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Garden pride and the RHS

The Malvern Show is certainly a prestigious event in the horticultural world and this year Sue Jollans of Painswick is a worthy contender for a medal.

One of about twenty entrants, Sue has designed a garden to celebrate the life of a good friend who died ten years ago. 'Susie's Garden' is a children's garden and, according to Sue, reflects the life of her friend. "She was energetic, natural and full of fun" says Sue and this is the essence of the design. At its centre is a trampoline embraced by a mound and brace for safety. With a pond, willow tunnels with peas growing up them, a play house made of old oak and lots of orange and blue planting this is very much a vibrant and lively garden and also the biggest in the show. Her design is very detailed, adventurous and ambitious, especially for a first-timer, "with quite a few elements of Blue Peter" she adds humorously.



Since Sue's application was accepted by the RHS in January she hasn't stopped. Three months is a very short time to bring it all successfully together and there are still elements of uncertainty regarding the plants right up to judgement day. Sponsorship has been difficult but she feels fortunate to have had much help and support locally without which she says the project would not be possible. In particular, she cites the moral support and wonderful construction skills of Don and Andy Juggins and Richard Overs, the drawing skills of Jane Garbett, and the patience and hands-on approach of her husband and children which have been invaluable.

Although it is not a competition the gardens do have to achieve what was planned and they have to meet rigorous RHS standards. This year Chris Beardshaw is offering a scholarship to one entrant and the opportunity to work with him for a year. Of course, Sue would love to win this, but she points out that quite simply she is thrilled to be doing the project and loves the generous and friendly

atmosphere among the competitors. "To win would be wonderful, but firstly, I'm doing this for Susie," she says.

Sue is hoping to raise money and awareness for the Meningitis Trust at the show which starts on 8th May.

Do go along next week and support her wonderful achievement.

Wet fish monger

Painswick is to have wet fish once again.

This most welcome of news will appeal to many who appreciate truly fresh *fruits de mer*.

Jack Kirwin, 22, seen here at work in Bishops Cleeve last week, will, from next week, be offering his extremely fresh fish in the car park of the Town Hall on Thursdays between 8.30 and 11.00am. Jack told the Beacon that he has been venturing on his own for eight weeks, after working with his father, also in this business, in Swindon where he still lives during the week, but his own home is in Grimsby.

He takes great pride in the sheer range of fish he can offer, all having been transported overnight from Grimsby, with some 30 varieties usually being on his mobile slab.

What was once the most popular of English dishes it has to be admitted that times have changed, and many only have a distant memory of the succulence and flavour of such truly fresh nutritious food. Here we have the opportunity to do ourselves a favour by patronising his outlet right in the heart of our village, while realising the use-it-or-lose-it factor is at work.

Election note

The Beacon very much regrets that its fixed publication dates, necessary for those who contribute so much to make our pages relevant, printers to schedule their work, and numerous distributors to bring this newspaper to your door, prevented us from including short statements from candidates for elections this year.

The closing date for nominations was after our last issue, and the elections themselves two days before we deliver this one.



On other pages this month: floating bears, local **British champ** on board, merlot v 'long mellow nose', exceptional **kingfisher**, concert reviews, the **beautiful game** starting, a **Country Show**, remarkable **foursome**, the **McAmin** success, **Painswick from aloft**, philatelic **physics**.

..... and readers are reminded that they can tell distant friends and relatives all about our news by looking up the whole edition on the web www.painswickbeacon.org.uk



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Catbrain Quarry

Members took note that the on-going clearance of debris, etc. at this quarry was causing polystyrene and other wind-blown litter around the area. Further, some new fly-tipping had occurred nearby.

Richmond Painswick – updating

The committee received a letter from the Manager seeking to keep the Council informed of a range of matters receiving attention around the site and operationally. Among these was reference to, responding to local requests, opening of the restaurant to the public on a limited basis, at weekends with an A La Carte menu. The Chairman understood that undertakings had originally been given during the pre-planning stage that such extended opening had not been contemplated and it was agreed that if such were a condition then a change of use application should be made.

Strategic Housing Assessment

This detailed examination of all potential locations for housing development in the Stroud District had now been completed by SDC and none identified in Painswick civil parish.

Manorial and common land

Arising from discussion at the February meeting about the status of land within the Painswick Manorship there was a further discussion upon the distinction between Manorial land and Common land in law, and planning terms. It was agreed to check for any such distinctions.

The researches should be interesting as the definitions of Common land by Defra state "In general terms, common land is land owned by one person over which another person is entitled to exercise rights of common (such as grazing animals or cutting bracken for live-stock bedding), and these rights are generally exercisable in common with others. However, in legal terms, the situation is inevitably more complex." Meanwhile Land Registry state that Manorial Land "is the land that was originally part of the landholdings of the lordship

of the manor and has not been transferred separately from the lordship title. Manorial land can be extensive, or it can be a collection of scattered small pieces of land, which may cover a large area. Manorial land is subject to compulsory registration in the same way as any other physical (corporeal) land." Ed.

PARISH COUNCIL

No questions were raised, no public attended. Maybe the coincidence of the quarterly meeting of the Police Consultative Committee or the first night of films in Painswick were the premier attraction? *It was a lonely evening folk!*

Chairman, Terry Parker, took the opportunity to express the Council's thanks to Gill Richards, Peter Rowe and David Harcup, who were not standing for re-election, for their services as Councillors.

Painswick-Stroud - cycling

Arising from the undertaking given at the last meeting to investigate a cycle route to Stroud Martin Slinger pointed out that, although rough in places, one exists from Bulls Cross through woodland to Folly Lane and Uplands or Wick Street. Members regarded this as not what was being suggested by Ms Croxall in March.

Urged on by Ann Daniels and Ann Burges Watson the Council agreed to press a request, even though funding may not be immediately available with the County Council, for a safe cycleway between the two settlements.

Meeting Halls: usage study

Peter Rowe reported having held discussions with the Chairmen of Painswick Centre and of Gateway. He placed before the Council how he proposed to tackle the remit given to him at the last meeting and defined the objective as being

- to carry out an audit of existing meeting rooms available to the public for recreational purposes, covering their use and facilities
- to survey parishioners' views on what additional facilities and activities should be catered for, and
- to place the findings before the public so that the Parish Council can update the Parish Plan (possibly as a supplement)

The Council endorsed this course of action across the coming months.

Cotswold Way - interpretation centre

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the position reached and that he and Leslie Brotherton remained optimistic that this proposal may be included in the submission for funding across 2008-13. Much more would be known by 23rd May.

Street lighting - extinguishing

Martin Slinger reported receipt that day of proposals by the County Council, in response to this Council's request, for extinguishing about 45 of 176 existing street lights from midnight until later to reduce light pollution, cost and carbon footprint. This will be studied by the Working Group

set up previously and recommendations made to the Council.

The large plan/map of the street lights which may be affected is available at the Council Office for public view and observations. Ed.

Late evening bus services

While no firm decision has been taken regarding restoration of the evening service on route 46, the Chairman reported that while operators Stagecoach were keen to try and re-build usership of such a service the County Council had not yet undertaken to subsidise the service.

Recreation Field - basket ball net

The Clerk reported that advice had now been received from ROSPA regarding the hard standing to be associated with the intended practice net. Revised quotations were now to be sought prior to its being installed at an early date.

Bledisloe Cup Competition 2008

The Council considered the invitation received from CPRE to enter this competition this year. The reservations upon the objectivity of judging last year were aired again. Further, suggestions about how the competition could be improved based upon the Painswick experience had been conveyed to CPRE by letter, upon which no reply had been received.

Councillors Burges Watson and Rowe proposed and seconded a proposition that entry to the competition was in the interest of the village for many reasons, and it was agreed (on a 5-2 vote) to proceed.

Plantation - improvement

Ann Daniels presented the minutes of her committee meeting of 2nd April and, in particular, the 5-year spread of work commencing upon the improvement of the Plantation off Gloucester Road.

A Woodland Improvement Grant of £2860 has been allocated by the Forestry Commission. The Project Manager is Terry Fenton, from Acorn Tree & Woodland Services, and he will be overseeing works by a mix of contractors and the Council's Handyman.

Fishmonger - Town Hall car park

The Clerk reported upon an approach received from a wet fish purveyor requesting weekly use on Thursday morning of the car park at the Town Hall. Arrangements were approved. *See front page.*

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Kate Foster

Wins the British 2008 Snowboard Championships in Laax, Switzerland

Local resident and Olympic Snowboarder Kate Foster won the title of '2008 British Snowboard Halfpipe Champion' in Laax last week. Kate also competed in her first snowboardcross at the British Championships and finished 4th after qualifying 2nd fastest. "I was a bit surprised, it was great fun and I'll do it again!" commented Kate after the race.

Her sponsors are ANIMAL, ZOOM Airlines and local snowboarding store NOAHS Bikes & Boards in Brimscombe near Stroud.

Kate, 22, from Painswick, has been riding for Great Britain since 2005 in the Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) World Cup series and was ranked 23rd in the world. She also competed in the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics. Unfortunately Kate missed most of the 2007 season due to injuries and subsequent surgery. 2008 has been a comeback season for Kate where she ranked up a 14th place in the Italian World Cup and a 7th in the Austrian Europa before winning the British Championship. Kate will be joining the World Cup team later this year to qualify for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics Games. Kate would like to thank all her sponsors who have been great with their support and her brother, James 5 times British Champion and is the 2008 British Snowboardcross Champion, who has been her mentor throughout her career.



