

# The Painswick Beacon

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## A special day

Sunday 2nd July was a momentous day for eight young people in Painswick. It was the occasion of their first Holy Communion at the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Therese. The church was full for the happy occasion, with families and friends present at the service, which was led by Father David Ryan.

After the service refreshments were served in the delightful garden at the back of the church, and the children cut (and helped to devour) a birthday cake made specially for the occasion.

Our photo shows Father David with (left to right): Julia Young, Thomas Young, Fiona Gardner, George Bancroft Livingston, Natasha O'Dowd, William Unwin, Alice Gardner, Ranulf Kinloch-Jones.



## DISTRICT COUNCIL DECIDES 'NOT TO REFUSE' CARE VILLAGE APPLICATION

An important stage in the progress of the proposed 'care village' was reached last month when the outline application was put to a meeting of the District Council's Development Control Committee - the body responsible for local planning decisions. The Committee voted "not to refuse" the application, with approval subject to a 'Section 106 Agreement'. This is a legal contract which the applicant (Richmond Healthcare) must sign up to before outline permission is granted, and in this case it entails agreeing to provide ten affordable housing units at the site and to manage the upper part of the field so as to ensure its permanent retention as an open space. The agreement also requires the submission of a 'slope stability report' to demonstrate that the site is stable or can be made stable, and that it will not be affected by or cause landsliding.

Planning approval will also involve some 23 conditions, of which one of the most significant is that "the development shall comprise a nursing home of not more than two storeys in height, associated dwellings and ten affordable units only". The area of development is confined to a rectangle of 0.96 of a hectare (2.37 acres) in the lower half of the field.

The application was for "a nursing home and associated dwellings, to include ten units of affordable housing" but the

planning officers' notes for the committee recommended only a nursing home and affordable housing, omitting the associated care dwellings. However, Painswick District Councillor Barbara Tait, who is a member of the committee, proposed an amendment to include the associated dwellings and this was approved by the planning meeting.

The outline application as considered last month specifically omitted any design details other than proposals for highways access and measures to improve road safety. When the application was originally submitted it included information about the proposed buildings, and the scale and size of the project attracted a lot of comment, with Painswick Parish Council opposing it on those grounds. In the revised application, which was supported by the Parish Council, the applicant indicated that the design details previously provided were to be regarded as for illustrative purposes only. It remains to be seen how the applicant will now respond to the conditions relating to size and scale. Full details of the design of the care village and the number of units will be required if the applicant submits a detailed planning application.

At last month's Parish Council meeting, councillor John Stephenson-Oliver said he had spoken to one of the Painswick

development group, Tony Bradley, and he had said that they might be able to achieve a 40-bed nursing home plus thirty associated dwellings and the ten affordable housing units. However, since the meeting the Beacon has been informed by the Development Group that no credence should be placed on these figures, which they say were mentioned "entirely speculatively and informally", and that work to establish a viable number of units for the development has yet to be undertaken.

The nature of the affordable housing at the Stroud Road site has also been the subject of further comment. The ten units are expected to cater for the elderly, but many residents have been keen to promote affordable housing elsewhere in Painswick for young families, seeing it as a means of

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### Council Meeting on 19th July

Reported by Alan Bamber

#### Travellers

Chairman Terry Parker reported that the National Association of Local Councils had written advising the Parish Council against entering into an agreement to indemnify the Lord of the Manor against legal costs and expenses involved in removing travellers from manorial land. (This would be in return for the Manorship agreeing not to block up car parking areas) The letter also pointed out that the erection of any fence or other construction restricting access to common land without the consent of the relevant government minister is illegal.

Martin Slinger said that Amaury Blow was very serious in his intention to close off the car parks on Painswick Beacon because he could not afford to go on meeting the costs of legal action to remove travellers. David Hudson restated his concern at the possibility of losing the parking areas, especially the walkers' car park at the Plantation. Terry Parker added that Upton St Leonards Council was also very perturbed. Mr Parker suggested that with the Catbrain Quarry licence shortly to end, a possible compromise might be to turn that space into a public car park with prevention of access by travellers. It might then be reasonable for the Manorship to close off other parking spaces. The Council agreed to pursue this idea.

#### New Millennium Medals

Ann Daniels was thanked for the work she has done in organising the distribution of new millennium medals. Terry Parker said that residents' reactions to the medals had been very favourable and some people were interested in purchasing additional ones if there were any left. Councillors felt that initially they should make sure that no one had been missed out. All children in the civil parish of primary school age are eligible and if any have not received a medal they should contact the parish clerk at the Town Hall as soon as possible.

#### Bisley Street

Traffic Committee Chairman David Hudson said his committee had looked again at the proposal to extend double yellow lines in Bisley Street down to the entrance to the Painswick Centre and they no longer wished to proceed with this. They had written to residents in Bisley Street and seven had objected to the scheme. People felt the idea was unnecessary and would only push parking problems elsewhere. Major Hudson said the committee now agreed with this view.

#### Traffic Plan

David Hudson tabled a draft document outlining a Traffic Policy for Painswick. It identified the main problems and ways of trying to overcome them. Councillors started to work through the document section by section, but after a while it was agreed that it would be better to hold a special meeting about it, and this was fixed for 5th September (Town Hall, 7.30pm). In the meantime councillors were asked to contact David Hudson with proposals for changes or additions to the report.

(The Beacon hopes to publish a summary of the draft report for public comment once the Council has agreed its content.)

#### Trig Point

David Hudson asked if efforts could be made to retain the trig point at the top of Painswick Beacon. It is due to be removed next year, being no longer needed, but Major Hudson said it was a well-known focal point that should be kept in place, even though some work might be needed to improve its safety because of soil erosion at the base. Terry Parker said the Lord of the Manor wanted it to be removed. The Council agreed to write to the Painswick Manorship stating their wish to keep the trig point, and that if this is agreed in principle the Council will look into ways of funding safety measures.

#### To the Manor Born?

Malcolm Watts commented on the "extraordinary" nature of the Council's recent meeting with the Painswick Manorship; it had taken him an hour to decide who was in the chair. Terry Parker responded that he did not find this discourteous - people accepted that the Painswick Manorship had an unusual style. It was agreed that the Council should try to make the meetings more structured by framing specific questions and using these as the agenda.

#### Signs

Residents had contacted the council about "over-intensive" use of roadside signs advertising events in Painswick, and suggesting that they be limited to certain

places such as notice boards. The Council agreed to put wording on the Town Hall booking form requesting that users show restraint in their advertising.

#### Gloucester Street pavement

A letter from the County Council's Traffic Manager gave details of a pavement widening scheme on the east side of Gloucester Street, which would allow more room for pedestrians to keep to the path, especially those with pushchairs. However, it would reduce the width of the road to 3.5 metres and this would mean extending parking restrictions on both sides of the road - from Stoneleigh northwards past Christ Church and the Church Hall. The letter stated that the scheme would not be implemented in the current financial year, and that if the Parish Council wishes to proceed with it they must undertake consultation with residents and others who would be affected by the scheme, especially with regard to the loss of parking spaces.

#### Painswick Centre

John Stephenson-Oliver presented a report on the situation at the Painswick Centre. He again stressed the importance of attracting funds in order to make the required improvements. He asked about the procedure for requesting funding from the Council's budget and was given information about the timescales involved.

#### Golf on the rec

A resident had written complaining about the risks to children and property caused by people practising golf shots on the recreation ground. Councillors were concerned about the dangers but weren't sure whether banning was justified. Some felt that, providing common sense was shown, golf practice on the rec was a legitimate pastime. Councillors agreed to take a look for themselves.

#### Town Hall

Ann Daniels made a plea that organisations who book the Town Hall make sure that they clean up afterwards. She said there was a lot of debris left around after the Victorian Market, which was all the more regrettable given that no charge had been made for use of the Town Hall that day. Keith Hardwidge felt that any cost that the council incurs for extra cleaning should be passed on to those responsible. It was agreed that the booking conditions should be tightened up to ensure users are aware that they are responsible for leaving the Town Hall in good condition afterwards.

#### Month Off

There will be no meeting of the Council in August.

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## Care Village decision, *continued from page 1*

rejuvenating the village. At a special meeting of the Parish Council on 28th June (called to discuss the Local Plan), and again at last month's meeting, parish councillors expressed concern that the transfer of affordable housing from Gyde Road to the Stroud Road site might have damaged the prospects of securing such housing for young people. One possibility discussed was to earmark land between the Surgery and the Gyde Barn for that purpose. Councillors also queried whether the housing association to be involved in establishing affordable housing at the care village must necessarily be determined by the District Council. The results of the District Council's recent Housing Needs Survey are expected to be published shortly, and this is expected to clarify the need for affordable housing throughout the district.

A curious feature of last month's 'care village' decision is that it is at variance with the Stroud Local Plan, which (see separate article) was agreed by the full District Council six days later with only ten dwellings (all affordable housing) allocated to the Cotswold Mead site, in addition to the nursing home itself, with no recognition of the "associated dwellings" that were included in the planning application decision. District Council officers have informed the Beacon that the planning decision is valid even though apparently contrary to the Plan. The Local Plan will stay unchanged for the time being, but when it goes to an enquiry the Inspector will be given updated figures, and the development will then be shown as a firm commitment rather than a proposed allocation against the overall housing requirement.

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## St Mary's Home to be vacated

Severn NHS Trust have announced that they are shortly to vacate St Mary's Home at the top of Stamages Lane and relocate the staff and residents to a property in Hucclecote, Gloucester.

The move is expected to take place in the autumn and is being made because the property in Painswick no longer meets the changing needs of the elderly and increasingly infirm residents. The aim is to provide good quality permanent care in an environment that is suitable for the needs of older people.

The entire community will be moving. The residents are a group of fourteen elderly people who have lived together at St Mary's for up to forty-five years. Their ages range from 67 to 94. They all have a learning disability requiring some degree of physical, social and clinical support.

The group of staff has worked with the residents for many years. They are experienced, qualified nurses who will continue to provide 24-hour care under the management of Sue Woodcock. The residents and staff will continue to be supported by their current GP and other health professionals.

The property in Hucclecote - in Colerne Drive - has been in use as a residential nursing home, having been sympathetically adapted for this purpose. The accommodation will allow all the St

Mary's residents to have their own bedroom, and will allow the Trust to provide nursing care and other support in a modern environment.

Severn NHS Trust say they are currently exploring possibilities for the Painswick site, including its sale. They say they will continue to use some parts of the building until the end of this year and will ensure the good upkeep and security of the whole property.

Services have been provided in Painswick for people with learning disabilities since the 19th century. St Mary's has occupied its current premises since 1906. According to the late Colleen Haine, who researched the history of many of Painswick's old buildings for the Beacon, there were originally three separate cottages and these were put together to form the home in 1904 under the name 'Whitehall'.

