

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Be wary of the Giant Hogweed this summer

The Giant Hogweed, which can be very harmful to anyone who handles it or whose skin comes into contact with it, is growing again by the Painswick Stream. Each year, Stroud District Council asks local farmers to cut, burn and destroy (with chemicals if necessary) this plant that was brought to the UK in the late 19th century for ornamental gardens. The picture, right, is not taken in Painswick but some plants by the stream are about 14 feet tall, and almost inaccessible to the camera.

This month, the hogweed produces huge white flowers, up to 20 inches across, forming a large umbrella-like head. The plant itself can reach 16 feet in height. The leaves form a dark green rosette and are spiky at the ends; the stem is green with dark reddish-purple spots, hairy and hollow. It is this latter point that worries environmental officers most, especially as school summer holidays approach.

Derrick Ind, principal environment officer at SDC, says that the hollow stems are attractive to children as pea-shooters and 'telescopes,' but the abundant sap from the plant, on contact with skin, causes severe irritation, swelling and painful blistering in sunlight. This reaction can occur up to 24 hours after exposure to sunlight, and in some cases has resulted in recurrent dermatitis.

"The recent wet weather and warmth might have encour-



aged growth of the weed this year," Mr Ind told the Beacon. "Certainly it should never be handled without using protective clothing, and children should be kept well away." The District Council has pamphlets showing this and other dangerous plants in colour.

Giant Hogweed is native to Russia and Turkey, and produces each year more than 50,000 seeds that are dispersed by wind and water.

## Hollyhock Lane right of access

The County Council has told the Beacon that the proposal to add Hollyhock Lane to The Definitive Map of Rights of Way for Gloucestershire was being published in The Citizen newspaper on Friday 6th July. If no representations or objections are made, the County Council may itself confirm the necessary Order.

If objections are received, it will be for the Secretary of State for the Environment to determine whether or not the Order is confirmed. Confirmation would mean that pedestrians will have the right of access between New Street and Ashwell along the lane at all times. Ownership of the lane does not affect that right.

## Emailers, please note

The Beacon has a new email address which should be used with immediate effect. It is: [painswickbeacon@supanet.com](mailto:painswickbeacon@supanet.com)

If you have sent an email to the old Pipex address since 30th June, please re-send with the new address. Thank you.

## Fagin will open Victorian market

The Victorian Street Market next Saturday (14th July) will be opened by Fagin and the Artful Dodger at 11 a.m.

Hopefully the weather will smile on us this year (it's about time). There are lots of stalls, a steam engine, local line dancers, stilt walker, swingboats, barn owls, Morris women and lots more, and perhaps lots of villagers dressed in Victorian costume (Try a Victorian hat).

Come on, give it a try, it's fun. There

will be a fancy dress competition for children, with prizes for Bo-Peeps and Chimney Sweeps, Up to 4 years; 5 years to 8 years; 9 years to 11 years. To be judged at 3pm in the Painswick Centre.

There are bands to listen to and goodies to buy from the numerous stalls. Please come and enjoy our village day.

If you would like to help with organising or to hire a stall please contact Beverley Gorton on 812716.



## Shield to be presented

The 'Cow' shield, given to Croft School in the 80s and never presented (as recounted in the May Beacon), is at last going to have some pupils' names on it.

At a service in St Mary's Church at 2.30pm on 23rd July, conducted by the Rev Brian Torode, the shield will be presented by Moira Worthington, one of the original 'Cow Fund' committee. The names of the deserving pupils are being kept a strict secret until the event.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Council meeting of 20th June, reported by Iris McCormick

#### Affordable Housing

Mr Andrew O'Brien, the District Housing Development Officer, had been invited to the meeting to explain to councillors the precise meaning of 'affordable housing,' a term that had been constantly used in planning applications, but had not been defined. The District Council had recently commissioned a survey of the area to find out how much need there was for affordable housing. The survey indicated a significant and growing number of households in Painswick in this category.

Affordable housing was defined as "housing for those who cannot afford open market property prices or open market rents". In order to qualify for affordable housing an applicant household needed to have an income of £12,000 a year or less, and people in the household must be connected with the parish; in other words, living or working in the parish or have family links to the village.

#### Revised Nursing Home plan

Following a submission by District Cllr Barbara Tait, Stroud District Council had changed the local plan for Broad Ham Field so that the site would allow a nursing home and up to 20 associated dwellings. A revised application from the current developer had then been received and Council was asked for its views.

The initial proposal was for a nursing home (with approximately 50 beds) together with associated independent living units, to include ten for affordable housing. However, the revised proposal axed the affordable houses.

Cllr Hudson was concerned that, in addition to the density factors, the amenity land at the top of the site should be protected. He felt that the new plan was "too vague" about the amenity land and

about the footprint of the buildings on such a sensitive site. He and other councillors were keen to ensure this land would be properly protected from future applications by a legal agreement with the developer. Both Cllr Hudson and Cllr Watts raised their concerns over the density of building as the proposed nursing home complex was larger than on previous applications. Cllr Parker said he had received assurances from the developer that building density would remain the same as for previous applications. However, Cllrs Hudson and Watts said the wording on the application was too vague and problematic for them to endorse without more details.

Cllr Daniels voiced her concern over the loss of the affordable units and for this reason objected to the revised planning proposal. Chairman Cllr Parker said the application was only an outline one and that a nursing home had long been wanted by many people in the village. He urged the Council to accept in principle but with provisos that could be addressed more fully when the details were presented.

Cllr Watts summarised the views of Council in his proposal for a resolution neither to support nor to reject the outline application. He said that although most people were in favour of a nursing home facility the present proposal would be difficult to support in its current form.

Firstly, there were still concerns over density as no footprint was indicated on the plan; secondly, there was disappointment over the withdrawal of the affordable units; thirdly, there were concerns about protecting the land around the site from future development; and finally, there was concern at the loss of landscaping around the site, which previous applications had included. The resolution, that also called on SDC to introduce a Section 106 formal agreement, was passed by seven votes to one.

#### St Mary's Home benefits

More than £20,000 is expected to be made available for the benefit of young people in the village, as a result of the development planned for the St Mary's Home site. Although it is not sold yet, any developer will be obliged to make this provision as part of the building development agreement. This sum will be paid over on occupation of the tenth dwelling. The money must be used in connection with outdoor play areas for young people.

#### New Policeman for Painswick

The new village police constable, PC John Brakewell, attended the Parish Council meeting for the first time. He explained that he would be based at Bussage Police Station, not Stroud, and that he would be working alternate shifts with PC Potter

from their base. PC Brakewell said he hoped to be in Painswick twice a week whenever possible, and asked villagers to use the PIP (Police Information Point) in the library much more. His new telephone number at the police station is 01453 882224. But he reminded us to use the 999 facility in an emergency.

Constable Brakewell lives in Nailsworth with his family (See Page 3).

#### Painswick Manorship

At the recent Manorial meeting, Amaury Blow said he had been approached by Katherine Lee (widow of Laurie Lee) with regard to the possible purchase of Old Rose Bank, in Slad. Mr Blow expressed an interest in buying the land to donate it to the village as amenity land, provided that the Parish Council would meet the maintenance cost. Councillors had since viewed the site but no decision was made on how the land could be managed.

There had been the usual concerns over a number of travellers parked at Rudge Hill car park. Councillors agreed to visit the car park to check whether or not the vehicles there were abandoned, and also to check for hyperdermic needles.

Mr Blow reported that in accordance with advice from County Council and MAFF, he would be opening up the manorial commons from 16th June.

#### Miscellaneous

English Heritage has submitted proposals for the conservation and long-term management of the fort on Painswick Beacon. There might be help for various maintenance and conservation projects such as the eroded footpaths and walls.

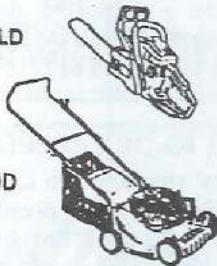
Council has written to residents who complained about the lack of grass-cutting to explain that in some places there are a number of rare flowers and grasses that should not be cut until after flowering. The first cut was planned for the beginning of July.

There are to be some changes to parking regulations in parts of Victoria Street, Friday Street, Gloucester Street and Stamages Lane Car Park after police and emergency services noted "pinch points" along these streets.

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## Changes to your repeat prescriptions

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One area we would like to improve is making sure that most, if not all, of your medications, run out at the same time. This means that you would only need to order your tablets once every two months, saving trips to the surgery and pharmacy.

So, in order to improve this service we would like your help. When you drop in your repeat slip to the surgery, the receptionists will ask you a couple of questions - to confirm your dosage and to check the quantities of tablets you have at home. We will complete a small slip with this information and attach this to your repeat request for the GP to check.

When we process your repeat prescription, we will issue the tablets that you have requested, but we will issue the quantity necessary to put these tablets in line with the others that you have already received. This means that a few weeks hence, all your medication will be due to run out at the same time and so, when you bring in your slip again, we can issue all your tablets on the same prescription.

There are, of course, exceptions. For example, painkillers such as Codydramol, Paracetamol etc that you can take on an 'As Necessary' basis. Also, inhalers, creams/lotions etc. that run out at different times. We cannot do anything about this but we are trying to reduce the number of times you need to ask us to generate a prescription for you. We will not let you run out of tablets.

