswick Office where we were selling right up to Christmas Eve and with the demand for property in Painswick and the surrounding villages remaining strong we believe that those wishing to sell during 2005 should act soon in order to secure a sale before having to compete with the hubbub of a General Election later this year.

We are delighted to announce that Hamptons has been appointed to market the suites and apartments at Richmond Painswick and for any information on this luxurious way of living please call into our office in Bisley Street. Other new instructions include 7 Brookhouse Mill – a delightful mill conversion; Kempside in Orchard Mead and Norbreck House in

Cotswold Mead – both individual family houses; Gwynfa Cottage – a charming 3 bed period property, Bell Cottage in Friday street a charming pied-a-terre – and a new architect designed large house to be built in Butt Green; Hillgarth is a 3 bed bungalow in Pitchcombe and in Upton a small 2 bed cottage and also a 6 bed farmhouse with land.

Recent exchanges in Painswick include: The Red House in Lower Washwell and no 2 Churchill Way; Woodbank in Sheepscombe; Greenacre in Slad; Jays in Pitchcombe; Colethrop Cottage in Harescombe; and The Paddocks – a large country house in Cranham.

We are now a seven strong team at our Painswick office with the recent addition of Miranda Harding who has joined the team as a Sales Manager. Miranda has relocated from London where she was the Assistant Manager at Hamptons Tower Bridge office for the past 5 years and is looking forward to working in the Country.

*Diane Mearns, Associate Director.*

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# The Painswick Beacon

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# VILLAGE DIARY

## FEBRUARY

Fri	4	Senior Circle: Tales from an Elizabethan still room - Katharine Kear	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	6	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Improvers (Sundays)	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	7	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	8	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Repair works commence on Painswick Beacon	Christ Church Hall Kimsbury Camp	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	9	Horticultural Society: Snowdrops at the Rococo Tea Dances - Wednesdays	<b>Rococo Gardens</b> Painswick Centre	2.30pm 2.00 to 4.00pm
Thu	10	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced beginners	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	11	Country Market with coffee available	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	12	Painswick Players: <i>It's a Small World</i> - readings followed by Cream Tea	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Mon	14	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Tennis Club	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Crickley Hill - R Savage Music Appreciation Group evening concert visit to Cheltenham Town Hall	Croft School Cheltenham	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	16	Jazz Evening: Local musicians, no entry fee Probus: Insects in general - Mr R Axworthy Parish Council Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	8.30pm 10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	18	Women's Fellowship: The Door - Brendan Conboy Senior Circle: Gifford's Circus - The Gifford family	Christ church Hall Town Hall	7.30pm 2.30pm
Sat	19	<b>Copy dateline for March to Editorial Team</b> Blues Night: The Paul Rose Band	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Mon	21	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI: Letters, Leaves and Flowers <b>Village Quiz entries close</b> – see page 2	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	24	<b>Diary deadline for March to Edwina Buttrey</b> Bird Club: Birds of the flood plain - talk by Mike Smart, Warden of Ashleworth Ham Music Appreciation Group: The Violin Concerto	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	25	Tennis Club Quiz Evening at the Rugby club	Broadham Fields	6.30 for 7.00pm
Sat	26	Calligraphy workshop: see page 11 Coffee morning/Tombola etc. arranged by Bingo Group	Church Rooms Town Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm 10.00am to noon
Sun	27	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210	Park at Madam's Wood	10.00am
Mon	28	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Guild	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm

## MARCH

Tue	1	PCMS: 'Unfair World Trade' - Mr A Sammon	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Wed	2	Probus: Sir Edwin Lutyens - Mr Tom Meeks Women's Fellowship: Memories of a sheltered housing warden - Mrs Margaret Say	Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Fri	4	Women's World Day of Prayer: Coffee followed by Service Service at St James the Great Church Senior Circle: Outing to Cinderella on Ice - for details Ring Anne Smith - Tel: 812427	Ashwell House Cranham Everyman Theatre	10.00am for 10.30am 7.30pm
Sat	5	<b>March issue of The Painswick Beacon published</b> Mothers Day Crocus Walk in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Refreshments available.	Start from, Croft School	2.30pm
Mon	7	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Miss Pauline Lamont	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Wed	9	Hort. Soc.: Vegetables and Soft Fruit	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: The Cello	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	12	<b>Village Quiz</b>	<b>Painswick Centre</b>	<b>6.45 for 7.15pm</b>
Mon	14	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Conservation Society	Christ Church Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	15	Local History Society	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	16	Coach to London: Enquiries 813965/813227 see p6. Probus: The English Gypsy - Mr Philip Pratley Women's Fellowship: Changing scenes in the garden	Stamages Car Park Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	8.30am 10.00am 7.30pm