Election candidates

As has been explained on the front cover, we're sorry not to have been able to 'cover' this election. Full information about the outcome next month, but here a reminder of who stood for election.

In practice the existing Parish Councillors hold office until 5th May. Newly elected Councillors must sign a 'Declaration' but will not assume collective responsibilities until the date of first attending a meeting, this being brought forward to 14th May.

For a Parish Council which holds 'quality' status it has to be encouraging that sufficient public-spirited people have stepped forward to serve as our representatives and require, therefore, that there be an election in Painswick village. Council deliberations and decisions will continue to be reported in these pages although, it has to be said, it is a great pity that so few members of the public ever attend Council meetings to hear how those decisions emerge. Are you a member of the "Don't blame me, I didn't vote" brigade?

PARISH COUNCIL

PAINSWICK (village) WARD 7 seats contested

BULLINGHAM Jason Owen
Flat 1 Yew Tree House, New Street

BURGES WATSON Ann Rosamund
Highfield House, Gloucester Street

COX Robert Francis
8 Brookhouse Mill, Greenhouse Lane,

DALE Alan Charles
Staddlestones, The Highlands

DANIELS Ann
3 Pullens Road

HUDSON David Llewellyn
Hillcrest, Gloucester Street

KERTON Michael Christopher Herbert
Englewood, Cotswold Mead

PARKER Terry
Red Roofs, Beacon Close

EDGE (village) WARD 1 seat uncontested

SLINGER Martin Sidney
Jenkins, Lurks Lane, Pitchcombe

SHEEPSCOMBE (village) WARD 2 seats uncontested

MAHENDRAN Dhushy
Woodside, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

(vacancy - to be co-opted)

SLAD (village) WARD 2 seats uncontested

CURTIS Norrie
The Laurels, Slad

WOOF Jacqueline Carol Womersley
Beech Cottage, Slad

DISTRICT COUNCIL 1 seat contested

CROXALL Elinor
1 Rock Cottages, Vicarage Street,
Green Party Candidate

HEYES David Marshall
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TAIT Barbara Anne
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Annual Parish Meeting .. 23rd April

It has to be a great pity that the public attendance at this annual event was, to say the least, small. All nine received the most meticulous reporting of the work of our Council across the last year and, as a long-time Council watcher, I can avow that considerable effort had been made to ensure that the public were fully informed of just about anything and everything of interest.

The text of the Council's report was in our last issue, but the 23rd was an occasion for elaboration verbally by the Chairman Terry Parker, ably assisted by colleagues with Martin Slinger detailing much which had not found space in the published report. Terry Parker suggested that 2007-08 had been a particularly testing year, one in which the community itself attracted praise from many quarters for the manner in which it had responded to such as the exceptional flooding and the consequential severing of the A46 for the ensuing six months. Efforts will be made, he hoped, in the newly elected Council, to revive the local Chamber of Trade so that the interests of their members could be better represented. It was with obvious pride that he made mention of the Council having gained recognition for 'Quality' status during the year, this being the outcome of discharging responsibilities in a thorough manner across a long period, with the support of dedicated service by the Clerk Roy Balgobin. Among other matters of significance during the year he also mentioned the considerable work being undertaken by the Gateway trustees to secure the future of a library and its premises, and the understanding the Council has that funding support for the project would not be required of the Council.

Martin Slinger drew attention to the ever increasing responsibilities of Parish Councils, with the consequential increases in pressure upon their locally determined budgets; going on to suggest a hint of double taxation. He mentioned the concern about 147 footpaths in the civil parish, some questions about the future of 15 parcels of common land, promotion of tourism upon which much of the future of the village depends, consideration of the possibility of making 42 of the 176 street lights in the area part time, and so on. Clearly he was hinting that either some things cannot be done, because of their cost, or that the precept would have to increase further. The Council's accounts for the year were presented and two figures caught my eye as I glanced through them; total expenditure in the year at £76,282, and reserves at £24,679 - a fairly limited safety net.

District Councillors Barbara Tait and Frances Roden reported upon matters with which they had direct been involved, dealing particularly with environmental matters, housing, community safety and yet pegging the Council Tax increase at 2.5%. Reports from County Councillor Joan Nash and MP David Drew were read out as neither could attend that evening.

Few were the points raised in this forum by those attending, but each was brought forward with some strong feelings. The disappearance of the King Charles stone, where the King had reputedly stood after defeat at Gloucester, took everyone by surprise. The Council was reminded of the saga of the never corrected handrail between Whitehorse Lane and the footpath alongside the bowling green, a real disadvantage for the elderly mounting the steps. It was agreed that the flag pole in the Memorial Garden be repainted and that proposals to prevent obstruction of the stocks by wayward drivers parking there would soon be resolved.

LWB

Ladies of a certain ..

Ralph Kember reintroduced us to a harem of fascinating ladies and invited us to remember who they were and in which opera we had met them.

Our spirits were somewhat dampened when we realised that the first two had died of consumption and the third had been abandoned by her US Navy boy friend; but in each case we were spared the embarrassment of failing to recognise her when she sang her well-known signature tunes. The next lady worked in a cigarette factory, poor girl, but still managed to beat out a lively tune on an anvil. We met a lady who was, one imagines, slightly older, since she had out-lived one husband who had fortunately left her sufficiently well off to enjoy her widowhood; then met a fierce German horsewoman whose gallop was easily recognisable; and a formidable Chinese lady who asked her suitors awkward questions. Less of an ordeal than the brave lady who had to pass through fire and water with the help of a wind instrument, though better than being a yummy lady at the mercy of an exalted terminator. This part of Ralph's test ended on the happy note of a lady who was presented with a silver rose.

We left the world of opera for the forests of Norway and more exotically met a sensuous Arabian girl. We also met a lady who had been turned into a royal bird, another with emerald eyes and another with an endless fund of stories. We returned to earth with a bump after meeting a flying witch. Just as well, as our over-taxed imaginations could not have taken much more of Ralph's magic.

Richard Burges Watson

Fair goods

As anyone who enjoyed the front page of last month's Beacon will know, Painswick is now officially a Fairtrade Village. This is a great achievement and the Steering Group are grateful to all the people and traders who worked both to qualify for the Fairtrade Certificate and to make the launch itself both colourful and fun. Watch out for more events in the coming year – the Fairtrade Foundation will be monitoring us regularly to ensure we keep up our commitment.



For the past nine years, a selection of fairly traded goods has been available, during the winter months, at the weekly Community lunches in Christ Church hall. The sales increased steadily over the years and recent turnover was over £1000 per year. Now Painswick is a Fairtrade Village and the village shops are stocking more fairly traded items (tea, coffee, wine and chocolate being readily available at Londis, the Pharmacy or Oliva's), it seemed the right time to close the stall down and encourage the local shops to stock a wider range so that people can still get their fairly traded muesli, biscuits, dried fruit locally but at more convenient shopping times.

The Pharmacy in particular is considering stocking a wider range of goods – hopefully to include muesli and items such as biscuits. So it is up to all of us to keep asking for these fairly traded goods and then to buy them when they are available. A few extra pennies from us makes a very big difference to the lives of the producers in the Third World.

Alison Robinson



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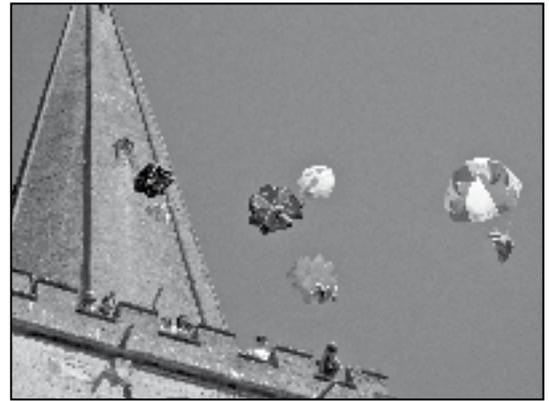
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Guild Gallery - The Painswick Centre - Bisley Street - Painswick

Teddies Fly Again!

The brave teddies of Painswick are at it again! Meeting in secret, in attics and closets, after dark behind bolted doors, Teddy Command has been laying its plans. The word has been passed from cupboard to shelf, from carpet to pillow, whispered low over dark lintels and signalled furtively from bedroom windows. The 'chutes are being broken out from their packing. Strings are being tested, barometers checked. Turn around quickly in your bedroom and you may catch a guilty shuffle as a line of teddies, rabbits, dogs and cats freeze into immobility, where a moment before they were bending, stretching and touching their toes, getting fit for The Day.

On Sunday 18th May, (according to the Beacon's informants) a massed teddy parachute drop will take place at St Mary's Church. The first wave will go over the top at noon precisely. All teddies and other soft toys are welcome. Each jump will cost £2. Timeslots may be pre-booked by arrangement. There will be stalls, activities and refreshments. The money raised will go towards World Vision projects helping the people of Lideta, Ethiopia. Come all, and see them fly!
(Weather permitting. Sorry about that, but high winds make jumps hazardous for any parachutist. Even D-Day had to be put back a couple of times, you know.)
Jumpmaster: Teddy Agent 1 on 812965 or teddyagent1@millstream.plus.com Ssshhh!