You might also have medications on your repeat slip that you have not taken for a while. The receptionist will ask if you have stopped taking these tablets, either as a result of doctor's instructions or perhaps the medication does not agree with you. There may also be medicine on the slip that was altered but has not yet been changed on the computer. We will check all this information with the GP and ensure that your repeat request slip is as up-to-date as possible.

We have 4,500 patients and this is a mammoth task to undertake. We would like you to be as patient with us as possible and understand that we want to improve our service to improve the care we give you, emphasises Nicola Hayward, Practice Manager at Hoyland House surgery.

## POLICE REPORT

### Meet PC John Breakwell, the new face on our patch

Police Constable John Breakwell, who took over from PC Gary Power early last month as our village 'bobby,' is very keen to become known around the area as quickly as possible. He has already visited the Croft School and been to a number of events. "I shall build on the good work that Gary did during his eight years policing this area. I intend to be out and about as often as possible," he told the Beacon.

PC Breakwell is 43 and lives in Nailsworth with his wife and three children, two girls and a boy. He started in the force 13 years ago in Northamptonshire on urban duties, and came to Gloucestershire, which he knew as a youngster, in 1994.

John Breakwell is based at the Bussage station, rather than Stroud, and he shares duties there with another officer. Although he uses his car to get around the area which includes Cranham, Sheepscombe, Pitchcombe, Edge and Harescombe, he is keen to be a walk-about policeman. And if you haven't seen him yet, you will notice him because he prefers a traditional helmet.

Other than emergency calls when, of course, 999 should be used, PC Breakwell can be contacted on 01453 882224 or faxed on 01453 731764. Messages can also be left for him at the Stroud reception, 01452 335625 (Note the dial code).

If you need to talk to him, John urges that you use the Police Information Point at the library unless the matter is urgent. He calls there at least twice a week.

**Incident report: 16th May to 13th June:** House burglaries: Painswick 1, Sheepscombe 1. Business premises: nil. Sheds: Painswick 1, Harescombe 1. Vehicles: Painswick 8. Other: Painswick: 1



Police Officer Breakwell

(damage). Total 13.

Items stolen from vehicles: Petrol, wallet and contents, handbag and contents, golf clubs, CD player and rucksack. Items stolen from other places: Wallets and contents (2), electric tools.

Reported incidents: Five reported in the month, all of which were of interest.

**Security improvements:** There were four break-ins to houses and sheds this month. All properties were secure, but three were successful. Can you improve your security even further? In the case of vehicle break-ins, there were several incidents of personal property being taken, especially credit cards that were used to obtain goods. Do not leave personal items in view, and report the loss of credit cards immediately, please.

There have been cases this month of the sighting of suspect vehicles and passengers who might be responsible for some of the crime. The reporting of vehicle registration numbers could be helpful to the police. **PC John Breakwell and Neighbourhood Watch coordinators**

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## No, not another traffic survey!

Last month, as part of their field work, a group of children from Coney Hill Community Primary school came to Painswick for the day to study buildings, shops and commercial premises, village environment and traffic flows to compare with where most of them live in an urban setting.

The class divided into groups of six or seven, as you see here, with a teacher advising each one. The comparative survey, that is already showing some interesting patterns, will be complete next week, and the Beacon will publish some of the findings in the August issue.



## Getting fit, for fun and funds

This year, rather than taking to our bikes to raise funds for Williams Syndrome (WS), we've decided to run a half marathon. Now the last time I ran any distance was in 1966 when I was the sprightly age of 16, and as for the rest of the team, well I doubt whether they know how to run at all. But we said we would do it and we will, so if we can, so can you.

The idea is to enter as large a team as possible into the Stroud/Puma half marathon, which takes place on Sunday, 28th October. I have arranged with the organisers to enter a team of at least 100 people, but I'm hoping to get this number significantly higher, say 200. Having secured so many places, I now have to find people to fill them, and that is where you come in.

Are you out of condition and looking for an opportunity to get fit? Or are you an athlete honed to perfection, or maybe

you're someone who just enjoys a challenge? It doesn't matter whatever your motivation, we want you to join the WS half marathon team.

You'll be in good company, for as well as the 1000-mile bike ride team, we've already signed up a number of interesting characters from Edge, various other totally unfit individuals and a small group from Norway that includes the Norwegian Businesswoman of the Year. How about that, travelling all the way from Norway to run a half marathon in Stroud just to raise funds for Williams Syndrome?

To join this elite team of runners, all you have to do is to make a donation of at least £20 to the Williams Syndrome Foundation; this also covers the Stroud Half Marathon entry fee of £8. I would also encourage you to look for sponsorship but that's not compulsory; remember though, the more you donate or raise in sponsorship the greater the sum we can use for research into WS. Last year's 1000-mile bike ride raised a staggering £50,000.

So how about it Beacon readers? Are you going to join us? I can promise you that the feeling you'll get on crossing the finishing line will be worth all the time, the effort and the pain that it will take to get you there. You'll have lots of fun along the way, make many new friends and have the thanks of all those who suffer from Williams Syndrome.

For further information please call me or Valerie on 01452 813107, or email [mike&valerie@ruination.freemove.co.uk](mailto:mike&valerie@ruination.freemove.co.uk). Who knows, it might be the best move you make in 2001. The Williams Syndrome Foundation web site can be found at [www.williams-syndrome.org.uk](http://www.williams-syndrome.org.uk).

PS. Next year we are cycling from Lands End to John O' Groats, 14 days on the open road and around 1000 miles. Interested?

Mike Adlam, Chairman WSF

## Letter to the Editor

With the various projected building developments round the village in mind, can anyone answer the question as to what materials can be used that will mellow to the colour of the older buildings? Doubtless, the stone for these was from quarries now worked-out.

However, if developments proposed in such prominent areas as Broadham Fields and St Mary's cannot be built from something that will match the rest of the village then we should vigorously oppose them.

Little that has been built in the last 50 years from Cotswold Mead to the Croft has looked right.

We should press anyone to do with planning to understand that the reason so many recent developments in Painswick and other villages in the Stroud area stand out as "wrong" is as much to do with colour as elevations, roofs and the detailing.

This pressure would have more chance of success if it was clearly understood what materials would produce a finish that would weather to the colour of existing buildings.

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## From The Beacon Ten Years Ago

Painswick Library faces a drastic reduction in its opening hours - from 27 hours a week down to 16.

Painswick is one of the libraries hardest hit by the recent decision of the County Council's Recreation and Leisure Committee to reorganise the service and use a standard formula for determining staffing levels and opening hours.

The news was greeted with dismay at last month's Parish Council meeting. Painswick's county councillor, Terry Parker, argued the case for maintaining the hours, saying that the library is the "cultural centre of the village."

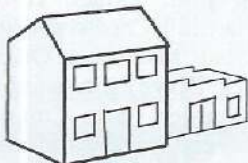
The new hours are calculated using a formula based on the number of issued books per year. Painswick had 47,746 issues last year, putting it in the lowest band for which opening hours lie in the range from 10 to 17.

### Pool success

Painswick may seem an unlikely place to have a reputation for producing good pool players, but this is fast becoming the case.

In the final of the Stonehouse League's Pairs last month, three of the four finalists - Peter Gyde, Matthew Bamber and Gary Eaves - came from Painswick. The fourth, Niels Beier, also has strong Painswick connections. The final was narrowly won, after a long and tense contest, by Matthew and Niels. It had been a fine season for Peter Gyde, including selection for the Gloucestershire team.

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## Opera classics come to Woodchester Priory

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Opera Brava, who will be remembered for a series of performances of The Barber of Seville and Tosca during their last touring season, have some of the finest young professional singers in the country.

This prestigious event takes place in the spacious grounds of the 15th century

Old Woodchester Priory in Church Lane, North Woodchester. You are invited to bring a picnic and your own seating to enjoy the evening and soak up the atmosphere. The performance begins at 7.30pm and lasts for about two hours, with a short interval. The Priory will be open from 6.30pm and limited car parking will be available, though weather dependent.

Tickets are £13.50 each, with children under 12 admitted free. Available from the Hospice at Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton 01453 886868, or at Cotswold Care Shops in Stroud, Nailsworth, Dursley and Wotton under Edge.



## New antiques restorer moves in

Richard Bolton (above), an antique restorer from Dorset, has recently moved his business to Painswick. He has taken over the newly restored Old Brewery to the rear of Painswick House as his workshop and, together with his wife, Melissa, has set up home in The Old Dairy, a cottage next to the workshops.

Melissa is also involved in the antique trade. As an expert in antique jewellery, she has spent many years as a valuer to one of the large auction houses in Dorchester.

Richard was invited to move his business to the village by Rusty and Victoria Elvidge, the new owners of Painswick House, who have used his expertise for many years.

He is currently busy with many restoration projects around the house. However, he is keen to establish a broader base for his business by taking on other work locally.

Richard has a wealth of experience to draw on. Coming from Dorset, where he had his business for 18 years, he is also a member of BAFRA (The British Antique Furniture Restorers' Association) which ensures he meets the highest standards of craftsmanship, using traditional cabinet making and polishing techniques.

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This made the whole process very real indeed, and I could sense the urgency of the situation. The donation, or "harvest" as it is called, was a simple procedure that involved two days in hospital in London. Under a general anaesthetic, a series of needles were used to take the marrow from my hips, and before I was back in my room, this precious fluid was on its way to its new owner.

