

The Painswick Beacon

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Best wishes
and happiness
to all our readers
for Christmas
and the New Year



Inside this end of year issue the path to the **Yellow Bricks**, Christmas '**draw**' winners, **uplift** at the Centre, some **Festival** notes and pics, **tea rooms** at last, **competitions for all ages**, **eateries open** at Christmas, **jump postponed**, fun + **guiding**, seITed at the Croft, spotlight on local lad **David**, new **local CD**, and **piste**?

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to draw attention to those of wider interest, but remind readers that the full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Painswick Library.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gyde House Conservation Area

Chairman David Hudson reported having attended a meeting of the Gyde Trustees in the previous week and that they remained adamant that they were disinclined to release the parcel of land between the surgery and the Barn alongside the A46 for affordable housing, as desired by the Parish Council. The draft proposals of the Conservation Society were reconsidered and, with the omission of their reference to this site, supported.

Planning Procedures

Mr Hudson reported upon deliberations of the working party set up at the last meeting to consider procedures relating to the examination of planning applications referred to this Council by the District Council for comment. Several factors had been taken into account, including (a) that a maximum of two weeks was permitted in which to formulate comment, (b) the importance of as many parish councillors as possible having sight of the plans, (c) the need for councillors to have sufficient time to visit sites under consideration, and (d) the desirability of obtaining the views of neighbouring residents.

He went on to suggest that while the 'brown envelope' system is less transparent than might be desired it would be possible to remind the public when any plan is under consideration using the council's notice boards, and that anyone could seek to express views even after the council had conveyed its own to the District Council. It was resolved that the present system be continued but that there be an increase in the number of site meetings which would be open to all members of the committee.

It was also noted that the written comments of anyone wishing to make representations be appreciated at the earliest possible point in the 14-day period so that these could be taken into account. The committee took the view that a combination of these procedural changes would be helpful, even though there would still

be limited opportunity for discussion and, hence, a meeting of minds upon specific projects.

Care Centre - external lighting

Note was taken of representations made by the Conservation Society upon the intended external lighting for this centre and its grounds. The committee supported also representing that light spillage be minimised throughout the complex.

PARISH COUNCIL

Village centre signs

A meeting had been held with officers of the County Council, from which it emerged that the Parish Council could seek signs of just about any style they desired, excluding the 'brown' tourist signs. After discussion a working party was formed to further consider the proposals received from the Painswick Hotel and the Friends Meeting House for directional signs.

Margaret Hampshire legacy

The response to the invitation to the public to make suggestions regarding the £3000 legacy which had to be used for 'a project to enhance the well being of the village ..' (*the front page of the last issue of the Beacon*) had been most encouraging. Suggestions ranged from facilities for the disabled, a bursary for local young people accessing sporting activity, repairs to the bus shelter in New Street, to a drop-in coffee shop for young people.

After discussion, and additional suggestions from councillors, it was agreed to dedicate these funds to (1) offer a suitably inscribed cup to the Painswick Dog Show Committee, (2) a further finger sign (comparable to that in Victoria Square) but located near to the Stamages/St. Mary's Home, with clear dedication to Miss Hampshire, and, if residual funds permit, (3) information technology exclusive support for the tourist office volunteers based at the library.

Canton Acre - road widening

It was reported that work to this roadway was unlikely before 2007-08 but the Chairman, Terry Parker, undertook to investigate the matter further.

Relationships with the County Council

Despite the fact that the GCC had adopted a 'charter' assuring parish councils of its intent to consult and take note of local views upon local issues there had been instances in recent times when such appeared to be disregarded. A letter to the County Council had still not brought a response and further representations would be made.

Quality Parish Councils

A booklet specifying QPC criteria had been made available on the day of the meeting of the council and copies were distributed to members. (*See separate future report.*) Upon the suggestion that the

requirement that an annual report of the council be delivered to every household it was suggested that this be achieved without seeking the assistance of The Painswick Beacon. The matter of criteria to be met for QPC status would be discussed at a future meeting.

Telephone exchange - possible car parking

Ann Burges Watson, Chairman of the Traffic Committee, reported having made informal enquiries about the possibility of the grounds of the exchange in Stroud Road being used for public car parking. It was agreed that a formal enquiry be directed to the owners.

National Trust - Little Fleece

The Council had received an indication from the NT that it would welcome its views upon potential use of this property for commercial, holiday letting or residential purposes and that it appreciated the local interest shown in the future of the property. A letter from a resident suggesting a specialist children's book shop had also been received, and Johnny Johnson urged that specialist shops were of importance if visitors to the village were to be encouraged.

In order to develop the most positive of responses to the Trust it was agreed, on the suggestion from Ann Burges Watson, that details of the interior of the property be sought to aid deliberations.

Traffic Committee - co-option

Ann Burges Watson proposed a co-option to the Traffic Committee to strengthen its knowledge base on legal matters. After discussion it was agreed that the proposal, and nominee, should originate from the committee itself.

Recreation Field - parking

(*See separate report opposite*)

Council Office - Christmas closure

It was agreed that the Parish Council office would be closed from 25th December to 4th January, inclusive. The telephone and correspondence would be monitored for matters

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Festive Fare in Painswick

What's on offer at our local restaurants this month?

The Falcon has a special Christmas menu from the beginning of December in addition to the usual fare. Christmas Day lunch will be served (booking essential) and on New Year's Eve a special buffet menu will be available. The Falcon will be open for the whole Christmas period except Christmas Day evening. Booking is advisable.

The Thai Restaurant is open as normal up to and including 23rd December, reopening on 27th December. New Year's Eve will be special with live music and entertainment. Booking is essential.

Painswick Hotel offers special Christmas fare as well as the usual menu throughout December. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day are for residents only. On New Year's Eve a gourmet dinner will be served. Booking is essential.

The Royal Oak has a Christmas menu for lunch and evening meals throughout December. Booking is advisable. Christmas Day opening is 12.00-2.00pm only for drinks. On New Year's Eve the Oak will host a country and western night with prizes for best dressed cowboy, cowgirl and air guitarist.

The Patchwork Mouse invites you to indulge unashamedly in a spe-



Recreation Field - parking

There have been a number of occasions when parking on the Recreation Field has been considered. It is of importance to note that consideration of such matters requires that the Parish Council articulate what is proposed and then refer its suggestion to the Trustees of the Recreation Field; that is the same twelve persons sitting as the Trustees. In turn, the Trustees are constrained in their actions by the Charity Commission, to whom they are ultimately accountable for the discharge of the trust deed.

In just about every instance suggestions to utilise any part of the field for parking stems from one of the following two reasons:

1. **Although there is parking owned and managed by and alongside the Painswick Centre, this proves to be inadequate when there are major functions in those premises, the bowling or tennis courts, or indeed on the Recreation Field itself.**

2. **The widely held belief that a second (to Stamages Lane) car park is needed to the northern side of the village (a) to attract motorist tourists to stop and explore and/or shop in the village, and/or (b) to 'relieve' village streets of local car-owner parking and, hence, enforcement of no on-pavement or longer term parking.**

To meet the first of these occasional 'needs' the field's Trustees may authorise limited parking under supervision on the northern side of the field, with access from Lower Washwell Lane. This system seems to have worked well, with negligible damage to the field itself or inconvenience to nearby residents.