The Library and Gateway

On 22nd January the Prospectus of the Gateway Project was endorsed by the village. Everyone who was interested both for and against the project had an opportunity to attend and make their points. Letters were received from a few others. The village endorsed the project by an overwhelming majority in the ratio of 5:2.

The Gateway Trustees consider the debate is over and we have moved on. However, in the face of a trickle of negative comment that has been published since the meeting, we feel that we have to respond, in particular to Ralph Drew's "Centre News" article published in the March issue of the Beacon. We do not know why the Trustees of the Painswick Centre still feel so threatened by the project. Several of the points made in his article are emotive and not capable of being substantiated.

For now, the village has made its decision. The village does not want to lose the Library and is content with the proposals to regenerate amenities as set out in the Prospectus. It was clear from the Prospectus that the commercial reality is that the library and the other amenities can not be viable without sufficient income. There will have to be commercial units, a commercial dimension. As said at the meeting these do

not have to threaten existing businesses and specific examples were given.

What also seems to be being overlooked is that Gateway will likely remove the library upper room and the Church Hall committee room from public use. In time, Christ Church Hall will also close. Thus there will be a net reduction in the number of meeting halls in the village. So far from "it grew and it grew..." Gateway is rationalising some of the village's assets. This should be positive for Painswick Centre. There is room for us to coexist harmoniously.

This statement apart, we have no intention of entering into "megaphone diplomacy" and invite anyone with concerns to bring them to Trustees in person. The responsibility of the Trustees is the long term integrity of the Gateway project for maximum community benefit.

Gateway is currently finalising its establishment as a Charitable Company, (so to answer one reader's earlier letter should the project fail, any debts will die with the company and not be left to the parishioners of St Mary's, the Parish Council or anyone else). When the Company is established we will call-in the pledges, finalise the agreements with Christ Church and St. Mary's, finalise the Local Service Agreement and the Contract to Purchase the buildings with the County Council. Provided the Gateway Trustees are satisfied at this point that the financial plans are on course we will formally exchange contracts and Gateway will start to operate, not for profit but for the good of the village as a whole.

Edward Young – Chairman

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John Henry Bowstead Workman OBE MA

John Workman, who died at Resthaven on 18th April after a long illness, was born at Woodchester on 4th November 1923. Educated at Uppingham, then Clare College, Cambridge 1942-44, he - improbably - read Electronics, then read Forestry at St Johns College, Oxford (1946 -49).

Trees - particularly Beech - were John's lifelong passion, and he travelled throughout the world to study them. He was particularly proud of having founded the Tree Council and the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum. Forestry Advisor to the National Trust in England, Wales and Northern Ireland for over 60 years, he (and his sisters) gave the Ebworth Woods to the National Trust in 1985, to ensure their safe-keeping for future generations to enjoy.

Living at Far End in Sheepscombe since 1949, he was just a few yards from Workmans Wood, a National Nature Reserve and Centre of Excellence since 1993. He regularly bemoaned the increasing number of managers being employed instead of "hands-on" workers, and would often work in the woods himself while he was still fit, an impressive figure with his mane of white hair. He continued to carry out tours of inspection by Land-Rover until shortly before his death.

Before he took over the estate from his father in 1962, the woods were closed to the public with all gates locked. John cau-

tiously reversed this policy, creating several new public Rights of Way, but was always anxious to preserve the peaceful "Spirit of the Woods", and didn't hesitate to scold anyone who strayed from the permitted paths!

Among other things, John was:

- Forestry Advisor to NT for England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 1951.
- President of Royal Forestry Society for E, W and NI 1976-78
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters
- Founder Member of the Arboricultural Association
- Founder Member of the Association of Professional Foresters
- Founder Member of the Timber Growers Organisation
- Founder of the Tree Council 1973
- Founder of the Tree Register of the British Isles - member until 2004
- Founder of the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum
- Member of Forestry Commission advisory committee for W. England for many years
- Recipient of Gold Medal from RFS, and Gold Medal from Royal Belgian Forestry Society
- Awarded the O.B.E. for Forestry in 1978
- Awarded the National Trust Founders Medal in 1995



All who live in the beautiful valleys surrounded by all the Ebworth Woods, (Blackstable, Workmans, Lords and Ladies), have reason to be very

grateful to John for his loving preservation work, without which we could easily be surrounded by dreary conifers instead of glorious beeches!



Cotswolds88hotel, sitting quietly and elegantly in our midst, certainly has something to shout proudly about. The Department of Food Hygiene has awarded the kitchens a five star certificate – the highest possible rating. This means our hotel can boast the ultimate in safety and cleanliness standards, a factor which most people would surely consider essential. And it is true, the kitchens are immaculate.

The kitchen staff, along with owner, Marchella De Angelis, are absolutely delighted because it is rare for commercial kitchens to receive such an accolade. Young and enthusiastic, head chef, Francesco Volgo is rightly proud of the new and exciting menus the hotel is now offering. He was at one time head chef at William's Kitchen in Nailsworth and is seen here with Chad, the sous chef and Lucas, the commis chef.



Despite some initial teething problems, Marchella is keen to point out that all the facilities at the hotel are now fully operational and that there is much on offer for local people to avail themselves of. Holistic treatments, including various massage techniques, reflexology etc are available in luxurious and relaxing surroundings. If you want a dream wedding the hotel is licensed and will organise everything down to the last detail. It's also an idyllic place for friends and guests to stay.

On the business side, the hotel has state-of-the-art facilities in its conference room for up to 16 people, or if you want a really creative thinking space you can hire the whole hotel on a daily basis from Monday to Thursday.

And of course there is the food. It is nothing short of excellent. You can go in for breakfast for much of the morning or at the other end of the day sit down to a dinner of the finest ingredients, perfectly cooked and professionally served. There is a snack menu on offer from 12.00 until 5.00 and afternoon tea with to-die-for scones baked to order. And if you want a truly special lunch the hotel is now offering a two course meal largely taken from

the a la carte dinner menu at a very reasonable rate. The food is contemporary, simple and largely organic. It is top quality.

Our hotel is rapidly acquiring an impressive reputation both nationally and internationally. It is in The Sunday Times' top 100, Marie Claire's top 5, Tatler's top 100, Conde Nast's top 65, a hand-picked hotel for Coutts – the list goes on. We should be proud that such a fine Georgian building has been so beautifully brought into the 21st century – and the interior is certainly interesting with its successful mixtures of tradition and funky – and is putting Painswick on the map. It's now time for Painswickians to get in on the act and enjoy the luxury and quality of the many facilities of our hotel. Go on, treat yourself.

Carol Maxwell

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Tours can be booked to start on the hour between 9.00am and 8.00pm from Tuesday 13th May to Saturday 17th May. The preferred method of booking is to send an e-mail to painswick.tower@btinternet.com. Please provide contact details of the leader of the party and the number (and ages if under 18) of the rest of the party. Please give the time and date when you would prefer a tour but give alternate dates and times if you can be flexible. We will do our best to meet your request but if demand is high some flexibility may be needed. If ordinary post is preferred the address is Painswick Tower, c/o Whitehall Cottages, Stamages Lane, Painswick GL6 6UZ. When we confirm the date and time of your tour, we will provide the leader with details of where to meet and telephone numbers in case there are any last minute hitches etc.

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On a roll!

"In my enthusiasm to respond to your invitation to try out a bottle of wine from a local shop, I decided to buy two, a white and a red. I now realise I should not have drunk both at once, especially as I secretly dislike alcohol and only feel happy when I am onto the second bottle.

First I went to Olivas, where there is a beautifully presented range of fine wines, some nestling in straw. I chose a modestly priced wine at £5.50. A Sabina Tempranillo Cabernet Merlot, from Navarra (their Sabina Chardonnay is equally popular). On drinking it I was extremely impressed by its lovely dark colour, but for some reason I do not recall anything else. My companion was bubbling on about fruitness and smoky oak elements and resonance on the tongue.

Then I sashayed along to Londis, where I was astonished to find a whole wall of wines at reasonable prices. Their most popular Pinot Grigio was actually sold out, so I purchased a Blossom Hill Californian White wine for £4.96. Unfortunately after consuming this second bottle I was unable to remember any impressions at all! As I steadied the house with one hand, my companion, who was swaying out of sync with my desk, was incoherently babbling about the wine's grassy freshness and long melon nose. Was he talking about my nose?

Do you think I should insure my nose for £3 million as other critics do, in case I be called upon by you for further wine reports?

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"Don't waste wildlife" compost officers

In April last year Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust recruited 7 new compost officers to its 'Don't Waste Wildlife' team. The officers have been working in each of the council districts to encourage and support anyone starting to compost and offer help and advice to those who already do.



Gloucestershire

Over the last 9 months, the officers have come up with some creative ways to inspire Gloucestershire to go compost crazy at a local level. 2008 promises to be an exciting mix of events, workshops and presentations to an even wider audience. Topics covered include the different kinds of compost bin available, frequently asked questions, troubleshooting your composting and the dizzying selection of wildlife in compost from microscopic bacteria through to mammals and amphibians.

The team are available to give talks and presentations and help with any local composting support you and your community might need.

If you'd like any help to compost, or if you are a group, organisation, school or business that would like to know more about composting and how it benefits wildlife there are now **composting enablers** in each district in Gloucestershire.