Local interest in the possible sale of the St Mary's site has heightened in recent months because some people see it as a suitable location for a new nursing care centre.

## July wedding



*Martin Sevenoaks and Elinor Davies  
who were married at Christ Church  
Painswick on 15th July*

## Fancy a quiet time?

At last month's Parish Council meeting John Stephenson-Oliver floated the idea of a regular "quiet time" in Painswick. He said that during recent fine weather several people had commented on the noise disturbance from mowers and other outdoor machinery. He wondered if the village could agree on a period, say once a week, when such activities were discouraged.

Other councillors thought it would be interesting to know what villagers thought of the idea, so please write to the Beacon if you have a view on this.

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# Changes at the Painswick Centre

A number of changes have recently been agreed by the Trustees of the Painswick Institute so as to forge a closer relationship with the Painswick Centre Management Committee. Four members of the Management Committee have been asked to join the Trust, including its Chairman John Stephenson-Oliver, who has also been voted in as Chairman of the Trustees. Mr Stephenson-Oliver takes over from David Hudson, who was

pleased to stand down after volunteering last year to take over for a limited period.

Effectively, the changes mean that the Painswick Centre will be run by a unified team of people, with those who are trustees having overall responsibility and liability for the Trust, and Management Committee members having an organisational role in planning and running events, seeking to improve the facilities, and so on.

The Management Committee has a number of non-trustee members who carry out specific tasks and the committee will be seeking to co-opt other residents as needs arise.

The trust members are now: John Stephenson-Oliver (Chairman), David Hudson, Keith Hardwidge, Revd Bob Miles, Maggie Drake, Robert Goddard, Kevin Parker, Jackie Herbert and Colin Bowron (Treasurer).

## Painswick Centre events

1st July we saw our first event, a 'Race Night' to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Centre. It was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended. Over a Ploughman's Supper the punters enjoyed four 'serious' horse races (from sealed videos of the real thing) and three 'Wacky' races including tabletop 'Pig Racing' and a 'Shaun the Sheep' race (courtesy of Wallace and Grommit)!

Bets were taken by our professional presenters for the evening, the odds were calculated according to the stakes and everyone did their best to cheer on their chosen steed. Most of the takings from bets were paid out in winnings with a small percentage going towards those famous funds. Gertie the Milking Cow also did her bit to raise funds, as she did again during the Victorian Day the following weekend.

A good profit was made during the evening, mainly from the excellent bar (many thanks to John and Grant) and the raffle. Many thanks to all those who

helped on the day and donated the generous prizes. But also to all of you who came on the night and supported the event.

### Forthcoming Events

Watch out for forthcoming events every month in your Beacon!

Don't miss the GLOUCESTERSHIRE GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN'S 'SUMMER EXHIBITION' throughout August.

In the meantime two future events are already booked and confirmed. During the morning of Thursday 7th December there will be a 'BRING AND BUY SALE' of Christmas Produce, Decorations etc. etc. followed by a COOKERY DEMONSTRATION by Celebrity Chef Robert Rees, who will give us some good ideas for food for the coming festivities. We hope to raise funds from this towards the refurbishment of the Painswick Centre kitchen. Watch this space for more details nearer the time.

On 26th January 2001 we will be welcoming the GLOUCESTER POLICE CHOIR who will be presenting you with a wonderful evening's entertainment.

In the meantime remember the Painswick Centre has comprehensive facilities available for hire including rooms for lectures, demonstrations, meetings, sales, sports activities, parties and much, much more.

If you would like to know more then phone Rose Smith on 812369.

Painswick Centre  
Management Committee

## Gardeners collect for Red Cross



Several Painswick residents opened their gardens to the public on the afternoon of Sunday 16th July, and on a fine afternoon hundreds of people enjoyed looking at them, as well as contributing donations to the British Red Cross. The above photo shows a glimpse of Mr and Mrs Gardiner's beautiful garden at Shephouse.

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## A plea for more recycling

The District Council's Recycling Officer Maggie Adderley paid a visit to Painswick Parish Council last month to put in a plea for more residents to use the kerbside 'black box' re-cycling system. Ms Adderley stressed the importance of people using the boxes because the Council pays for the service whether or not people make full use of it. Paper, cans and glass can all be placed in the black boxes for fortnightly collection.

Most households in Painswick are on the kerbside collection round, but apparently they don't all make use of it. Some outlying areas such as the Park and other villages in the parish are not on the round. Ms Adderley said they don't yet have the funds to cover the whole district. Those who do not receive kerbside collection are asked to use the permanent recycling banks such as at Stamages Lane car park.

Stroud District Council sends 30,000 tonnes of waste to landfill each year and this amount is ever-increasing. Last year (1999/2000) 5503 tonnes of paper, cardboard, cans, glass, plastic bottles, textiles and garden waste were recycled, reaching a recycling rate of about 15.6%. Banks for the recycling of cardboard and plastic bottles are located at Cheapside car park in Stroud.

More details of the recycling facilities may be obtained by phoning 01453-754435.

## ...and a plea for fewer bonfires

The perennial subject of bonfires has again been raised, and at last month's Parish Council meeting councillors expressed the hope that people would think of their neighbours and "be sensible". There is no specific law against lighting bonfires in this area, but people can take action under the Environmental Protection Act in the case of a persistent nuisance.

It is perhaps worth repeating that, contrary to general belief, bonfires cause less disturbance during the main part of the day than at dusk, when smoke hangs in the air for hours.

## Painswick unscathed after latest Local Plan deliberations

Painswick did not get a single mention in the six-hour-long Local Plan meeting at Ebley Mill on 17th July, when the District Council debated changes to the draft Plan following its period open to public comment. This will be viewed as good news by many Painswick residents because it means that no increase was made to the village's housing allocation, which remains at 30 new dwellings in the period to 2011.

Many local people will also be pleased that the threatened addition of a large allocation at Callowell, overlooking the southern end of the Painswick Valley, did not materialise. Planning Officers had proposed at least 70 new houses there, but these were omitted from a list of allocations put to the meeting by the current administration (an alliance of the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green parties) and subsequently voted in by the Council. The Callowell Action Group, which mounted another demonstration outside the Council offices, was naturally delighted at the outcome.

During its period "on deposit" the Draft Local Plan attracted 2,600 representations from the public and interested parties, including many from Painswick residents and organisations. The purpose of last month's meeting was to debate changes proposed by planning officers in the light of these responses, together with amendments and new proposals put forward by members of the District Council. A revised Deposit Draft will now be produced, to be published in the autumn, and public comment on the changes will then be allowed for a further six week period.

One of the most contentious and hotly debated features of the Plan (and one that could still have a bearing on the number of new dwellings that eventually come to the Painswick Valley) was the allocation of 1,500 dwellings to Hunt's Grove, Hardwicke. Despite doubts as to whether it conforms to the County Structure Plan, the District Council voted to keep this allocation in the Draft Plan. The Conservative Group put forward a coun-

ter-proposal to substitute land west of Stonehouse but this was defeated by 28 votes to 21.

The revised Plan includes changes to the development boundaries of towns and villages in the district and these were also debated at the meeting. These will have a major bearing on future planning applications. The officers' proposals were all voted in, including two changes in Painswick. The boundary has been redrawn at the Croft School so as to exclude the school playing field from the development area. Villagers may recall that some years ago there were proposals to build housing on part of this land, on the basis that it was surplus to County Council requirements.

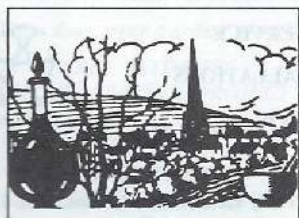
The other change was an enlargement of the development area so as to include some land adjoining Edge Road to the west of Blakewell Mead. The land in question is part of the grounds of Longhope, Blakewell Mead, and in an application to include the area the owners' agents stated that the existing Painswick boundary does not accurately reflect the current boundary of the property.

These proposed boundary changes will be open to public scrutiny in the revised Local Plan along with all the changes to housing allocations, plus other parts of the Plan which include revised policies relating to housing, industrial land, the environment and transport.

An interesting feature of the Local Plan meeting was the extent to which so-called green issues were prominent. Proposals for partly 'car free' housing developments were defeated, but a motion put by a Green Party councillor that roads be designed so as to restrict driving in certain 'home zones' to a 10 mph limit was carried.

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# Painswick residential and nursing care

## Statement by the Development Group

As many readers may already know, the Development Control (Planning) Committee of the Stroud District Council considered the outline planning application for the project proposed by Richmond Care for the Stroud Road site at its meeting on 11th July. Details of the meeting and the decision "not to refuse" the application are, we understand, being given in an editorial in this edition.

In the context of the assignment this Group accepted back in 1997 we can therefore effectively report that much of our mission is accomplished, and this in precise accord with the (blue) report we then circulated to every household and to the public meeting which was so overwhelmingly endorsed that May. Richmond Care will soon be setting about the task of preparing their detailed

application including intended on-site structures and services. Since development is constrained to a limited area of the site the number of units of associated care housing can only be decided during the design stage. The highway proposals are effectively agreed, as they had to be detailed alongside the outline application.

We understand that Keith Cockell will continue his consultative process into the detailed stage, this being characteristic of his method of approach. For our part we hope that fellow residents will participate constructively. We say this because there is an exceptional creative opportunity to help frame the most desirable facilities as closely in harmony with the expressed needs of this community as Richmond Care's resources will permit. Relatives as well as many local residents may have cause

to make use of these services one day; some are known to be in the queue already!

There has been some misunderstanding in the past, as well as a measure of sincerely held opposing views (especially since last November). It is our hope that there can be resolution to participate in the process of achieving the very best scheme which can be obtained and which will serve the village well into the future. This Group will remain in existence until after the full planning approval is obtained and the point is reached at which we can facilitate the induction of a local liaison group to be of assistance to Richmond Care in their efforts to integrate their services with this community.

Tony Bradley, Leslie Brotherton,  
Philip Oakley and Norman Rampton

## Report from the Painswick AONB Group

Painswick AONB Group (PAG), having considered the position on the Care Village proposal, which will no doubt be fully reported in the Beacon, would draw attention to matters that are still unresolved.

Whereas the Stroud Planning Officers recommended that the Cotswold Mead site should be used for a nursing home and ten affordable houses only, the planning committee accepted an amendment for 'associated dwellings' to be added. Continued vigilance by PAG will be required to determine the impact of this addition, as we believe it is contrary to the Local Plan agreed last week and would exceed

Painswick's housing allocation.

The scheme for the A46 includes putting fifteen street lamps between Stamages Lane and Cotswold Mead. There is concern within PAG that after dark these will give a nasty beam of light visible from many parts of the valley, and would significantly impact on environmental pollution.