In relation to this second objective it has to be said that there appears to be no consensus of opinion. It may be that central to the antipathy is the fact that the Stamages Lane park is, by any assessment, underused; it is only exceptionally full, and

then only because of a major event such as a concert being held in the church, PaDFAS, or village 'spectacular' like the Victorian Market. It is hardly expensive to park there, but the facility to park free on the main road alongside (with its consequent frustration of motorists exiting the village and residents opposite whose frontages are damaged by passing vehicles) mitigates against its fuller use. Further, there is no solid evidence that a second car park would increase stop-overs for the desired purposes.

Some hope that no further off-street parking is found because they do not wish to be prevented from parking close to their homes, as they do now; it is hardly surprising that they are content to postpone enforcement indefinitely.

While the Charity Commissioners have signalled that they would now not be averse to any sensitively designed proposal to provide parking on part of the Recreation Field exclusively in support of proposition 1 (above) they would not be in agreement with 2 - permanent public use.

The Trustees, on 27th October, reaffirmed that they would not themselves agree to even the use of the 'dead' area between the trees alongside Lower Washwell Lane, by moving the hedge and fence into the grassed field itself, although a feasibility plan had been tabled for consideration.

The considerations mentioned here exclude any reference to cost. Neither has mention been made here of the opinions of the County Council's Highways Officers/Engineers which are already known to be unsupportive of increases in traffic movements from that lane on to the A46 or the entrance opposite Goddards Garage near the traffic lights.

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Watch out - there's some Guides about

Yes – Guides have survived and we plan to go from strength to strength.

Karen Goddard retired from the Guides after 10 years and it was going to be a hard act to follow. I am Julia Mundell and I have taken over the Guides with the help of Diane Howson. We have both lived in Painswick for the past four years.



We put together a fantastic programme for the autumn term ranging from an interactive session



with Gloucestershire Crime Prevention Team, a make-up evening and an evening with representatives from Sue Ryder Hospice who brought along a Guide dog (the girls wanted to smuggle him home with them!!) We aim to ensure all the Guides are introduced to a variety of interests in order to broaden their horizons, but most of all to meet up and have fun. This picture was taken on a recent day trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. 120 Brownies and Guides attended- not a quiet day!!

Their smiles say it all!!

Any girls wanting to be part of this fun please contact me on 814748, or Diane on 813380

Julia Mundell

Painswick Poem

Painswick is the beautiful Queen
of all the Cotswold I have seen,
the Church spire reaches to the sky
and has all the buried warriors who have died.
How many Yew trees can you count?
How many huge hills can you mount?
There's quite a busy road, but we can make an exception,
if you're late for school you can sign in at reception!
There's football & Rugby at the RFC
and at the bottom of the rec, you can climb the trees.
There's Bowls and Golf and Tennis too!
There are so many sports that you can do!
The scenery's great; there's flowers and rivers
and up on the windy Beacon, every one shivers!

by Jenny Browne

*The Beacon caught winsome
Julia on camera at home
- and her smiles also say*



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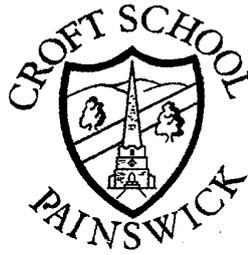
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NEWS from the CROFT



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Hi!
 Tuesday 14th December 3.00pm until 4.00pm will be Story Time at Painswick library.

Interested?
Julie Hall - Library Manager

The IT suite had been reopened after considerable upgrading when the Beacon visited the Croft School a couple of weeks ago.

The attentiveness of the pupils was stimulating to behold and Gareth Lewis, in charge of this latest technology, was justifiably proud to show us round.



The Croft School has been granted a sum of money through the Stroud District Council's Rural and Community Investment Scheme for 2004/2005. This money has provided attractive seating for the children in both playgrounds. It is well used at break times for those who like to sit and natter or play games. The seats were also used for children to go and work outside during the warm weather and by the after school 'Fun Club'.

Playgroup News

Painswick Playgroup is pleased to announce that they have recently achieved the County's Quality Assurance Award. The award is a year long course and involves child-care settings to complete a portfolio showing how they meet the standards set out by the QA panel. Lots of hard work has been put in by all staff and committee members and we congratulate the group in obtaining this award.

It's a busy time at Playgroup for the staff and children in the run up to Christmas. They will be learning lots of carols and preparing for this years nativity, as well as taking part in many arts and craft activities.

Linsey Grant

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Christmas in the Painswick Valley

Christmas in the Painswick Valley is the title of a new CD which celebrates the wealth of musical talent within the Painswick benefice. The project was the brainchild of Kevin Washburn, an accomplished musician with a long track record in all aspects of musical recording and production. The CD comprises Christmas stories and music performed by local artists who live or go to school in Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe, Harescombe, Brookthorpe and Edge. It includes hand bells from Cranham, the St Mary's Church organ and church choir, choirs from the Croft School, Cranham School and the village of Cranham, and story telling by Bob Roberts, all selected after talking to Revd John Longuet-Higgins and Curate Helen Sammon.

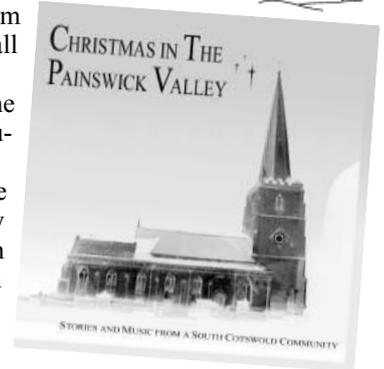
Kevin says that he was presented with some interesting new challenges in terms of capturing the various recordings. "Recording the Cranham hand bells and St Mary's Church organ were particularly fraught but we are delighted with the result!"

So is everyone who has heard it. Jan Thompson, the headmistress at Cranham School says, "The children had such a fantastic time in the studio at Olivers recording their music and all came away really excited about the prospect of featuring on a CD. While playing the CD in assembly and in class, we were amazed how beautiful the children sounded and how lucky we are to have such talented musicians and singers in a small school. The carols are delightful and quite magical - I would recommend it to anyone who wants to buy a special present for a special person at Christmas." And the vicar comments "People are buying the CD for themselves. But once they've heard it they are buying it for their friends because they are so amazed at how good it is to listen to."

The photograph for the front cover was kindly taken by Michael Hall who faced the challenge of producing a suitably bleak mid-winter Christmas picture just when the Painswick valley was beginning to look autumnal and golden. He achieved this by illuminating the centre of Painswick early one evening with the use of lots of powerful lights targeted on the Painswick Church and a great deal of patience to catch 'just the right moment'.

Kevin Washburn and his wife, Penny, have kindly donated the production costs of the first 500 CDs to the Painswick Church Benefice, so that all the money raised by the CD can go straight to the church. It will be used for the development of youth activities within the church and for furthering community worship.

The CD costs just £10.00 and is available from the Benefice Office and the Shetland Shop in Painswick and the Post Office in Cranham.



Catch this

On Sunday 31st October was held the 2nd annual "Painswick LTC Pumpkin Growers Festival". This year's event was held courtesy of Mr. Bob Kelly who together with a few assistant chefs provided a sumptuous array of victuals which were gratefully appreciated by all his guests. The event was well attended by several leading members of the Tennis Club along with a rather depleted number of entries. There was present also a rather wizened lady with a greenish tinge but unfortunately all photographs of this apparition seem to have failed.