For the Stroud district :- contact Jennie Sutton on 07989.518846 or compost-stroud@onetel.com



Croft School News

Painswick Bird Club competition

We had twenty five entries to this competition and many of the drawings and paintings were excellent. The worthy winner was Ralf Eady Gately, who painted a beautiful picture of a kingfisher. He received an attractive bird book. Many of the pictures were displayed

around Painswick in shop windows, attracting a lot of attention.

Netball team

They have had a fantastic and almost unbeaten season, playing in both the Gloucester league and Stroud area competition.



photo shows Louise Davies Boulton scoring a goal.

The team has shown excellent teamwork and commitment, and thanks must go to Ceris Towler, our Deputy Head, who coached them all season and helped them to their success.

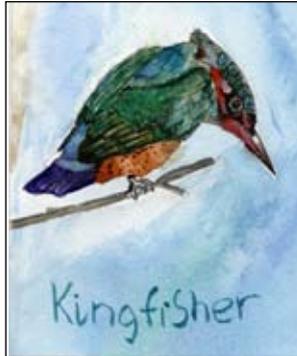
K-Nex

Also a photo of Ellie Gobey (left) and Francesca Mowatt at the area finals of the K-Nex challenge.

Having won our school K-Nex design competition in school, they travelled to Bishops Cleeve to compete with winners from 40 other schools.

Winning our area league in the Gloucester competition they went to Chosen Hill School to play the winners of all the other leagues. They reached the semi finals, beating teams from much larger schools, indeed beating the eventual winners in the first round!

Winners also in their Stroud group, they played in the Stroud Primary Schools finals here at The Croft, playing teams from Gastrells, Whiteshill and Woodchester Schools. The Croft won all three matches, scoring 13 goals and only conceding 1. The



Janet Hoyle

We only wish we had room to print more about the school and the achievements of so many pupils, but space prevents us from doing so. Ed.

Avian excitement

The Club was delighted with the response to its promoting the 'Paint a Bird' competition – see the report from Janet Hoyle herself. All have been displayed in local shop windows, adding to the fun.

For our last indoor meeting before the summer Andrew Watson wrote: "From Equador to Gloucestershire in One Evening!" 'A goodly number of enthusiastic Bird Club members and newcomers gathered at the Town Hall on 1st April for a slideshow and talk by Professor Renton Righelato, Chairman of Trustees for the Land Trust. We learned that the Land Trust was originally set up in 1989 as a charity to take direct action to save rainforests and other wilderness land, yet without, in most cases, taking ownership or direct management of the land that it conserves.



We were treated to superb slides of the various birds and other wildlife, as well as the forests themselves, that Professor Righelato and his colleagues are working to conserve within Equador. We were inspired by his enormous enthusiasm for his work and the need for more people to get involved to help save such vital habitats. Finally, we were brought back to Gloucestershire, as the Professor described Kites Hill Reserve near Cranham, an area of land for which he himself manages most of the conservation activities - the only land the Trust actually owns. This insight prepared us for our scheduled visit on 19th April. An excellent evening with superb slides and a very important message - much enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended!

At 10.00am on Saturday 19th we assembled at Kites Hill beneath overcast skies! The Abbot of Prinknash greeted us on arrival and two of the brotherhood kept us on the straight and narrow during our perambulations! May Hill was faintly visible, the gentle curves of fresh fields and the glorious greens of awakening hedgerow and woods on the hillsides, an absolute wonder and excitement! Led by Shirley Hodges of the Cheltenham Club, we entered the magnificent ancient beech wood. With beech mast underfoot, violets, early bluebells and wood anemones below and every conceivable bird and bat box above, we occasionally observed the rule of silence and paused! Our supervisor, the robin, was first on ear, followed by tits, thrush, green woodpecker, willow warbler or was it chiff-chaff? A rabbit flipped, fox ran by, pheasants squawked, badgers snoozed below. A great time to be alive!

And yet more, is on hand, with a Cirencester Park field trip promised on Wednesday 7th May followed by a weekend in Dorset 30th May-1st June to Brownsea Island and the Arne Reserve as well as Poole Bay to explore wild life. If interested phone 813823 or 813094.

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Country Show

Cranham Primary School is holding its annual Country show on the afternoon of Saturday 7th June from 2.00 – 4.30pm.

It will take place at the Cranham playing field (situated behind the church).

There will be plenty to see and do, including:

- The climbing wall
- Pony rides
- Birds of prey display
- Juggler shows & workshops
- Inflatables
- Classic cars
- Country dancing
- Stalls

Refreshments will be available - Tea tent, bar and BBQ

Entrance £1.00 per adult and accompanying children (under 16 years) free.

So please support this fabulous event and bring along your family and friends. Have a fantastic time of fun and entertainment.

For further information, please contact Cranham Primary School 812660

Artist Jane Shows Off Her Pupils

The amateur art exhibition at Jane Garbett Painswick studio last month was a resounding success: at least 70 - 80 visitors arrived to a warm

welcome with a glass of wine and an enthusiastic buzz.

The diversity of style and subject gives credence to the ability of Jane as a tutor. She is, as some of her students said, "an inspirational teacher."



Concert season under way

The Painswick Music Society's 2008 season opened on 29th March at St Mary's church with a concert by the Welsh pianist Llyr Williams. The packed audience was rewarded with some stunning playing in return for braving the vile weather!

The first item was a set of four Ballades by Brahms, three in minor keys, each with its own deft mixture of light, shade and mystery thrown in, and Mr Williams's expressive and atmospheric rendering certainly gave us an appetite for what was to come.

Then the 'big' work: Schumann's piano sonata No.1 whose first movement is a musical feast of its own. After a quiet introduction its allegro pours out explosive torrents of notes played here with great clarity by Mr Williams. The two middle movements are, if only by comparison, more subdued before the last movement brings alternating soft tuneful passages with more Germanic torrents to give us another taste of the pianist's virtuosity which we were to hear again in the second half with four more Ballades, this time by Chopin.

Ah yes, the Chopin, surely the high point of the afternoon. For us amateurs, Chopin comes in three sizes, some we can manage, some we attempt at our peril and others, like these Ballades, we must leave to professionals. All four Ballades had nice tunes mixed with fearfully difficult passages and all four received the full treatment. One feared for the piano's life but there were all the notes beautifully articulated at great velocity and not one out of place. A sheer tour de force from start to finish, a memorable pianistic lesson for the listening amateurs.

John Parfitt

The Society's second concert of its 63rd Season, on 12th April, featured Alexander Chaushian (cello) and Ashley Wass (piano), two young players who are already well-established on the international circuits. They started with Beethoven's Sonata in A major, Opus 69 No3. The excellent programme notes by Maurice Maggs explained that these works were written for piano and cello in equal parts, with neither instrument dominant throughout. The two blended very harmoniously, with a dynamic pianist and a vigorous cellist. Especially memorable were the dreamy passage before the end of the first movement and the lovely reflective passage at the beginning of the second movement.

Their second piece was Mendelssohn's Sonata in D major Opus 58. As foreshadowed, it opened exultantly, with the dominant role alternating between the two instruments. The second movement was playful. In the third movement, after a series of chords on the piano, the cello came in almost languidly. The piece worked up to a fast and flowing conclusion.

They then played Rachmaninov's Sonata in G minor, Opus 19. Initially led by the piano, the cello develops the opening theme. The scherzo was a vigorous partnership between piano and cello, the two

instruments comfortably related in the andante, and in the concluding allegro mosso. This was a first class performance in the best traditions of the Society, who are fortunate to have the talent-spotting abilities of Barbara Thorley. The audience was very appreciative and no doubt hope that the two musicians will feel encouraged to return to Painswick before too long.

Richard Burges Watson



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Tennis Club

This year the ladies singles took a 'round robin' format and this was won by Tonia Robinson, who scored over Debbie Westgate and Carole Eskell. The other finals of the second Over 50's Tournament were held on Sunday 13th April at Broadham Fields, interspersed with tea and cakes served in true tennis club style. After a short rain break play began in earnest with a fearless Rob Ruggles striding to victory over Nigel Barnett, his usual doubles partner. It was interesting to view these two alone and opposite sides of the net for a change! Meanwhile Philippa James and Jan Haslam battled against Tonia Robinson and Maggie Slader to win the ladies doubles.

Rob and Nigel then returned to court to face the other half of the Club's Men's C

Team, Robin Hall and John Barrus. Rob and Nigel's warm up in the singles stood them in good stead and they seemed to almost cruise to triumph despite valiant efforts by their opposition. The last match of the day was the mixed doubles which proved by far the longest and most entertaining. Nigel returned to court again and, whilst still adopting his new policy of remaining calm and quiet on court, allowed his talented young partner Philippa to participate in most of the rallies. However, Chris Jeynes and Tonia were not fooled by this new ploy and after a nerve racking tie break in the second set seized the final glory! The organisers would like to thank everyone who participated and those who supported the finals event.

Gill Willoughby and Pat Andrew

Cheltenham Junior Open Tournament

As usual, the Cheltenham Junior Open attracted some of the country's most talented junior players. The standard was understandably high but nevertheless finals day on Saturday 19th April saw a smattering of Painswick Juniors amongst the competitors. James Barnet and James Morrow were runners-up in the Under18 doubles competition and Dan Omnes and Ed Williams reached the final of the Under16 doubles. James Morrow won the Under18 consolation final against Ed Williams and Matthew Morrow won the Under14 consolation final. Well done to all.

