

The Painswick Beacon

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PAINSWICK POLICE STATION CLOSES

Painswick's Police Station has now closed and the local police constable, PC Gary Power, is relocating to Stroud.

Advance warning of the closure was given many months ago, and an announcement that it was imminent was made at a meeting of the Police Community Consultative Meeting, held in Painswick on

14th September. In a report to the meeting Inspector Mac McGarry gave an assurance that "you will still have your local police officer, PC Gary Power. There should be no noticeable difference in the time Gary spends on the area. In addition to this, cover will be still provided by the response vehicle which covers the area twenty-four hours per day".

It was also reported that a new rural beat officer, PC Tyrone Mein, has been appointed for the southern half of the division, and that his role is "an addition to your local officer and not a replacement".

Gary Power attended the meeting of Painswick Parish Council on 20th September. He said that residents would still be able to contact him personally on the existing telephone number. However, there was some doubt as to whether there will be any direct point of contact with the police in Painswick. Gary Power thought it was unlikely that there would be a permanent office anywhere in the village, but he was still exploring the possibility of a 'Police Information Point' where information could be displayed on a notice board and occasional surgeries be held. He confirmed that the Fire Station had been considered for this but found unsuitable.

The Parish Council discussed whether the Town Hall might be a suitable location for an information point, but it was agreed that the required "secure room" could not be provided. However, the Parish Council decided to write to the police indicating their wish to give every support to the idea of a "police presence" in the village and asking to be given the criteria for selecting such a location.

A statement given to the Beacon by

the local police team reads as follows:

"The Police Station at Painswick will close on 1st October 2000 and PC Gary Power will be moved to Stroud Police Station. However we will continue to look after the interests of Painswick and surrounding district residents. He can still be contacted on his current telephone number 01452 335674 for non urgent matters and you will be able to leave a message if PC Power is not available. The procedure for reporting incidents remains unchanged and is given below:

Priority 1 - urgent attention required (e.g. you see someone breaking into property) - dial 999.

Priority 2 - warrants prompt attention (e.g. anyone behaving in a suspicious manner) - 01452 521201.

Priority 3 - information that may be useful - 01452 335674."

Welcome back!



Mick Snell came half way round the world to be at this year's 30s Kids reunion and had quite a story to tell. Please see page 12

Winning threesome



A trio of first prizes for the Gardner family at last month's Horticultural Society Show! William won first prize for his cardboard house. Alice won the cup for best overall junior with her animal face mask, and Fiona (top) was successful with her externally decorated flower pot. More details inside.

New traffic policy for Painswick

Painswick Parish Council has produced a 'Traffic Policy for Painswick'.

A draft report was presented to the Council by the Chairman of the Traffic Committee, David Hudson, at last month's council meeting, and after agreeing a number of minor changes the Council has now finalised the policy document, which is available for public scrutiny at the Town Hall.

The three-page document is divided into a number of sections, covering parking, traffic flow and traffic calming, together with a conclusion and recommen-

dations. Under parking, the report states:

"Ideally there should be public parking at both ends of the village which would need to be within reasonable walking distance of the village centre. Increased parking restrictions would need to be introduced in the centre to prevent inappropriate parking". The document identifies a number of possible sites such as "the Gyde Field, the field below Washwell House, an area of land at the corner of Lower Washwell opposite the

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Council Meeting on 20th September

Reported by Alan Bamber

Safety Officer

Stroud District Council's Community Safety Officer, Phil Sullivan, gave a brief talk to the Parish Council to describe his role and plans for the future. He is to liaise with various local groups to raise awareness of methods of combating crime.

Mr Sullivan stressed that although it is important that citizens are alert to criminal activities, people should keep a sense of perspective. Contrary to reports that often appear in the media, crime is low in this area and the trend is downward. He said that statistics often give a misleading impression, especially as a result of changes in the law which mean that reported crimes now appear in the statistics whereas in former times some crimes went unrecorded. He said that Gloucestershire has a relatively low rate of crime and that figures for the Stroud area are very low in comparison with other parts of the county.

Paradise Community

The Council decided to ask for a site meeting with District Council planning officers so as to acquaint them with developments that have taken place over the years at Paradise. Some residents had commented on haphazard development there and thought it a good idea for planning officers to get a better appreciation of the site rather than simply respond to individual planning applications. David Hudson added that some residents were worried that the Paradise community was slowly taking over the area.

Gloucester Street

A letter had been received from the Church Council of Christ Church express-

ing concern over plans to widen the Gloucester Street pavement and introduce more parking restrictions. The church has no off-street parking and people attending functions at the church and church hall would no longer be able to park outside. This would especially inconvenience the disabled and elderly, and would make it impossible for funeral and wedding cars to park opposite the church. Traffic Committee Chairman David Hudson said these were important points and his committee had withdrawn the proposal.

Keith Hardwidge commented that it was a missed opportunity because the reduced width of the highway would have acted as a traffic calming measure. (In their letter Christ Church argued that the absence of parked cars would in fact have made the speeding problems worse, but they hoped that other calming measures would be introduced)

Recreation Field (1)

The Council again discussed problems arising from councillors' dual roles as council members and trustees of the recreation field. Council Chairman Terry Parker said the position wasn't completely clear but it seemed that councillors could choose to opt out from Trust membership, though the Charity Commissioners might have to take action if there was no longer a quorum. Councillors pointed out some apparent contradictions so it was agreed to seek further guidance.

Recreation Field (2)

Malcolm Watts said that following the refusal of permission for further mountain bike trials on the field opposite the Royal William, he had received a proposal from three young people that an area of the recreation field be set aside for such a pastime. Mr Watts said that the 15-year olds had produced a superb report which went into great detail on their requirements and the implications. It was agreed that the Recreation Field trustees should look at the request.

Recreation Field (3)

Twenty-nine letters had been received from Painswick Bowling Club members, nearly all regretting the Council's refusal to allow parking on the rec on a recent Saturday when a bowls match clashed with

a social function at the Painswick Centre. They urged the Council to allow parking on the field when similar clashes arise in the future. John Stephenson-Oliver and Keith Hardwidge, both of whom had voted in favour of allowing such parking, reminded their colleagues that the rules allow parking on the field on up to seven occasions per year, yet the request had been turned down on the basis of setting a precedent. It was again agreed that the problem should be brought to a meeting of the trustees.

Recreation Field (4)

Another matter for the recreation field trustees was a request by an intending purchaser of a Cheltenham Road property to be allowed vehicular access to the rear of the property in order to park off the road. The Council fixed a date (5th October) for a special meeting of the trustees to consider this and the other problems described above.

Recreation Field (5)

Malcolm Watts said that he and Ann Daniels had put together a bid for funding for improvements to the children's play area, under a scheme run by the District Council. The total cost of the proposed equipment was £8100, to be met by a bid of £4000 plus £4100 from the Damsell's recreation field bequest. Mr Watts said it was hoped to install the equipment in March 2001, but the proposals will have to be modified if the full grant is not obtained.

Hollyhock Lane

A small working party was formed to look at what should be done about Hollyhock Lane, bearing in mind conflicting views on its ownership and preferred method of resurfacing. It was agreed to invite residents Joan Truman and Mike Buttrey onto the working party.

Speed Limit

A letter from County Highways indicated their intention to extend the speed limits out of Painswick on the Gloucester Road. They are proposing to introduce a 50mph limit from the end of the 30mph zone to Cherry Cottage (near Hatton Court Hotel) on Upton Hill, and thereafter 40mph down to Upton.

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Bledisloe Cup judges commend Painswick's "consistently high standard"

The judges' reports on Painswick in this year's Bledisloe Cup (best kept village) competition are now available and as usual they are of some interest in revealing outsiders' impressions of the village.

Although Painswick failed to reach the final, the judges' reports on the first and second rounds are on the whole favourable, and the overall grade given was B, meaning 'very good'. The final comment is: "Over a large number of years Painswick has managed to achieve a consistently high standard."

Specific parts of the village are also given ratings. Nothing achieved a grade A (Outstanding) in both rounds of the competition but the churchyard came close with an A in the first round and B in the second. It was commended for its well-mown appearance and the attention to detail around the exterior of the church and at access points.

At the other end of the scale, there was nothing worse than a C ("acceptable standard") but as the D, E and F ratings seem

rarely to be used, these Cs must be viewed as relatively poor scores! The only C in both rounds was for footpaths, with adverse comments on "the one off Washwell Lane/Vicarage Street". The second round judging added a few more Cs - for the 'Village Hall' (apparently Painswick Centre rather than Town Hall), streets and pavements, bus shelter ("a few cigarette ends and seriously crazed window") and telephone kiosks - "some fresh litter".

Against 'School', the judges (Martin and Patricia Harwood of Fairford) comment that it was surprising to find no mention of the Bledisloe Cup on their notice board, and a similar remark is made against 'Community Effort' where the judges are disappointed that the only poster highlighting the competition was at the Town Hall. Cynics may conclude that the appearance of a village is not sufficient in itself to win the trophy and that it pays to court favour with the judges by liberally displaying their posters all over the village!

Traffic Policy for Painswick

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entrance to the Recreation Ground and the Recreation Ground itself. At the southern end, the field opposite the entrance to Stamages Lane and Dry Knapps. It may be possible to increase the number of parking places on the Cheltenham Road by removing the pavement above the entrance to Lower Washwell Lane."

The report notes that the recreation ground trustees voted against the idea of permanent parking on the field in 1999, and recommends that it be used for overflow parking "on such occasions as are allowed and agreed by the trustees".

This section concludes: "We recommend that steps are now taken to find out the cost of buying up to five acres of land and the extra cost of conversion to a car park".

Reserved areas for residents' parking have been considered but rejected. The report states that there are "considerably more dwellings without garages or other private parking facilities than actual parking spaces".

Under 'Enforcement and Security', the report advocates that parking restrictions be properly enforced, and proposes to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council funding the cost of sharing a traffic warden with one or two other villages.

Regarding traffic flow, the idea of 20mph speed limits in Painswick is to be investigated, but the report states that "the only effective way of slowing traffic is by enforced traffic calming measures. We propose that as a first step suitable traffic calming measures be introduced into New Street as a matter of some urgency."