The number of entries this year bears no relation to the supplier of the seeds (last year's champion Mr M Sanderson whose exhibit was bigger than the sum of this year's crop). Despite whingeing earlier in the season that the quality of the seeds was poor several members managed to germinate but either through neglect or through sabotage, only 4 entries made the final Judgement.

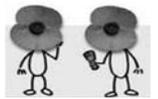
This year's champion specimen was provided by John Shipman who's exhibit weighed in at 30lbs, a good 8lbs clear of his

nearest rival. Let us hope that John's seeds will provide an even greater array of specimens in 2005.

Finally please convey all of our grateful thanks to Bob Kelly and all his helpers for hosting this year's event. We look forward with eager anticipation to next year's exciting contest.

The British Legion Collection

All the door-to-door poppy people, the street collectors and the many static points in the shops and businesses throughout Painswick have made a magnificent contribution to the Royal British Legion this year.



£2095.95 was raised - a total with which I am delighted. In addition we have a contribution from St. Mary's Church Remembrance Sunday Service of £256.10. Altogether that makes **£2,352.05** from all of us .

Thank you all very much for your enthusiastic support. It is particularly praiseworthy that some of our more elderly collectors, who may be getting a little frail in the legs department, still insist on doing their rounds. I admire them tremendously and hope that as the years go by we will be joined by some younger enthusiasts.

Patricia Burrows

Sue Ryder Care

The Coffee Morning held in the Town Hall in November was a great success in spite of the weather. Thanks to generous supporters we had a fantastic Raffle Stall, some beautiful cushions and other gifts. Our Book-Stall rivalled Waterstones!

Total raised **£932.00**.

And John and Elsie McCabe won the cake for the 2nd year running!

Anne Leoni on behalf of the Team



Spotlight on . .

David Archard

David is well known as Painswick's funeral director in residence, and is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable people on the history of Painswick, and has a superb collection of photographs from 1857 to the present day.



So, before we go any further, is Painswick a town or a village?

Not again! I have always referred to Painswick as a town and hold very strong views on this issue. I appreciate that many residents think differently - such is life. There is so much historical evidence and so many of Painswick's buildings are indicative of Cotswold town architecture. It is one of the classic wool towns of the Cotswolds with the villages of Sheepscombe, Slad and Edge within the same parish.

Until a short time ago Painswick had a fully manned police station, and still maintains a fire station, library, school and Town Hall. In the 1950s there were churches, chapels and meeting rooms supporting seven different denominations.

Well, I'm sure this will stir up a debate, but back to basics.

Fair enough. I was born in Painswick in March 1941 in a house in Hollyhock Lane built by my father Kenneth Archard in 1938, just before he married my mother.

Tell us about your family and its association with Burdock and Son

My grandfather John Archard moved to Miserden from Bray in Berkshire and entered employment with Walter Henry Burdock in order to oversee the construction of the Institute complex in 1906. The hall was built with Burdock's blocks, a

very early form of reconstructed stone, the gravel for which was taken from the Recreation Field. Sometime later he joined the partnership with Walter Henry, whose son Frederick bequeathed the business and premises to my father in 1955.

I assume you were educated here?

Yes, I went to Painswick School from 5-10 years old and then on to Marlton. After that I studied construction in Cheltenham and joined my father's firm.

I then met my late wife Lorna when she moved into Bank House next door in 1962 and we married in 1964.

We had two sons, Duncan and Julian. The former lives in London with his wife Michaela and two children, whereas Julian and Emma have just settled in France, south of the Loire, and their three children go to school in Richelieu.

So what happened between 1959 and today?

The firm Burdock and Son, which was established in 1832, continued until I closed the business for health reasons in 1991. This followed the complete renovation of Woods Mill, formerly the brewery to the Bell Hotel which fronted on to Friday Street. As a matter of interest the hotel eventually closed in 1925 after a fire and was converted into a vicarage.

The opportunity then arose for Lorna and me to run the Little Fleece bookshop for the National Trust. This opened in

1993 and continued until 2003. I continue to operate as a funeral director in cooperation with Philip Ford and live in The Beehive.

What are your memories of Painswick?

I remember Painswick when it was totally self-sufficient and had a thriving working community.

A large blow to Painswick was the closure of the Antiques Centre situated in the old Baptist Chapel in New Street (where Murrays are today). Before that Painswick could boast a number of antique shops which brought visitors and trade to the town.

My views of the past may be nostalgic. Unfortunately, following 9/11, foot and mouth and the closure of many shops and cafes, tourism has declined and may not return to earlier levels unless Painswick is able to offer more facilities of this nature.

Sadly, Painswick is gradually losing its soul, fewer people are around and the hive of activity I knew no longer exists.

Is there a glimmer of hope for the future?

We are extremely lucky to have perhaps the finest churchyard in the country. There are many beautiful buildings, lovely countryside, walks and other tourist attractions. The promotion of Painswick is essential in order to encourage more tourism.

But, most importantly, some new specialist shops have opened including Fabrics and Interior Design. This should be encouraged.

I have always enjoyed living in Painswick but fear for the future. It was never intended to become a 'chocolate box' village.

Dermot Cassidy

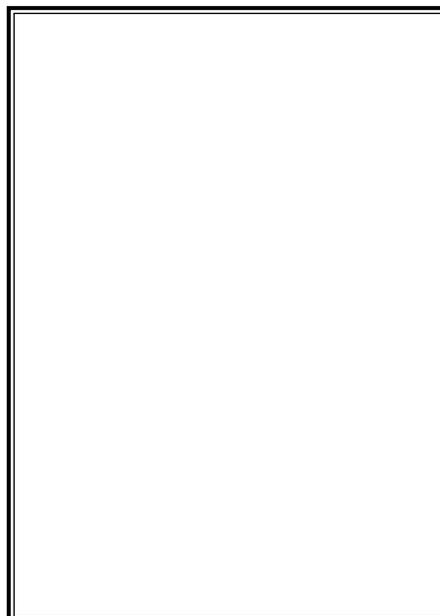
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We Have A Tea Shop Again

Painswick Tea Rooms, formerly Chancellors, is well and truly back in business. Pauline Roche and Rob Lewis, the new proprietors, moved in a few weeks ago and, if you haven't noticed, have now re-opened their beautifully refurbished premises.

Pauline is certainly an enthusiast when it comes to good food. Her intention is to serve simple, home-made, real food. And it will be truly home-made, with Pauline doing all the cooking. She talks animatedly about the importance of quality fresh ingredients, no matter what the dish. "Take a sandwich," she says, "what's the point of using a good filling if the bread is tasteless? I always try to use really good bread. It

makes all the difference." Pauline will produce a range of dishes including soups, jacket potatoes, quiches, salads, tarts, buns, cakes and so on. She also intends to serve breakfasts.

Sunday lunch will be a weekly feature and again she talks enthusiastically about the menu. Only the best meat and fresh vegetables will be used. Painswick Tea Rooms isn't licensed but customers may bring their own wine. Pauline wants diners to really enjoy the experience. She does point out that it will be necessary to book for Sunday lunch.

With the same attention to detail, Rob and Pauline have given very considerable thought to the refurbishment. They regard the décor and furnishings as a crucial factor in creating the right atmosphere. "We want people to feel welcome and comfortable", says Pauline. Accordingly, the shop has had a very pleasant make-over, with warm, soft colours, well designed chairs and some very good paintings round the walls. It's all very appropriate to the building and to Painswick, and that's exactly how they hope local residents will view it. "It's for the village mainly, as well as visitors."