Jillie Speed

Cricket Club

Today brings the start of the cricket season with both the first and second elevens involved in league matches against Hatherley & Reddings.

The first eleven are at Broadham Fields with the second eleven playing away. The third eleven have an away match against Hardwicke second eleven. Tomorrow (Sunday) Painswick are at home in the first round of the Village Championship when their opponents are Haresfield.



The 'Easter' holiday junior tennis camps once again proved very popular with children from as young as 5 taking part in the activities.

Soccer

Are you fanatical about football? Great, so are we!! come and join us.

We are planning to set up a new football club in Painswick.

We are looking for players aged 12 and under and anyone interested in coaching or assisting.

If interested please contact myself Howard on 07836.515701, or Gary on 07521.897457.

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Golf Club

More Encouragement Sessions with pro.

As the encouragement sessions in the Autumn, were so successful the Ladies section have arranged 2 coaching sessions, for people who could be interested in playing golf and those who may be interested in returning to golf. These sessions are at 5p.m and 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th May. A P.G.A. professional coach will be there to teach you the basic skills required. These sessions are available to all. Don't worry if you have no equipment. Just come along in a pair of trainers. Clubs and balls will be provided. If you are interested please contact Sylvia Walker on 813141.

The Autumn beginners who attended County Golf Taster Sessions were invited to a Texas Scramble at Ullenwood Star Centre on Friday 18th April. The winning team contained one of the Painswick Ladies: Joan Norris.

Competitions.

Bookings are being made for The Mixed Open Greensomes Competition which is to be held on Friday 20th June, 1.00pm to 4.30pm. tee times. This competition has prizes for home and away players, and entry forms are available from the clubhouse.

The Junior Open will take place on Friday 1st August.

Other Opens and Competitions are advertised on www.painswickgolf.com.

The Ladies Section competitions are beginning, along with many friendly matches, at home and away.

Results:

The Timmis Mixed Foursome Competition

1st: Angela Woodward and Reg. Clarke

2nd: Jean Kendrick and David Walker.

March Medal: 1st Audrey Payne.

April Medal: 1st Jean Kendrick.

At the end of March the Ladies Section and partners had a most enjoyable golfing weekend, at Patshull Park in Shropshire, which was organised by the Ladies' Captain Kate Dennison.

Social Events

Steve and Wendy Lucket, who now run the Golf and Social Club, had a very successful Welcome Night. They have many events planned in future: Saturday 21st June, Mid-Summer Ball; Friday 11th July, Abba Tribute; Friday 22nd August, Bee Gees Tribute.

Rugby Club

Painswick end the season this weekend when they are on tour in Amsterdam.

Last weekend the 1st fifteen played Tetbury in the Stroud Senior Combination Plate Final and the United were against Cirencester 2nd fifteen in the final of the Stroud Junior Combination Cup.

In the league Painswick finished in fourth place in Division One of the Gloucestershire League with the United winning The Citizen Merit Table Third Division and are promoted to the Second Division.

April results [(L) indicates league match, (M) Merit Table]

Sat 5th. Painswick United 33 Smiths Industries 2nd XV 0.

Sat 12th. (L) Brockworth 1st XV 5 Painswick 1st XV 6.

Sat 19th. (L) Painswick 1st XV 40 Bream 1st XV 7.

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Sat 26th. Stroud Senior Combination Plate Final. Painswick 1st XV 26 Tetbury 1st XV 3.

Stroud Junior Combination Cup Final. Painswick United 30 Cirencester 2nd XV 5

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For the time being, the old address (painswickbeacon@supanet.com) will also continue in operation.

It's not just what you know, but who you know

Painswick was placed firmly in the spotlight when Maggie Drake, The President of Yew Trees WI, was interviewed on BBC Radio Gloucester. Every Thursday afternoon Presenter, Steve Kitchen speaks to a member of a different WI asking about what's happening in their village as well as in their WI. The precise number of yew trees in the churchyard, who plans the WI's programme and how she came to be President were among the topics Steve raised with Maggie

Tim Brain (The Chief Constable of Gloucestershire), Baroness Rennie Fritchie and Ann Widdecombe MP were three of the speakers who addressed a packed audience in Cheltenham Town Hall on Wednesday 19th March at The Annual Council Meeting of the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs. Four members from Yew Trees thoroughly enjoyed a really entertaining and well organised day.

At our February meeting Bob Price's superb photos of 'The Grand Circle' had members itching to follow in his footsteps. His entertaining and professional presentation had us marvelling at the amazing geological formations in National Parks in Utah and Arizona. We left wanting to see for ourselves, the incredible natural arches and bridges formed by erosion and water, the stunning beauty of Bryce Canyon and amazing scenery of Monument Valley, not to mention the hair raising track down the north side of the Grand Canyon!

In March the entertainment was much nearer home. Jan Clarke gave an amusing and informative account of the Annual Council Meeting, while Jane Rowe talked about The Painswick Film Group, encouraging everyone to support it. The evening ended on a light-hearted note with members trying to solve a cryptic quiz involving the names of London Underground Stations.

Several members requested that we invite Mike Rafferty to give his talk entitled Wit and Wisdom, their husbands so enjoyed hearing him at The Probus Club. We have done just that. So ladies don't miss out, come and join us on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

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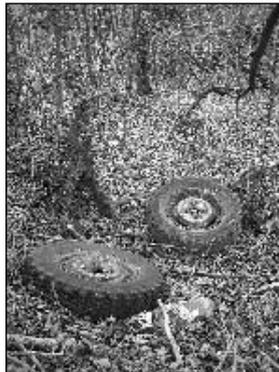
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Painswick Beacon Clear-up and Village Tidy-up

Do you care about our environment? Painswick Beacon is a particularly important space and enjoyed by so many, but marred by a few who fly-tip or can't be bothered to take their litter away with them. Much of it blows into the old quarries. Incidentally, have you lost a three piece suite or wheels from your car.....

Once a year, under the aegis of the Parish Council, we make an effort to redress the balance. Can you spare an hour on what is expected to be a gloriously sunny Sunday afternoon? No previous experience necessary. All ages welcome. If so, please join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm on Sunday 1st June on Painswick Beacon. We meet in the car park on the road across the Beacon near Catbrain Quarry. Litter-pickers, gloves, bags etc provided by the Parish Council. For more details please get in touch.

And don't forget the Painswick Village Tidy-Up - a week earlier on Sunday 25th May at 3.00pm. Meet at the Town Hall.



Peter Rowe 813228

Quads – again!

Six years ago there was a rare, indeed unique, occurrence down on the farm. Or so we thought. Well, lo and behold, it's happened again. One of the ewes, a different one from last time, has given birth to quadruplets and all are doing well.

Farmer, Ian Maddocks, of Skinners Mill Farm, is somewhat overwhelmed. On the last occasion it came as a complete surprise and was the first experience Ian had had of such a multiple birth in a lifetime of farming. Even three baby lambs can be problematic as the smallest usually struggles to survive and the ewe cannot properly feed all of them herself. The first quads six years ago presented real problems initially as the smallest, which at first appeared to be dead, was determined to live and Ian found himself providing a home for it in the recycling box in his kitchen. It required intensive attention and did eventually go out with the others.

This year's fabulous four are very different. They are all strong and healthy and full of life and have been so right from the start. Born at the end of March, they all stayed with the mother for about two weeks. By that time she couldn't possibly continue to feed them all herself and Ian became surrogate mother to two of them. This involves bottle-feeding five times a day every day (and there are other odd lambs also requiring the same attention) in addition, of course, to all the other daily jobs caring for the livestock on the farm. At least this time they are in the lambing shed and not in his kitchen. Ian foresees this pattern continuing for probably two months and then they can expect to enjoy a normal life in the field along with their siblings.

It is all too easy to forget that we live in a working agricultural area and occasionally perhaps we need a little reminder of how intensive farming can be. It is also interesting to realise that Skinners Mill itself has been a working farm for about a thousand years or more (it is almost certainly one of the mills recorded in the Domesday Book) and that Ian is involved in a way of life that has continued unceasingly every day throughout all those centuries. The quads and the hard work of rearing them are part of an enduring and important cycle which affects us all.



Carol Maxwell

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If you have seen their work before this is the opportunity to see new works and, if you have never seen their work before, you are in for a treat.

Richmond Village – the Restaurant

Richmond Village invited the Beacon to send a representative and guest for a meal at their restaurant which opened to the public from Friday the 4th April though only for Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday lunches. In return the Beacon was asked to publish a review which Susie Oakley, the manager of Richmond Painswick, hoped would not be too scathing! We volunteered to carry out this arduous task well aware that there no such thing as a free lunch!

We went along on Sunday the 6th (Snow Sunday) for lunch. We chose to drive and this immediately raised two minor issues. Firstly it is not obvious where visitors should park and secondly the entrance to Reception and therefore to the restaurant only has a small sign half concealed behind a wall. Both issues are programmed to be dealt with.

However, having overcome these hurdles, the restaurant we found to be a spacious and airy room well lit by natural light from two sides. The menu is limited to four items each for starters, main course and dessert as the restaurant has to provide a different menu for each meal every day for its usual patrons, the Richmond residents. Prices are reasonable – around £5 for starters and desserts and £10 for main courses. There is also a wine list. The service was excellent, courteous and friendly at all times.