Happy reminder of midsummer



There was a happy gathering at Painswick Mill on 22nd September, when cheques totalling £12,000 were presented to The Haven Trust and Headway by the organisers of the Painswick Midsummer Charity Ball. Left to right are: Janet Jenkins (Chair of Fundraising, Haven Trust), Helen Frogatt (Chairman of the Ball committee), Karen Frank (Secretary of Ball committee), Ruth Smith (Ticket sales, Ball committee), Bob Shea (Secretary of Haven Trust and also a member of the Ball committee), Daisy Dinmock (Manager at Headway), Vic Jones (Trustee of Headway and also Ball committee), Joan Wells (Ball committee and hostess of the event at Painswick Mill), Joe Willison (Chairman of Headway trustees)

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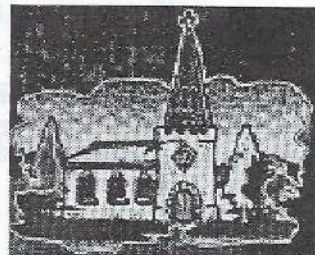
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Ruth Heal, widow of the late Canon Heal of Painswick, was 89 last month. Ruth is still very active and her daughter says she "paints furiously" and has produced some stunning watercolours recently. The above photo show four generations of the family - Ruth with her daughter Alison, granddaughter Susanna and great-granddaughter Amelia. Ruth lives in a nursing home in Buckinghamshire.

Brooke Hospital news

Our fund-raising events this year have been very limited. We usually hold several sales a year on the forecourt of the Subscription Rooms but that venue has been closed to us. We are very conscious of the fact that we are always calling on you for support and wanted to raise some funds from outside the Painswick/Edge area so we recently held a sale at Brookthorpe Town Hall. Unfortunately the day coincided with the petrol crisis and our efforts only raised £34.75 and this largely from the helpers and their relatives.

On a more positive note, we have booked the Town Hall in Painswick for Sunday 5th November from 11am to 2.30pm in order to hold a late and extended coffee morning. We shall be offering tea or coffee and biscuits to all our customers and shall have books, games (some new), bric-a-brac and home-made cakes for sale. Please come and support us and help to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

If you have any bits and pieces you are willing to donate to this or any other sale for the Brooke Hospital please contact us on 812340 or 813329 and we will be happy to collect them. Last but not least we must send a very big thank you to Joan Vickers who is still allowing us to store everything in her chapel between sales, which allows us to be flexible about the sort of items we take in.

Jill Alder, Michele Phillips

Painswick Quakers

Jim Hoyland has produced a booklet entitled '350 years of Quakerism in Painswick'. The booklet has been published with money left by Roland Pepper to Painswick Friends in his will. The work gives an account of the fluctuating fortunes of the Friends in Painswick and of the history of the Meeting House in Vicarage Street and the Dell Farm burial ground. It is illustrated with delightful drawings by Jennifer Barnett.

Welcome aboard!

The Beacon is delighted to welcome three new members onto our editorial committee. They are Carol Maxwell, Iris McCormick and Tony Crook. We are currently undertaking a restructuring exercise on the editorial side, and Carol, Iris and Tony will have important roles to play in the future.

By the way...

George Whitefield did it in 1739. John Wesley did it in 1742. And Revd Bob Miles did it in September 2000. What is it? Answer on page 7.

By Grumbler

Can you help?

Lyn Black and Martyn Thornton, who have recently moved into Hale Cottage, Hale Lane, are keen to hear from anyone who has information, news, photographs or memorabilia about Hale Cottage, Hale Lane, as they are keen to trace its history. Please contact them on 812324.

Lyn and Martyn will shortly be offering Bed and Breakfast accommodation at Hale Cottage.

REMINDER: Oriel Singers Concert, St Mary's Church, 14th October, 7.30pm

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Items stolen:

From vehicles: Radio/cassette/CD (4), handbag and contents (2), sets of car wheels (3), radio, holdall and clothing, golf clubs, cash.

From other areas: Cheque book and card, vacuum cleaner, golf clubs, chainsaws (2), lawn mower, garden tools, mountain bikes (2).

Reported Incidents:

Sixteen incidents were reported of which six were of value to the police. Thank you.

Security Improvement Recommendations:

There has been an increase in garage/vehicle crime during the past two months. Many of the incidents are occurring during the night and in particular the attacks on vehicles are aimed against residents rather than visitors' vehicles in the area. We ask all of you to review your security arrangements. Don't leave valuables in your cars and make sure your garages are kept locked at all times.

Please note there have been five sets of alloy wheels stolen since July. The fitting of locking wheel nuts is recommended.

Although last month we warned of walk-in thefts and incidents via unlocked doors, there have been further incidents of people gaining access to houses through unsecured entrances. Although no thefts have actually occurred, intruders have been discovered in homes. We repeat our recommendation for you to keep your property secure by locking doors.

Police Team & Liaison Coordinator

Did you see?

Robert Rees who used to run The Country Elephant in Painswick, was in 'Too Many Cooks' on HTV on 14th September.

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Open Day and launch of 'Millennium Appeal' at the Painswick Centre

Fresh initiatives are being planned at the Painswick Centre to improve the facilities and put this important community amenity on a sound financial footing. Later this month the Centre Management Committee will float a 'Millennium Appeal' and will distribute a leaflet to households outlining their hopes for the future and inviting villagers to make donations.

One idea is a 'supporting wall'. This will be a permanent feature inside the main hall, bearing the names of businesses and other organisations willing to make a substantial donation to the centre.

To launch the appeal there will be an Open Day at the Centre on 28th October, 2pm to 8pm. A free glass of wine will be available and all villagers are invited to go along. You will have the chance to look around and see the improvements that have been made over the past few months. These include redecorated rooms and the provision of new furniture and carpets in many areas.

The former bar area has been redecorated for use as a cafe during the summer, and the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen has taken up residence in an attractively refurbished part of the premises. The Centre now needs funds to continue the programme of refurbishment, to include the main hall and some other areas.

The hammer prepares to fall in Cranham

Saturday 21st October is the date for the next Cranham Village Auction Sale. These events which take place each spring and autumn help raise much needed funds for local groups, and their reputation is such that they always attract many people from around the county and indeed further afield.

The auctions provide an ideal opportunity for anyone to sell unwanted items of furniture, china, paintings, bric-a-brac, and so on. Over the years thousands of lots have been sold at prices ranging from just a few pounds to many many hundreds of pounds.

The format of the event is that of a traditional salesroom auction with over 300 lots coming under the auctioneer's hammer. However, unlike many commercial auctions there is NO buyer's premium and the sale conditions are also very simple. There is NO entry fee and we only charge the greater of £1 or 15% of the sale price commission per item - and of course ALL the proceeds go towards helping the local community.

The day is always enjoyable and often full of intrigue as seemingly ordinary items attract the eye of potential bargain hunters. Refreshments are available all day so if

the thrill and excitement of bidding gets too much or you need cheering up because you've missed an absolute bargain you can always indulge in a slice of home-made cake and a cup of tea or something similar in the restful surroundings of the committee room.

Entries are now being accepted so if you would like to take the opportunity to turn those unwanted items into cash or perhaps do some early Christmas shopping! contact Jean Garratt on 01452 812077 for an entry form or Andy Hopkins on 01452 812485 for further details.

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Good start for Painswick

Painswick have made a promising start to the new season with good performances in the Tetley Bitter Vase National Cup and Gloucestershire League. Playing against Swindon side Supermarine in the National Cup, Painswick's first fifteen ran out convincing winners with a score of 42 points to 11. They now play Hucclecote in the next round at the Gloucester club's ground today (Saturday 7th October).

In Division 2 of the Gloucestershire League, Painswick have been successful against Smiths Industries, where they scored 39 points to the home side's 5, and on Saturday 23rd September when they defeated Tewkesbury by 22 points to 12. Their match against Old Elizabethans (Bristol) had to be postponed because of the fuel crisis.

Last Saturday's match was particularly satisfying for Coach Wayne Lee who told the Beacon that, whilst the side had not played well, they had kept to their game plan and had achieved a win. It was this sort of performance that could well determine promotion at the end of the season. Painswick were ahead by just one point at half-time through a try and a penalty to the visitors' converted try. In the second half they got their game together and added 14 points to put themselves in a strong position with some five minutes remaining. Playing downhill, Tewkesbury mounted a final flourish and scored an unconverted try to give the home

supporters some concern. The visitors' efforts, however, proved in vain and, at the final whistle, Painswick had notched up a second league win. Simon Stewart scored one of Painswick's three tries, two of which were converted by Alastair Bressington.

The successful match outcome was not the only good news for Painswick as, on the Saturday morning, Alastair's brother Nathan, a centre-threequarter, signed registration forms for Painswick and played in United's team in the afternoon.

Results

[(L) indicates league match]

Sat 2 Sep. Widden Old Boys 11 Painswick 29.

Sat 9 Sep. Tetley Bitter Vase. Painswick 1st XV 42 Supermarine 11. Painswick United 22 Westbury 2nd XV 32.

Sat 16 Sep. (Friendly) Painswick XV 0 Cheltenham North 2nd XV 38.

Sat 23 Sep. (L) Smiths Industries 1st XV 5 Painswick 1st XV 39. Painswick 2nd XV 35 Smiths 2nd XV 23.

Sat 30 Sep. (L) Painswick 1st XV 22 Tewkesbury 1st XV 12. Tewkesbury 2nd XV 8 Painswick United 8.

Painswick tennis successes

In August the Club held its usual mixed handicap tournament which this year was supported by eighteen pairs and played on a league basis. The eventual winners were Fay Hough and Ron Barney who beat Vicky Butler and Danny Luke in a closely fought match.

The annual Club championships were held during September with the finals on Sunday the 17th. There was a new men's singles champion this year when Paul Duncliffe won through against Richard Horder in a close three set match. In the Ladies singles the result was a reverse from last year with Angela Higgins beating Philippa James in two sets. The mixed doubles was won eventually by Richard Horder and Pat Andrews in another close match against Paul Duncliffe and Val Sharpe in three sets.

In the men's doubles Richard Horder and Paul Duncliffe achieved victory over Nigel Barnett and Tom Unwin (Junior)

whilst Philippa James and Angela Higgins won the ladies doubles against Jan Haslam and Janet Day.

The winter programme will soon be under way with the usual full diary of matches and an internal tournament open to all members. The hope is to continue the Tuesday evening club night through the winter (prompt start at 6.30) and also the team practice nights on Friday which start at 7.30.

The next social is a progressive supper on Saturday 11th November. Please contact Ruth Smith (813693) if you wish to participate. Numbers are limited.