The only side effects were a slightly sore back and fatigue, and the need to take things easy for a while.

For the other half of the process, things

**The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust is the world's largest register of donors. In the past 20 years, more than 2,000 people have been successfully matched and donated, giving someone, somewhere the chance of life. Martyn Sheppard, of Tibbiwell, is one such donor, and here he recounts his recent experience. Martyn can be contacted on 813671**

are a lot harder; now begins a long journey back to health, with the lingering chance that the donation itself could be rejected, and the recipient still die.

Who is this other half? The only information I have is that she is a young German girl who is terminally ill with leukemia. She has had several treatments

of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and she will now spend weeks in isolation while the donation or transplant hopefully takes, before being allowed home.

For me, the whole procedure has been a most positive and powerful experience, extremely emotional, a simple thing to do yet such a huge thing to do. It has made me aware of my own mortality. I am both very proud and yet very humbled by the whole experience and, if asked, I would donate again tomorrow.

The Trust is desperately short of young, fit donors aged 18 to 40, especially men. Each day, people are dying because of the lack of suitable donors. I would urge anyone who would be interested in joining the register or in making a donation to funds to contact me and I will provide more information. You could, like me, give a child the chance of having a life.

## Live arts to your doorstep

Professional music, theatre and dance productions don't just belong to the West End or Broadway. Now you can experience these on your doorstep, thanks to a new countywide arts project called Air in G

(Arts in Rural Gloucestershire). "The scheme has received substantial lottery funding to bring quality arts events to local venues across the county, such as the village hall, community centre or local school," the scheme administrator, Ed O'Driscoll, told the Beacon. "It's a really exciting scheme.

"There's a chance you could find flamenco dancing outside your front door, or Isla St Clair performing in your church hall."

The scheme will allow village halls, for example, to host a top professional event without the usual worries of selling enough tickets to cover costs. The aim is to reduce the risk when promoting artistic events by offering venues a substantial guarantee against loss.

Ed went on to say: "We believe that everybody should have access to artistic events, regardless of where they live.

"Now we've taken away the usual financial concerns, we hope promoters across the county will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to host top quality entertainment without the risk of losing money."

Local venues in Gloucestershire can find out about the wide range of events on offer through Air in G by contacting Ed O'Driscoll on 01594 835266 or Edlynn65@aol.com

As well as receiving money from the lottery, Air in G is also supported by all six District Councils and Gloucestershire County Council.

Their aim is to establish Air in G as a permanent resource for Gloucestershire and the Southwest.

## A day's tour of Cotswold gardens

Tomorrow (8th July), fourteen gardens are open for visitors throughout the Cotswolds, several for the first time. The gardens all open at 11am and close at 5pm, and include a jump trainer's yard and a Hounds Show. Most will be selling homemade cakes, tea, coffee and plants.

You can start your tour of the gardens at any one of them, pick up a map there and pick your own route. The entrance fee of £4 a person, with £1 for a child under 14, covers all gardens.

The gardens are: River Bank, Andoversford; Keeper's Cottage, near Foston's Ash pub; Coach House, Dowdeswell; Hartshill, Chedworth; Stean Bridge Mill, Slad; Manzanas, Orchard Mead, Painswick; Down Farm racing stables, Slad; Misarden Park; Cotswold Kennels, Andoversford; Stowell Park; Marsden Manor; Jesmond Cottage, Cowley; the Parsonage House, Chedworth; and Gaskell's Farmhouse, Winston. Further details from Jean Hall on 813446. Open Gardens is arranged by the Cotswold Hunt.



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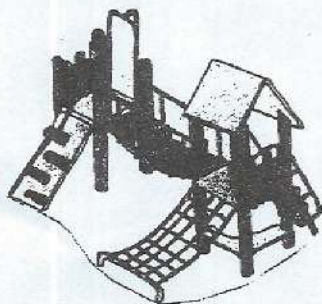
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## Fund-raising for play equipment

The pupils, staff and parents of Croft School invite you to their annual Summer



Fair which will be held tomorrow, 8th July from 2pm. We are currently fund-raising for play equipment for our infant playground, so your support will be very welcome. There will be a grand raffle, an auction, games for all, including golf for dads, stalls (cakes!), a football match, barbecue, and much more.

If anyone is unable to come on the afternoon, but would like raffle tickets, please contact Mrs Merrick at the school office.

Examples like these of pupils' imaginative work are regularly published in this Beacon column

### Contributions from Class 2

I picked up the envelope and it said Dear Emily this is piffenglosh powder. One sprinkle and you turn invisible. Love from the piffenglosh monster.

So I sprinkled the powder on me and I went invisible. I skipped around singing "I am invisible, ner ner nerner ner and you're not". Everybody was looking for me because they could not see me. Then I woke up and it was all a dream.

*Emily Gray*

I picked up the envelope. It said 'this powder makes wishes come true'. I opened the envelope. I wished I was a caterpillar. I suddenly turned into a caterpillar and crawled along the grass. I crawled until I got to somewhere and at first I did not know where I was. I found myself in a cocoon. When I came out I was a beautiful butterfly. I flew away and landed on a flower and thought of when I was a person. I wanted to stay like a beautiful butterfly forever and did.

*Georgia Saunders*

### Contribution from Class 5

The black shiny door clicked open. Out stepped Mawena Sanchez. His slick body sidled up to number 8, Merseyside. Pressing the package to his chest, he rapped on the door. His green eyes flinched under his dark glasses. The sound of barking could be heard within, as the door was opened.

Out stepped a man with no hair on his head but a lot of fire in his eyes. The package was given and the two men departed without a word. The door slammed shut.

Meanwhile in a house down the road, someone died. The black limo screeched off into the night.

The implement inside the box was nothing ordinary. It was a thin letter. Something this small was actually very big, very big and dangerous.

Meanwhile the box was being opened and the letter being read.

*William Allen*

## And Ofsted praises...

Roger Harding's initial feedback from the inspector is encouraging. "A good school with many good features offering good value for money...100 per cent of teaching observed was either good or very good." Roger would like to thank the staff and the governors who have worked so hard for this result. The full report is out in the late summer.

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And I can  
Talk, talk, talk!

Neither beak nor antennae have I  
But I kick with my feet  
And I can  
Talk, Talk, talk!

I master every movement  
For I jump, skip and run  
And I can  
Talk, talk, talk!

*Joe Tate, aged nine*

### The Squirrel Song

Neither hands nor nails have I  
But I can run like the wind  
And I can  
Climb, climb, climb!

Neither braveness nor guts have I  
But I can grip like a tyre  
And I can  
Climb, climb, climb!

I master every movement  
For I tear, sprint and jump  
And I can  
Climb, climb, climb

*Tom Pigott, aged nine*

## CAN YOU HELP?

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# Painswick cricketers in fine form

Painswick First Eleven have hit a good run of form in recent weeks, with a particularly satisfying result last Saturday (30th June) when they defeated Churchdown who were then in second place in the Third Division of the County League.

Set a total of 192 runs to win, Painswick passed the visitors score with two overs to spare. The home side paced their response well with Wayne Neville top scoring with a fine 71.

On the previous Saturday, Painswick reached their highest total of the season, 250 for the loss of 5 wickets, to achieve a convincing victory over Cotswold.

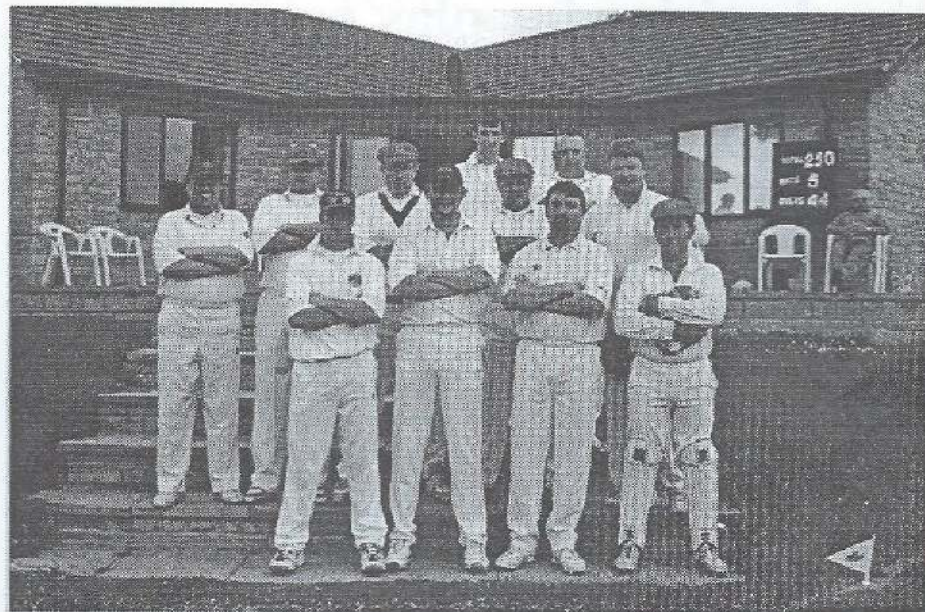
**Results** (Saturday matches all league games: \* indicates not out).