Overall, we had a generally good meal in pleasant and relaxed surroundings.

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C&A, Choir and space to let

Our next event is the Crafts & Antiques Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May. Once again, we have a wide variety of exhibits. Entrance is free and refreshments (teas/coffees and home-made cakes) will be available. The Fair will begin at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. If you wish to book a table please contact me on 814070.

The Painswick Centre has available 600 sq.ft. of ground floor space for lease. The space could be used for a wide variety of business including offices, an internet business or even some form of catering business. The rent is extremely competitive and there is a kitchen attached. If you are in business and fed up with driving out of Painswick to your place of work, why not give us a ring.

The Gloucestershire Police Male Voice were back again last month with an exciting performance, and once again they filled the Hall. The choir remained behind after the show for their own "afterglow". Those of us serving behind the bar were given a rare treat as they sang in a very relaxed and informal manner while enjoying a well earned pint!

As you have seen, the Trustees are attempting to stage a wide variety of events in the Centre as a means of raising funds to maintain and improve the facilities. With the recent reduction in the number of Trustees we often struggle to find enough help at these events. If anyone is willing to help we'd be pleased to hear from them. The tasks involved might include selling raffle tickets on the night, making tea and coffee for the performers (the Police Choir was 50 strong!), or perhaps making cakes for the refreshments offered at the Crafts & Antiques Fair.

Ralph Drew Trustee

Thumbs up for first ever film at the Centre

Nearly 100 people saw "The Last King of Scotland" at the Painswick Centre last month, and voted overwhelmingly for more films in the future.

Thanks to their support, the next in line is a great film for both adults and children alike. In the ground-breaking "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" real and animated characters interact. Cartoon star Roger Rabbit hires a detective (Bob Hoskins) to see if his glamorous wife, Jessica is cheating on him. But the stakes are raised when Roger himself becomes a murder suspect. Colourful, funny and with universal appeal, this eighties comedy became an instant classic.

"Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" (Cert. PG). Saturday 10th May at the Painswick Centre. Doors open 4.30 for 5.00pm. Refreshments available. Tickets: £5 adults; £3 children. Available from Annie at the Post Office or from The Chairman or, subject to availability, on the door.

And if you can help with this or another film, please be in touch with either Jane Rowe (813295), or Ela Pathak-Sen (813228) or Gill Richards (813328).



Beacon subscribers

21st March 2008	2008-09	Last year
New or renewed after lapsing	45	87
Renewed from last year	473	425
Total including postal	518	512
Painswick village dwellings	1057	1057
Subscribing village households	373	371
Percentage households subscribing	35.5%	35.5%

Stroud District Council Website

For those who have internet and email access, I have recently discovered that not only can you view planning applications on the web, but you can now be alerted by email to planning applications within 100 meters of your home. I have signed up to see how it goes. To do so, go to the Stroud Council website www.stroud.gov.uk and follow the instructions for "email alerts".

I also noted that one could report fly tipping and have tried that as well. It will be interesting to see whether the sofas dumped in the car park near Catsbrain Quarry are removed before the Beacon Clear-Up planned for June 1st.

Peter Rowe

Reuben's done his time

Police Constable Reuben Wyatt has been associated with Painswick for more than thirty years. In recent times he has had responsibility for the mobile police station which makes regular visits to the village and can be seen parked outside the Town Hall main entrance.

The Parish Chairman Terry Parker and Council Clerk Roy Balgobin are pictured here with PC Wyatt following the presentation to him of a travelling clock by the Parish Council on the occasion of his retirement from the Gloucestershire Constabulary.



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Letters



Bird spotter

Trevor Radway writes from wildest Kingsmill Lane:

I was delighted to see the SUPER bird pictures in the shop windows in New Street. My problem was that I could not find anyone who knew which the winning picture was.

On Friday 11th I found someone who knew that the winner had been on show at the hairdressers. Surprise, Surprise !!! I did not even know there were pictures on show other than in New Street, a closely held secret ! Consequently I never saw those pictures to evaluate the entries in my own mind. Perhaps there were others on the trail that also escaped me ?

Perhaps the organisers, presumably The Bird Club, will consider identifying the winner and also listing where the exhibits can be seen when holding future displays.

A very well worthwhile exercise spoilt by the small detail.

*Trevor Radway
a lesser spotted "twit"*

See information elsewhere in this issue. Ed.

The inclusion of letters in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed.

Family search

Jean Abel enquires, from 11 Pullens Road:

Can I ask if any of your readers who live in Painswick could remember my mother who was born here? Her name was Mary or Maria Bullingham.

I have no knowledge of where she was born or lived or if there are any other family members still living. My name is Jean and I was one of her five children, Ann, Billy, Jimmy (deceased), Jean and Colin. Mum married a Ronald Phillips and lived in Stroud for a while. I would appreciate any information at all, and I live in Pullens Road with my husband Rob.

Catbrain litter

Tessa Scot Simmonds writes from Gyde House:

We are pleased to see that the quarry appears to be doing well and expanding, but in the process the mess of broken polystyrene and torn plastic in the surrounding woods is absolutely appalling. The Cotswold path goes through this area and it is sad to see the countryside spoiled this way, and giving a particularly bad impression on walking tourists, of which there are many, and upon whom the village relies for income.

(See Parish Council news; page 2)

Gloster Gallery Quire

Have you ever wondered what Church music may have sounded like 200 years ago? Hugh Tarran (814081) suggests that, if interested, why not pop along to Sheepscombe Church on Sunday 4th May at 2.00pm where Gloster Gallery Quire will bring the old tunes alive again. Everyone is welcome. Free entry with optional retiring collection for Church & Playground.

Hugh goes on to say: "The 'Quire' consists of singers and instruments, each part having an accompaniment, a bassoon for the bass, a violin for the sopranos, etc. Each village developed hymn variations and over 150 versions of 'While Shepherds Watched' are known. The singing petered out from the 1850's as 'Hymns, Ancient and Modern' replaced the old musicians' books of psalms and hymns. Thomas Hardy wrote of the lovingly copied-out manuscripts, saying the old quire played no more, barrel-organs replaced bands, the instruments were scrapped and the tune books burned.

However some manuscripts survived in church records and Gloucester Archive holds several Gloucestershire 1700's manuscripts. Gloster Gallery Quire is coming to sing some of these old songs and hymns, explain West Gallery history, and the band will play some tunes. So please come along and join us if you like in our May Festival weekend. It is probable the band will play more tunes over a drink afterwards. Dancing is even possible."

Uplifting

Make recycling an "uplifting" experience – whatever next?

Gill Gyde has been in touch with the Beacon and, not being strapped for space, and crossed a heart or two, and had a cup of tea, we decided to pass her message on.

"Ladies –If you have any unwanted bras, of any condition cluttering up your underwear drawer, why not donate them to the Lilian Elizabeth Fund, a local charity that supports the village of Sika in the Gambia. Bras in good condition will be sold in the markets whilst the others will be taken apart and all the materials recycled. Each kilogram raises £1.00 for the charity.

During the month of May, there will be a collection bin in Christ Church Hall. The hall will be open on Wednesday to Friday of Christian Aid week (11th - 18th) and 11.30am – 12.15pm on Sundays for your donations. If you are unable to visit at these times, please contact Terry Rohrbeck on 812934."



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Local History Teaser

This was obviously a rather special occasion what with the cake, the flowers and the smiles. Can you say what the celebration was for and when it took place, and can you identify any of the ladies? Answer in next month's Beacon.

Last month's teaser elicited a quick response from both Hywel James and Avril Dory who correctly named Mrs Arch, a real Painswick character, and explained that she lived in the cottage next door to the Painswick Centre. Avril explained that Mrs Arch's husband died in World War Two and she brought her family up single-handed. She also tells of how Mrs Arch used to supervise the tea making for the Country Players productions and did not allow coffee. "She would be sitting in the kitchen directing the activities." Unfortunately, no-one was apparently able to identify the young lady in the photograph so she remains a mystery.

The next meeting of the Local History Society is the annual outing which will be to Hilles.

... and the Local History Society

At the April meeting of the Painswick Local History Society short presentations were given on members' recent research into three very different topics.

Mrs Barbara Blatchley took us through a meticulous analysis of two paintings in Cheltenham Art Gallery, both produced in the 18thC by itinerant painters and



depicting scenes which typified farming in this area at that time as well as the houses and garden designs they had been commissioned to paint. Great detail was pointed out such as a typical carriage of the time, the use of horses during haymaking, rows of men using short scythes in unison, employment of women in the fields and even Morris dancing. Mrs Blatchley's analysis served to show how much information and understanding can be gleaned from such careful and detailed observation of period paintings.

Mr Mark Bowden, who is an archaeologist working for English Heritage, showed some recently taken aerial photographs of Painswick. The technology is now very advanced and those shown included some stunning views of Kimsbury hill fort, the Rococo Garden, central Painswick, Spoonbed valley and some local ancient field

systems. Aerial pictures enable us to see many archaeological features not seen at ground level and Mark explained how to look at and interpret them, how to date, how to recognize farming systems etc. Based on his own study of these photographs he also expounded his rather interesting theory on the growth of Painswick from Domesday onwards.