The PAG attaches importance to two events since the Planning Officers prepared their report, which may significantly affect this situation:

(a) The Government's Planning Guidelines (PPG7) have upgraded the status of AONBs to correspond to that of National Parks. The Council for the Protection of Rural England regards this as important.

(b) It has been publicly announced that the residents and staff are to vacate St Mary's Home. There appears to be a growing awareness that this would make a much better site for a modern nursing home for Painswick than the far corner of the Cotswold Mead field. Further, Government Planning Guidelines give precedence to re-use of 'brown-field' rather than 'green-field' sites.

The PAG intends to seek a response from Gloucester County Council, Stroud District Council and Councillors of the Painswick Parish Council as to the impact the above events will have on the proposal as it stands.

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# The 1000 mile bike ride

Through the Beacon can I just say on behalf of the 1000-mile team a big thank you to everyone that supported or sponsored us on our epic ride from San Sebastian to Edge. We completed the ride without any major mishap and we are now very close to reaching our target of £50,000 in sponsorship. A full report of the ride can be seen on our web site at [www.williams-syndrome.org.uk](http://www.williams-syndrome.org.uk). The following is a little insight into how things went:

There were twenty in our team, both male and female. The youngest was eighteen, the oldest sixty-four, the heaviest eighteen stone and the lightest nine. Our bikes ranged from cheap mountain bikes, to tourers and lightweight racers.

We started in San Sebastian and the lower slopes of the Pyrenees, then to Bayonne with its temperature of over one hundred degrees. The Atlantic coast was next with the cool waters of Mimizan, through the pine forests of Bordeaux, the river at Mansle, the walnut trees and the fields of sunflowers on the way to Poitiers. The stunningly beautiful Loire valley to Tours, and from Orleans the chance of a tow from hundreds of cyclists competing in a Bordeaux to Paris ride. The splendour of Versailles, followed by the traffic



*Journey's end! The tired-but-happy cycling team back home at Edge after their marathon sponsored ride. Their dramatic and emotional appearance was a high spot of the Edge Fete on 1st July.*

of Pontoise and the hills around Beauvais. The silence of the cemeteries along the Somme valley with their poppies swaying gently in the breeze. The sadness at reaching Calais and knowing that soon we would be leaving France.

The madness of the British motorists which only a cyclist understands. The history of Tonbridge Castle and the luxury of a night at the Madejski hotel in Reading. The power of being kings of the road with our police escort from Cirencester.

The emotion of our return to Edge, the welcome by a couple of hundred people on the village green. The awesome feeling as it sank in that we had cycled a thousand miles. The joy at Edge Church for the celebration of our safe return, the tears as we said goodbye.

The pain, the fun, the heat, the team spirit, the punctures, the buckled wheels, the thrill of being on a bike and the open road, the memories that will stay forever, the friends we've made along the way. The money that we've raised so far for research into Williams Syndrome and the help it will bring to our special children. But most of all the realisation that we really are real cyclists!

Mike Adlam (Chairman, Williams Syndrome Foundation)

Ed Marden and Paul Ratcliffe would like to thank everyone who sponsored them and helped them raise £166. Between us we have raised over £2000 in total.

Thanks to Painswick Post Office and Londis for having our sponsor forms.



*Apart from the cyclists' return, the annual Edge Fete was, as always, a relaxed affair, as people enjoyed the wonderful ambience and scenery*

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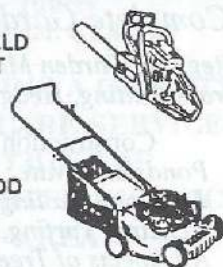
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# News from the Falcon Green

July was a busy month of matches and competitions at the Falcon and the advent of some summer weather was welcome. The green is running well and is in fine shape with much hard voluntary work from the Green Gang.

In the Club Drawn Triples Tournament, the teams of June Attwood, Don Valiant and Terry Barham, and Doreen Morris, Winnie Walsh and David Ryland, reached the final to be played early in September. This was followed by a splendid meal kindly provided by David and Janet Holmes.

The annual match for the Painswick Challenge Trophy between the men of the two Painswick Clubs was played on the evening of 5th July at the Institute green. Heavy rain put a stop to the game at the halfway stage with the teams adjourning to the bar. It was adjudged that, at the time, the Falcon Club was ahead by just two shots and thus retained the Challenge

Trophy.

Later in the month the annual Painswick Tournament for individual triples men's teams was held in fine weather. Entries were down to just ten teams this year with the event being held on the Falcon green. After thirty-five ends of bowls the winners of the cup and the whisky were David Walter, Bernard Plain and Paul Harding (Falcon BC). Runners up were Tom Halsall, Bob Adams and David Eastwood (Falcon BC).

The following day the Club were hosts to the Gloucestershire County Bowling Association versus the County Indoor Association held twice a year, once indoors and once outdoors. The GBA were comfortable winners over the GIBA. Other highlights of the month were matches against tourists from Salisbury who returned again to the Falcon and said they wanted to repeat the fixture next year.

On the social front the Club turned out

for the annual match of the President versus Captain, followed by a buffet including strawberries and cream.

On the competitive front, the men's team continue to struggle near the foot of the Stroud League against strong opposition. This is disappointing following their good performance to finish in the top half last year. However they have now reached the second round of the two rink County competition having convincingly beaten two Bristol teams so far. The Ladies team in the Corinium League are faring slightly better than the men. Sheila Walters, the new ladies captain, is to be congratulated on reaching the last sixteen in the County ladies singles competition and narrowly failing to reach the last eight.

The two Painswick clubs have co-operated to provide players for each other in order to fulfil fixtures.

Norman Rampton, Hon Secretary

## Successful cricket week

The weather was kind for Painswick's Annual Cricket Week with all the matches being completed. The Friday fixture against Upton St Leonards, however, had hardly finished when a violent shower left the pitch under water.

The weather did have its impact the following day (Saturday 29th July) when both league matches had to be abandoned. Painswick First Eleven were particularly disappointed that their away game against Frampton had to be called off as the home side had lost three wickets for just eight runs when the rain came. At Broadham, Painswick Second Eleven won the toss and elected to bat. After 35 overs in their 45 overs match, they had scored 116 for the

loss of four wickets with Steve Holford 46 not out when a storm that had been threatening for some time broke over the ground and the saturated pitch meant that no further play was possible.

One of the new rules in league cricket is that, if a side is all out before it uses its allotted 45 overs, the unused overs are given to the other side. Your correspondent finds the reasoning behind this rule difficult to understand but it worked to Painswick's advantage in the First Eleven's game against Cheltenham Extras. Painswick dismissed the Extras for a total of 179 runs after 36 overs and two balls had been bowled. This meant that Painswick now had 53 overs in which to reach their target. In an exciting finale, with the last pair at the crease, Steve Golding late cut the ball to the boundary off the second ball of the 48th over to give Painswick victory by one wicket.

### Results

(All Saturday matches are league games)  
Sat 1 July. Painswick 1st XI 137 (P Morris 39) Cheltenham Civil Service 1st XI 138-5. Painswick 2nd XI 122 (C Loveridge 47)

Birdlip 2nd XI 123-8.

Mon 3 July. Painswick 223-7 (R Hopkins 90, S Base 37, A Barnard 35) Brasted Chart & Invicta 224-8 (S Base 4-29).

Sat 8 July. Old Richians 1st XI 144 (S Base 4-29) Painswick 1st XI 74.

Wed 12 July (Midweek League). Rockhampton 97-7 Painswick 77-9.

Sat 15 July. Birdlip 1st XI 258-5 (S Golding 4-60) Painswick 1st XI 113. Painswick 2nd XI 122 (C Loveridge 47) Birdlip 2nd XI 123-8.

Sat 22 July. Cheltenham Extras 179 (P Jones 4-46) Painswick 1st XI 181-9.

Mon 24 July. Little Baddow 244-7 Painswick 129.

Tue 25 July. Cadnam Nomads 192-7 Painswick 195-6 (R Hopkins 65, I Hogg 38).

Wed 26 July. Jesters 182 Painswick 170 (I Hogg 49 not out).

Thu 27 July. Hanwell 325-2 (P Kumer 198 not out) Painswick 154 (A Wise 61, S Base 34).

Fri 28 July. Painswick 218-9 (A Wise 50 not out) Upton St Leonards 219-3 (J Rowles 69, D Stokes 53 not out, G Pritchett 56 not out).

Sat 29 July. Frampton on Severn 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Frampton 8 for 3 wickets. Match Abandoned. Painswick 2nd XI v Cheltenham Civil Service 2nd XI. Painswick 116-4 (S Holford 46 not out). Match abandoned after 35 overs).

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## Busy month on the tennis courts

The Gloucestershire summer league is nearing its conclusion. It has been a difficult season for the ladies teams. The A and B teams have both found the competition hard this year and are likely to be relegated. However, the C and D teams have had a reasonable season and will stay in their respective divisions and the Ladies E team may well achieve promotion.

The Juniors have had a very busy month with the coaching programme continuing and the boys teams finishing in the top half of their divisions. The Under-13 tournament was won by Lucy Moir with Baggins Unwin second and Sam Horder third. The 13 years and over tournament was very well supported and, despite poor weather conditions, produced some excellent tennis. Thomas Unwin won the boys event with Richard Willoughby runner-up. Beth Fox won the girls match with Rosie McAndrew in second place. Because of a lack of entries, this is the first time since 1990 that the girls cup has been held. The numbers competing this year augur well for the future. The parent/child tournament had a particularly good entry with all four courts at Broadham in use. The winners were Andrew and Tim Morgan with Malcolm and Katie Andrew second and Tim and Harry Waller third. The event was enhanced with a BBQ in perfect weather.

The Tuesday night players enjoyed a well organised BBQ and tournament on 18th July with twenty people enjoying the tennis in perfect conditions.

Finally, the Club's main singles and doubles are due to start at the beginning of September and it is planned to have preliminary rounds for non-top team players in order to encourage more people to enter. Would members please watch the notice boards. Finals Day is on Sunday 17th September. Why not come along and give the players your support.

John Barrus

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## Collecting for Cotswold Care

### Painswick News

The residents of Ashwell House chose the hospice as their charity for the millennium year and raised the grand total of £300 for hospice funds. A cheque for the amount was presented to Mr Robin Shotter, Chairman of the Friends, at an enjoyable, informal ceremony recently and he thanked everyone for all the effort put in.

Again at Ashwell House, the Painswick Group held a Cotswold Cream Tea which was well supported by some of the residents as well as our own members and friends. We are most grateful to Mr and Mrs Say for all their hard work, especially in putting up tables and fitting in forty chairs for us all. The weather outside was awful but inside was warm and cheerful. The total raised was £171.10.

Our next effort is an 'Aladdin's Cave' to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 26th August, 10am to 3pm. All the stalls will be taken over selling lots of bric-a-

brac. Do come along and browse. You might find just the thing you need.