Sat 2 June. Painswick 1st XI 206-7 (A.Wise 54, W.Neville 54) Cheltenham Saracens 1st XI 152 (I.Hogg 5-33).

Sun 3 June. Painswick 146 (D.Barnard 49) Cranham 150-1 (A.Kempster 88\*).

Wed 6 June. (Midweek league). Painswick 128-6 Woodchester 89.

Sat 9 June. Painswick 1st XI 136 Tetbury



*Painswick First Eleven pictured between innings in their match against Cotswold. Back row (left to right): Adrian Bressington, Simon Base, Phil Jones, John Barnard, Ian Hogg, Chris Loveridge, Andrew Wise. Front row (left to right): Andy Baxter, Wayne Neville, Jim Parks, "Spider" Webb. Taking his ease in the background is local resident Alan Hudson who has frequently umpired club games over the years.*

1st XI 138-6 (I.Hogg 4-36). Painswick 2nd XI 72 Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XI 73-3.

Wed 13 June. Frocester 181-4 Painswick 131-6.

Wed 20 June. Stonehouse 92 Painswick 94-7.

Sat 23 June. Painswick 250-5 (A.Wise 82 W.Neville 80) Cotswold 133 (I.Hogg 6-25). Westbury on Severn 2nd XI 239-8. Painswick 2nd XI 184.

Sun 24 June. Painswick 148 (D.Barnard 67) Ampney 149-5 (C.Loveridge 4-38).

Tue 26 June. Painswick 199 (A.Baxter 42, D.Barnard 46\*) Essex Ploughboys 187-9.

Sat 30 June. Churchdown 1st XI 191-6 Painswick 1st XI 196-5.

## Tennis news

At the halfway stage in the summer season's league programme, Ladies' captain Joan Griffiths reports that the teams are finding it hard going, with injuries and a new baby adversely affecting availabilities.

At the time of writing the A,B,D and F teams are well placed but the C and E teams are struggling. This is the first time the ladies have fielded six teams, giving more people the chance to enjoy team tennis.

This is Ron Barney's first season as Men's team captain and he is delighted with the support being given to him by the players. There are four teams entered in the league this season as opposed to five last year. Nearly all the teams are producing good results, the exception being the C team which is in a particularly tough division.

Junior tennis continues to thrive and the Under-12s competition was held recently when Harry Waller beat Lucy Moir in the final, to be presented with a newly awarded cup. The losing semi-finalists were James Barnet and Edward Andrew. Should you be wondering, girls compete with boys at this level. Fourteen youngsters entered the competition which was a great success.

As a permanent memorial to Valerie Funnell, whose untimely death earlier this year so saddened the club and the local community, it is proposed to install a suitably inscribed bench at Broadham on Sunday, 2nd September at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

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## Who will have No. 600?

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## Interested in painting and sketching?

The Country Studio was formed 20 years ago, and at that time met at Painswick House. The group of painters of all abilities now meet in the Church Rooms, Painswick, every Tuesday from 9.30am until 4pm. Members come and go in their own time.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome. During August, providing the weather holds, members will be out and about sketching and painting at local venues.

Interested? Call the secretary, Susan Elliott on 01453 764769.

## From the Clerk to the Parish Council: Parking on 14th July

For the Victorian Market on 14th July, the following streets will be closed between 8am and 6pm: Victoria Street, St Mary's Street, Friday Street, Bisle Street and Tibbiwell. The streets will be reopened as soon as clearing up has finished.

Although, legally, access to frontages will be maintained, it would be much appreciated if residents would remove their vehicles from the centre early on Saturday morning. Free car parking will be permitted on the Recreation Field, subject to ground conditions, the gate being opened at 7.30am and closed at 7pm.

The organisers apologise for any inconvenience which the above arrangements may make, especially to persons who normally use Painswick as a through route eg from Longridge and Sheepscombe.

The passage of emergency vehicles will not be affected.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Applications

- \* Pen-y-Bryn, Steanbridge Lane, Slad. Erection of extension.
- \* Barley Mow Cottage, Slad. Approval of reserved matters for erection of dwelling and garage following outline permission.
- \* Packhurst Farm, Edge, Insertion of two dormer windows.
- \* The Old Vicarage, The Green, Edge. Erection of roof extension to existing single storey extensions and alterations.
- \* The Park. Outline application for erection of three detached houses (Resubmission following refusal).
- \* Edge Cottage, Edge. Erection of conservatory extension, front and side porch extensions, change of use on land to rear into curtilage and reduction in size of garden room.

### Revised plan

- \* Painswick House. Creation of new garden areas, including tennis court, swimming pool and walled vegetable garden. Realignment of drive and new gates to road. Main changes: Alterations to landscaping and positioning of walled garden.

### Consents

- \* Woodside, Sheepscombe. Reroofing and building up of open-sided garage/store.
- \* Olivers Mill Cottage, Cheltenham Road.

Single storey extensions to provide porch and conservatory.

- \* The Lodge, Gyde House. Erection of two storey extension, conservatory and internal alterations.
- \* Beech Farm, Sheepscombe. Erection of stable block.
- \* Down Cottage, Slad. Extensions to dwelling and detached garage.
- \* Spring Bank, Steanbridge Lane, Slad. Certificate for dwelling to be used other than for an agricultural worker.
- \* Highfield House, Gloucester Street. Internal alterations and bay window extension to existing drawing room.
- \* Cardynham House, The Cross. Change of use of part of existing space from retail to retail/cafe, and permission to trade on Sundays between noon and 6pm.
- \* Wayland, Cotswold Mead. Alterations to garage and erection of conservatory.
- \* Sunny Cottage, Butt Green. Rebuilding of existing single storey half extension.
- \* Cleverlys, Vicarage Street. Erection of single storey side extension.
- \* Swallows Nest, Stepping Stone Lane. Erection of rear conservatory.

### Refusal

- \* 1 Abbey Cottages, The Vatch, Slad. Retrospective application for change of use of land to garden.
- \* Hammonds Barn. Change of use of part of site from agricultural to domestic. Erection of extension and demolition of garage and store.

## Joy, 9, gets a reply from Mr Blair about her pay concerns

Nine-year-old Joy Standen, of Hyett Close, felt so strongly about the vast sums that famous footballers are paid when compared to doctors, nurses and firemen that she wrote to the Prime Minister to complain.

"Certainly saving a life is more important than scoring a goal. And winning a trophy is nothing compared to stopping the danger of fire. I hope you will give them more money," she wrote, just before the General Election.

Joy has had a reply from Tony Blair's office, thanking her for her letter, adding that he was always pleased to hear from young people, and interested in her views on doctors' and nurses' pay. Joy is a pupil at the Croft School.

## Bledisloe knock-out

The Parish Council clerk has just been informed that Painswick did not get through the first round of the Bledisloe Cup competition for best-kept village.



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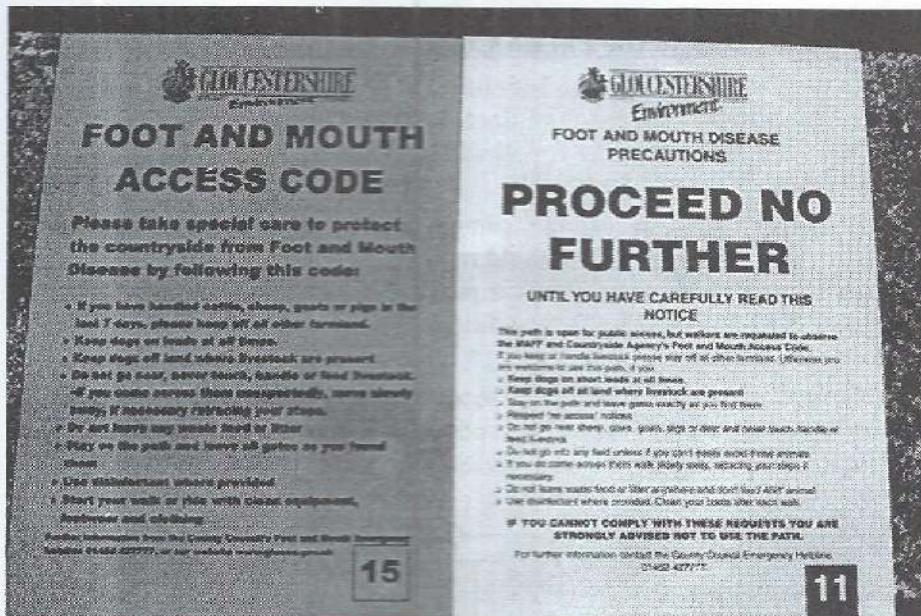
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## Confused? So were most walkers

Both of these signs were erected by Gloucestershire County Council to give guidance to walkers and dog-owners about how they should behave during the Foot and Mouth outbreak. The trouble is that it was somewhat disconcerting to many around Painswick, having read the notice on the left, to be confronted by the

somewhat prohibitive one later on. It takes very careful reading of each to grasp what can and what cannot be done.

The current position is that all foot-paths west of the M5 motorway remain closed, while these regulations on restricted movement of walkers and dog-owners are still in force here.

### Edge Fete today

The wizardly wonderful fete of Edge takes place today (7th July) on The Green from 5pm.

The Adventures of Harry Potter is the theme this year, and everyone is invited to join in the fun. There will be a children's fancy dress parade on the theme of wizards and all things magical. Frampton Silver Band will be playing, and there will be stalls, food and wine tasting.