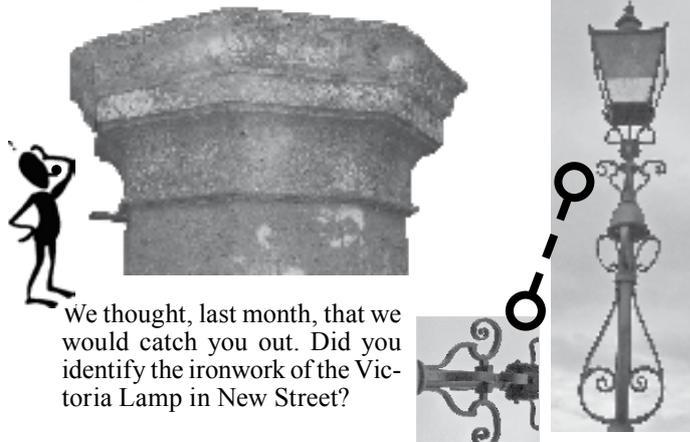
Dr Anne Bailey is a volunteer at Gloucestershire Record Office and is in the process of creating a database for the inmates of Horsley Gaol during the period 1844-49. This is a massive undertaking and involves trawling through documents recording what details are available on each inmate. Of course, photography was not possible at the time so interesting details about an individual's physical appearance were noted along with other significant facts. Horsley was the local gaol for Painswickians and the punishment was usually a whipping and hard labour. A choice of gaol or a hefty fine was often presented and in nearly every case the former option was chosen because the offender was usually very poor – and the crime more often than not very petty indeed. As Dr Bailey pointed out this database is an invaluable resource for those researching family history.

Carol Maxwell



ArchiTecs

Where, precisely, is this stonework?



We thought, last month, that we would catch you out. Did you identify the ironwork of the Victoria Lamp in New Street?



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Not to be missed

There will be a rare opportunity on Sunday, 4th May to attend an illustrated talk on the lives and work of Barron and Larcher.

As pioneers in the art of printed textiles they are of great significance to Painswick, living and working from their home in Edge Lane from 1930 onwards.

The talk, at 11.30am in the Museum in Stroud, will be given by Jean Vacher from Univ. Coll. for the Creative Arts. Tickets still available.

A Tribute to Deb Wilson 1943- 2007

Deb Wilson was the sort of quiet, retiring Painswickian who nonetheless made the world a better place to be in. She spent much of her life working for others, particularly those with disabilities, specialising for most of her career in helping the deaf. Deb began her work at a time when prejudice against those with disabilities was accepted, devoting herself to overcoming this by first training to teach the deaf, then going on to set up a special unit in Moat School Matson, eventually becoming County Advisor for the deaf, establishing four Speech and Language Centres for children with specific learning difficulties, and finishing her career as part of the world-famous cochlear implant team who were based in Nottingham. Deb worked with such energy and determination to help others, but never lost her sense of humour or quiet mission. Her immense professional skill, knowledge and success she always carried lightly, but her teaching, care and dedication touched the lives of so many.

Deb's career made the lives of so many others richer and more fulfilling but she was also a devoted family person and a great friend to many in Painswick and beyond. For years she selflessly looked after her mother Doris. She transformed her cottage from a tumbledown house into a real home with the help of her devoted partner Roy, and her sister's family would gather there for much laughter and excellent hospitality at Christmas or birthdays. Generous, kind, fun-loving, determined, Deb loved life, her family, her work, her gardening and reading. As the garden she loved comes to life once more in a spring she will not see, all her family and many friends feel her loss from our community in so many ways. Only recently retired, she had so much she planned to do and so much more to give when her life ended so abruptly and sadly. Yet wherever Deb is, all her friends and family know that her story is not finished. The novelist George Eliot once wrote that the 'growing good' of the world was owing to the example and work of modest, kind people like Deb. There could not be a better or more loved and respected example of someone- a true Painswickian- who, quietly and humbly, changed the world around her for the better.

Mike Craddock; Deb's family and friends

PROPERTY REPORT for April from Murrays

Another sad loss for Murrays.

As many of you probably know we lost my father Clive Murray, founder member of Murrays, on March 13th after he finally lost his six year battle with cancer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible support and sympathy that we have received. Along with myself, my brother Richard and our loyal team, we will all miss Clive tremendously and are now looking forward to taking Murrays to those heights that Clive had been discussing with us over the past few months. Murrays have always prided themselves on professional service and expertise with that all important personal touch that makes them stand out from the crowd, and now, with exciting new plans and marketing ideas proposed over the next year, Murrays will continue to go from strength to strength.

So what does the market appear to be doing at the moment? It's not all doom and gloom in Gloucestershire! If we believed everything we read in the papers, we probably wouldn't step out of our front door let alone decide on moving house. Depending on which paper you DO read, there are varying degrees of negative publicity regarding the housing market at the moment, but it's what the papers DON'T say that is more interesting and often a truer reflection of what the market is doing. Gloucestershire has always been a highly desirable area to live in and due to many factors including its charm, beauty, facilities and easy access to many major towns and cities, has managed to hold its own during times of financial uncertainty. That's not to say that house prices in Gloucestershire are rising, but we are not seeing a particular down turn either. At times like now, if your house is priced realistically rather than optimistically, we are finding there are a healthy number of willing and able buyers

ready to proceed. The buyers are being a little more cautious than perhaps this time last year, but if a reasonable deposit is put down there are many lenders offering attractive deals. So we don't think it is all doom and gloom; in fact the combination of attractively priced properties and genuine prospective purchasers is making for a healthier Spring than perhaps the tabloids are making out.

We have had many new instructions since our last report in March, Packers, a substantial period house in need of renovation right in the centre of the village which is already under offer, Jasmine Cottage, a charming detached period cottage, Painswick Mill Cottage an equally charming cottage in an idyllic position, 1 Hambutts Cottages off Edge Road, 2 Gyde House which is beautifully appointed, all in Painswick, Shetlands, one of the oldest cottages in Sheepscombe, Inglenook Cottage, a charming cottage in Pitchcombe, Cranbrook, a detached family house with a large garden in Cranham which is also already under offer, Sadlers Cottage in Brookthorpe and The Coach House, a beautifully renovated and substantial house in Upton St Leonards.

Properties that we currently have under offer are Packers on Edge Road, Fig Tree Cottage on Kemps Lane, Mermagen on Vicarage Street, Mary's Acre on Stamages Lane, 9 Berry Close and The Former Lloyds TSB all in Painswick, Elmbank and The Fernery in Pitchcombe, Brookdale in Sheepscombe, Cranbrook in Cranham and 50 Six Acres in Upton St Leonards.

Properties that have now Sold/Completed are Court Cottage on Hale Lane, 13 Gyde House, 1 Springfield Cottages in Birdlip, The Rowans in Whiteway and Well Cottage in The Camp.

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MAY

Sat	3	'Too Hot to Handle'	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sun	4	Barron and Larcher talk (see page 16)	Museum in the Park	11.30am
Mon	5	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 and 8.15pm
Tue	6	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	7	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	9.30 to 11.00am
		Bird Club field trip: Cirencester Park	Cirencester Park	9.45am
		Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 10.00pm
		Women's Fellowship: G.A.R.A.S. - Adele Owen	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	8	Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072	Town Hall	9.30am
		Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623	Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am
		Jolly Stompers Live Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm
		Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome	Christ Church Hall	2.00pm
		Tea Dances - Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
		Music Appreciation: Members' Night	Cotswold Room	7.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays)	Town Hall	10.00am
		Friday Club: Indian Cooking Demonstration - Ela Pathak-Sen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Cream Teas and Announcing winner of Quill raffle	Town Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
		Painswick Music Society Concert: Mandering Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
		Film: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (see page 13)	Painswick Centre	4.30 for 5.00pm
Sun	11	CA Opening Service: Speaker Alison Gregory CA	R.C. Church	6.30pm
		Uplifting collection (see page 14)	Christ Church Hall	
Tue	13	Receiving goods for Christian Aid Shop	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 12noon & 2.00 to 3.00pm
		St Mary's Guild: Helping the Third World - A. Robinson	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: Living Creatively - Judy Clinton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Christian Aid Shop - Skills in Christ Church (see page 7)	Christ Church	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Christian Aid - Coffee & Lunches	Christ Church Hall	10.00am to 3.00pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
		Horicultural Society: AGM followed by 'May in the flower garden'	Town Hall	7.30 / 8.15pm
		- Miss B Jones		
Sat	17	Horicultural Society: Chairman's spring social event: Blenheim Palace & supper at Miserden Village Hall	St Mary's spire	2.00pm
Sun	18	Teddy Bying (see page 5)		from noon
Tue	20	Local History Society: Annual Ourling		7.30pm
Wed	21	Women's Fellowship: Judging flower arrangements - Margaret Richards	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	23	Friday Club outling: Beauty and the Beast on Ice	The Everyman	
Sat	24	Copy deadline for June Beacon		
Sun	25	Village Tidy Up	Town Hall	3.00pm
Mon	26	Crafts & Antiques Fair	Painswick Centre	9.30am to 3.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees Wt: Wit & Wisdom - Mike Rafferty	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	28	Probus: Members Talks: WY2 Adventures/National Lottery	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	29	Theatre Club Ourling in Bath	The Falcon	8.00pm
Fri	30	Bird Club field trip: Weekend exploring wildlife (see page 8)	Dorsel	