John Barrus

County cricket contract

Former Painswick Cricket Club member Alastair Bressington has told the Beacon that he was delighted to have been offered a Gloucestershire County Cricket Club contract for next season. He explained that Gloucestershire could not offer him a full-time contract because he is still at university. Alastair said that it was his ambition to become a professional cricketer and he would strive to achieve that but it was essential for him to first complete his education.

Bridge at Sheepscombe

The first meeting of the season went well with four tables which looks good for the future as several couples could not play on that night.

Our next bridge evening will be at Sheepscombe Village Hall on Thursday 19th October at 7.15pm, when we will also spend a short time holding our AGM.

The club is very friendly and we look forward to seeing you if you would like a game. Just turn up if you are a pair; otherwise phone Barry or Joy Edwards on 812588 and we can try to find you a partner.



Thomas Unwin (15) and Lucy Moir (10) who won the County Under 16 and Under 10 doubles titles respectively in the finals of the County Tennis Championships in September.



Above: Paul Duncliffe receives the Painswick men's singles trophy from Club president Michael James. Below: Ladies singles finalists Philippa James and Angela Higgins.



New Alpha course is a hit

Castle Godwyn was bulging at the seams as more than fifty people assembled on the evening of 13th September for an Introductory Supper for this Autumn's Alpha Course. The interest to come to the invitation and consider the "Meaning of Life" in a relaxed manner over twelve weeks has, once again, been tremendous. No doubt this is primarily because those who have attended previous courses have had great fun, enjoyed the food and the friendships they've formed and found it extremely helpful to be able to discuss the important issues of life. Almost without exception, those who've started coming have wanted to stay the course to the end, and many are now inviting their friends and neighbours to the year's course.

This year's team takes on a new look with John Milne acting as Course Leader, Brian Davies marshalling the great army of helpers (known as the Task Force) and Frankie Marsh, Linda Davies and Ursula Daws doing the catering. Ann Whitworth, Victoria Soutar, Caroline Milne, Julian Reed, Anne Shawcross, Lindsay Gardiner and Ian Marsh are helping to lead the groups.

If the invitations and publicity have passed you by and you are interested, please ring Frankie Marsh (812829), or Caroline Milne (812625) who can deal with any queries you might have. The Course takes place on Thursday evenings, and it's not too late to join in!

Ian Marsh

Flu vaccinations

Painswick Surgery now has influenza vaccinations available and patients can book appointments by telephoning the surgery (812545) or coming into reception. Special vaccination clinics run from 2 to 4pm on certain days of the week. If these times are not convenient, patients can telephone (after 2pm please) to arrange a more suitable time. All patients over 65 and all those with kidney disease, heart and lung diseases and diabetes are encouraged to have a vaccine.

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Came the election (which became known as the 'Khaki election') it was the liberal, C P Allen, who won the Mid-Glos Division by 313 votes. Lord Salisbury formed the Government and a young man by the name of Winston Spencer Churchill was elected to represent Oldham.

On 12th October Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort officially opened the new County branch of the Alexandra Hospital for children with hip disease. [We are told this was located at The Red House, Lower Washwell] Some 150 people assembled in the new ward on the ground floor. The ward was all that could be desired, being spacious, airy and well ventilated. It was furnished in memory of Dr M'Dougall, who resided for some years in Shepscombe. The Duchess after speaking to several of the convalescents said she was very much pleased with the arrangements.

Captain Carpenter, brother-in-law of Mr F A Hyett, gave a lecture at the Mission Room [part of Verlands, Vicarage Street] in connection with the solar system and the results of the expedition to Spain made in May when the sun was eclipsed. The lecturer alluded to the pro-

found silence which was experienced during the period of the eclipse.

On Saturday the 20th a covered van, conveying a pianoforte from Cheltenham to Stroud, had just passed the Royal William when the horse was startled by a dog running from the hedge across the road in front of it. The horse took the bit in its mouth and bolted towards Painswick. Although the driver hung onto the reins, he could not control the horse. It galloped as far as Star corner but at the curve of the road collided with a wall and a road barrier and the driver was thrown off. The horse and van continued the reckless journey down New Street knocking down a lamp standard but miraculously missing the numerous people including children that were in the street. Just past the Convalescent Home the horse swerved and the van collided with a window projection which caused it to topple and the horse was thrown down. Mr Ireland had been driving his bus up New Street but seeing the wagon careering down the street had the presence of mind to drive into the Falcon Hotel yard, thus avoiding a further collision. The driver suffered bad cuts to his head and the horse was badly scratched but both were able to go back home after their miraculous escape.

John Bailey

Hotel wedding



Ela Pathak-Sen and Paul Bentley (centre) who were married at The Painswick Hotel on 19th August. They are attended by their children Priyana, Ishaan and Nikhil, and best man Tim Huckstepp.

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'By the Way' - answer

(See question on page 4)

An easy one if you were at this year's Clipping Service. The answer we're looking for (no doubt there are many others!) is that they all preached in the open air in Painswick, as of course have many other notables down the centuries.

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Letters to the Editor

Parking

I refer to David Hudson's letter in the September 2000 Beacon regarding parking in the centre of the village and would wish to take issue with his pronouncement that it is a matter of fact that newcomers to the centre of the village "immediately want to move the goalposts to suit themselves and demand priority parking for residents." The arbitrary presumption of fact in this statement is quite breathtaking!

I moved from Gloucester to a small cottage without parking in the village three years ago, together with my family (and two cars). We moved in the full knowledge of the often difficult parking situation and can assure David Hudson that we have not contemplated requesting the moving of goal posts, priority parking or any other measures to secure our parking arrangements, either immediately after our arrival in the village or at any time since. I suspect this applies equally to many other 'newcomers'.

Surely, to maintain a living and vibrant community, when properties in the centre of the village become available, the undeniable objective must be to attract people and families to live in and maintain

these properties as owner-occupiers and, in doing so, to contribute to the life of the village. It is an unavoidable fact of modern life that people of working age will require cars.

A suitably enlightened and lateral thinking traffic and parking policy might assist in achieving this objective. Increased parking restrictions and policies reflecting blinkered statements or Luddite attitudes surely will not.

Geoff Robinson, Vicarage Street

PLEASE NOTE: Another anonymous letter has been received this month. The sentiments expressed were quite reasonable, but we only print letters if a name and address are provided. We appreciate that there are times when writers may have a genuine reason for not having their name printed, and we will treat any such requests sympathetically, but in all cases we must know who has written to us.

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.

Flower arranging at the Rococo Garden

A series of one and two day flower arranging courses is scheduled to take place between mid-October and early December at the new Orangery in the Rococo Garden. The courses include both weekend and midweek dates with some of the

courses specifically aimed at beginners whilst the others are for intermediate-level flower arrangers with one or two years experience. The more advanced will also be catered for with demonstrations of contemporary styles followed by practical sessions to try out some of the current techniques in floral design. There will be a number of themed days including autumn designs, dried flower arranging and Christmas decorating.

The tutor for these courses will be Frances Fenwick NDSF FSF, a floristry lecturer from Capel Manor Horticultural College who lives in Pitchcombe.

If you would like further information and a programme of courses please call Frances on 07778 655220, or fax 01452 812246; email f@pfenwick.demon.co.uk

MONEY MATTERS

An open meeting is to be held at the Town Hall on Friday 3rd November, 2.15pm, on the subject of personal finances, with advice to be given on such subjects as income tax, savings, ISAs and Tassas. A talk will be given by a representative of the Money Management Council, which is "an independent body set up solely to educate today's consumer on money matters". The meeting has been organised by Painswick Senior Circle, and is open to all residents.

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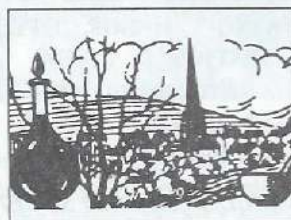
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Award for Cedric Nielsen

Painswick's Cedric Nielsen has received an award from English Nature in recognition of his work on the management of Painswick Beacon. The award comes under English Nature's SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) Award Scheme, a national scheme now in its fourth year.

In recommending Cedric for the award, Paul Hackman of English Nature wrote:

"Cedric Nielsen was a founder member [of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group] and has since become chairman of the group. It is his enthusiasm and drive that has kept the group going and ensured that they make a valuable contribution to the management, monitoring and promotion of the Beacon. In particular I would pick out Cedric's involvement in the following:

- organising, promoting and carrying out our regular practical workdays on the Beacon;
- regularly monitoring the butterfly population and other wildlife, such as orchids and birds;
- liaising with the golf course greens



Paul Hackman of English Nature (left) presents the certificate to Cedric Nielsen. Beacon Conservation Group chairman Malcolm Watts is on the right

keeper to ensure that patches of orchids are not mown during the flowering season;

- leading guided walks and giving talks about the Beacon in local villages;
- compiling a booklet on the Beacon, which was featured in the English Nature magazine;
- wardening the Beacon;
- actively seeking sources of funding for the Conservation Group and their work;

- carrying out a survey of old trees in the parish using the English Nature specialist survey forms."

Gwen Welch of the Beacon scrub clearing group has added her praise for Cedric's work. She says he sets a great example and "spurs us on".

The certificate and a gift book were presented to Cedric by Paul Hackman on 22nd September. In presenting the certificate, Mr Hackman said it was vital to have people like Cedric as a catalyst for local action. Malcolm Watts, current Chairman of the Conservation Group, was also present.

Honour for overseas work

John Meadley, a member of Painswick Quaker Meeting, was awarded an MBE in the most recent Queen's Honours List, for services to British Executive Service Overseas (BESO).

Every year BESO sends more than 600 experienced, generally retired, people on a voluntary basis to assist small businesses and charitable organisations in developing countries. John, who lives in Kings Stanley, has been involved with 120 such volunteers working in Ghana, where he has contributed to the establishment of an effective infrastructure which has increased the impact of the volunteers. The award also reflects work that he has done with small businesses in developing countries.

Ron and Frances Paterson of Sheepscote are currently, through BESO, assisting in the establishment of a mutual guarantee association in Ghana.

Readers will recall that Ian Crook of Painswick recently received the highest honour in Romania for his voluntary work with BESO.

Should any readers feel they have the skills appropriate to assisting the developing world they may write to BESO at 164, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 2RB.

Save the Children

The annual sale of Christmas goods and coffee morning will be held in Christ Church Hall on Thursday 26th October, 10am to 12 noon. There will also be a bring and buy stall. I have a number of catalogues already, so if you would like to have one and order with the local bulk order please phone me on 813165.