Access is via the A46 and A4173, or Seven Leaze Lane if Edge Lane is closed for repairs.

### Nursing home hearing

The outline application for a nursing home complex with up to 20 associated ancillary dwellings on the Broadham Field site will go for consideration to the Stroud District Development Control committee next Tuesday (10th July). See also the Parish Council report on Page 2.

### St Mary's Home position

The sale of the St Mary's Home site by the Severn NHS Trust has attracted a "greater than expected expression of interest," according to Ian Miller, the Trust's property services manager. About 20 detailed packs have been purchased by companies thinking of tendering.

All bids must be received by 11th July, after which the NHS Trust expects to take three weeks negotiating with probably the top three or four bidders before completing the sale to one in early September.

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## IN BRIEF

### Golden Jubilee ideas

As most people will know, next year we will celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. She has made it clear that she would prefer lots of local events around the country to take place, rather than a huge event in London or in one particular spot.

The Parish Council want to draw together some plans for how we might mark this significant occasion, and would like anyone who has ideas or comments of any kind to write to the chairman, Terry Parker, at the Town Hall, or get in touch with the Clerk, Peter Grant.

### Public notice

Would residents do their best to ensure that there is no dog mess in the Recreation Field alley (from Bisley Street to the Rec). This is particularly important prior to Saturday, 14th July when many people will be visiting the village for the Victorian Market.

*Peter Grant,*

*Clerk to the Parish Council*

### Another waste skip

An additional waste skip has been allocated to Painswick. It will be located in Stamages Lane car park between Tuesday, 17th July and Thursday, 19th July.

### Thanks for support

I write to thank those members of the local community who supported the Liberal Democrat campaign at the recent election and to thank everyone for their help to me during the two years it was my privilege to represent the Painswick Division at Shire Hall.

*Terry Parker*

### Quakers extend hours

In order to accommodate those who work full-time, the Quaker Meeting House open days for the charity, Hope for Children, have extended the opening times. On Thursday, 26th and Friday, 27th July, the Meeting House will be open from 10am until 7pm. On Saturday, 28th July, the hours are 10am until 5pm. Children are very welcome as well as adults.



## Craig and Daisy's gold and silvers

Sixteen-year-old Craig Gamble of Canton Acre and his dog Daisy had major successes at Crufts this year. Daisy (Kennel name Hambutts Frosted Flower) is a blue merle Border collie, and Craig has been training her for four years. Two years ago at Crufts, they were part of the winning Midlands Junior Handling Team. This time, Craig decided to try for a place in the Midlands Junior Obedience Team. When he was chosen, it meant two classes a week and daily practice for five months.

However, it was all worth it. On the day, Daisy worked brilliantly and the Midlands Team took the gold medal. Daisy also won the silver medal in the individual placings. Next day, in the Triathlon competition that includes showing, obedience and agility, they won silver.

Craig is leaving Archway School this month and hoping to go to Hartpury College to study animal science. During the summer, he has been invited to show a top breeder's dog at major championship shows.



Craig, Daisy and their Show successes

## Painswick Hotel beats Sydney as honeymoon spot

A panel of four well-known travel writers has voted the Painswick Hotel the 24th Best place for Honeymooners, relegating the Sydney entrant to 31st place.

The panel consisted of Simon Calder, senior travel editor for the Independent; Amanda Morison, travel editor at Brides magazine; Philip Watson, travel editor at Esquire and Isabel Wolff, travel writer and romantic novelist.

The panel qualified its choice of The Painswick Hotel by describing it "...as an idyllic base from which to explore the Cotswolds. An 18th Century manor house built of honey-coloured sandstone with wisteria entwined balconies and a croquet lawn, it has four-poster beds, antique furniture, good food and an exceptional cellar."

Within the top 50 were such exotic locations as the Bahamas, Seychelles, Venice and Malaysia.

Isabel Wolff recently set a steamy passage at the hotel in her new novel, *Out of the Blue*. Helen Pugh said: "We are delighted to be among such exalted company and firmly believe that our combination of good food, fine wine, excellent service and romantic bedrooms contributed to our success."

## PROPERTY REPORT - this month from Murrays Painswick agency

Time has flown since our last report in May; we have been frantically busy in all our offices, with Painswick in particular showing a significant increase in both new instructions and enquiries. Isn't it amazing how things can change in such a short time, with sellers and buyers both now feeling more confident and at last bringing some excitement to this year's so far somewhat subdued beginnings. The election is over, footpaths are open again and, don't hold your breath, even the sun has been shining, so all bodes well now, we think, for the rest of the year.

Recent local sales include, Culvert Cottage, 1 Wordings Mount, 2 Maitlands, Coombe Downs, Portlett Cottage, 2 Hambutts End, Springfield Cottage, Appin, Upper Green Farm and Clematis

Cottage. Virtually all new instructions in our last report have been sold, as have many others. New owners have moved in to that big new house in Back Edge Lane, 2 Severn Cottages in Vicarage Street, 2 Abbey Cottages at Slad, and many of you will have noticed the renovation that has started on Russell House, Victoria Street.

We are delighted to have been instructed on a good number of fresh properties to sell. The beautifully restored Lamp House by the church is on the market, as is Butt House in Gloucester Street, Smalls Mill, a lovely waterside property with half an acre in Pincott Lane, and a modern four-bedroomed detached house in Churchill Way. Beechwood House, behind the Royal William, with its stunning views is also available, Field

Lodge, an excellent detached bungalow by Cranham Corner and a four-bedroomed converted coach house at Haresfield Court. Two commercial properties with living accommodation are recently available: Retail premises on the corner of Gloucester Street, and of course the Central Stores, an opportunity to take over a thriving business and home run by everybody's friends, John and Barbara Hulme for some 42 years. Other new instructions that have quickly had sales agreed include cottages in St Mary's Street, Edge Lane, Victoria Street and one in Cranham.

Our Mayfair office has been really good to us this month with two mentions in the National press and a spread in the current *Country Life* magazine.

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## Banner holds pride of place on Town Hall wall

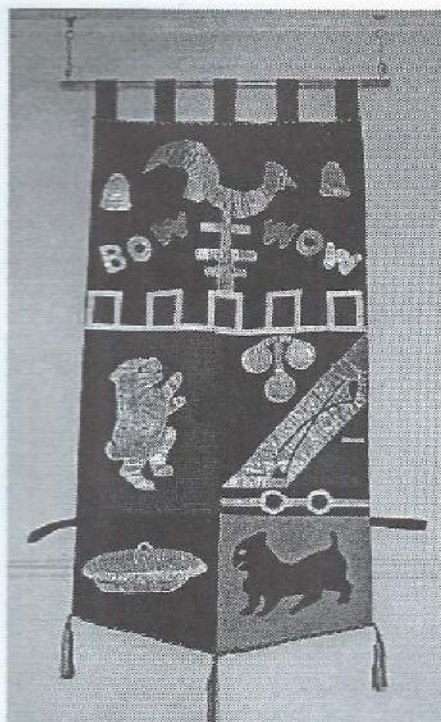
The new Painswick Banner, carried in last year's Clipping Service procession, now hangs proudly in the Town Hall, above the serving hatch, as pictured right. It is a replica of the first Painswick Banner, described in 1896 with details of the various colours and materials, but considerably smaller.

The original, believed to have been lost or disintegrated in the 1940s, was about 12 feet high and about six feet wide, judging from an old photograph.

The early history is not known, but changes to it brought in mud-rakes above the pie, and some patriotic remarks added during World War One - no longer appropriate.

It was at a reunion of the 30s Kids in the 90s that a steering group decided to make the replica by looking up the heraldry and getting the fabrics as close as possible to what was known of the original.

The weathercock on the banner is not the same as the one on the spire now. A parishioner used the old one for target practice (pretty accurately) and people started wondering what was wrong when the weather vane stopped turning. The miscreant had to pay for a replacement and



the original is now in the reception area of Stroud Museum in Stratford Park.

The present banner, beautifully made and coloured, is likely to stay at the Town Hall for six months or so. It shows the weathercock, church bells, the peak and capping of the spire, the battlements of the tower, a yew tree, a dog rampant, three balls representing Body, Mind and Soul, church wardens' pipes, bell-ringer's pewter pot, the stocks, a dog statant and puppy dog pie. Bow Wow refers, of course, to people born in Painswick.

## Last call now for your travel tokens or pass

If you haven't already been to the Post Office for your travel tokens from Stroud District Council or chosen a half-price bus pass instead, then you have until 13th July to get them. Don't miss the bus, says Ray Appleby.

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## New idea for next season's bridge at Sheepscombe

Sheepscombe Bridge Club reported a successful year at its AGM, having generally run four to five tables a session throughout. Ralph Kenber, treasurer, said funds were very stable, and it was agreed to donate £100 to the Village Hall Development Fund, and to buy extra cards and tables.

It was agreed next season to try two or three weekend sessions as an Introduction to Duplicate Bridge, so that rubber bridge players have the opportunity to try duplicate, and perhaps join in next year.

Next season starts on Thursday, 20th September at 7.15pm sharp, upstairs at Sheepscombe Village Hall. Newcomers are welcome, of course.