Rob has installed a complete new kitchen which they hope will prepare them for every eventuality. As well as the erstwhile public area at the front they are also opening a smaller room at the back for a variety of purposes – breakfasts, overspill, private functions, Sunday lunches and so on.

They are very keen to put the Tea Rooms at the centre of Painswick's daytime social life. Having helped friends find a house here, they too decided it was the place for them and that Painswick needed the Tea Rooms. Pauline comes equipped with a sound and varied commercial background. Amongst other things, she ran a painting and decorating shop combined with some interior design work in Droitwich for four years. Subsequently, she and Rob managed a pub for three years and then Rob returned to his career as a senior technical support engineer which continues to be his full-time employment. They have lived in Bourton-on-the-Hill for the last four years. They share the flat above the shop with Coco the dog and Pepe the parrot. Pauline has a grown-up son.

Pauline and Rob are very positive about Painswick Tea Rooms and determined to transform it into a welcoming hub offering excellent food and beverages and a warm atmosphere. We have been without a proper village tea shop for some time and they are providing just that. It is certainly worthy of your support, so be sure to go in and sample the delights. Painswick needs its tea shop.

Carol Maxwell

Our Christmas DRAW

Every year we make a 'draw' of four of our subscription receipt numbers and, in the order they are drawn, are pleased to deliver a seasonal gift.

These may already have been delivered to

A bottle of Whisky

Avril Dorey, Tall Trees in Cotswold Mead

A bottle of Sherry

Mary Harris, Gyleen in Hambutts Drive

Chocolates

Bill Boydell in Randalls Field and Angela Newing at Jubilate in Blakewell Mead

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A flutter for you



Our speaker for November was Elaine Horton. It was especially nice to meet her again as some ten years ago the Society visited her garden at Tinpenny Cottage, White-

way. Since then she has moved to Fiddington near Tewkesbury and created a new garden from scratch. Her trials and tribulations in this respect were interesting and amusing.

The main purpose of Elaine's visit was to tell us of plants that would attract butterflies to our gardens, and how to care for them. Her slides were mainly close-ups of plants and were of excellent colour and clarity, and all flourishing in her own garden. Mallus and hebe were examples of early blossoms that attracted butterflies with golden rod, nepeta and lavender proving useful later in the year. Nettles were also mentioned as being particularly beneficial, so we now have an excuse for their presence.

Elaine concluded her talk with a series of slides entitled "Plants for you", these being some particular favourites of hers that she could highly recommend to other gardeners. Sea hollies, asters, poppies and ornamental grasses were mentioned and then some healthy examples of those species were offered for sale. We now eagerly await a summer visit to Elaine's garden.

Please join us for our quiz on the evening of 8th December in the Town Hall, where mince pies and a free glass of wine will await you.



Philip Berry

Two caterpillars were strolling along, minding their own business and having a chat together (as caterpillars do), when a large butterfly passed overhead.

One caterpillar turned to the other and said "You wouldn't get me up in one of those!"

Ed.

Christmas Lights

The Grant family told the Beacon that they switched on their Christmas Lights last Wednesday, 1st December at their home - 1 Upper Washwell.

This year they will be collecting donations in aid of two local causes, Painswick Playgroup and The Croft School PTA.



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Did you hear?

The bells at St Marys were rung half muffled for the Remembrance Service at 10.50am on 14th November.

If you have bell ringing skills, or are a novice, and would like to join our ever increasing band of locals and visitors, why not call at the Tower at 7.30 pm Tuesday evenings. (Our practice night) We will be pleased to see you.

David Ryland

Readers are reminded that the
Dog Warden telephone number is
01453 754497

Impressionism

Bristol University is running a course entitled 'Art in Nineteenth Century Britain and Beyond' - to be held in the Church Rooms on Thursdays 10.30am to 12 noon starting on the 6th January.

The legacy of Impressionism flourished outside the Parisian centre and beyond the crises of the 1880s. The second part of this course concentrates on the periphery of art in America, Britain, and Scandinavia as well as exploring the leading French Post-impressionist artists. Impressionism was a phenomenon which had a legacy of emulation and reaction. This course will look at the art of Seurat, Signac, Van Gogh, Gauguin, as well as the Pre-Raphaelites in England, Burne-Jones, William Morris etc. Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins and Whistler will provide an American focus. Whilst this course continues themes explored in the autumn term, it is designed to be free standing. Course tutor - Dr Peter Clarkson.

To enrol please contact Hilary Betts, History of Art Lifelong Learning, University of Bristol, 3-5 Woodland Road, Bristol, BS8 1TB Telephone 01179.287844

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Local History Teaser

We're in the pantomime season again and Painswick has quite a tradition of staging festive performances.

Can you name this locally well-known pantomime dame from the 1950s, and where did he live in New Street for many years? (*All good seasonal stuff! Ed.*)



The answer to last month's teaser: the occasion was the presentation of the Plantation to the people of Painswick in memory of Francis Adams Hyett and William Henry Hyett on 5th November 1946. In the photograph we see Mr Daniel Horne, Chairman of the Parish Council and proprietor of Horne's Garage. On his right stands Miss Lucy Hyett and on his left is Miss Margaret Hyett, near to the new plaque, the donors.

Pauline Berry kindly wrote to us, with the correct information, but adding that the



"Gentleman on the far left of the picture in the front row with bow tie and cane is Mr. EC Govier, Clerk to the Parish Council". Gone are the days of such 'uniform' for public service!

Carol Maxwell

Police Report

1st October / 31st October 2004

- House Burglaries- 0
- Business premises burglaries- 0
- Shed breaks- 0
- Theft of vehicle- 0
- Theft from vehicle -2 (1 from Sheepscombe, 1 from Slad)
- Theft other- 1 (lawn mower from driveway, Painswick)
- Criminal damage- 0
- Assault- 1 (Painswick).
- Total reported crimes this period: 4

General

I wish to thank the Painswick resident who alerted the police to a possible bogus official who was asking to read the meter. The man was wearing a "metering services" badge and was carrying a hand held device normally associated with a meter reader. However when asked for a form of id the man left without saying anything. Any genuine meter reader will willingly show you identification and will be happy for you to ring the company to confirm it.

We are continuing to target motorists speeding into the village on the Gloucester and Cheltenham Roads and several motorists have been reported during the month. Thank you

PC. Jerry Seymour Bussage Police Station, Stroud



Tourist Information 2004

After having a busy start to the season, we had to close the office for 2½ months due to the area being unsafe, and the volunteers were not insured. A meeting was held between Gloucestershire County Council Library Service, Stroud District Council Tourism, Terry Parker Chairman of the Parish Council, and myself; it was decided that we should open again for October in the library, to see how we would like it.

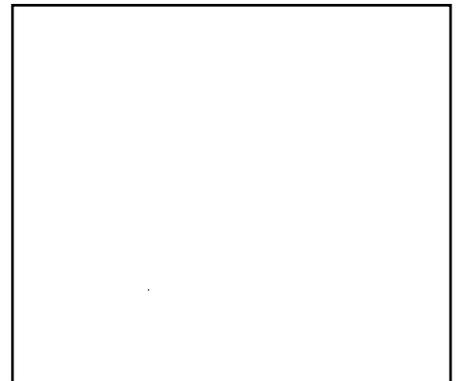
Discussing with the volunteers how they found it in the library, it was agreed they had enjoyed it, after mastering the alarm system!