Eileen Cottle

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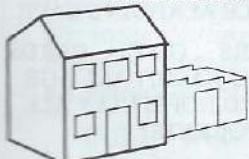
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Work starts on 'Village Design Statement'

Way back in 1979 the District Council formally adopted a Local Plan for Painswick village, a document which has proved to be of considerable value in the context of considering planning applications, as well as a point of reference for newcomers, developers, and so on. Such a 'local plan' is somewhat exceptional for a village, and Painswick has valued its existence.

There can be few who are unaware of the fact that the Parish Council undertook two major exercises in recent times. In 1990 a Village Appraisal was published, the end of a process in which over 800 of nearly 1300 electors in all villages in the civil parish participated by returning questionnaires about how people "viewed issues affecting the future" of our communities. The second project was to devise a Blueprint for the future, this to "set out the Parish Council's policies on a range of issues which affect the wider community".

However, the Painswick 'local plan' is now very much out of date. Further, as just about everyone living here will be aware, the District Council, following a revision of the County Structure Plan, will in late 2001 complete the process of revising its own District Plan.

The Government and its predecessor, through the Countryside Agency, has urged communities to proceed to prepare

what they describe as a Village Design Statement (VDS). Government state that "Used properly, VDSs can provide a useful tool for managing long term change". The Agency note that "a VDS offers an opportunity for local people to enter the planning process at an earlier stage and to make a positive contribution to the design of new development.

A VDS describes the qualities and characteristics of the village appreciated and valued by local people, in the form of design guidance for prospective developers. Village communities have a special and unique knowledge and appreciation of local character and distinctiveness in their own village. Village Design Statements can be linked directly to the formal planning system and used to influence planning applications and decisions.

Most people who live in the countryside are reluctant to see new development change their environment. Often, they feel that recent buildings have altered the character of their surroundings for the worse. This understandable disappointment with new buildings can lead to a resistance to development in general. But the countryside must change if it is to stay alive - farmers need new buildings, villages need affordable housing for young families, maybe they need a health centre or some buildings for local employment, people want to extend and alter their homes." Fundamental to the preparation of a VDS is the opportunity for all to participate.

The Agency has published guidelines for the rationale and ideas for the preparation of VDS, and these have been studied by the Parish Council and the Conservation Society. After deliberation, it has been decided to form a Design Team of nine, comprising three members of the Parish Council and the same number from the Blueprint Working Party and the Conservation Society. The Design Team's twin tasks will be to:-

- draw together relevant material contained in the three existing publications (mentioned above)
- carry out a VDS consultative exercise across the coming few months.

The objective is to produce a single inclusive document which contains the product of the VDS input and which can be acceptable to the District Council and others as a point of reference upon planning matters affecting Painswick and, hopefully, the three smaller villages (Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad), as well as views upon other aspects of what could make this an even better place to live in for the years ahead.

Parishioners will be urged to participate directly in one or more 'workshops' as commended by the Countryside Agency, probably in January or February. Details of this most important part of the exercise are being worked out and will be published in the Beacon next month. The documents being used by the Design Team will soon be placed together in the Library for reference, and comments will be welcome from any who care to study them. The Countryside Agency report is worthy of study by anyone having an interest in the future of the parish. It is impossible to precis the report adequately here, but it is important to stress its message that the end product "is about managing change, not preventing it".

The Design Team members are Leslie Brotherton, Ann Daniels, Gus Gaugain, Keith Hardwidge, David Hudson, Johnny Johnston, Carolyn Luke, Terry Parker and Anne Smith. Anne is heading the Design Team with Leslie having the role of Team Administrator. For information or otherwise please use his address at Longhope, Blakewell Mead, GL6 6UR.

Anne Smith, for the Design Team

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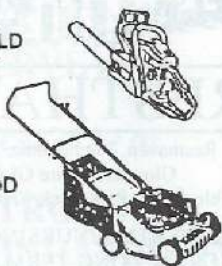
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Millennium medals

At last month's Parish Council meeting Ann Daniels stated that there were some surplus millennium medals available, following their distribution to children of primary school age in the parish. The medals are now on offer to parents of other Painswick children, at £4 each. Parents wishing to purchase one are asked to call in at the Town Hall.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

- 3 Court Cottages, Butt Green. Erection of conservatory and porch.
- 6 Court Orchard. Erection of conservatory.
- Boundary wall between Rockfield House and Rockmill House, Stroud Road. Retrospective application for reconstruction of retaining wall.
- Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close. Reduce crown of lime tree by 30% and carry out pruning work.
- Milton Cottage, Vicarage Street. Creation of additional car parking space.

Day of Prayer for World Peace

Each year the 'Churches Together Around Painswick' Committee organises a Day of Prayer for World Peace in the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Therese, Friday Street. The event is held on the Thursday during the national Week of Prayer for World Peace and the day this year falls on 19th October. The theme is 'Respect for one another' and various groups, including The Croft School, will attend the church at half-hourly intervals to reflect on the theme in differing ways. The day begins with Mass at 9am and ends with Final Prayers at 7pm. Full details of the day's programme are displayed on notice boards in Cranham, Painswick and Sheepscombe. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to spend some time, if only a short while, in the church during the day.

Terry Parker

St Mary's Flower Guild

The Flower Guild is having a flower demonstration by Beryl Griffiths followed by a hot lunch with a glass of wine on Thursday 26th October in the Church Rooms at 10am for 11am. Tickets at £9 are on sale from Susan Shearer, telephone 813815.

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- Upper Doreys Mill, Edge. Erection of extension and conservatory.
- Lanside, Queens Mead. Erection of garage and greenhouse.
- Damsells Lodge, The Park. Erection of log store and greenhouse.
- Bay Tree House, Far End, Sheepscombe. Erection of balcony and alterations to dwelling.
- 2 The Croft. Erection of conservatory to rear of house.
- Spoonbeds Farm, Gloucester Road. Demolition of building (originally dairy) within curtilage of listed building.

Revised Plans

- Oak House, Hambutts Drive. Erection of summer house. Main changes: high level windows removed.
- Damsells Mill Cottage, The Park. Erection of conservatory and alterations to roof on existing lean-to. Main changes: change of description to single storey extension and change of design.
- Rockmill House, Stroud Road. Erection of garden wall. Main changes: additional details of wall and other alterations.
- Turnways, Butt Green. First floor extension to create new bedroom and shower room. Main changes: reduction in size of 1st floor extension.

Consent

- Halebourne, Knapp Lane. Light crown

reduction of redwood and minor remedial pruning.

- Hyett Orchard, Hyett Close. Fell one lime tree and prune one thorn.
- Painswick Squash Club, Yokehouse Lane. Retrospective application for 'For Sale' sign.
- Larkshill Farm, Bulls Cross. Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling, garage/workshop and septic tank.
- Denbury, The Highlands. Erection of garden shed.
- Tullyfield, Longridge. Erection of 2-storey extension.
- Plot 3, Paul Camp, Edge. Erection of one 4-bedroom house.
- Stonecroft, Hambutts Mead. Conversion of integral garage to living space, addition of porch and erection of detached replacement garage.
- 28 Upper Washwell. Extension.
- Baraclough House, Hambutts Mead. Erection of single storey extension. Existing glazed link to be demolished.

Refusal

- The New House, Friday Street. Insertion of new shop fronts.
- The Park, Painswick. Outline application for residential development.

Refusal of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

- Continued use of land and buildings for open storage of reclaimed historical building materials, use of buildings for storage, retail display, workshop and office. Use of building as blacksmiths/engineering workshop.

Ready for the off



Mike Buttrey and Joan Nash pause for a photo outside St Mary's Church before setting off on the annual sponsored bike ride for Gloucestershire's Historic Churches on 9th September. In the centre is Ursula Daws who was doing the benefice walk around Painswick, Sheepscombe and Cranham.

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Fond (and not so fond) memories at the 30s Kids reunion

A chance encounter in a Painswick street five years ago had a very happy outcome for Mick Snell, a former Gyde House boy back in the village for the first time since he left as a 14-year-old in 1948.

Mick, a retired house painter now living in Sawlett, New South Wales, was seeking a B & B for the night, and the person he stopped to ask was none other than Arthur Lock, the Beacon's esteemed distribution supremo. Arthur, of course, was able to put him up, but he also introduced him to the 30s Kids group, and Mick became an associate.

The result of that was that Mick with his wife, Bobbie, met several Gyde Boys friends at the third triennial reunion of the 30s Kids at the Clipping Service on Sunday, 24th September. Mick stood out in the crowd somewhat – a battered leather sheep shearer's hat atop a huge white beard. And many of his old pals were

eager to hear of his experiences since being forcibly transported to Australia as an orphan. He was to learn later about his mother and aunts in Britain, but only after they had all died.

Not without a hint of bitterness, Mick recounted how he had been taken from Gyde House to Southampton to await the ship taking him and a host of others off to their "new life." In a tearful but memorable moment, the nun who accompanied him to the SS Moulton gave him a tiny green diary and told him to write in it every day of the six-week trip, and to write to her. Mick did both, and brought the diary with him to the reunion.

When they landed at Sydney, the youngsters were stripped and deloused – the latter being "really terrifying because we had heard at Gyde how the Nazis had gassed Jewish children and we thought it was happening to us," said Mick. Next

day, the 14-year-old was being shown how to milk cows, having been adjudged too old and too big to go to school. Mick stayed in farming, first as a sheep shearer then in dairy work before hitching back to Sydney, where he met Bobbie who was nursing there.

Despite not having been given Australian citizenship, Mick was conscripted into the Aussie army for National Service, and when demobbed, turned his hand to driving trams and later buses in Sydney. In 1973, he suffered severe spinal injuries in

an accident and was not able to work for several years; he later trained as a house painter and moved north to Sawlett.

"It's marvellous meeting so many old friends at this reunion, though in most cases I can hardly recognise them," he said. "We could not have come but for the tremendous generosity of everyone who helped with the air fare, and British Airways giving us a two-for-one deal. I'll be writing when I get back to thank them all for their extraordinary kindness."

The day after the Clipping Service and reunion, Mick and Bobbie left by coach for Great Ayton in Cleveland to meet his only living relative, a first cousin, and her family. The irony of that is, of course, that coincidentally Great Ayton is the birthplace of Captain Cook – he of Australia fame.