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## Ex-Painswick therapist back from Bosnia

Tim Willcocks, a reflexology therapist who lived in Gloucester Street, is just back from war-torn Bosnia, after making his fourth trip there under the Healing Hands Network, set up several years ago to spread the benefits of complementary therapies.

Tim, who currently has patients he treats at their homes in Painswick, was one of a team of three or four staying at any one time, each with different skills. As well as working in Sarajevo, they ran an outreach programme into smaller towns around the country. The therapists had to raise their own fare of £750.

Much of their work was treating the deep trauma of those who had brothers, sisters, husbands, children or grandparents murdered or mutilated, and the Bowen technique, practised by Tim, is believed to prove helpful.

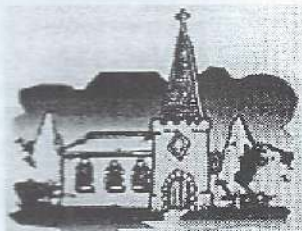
"Certainly some did well dramatically," said Tim. "One was quite remarkable - after two treatments over a six-day period, she had regained the use of her arms." But others are longer term cases.

Tim did learn some words so that he could converse during his treatments, "but my fingers and thumbs are the best way of speaking, and using plenty of warmth and empathy."

Tim now lives in Malvern, where he moved to from Painswick on marrying. He can be contacted on 01684 541606.

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## £900 raised for the Hospice

Veda Warwick's fine performance of 'A Cream Cracker under the Settee,' one of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads, was the centre-piece of a ticket-only evening on 9th June in The Friends Meeting House.

It was preceded by a buffet supper in Yew Tree House, organised by the Cotswold Care Committee, together with tombola, and followed by coffee and wine. Numbers were limited to 65. The total raised was £900.

We thank all helpers and those that attended, especially The Friends for making available their ideally suited Meeting House.

### Yew Tree House

The opening of Yew Tree House garden, as part of the National Gardens Scheme, attracted more than 200 people, as well as well-behaved dogs on leads. Teas were provided from the Coach House and a total of £534.70 was raised for the charities supported by the scheme.

The fine weather, and the help given by a number of friends, made the occasion most enjoyable.

Elizabeth Burge

## Lots of memories to recall



## Reunion of the Gyde House Kids

With excited shouts of recognition and cries of "I don't believe it's you!" the 90 or so Gyde House staff and kids crowded in and around the Ostlers Bar at the Falcon Inn on Saturday, 23rd June, for their reunion.

Not only were there locals, but people had come from as far afield as Doncaster,

parts of Lancashire, Hereford and Hertfordshire. As you see from this Beacon photograph, there was much reminiscing and lots of animated discussion of present and past. The superb weather simply added to a perfect day that included a visit to Gyde House with all its changes, and a disco in the evening.

## Tories' book sale

Painswick Conservatives are holding their annual Books Sale with Coffee and Cookies event on Saturday, 28th July from 10am until noon in the Town Hall.

This year, they are including videos and tapes, so if you have any of these items to offer, Fred Russell would be very glad to hear from you. He can be contacted on 812937, or Brian Wilson on 812156. Collection will be arranged, if necessary.

## Sue Ryder Care

Joyce Tranter and Naomi Maclaurin-Jones will not be holding their usual coffee morning for the above charity. If anyone would like to take it on, both are willing to give their support. It is now time to book the Town Hall for December.

## Conservatives take the County seat

At the recent County Council Painswick Division election, Joan Nash regained the seat for the Conservatives from the Liberal Democrats who had held the seat since 1985. Mrs Nash, it will be recalled, did not seek re-election to Stroud District Council last year, having represented the Painswick Ward from 1988.

Result:

Joan Isabel Nash, Conservative, 2116

Terence Eugene Parker, Liberal

Democrat, 1819

John Howard Rhodes, Labour & Co-operative, 980

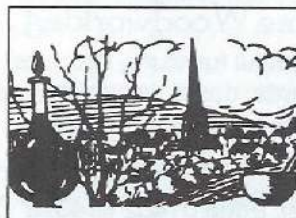
More than 69% of the approximately 6,600 electorate voted, one of the highest percentages of local ballots in Gloucestershire.

## Sunday lunches at Cardynham House

As a new venture and seeing what they perceive as a gap in the market, Cardynham House have started to serve traditional Sunday lunches in the March Hare restaurant, from noon until 4pm. The two-course meals are cooked freshly on the premises and cost £7.95. "As well as providing for tourists, we hope that we can attract some of the local residents," John Paterson, the owner, told the Beacon.

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## Get the mix right and you'll have a rare treat



As previously notified, our outing to the Forest of Dean this month was cancelled because of Foot and Mouth, so it occurred to me that this would be an opportunity to have a few words about feeding birds much closer to home. Stop me if you think I am teaching grandmother to suck eggs (Ouch!).

If you do feed birds at your home, it is important that once started, it must be regularly maintained and please do not forget that: some birds feed only at ground level; some only above the ground; some at several hundred feet in the air, and some always on water (but we must leave those to manage for themselves).

Water is just as important as food, again at two levels; finally, small birds, such as blue tits, should not have access to whole peanuts.

Some time ago, I bought one of those Perspex feeders that are attached to a window with suckers. I had previously thought these rather a gimmick, but soon changed my mind.

At first, I filled it with mixed bird seed that blue and great tits slowly took to, but they threw a lot of seed away, searching for their favourites. So I changed to black sun flower seeds and that added a coal tit (who proved to be the most brave), followed by a robin, a pair of nuthatches, and surprisingly, a pair of bullfinches. So if you would like to watch birds from about two feet, sorry, half a metre, try this out. Happy feeding!

Harold Wood

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## Treating burns at the WI

Opening the June meeting, President Barbara Thorley remarked casually that she was glad so many members had chosen to come to WI, rather than going to Stonehenge. Of course...it was indeed the longest day, had one but thought about it.

There was a reminder that the 19th July meeting would be held in Shirley Owen's garden. Members were asked to try to wear something blue for this. There was news of a river trip from Upton-on-Severn to Worcester on 23rd August, taking a picnic; and Doreen Boon reported on her recent delegate visit to Cardiff.

The speaker for our own June meeting was Joan Ashton of Painswick Red Cross Detachment. She is a member of Twyver, Gloucester WI. Joan wore a smart blue and white uniform, trimmed with scarlet, and was enthusiastic and energetic in all she did.

Our member, Marg Shea, volunteered to be the patient, first with a gashed arm, and she quickly received digital pressure.

A sterile bandage was whipped out and applied, and Marg's arm was in a sling in no time. Next came burns from irons, kettles, boiling water and hot jam. "Coldwater is your friend," said Joan. "Swab, or hold under a tap for ten minutes, or use a bowl of cold water, and if the burn is bigger than a stamp - cover it! No plaster, no fats of any kind. If severe, get to hospital."

Next Marg had to feign a heart attack, with severe pain, lying on a mattress on the floor, having been placed in the 'recovery position' for an unconscious person. Finally, having this time supposedly fainted, Marg was asked to lie on the floor with her feet on a chair "to get the blood to her head."

After this, a flaxen-haired, life-sized figure of a woman, wearing a navy and red track suit, was brought out of a suitcase, unfolded, literally, and used to demonstrate resuscitation.

Dorothy Binns

## New landscape project for History Society

A review of events of the past year was followed by a review of the past 100 years at the Annual General Meeting of the Painswick Local History Society in June. In his Chairman's report, Mark Bowden looked back on another successful year for the society, with an increase in membership and a programme of interesting and wide-ranging talks.

Looking to the future, he suggested a new project for the Society - a landscape survey. This would involve members using large-scale maps to find the reasons for unusual features in the landscape around Painswick.

The reasons for some of the changes in the appearance of Painswick were explained by David Archard in his talk, Painswick over the last 100 Years, that followed the business part of the meeting. From his extensive collection of photographs, postcards and newspaper cuttings David had selected those showing people, places and events from each decade.

In the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the Silver Jubilee of the present Queen, local children danced around a maypole. At the start of the Great War in 1914, the first contingent of Painswick men to enlist were photographed outside the Painswick Institute before leaving for France. Seven years later, the War Memorial was unveiled and, David said, the tenor bell of Painswick church tolled 49 times, one for each death.

It was interesting to see photographs

of the malt house which once stood at the top of Tibbiwell; being several storeys high, it must have dominated that part of the town. It was demolished in 1921 and the public baths built on the site.

In most of David's slides there were the people of Painswick, working, relaxing, celebrating. There were murmurs of recognition from the audience when well-known Painswickians appeared in the photographs and names put to the faces of those on the group shots of clubs and societies. David concluded his interesting and enjoyable talk with two views from the top of Painswick Beacon., taken at the beginning and end of the century, showing the view had changed little in 100 years.

The new programme will begin on Tuesday, 18th September, when Martin Slinger will give a talk on The History of the Painswick Show in Croft School at 7.30pm. Members are reminded that subscriptions, unchanged at £10 (joint) and £6.50 (single), are due. They should be sent to Gwen Welch, Membership Secretary, Stocks Cottage, Painswick.