We had 5529 visitors in 5½ months, when you take into account that the volunteers were managing to answer questions from between 40 to 50 visitors in three hours. I am very proud of them, the way they promote Painswick, and thank all of them for their help and loyalty.

I wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Terry Causon.

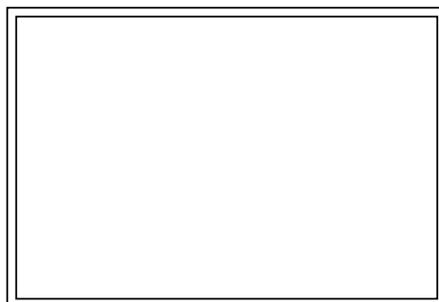
We are fairly close observers of the TIC and are very much aware of what a major contribution these volunteers make to village life and our future. Ed.



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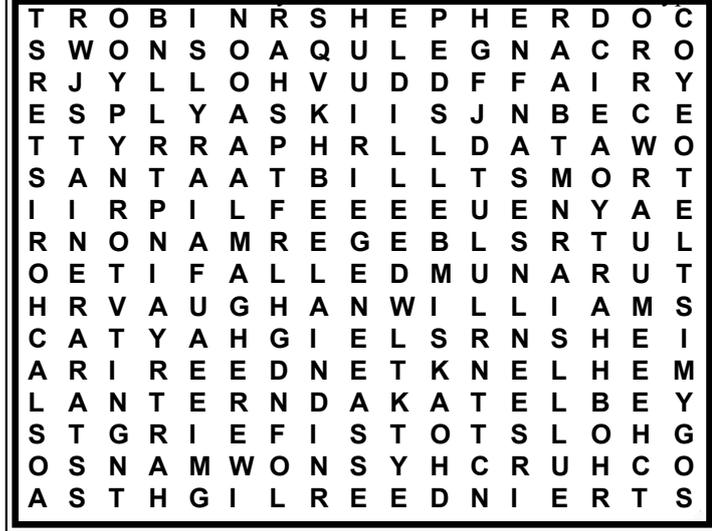
MAYBE A TUBE OF WINE GUMS FOR EACH of **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** CORRECT AND FIRST OUT OF OUR MAIL-BOX

A The front cover picture was taken from what 6 figure map reference, and facing which point of the compass?

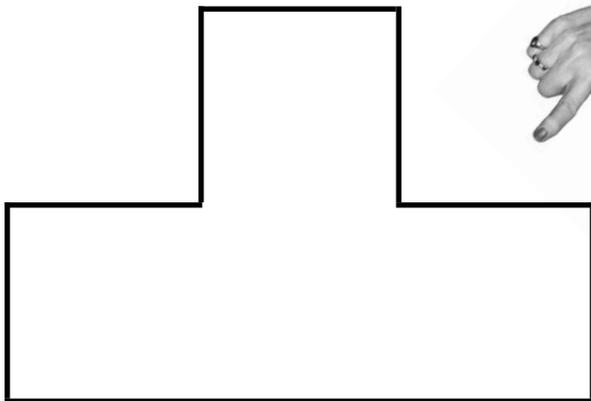
The Wordsearch this month returns, in part, to a seasonal theme. In fact you have a choice of two sets of answers - one which we think is much more difficult than the other.

B There are thirteen English composers born between 1840 and 1880, and

C There are also twenty-two seasonal items which would typically be depicted on a Christmas card.



D What is the smallest number of straight lines that can be drawn if this diagram is to be divided into eight triangles?



Last month's answers

Composers born before 1820

- JSBACH
- GFHANDEL
- WAMOZART
- JHAYDN
- LVBEETHOVEN
- FSCUBERT
- FLISZT
- JOFFENBACH
- JSTRAUSS
- RSCHUMANN
- FMENDELSSOHN
- FCHOPIN

but
ADVORAK
was the odd one out, born 1841.

The three first opened started with a 'poet' whose list confused J Strauss II with J Strauss I and assumed there were two JS Bach, when one was J Offenbach from 1819! Another Mr Liszt. The first we opened completely correct was from Nina Harris - Well done! The next, but later, came from Ruth Robinson.

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The January issue will not be published until Saturday 8th in 2005.

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THE FESTIVAL REVIEWED

John Longuet-Higgins highlighted three things when asked about this festival fortnight:

"FAITH The festival was an act of faith. We had enormous confidence it would succeed, but we also took the risk it might not.
HOPE Now we have done it, lots of folk are hoping we might repeat the festival. Can we use the church again for plays, for the Painswick Blues, for another Choral Day?

CHARITY Not only did the community give generously by buying tickets, people gave generously of their time and efforts. The most important of the three (St Paul tells us) is charity. The people who gave generously out of their love for this community.

[We shall let you know in the next Beacon how much we raised and it is divided]."

All over bar the counting!

A magnificent fortnight of art, music and drama!

This is the verdict of all those we have met and participated in the first Painswick Festival



The official opening of the Festival by David Drew MP.

A Man for All Seasons

The Festival finished with three memorable performances by Painswick Players of A Man For All Seasons by Robert Bolt. At the time of going to press no review was available but we have received comments from members of the audience, which catch the spirit of a memorable production in a memorable setting:

'Thank you for a wonderful evening. The acting, the set, the dramatic lights and setting were just magnificent. Such hard work but aren't we lucky to live in Painswick!'

'Last night was truly inspired and for me an extra dimension was added as I contemplated the fact that the church had itself—with its priesthood—passed through those turbulent days. Congratulations to all. Cast to perfection; production, set and lights incomparable; and the timing could have sent a rocket to the moon. And I'm quite sure I heard William Kingston join in the acclamation.'

'I have, this evening, been given one of the most uplifting experiences I have ever had in Painswick. The imagination and scale of the production you and your colleagues brought before use was, without any reservation - superb. The depth of study each and every one, on and off 'stage', applied to this play and placing it before an extremely mixed audience was without equal in my experience of amateur endeavour.'

The casting was particularly important if this production was to succeed, and each and every player was right for their role. It would be iniquitous to point a finger towards any single one as having made a contribution which was head and shoulders above any other, whether their part was weighed with dialogue more or less than any other. The interplay of character was of the essence, and each fulfilled all that could have been sought from them.'



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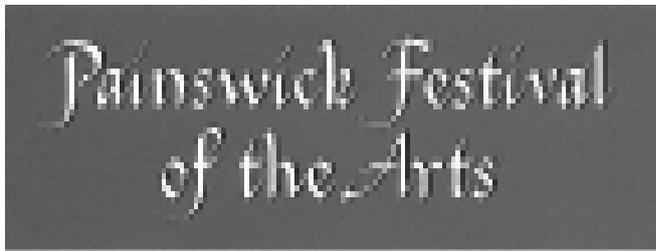
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 e unknown of mauve,
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Heather Whyte 2004



Choral Workshop

No fewer than 68 singers of varied experience and from miles around took a deep breath, Chris Swain waved his very professional baton and out came Vivaldi's Gloria. It was like a miracle (with a little help from excellent soloists and accompanist.) Let's do it again!