Flora Semark

### And a little further afield...

The day after the 'Aladdin's Cave' in Painswick, you can go and spend an afternoon in the beautiful gardens at Cotswold Care Hospice's Summer Fete and Open Day, Sunday 27th August, between 2pm and 4.30pm at Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton. Top attractions this year for the children include face paints, games, 'throwing' a clay pot and a visit from a top class children's entertainer.

During the afternoon visitors will be able to browse amongst the crafts on offer, including wood turning, jewellery and home-made produce as well as delicious cakes, tombola and bric-a-brac. And you can finish off the afternoon with a cream tea whilst listening to some live jazz music. Entrance and car parking are free.

## POLICE REPORT

### Incidents: 15.6.00 - 15.7.00

House Burglaries: Pitchcombe 1. Business Premises: Nil. Sheds: Nil. Vehicles: Painswick 2, Cranham 3, Sheepscombe 1, plus 1 attempted theft. Other: Painswick 4 (damage 2, theft 2), Pitchcombe 2.

### Items stolen:

From vehicles: Radio, mountain bike.

From other areas: Jacket, house keys, shower, sink.

### Reported Incidents:

Ten incidents were reported of which four were of value to the Police.

### Security Improvement Recommendations:

It was reassuring that there were no items

taken from sheds last month especially at this time of year. Please remain vigilant at all time.

### Gas Pipe Renewal on the A46:

There have been several incidents of road rage on the section between Painswick and Pitchcombe. Police ask motorists to exercise patience and tolerance whilst the contractors carry out this difficult work for the benefit of us all.

Police Team & Liaison Co-ordinator

### By the way...

Somebody asked me if I could intelligently connect: a plaque outside No 5 Eastgate, Gloucester; "the captain of my soul", R L Stevenson; Long John Silver. Could you?

Answer on page 11.

By Rambler

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# Painswick 100 years ago

It was reported that "The town is full of visitors and has been so for some time. Most of them speak highly of the walks, picturesque scenery and refreshing air obtainable from the top of the hills."

The recent rains had come at an opportune time, as farmers in the Holcombe area had been fearing for their root crops in view of the drought. The rough winds had played havoc with the fruit which had appeared to be an exceptionally good crop. Some said, however, that the wind only thinned the crop, the bulk of which would be better quality from the process.

Mr Workman harvested his wheat at the Croft on the 11th, using a new machine drawn by a trio of horses. It was said to be one of the best cropped fields in the neighbourhood.

Mr Burdock and his assistants, T Hollister, D Gwinnett, H Alder, F Burdock, J Partridge and G Townsend, were congratulated upon the workmanlike way that they tackled the erection of a flagpole on the tower of the Parish Church. It was said that they must have been well repaid by seeing the national flag of St George of England quartered with the British Union Jack floating freely upon the breeze.

A scheme was afoot to lay larger gas mains in the town. It was proposed to erect

## Calling all musicians

A young (26 year old) Painswick pianist - with a musical span from Beethoven to Bon Jovi - is looking for the opportunity to accompany or play with like-minded musician(s), mainly for fun but also (possibly) for semi-professional engagements in hotels, restaurants and for functions etc. If you are interested, give Robert Burgess a call on (01452) 814348 or 812167.

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four new lamps in the streets in addition to those already in use. Several households intended to have gas connected into their homes. Gas stoves had been tried by some and had been found more economical in face of the rise in the price of coal. There would inevitably be an increase in consumption of gas.

Slad Congregational Chapel was reopened on the 9th having been closed for a short time for renovation and cleaning. The pastor, Rev E W Hopkins, said they had hesitated to have the work done until they had a balance in the bank to pay for it. They were old-fashioned enough to think it would be a scandal for a church which preached "owe no man anything" to incur a debt which they might not be able to pay.

At Stroud Police Court, Emma Mills (14), Leonard Goddard (9), Gilbert Goddard (8), Victor Mills (8) and John Broderick (9), all of Painswick, were charged with having stolen growing apples valued at 3d, the property of John Augustus Webb on the 14th. PC Hughes was on duty in plain clothes at Jenkinson's Farm and caught the young people red-handed. Mr Webb said that he had lost a large quantity of apples from his orchard recently but he did not wish to press the charge. The defendants were dismissed under the First Offenders Act.

John Bailey

## CMS/USPG coffee morning

A coffee morning in aid of mission funds will be held in St Mary's Church Rooms on Monday 28th August (August bank holiday) from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Coffee and home-made biscuits will be served and there will be produce and bring and buy stalls. Traidcraft foods will also be on sale.

The entrance fee is 75p. Proceeds will be divided between the Church Mission Society and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Offers of help, please, to Alison Robinson on 812286.

## New Alpha course

During the autumns of 1998 and 1999 the first two Alpha Courses in Painswick have been oversubscribed, with some fifty to sixty people attending. In addition there have been smaller Alpha courses in Cranham and Edge.

This year the plan is to move to a larger location (Castle Godwyn on the Cheltenham Road) so that more people can be accommodated if required. The course will start in early October and run weekly through to Christmas.

As last year, however, it is planned to run an introductory supper party in early September - **Wednesday 13th September** - so that people can come along without any commitment to see whether Alpha might be for them. Details will be in the September Beacon but if you would like an invitation please ring Frankie Marsh (812829) or Caroline Milne (812625).

### What is Alpha and who is it for?

Well, it is an opportunity to consider the most important questions of life (e.g. Who am I? What happens when I die?) and to hear and talk about what the Christian faith has to say about such things in a non-threatening, friendly and low key environment.

In previous years we have had a mixture of non-believers, agnostics, church folk (from all denominations), in fact anybody who wanted to explore these sort of issues.

Course members have really enjoyed the evenings and attendance has kept up right through to the end. Why not plan to come on 13th September to see what it is about for yourself?

Frankie Marsh

### Overheard in the churchyard

"Fancy putting 'Miser' on his headstone."

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Maureen Walters



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# Artist to donate prints for upkeep of St Mary's yew trees

Canadian artist Greg Thatcher is to donate three original prints of his drawings of St Mary's churchyard yew trees. The prints will be sold at the Fiery Beacon Gallery in August and the proceeds will be given to St Mary's Church to help with the annual costs of clipping the trees.

"I hope this will in some small way help to maintain the trees and preserve their unique beauty and the magic of the long

arched pathways where the trees have grown together, a magic that brings me back year after year to draw them" says Greg. "Their careful maintenance has given the village a source of beauty quite unique in the world."

Greg's inspiration comes not only from the trees themselves but from the network of long vistas of alternating light and shade that unfold along the pathways.

Churchwarden Helen Briggs often comes upon Greg immersed in his work during the summer months. "Our yew trees and tomb stones form a unique collection which we are anxious to preserve" says Helen. "Greg's passion for the trees reminds us that we are looking after them not only for everyone far and near, but for ever as well."

Perhaps the yews have a special message for all of us, outliving a human lifespan from distant past to distant future as they do, and perhaps Greg's fine drawings in minutely graded shades from black to white also remind us that through all of life's changes breathes eternity.

Greg has been working on a Painswick yew tree series of drawings and prints for nine years. He has exhibited the work widely in North America and has won honorary mentions in exhibitions. Some of his work is now part of the permanent collection of the Blandon Art Museum in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Greg has also received two supplementary grants from the Iowa Arts Council to continue his work.

He lives with his wife Jan and three sons in Fairfield, Iowa, where he teaches art in a local high school.

The prints will be exhibited at the Fiery Beacon Gallery from 1st August.

Henry Brighthouse

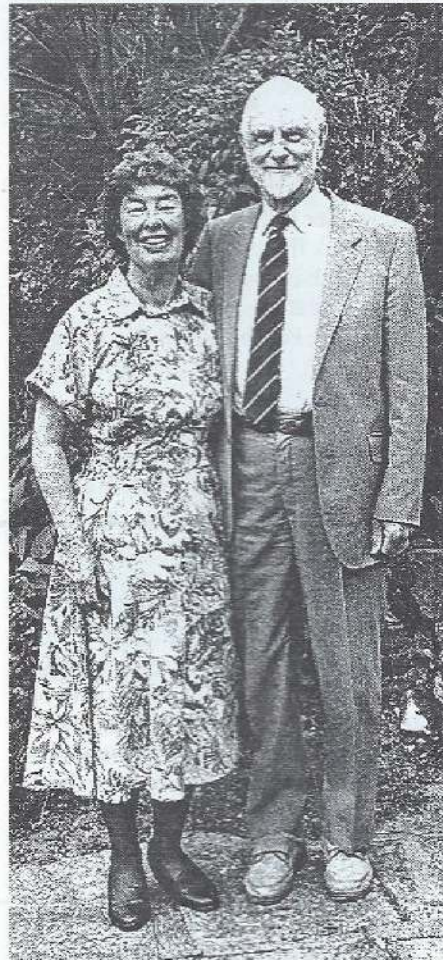
## Golden Wedding

Pictured right are Phyll and Bill Varah, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on 29th July.

Phyll and Bill were married in Battersea, London, and they subsequently lived in the London area for some years, at Wandsworth Common and then Pinner. They were both schoolteachers, having met when at a teachers' training college in Cambridge. Bill later became headmaster of a primary school in Marylebone, a post he held for seventeen years. The couple moved to Beaconsfield when Bill took over the headship of a large middle school. They were there for about ten years.

Bill and Phyll retired to Painswick (Randalls Field) in 1985, where they have been prominent members of St Mary's Church, Bill being a lay reader, a role that he trained for and began whilst at Pinner.

They have two children and six grandchildren. A large family gathering assembled for the celebrations last weekend, including Bill's brother Chad, well known as the founder of the Samaritans.



## 'By the way' - the answer (see question on page 9)

W E Henley, the Gloucester-born poet and critic, who wrote the poem 'Invicta' in which those words are included, is commemorated on the plaque. A polio sufferer, he was befriended by R L Stevenson who was so impressed by his vigorous and outgoing personality that he used him (he admitted) as a basis for his character Long John Silver in 'Treasure Island'.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Parking

The statement (Parish Council News, 21st June) that "when people move into the centre of the village they do so in the full knowledge of the limited parking space and they should accept the situation" does nothing to resolve the problem.

This problem has been made worse by the continual extension of the double lines and the ever-increasing number of office workers requiring parking.

Until a majority of the Council display their desire and ability to solve this difficult situation, councillors should refrain from making crass statements like the one detailed above.

Alan Major, Tibbiwell

A long letter from Mr S Huxley of Bisley Street also criticises proposals to extend parking restrictions. He writes: "I have spoken on the telephone to Mr John Lindsay [County Traffic Manager] expressing my idea of parking for residents only in the village after 18.00 and at weekends (but preferably at all times). He said that the idea would not work as it could

not be enforced. Well, who enforces the pay and display car park? Surely someone must or else why do people pay to park there? And who is going to enforce the proposed continuation of double yellow lines in Bisley Street? Couldn't the same person enforce residents-only restrictions?"