Another couple who had travelled



Christine Sheldon and Harold Pearce carry the relic 'Bow Wow' banner at last month's Clipping Service. The banner was made by Christine on behalf of the 30s Kids. The original went missing many decades ago

halfway around the world to the reunion was Tony and Susan Cooke, though they had been at previous reunions in 1994 and 1997. Tony was a messenger boy for the Post Office during the war after leaving Painswick School. "Some days were awful because we had to take down messages over the phone about injuries and deaths, then take them out to the people involved," said Tony. "Very difficult for young lads." He recalled the fascination as a boy of watching the night bombing of Bristol, and the bomb that dropped in Painswick.

Tony trained as a mechanic in the Army then worked at Goddards garage (his old boss, John Goddard, was also at the reunion), before he and his wife were persuaded by his uncle to emigrate to Vancouver in 1960 because it was "a land of opportunity with plenty of jobs." He worked first with a Jaguar dealership then with Chrysler before retiring and moving to Quebec. "There are lots of new faces at this year's reunion," he said, "some of them quite difficult to recognise from the old days. But the village has seen some changes too."

Tony Crook



John Bailey (left) of Painswick Local History Society takes notes as 93-year-old Louis Jackson recounts a colourful past. Louis was the oldest Painswickian at the reunion. He now lives in Cheltenham.



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Once again the children at The Croft School have begun the new academic year with

enthusiasm and all our new children have settled in well. Various activities have already been planned and we aim to keep Beacon readers up to date with all that we do. The children in Class 5 have been looking at the issues surrounding Martin Luther King, and children in Class 2 have been thinking of ways to keep their teachers happy!

Martin Luther King (Class 5)

An Obituary

Martin was born in 1929 and was shot last week on 4th April by a white man named James Earle Ray. When he was young his friends were white children - something very unusual in the USA at that time. At the age of 15 he won a place at a school for clever black children. After leaving school he became a church minister, but his real dream was to help black people gain their civil rights, much of which he achieved before his death. His epitaph will

be 'Freedom at Last'. He is survived by his wife Coretta and his four children. Some of his speeches are still remembered today.

Chloe Temple and Greg Gwilliam

A racist white policeman's point of view: "I am very annoyed with Martin Luther King because he is interfering with the law. He dared to argue with a bus driver when Rosa Parkes, a black lady, refused to give up her seat to a white person. Black people are second class citizens. They were our slaves. They should know their place in this country."

Thomas Williams and George Bancroft Livingston

Instructions for happy teachers (Class 2)

When I do my work good with a smile. Being good. Being kind to people.

Stephanie Jones

Don't run in the corridor. Listen carefully to cheer the teacher up. Make sure your maths are right. Don't bite.

Robert Sidwell

PTA One Hundred Club

For the last few years The Croft School PTA has been running a 'One Hundred Club' - a scheme whereby one hundred memberships are sold and a draw is held each month until July, with a first prize of £25 and a second of £10.

The school is constantly in need of new equipment and this is an opportunity for those with an interest in the school to help. If you would like to become a member of the club, please send, before 16th October, your name and address together with a cheque for £10 made payable to The Croft School PTA to Jillie Speed, The Old Carriage House, Edge, GL6 6PQ, or c/o The Croft School, Churchill Way.

Head Teacher

The Beacon has been informed that no decision has yet been made on appointing a successor to Bernard Jones and that Gary Tucker will continue to be Acting Headmaster in the interim period.

More memories...

Mrs B Hill of Cardiff writes:

"In 1999 my daughter and her husband went for a day out in the car. They saw a signpost which said Painswick. They decided to go there as my father came from Painswick. His mother and father kept the Adam and Eve Inn at Paradise. I was about 10 years old when I stayed at the Adam and Eve. I can remember it as if it was yesterday although I am 85.

My daughter went to Painswick and they searched around the churchyard for Granny and Grampy Tombs' grave but they couldn't find it. A man came up to them and asked if he could help them. He told them that they weren't buried there; they were buried by the golf links in the churchyard there. They went and found the grave and went back to thank the man. He told them there was a relative living in Pullens Road, so they went and found my father's sister's daughter - Mrs M Luker. It was a lovely surprise for my cousin and

me. They made arrangements to take me to see them and we had a lovely day.

Ever since they have sent me the Beacon which I thoroughly enjoy reading. My father was George Albert Tombs. He had three sisters and I think four brothers. One sister and her husband were landlords of the Rodborough Arms. They had four sons but I know they died very young.

It would be nice to know if I had any more cousins on my father's side (Tombs). I expect the other brothers are all gone now as my father was 70-odd when he passed away. He died in 1962 and my mother in 1964. We lived a long way from the Adam and Eve but I have always remembered my stay there although I was so young.

I am hoping to visit Painswick again before the bad weather sets in. Thank you for a very interesting paper."

(Mrs Hill lives at Llandow Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 5ET. Tel. 02920 554882)

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A tribute to Roy Truman OBE

The following is an extract from the address given by Professor Ted Burge at the Thanksgiving Service for Roy Truman at St Mary's Church last month.

Roy had a very clear idea of what sort of things he would wish to be included in this address. He wrote "In no circumstances do I want a résumé of my professional career." But I feel that he would allow a distinction, perhaps a somewhat academic distinction, to be drawn between a 'résumé' and a few pointers to significant events in his career. He began teaching in the mid 30s, obtained a Certificate in Education at The College of St Mark and St John in Chelsea, where later he became a lecturer, and he also took a BSc in Physics at Birkbeck College in London. He volunteered for National Service but asthma prevented his being accepted.

Roy showed his care for the young by taking parties to the sea-side on breaks provided by the Children's Country Holiday Fund. In the London area he developed a deep concern for the teaching of the underprivileged in inner cities, particularly the language development of bilingual children, and the teaching of multi-cultural groups. His creative and seminal ideas, and his ability to attract and inspire like-minded teachers, led to the foundation in 1963 of CUES, the Centre for Urban Educational Studies, which was made possible by the funding that he was able to attract. He became Director of the Centre with some seventeen staff. Many teachers associated with CUES write with great appreciation of his role in this work, and note that the influences have been long-lasting, and far-reaching. Their respect for Roy tumbles out of their letters: a pioneer, with vision and foresight, intellectual rigour, training in attitudes as well as skills, and "leaving his car in the garage and emphasising the usefulness of time waiting for buses and thinking about

where he has just been, rather than rushing from one appointment to another in vacuous haste". For the last twenty-two years of his working life, until he retired in 1978, he was a Schools Inspector, four years in Berkshire and the last eighteen in London. For this highly valued work he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

He first came to Painswick in the mid-thirties, to stay with his great-aunts, and from the early forties he spent vacations here until he met Joan, a daughter of one of his colleagues, and was married in 1952. He retired in 1978 and moved to Painswick in 1982. Roy shared Denzil Young's enthusiasm for looking after the many chest tombs in the churchyard (the finest collection in England), and organised the restoration of some of them. As a member of the Painswick Christian Men's Society, he became its chairman and served on the committee for a number of years, encouraging others to deepen their faith through education and fellowship. One of his delights was the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club, of which he was President for two years. As Field Officer he arranged trips as far away as Edinburgh, and to the countryside of his youth around Ely. In visits to buildings he showed his great love of architecture and his knowledge of art.

Roy made explicit three strands in his

Christian understanding, the first that love is at the heart of the Universe, the second that Christians have a certain hope, and the third that love in action is our duty and our joy. That is why he chose the reading from I Corinthians Chapter 13, in spite of its being what he called 'conventional'. He did not find it easy to talk about spiritual matters; his feelings were so deep that he was often at a loss for words. In the preparation of this address, I came to realise that we had much in common. In many ways, Roy and I, through our physics training and love of teaching, thought the same thoughts and prayed the same prayers. We saw the same order and beauty in creation, ring-fenced against evil by love, bonded by shared suffering, and we praised God with the same words, "This is the way that the world is made, let us rejoice and be glad in it". In choosing the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height' he made quite clear in his written notes "This Thanksgiving Service is to the praise of God, not me". The second hymn was the first hymn at his wedding and is a tribute to the constancy of his emphases in belief and in loving relationships. At peace in his soul, trusting God, and aware of the fullness of hope, he knew towards the end that he was approaching the edge of glory.

[Ted Burge also made reference to Roy's "love of cricket, theatre and jazz. He was also a radio enthusiast, starting with a crystal-set wireless, and was elected a Corporate Member of the Radio Society of Great Britain."]

Cotswold Care Hospice

Painswick News

We had a successful sale at our Aladdin's Cave in August and raised £373 for the work at the hospice. Goods unsold at the end were distributed to the charity shops in Stroud so we will start with new stock for our next sale. This will be our Autumn Fair on Saturday 28th October 10am to 3pm in the Town Hall. At that we will be selling Christmas cards, cakes, 'white elephants', gifts and children's books and a tombola with a prize every time. Coffee and tea will be served. Do join us for early Christmas shopping.

Flora Semark

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'Painswick in Bloom' results

We congratulate all who made the effort to grow plants in containers in the village this year because it was a real challenge to keep them looking good throughout the season. Once again the plantings really enhanced Painswick, giving pleasure to both residents and visitors. Our judge was Geraldine Jellyman, who also judged Stroud in Bloom this year and is involved with judging nationally. She came to the village twice to assess the quality of all displays visible to the public, in the centre of Painswick. The results were based on points awarded for cultivation, design, colour harmony and contribution to the street scene.

We have pleasure in announcing the winners, who were presented with the Painswick Horticultural Society silver trophies at the Show last month held in the Painswick Centre.



Our black and white photos don't do justice to the dazzling floral displays created by Clive and Jenny Murray (above) and Jack and Iris Cawson



BUSINESS CLASS

Winner: Murrays Estate Agents - Congratulations to Jenny and Clive Murray for their excellent display and on winning in the year after opening their business in Painswick. They have previously been winners, and have been commended, in the residential class.

Highly Commended: Painswick Woodcraft - Mr & Mrs Denis French.

RESIDENTIAL CLASS

Winner: 8 White Horse Lane - Congratulations to Iris and Jack Cawson, winning this class for the first time, who have had a beautifully kept, highly colourful display this year.

Commended: Golden Heart Cottage - Mr & Mrs Gunton.

Naomi Dunn

New season of Austerity Lunches

Once again the month of October heralds the start of another round of Austerity Lunches. A host team from St Mary's Church will welcome you at Christ Church Hall, Gloucester Street, from 12.15pm to 1.15pm on Monday 16th October. Home-made soup, bread and cheese will be served for a minimum contribution of £1.20.