Cambridge Voices

The Painswick Arts and Music Festival's inaugural concert was given on 6th November in St. Mary's church by the Cambridge Voices under their founder and conductor Ian de Massini. This small chamber choir draws many of its members from the University chapel choirs: not surprisingly this was high-class work. They began with a novel setting of the Apostles' Creed written about 1500 by Robert Wylkynson in the form of a piece for 13 voices. Mr de Massini, in an amusing and informative introduction, told us that 'some might call it a round but real musicians prefer canon'. So canon it was: starting with an empty stage, a robed figure representing Christ led the singers round the Church in procession, joining in the Creed one after another until all were singing: then on a second circuit the singers stopped one by one until all was silence.

Then pieces to commemorate the features of the church: St. Mary and St. Peter, its yew trees, 14-bell peal and ship model representing the Christian voyage through life. We had the Victorian Robert de Pearsall, mainly remembered for a jolly set of Christmas variations for village organists, here with an impressive piece of High Victorian Gloom: the 20th-century French organist Duruflé with two edgy 'Third Programme' style pieces, more 20th-century with Britten's *Hymn to the Virgin*, a fine strong rendering of Rachmaninov's *Bogoroditse devo* [Hail Mary] and for me the highlight of the afternoon, Palestrina's *Tu es Petrus*, a magnificent piece of 16th century polyphony with its great climax at *Calves Regni Caelorum* filling the air: not bad for a dozen voices in a packed church!

Something brand new was de Massini's *Lily that Dazzles* written for Beryll Calver-Jones and Gerry Mattock, patrons of the Festival. Based on a 12th-century piece with an interesting solo part it showed its ancestry with distinction; thank you Ian.

We also had three 'jokes'. First the conductor's own, a sparkling nautical madrigal with added arm-waving for conductor and choir. The late Victor Hely-Hutchinson used to do stuff like this - why not take over and give us some more, Ian? The other was a happy trifle by Charles Wood, Stanford's successor at Cambridge, adorned with 'ding-dongs' to represent the bells. Good fun even if Ian described it as 'the worst piece of music ever written'. That was the third joke - I think.

The first half ended with Ian's setting of the 'Lord of the Dance' using a well-known worship song theme with variations showing the influence of black gospel music. A nice finish.

After the interval the organist Simon Tarancuk, teacher at Wycliffe college, joined us for a rendering of Faure's *Requiem*. A very solid performance indeed: early on the St Mary's acoustic made them sound a little distant but they soon warmed up and by the time we hit the big '*exaudi*' in the introit were going like a house on fire, and on to a big *Libera me* with a fine baritone solo and a nice mysterious *In paradisum* to bring the main concert to an end. We finished with yet more Duruflé: his Lord's Prayer, set by his wife after he was struck down in an accident.

John Parfitt



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Christmas Services

Churches Together Around Painswick extend a warm welcome to everyone at the services listed below.

19th December (Sunday)

- 8.00am St Mary's *BCP Holy Communion*
 8.30am Our Lady & St Therese *Mass*
 9.30am St Mary's *Holy Communion*
 10.30am The Friends Meeting House *Family Meeting & Carols*
 4.00pm Christ Church *Carol Service*
 5.30pm Our Lady & St Therese *Christingle Service*
 6.30pm St Mary's *Carol Service*

21st December (Tuesday)

- 2.30pm Carols at Ashwell

24th December (Friday) Christmas Eve

- 6.00pm St Mary's *Crib Service*
 11.00pm St Mary's *Midnight Service*

25th December (Saturday) Christmas Day

- 8.00am St Mary's *BCP Holy Communion*
 8.30am Our Lady & St Therese *Mass*
 10.00am St Mary's *Family Service*
 10.00am Christ Church *Christmas Day Worship*
 11.00am The Friends Meeting House *Meeting for Worship*
 11.15am St Mary's *Holy Communion Short Service*

26th December (Sunday)

- 8.30am Our Lady & St Therese *Mass*
 10.00am St Mary's *Holy Communion*
 10.30am The Friends Meeting House *Meeting for Wor-*

On the Yellow Brick Road



We are pleased to be able to let readers know that the magical garden tour by lantern light, with characters from The Wizard of Oz, of which we reported here last year, is being repeated tomorrow (Sunday) 5th December in the Rococo Garden. In addition to the costumed characters we are reliably informed that Father Christmas expects to put in an appearance and that carols will be sung.

So, why not gather family and friends, wrap up warm and head for the Rococo Garden? Follow the yellow brick road through the lantern lit gardens, meeting characters from The Wizard of Oz (*Cotswold Players*) with songs to sing and stories to tell. Take care though, there are witches and lions about so children remain the responsibility of their parents!! See Father Christmas and his friends in his magnificent balloon grotto designed by The Giant Card and Balloon Co.

There will be carol singing with the talented Nailsworth Silver Band, and scrumptious mulled wine with mince pies.

This wonderful Christmas event concludes this year's programme of "Open Garden Events" supporting the Cobalt Appeal Fund's 'Crack Cancer Campaign', and is sponsored by Allcooper Security Solutions.

Quite a few left it rather late to arrive, last year, so that a longer queue than they expected was inevitable. It is getting dark enough soon after 4.00pm, so don't delay. The 'Road' will be open from 3.00pm, and it closes at 6.00pm. The admission charge is £2.00 per person, including a gift for each child.

The organisers are especially grateful to the Cotswold Players who will be performing extracts from The Wizard of Oz in parts of the garden. Their full production, including all the well known favourite songs, takes place at the Cotswold Playhouse, Parliament Street, Stroud on 13th to 15th and 19th to 22nd January; more information and tickets can be obtained from the Tourist Information office on 01453.760999.

We know that the organisers are most grateful to Paul and Claire Moir and the Painswick Support Group headed by June Gardiner and Susie Archer for all their hard work and good humour! Ed.

Gold --- and petite

If you chance upon some exotically sari-clad ladies in Painswick don't assume they are visitors from India. They may be inspired members of the newly formed Yew Trees WI. The source of their inspiration was Nasim Desi, who brought brightly coloured silks and other embroidered materials to the Town Hall for their November meeting. These she used to illustrate the different customs of her unusual Muslim and Hindu backgrounds. Her audience was wowed when she ended her talk by dressing in the fabulous, richly decorated gold sari she wore at her wedding.

However, the most enduring impression that Nasim's audience took away will not be that of vivacious, petite lady in an elegant, feminine costume, but will be of her philosophy of life. Her unusual multicultural upbringing has resulted in a highly developed religious tolerance which she fervently wishes could be adopted universally to bring about world peace.

The Yew Trees WI December meeting will be a social gathering on Tuesday 14th (7.30pm at the Town Hall) when it is hoped that even more new members will be tempted to join. The evening will include mince pies, mulled wine and light hearted quizzes.

Celia Lougher 812624



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Birmingham .. eye and ear

The Group's first concert outing of the year was to Birmingham to hear the CBSO, under the baton of Heinrich Schiff.

We were greeted by Birmingham's answer to the London Eye, temporarily sited outside the door of Symphony Hall; this was clearly a foreboding of the heights to which the music would rise under the leadership of Schiff. He is first and foremost a cellist, and the highlight of the first half was the Haydn Cello Concerto, giving him the challenge of conducting his own excellent rendering of the piece.

The programme had begun with the slightly incongruous combination of Scarlatti arranged by Shostakovich, but the 15-strong ensemble played with great accuracy and delicacy.

The real 'tour de force' came after the interval with the Tchaikovsky 6th Symphony, one of the greatest cries of lamentation and emotion in all music. Schiff and the orchestra truly excelled in this performance and reminded us all why a top orchestra in a good concert hall knocks spots off the best of hi-fi systems.