JUNE

Sun	1	Painswick Beacon Clear Up	Car Park, Cadbrain Quarry	2.00pm
Wed	4	Women's Fellowship: Painswick Neighbourhood Warden - Carol Nowth	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	5	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	6	Friday Club: The Lighter side of Policing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	June Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		



Sun	8	Garden Open: The Cottage, Pitchcombe (off A4173, near Pitchcombe church) - proceeds to Painswick Bird Club		2.00 to 5.00pm
Tue	10	St Mary's Guild: Garden Meeting at the home of Mrs Jean Harley	Old Orchard, Brookhouse Mill	2.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Club Outing to RAF Cosford Museum & Moseley Old Hall, (NT)		
Thu	12	Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome Film: Little Miss Sunshine	Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre	2.00pm 7.15 for 7.45pm
Sat	14	Painswick Fete in aid of Painswick Tombstone Restoration & Cotswold Care Hospice	Painswick House Park	2.30pm
Wed	18	Women's Fellowship: Lunch at the Golf Club Parish Council Meeting	Golf Club Town Hall	12.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Woodchester Mansion, B & P Wollaston	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	24	Year Trees Wt: Pub Signs - Angela Pancruder	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Sue Ryder Homes - Duncan Wilboughby	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sun	29	Gardens Open in aid of British Red Cross (5 Gardens).	from Broadham car park	2.00 to 5.00pm

JULY

Wed	2	Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchells	Kingsmead	7.00pm
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	4	Friday Club: A Rotary Project	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	6	Countryside Sports Day Events start	Olivers Olivers	1.00pm (Picnic) 2.00pm
Tue	8	St Mary's Guild: Cheese-making - Miss Godsell	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	9	Probus: 44 Peaks with an hour to spare - E. Fellows	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	10	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford upon Avon Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome	The Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Sat	12	Companion Dog Show & Village Event Summer Concert: Return visit by Thames Head Choir Victorian Costume Ball. For info tel. 01453 883150	Recreation Field St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	7.30pm 8.00 to 11.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Edge Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Dessert Island Dinners with ?	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	22	Year Trees Wt: The Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slater	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Ladies Luncheon		

AUGUST

Fri	8	Friday Club outing: Giffords Circus	Minchinhampton	
Sat	16	Theatre Club Outing to Newbury	The Falcon	10.00am

SEPTEMBER

Fri	5	Friday Club: Working Life on the River Severn	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	6	Relaxing Classics: Concert in aid of St Mary's Church & Wotton Lamin Hospital	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	10	Probus: The people who built Birmingham - interspersed with music. Malcolm Lewis	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	13	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Life and Times in Gibraltar - Gill Richards	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Best of British Dinner Dance	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 11.00pm
Tue	23	Year Trees Wt: The work of the British Red Cross	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus: Story of the Hampton Car - Trevor Picken	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am

OCTOBER

Fri	3	Friday Club outing: The Mail Box	Birmingham	
Wed	8	Probus: Arenas of sport - Cricket, Racecourses, Rowing - Aylwin Sampson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	9	Bird Club: Breeding birds of southern Britain - Graham When	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: A Painting Experience with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Humour & songs from the wars - Mike Wallace	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue	28	Year Trees Wt: Fancy a Joint? - Robert Linsell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	31	Friday Club: Halloween Event	Richmond Painswick	



PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARDYNHAM HOUSE, TIBBIWELL LANE Retrospective application for the erection of 3 signs and external light.
 THE WEAVERS COTTAGE, VICAR-AGE STREET Replacement of fire grate.
 Installation of rear external extractor fan.
 Replacement of damaged door.
 RICHMOND VILLAGE, STROUD ROAD Erection of garden shed.
 THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL, SLAD 2 storey extension, retaining walls and internal alterations.
 THE OLD EBWORTH CENTRE, THE CAMP Change of use to B1 light industrial.
 THE COACH HOUSE, HALE LANE Erection of extensions.
 BEECH VIEW, THE PARK The replacement of existing dwelling to allow for new family home.
 LABURNUM COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Alterations to existing buildings.
 THE BUNGALOW, THE PARK Erection of a detached garage.
 DOWN COURT, SLAD Erection of a pavilion
 ELCOMBE, SLAD Erection of overhead power line.
 HAMFIELD, EDGE ROAD Internal alterations and installation of new window.
 KNAPP HOUSE, FAR END LANE, SHEEPS-COMBE Erection of extensions to dwelling.

SPRING COTTAGE, TICKLESTONE LANE Alterations and extensions.
 SPRING COTTAGE, TIBBIWELL LANE. Alterations to extension roof.
 1 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES, SHEEPS-COMBE Erection of a satellite dish on chimney stack to rear of building.
 CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, EDGE Conversion of existing chapel into residential dwelling.

CONSENT

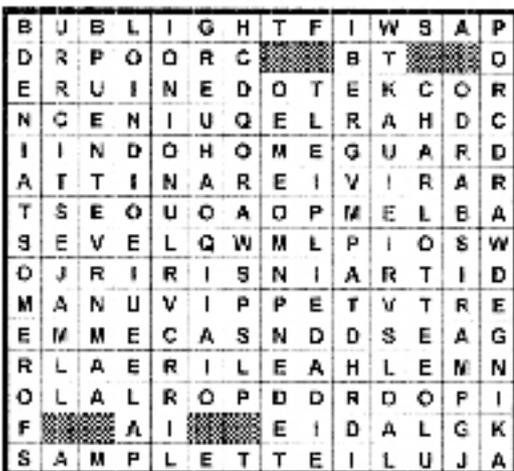
THE STUDIO, OLIVERS, CHELTEN-HAM ROAD. Change of use of existing barn to a recording studio. Ancillary to main residential use.
 18 GLOUCESTER ROAD. Single storey side extension.
 3 COLDSTREAM COTTAGES, SHEEPS-COMBE Retrospective installation of a satellite dish.
 FAIRINGS, CASTLE CLOSE. Erection of extension and alterations.

REFUSAL

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THIS MONTH, SEASONALLY TOO, WE HAVE CONCEALED NO FEWER THAN 21 SEED POTATO VARIETIES

Last month's 17 countries of the Far East were:

- BRUNEI
- CAMBODIA
- EAST TIMOR
- HONG KONG
- INDONESIA
- JAPAN
- LAOS
- MACAU
- MALAYSIA
- NORTH KOREA
- PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- PHILIPPINES
- REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- SINGAPORE
- SOUTH KOREA
- THAILAND
- VIETNAM



MINI-ADS

Domestic work. My partner and I are Polish, living in Caudle Green. I have excellent references and am seeking further work cleaning, washing up, ironing, window cleaning, etc. Contact Iwona Wolnik on 07525.845187.

18 Solid mid-oak kitchen units and cupboards for sale. Can be viewed in situ. £500. Please telephone 810967

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The Personal Column

Engagements

Congratulations to MARY DAWS of Painswick and LEON COLLYER of Wakefield, Yorkshire, who announced their engagement recently.

Weddings

Our best wishes for their future happiness to KIRSTY WILLIAMS and CHRIS JONES who are to be married at St. Mary's Painswick on 31st May,

also to MIRANDA HARDING of Painswick and ALEX HAYNES of Bibury who are to be married in Bibury Church on 31st May,

also to MICHAEL FOX and SARAH JONES who were married on 5th April in Yorkshire, Michael being the son of Gail and Jim Fox and grandson of June and John Privett.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to PETER and DAPHNE HUDSON who lived in Cotswold Mead, Painswick, for many years and who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 24th May.

Babies

Congratulations to MARK MUSTY and CAROLINE LYNCH on the birth of daughter Erin on 16th March, a first grandchild for Pam and Barry Musty,

also congratulations to LUCY and ANTHONY STICK on the birth of a son, Alfie George, on 10th April, a fifth grandson for Judy and Julian Reed and second grandson for Phil and Sue Stick.

Welcome

We would wish to welcome SOPHIE and RICHARD CATER and 2-year old daughter Tabitha to 13 Washwell.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to SUE KERTON, DAWN MALLINSON, JOHN RHODES and GRACE HANCHET.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the friends and family of JOYCE GIBBINS, BRIAN WILSON, SHEILA POTTER, MARGARET CHANDLER, JOHN WORKMAN and REGINALD MITCHELL who have died recently.

Personal messages

Clare Bodley, daughter of Vic and Eric Johnson, would like to thank whoever posted her lost wallet through her parents letter box.

Felicity Sharwood-Smith would like to thank all the kind friends who have sustained her in so many ways during her recent time in hospital and again since she came home. Progress is good.

The family, and extended family, of Margaret Chandler mourn with great sadness her sudden death on 31st March. Margaret delivered the 'Beacon' around the family home below Juniper Hill and Wick Street and always enjoyed meeting people on her rounds; all local news and local history were of great interest to her. She was much loved by family and friends, in fact everyone she met for her caring, loving ways, especially relating to the countryside and people.

Physics and stamps

Over many years Professor EJ (Ted) Burge of Vicarage Street has built up one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of stamps and special sheets relating to the science of physics.

He had recently deposited the collection with the Stroud District Museum Service and, during April a selection from his collection has been on display in the foyer of the Museum in the Park, in Stroud.

Atoms & their Symbols, an exhibit drawn from the collection, won the bronze and silver medals at the British National Stamp Exhibition in 1991 and 1992. Each of the six sections of the collection will be displayed in the Collectors' Room at the Museum for two months, so that over the course of a year the complete exhibit can be seen.



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