From the twenty one lunches held in the 1999/2000 season the sum of over

£1700 was raised thanks to the generosity of hosts, hostesses and supporters. Each of the three charities, Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children received £563.50. The PAL committee is greatly indebted to the members of Christ Church for the use of their hall.

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Saturday night at the (Painswick) Palladium

... or Painswick Rugby Club, to be more accurate, where a host of top international acts from Abba to ZZ Top gathered to perform in aid of a combined appeal for the Sheepscombe Village Hall and Playgroup funds.

The Club's hall was festooned with streamers and the air filled with the delicious smell of barbecue as the first act hit the stage - a truly awful Elton John who was fortunate not to join the pig roasting on a spit outside. The show was quickly salvaged however as a succession of singers including Oasis, Robbie Williams and Tina Turner each took the wildly enthusiastic crowd of over a hundred eager music fans by storm.

Nothing however had quite prepared them for the two acts which crowned the evening. First up there was Shirley Bassett & the Allsorts with "Hey Big Spender" - a Burberry-clad trio who discarded their raincoats to reveal much more than talent before their cheering fans.

The crowning moment of the evening came, however, as the night's 'special guest' was revealed - none other than Elvis Presley, persuaded out of anonymity (he is now a consultant at Gloucester Royal) to perform one of his Las Vegas show stoppers from his 'burger' years.

The event ended with most of the top acts reuniting on stage for a communal rendition of American Pie which should send eager fans rushing out to the shops - though whether for records or ear plugs is

debatable.

Thanks are due to the many sponsors of this unique event, including the Nuffield Hospital for their kind donations making the evening such a brilliant success. The organisers including Dawn Isaacs, Maddy French and the ever shy Pat Mahandren are to be congratulated on arranging such a great event. To gather so many celebrities together without a single tantrum is a major achievement, but to do so with such a mixture of talent made the night huge fun.

Oh, and the karaoke machine idea was a real winner.

Reg Dwight

Christian Aid Christmas cards

Two coffee mornings will be held at the home of Joyce Taylor, "Pilgrims", 6 Churchill Way, on Thursday October 19th and Friday October 20th from 10.30 until 12 noon. There will be a good selection of Christmas cards, paper and Advent calendars for sale. Please do support this event. By doing so you will help people in the poorer areas of the world have an improved standard of living. Catalogues are available before the days if you would like to order in advance.

Frankie Marsh (812829)

London coach

A few seats are still available on the London coach on Wednesday 18th October leaving Stamages Lane at 8.30am and returning from Trafalgar Square at 6.30pm. The fare is £9.

Bookings (cash or cheques made payable to Painswick L and B Outings) should be made with Pauline Berry (813227) or by post to her at Highfold Farm, Painswick, GL6 6RF, of left at the Patchwork Mouse, New Street.

It would be appreciated if those who have booked, but not yet paid, could do so before the 18th, please.

Golden Wedding



Pictured above are Gladys and Don Harding, who celebrated their golden wedding on 2nd September.

Don and Gladys were both born and brought up in Gloucestershire, Don in Ruscombe and Gladys in Tetbury. They met and married at Tetbury and lived in Ruscombe before moving to Whitehorse Lane, Painswick, in the early 60s. This was a homecoming in a sense, because Don's family has strong connections with the village. Both his father and grandfather were born here, and his grandfather was in fact the last landlord of The Fleece in Bisley Street before its closure in 1906.

Don and Gladys are very active in the village, and Don is a sidesman at St Mary's Church. Gardening is a great love, and it may be recalled that in 1998 they won the Painswick in Bloom competition.

Gladys and Don's two daughters, both of whom live locally, put on a surprise party for them at the Falcon to mark the occasion, and they were delighted to be greeted by many old friends from way back.

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Archaeology of the Painswick Manorship

The opening meeting of the season for the Painswick Local History Society was held on 19th September. This was a talk by Amaury Blow on the archaeology of Painswick, which he had unfortunately been prevented from giving last February.

Archaeologists have come to the opinion that the hill fort which we now know as Painswick Beacon, but earlier was Kimsbury Hill, was constructed in the fourth century BC. It is, as iron age forts go, very small, only some seven and a half acres in extent. It is possible that the present structure which shows three rings of fortification on the southern side (which would in iron age times have been surmounted by a stockade) may have been a reconstruction of a fort with a single ring of ditches. The entrances have been carefully constructed with the ramparts turned inwards at these points, which would have made a hostile approach by attackers very difficult.

It is surprising that there is little evidence of significant fortification on the north east side (towards the Royal William). There seems no simple explanation for this. Could the ditches simply have been some form of status symbol? As the area enclosed by the fortification has been much quarried over the years simple archaeological digging is not possible. It may, however, be that there are iron age implements and artefacts to be found in the spoil heaps that quarriers have thrown up. Some of the ditches on the eastern side are outside the area of the scheduled ancient monument. Mr. Parry, who made an archaeological survey in 1995, suggested that the fort may have been abandoned in the first century BC.

The construction of the fort is likely to have coincided with the arrival of

farming, which commenced in the Spoonbed area, still the principal arable area of the parish today. It is likely that forts along the escarpment would have kept in touch with each other, Brotheridge to the north and Harescombe to the south. It is likely, as suggested by Peter Minall in an earlier talk to the Society, that there was a prehistoric route linking these forts. Amaury Blow referred to the established method of dating hedges, which suggests that hedges along Sevenleaze Lane may be as much as 800 years old.

A Roman settlement, a villa, was discovered at Ifold in 1868. The Painswick historian, Baddeley, who excavated some of the site, says that the villa went through various phases. Tiles were found marked "RPG" i.e. Res Publica Glevensis. Coins were found relating to the reign of Constantine, but it is likely that occupation continued on the part of the Romano-British population until 577 when the British in the west were defeated by the Saxons at the Battle of Dyrham, near Bath. It is possible that there was also a Roman villa at Brownhill. It has been suggested that part of Stockley Way which leads down from King Charles's Stone to Upton St Leonards may be Roman. Roman tiles have been found in this area.

At the time of the Domesday Book there was a population of some 70 households in the Manor with 53 teams of oxen and some three mills in operation, as well as some sheep. The area was divided into four tithings, which in theory comprised each of them some ten households, in each of which each family was responsible for the actions of the others. The tithings were Edge, Spoonbed, Sheepscombe and Stroud End. It is possible that there may have been a village at Spoonbed which has disappeared. This would have been located in the area around Holcombe; the numerous footpaths which now cross this area may originally have been the roads which served the community here. A number of utensils dating from 12th, 13th and 15th centuries have been found here. There were twenty-six families in 1495, and the area may later have been turned over to sheep pasture.

Amaury Blow also referred to the

possible moated house which can be seen in aerial photographs of the Castle End area, just below Painswick Beacon. He indicated that Edge Farm probably dates from 15th and 16th centuries where the smoke marks can be seen on the original crucks. There is a 19th century barn there which appears to incorporate part of a 14th century tracery window, suggesting some ecclesiastical connection; we know that Spoonbed was the property of Llanthony Abbey for some centuries.

The next meeting of the History Society is due to be held at the Croft School on Tuesday, October 17th, at 7.30pm, when Dr Ray Wilson will be talking on "Stroud's Other Industries", i.e. other than cloth.

Hywel James

Painswick Wives' Fellowship

Painswick Wives Fellowship will give a warm welcome to any ladies who would like to attend their meetings. On 11th October Penny Smith, Coordinator of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, will give a talk about the Guild. The meeting is in the Painswick Centre starting at 8pm. On 25th October Stan Newey will talk about the production of the Painswick Video, Christ Church Hall, 8pm. These both promise to be very interesting meetings. For more details please contact Gill Gyde, 812587.

At last month's AGM, elections were held for the officers and committee, and these are as follows: President - Pamela Bamber, Vice-President - Peggy Mines, Secretary - Gill Gyde, Treasurer - Pamela Westcott, Committee - Doreen Boon, Gladys Harding, Pamela Musty, Audrey Price, Joyce Tranter.

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Vans and Pans at the Senior Circle

1st September and back from our summer break, Senior Circle members gathered to catch up on news and share a very pleasant afternoon with Wynn Roberts and his wife caravanning in the lovely Picos de Europa mountainous region of Northern Spain.

For some years the Roberts have arranged group holidays - twenty-four taking part with their own caravans, all following the planned route but not, I hasten to add, travelling in convoy! No one got lost but any in trouble found help near to hand. Small sites were chosen for preference (good facilities a must) and a few nights in each place walking and enjoying a varied itinerary certainly made a pleasant month's holiday.

Each evening the group, many of whom had travelled together before, gathered under the Roberts' awning to discuss the day and the one ahead. Their interests varied from birds, flowers and art and certainly jokes, with believe it or not, a full medical team quite inadvertently coming together which could have been quite useful.

One such site enabled them - and us - to see the very fine art work in the Caves of Altamira where the animal life of years back is still clearly illustrated in brilliant colours.

I have been fortunate enough to holiday in this lovely area and was happy travelling back even if only for half an hour but wishing I could return. This is certainly an area well worth exploring and easy to reach via Santander.

15th September and Derek Hodges

with a very different topic. Myth or reality, fact or fiction, however one looks at the connections between Pan and Painswick there is much to occupy the mind. A revival of a neo-Pagan cult flourished here in the 1770s with a dining club at Beacon House resplendent with decorative figures of birds and animals and Pan himself. We heard how Benjamin Hyett of Painswick House was its leader but did he really believe in the power of Pan and could he possibly have persuaded the locals to do so? Processions and the famous doggy pies were all part of this. Then much later when the Revd Seddons came to Painswick, he used this legend as an opportunity to gather his flock together in a Christian ceremony embracing the Church - Clipping Sunday as we know it today. Dark things certainly went on in Painswick in the 1770s but whilst one statue of Pan at Painswick House is at present under dispute, we are assured another is safely buried somewhere in our Churchyard.

But there was a great deal of fact for us to enjoy in Derek's talk with slides showing local houses, occasions and people here in Painswick. We learned of the gradual building of St Mary's as we know it today with St Peter's Chapel the oldest part. The tomb of the Knight and his Lady upon which we today place tributes to our loved ones holds quite a story. The Puritan soldier's graffiti dating from when the Church was a Royalist prison is always a source of interest and Painswick Lodge, perhaps not so well known, was where Henry VIII brought his new bride Anne Boleyn, maybe to avoid his own troubles at Court. And did you realise 2003 will see the 750th Anniversary of our own Town Charter?