Commenting on the councillor's statement that residents move into the centre of the village in full knowledge of the limited space, Mr Buckley points out that when he and others moved here "there was a free car park and less restrictions in Bisley Street. A further concern is that residents not only in Bisley Street but Kemps Lane and elsewhere who may be affected by further parking restrictions may consider selling up and moving out of Painswick if they can't park freely. I'm sure that lack of parking will affect these property valuations."

[Footnote: See Parish Council News, page 2]

### Shops

The closure of John Saunders' flower, fruit and vegetable shop is a great loss to the

village and he deserves the very best success and good fortune in his new position. As a customer I would like to thank John for all his kindness, good service and constant cheerfulness over the years. He will be sorely missed and there is a warning to be heeded by all of us who are privileged to live in Painswick - to use the shops. "Use it or lose it".

A little story will illustrate John's immense good neighbourliness. Some visitors to the village arrived to visit friends during a heavy rainstorm. They had only light clothing and no money; their friends were not at home. Learning of their plight and observing that they were getting very wet, John lent them £5 and directed them to the Royal Oak. They were amazed by the kindness, trust and thoughtfulness. Good luck John. I shall miss you.

RMH

The Beacon welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local interest. Short letters are more likely to be included. Long letters will be summarised or edited, as will those containing comments that the Beacon considers unsuitable for publication.

## Autumn courses in Painswick

### WEA Courses

This autumn there will be three WEA (adult education) courses in Painswick, continuing similar themes to recent years.

**'Learn to Draw'** is a weekly course commencing Wednesday 27th September at the Church Rooms, 9.30am to 11.30am. Tutored by Jeanne Cowd, this course will introduce the elements of drawing and will broaden the students' skills and explore the disciplines of the subject. The course fee is £44 for ten sessions.

**'Advanced Watercolour'**. Also with tutor Jeanne Cowd, this course takes place

in the Church Rooms on Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm, starting 27th September. The aim of this course is to enable you to operate as individuals within your chosen medium of watercolour. Jeanne says: "Your painting starts before your brush touches the paper. Your hand only puts down what your mind tells it." The fee is again £44.

**'Enjoying Poetry'**. Starting the same day, Wednesday 27th September, Mary Newman invites you to come and listen to some of the 20th century's finest poems. The course will introduce nine poets - T S Eliot, Peter Porter, Philip Larkin, D H Lawrence, John Betjeman, W H Auden, R S Thomas, Ted Hughes and Wilfred Owen. The course is at the Library Room, 2.30pm to 4pm, for ten weekly meetings. The course fee is £33.50.

For further information about these courses, please contact local WEA representative John McCabe on Painswick 813125.

### China Painting Courses

Karen Spencer writes:

Sally Andrew, of 'Fine China Restoration', and our tutor for the last ten years in Painswick, would be delighted to hear from readers of The Painswick Beacon who might wish to join her classes on Tuesdays (morning and/or afternoon) in the Library Rooms.

Sally would welcome enquiries and can be contacted on Cheltenham (01242)

680552 to advise further on this most engaging of artistic pursuits.

Our classes resume on Tuesday 19th September.

## 'Ripples in time'

The new Cotswolds dance company *Terpsichore* will be putting on a "an exciting collage of dance, music and text" in Gloucester Cathedral on 30th and 31st August (1.15pm and 1pm respectively) and 5th September, 1pm. Admission is free for these concerts. There will be a final evening performance on 5th September for which there is an admission charge of £5. Music is by Bach, Beethoven, Philip Glass and Arvo Part. Booking and more details are available from the Guildhall Arts Centre and Gloucester TIC.

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# End of a good year for Painswick Playgroup

Another Playgroup year has drawn to a close. We have had a good year and towards the end Playgroup was running at full capacity.

Our theme this half term has been "bugs" (the creepy crawly variety!). Dragon flies and spiders have hung from the ceiling to catch unsuspecting adults unawares! Many activities have taken place around this theme and many children were able to see bugs at first hand at Bristol Zoo, where the Playgroup went for their summer outing. A great time was had by all and since our trip coincided with the filming of an episode of Casualty, keep a look out for local residents in future episodes!

Towards the end of term Robert Goddard and another member of the retained fire service in Painswick brought the fire engine up to Playgroup. It was a most memorable visit for the children and the crew allowed the children to climb in the fire engine and try on the helmets. Some of the children even found a number of buttons which, when pressed, released a number of sirens to the delight of all! In addition, everyone who wished to could pull the lever to spray water from the hose! Thank you to those who provided such an enjoyable experience for the children.

Once again we say goodbye and good luck to those of our children who are starting school in September. Sadly, we also have to say goodbye and good luck to our Joint Playleader, Rachel Berry, who is moving to Thrupp School to take up the position as Nursery leader and Learning Support Worker. We wish her well.

The end of term was marked by an

"Ugly Bugs Ball" when the children brought in picnics and this also provided an opportunity to say our goodbyes not only to Rachel but also to Mr Jones, retiring Headteacher of the Croft School. The children presented both with cards, to which they had added their fingerprints and some their names. An aerial

photograph of the Croft School and Playgroup Building was presented to Mr Jones.

Looking ahead to next term, there are places available in September for children aged from 2 years 9 months. If you would like more information, please contact Beaty Bell on Gloucester 610997.



Smile please! Playgroup children assemble for an end of session photo. Left to right - front row: Shaun Saunders, Josh Freemantle, Henry Simmonds, Timothy Jackson, Max Gibson, Kieran Grant. Middle: Edie Whittaker, Megan Williams, Pippa Speed, Sophie Barnett, Ellen Hewer, Charlotte Dietschmann, Michael Jones. Back: Harriet Strachan, Mollie Strachan, Leah Davis, Mollie Luckett, Shae Ward, Adam Christmas, George Pigott. And leaders Beaty Bell, Rachel Berry and Keren Jackson are at the back.

## Bristol theatre trip

There are a few seats left for Christ Church's visit to Bristol Hippodrome on Saturday 23rd September to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

The coach will leave Painswick at 3.30pm for the 5pm performance, followed by supper at Harry Ramsden's, Cribbs Causeway. The cost for theatre and coach is £19.50; supper is extra. Please contact Gill Gyde on 812587.

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# PLANNING APPLICATIONS

## Applications

- Painswick Squash Club, Yokehouse Lane. Retrospective application for 'For Sale' sign.
- Painswick Rococo Garden. Change of use of the Red House, the Eagle House and the Orangery to be used as venues for civil wedding ceremonies.
- 2 Abbey Cottages, The Vatch. Erection of detached garage.
- Larkshill Farm, Bulls Cross. Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling, garage/workshop and septic tank.
- Denbury, The Highlands. Erection of garden shed.
- Falkland House, Gloucester Street. Creation of vehicular access onto Hollyhock Lane and erection of gates.
- Tullyfield, Longridge. Erection of 2 storey extension (resubmission following permission).
- Plot 3, Paul Camp, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Erection of one 4-bedroomed house (revised scheme following permission).
- Halebourne, Knapp Lane. Light crown reduction of redwood and minor remedial pruning.
- Lovedays Garden, St Mary's Street. Reroof outside washroom/lavatory and insertion of replacement windows. Demolish covered passage and install buttress supporting arch.
- Stonecroft, Hambutts Mead. Conversion of integral garage to living space, addition of porch and erection of a detached garage.
- Oak House, Hambutts Drive, Edge Road. Erection of a summer house in rear garden.
- The Park, Painswick. Outline application for residential development (11 units proposed).
- A46 bus stop, Cheltenham Road/Lower Washwell Lane. Erection of a bus shelter.
- 28 Upper Washwell. Erection of extension (resubmission following withdrawn application 00/720)
- Turnways, Butt Green. First floor extension to create new bedroom and shower room.

## Revised Plans

- North of Painswick Golf Club car park, Golf Course Road. Erection of 18m high slimline lattice support structure with 3 antenna 2m in height attached, and associated equipment cabin at ground level. Main changes: Amendment to design from lattice style mast to monopole.
- Weavers Cottage, Longridge. Erection of 2 storey extension. Revised design.

- Grays, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of a garden store. Main changes: retention of existing landscaping (lilacs).

## Consent

- Painswick Squash Club, Yokehouse Lane. Erection of 7 garages and creation of gardens in conjunction with permission. 99/1237.
- Plot 3, Paul Camp, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Erection of four-bedroomed house.
- Bayliss Cottage, Sheepscombe. Alterations to garden walls, erection of swimming pool and changing rooms.
- Painswick View, Back Edge Lane, Edge. Erection of conservatory.
- Dozmary Cottage, Vicarage Street. Removal of existing low level boundary wall and erection of new stone wall and landscaping to side yard areas.
- Chestnut Cottage, The Park. Erection of conservatory.
- St Mary's Cottage, Victoria Street. Erection of conservatory to replace existing.
- Tocknells Cottage, Painswick. Erection of 2 storey extension.
- St Johns, Orchard Mead. Extension and alterations plus new conservatory.

## Notification of Appeal

- Land at Jack's Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of one dwelling with consulting room on ground floor.

## Application for residential development at the Park

An outline planning application has been submitted for a residential development at the Park. The application gives the number of units as approximately eleven.

The proposed site is stated to be 0.61 of a hectare (about one and a half acres) and is on the right hand side of the road to Sheepscombe from the A46, in the area between Damsells Lodge and the roads leading to most of the houses in the Park. Existing use is given as a "paddock". The application is described by the District Council as a major development. Illustrative material provided with the application shows five detached houses plus a further six units in one group.

Locally, the application is currently going the rounds of parish councillors who will make comments for forwarding to the District Council. It has already attracted considerable interest, especially as it is in the AONB and outside the Painswick Development Area.

Painswick Conservation Society has informed the Beacon that they will be objecting to this development.

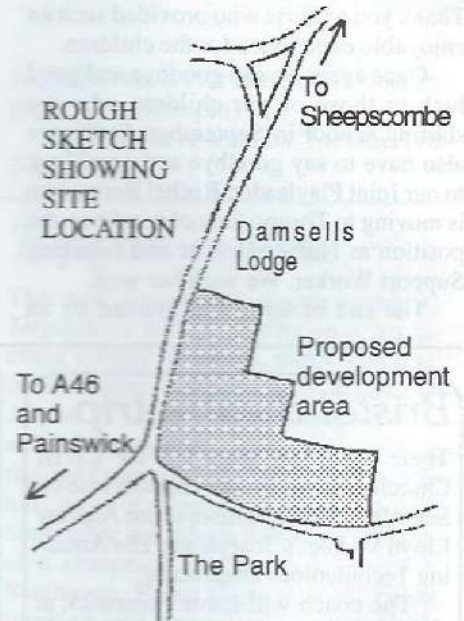
## Summer walks programme

The extensive programme of guided walks organised by the Cotswolds AONB Partnership continues throughout the summer. Among this month's walks are two in this area.