Thu	17	Music Appreciation Group: Concert at Colston Hall Bird Club: Common British Warblers – Jane Rowe	Bristol Town Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	18	Senior Circle: 'A Painting Experience' with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	19	15th Annual Spring coffee morning (Helen & Anne) Music Society Concert: Skampa Quartet Blues Night: The Robin Bibi Band	Town Hall St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	9.45am to 12noon 3.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun	20	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210	Car Park in Upper Plantation	10.00am
Mon	21	Workshop: An introduction to Calligraphy with James Skinner (Also on 28 March) Tel: 01452 611614 Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Group	Church Rooms Christ Church Hall	9.30 am to 2.30pm 12.00noon to 1.15pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	25	Stainer's 'Crucifixion'	St.Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	28	Easter Monday		
Wed	30	Hort.Soc.: Outings booking morning Probus: The Bayeux Tapestry - Mr I Willox Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	Church Rooms Ostlers Room, Falcon The Lamp	10.00am to noon 10.00am 1.00pm

#### APRIL

Sat	2	Music Society Concert: Orchestra of the Swan With Emma Johnson, clarinet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	5	PCMS: 'Religious Education in Schools'	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Ralph Vaughan- Williams	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	8	Senior Circle: 'Old Musical Instruments'	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Service of Thanksgiving for Fred Semark	St.Mary's Church	10.30am
Wed	13	Probus: AGM Hort.Soc.: 'April Showers' flower arranging	Ostlers Room, Falcon Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm
Sat	16	Music Society Concert: Alexis White, piano Blues Night: Danny Bryant's Redeyband	St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	3.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	19	Local History Society Research Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: Members Night	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	23	Music Society Concert: Tasmin Little, violin, and Wayne Marshall piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	27	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	the Lamp	6.00pm
Thu	28 – 30	Painswick Players: <i>The Odd Couple</i>	Painswick Centre	7.30pm

#### MAY

Mon	2	Hawkwood College: Open Day	Hawkwood College	10.00am – 5.00pm
Wed	4	Painswick & District Conservation Soc. AGM: Speaker Ben Sang - Severn Wye Energy Conservation Agency	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	11	Hort.Soc.: The Fun of Gardening + AGM	Town Hall	7.30/8.15pm
Sat	14	Blues Night: Sherman Robertson	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun	15	Christian Aid Week begins		
Sat	21	May Ball: a 'first' for Croft School Blues Night: Ottis Grand	tba Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### JUNE

Sat	11	Sue Ryder Care 25th Anniversary Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Sat	18	Blues Night: Ainsley Lister	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### JULY

Sat	16	Blues Night: Bad Town Blues ( <i>and pig roast</i> )	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat	10	Hort.Soc: Annual Show	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### OCTOBER

Wed	12	Hort.Soc: A Day with Beth Chatto	Town Hall	7.30pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

#### NOVEMBER

Sat	12	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

## PLANNING MATTERS

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

### NEW APPLICATIONS

**FAIRWAY, BEACON CLOSE.** Erection of a replacement dwelling

**EDGE LANE HOUSE, EDGE LANE, EDGE.** 2 storey extension, new rear pitched roof & new garage/stable block

**HAMMONDS BARN, WICK STREET, STROUD.** Replacement of existing garage/outbuilding

**RAMBLER COTTAGE, CHURCH HILL, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Replace downpipes and guttering on house & garage. Replace rotten window on first floor. Remove unsafe chimney stack & rebuild in Cotswold stone

**DENBURY, THE HIGHLANDS.** Erection of conservatory to rear of property

**PACKHURST FARM, EDGE.** Erection of a conservatory

**CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD.** Erection of extensions, installation of dormer windows to roof and new link between dwelling and swimming pool & plant room

**39 ASHWELL.** Single storey extension and installation of a landing window (resubmission following withdrawn application 04/2321/FUL)

**COACH HOUSE at PAINSWICK MILL, KINGS MILL LANE.** Retrospective application for internal & external repairs, installation of an additional roof light and replacement of existing windows & doors

**OLD VICARAGE, DAMSELLS MILL LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Conversion of loft space above existing garage to provide bedroom & ensuite bathroom

**5 CLATTERGROVE.** Single storey extension to provide a bedroom & bathroom (resubmission following refusal 04/2275/FUL)

**WOODLAND COTTAGE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Renewal of permission 01/126 for the erection of replacement extension & alterations to outbuilding

### REVISED PLANS

**DORMER COTTAGE & WOODSEND COTTAGE, BUTT GREEN.** Erection of extensions. Main changes: Removal of first floor window on western elevation of southern extension and replacement with roof lights. Windows on first floor of southern extension to be obscure glazed.