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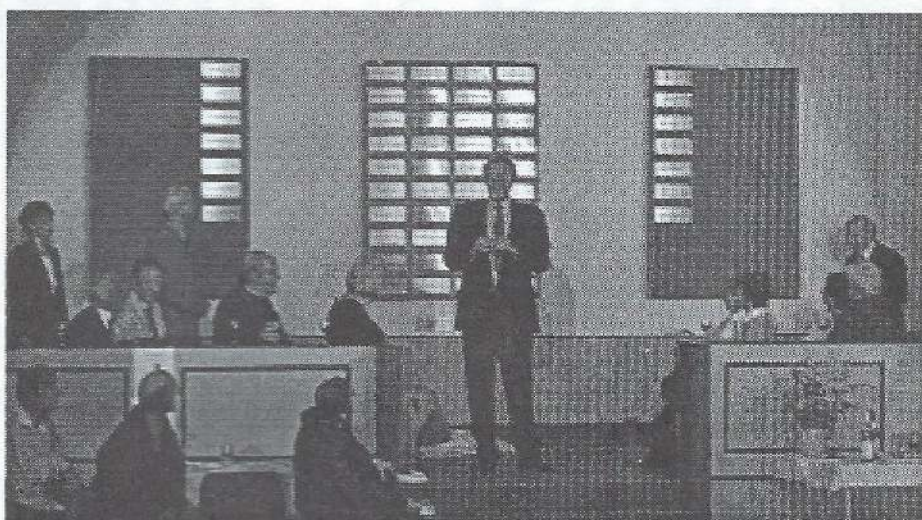


# Unveiling the Supporters' Wall amid a bit o' hoofing an' a-clapping...

A glass of wine and a good time was had by all friends, villagers and supporters who came to the unveiling of the Supporters' Wall at the Painswick Centre on 16th June, with entertainment by Rob Burgess on the piano, playing a foot-tapping and hum-along selection of music, and holding the various events together.

The Jolly Stompers Line Dancing team was made up entirely of local members who bravely did their first 'Demo' - well done to them and to the brave souls who 'had a go' and joined in. Finally, a wonderful performance by Leslie Wolowiec, of Painswick Players fame, who had the audience laughing out loud at her hilarious Alan Bennett Talking Heads monologue. We all recognised a bit of ourselves in the characters. She didn't really take all her clothes off...er, did she?

Greg Unsworth, on behalf of the Management Committee, thanked everyone who had done so much to make



Greg Unsworth, with Bow-Wow Harold Pearce by the Wall after the unveiling

all the improvements possible, especially all the individuals and families who had generously given both large and small amounts to the Appeal, every donation had made a difference and was much appreciated. Special thanks also went to Terry Parker, who was representing Painswick Parish Council; their donation of £2000 was a major factor in enabling the appeal almost (£9822 to date) to reach the target of £10,000, and ahead of schedule. Thanks were also given to the many local businesses, clubs, and charities who contributed to The Wall.

One of the most staunch supporters of The Millennium Appeal, Harold Pearce,

unveiled the Supporters Wall. Harold is a true Painswick 'Bow Wow', having been born in the village and spent all his formative years here. He then left to find his way in the world (familiar story?), always maintaining his fond memories and close contacts with old friends from his home village. He returned to the area to retire 10 years ago and has since founded and become chairman of 'The 30's Kids'.

At last the Supporters Wall was on view. Three mounted screens, displaying 52 large gold engraved plaques - with plenty of space for some more! These will stay on display for as long as The Painswick Centre remains; it has already survived the ups and downs of 95 years.

So much has been done but there is still much to do. The Centre's next target is to raise enough money to refurbish the kitchens and toilets. The Millennium Appeal will continue to the end of the year and the Supporters Wall will remain open until it is full.

It is not too late to put your name on the Wall. If you would like to help, please phone Jackie Herbert on 813229.



Joining in the Line Dancing fun - it looked so simple to begin with...

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# Shining light on a black comedy

'Just don't fall over the furniture!' was Noel Coward's memorable advice to a gushing young actress who had sought The Master's directorial advice about how to play her part.

Generally sound advice, you might think. And it is, except for our next production (*Black Comedy*, 12th-14th July), where, strangely, the opposite is true. Why?

Because the action takes place in the dark and we do indeed see the cast blundering around the stage and falling over the furniture.

Let me explain further. Peter Shaffer based *Black Comedy* on a classic Japanese Noh Theatre concept - no, he did really -



## BLACK COMEDY

by Peter Shaffer

where light and dark are reversed. The upshot is that the audience can see what happens when the lights go out.

Set in London in the Swinging Sixties, the action takes place in the basement flat

of Brindsley, a struggling young sculptor, who has just become engaged to the frightfully debby Carol. It is a crucial evening: he is meeting his fearsome prospective father-in-law for the first time. He is also expecting a millionaire art collector who has taken a fancy to his work. To impress both, he has 'borrowed' priceless *objets d'art*, antique chairs and an irreplaceable chaise longue from an absent neighbour. A bright future beckons...

Then the main fuse blows and the whole building is plunged into brilliant darkness. And then the neighbour returns and so all the furniture has to be put back, without the neighbour finding out. Even though he is unwittingly still sitting on the irreplaceable chaise longue.

And then one of Brindsley's old flames turns up and things begin to warm up, but still in the dark. And then the millionaire turns out to be an Electricity Board engineer sent to mend the fuse. At about this point, the Buddha disappears. The Buddha? Oh yes, I forgot to mention the Buddha...

Confused? Need enlightenment? Then come to the Painswick Centre at 8pm on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th or Saturday 14th July and see the light! Tickets are available now from Painswick Post Office and The Shetland Shop, price £6.

I can promise you a brilliant evening, especially since - thanks to a generous donation from the Helen McKee Trust - we have been able to replace and upgrade all of our stage lighting. There is a nice irony about using all this brand new megawattage to illuminate a play set in the dark!

Jack Burgess

# Silas ends with a 'wedding' in Cranham church

Having enjoyed all the Painswick Players' performances, and those of PADS before, and having been fed on the no-holds-barred monthly sales diet purveyed by the Beacon's theatre correspondent, we might have been forgiven for believing that theatre in Painswick stood on a lonely pinnacle for many miles around.

Not so! Encouraged by the said correspondent's magnanimous pointer to a forthcoming production in Cranham, Anne and I did manage to get tickets from the director of the Cranham Players, Gill Cox, luckily so because each of the three performances was a complete sell-out!

The play was staged in Cranham Village Hall which seemed filled with the entire village population, on and off stage.

Gill Cox's brief had indeed been to involve as many of the local community as possible and, rising to the challenge, she succeeded admirably in organising what was largely a scratch cast of 32, with another 20 backstage, the latter fully employed with blackout scene changes that followed each other with breathtaking rapidity.

George Eliot's famous novel, here adapted by Geoffrey Beevers, is well known to some of us as a set book at school. It is a wonderful little story with both humour and sadness, and much comment on human behaviour. Cranham village was a good venue as it might well be quite similar to Raveloe where Silas moved to. Thanks to Gill's taut direction, the play moved along smoothly, interrupted only by a drinks interval and another allowing the audience to make for Cranham church, there invited as guests to witness the grand wedding at the end of the play, the ladies having thoughtfully been provided with corsages on the way.

With the tremendous enthusiasm and commitment shown by all involved, it would be invidious to single out personalities. However, mention ought to be made of Peter Hewitt, in a class of his own as Silas; Richard Tuckwell with a demanding part as Godfrey; Teresa Clarke as Dolly, the nice neighbour; and Susan Puttick (incidentally our benefice clerk), if only for lying dead on the floor for what seemed an absolute age. Last, but by no means least was Rosie Woodman, aged six as Eppie and Haydn King, aged seven, as Aaron. A most enjoyable evening - roll on the next one!

Ralph Kenber

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# The Painswick Beacon

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JULY			
Sat 7th	GDMS Meeting: Poetry Readings by Veda Warwick & David Walton	Gloucester Cathedral	2.15pm
	Edge Fete. Fancy dress parade, stalls, wine-tasting and silver band	The Green	From 5pm
8th	Open Gardens around the Cotswolds. See Page 6.		11am-5pm
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
	Mothers' Union Garden Meeting - c/o Shirley Purdy	The Garth, Cheltenham Road	2.30pm
11th	Conversational French Classes (Advanced) - Final class Conversational Italian Classes (Intermediate) - Final class	Library Room " "	9.30 - 11am 11.30am - 1pm
12th	Painswick Players Production: Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer Tickets: Shetland Shop/Post Office or 812167	Painswick Centre	8pm
13th	W.I. Market: Fridays	Town Hall	10am
	Senior Circle: Botanical Illustration - Carol Keys	Town Hall	2.30pm
	Painswick Players Production: Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer Tickets: Shetland Shop/Post Office or 812167	Painswick Centre	8pm
Sat 14th	Victorian Day: Stalls etc.	Around Village	All day
	Oncology Unit Coffee Morning, in aid of cancer research. Raffle, Bring-and-Buy, etc.	2 Gloucester St.	10.30am
	Opera Brava recital, on tenth birthday of Cotswold Care Hospice Priory grounds open from 6.30pm for picnics	Old Woodchester Priory	7.30pm
	Painswick Players Production: Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer Tickets: Shetland Shop/Post Office or 812167	Painswick Centre	8pm
17th	Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry charge	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
18th	Painswick Probus Club Meeting	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10am
	Painswick Bird Club: Visit National Birds of Prey Centre, Newent	Birds of Prey Centre	11.15am
	Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	Wives' Fellowship: Gaye and the year 2000; Gaye Seguro	Christ Church Hall	8pm
19th	W.I. Garden Meeting	Kemps Orchard Kemps Lane	2.30pm
Sat 21st	Theatre Club Outing to Cheltenham	The Falcon	1.30pm
22nd	COPY DATE: All items to Mrs Jillie Speed, The Old Carriage House, Edge, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street		