Whether you accept fact or myth, you would have enjoyed Derek Hodges' talk. Whether you knew him as Chairman of the Parish Council, as Headmaster of our School or more recently as a bowler or in the Choir at St.Mary's, you would realise that he certainly knows Painswick and he certainly did not disappoint us.

Daphne Hudson

Music appreciation in September

First a hearsay report (your correspondent was away walking in the Italian Marches). Getting on for thirty - not bad for an opening of the season audience - listened to Richard Purdy on 14th September presenting a very relaxed evening of music "vaguely related to the forthcoming year's programme". Vaguely, because Richard, with only condensed programme notes to hand, had to make intelligent guesses about what music subsequent speakers would be presenting. He kicked off the first half with a 1923 recording of Richard Tauber and, sticking to well-loved classics, followed with excerpts from Lucia di Lammermoor, Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C, Rosenkavalier, Louis Kentner playing Chopin and the Thieving Magpie ("bracing stuff", he says). Then followed a brief AGM with Leslie Brotherton reporting a successful year and thanking all the helpers. Back to 1927 in the second half: Ernest Lough singing old

favourites by Mendelssohn, Paul Robeson with Ole Man River and Gigli Mattinata, and "home on a good tune" with Beethoven's Romance no. 2.

On 28th September, after this went to press, we will have heard from Jim Grantham of the Cirencester Gramophone and Music Club why 1923 was such a good year for music. And now we look forward to Alex Nichols's presentation on 12th October of operas by composers we never remotely considered operatic.

Stop Press: Ballet visit on 2nd November - Swan Lake, English National Ballet, Bristol - is now sold out.

Ralph Kenber

Bird Club meeting

Members of the Bird Club should note that the combined meeting with the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on the Introduction of the Red Kite in the Chilterns, by Nigel Snell, will be in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on 13th October. A change of venue but the same fascinating talk.

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Horticultural Society Show enjoyed by all

The forty-eighth Annual Show was held on Saturday 9th September at the Painswick Centre. A gloriously warm and sunny day welcomed exhibitors as they brought over 300 exhibits to the hall. The hard work of committee members, and others enlisted for the day, was rewarded with a really excellent show. Over fifty people staged exhibits and, as usual, a tremendous effort was made by those who ran the show's fund-raising activities.

Presenting the prizes for the first time as President, Gordon Gardner must have felt extremely proud as he handed the Felicity Sharwood-Smith Junior Cup to his granddaughter Alice. Alice's sister Fiona and her brother William also won first prizes in a junior section containing five exhibits from five new entrants.

In the Horticultural Section, new exhibitor awards were presented to Alan Major and Beryl Bailey for vegetables and flowers respectively. Brenda Dunn received the DT Browns Cup for onions and Betty Wood received a similar trophy for culinary herbs. The Worshipful Company of Gardeners Diplomas for Excellence were awarded to Liz Major for her fine pot plant, described by judge Ray Fardon as "having received a great deal of TLC", and to Keith Crane for his excellent damsons. These also gained Keith the special prize for fruit, and to cap a fine, all-round



Kathleen Quant with her prize-winning dessert apples. Kathleen is the daughter of the late Ted Chandler who made such an impact on the Show



As usual the cakes and preserves table attracts admirers

performance he retained the Felicity Sharwood-Smith Rose Bowl for multi-headed roses.

Iris Harris was delighted to win her first major award at the show, taking the JS Dent Cup for a single HT rose. John Stuart won the special prize for best foliage pot plant, Dulcie Brotherton took the Christine Arnold Memorial Prize for best decorative shrubs and a certain chairman of the society received the EH Chandler plate for best collection of vegetables, the John Chandler Memorial Trophy for vegetables, and the Banksian Medal for most prize money in the horticultural section.

In the Decorative Section entries were low in terms of numbers, but very high in standard. Maureen Stephenson won the Society's Challenge Cup for her exhibit entitled 'What a Celebration' and also took the special prize in the class that described her skilled arrangements, 'Simply Splendid'. Kathleen Quant maintained her family's record of success at the show as she won the new trophy for best miniature arrangement. Nancy Shepherd was delighted to receive the Certificate of Merit for Floral Art for the best arrangement.

The Domestic Section was as usual very well supported and judge Grace Browning was faced with the pleasant task of sampling almost 100 entries. Beryl Bailey came top in the preserve classes and



Elizabeth Major, who won first prize in the decorative section with this beautiful evening bag

Hilda Musty took Dorothy Cox's Special Prize for baking. Gordon Gardner was the most successful entrant in the 'Men Only' cookery class.

The Handicraft Section contained excellent work, with the Society's Cup being presented to Liz Major for best exhibit. Marvellous entries in this section helped Nina Harris to win the WI Cup for the first time. Her victory came by the narrowest possible margin from former cup holder, Society secretary Pauline Lamont, who, despite a very painful leg injury, still managed to submit a total of 22 entries, and help with show duties! We wish her a good recovery, and similarly to loyal helpers Gladys Hobbs and Isabel Stanyon who were very much missed this year.



Joyce Hunt won first prize for her arrangement 'From the Shrubbery'

The Society looks forward now to a new season of talks commencing on October 11th with TV presenter Michael Leach speaking on 'Plants of Personality' at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. New members may join the society on this occasion and existing members may renew their subscriptions.

Tickets are still available for the Autumn Supper to be held on Saturday 21st October and may be obtained from Philip Berry, 813227.

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AGM sensation! The MOO most disorganised! The end of PaDS as we know it? PADS IS DEAD - OFFICIAL!

Comfortable in the knowledge that everything was in *Alphabetical Order* (16th, 17th, 18th November, Painswick Centre), few can have expected the bombshells that hit the PaDS AGM on 21st September.

It all started off quietly enough. Chairperson-For-Life Jan 'How-did-I-get-myself-lumbered-with-this-job-and-why-can't-I-get-rid-of-it?' Campbell reported on a highly successful year on and off stage. Two main productions (*Absurd Person Singular* and *An Inspector Calls*) were accompanied by a series of other dramatic events (the *Halloween Supper* last October, *Spring is in the Air* in April, a convincing *Queen Victoria & John Brown* and the *What The Butler Saw ... I have to report that, for the first time since the re-birth of PaDS in 1997, we have failed to make a loss!* Machine for Victorian Day), not to mention a few odd (some very odd) parties, barbecues etc. A truly memorable year with audiences and membership on the up. PaDS was clearly set for a long run.

Little did she know what was to follow as she handed over to the Treasurer, Andrew Leach, for the financial report. Andrew got to his feet with that grave 'you've all been very naughty children' demeanour which treasurers are supposed to adopt when addressing lesser mortals. Then came the first bombshell.

'I'm afraid that I have to report that, for the first time since the re-birth of PaDS in 1997, we have failed to make a loss! Putting it in simple terms, despite our very best endeavours and notwithstanding the odd party, barbecue etc, we have ended

up the year with more money in the bank than we started with. And we've still got two cases of Waitrose Hungarian red left unopened!'

The stunned silence was broken only by the gurgle of a bottle of Waitrose Hungarian red being hurriedly opened. Gradually the full import of what had been said dawned on those assembled. PaDS was doing something right! PaDS had re-established itself! PaDS was a success! PaDS would last for a thousand years!

It was time for the second bombshell.

'In view of the success of PaDS, there is only one possible way forward! Put an end to PaDS now!

Thus spake the Painswick Players Patriotic Front. Now was the time, in this millennial year, for drama in Painswick to return to its roots! Once more we should become the

Painswick Players, as originally launched by Lucy Hyett back in 1923. After a bit more stunned silence and a few mutterings from the Paddite Tendency, the motion was carried amid scenes of tumultuous uproar, only partially connected to the opening of second and third bottles of the Hungarian red.

PaDS was dead! Long live Painswick Players!

At length, the meeting was called to (Alphabetical) Order for director Alasdair King to name the cast for the next production (*Alphabetical Order* by Michael Frayn, 16th, 17th, 18th November). As one, all edged forward on their seats in excited expectation. The Most Organised One, our revered Secretary Jean Burgess, looked quietly confident.

I should, perhaps, at this point mention that *Alphabetical Order* is set in a totally chaotic newspaper library, populated by disorganised misfits and run by Lucy (the most disorganised misfit of all), which is then completely reorganised by the quiet efficiency of the most organised Leslie, who quietly reorganises everything up to

and including the private lives of all concerned. In other words, the MOO was confident of extending her private persona to the stage.

'The Most Organised Leslie is to be played by...' announced Alisdair with beautifully judged theatrical timing '...Lesley Wolowiecz!'

There was a sharp intake of breath. '...and the part of the disorganised Lucy goes to... Jean Burgess...!'

If it is possible for a seated mass on the edge of its seats to step back in amazement, this is what it now did. Later excuses that having Leslie played by Lesley made it easier in rehearsals and that Lucy was the really juicy part did nothing to mollify The MOO. Her face took on an expression between shock and outrage, something I've seen only once before, many years ago, when she was offered rear-end of Daisy on the basis that 'she'd always been a bit of a cow!' (*This man knows no fear!* - Editor)

Anaesthetized by this bombshell, the rest of the casting was received in awed silence. After his masterfully taciturn performance as Mr John Brown on *Victorian Day*, Benedict Kolczynski gets to play the equally taciturn, though rather less masterful, Arnold, who is being pursued by Gill Cox as the carnivorously maternal Nora. Kevin Parker is his usual urbanely suave self (!) as John, who vies with the relentlessly jocular Wally (Andrew Leach) for the attentions of the juicy Lucy.

And yes, as it happens, I did get a part: as Geoffrey, an elderly, bumptious jobsworth. (*No change there, then - Editor*).

To see how it all turns out, make a note in your diary: *Alphabetical Order*, 16th, 17th, 18th November, Painswick Centre. Or better still, why not become part of PaDS...sorry Painswick Players: there are still one or two interesting (and fun!) offstage parts to be filled. Call Jean Burgess now on 01452-812167. Go on: make her day!