On Wednesday 16th August there is a walk entitled 'Take the Old Road to Huddinknoll Hill', starting at 2pm from the new walkers' car park off Golf Course Road, Painswick, and lasting about two and a half hours. It is being led by John Hunt, David Paine and David Taylor.

On Monday 28th August (bank holiday) there is an 11 mile scenic walk across the Golden Valley from Minchinhampton to Bisley via Brimscombe and Toadsmoor Valley, led by John Heathcote and Gwilym Waite. The walk starts at Minchinhampton Market Place at 10am, and will take about six and a half hours.

Further afield there are guided walks under this programme several days per week. Full details are in the Cotswold Lion, available from tourist information centres.



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## Exhibition time!

As usual, Painswick is host to a number of exhibitions over the peak summer period.

### Craftsmen's Exhibition

The annual exhibition and market of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen continues throughout the month at the Painswick Centre. It is open daily from 10am to 6pm; admission £2.00, concessions £1.50, children free.

Guild Coordinator Penny Smith says that the exhibition has an exciting new feel this year, with the exhibits grouped according to disciplines and with six new associates showing their work.

### Fiery Beacon Gallery

Another seasonal regular is the Summer Exhibition at the Fiery Beacon Gallery. Entitled 'All the live murmur of a summer's day...' (from 'The Scholar Gypsy' by Matthew Arnold) the exhibition features glorious glass items by local artist Fiona Houghton-Parker, equally glorious landscapes by Allan Laycock together with Japanese-inspired prints. Early photographic techniques are shown by Pauline Hannaby producing intriguing images. Jewellery, ceramics, mirrors and clocks complete the exhibition, which is open Tuesday to Saturday, 11 to 5pm and Sunday afternoons, 2 till 5pm.

### And elsewhere...

Look out also for artists' exhibitions throughout August at the Town Hall and Library Room.

Lansdown Art Club are regular visitors to the Town Hall at this time of year. They are exhibiting their work there daily until 13th August.

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## Upstairs and downstairs

Contrasting aspects of Victorian life were revealed at the Victorian Market Day on 8th July.

Right: Queen Victoria (Pauline Foreman) opens the Market Day as Mr John Brown (Benedict Kolczynski) casts a wary eye over the scene.

Organiser Beverley Gorton looks on.

Below right: Paddy Wildy as a humble chimney sweep.

The prizes won at the Victorian Market Day raffle were as follows:

1st. Garden swing seat. Mrs Haynes, Pitchcombe.

2nd. CD Player. Miss Page, Painswick.

3rd. Meat to the value of £50. Mrs A Lock, Painswick.

4th. Steiff Teddy bear. J K Jones, Cranham.

5th. Lunch for two at Chancellors. Mrs Roberts, Cheltenham.

The holder of programme number 35 won the 'lucky programme' prize.



## News from Christ Church

The annual MENCAP service at Christ Church on 23rd July was a happy event, with many residents of the Stroud Mencap homes coming to the service which was led by Revd Rowena Francis, and joining in the hymns and songs with the Taboo Group. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Church Hall.

The close relationship between Christ Church and Rodborough Tabernacle continues tomorrow (6th August) when there will be a joint morning service at Christ Church followed by lunch in the Hall.

## All part of the job?

The editor of the Beacon occasionally goes to the District Council offices at Ebley Mill in pursuit of information. On his last trip, in the course of preparing this edition, the lift taking him to the Planning Department broke down between floors and he was trapped alone in the lift. Luckily rescue came within fifteen minutes. The emergency service was impressive and reassuring.

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# Best wishes, Bernard

Friday 21st July was a sad but very special day at the Croft School. It was the day we said goodbye to Bernard Jones who, after over seventeen years as Headteacher, has decided to take early retirement. To most of us it seems that Bernard has always been at the school and it's going to seem a little strange in September without him being around.

During Bernard's time at the Croft the

world of education has been continually changing; some of this change has been for the better; some has been more questionable. All of the change has placed greater demands upon the school and the Headteacher to demonstrate success (whatever that might mean). Throughout this time Bernard has ensured that the Croft school remained a secure, caring and supportive place for the children to learn and develop in. The education that the

children have received in Bernard's care, not just in the more formal areas of the curriculum but also in the equally important area of "life skills", has ensured that they have the best possible start in life.

In my position as Chairman of the Governors and on behalf of everyone past and present connected with the school, I would like to thank Bernard for the effort and dedication that he has given to our children over all of those seventeen years. I would also like to wish him the very best of luck for the future, in whatever his chosen path may be.

Mike Adlam  
(Chairman of the Governors)



Above: Bernard Jones addresses Croft pupils, staff and parents on his last day at the school. As well as receiving several presents (including an ash tree and pot from pupils), Bernard gave some presents in return. He is seen here unwrapping one of a number of books that he has donated to the school library. He also gave a set of shields to be presented to pupils once per term for outstanding work.

Below: Croft leavers assemble outside the school for a final photograph

## A leaver's thoughts

On my last day at Croft School I had butterflies in my stomach as I cleaned my teeth. It felt really strange leaving Croft after being there for five years. I had looked forward to this moment for ages and ages but now it was here I didn't really want it to go. I remembered first starting at Croft School as a Y2 pupil and knocking all the water over Jessica's finished painting. Now I feel ready to leave Croft I can't wait for the summer holidays to end so that I can move on to Stroud High!

Annabel Sidwell  
(The Beacon is always pleased to receive brief observations from young people on school life, especially leaving or starting school)



## PTA summer concert

The Croft School PTA would like to thank everyone, parents and villagers alike, who supported their summer concert on 8th July.

Over £500 was raised for school funds. Thanks also to Copious Notes for a most entertaining evening.

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## Youth Club out and about in August

Jenny Broadbank, the Youth Club leader, is delighted to say that numbers are still going up.

The Club would like to express their thanks to the Probus Club for their donation and to Karen and Brian Goddard for their gift of a computer. There are also very belated thanks due to Mr Welch for his donation.

There is lots going on in August. First there is a trip to Weston-Super-Mare planned for Friday the 11th. Please ring Jenny for details. On Wednesday 16th the Club is booked to go to Drayton Manor Park for the day, leaving at 9am and returning around 7pm. The cost is £15 per person. On 30th August a trip to the Swindon Oasis is being planned.

Anyone interested must ring Jenny in order to get consent forms and other information. Telephone her on 611072.

The Club will be shut on Wednesday 9th August.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated and everyone who supported the Jumble Sale for Cheltenham Oncology Unit on 22nd July. A cheque for £300 has been sent off. Thank you also to all my helpers.

Eddie Stockbridge

Charlotte Shorter would like to thank friends and neighbours in Painswick for their kind thoughts and sympathies following the death of her husband, John.

The Sue Ryder Home wishes to thank everyone who supported the street collection in May, and especially the collectors who had to stand out in the rain. The sum of £150.50 was raised for the Home.

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# 55th annual Painswick Show

Now in its 55th year, the annual Painswick Show continues to grow from strength to strength and features a wealth of attractions for all the family.

Painswick Show is now the only two-day show in Gloucestershire and the support of the community has ensured that the annual event has continued as a major feature of the summer calendar. Painswick Show attracts visitors from across the county, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and this year the Show's organisers hope for a record turnout.

Saturday 12th August features county show jumping championships with the main class sponsored this year by Daewoo Cars Limited, showing classes, exemption dog show and horticultural show. On Sunday 13th August is the gymkhana, unaffiliated showjumping and showing, as well as farm animals in the Rare and Traditional Breeds show which this year is sponsored entirely by Hamptons

International.

The main events will be complemented by a range of attractions including children's entertainments and a bouncy castle.

On Sunday will be an afternoon of entertainment to include the horse and dog relay, a parade by the beagles, a rare breed animal parade and a hour of fun with the Painswick Young Farmers carrying out fancy dress relay races. The musical entertainment will be provided by the Sharpness Silver Band and a bar will provide refreshments along with the catering stalls.

Please join us for a fun-packed Painswick Show.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Sam Pyle (01666.840886), and please do not forget to renew your membership before 7th August. For horticultural section queries, contact Mrs Janet Dent (812974).

## Library fun for children

Libraries across the county are challenging all 4 to 11 year olds to take part in an exciting summer reading game called 'The Reading Relay'.

The game is free and runs at libraries until mid-October. Children can join the game at any time.

All children taking part are given a reading folder, in which they collect a set of six different postcards with full colour illustrations of sporting activities drawn by leading children's illustrators. On the reverse of the postcard the children record details of the book they have just read and briefly describe the story. They are also encouraged to write a book review saying what they loved or loathed about the book. The children become fully-fledged members of The Reading Relay team when the six postcards have been collected in the reading folder.

County Children's Librarian Lucy Squires says that the Reading Relay shows children that reading is great fun, not just something they associate with school and homework. And "the information we get from the book reviews will help us to understand the types of books that young readers enjoy, which we will obviously bear in mind when we update the children's stock."

4000 children took part in last year's reading games and the library service hopes to exceed the figure this year.

## Did you see?

Local actress Veda Warwick, who took part in the 'Celebration of Cotswold Poetry' in Painswick last Saturday (29th July), appeared the next day in the BBC 1 television programme 'As Time Goes By', with Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer.

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### In a Country Garden with the WI

Painswick WI members enjoyed a rare treat in July. Their meeting took place out of doors, in Barbara and David Harley's splendid garden. The weather was perfect (unbelievably) and the ample tea (sandwiches and a big variety of home-made cakes) was truly up to WI standard. What more could one ask?

Members had been asked to try to wear purple and/or cream, and most had managed it. The effect was interesting, impressive even, when viewed from a distance. Catmint and buddleia in the garden added to the purple haze. There was ample seating, with tables, chairs and big, shady umbrellas for everyone. The enormous beech trees and a tall blue cedar were at their best as members wandered around, enjoying the beauty of the flowers and admiring vegetables in the kitchen garden.

The month's competition for a garden party hat decorated in purple and/or cream,



*If you want to get ahead... WI members sporting a variety of hats at last month's meeting. Photo by Jenny Urbani*

brought forth some interesting items, and a few laughs as well. Ingenuity was the key note. One hat had stems of colourful lavender tucked into the ribbon all the way round the crown. Another, a big cream straw with wide, upturned brim, had been brought home from Sri Lanka by its wearer. All those sporting a hat had their photo

taken in a group. There was a guess-the-weight-of-a-cake competition and another for naming well known sayings. Understandably, WI business for the month was kept to the barest minimum. Thanks go to Barbara and David for nobly entertaining us all.