Join us on one of our outings sometime!

Stewart Price



Anti-social behaviour

The Parish Council has arranged a Public Meeting for 7.00pm on Monday 13th December in the Town Hall at which a presentation on "Anti Social Behaviour" will be given by Colin Peake of Stroud District Council.

All member of the Public are invited to attend and, the Beacon is told, refreshments will be served after the presentation.

The big jump



Bad weather foiled plans for me to drop from 10,000 feet over South Cerney on 20/21st November. The parachute jump has had to be postponed until 4th December (today).



I want to thank Painswickians for the huge support they have given already to my fund-raising for Gloucestershire Community First Responder scheme, and The Order of St. John Eye Hospital in Palestine.

Donald Merrylees

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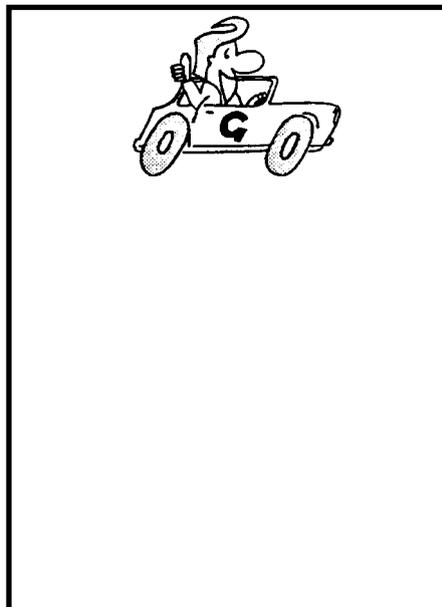
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Bird watching in Mallorca

"Alternative Mallorca", an illustrated talk by Tony Hawkins on 4th November, revealed a very different Mallorca from the popular image of a tourist destination of seaside resorts full of concrete hotels, discos and lager pubs. Here was a Mediterranean island with magnificent scenery and diverse wildlife habitats, occupying a key position on bird migratory routes.



To the north-west is the long range of the Sierra de Tramuntana, rising as high as Ben Nevis, and giving sightings of the rare Black Vulture, the summer visiting Eleonora's Falcon, and Ospreys at various mountain reservoirs.

Coastal locations, such as the rugged Formentor peninsular, are homes to the Audouin's Gull, a species virtually confined to the Mediterranean, in addition to other sea birds such as the Balearic and Cory's Shearwaters and Shags.

Inland the rich farmland, orchards and shaded woodlands of the plain are frequented by Stone-Curlews, the colourful Hoopoe and vast flocks of finches. However, EU policies for agricultural change are beginning to impact on wildlife.

The Albufera National Park, incorporating one of the largest reed beds in Europe, has an abundance of wetland birds, including over-wintering ducks, warblers, several species of heron and summer visitors such as Ibis. The recent re-introduction of the Crested Coot reflects the commitment to conservation of the Mallorcans. This is an island which should be on every birdwatcher's visit list!

There is just time for a further reminder of the visit to Slimbridge, headquarters of the WWT, meeting at 11.00am at the main entrance on Monday 6th December. There will be a guided walk, with the option to stay for the afternoon to observe feeding the birds and hopefully the Starling roost. There are extensive facilities, with opportunities for Christmas shopping! Do bring warm and waterproof clothing. Please ask if you need a lift.



Going up in the world

A stair-lift has been installed at the Painswick Centre.

The Bingo ladies were proud to be the first users of the lift.

Country and Western dances used to be held in the Centre and residual funds had been held for some years, unused, in a bank account. The Bingo ladies raised a further £200 or so at a sale they organised and, together with the sale of an unwanted chandelier, over £700 was contributed towards the cost of this new facility.

It is hoped other users of the Centre will find it very beneficial to reach the Cotswold Room and the Green Room without any effort whatsoever.

Rose Smith and Freda Knill



The original photograph at the 'state opening' of the lift fell short of expectations but, not to be outdone, Rose Smith, Freda Knill and Dorothy Reed re-enacted the device - in motion! Legs 11 ?

Churches together . . .

On Thursday 4th November last the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together Around Painswick was held in Christ Church Hall.

The meeting was very well attended. At the end of the business meeting a vote of thanks was expressed to Paula Errock for her work as Chair for the last three years. She was presented with flowers as a token of appreciation.

After the business meeting Mr. Douglas Sammon, volunteer Orthopaedic Surgeon, talked to the meeting about his work on Mercy Ships - particularly of his time in Sierra Leone where he and a team of medical personnel are responsible for operating on disabled people - young and old but particularly the young - in this deprived part of the world. This work will be the CTAP charity for the coming year. Also at the meeting Jane Jennings Taylor was elected as the incoming Chair, and the Secretary will be Thelma Dale. We look forward to another successful year and would like to hear from anyone with new ideas and suggestions.

The contact telephones numbers are:- Jane Jennings Taylor - 813234 and myself - 812720

Thelma Dale

Painswick Benefactors

When Fred and Flora Semark left Painswick it was agreed that the Semark Trust would cease to operate and all remaining funds would be distributed among chosen charities and this has happened. Now that the Trust is being officially wound up it seems appropriate to share a few facts with the good people of Painswick.

Fred, as most will know, was a Gyde House boy who made good and after retiring back to Painswick he and Flora were generous benefactors for more than 20 years, the past 14 through their charitable Semark Trust. Individuals and groups in and around Painswick benefited, particularly young people. Fred and Flora were Trustees of the Painswick Playgroup and every year Croft School received donations. They made an interest free loan to enable the Playgroup building to be completed and took delight in the enthusiasm of the young mothers and supporters in the process of repaying it within three months (less a generous donation).

They loved to receive letters from young people (who had to have a Painswick connection, however tenuous, to qualify for aid) and would help them in hardship, fulfil their ambitions to take part in the Raleigh expedition or school trip to India or continue with music lessons, or provide computers for the handicapped, to mention but a few. They supported Painswick Youth Club and took a genuine pleasure in being with young people.

Painswick Music Society and The Surgery Fund benefited along with the local Churches. They supported local charities such as The James Hopkins Trust, The Meningitis Trust, Stroud Mencap Homes Foundation, Gloucester Emergency Accommodation Resource (GEAR), The Door Youth Project, The Willow Trust and The Family Haven. On the international front when there was a disaster, such as an earthquake, they would usually send donations via the British Red Cross, Medecins Sans Frontiere or Save The Children.

Their generosity over the years has added up to a staggering £80,000. Today, Fred and Flora, we salute you and thank you for all you have given. May you enjoy further retirement, your health continue to improve and your Christmas be joyous. May we be moved to support a charity this Christmas.

Margaret Hodge 812573



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Highway matters .. around Painswick

As your County Councillor, I have many complaints about the condition of roads and pavements in all parts of the Division, from Whiteshill, Randwick, Upton St. Leonards, Painswick and the surrounding villages. There are hundreds of miles of roads and lanes in Gloucestershire and the pressure on the Highways budget is severe. The County Highways budget is approx £18m in a total County budget of £517m. I am constantly trying to obtain funds for local road improvements. However, there is some good news. A new County Council initiative, "The Impact Scheme" has been launched to provide £100,000 for highway improvement within Rural Villages. Saul and Slimbridge have already benefited and Minchinhampton will be the next recipient. I have made a plea that Painswick should be considered for an improvement plan to use £100,000 on roads and pavements in the core of the village in a future year.