**THE SCHOOL HOUSE, SLAD ROAD, SLAD.** Erection of a garage with link to existing house. Internal alterations. Main changes: Removal of dormer windows from front elevation of garage and alteration to design of link element

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### CONSENT

**Barn at STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD.** Re-roofing of existing agricultural barn with concrete tiles

**HEATHER BANK, CHELTENHAM ROAD.** Demolition of part of existing house & erection of an extension. (Resubmission following refusal 04/1104/FUL)

**PARK HOUSE, THE PARK.** Erection of two storey extension

**THE PAINSWICK CENTRE, BISLEY STREET.** Erection of extension

**UNDERLEAF, ORCHARD MEAD.** Erection of garages & garden store

**OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Alterations to boundary wall

**EDGE FARM COTTAGE, EDGE.** Erection of an extension

**THE BULL, WICK STREET.** Erection of timber frame shed

**DORMER COTTAGE, SLAD ROAD, SLAD.** Erection of a utility room & extension to conservatory

**BROOK FARM, GREENHOUSE LANE.** Conversion of existing garage to annexe. Erection of replacement garage & games room. (Resubmission of withdrawn scheme 04/1732/FUL)

### REFUSAL

**THE OLD VICARAGE, DAMSELLS MILL LANE, SHEEPSCOMBE.** Conversion of loft space above existing garage to provide bedroom & ensuite bathroom

**5 CLATTERGROVE COTTAGES.** Alterations & extension to existing single storey buildings to provide a bedroom, bathroom & conservatory

### PLAN WITHDRAWN

**39 ASHWELL.** Erection of an extension & installation of a landing window

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## Heartfelt

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Ros Harris

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to JUDE and STEPHEN NEWELL on the birth of their son Joshua Luke on 22nd December, a brother for Joely and a first grandson for Jean and David Newell

also to NICK and KATE GRIMSLEY on the birth of a son, Samuel Herbert, on 28th December; a third grandchild for Nada and Derek Grimsley,

also to ZOE and STEVE WEBB on the birth of son Cody on New Year's Day, a grandson for Wendy Webb and a first great-grandchild for Joyce and Ron Lamort.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome JOHN and PAT COUCH to 4 St.Mary's Mead from Cheltenham,

and JENNIFER CARTWRIGHT-TAYLOR to 5 Stamages Lane,

and JULIE HALL who has come to be the new Library Manager from Quedgeley and also Dr.MARTYN and Dr.HELEN HEWITT who have moved into The Red House in Lower Washwell with their four children.

## Congratulations

VERONICA OWEN and PETER FUNNEL, previously resident in Painswick, have married in Ledbury and now live at 4 Napend in Ashleworth.

## Change of house

BOB WATKIN has moved from Vicarage Street to 2 Churchill Way

and JUNE TUFNELL has moved to Churn Cottage in Kemps Lane.

## Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to LINDA EVANS, TED BURGE and JIM WISE.

## Engagement

The engagement is announced between RICHARD ALLEN and SARAH MARSHALL, residents of Paradise.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JOY JARRETT, ELSIE McCABE, JEAN GRIFFITH, GRACE FREEMAN (who was aged 100), RICH-

ARD FEILDEN, MARCUS HARLEY, MAGGIE DOROTHY ARTHUR (at Cotswold Nursing Home) and JOHN THYNNE-RUSSELL who died recently.

## Personal messages

**June Tuffnell** would like to thank all the kind friends who wrote letters, sent cards, and attended the Thanksgiving Service for her beloved husband. Their prayers and their kindness have been a great comfort to her and the family.

**Rhys Evans** and **Chris Hall** would like to say a huge thank you to the 'Croft Coven' (all the mothers at Croft Junior) for all the help and offers of help while our respective better-halves were in hospital. **John Griffiths** of Vicarage Street would like to thank friends and neighbours who were so kind and supportive to him during his recent stay at Standish Hospital, and he hopes to see you all again whilst hopping around the village in the near future.

**Hilda Musty** writes to "say 'Thank you' to all my friends in Painswick for choosing me as Painswickian of the Year. I have been very touched by all the lovely flowers, cards and messages I have received. What a wonderful honour".

**Angela Critchley** would like to thank all her well-wishers following vascular operations which have confined her to bed rest, but hopes to be active again before too long.

**Joan Ridgill** writes "Ray BARNARD 15th February 2003; remembered as always, forgotten never."

*We appreciate receiving information for the Personal Column but regret that space limitations permit only the minimum amount of text.*

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