Dorothy Binns

## Painswick in Bloom 2000

*Sponsored by Painswick Horticultural Society*

The first judging for Painswick in Bloom took place in July. All those within the area shown on the map in the May Beacon were seen by the judge, Geraldine Jellyman, who is also judging Stroud in Bloom this year. I accompanied her on her first visit, and saw some excellent container plantings, which really enhance the village.

We shall be returning some time later this month to decide the winner and

commend the displays of the runners-up. Keep feeding, watering, weeding and especially deadheading the blooms. The latter, apart from improving the look of the display, also encourages further flowers to bloom. See if you can be the winner this year.

The winners of both residential and business classes will be presented with the Horticultural Society's trophy at the Show on 9th September at the Painswick Centre. All results will be announced in the October Beacon.

Naomi Dunn

## Wives' barbecue

Painswick Wives Fellowship rounded off the season with an enjoyable barbecue on 19th July in the garden of their President, Lesley Wyld, on a beautiful summer evening. The new programme will commence on 13th September with an opening service at the Friends Meeting House.

## Raising money for local children's needs

£23,000 in 25 years! It might not sound like big fund-raising, but this is the amount that the 'March Hares' have raised - ten people from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Painswick raising money with coffee mornings, tea parties, barbecues, car boot sales and sponsored swims.

It all started with fund-raising for the National Children's Home at Gyde House - twenty-five years ago!

We're currently raising money for Chamwells holiday play scheme. If you would like more information or would like to help in any way, please contact Eileen Collins (Treasurer) on 813293.

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# To India and the Argentine via the Forest of Dean

## Three recent talks to Painswick Senior Circle

### India - the way it was

Marie Locke's childhood was spent in pre-war India. The days of the British Raj were then numbered but to a young girl the beauty and order of it all were unforgettable and seemingly unending. She loved the country and she loved the people who were infinitely kind and helpful. She was entranced by the grandeur of the buildings but more so by the commissioners who stood on duty outside them, by the police, who from raised pergolas controlled the traffic, everything from bullock carts to cars.

She spoke of her home, her father, who worked on the railway, and her mother busily involved in domestic matters and charitable work. She spoke of the servants, more like friends, and the untouchables, whose shadow should not touch another's without contamination but who had a pride and dignity for all to see but who accepted their menial state.

The way of life seventy years ago was laced with detail which was refreshing in its variety. Like, for example, her great aunt Rose who as a nursing sister was collected by elephant each day to supervise the health of the 'wives' of the Nawab's harem, or 'Bhisti' with his goatskin of water which settled the dust after the heat of the sun and gave off a never-to-be-forgotten smell.

But childhood, wherever it is played out, does not last long and Marie's was no exception. War clouds from Europe spilled eastwards and the movement to independence quickened. Independence and partition came, with its horrors when death could be smelt. The family left for the south in father's carriage which he'd had connected to a Bombay-bound train. It took three days. It was stopped from time to time when one sect would attack another with appalling ferocity. By the time they arrived few were left alive. They remained unharmed and the father's remonstrations were always met with a polite response: "Sahib, we know you, we respect you. This is not your fight. Go back to the Memsahib and Missybaba and make them a cup of tea".

Marie still retains her love of the country and its people and there are now a few more in Painswick, I venture to think, who will share that sentiment and will wish to further it.

Patrick Daly

### A different form of nursing...

It must take great courage to sell up and completely change course on one's retirement. This is exactly what Gay Seguro has done and her real sense of achievement, her enthusiasm and sheer pleasure in her new life came over very clearly at our meeting on 7th July.

Gay Seguro is no stranger to Painswick where she has been, until recently, looking after many of us as district nurse. Even before she discarded her blue uniform we'd heard tales of her goats and sheep and her hopes for the future, and her faithful dog and cat were always somewhere to be seen around her cottage in Kemps Lane. And now they have become part of a smallholding in the Forest of Dean in company with all the other animals who now fully occupy her time. Animals have always, it seems, played a big part in Gay's life and she recalls how as a child the rabbit who disappeared was probably yesterday's lunch! But where to start afresh? She had spent a lot of time in the Orkneys and Shetlands but with family in Cheltenham that was too far and she has finally settled at Littledean.

We saw slides of her new home, of the flock of Shetland sheep she breeds, spinning their various Fair Isle colours - but the flock is now rather large and one or two seem destined for her freezer! We saw shots, too, of her lovely Shetland pony, her Sheltie dog (which was her leaving gift from Painswick friends) and the small Crofter's cow, which all make such appealing photography. The large Perry pear in fall bloom under a summer sky made it all look so idyllic - and then I thought of winter, of sleet and snow, lambing at night and getting wet through.

It certainly came home to me just how dedicated Gay must be to so obviously enjoy what she is doing even though she says she has never worked so hard in all her life. How long will she stay? Maybe five years, she says, then she'll possibly buy a motor home and go back to Scotland revisiting the Islands.

We wish her well and much appreciate her invitation to visit her next spring.

Daphne Hudson

### Not only football...

Senor Mario Lopez, professor of Economic History of Buenos Aires University, gave the Senior Circle a detailed appraisal of nearly two hundred years of British investment in Argentine's railways.

In those far-off days this form of transport was thought to be an essential element in unifying the country's fourteen provinces and to move a "colonial society" into a nineteenth century capitalist economy. Having helped Argentina in its struggle for independence from Spain, Britain was quick with practical help of a £1m city loan and a 'friendship and free-trade' treaty.

Mario's analysis of the ups and downs of the continuing railway investments was masterly. Some "did well" but the smaller investor who hung on hoping for the best did poorly. Peron's opportunistic anti-colonial politicking was the railways' death knell. Ex-patriate expertise left almost overnight and with these died a system which ran over 26,000 miles.

Nothing, though, is unexpected at the Circle's meetings so it was no surprise that at the end there were so many who wished to reminisce about their families who had contributed professional skills to this romantic adventure. One, an engineer, received the Prince of Wales and 'rode the footplate' on his journey along the trans-Andean line; another recalled the "Blavs" (British and Latin American Volunteers) who served with the allies in the last war and whom he'd met in India.

Railway architecture remains a tangible nostalgic link to the past; pilgrimages are made to see the Buenos Aires station where Waterloo booking hall appears to have been lifted direct from SE1, and almost anywhere on the pampas one can see an English village railway station.

Mario concluded: "Argentina had one of the most important railway systems in the world. It is now idle and has no possibility of being restored."

The ending of our last talk before the summer recess was light-hearted. The personal recollections and the gifts, which included a Frey Bentos tin of 'bully' (lest Mario missed his 'native heath') saw to this.

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# PaDS Aim For Order In November: Easy As ABC?

"...and don't forget to put in *Alphabetical Order!*"

The Most Organised One is in prime admonition mode. Nightmarish visions of the Great Annual Re-ordering of the Loft float through my mind. Or perhaps it's the garden this time? Is everything to be dug up and re-organised in alphabetical order: antirrhinums, buddleia, cabbages, dahlias...?

"er... yes, dear. I'll get round to it as soon as I've finished this Beacon article."

"Have you been listening to a word I've been saying?"

Now, this is a tricky dilemma. Any hint that I might not have been listening to the entire MOONologue, of course, means certain death. But to claim otherwise risks a challenge to repeat it verbatim, followed (when I can't) again by certain death. I

decide to play for time...

"I got the gist of it, darling. Perhaps you could run over some of the details again. What was that about the alphabet?"

"*Alphabetical Order!* I said that you should put in the Beacon article that PaDS will be doing *Alphabetical Order* by Michael Frayn on 16th, 17th and 18th November. And that director Alasdair King will be holding open auditions on 8th, 10th and 22nd August at 8.00 pm. Then you can go on to say that *Alphabetical Order* is a brilliant comedy about a messy provincial newspaper office run by a lot of messy men, who all get put in order by a bright young woman. It is a wonderful play."

The MOO drifts off in a reverie for a

moment, lost in a world where she is in sole charge of ordering the lives of thousands of messy men.

"And then you can mention the PaDS AGM, which will not be messy and which I shall be organising. It's on Thursday 21st September, 7.30 pm at the Painswick Centre. Everyone is welcome."

"Even messy men?" I venture.

The MOO ignores the interruption and continues briskly:

"Right. That's the Beacon article written. Now, I've got a couple of jobs for you. I've just had this idea about re-organising the garden..."

Jack Burgess, PaDS

[www.geocities.com/painswickdramaticsociety](http://www.geocities.com/painswickdramaticsociety)

## Bellringing news

Bells were rung on 15th July for the wedding of Jenni Cork and Phil Rowlands. Best wishes for the future to the bride and groom.

Best wishes also to Elizabeth Hudson and Andrew Cave Winscom for their marriage on Saturday 12th August at 11 o'clock. Elizabeth is the daughter of Daphne and Peter Hudson; Peter has been one of the most loyal bellringers over the past many years, so it will be a special occasion for the bellringers as well.

There will be no ringing for practices or services during August. A bell will be chimed for morning services on Sundays.

## Conservation Society visits Dyrham Park

The weather cool, the skies overcast, the outlook poor; such was the situation as a coach bearing Conservation Society members to Dyrham Park set off on 13th July.

The skies cleared even as we travelled and the best afternoon for several weeks enhanced this visit to a National Trust property. Most members had not been to this 17th century house before and were surprised by the wealth of Dutch paintings and ceramics accumulated by William

Blathwayt, not least during his period as Secretary of State for War to William III. The servants' areas were opened for the first time this season, and were an added attraction with the Victorian kitchen, bakehouse and dairy. A tour of the house and the garden attracted the party to the chapel, adorned throughout with flowers still in situ from a wedding.

A cream tea followed, bringing a most instructive and most enjoyable experience to a close.

## Talk on owls at Painswick Bird Club

On a rain-threatened evening of 4th July, twenty-seven members and friends enjoyed a talk on owls by Mike Freeman. As an introduction, he surveyed the world range of these birds, which are to be found on every continent except Antarctica. He then concentrated on European and especially British species: their geographical range, characteristics that make them such skilful predators, their calls and life style.

Mike included a warning that with the

tree nesting tawny owls one should never attempt to pick up a nestling that may have fallen from a tree. Apparently the young scramble among the branches prior to the fledgling stage and if they fall to the ground they can usually claw their way back to the branches. The adult bird may take exception to any human trying to give the young bird a helping hand!