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October

10th	Painswick Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) - Puppies and Beginners Intermediate Advanced Dogs	Christ Church Hall	9.30 - 10.15am 10.15 - 11am 11 - 12 noon
	Harvest Supper: Mothers' Union/PCMS	Church Rooms	7.30pm
11th	Conversational French Classes (Advanced) - Wednesdays Conversational Italian Classes (Intermediate) - Wednesdays Some places still available: Tutor - Caterina Krucker	Library Room " "	9.30 - 11am 11.30am - 1pm
	Painswick Probus: Meredith & Drew (United Biscuits) - C Baker	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10am
	Horticultural Society: Plants of Personality - Michael Leach	Town Hall	7.30pm
	Painswick Chamber of Trade & Commerce AGM	Ostlers Room, Falcon	7.30pm
	Wives' Fellowship: Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen - Penny Smith	Painswick Centre	8pm
12th	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Alex Nichols: "He wrote an Opera?"	Town Hall	7.30pm
13th	W.I. Market: Fridays	Town Hall	10am
	Senior Circle: The Art of Church Bell-ringing - S J Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
	Combined Meeting: Painswick Beacon Conservation Group/ Painswick Bird Club: The Introduction of the Red Kite in the Chilterns - Nigel Snell (English Nature). All welcome (Non members £2)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat 14th	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	The Falcon	12.30pm
	Oriel Singers Concert in aid of Mission to Seafarers	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
15th	Granny's Attic Sale. Free Entry	Town Hall	11am - 4pm
16th	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Parish Church	Christ Church Hall	12.15 - 1.15pm
17th	Local History Society: Stroud's Other Industries - Dr Ray Wilson	Croft School	7.30pm
	Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry charge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
18th	Outing to London: Enquiries 813227	Stamages Car Park	8.30am
	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.45pm
19th	Sale of Christian Aid Christmas cards and goods (also 20th)	6 Churchill Way	10.30am - noon
	Painswick WI: A Child in World War II - Roger Horsfield	Town Hall	2.30pm
	Day of Prayer for World Peace	Catholic Church	9am - 7.30pm
	Sheepscombe Bridge Club. AGM and Bridge evening	Sheepscombe V Hall	7.15pm
20th	Sale of Christian Aid Christmas cards and goods	6 Churchill Way	10.30am - noon
Sat 21st	Cranham Auction Sale. Sale starts 2pm. Viewing from 11am	Cranham Village Hall	Viewing 11am
	Horticultural Society Autumn Supper	Painswick Centre	7 for 7.30pm
22nd	COPY DATE: All items to Mrs Jillie Speed, The Old Carriage House, Edge, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street		
	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group, scrub clearing meeting (Please bring own tools and wear strong outdoor clothing)	Catbrain Car Park	10am
23rd	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mr & Mrs Arthur Lock	Christ Church Hall	12.15 - 1.15pm
25th	Painswick Probus: Pilgrim Fathers - D Drake (followed by informal lunch)	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10am
	No Conversational French/Italian Classes today	Library Rooms	
	Wives' Fellowship: Painswick Video - Stan Newey	Christ Church Hall	8pm



26th	DIARY DEADLINE: All items to Mrs Edwina Buttrey, 14 The Croft, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street		
	St Mary's Flower Guild. Flower Demonstration and Lunch	Church Rooms	10am for 11am
	Save the Children Coffee Morning with sale of Christmas Goods	Christ Church Hall	10am - 12noon
	Talk: After Jubilee 2000 - Ways Forward for Debt Relief - Captain Barrie Glover	Church Rooms	7.45pm
27th	Senior Circle: Kiribati, The Gilbert Islands. Life, Customs and Music on a Pacific Atoll - Anthony Robinson	Town Hall	2.30pm
28th	Painswick Centre Open Day	Painswick Centre	2pm - 8pm
	Cotswold Care Autumn Fair. Christmas cards, gifts, cakes etc	Town Hall	10am - 3pm
30th	Austerity Lunch - Hostesses - Mesdames Stuart & Price	Christ Church Hall	12.15 - 1.15pm
November			
2nd	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Ballet Visit (Sold Out)	Bristol Hippodrome	7.30pm
3rd	Public Meeting: Personal Financial Advice (Arranged by Senior Circle)	Town Hall	2.15pm
Sat 4th	November Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published		
5th	Extended Coffee Morning and Sale for Brooke Hospital for Animals	Town Hall	11am - 2.30pm
11th	Painswick Conservatives Bridge Drive	Church Rooms	2pm
18th	Charity Sale at Christ Church. Gifts, cake stall, refreshments. Some stalls available for renting by other organisations. Contact 812117 or 812587 for details	Christ Church Hall	10am - 3pm

Rugby Fixtures [(L) denotes league match]. Home fixtures 3pm until clocks go back, then 2.30pm.

	First XV	United (2nd XV)
Sat 7 Oct.	(Cup) Hucclecote (Away)	Gordon League (Home)
Sat 14 Oct.	(L) Cainscross (Away)	(L) Cainscross (Home)
Sat 21 Oct.	(L) Kingswood (Home)	(L) Kingswood (Away)
Sat 28 Oct.	Drybrook (Away)	Drybrook (Home)
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Hot stuff down under

With a population of only four million people alongside sixty million sheep, where else could one be but in New Zealand? This is where Painswick WI members were one afternoon in September. Mrs Janet Jenkins, a resident of our village, who is a retired geologist and teacher, came to speak about the country and in particular its volcanic activity.

New Zealand is sometimes called the Shaky Islands, said Mrs Jenkins. When she and her husband were there they experienced teacups shaking in their saucers, for example, caused by volcanic disturbance below ground.

Each of our members was provided with a sketch map of the country showing its five volcanoes, all on North Island, and, too, with drawings showing how volcanoes and geysers work. The scenery that one was able to enjoy from Janet's slides was breathtaking. There were high, frozen mountain peaks, extinct volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, ice, snow, steam, 4,000-foot sheer cliffs, the deep blue of Lake Taupo (the biggest hole in the world, said the speaker), and peaceful, green pasture land in November, where many thousands

of sheep grazed quietly, in spring sunshine. Pink and mauve lupins grew in profusion by the roadsides.

One of our members, Beth McDonald, has first-hand knowledge of New Zealand, so it was appropriate that she was able to propose a vote of thanks to Janet on behalf of us all.

Opening the business part of our meeting, President Barbara Thorley had remarked that this was the first day of the new term, possibly accounting for a certain amount of lively chat that was going on! There was a reminder that we shall be celebrating our own Institute's 80th birthday with lunch in Christ Church Hall at 12 for 12.30pm, on Wednesday 25th October. Tickets, at £6, will be available at our October meeting. There was news of a forthcoming knock-out darts competition, scrabble, the ever-popular Echo Challenge Quiz, a knitting and stitching show and photography classes.

Finally, it was pleasant to browse and enjoy looking at a collection of splendid photos taken at our July meeting in Barbara Harley's garden.

Dorothy Binns

WI Market - Christmas 2000

Orders are now being taken for Christmas. They can be placed at the Friday markets in the Town Hall at 10am.

A variety of Christmas fare will be available: cakes, puddings, mince pies, mincemeat and chocolate logs. It is also advisable to place orders for other requirements. Please order early to avoid disappointment.

The last market before Christmas will be Friday 15th December, opening again Friday 5th January 2001.

A parcel of WI market produce can also be arranged to be sent to friends through another market if away from Painswick.

Weekly markets provide a wide range

of goodies - home baking (savoury and sweet), honey, preserves, eggs, fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants and craft.

For any information phone Mrs Boon on Painswick 813850.

Conservatives' bridge drive

This annual bridge drive will again be held in the Painswick Church Rooms on Saturday 11th November, from 2pm until about 6pm, and organised by Francis Otway. A light-hearted afternoon, and all standards welcome. Partners will be provided if necessary. Entrance charge is £5 including the usual excellent tea. Tickets may be obtained from Ralph Kenber, 813259, Francis Otway, 812203, and John Stephenson-Oliver, 812232.

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The Personal Column

Congratulations

Our congratulations to JESSICA HARTLEY (Pauline Foreman's granddaughter) who has been awarded one of four places at the Central London School of Speech and Drama;

Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to LUCY BICKFORD, LES JONES, JOHN HULME, ISOBEL JONES and VERA ILLINGWORTH.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of LESLIE SMITH (Police Sergeant in Painswick for many years), BRONWEN JENNINGS, LESLIE BROWN, PAM ROBINSON and SIDNEY HOLDER.

Baby

Congratulations to LUCY BAMBER and CHARLIE RUSSELL on the birth of their son Harry Nicholas on 7th September, a first grandchild for Pamela and Alan Bamber.

Comings and Goings

We welcome Mrs and Mrs HUGHES who have moved into Tithe Cottage, Vicarage Street;

and Dr ZAHIR SHAH who has moved into Butt Cottage, Churchill Way.

We also welcome to Painswick NICOLA HAYWARD, the new Practice Manager at Painswick Surgery, from north Bristol;

also CHRISTIAN VERRINDER, the new GP Registrar who has joined the Surgery for a year, having spent the past year gaining further medical experience in Australia.

EILLEEN O'SULLIVAN has moved to no 8 Ashwell House, but keeps the same phone number (812613).

We are pleased to see that VAL FUNNELL is well enough to return to work at the Library.

Wedding

Best wishes for their future happiness to ELA PATHAK-SEN and PAUL BENTLEY of Ha'Penny Cottage who were married at the Painswick Hotel on 19th August.

Emerald Wedding

Congratulations to DORRIE and BERNIE CHILD who celebrated fifty-five years of married life on 6th September.

Engagement

Congratulations to EMILY LENDON and DAVID REES of Cardiff whose engagement was announced recently.

Thank You

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the love I have received in the last six months while Roy was ill and following his death in August. I have been quite overwhelmed by the number of cards and letters that have poured through my letter box as well as the greetings and anxious enquiries when out and about in Painswick. I even received tea and sympathy in Merrywalks, Stroud. So many of you took me to and from the hospital that I began to forget which colour and make of car to look out for. To all of you I say a very big THANK YOU. Painswick really is a wonderful place in which to live.

Joan Truman

HUGH, BARBARA and JENNIFER BROWNE (4 Juniper Cottages, Wick Street) would like to thank everyone from the village and the Croft School who supported us after the death of our daughter Johanna. We were very grateful for all the cards, flowers and donations. Donations may also be directly sent to CLIC who looked after her so well during the two years of treatment for her leukaemia.

BERYL SMITH of Upper Washwell would like to thank her neighbours and friends for their support and kindness on the death of her husband Les. Thanks also to those who attended the church service, sent letters, cards, flowers and donations for the Blue Cross animal charity.

JUDITH O'RIORDAN would like to thank all those who were so kind in the attention they gave her on the loss of Dorothy.

JOHN HULME would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes during his recent short spell in hospital. John says he is now on medication await-

ing further tests but is able to do a few hours in the shop to ease the load on Barbara. She has also been helped by the family, who have been overwhelmed by the kind offers of help from every quarter.

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