25th	Senior Circle Half-day Outing to Royal Worcester Porcelain Factory Tea at Factory	The Falcon	1.30pm
26th	DIARY DEADLINE: All items to Mrs Edwina Buttrey, 14 The Croft, or Beacon Mailbox in New Street		
	Horticultural Society Outing: Snowhill Manor, Broadway, Worcs. (NT)		12 noon depart
	Open Day in aid of Hope for Children: Refreshments	Friends Meeting House	10am - 7pm
27th	Art Exhibition - Robert Ball (Until 5 August)	Town Hall	Daily
	Open Day in aid of Hope for Children: Refreshments	Friends Meeting House	10am - 7pm
Sat 28th	Open Day in aid of Hope for Children: Refreshments	Friends Meeting House	10am - 5pm
	Painswick Conservatives Annual Book Sale (incl. video & tape) Filter Coffee/American Cookies	Town Hall	10am - 12 noon
	Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Summer Exhibition. Admission £1.50. (Daily until 27 August)	Painswick Centre	10am - 6pm Daily 11am - 5pm Sun
AUGUST			
Sat 4th	AUGUST ISSUE OF THE PAINSWICK BEACON PUBLISHED		
6th	Lansdown Art Club Exhibition (Until 12 August) Admission Free 7th - 12th August	Town Hall	2-8pm (Mon.6th) 10am - 5.30pm
Sat 11th	Charity Coffee Morning: Bring & Buy, Cakes, and etc	Town Hall	10am - 12 noon
15th	Horticultural Society Outing: RHS Garden, Rosemoor, Grt. Torrington, Devon		8.30am depart 7pm return
22nd	Senior Circle Day Outing to Weston-Super-Mare	The Falcon	10am Return 6pm
27th	August Bank Holiday Coffee Morning in aid of CMS/USPG	Church Rooms	10.30am to 12.30pm
SEPTEMBER			
2nd	Tennis Club unveiling of the Valerie Funnell Memorial Bench - All welcome	Broadham Courts	1pm
Sat 8th	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3 - 5pm
Sat 15th	Paradise House Open Day	Paradise	2 - 4pm
24th	Calligraphy for Beginners/Improvers £36 for 3 Workshops (also 1st & 8th October) Details: Tel. 01452 611614	Church Rooms	10am - 4pm daily
28th/29th	At Last!!! The Millennium Review - Painswick Players	Painswick Centre	8pm daily
NOVEMBER			
Sat 10th	Charity Coffee Morning: Bring & Buy, Cakes, etc	Town Hall	10am - 12 noon
Sat 17th	Woollen Sale	Town Hall	
	Tennis Club: 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Tickets £30 from Sept.	Broadham Club	7.30pm until 1am
29th/30th & 1st Dec	Farcical Christmas production by Painswick Players - to be announced	Painswick Centre	Daily





# Days in College and Hawaii

Next time you are caught by a red traffic light outside the Cheltenham Boys' College try to visualise life in Cheltenham as it must have been in 1843 when the Boys' College was built - the height of the Industrial Revolution, a time of elitism and social barriers. It was a Regency town (the Parish Church being the only example of Gothic architecture), with the College, in Cathedral style to portray the religious rather than secular life, built to educate the gentry (the backbone of England) to become truly British and to defend and extend the British Empire. Sanskrit was taught - an obvious link with the Indian Army and the days of the Raj. Such was elitism that no one but a gentleman could be accepted and certainly no shopkeeper's son - for gentry should not mix with the lower classes.

Our speaker on 1st June, Peter Clarkson, who is currently writing a book on the Art and Architecture of Cheltenham Public Schools, gave us a most interesting insight into College life of the time through slides of stained glass windows designed to convey a moral message to the newcomer. Two such windows depict Mercy and Fortitude - portraying such characters as St. George, Sir Richard Grenville, the 16th-century poet-sailor, and Dr. Wilson, a Cheltonian, and botanist on Scott's fated Antarctic Expedition - all breathing honour, bravery, example and self-discipline to the viewer.

The main aims of the Ladies' College at Cambay House were the improvement of women's education and to instil in them a sense of gentility, pride with domesticity (but not to learn the menial household chores).

In short, training for their future role in finding a husband - a knight if possible, remembering that 19th-century women could not be seen to be on a par with men, but to fill their feminine role as a willing and able partner. Two such windows on the Grand Staircase fittingly portray this ideal. But times have changed, and while today's modern girl would not

## Senior Circle reports by Daphne Hudson

accept such limitations in these times of sexual equality with many careers no longer only open to men, the historical significance remains.

The Boys' Chapel, a splendid architectural feat (with a door through which can still be seen the ageless tradition of English cricket), must surely impress the toughest of new boys - such a pity it is out of bounds to many of us and lost to the passer-by.

## Extraordinary memories for this family group

I still get a buzz when thinking of holidays abroad, and then I remember Heathrow and Gatwick! But imagine planning a holiday half-way round the world with 14 in the party, the youngest three-month-old twins - Janet Jenkins and her husband did just that when they took 12 of their family for a whole month's treat to Hawaii. What memories those children will have, and how much they must have effortlessly learned with such a lively and knowledgeable grandmother.

On 18th May, Janet Jenkins gave us a glimpse of Hawaii, the history and, with the help of slides, a taste of the rich flora and fauna of these paradise islands. Situated 2,800 miles between America and Japan they have a lovely climate of 25-27 degrees year round.

The family stayed on Kauai, the Garden Island, between five and six million years old - which boasts 460 in. of rain every year. Shots of the canyon's red hot lava (20 times hotter than boiling water) that rushed down through forests to the sea, there to vaporise, solidify and increase the size of the island were awesome. Coral reefs, pineapples, red and pink ginger, bananas and much more. Orchids growing on the cliffs beneath which lie white beaches washed by dazzling blue sea. Snorkelling, picnics, cricket on the beach, swimming - no wonder the Jenkins's grandchildren are asking when they can return.

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# The Personal Column

## Babies

Congratulations to NICOLA and FEMI OSHINOWO, whose son, Damilola Benedict, was born on 21st April in London; and to ESTHER and MARTIN LEAKE, whose daughter, Savanna Maria Alison, was born in Brisbane, Australia, on 11th June. Damilola and Savanna are the ninth and tenth grandchildren for Douglas and Alison Robinson of Vicarage Street, and the fifteenth and sixteenth great grandchildren for Brian and Ruth de Courcy Ireland;

congratulations also to VICTORIA and RUSTY ELVIDGE on the birth of their daughter, Felicity, on 13th May, a sister for Mimi, Miranda, George and Hester.

and belated congratulations to TERRY and STEPH GALVIN of Canwood Cottage, Cheltenham Road, on the birth of a son, Tadhg, who celebrated his first birthday on 29th June.

## Weddings

Congratulations to KATE GUNTON and GREG RICH who were married on 27th May in Winchcombe;

also to NICHOLAS DENT and ELAINE HEARD who were married in Cirencester, with the reception held at The Old Barn, Washwell;

also to GRAEME KILBY and ZARA VERNON who are to marry today (7th July) in London.

## 90th Birthdays

Many congratulations to LAURA THOMPSON who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on 28th May;

and to CONNIE SPRING of Gyde Road, who had her ninetieth birthday on 11th June.

## Hail and farewell

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs TEESDALE who have moved into Flat 2, New Street;

also Mr and Mrs PRICE who have come to live at Rafters, Yew Tree House, New Street;

and CATHERINE and DYLAN DAVIES, and their daughters, ROSE-

MARY and KATE who are living in Churchill Way;

also to VIC and BRIDGET GARDNER who moved into Providence Cottage from Stonehouse recently;

and farewell to LAURA and GORDON PROCTOR who have moved to Cirencester;

and to SARAH and ANDREW TAYLOR who have moved from Cheltenham Road to Churchdown.

## Congratulations

To ABIGAIL CROOK of Queen's Mead, who has just achieved an Upper Second Honours degree in Politics from Durham University;

Well done, JAMES, son of JEAN and MARTYN SHEPPARD, of Tibbiwell, who was awarded a silver-gilt medal in the BBC Gardeners' World competition recently.

## Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JANE OTWAY, BETTY VARNEY, EVA WILDY, FREDERIC RODER and ELLA ADLAM.

## Thank You

Painswick branch of the British Red Cross would like to thank all collectors for giving their time, and the people of Painswick for their generosity, during their Collection Week. The total raised was £349.19.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the family and friends of TOM IRELAND and SALLY GEAR who have died recently. Tom, who died in Newport Hospital on 2nd June after a short illness, was born in Tibbiwell. He was secretary of Christ Church and well-known for his youth club leadership.

Sally died on 11th June. A Thanksgiving service will be held on 20th July at St Mary's Church at 2.30pm.

Sincere sympathies also to family and friends of ROSEMARY VEREY, the internationally renowned gardener, who has died recently. In 1939, she married the late David Verey, son of a vicar of Painswick.

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