Malcolm Cooper



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## August

Until 28th	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, annual summer exhibition and market. Admission £2.00, concessions £1.50, children free	Painswick Centre	10am - 6pm
Sat 5th	Summer Exhibition: ('All the live murmur of a summer's day') Daily until 26th August Sundays Tuesdays - Saturdays	Fiery Beacon Gallery	2 - 5pm 11am - 5pm
5th - 13th	Lansdown Art Club Exhibition (Daily until 13th August). Free entry. Donations to Cotswold Care Hospice. Saturday 5th 6th - 13th	Town Hall	2 - 6pm 10am - 5.30pm
8th	Painswick Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) - Puppies and Beginners Intermediate Advanced Dogs	Christ Church Hall	9.30 - 10.15am 10.15 - 11am 11 - 12 noon
	PaDS Auditions for 'Alphabetical Order' by Michael Frayne (Copies of Script available from Jean Burgess 812167)	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	8pm
9th	Senior Circle Outing to Sidmouth	Stamages Car Park	9am
10th	PaDS Auditions for 'Alphabetical Order' by Michael Frayne (Copies of Script available from Jean Burgess 812167)	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	8pm
11th	W.I. Market: Fridays  Youth Club trip to Weston Super Mare. Ring 611072 for details	Town Hall	10am
12th, 13th	Annual Painswick Show Saturday: County Show Jumping championships, Showing classes, Exemption Dog Show, Horticultural Show Sunday: Gymkhana, Unaffiliated show jumping and showing, Rare and Traditional Breeds Show. Fun Events.	The Park, Painswick House	
15th	Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry charge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
16th	Probus Meeting  Youth Club trip to Drayton Manor Park. Ring 611072 for details  Guided Walk organised by Cotswolds AONB Partnership, Painswick Beacon to Huddinknoll Hill.  NB No Parish Council Meeting this month	Ostlers Room, Falcon  Walkers Car Park, Golf Course Road	10am  2pm
20th	<b>COPY DATE: All items to Mrs Jillie Speed, The Old Carriage House, Edge, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street</b>		
22nd	PaDS Auditions for 'Alphabetical Order' by Michael Frayne (Copies of Script available from Jean Burgess 812167)	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	8pm
24th	<b>DIARY DEADLINE: All items to Mrs Edwina Buttrey, 14 The Croft, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street</b>		
26th	'Aladdin's Cave' - sale of goods in aid of Cotswold Care.	Town Hall	10am - 3pm
27th	Cotswold Care Hospice Fete and Open Day	Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton	2pm - 4.30pm
28th	CMS/USPG Coffee Morning	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.30pm





30th Youth Club trip to Swindon Oasis. More details 01452-611072

## September

1st	Senior Circle: Caves, Peaks and Gorges - Wynn Roberts	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat 2nd	<b>August Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	12.30pm

## Advance Notice

7th	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat 9th	Horticultural Society Annual Show and Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3 - 5pm
13th	Alpha Course - Introductory Supper Party. Phone 812829 or 812625 for details.		
19th	Painswick Local History Society - First meeting of new season. Talk on Painswick Manorship estate.	Croft School	7.30pm
21st	PaDS AGM	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
27th	WEA Courses Begin:	Church Rooms	9.30 - 11.30am
	Learn to Draw	" "	2 - 4pm
	Advanced Watercolours		
	Enjoying Poetry	Library Room	2.30 - 4pm

## Cricket Fixtures [(L) indicates league fixture]

Sat 5 Aug	(L) 1st XI v Ruardean Hill (Home) 2nd XI v Kingsholm (Away)	Sat 19 Aug	(L) 1st XI v Hatherley & Reddings (Home) (L) 2nd XI v Leonard Stanley (Away)
Sat 12 Aug	(L) 1st XI v Oldlands (Away) (L) 2nd v Upton St Leonards (Home)	Sat 26 Aug	(L) 1st XI v Ryeworth (Away) (L) 2nd XI v Westbury on Severn (Home)
Sun 13 Aug	Sunday XI v Pikemen (Home)	Sun 27 Aug	Sunday XI v Bream (Home)

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## Property Report

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During the summer break when most people are on holiday the property market is traditionally much quieter and this year is no exception. During the last weeks we have been much quieter on the viewings, although properties up to £250,000 bracket have seen a lot of activity.

We are delighted to have been instructed on Tibbiwell House in the heart of Painswick - a fine historic Grade II listed property, together with a cottage and two double garages - a rare commodity in the centre of the village. Another cottage is Croome House - a fine example of a Grade II listed Georgian townhouse with beautiful

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At Sheepscombe we are handling the sale of Forest View - a delightful period cottage in a large garden with lovely views. The Painswick Heights development has now commenced building and we are expecting the showhouse to be opened at the beginning of September. If you would like to make a reservation or would like full printed details please ask us for details.

Sales last month include: The Old Vicarage and 1 & 2 Randalls Cottages at Edge; Westholme, Bisley Street; Kingsmill Lane Cottage; 3 Court Cottages, Butt Green; Nettles, Kingsmill Lane and Dover Cottage and Valpre both in Vicarage Street in Painswick. In Sheepscombe Bay Tree House, and Down cottage in Slad.

Our Country House Catalogue is now in circulation. This is the ultimate guide to the finest properties available in the city and the country. Included in the catalogue is a Hamptons interactive CD featuring Fiona Fullerton, with some essential tips on how to sell your property. If you would like a copy, please call in or telephone on Painswick 01452 812354.



## 'Walkabouts and walls' - news from Painswick Local History Society

There are no meetings of the Painswick Local History Society in July and August. It is possible, however, that members may be taking time during these months to look more closely at places near to Painswick which were featured in the last two meetings of the 1999-2000 programme.

The colourful and chequered history of the buildings in Stroud High Street was recounted by Mr Ian McIntosh when he led members on a guided walk in Stroud on a damp and gloomy May evening. The walk followed on from the interesting and informative talk about the origins of Stroud which Mr McIntosh gave to the Society last year.

The walk started from The Shambles and then went from the top to the bottom of the High Street. The group learned that the top of the street had once been a area of great activity and various entertainments, including bull baiting and lions and tigers on show. There had even been a Blind House - a house for those who were blind drunk! Behind the modern facades of some shops are traces of much older buildings. In one building there are areas of wattle and daub in the attic and a spice cupboard dating from 1609. Some of the older parts of buildings are still visible above the shop fronts. The building which now houses 'New Look' clothes shop was a mercer's shop in 1600 and Boots the Chemist is on the site of a 17th-century apothecary's shop.

By the time the group reached the end of the walk they had been made vividly aware that Stroud High Street has a long and fascinating history.

At the Society's Annual General Meeting Cedric Nielsen gave a brief talk about the wall that crosses Painswick Beacon from the hill fort through Pope's Wood to Cranham Corner and then to Cranham.

Cedric's interest in the wall arose from his researches into history of the quarries which lie below the wall; if he could determine the age of the wall, then it would be possible to determine the age of the quarries. Cedric believes the wall to be medieval in origin as it is similar in construction to part of an old wall, thought to be of the 12th century, which defines the

ancient deer leap in the area of The Park.

Cedric gave details of the various sources he has used in his research and described some interesting features along the wall. He has not yet found reliable evidence to support his belief and is continuing his research.

After his talk Cedric put on display several old photographs of Painswick which had been given to him without any information about them. The help of the audience was sought to identify the buildings and streets shown in the photographs, a task which produced lots of head-shaking and earnest consultations!

The AGM marked the end of Revd Peter Minall's five-year term as Chairman of the Society, a period in which the number of members has risen to 134, three issues of the Society's journal have been published, the oral history project has been started and the milestone project has been completed. The new Chairman is Mr Mark Bowden who is Senior Archeological Investigator with English Heritage.

The first meeting of the new programme will be held in the Croft School on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm, when there will be a talk on the Painswick Manorship Estate. Subscriptions - £6.50 (single), £10 (joint) - are now due and can be paid at a meeting or sent to Mrs Gwen Welch, the Membership Secretary, at Stocks Cottage.

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to NICHOLAS and JULIA MELLISH on the birth of their son, Nicholas Patrick Quirk, on 16th May, a first grandchild for Paul and Veronica Mellish. (Veronica is the daughter of the late Finetta Bagot);

also to LUCY and ANDREW MILNE on the birth of their son Felix on 21st July, a grandson for Tony and Marigold Milne of Edge and another great-grandchild for Brian and Ruth de Courcy Ireland;

and to CATHERINE and NIGEL PEARCE on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte, on 11th July, a first great-granddaughter for Lucy Bickford.

Congratulations to NICK and CATRIONA WATSON on the arrival of their son, Alec Lewis Macdonald, born in Amman, Jordan, on 14th June, a first grandchild for Frances and John Watson of Cranwood, Lower Washwell Lane.

## Weddings

Best wishes for their future happiness to JENNIFER CORK and PHILIP ROWLANDS who were married at St Mary's Church on 15th July;

also to ELINOR DAVIES and MARTIN SEVENOAKS who were married at Christ Church on 15th July;

and to CHRIS HALE and REBECCA PRICE who were married at Christ Church on 29th July.

## Comings and Goings

We welcome WENDY OPALANSKI who has moved into No 8 Ashwell House from Pitchcombe;

Farewell to SAMANTHA and ALAN KEMMETT and their children Kirsty and Samuel who have moved from Ashwell to Stroud.

The PEARSON family have moved from Gloucester Street to Pyll House, Jack's Green.

With great sadness PEGGY DODD has had to leave her home in Vicarage Street, where she has lived for over fifty years, and now lives in a bungalow at 3 St Mary's Road, Tetbury, where her many friends will always be very welcome.

After 28 happy years at the Old Vicarage, Edge, and the departure of all their children to make their own way in the

world, CHRIS and JAN PEMBERTON-JAMES are moving to a small house "in deepest Gloucestershire". They wish to extend every happiness to the new owners, Dr ANDREW and Mrs JOANNA McNAUGHT and their four children, and hope they enjoy the house and village as much as they did.

## Summer Visitors

Welcome to SANDY and JIM STUART who are visiting the Sheas from Toronto; also to JOAN and BOB BARR who will be keeping the Sheas' house 'warm' in August;

also RUTH and SCOTT FLINT, grand-children of the late Muriel Flint, staying at The Gables. Ruth has completed her education at Gordonstoun and will be starting her training at The Norland in September.

## Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to SUSAN ROBINSON (who had a nasty fall in Gloucester Street), VERA AND SANDRA ILLINGWORTH, ISOBEL STANYON, SALLY GEAR, JOHN WEIR and SYLVIA WARREN.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of BERT WRIGHT and VIOLET GERRISH, who died recently.

## Engagements

Chris and Jan Pemberton-James of Edge are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Chrissie to Richard, youngest son of Bob and Kate Lewis of Tetbury.

Michael and Carol Van-Sloots are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Sarah to Peter Knight, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Knight of Devon. The marriage is to take place on 10th February 2001.

## Academic Successes

Congratulations to HELEN BOYDELL who gained a 2.1. in Sociology at Durham University;

also to CHARLOTTE LIVINGSTONE who gained a 1st in English Literature at Hertford College Oxford. Charlotte, who

is Marjorie Gurden's granddaughter, gained her rowing blue at Oxford and takes up a two-year rowing scholarship at Los Angeles University.

Congratulations to JAMES GAMBOLD on obtaining his BMus (Hons) from Trinity College London.

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