The Provisional Three Year Programme already includes the following schemes:

2005/6	Hyett Close and Ashwell	Road and footway	approx £25,000
2006/7	Gloucester Road	K e r b i n g	£30,000
	Whitehorse Lane	F o o t w a y	£15,000
2007/8	Canton Acre	Road and footway	£40,000
	Sheepscombe	Village Roads	£60,000
	Slad		
Retaining wall	£22,000		
	Slad		
Fencing work	£13,000		

Also in 2007/8 New Street, A46 through the Village is being considered.

A Bright Future!

Stroud Macular Disease Society, whose group leader Jo Brazier lives in Gloucester Road, has won a 'Community Futures' award from the Orange mobile phone company, one of only 21 awards given this year throughout the U.K. The awards are linked to information technology and communication for people with sensory disabilities, and the winners had an amazing range of projects to benefit large numbers of people. Macular disease, which is the devastating loss of central vision, is now the commonest cause of sight impairment in people over fifty; in the UK it is believed there are over a million affected people, and worldwide about twenty-five million.

"We are really thrilled about this" said Jo, "we are the only charity in the south west of England to achieve this and we have been given £3,500 to purchase two 'Scannar' machines which convert text to speech, enabling sight impaired people to listen to books, newspapers, letters, as well as bank statements and electricity bills! My husband John who is registered blind and who has been unable to read for many years, has had one of these machines loaned him by St. Dunstan's and it has given him back his independence - he even reads my mail now! When I became leader of Stroud MDS three years ago there were ten members, we now have nearly fifty, several of whom live in Painswick, and we meet once a month in Christ Church in Nailsworth where we have time and privacy for people to use this very new technology - no complicated keyboards or screen, just five large control buttons. We are so grateful to Orange for giving our members a lifeline back into the community."

If anyone would like to see one of these machines in action, please ring Jo on 813594.

Lastly, Jo expressed a big thank you from the group to Painswick Parish Council for a welcome donation towards their Christmas party.

STOP PRESS - Since writing the above, Stroud MDS has been notified that it has been given a **third** 'Scannar' machine, this one granted by the Gannett Foundation - a charity operated by Newsquest, publishers of the Stroud News and Journal. It is hoped that this machine will be for use by members in their own homes, logistics yet to be decided - but amazing news for the group.

A Christmas Country Market

Join us at our Christmas Market on Friday 17th December at 10.00 am in the Town Hall for coffee and hot mince pies. This will be our final market for 2004. We will re-open for business in the New Year on Friday 7th January.

There is still time to order seasonal baking such as Christmas chocolate logs and mince pies. Please place your order at our next market or by telephoning Doreen Boon on 813850. Our craft stalls offer a range of hand-made cards and fancy goods suitable for presents. Seasonal plants and bulbs such as hellebores, potted hyacinths and holly bushes are on sale this month. We will also have Christmas wreaths, sprigs of holly and bunches of mistletoe.

Finally, we wish our customers, producers and helpers a very



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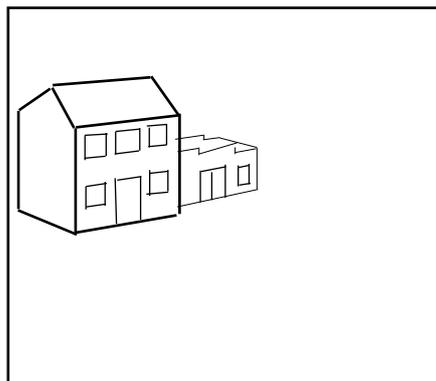
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Rugby

Painswick had a disappointing result in the Powergen Vase competition when they played Chipping Sodbury at Broadham on Saturday 6th November. The visitors had an excellent first half and at the turn-round led by 24 points to 3. However, they were unable to add further points in the second-half as Painswick came back strongly to reduce the deficit to just 4 points in the closing stages. Although the home side threw everything into attack they were unable to cross the visitors' line again and finally went down by 24 points to 20. Most spectators were agreed that, had the match gone on for a little longer, Painswick would almost certainly have won.

The Cherry and Whites' league season has also not been going well and on Saturday 21st November they suffered their fifth consecutive defeat in the Gloucestershire Premier League going down to Tewkesbury by 22 points to 5. The local side will be particularly keen to reverse the losing streak when they play Avonmouth Old Boys at Bristol today (4th December). It's difficult to explain why Painswick are struggling to find form but, as with most teams in a similar position, much has to do with confidence.

A contributory factor to the side's loss of form has been the departure of Alastair Bressington to join brother Nathan at the Moseley club who play in the National League Two. Alastair's release from the Gloucestershire Cricket Club came as a considerable surprise to those who follow the county side, not least because of his appearance earlier this year as twelfth man for England at Old Trafford in the Test Match against the West In-

dies. The result of that release has given Alastair the opportunity to play rugby at a higher level. However he has not given up his cricketing ambitions and Nathan told the Beacon that his brother is optimistic that he could be offered a contract with another county cricket club. His former colleagues at the Painswick Cricket Club will be very surprised if such an offer does not materialise. Painswick's 3rd fifteen, the Adders, had a fine win over Dursley in the Bill Adams Cup when, playing away, they notched up 43 points against the home side's 20.

Results [(L) indicates league match]

Sat 6 Nov. Powergen Vase. Painswick 1st XV 20 Chipping Sodbury 1st XV 24.
Bill Adams Cup. Dursley 3rd XV 20 Painswick Adders 43.
Sat 13 Nov. (L) Southmead 1st XV 26 Painswick 1st XV 5.
Sat 20 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV 5 Tewkesbury 1st XV 22.
(L) Painswick United 7 Old Patesians 3rd XV 32.

Fixtures (Kick-offs all 2.30pm, unless stated).

Sat 4 Dec. (L) Avonmouth OB 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.
(L) Painswick Utd v Cheltenham Sabres.
Sat 11 Dec. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Southmead 1st XV.
(L) Cirencester 2nd XV v Painswick Utd.
Sat 18 Dec. Painswick 1st XV v Hucclecote XV.
Painswick Utd v Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XV.
Boxing Day (11am start). Painswick Over-35s v Painswick Under-35s.

Hockey

Painswick Ladies played Cheltenham Civil Service at the Uckington ground on Saturday 6th November. The match was hard fought with the Civil Service quick to put the Painswick defence under pressure but Sarah Vocking, Suzie Barr and Sharon Gillson combined forces to rebuff the home side's advances. Short corners from the Cheltenham team were in abundance but with Painswick's keeper, Chris Jones, moving swiftly and with conviction, the home side were denied the chance of a goal. Painswick had many opportunities to use the pitch with excellent distribution from Barr to wings Jo Dryden and Charlotte Totterdell but the Service maintained a solid defence. The considerable efforts of the Painswick defenders enabled the Cherry and Whites to hang on for a no score draw. Player of the match was Suzie Barr.

On 20th November, Stroud played host to their local rivals Painswick with a friendly match on what was a bitterly cold day. The match progressed with positive play from both sides but it was Painswick who were to create the pressure. Excellent communication and good use of the pitch saw the visitors dominate the home side's defence. Emma Watkins proved to be a solid player who made continued efforts to break through for goal opportunities. Painswick had plenty of opportunities to score but just could not find the net. A short corner to Maggie Morse looked promising but the ball was sent wide. Stroud had few chances to test Painswick's defence with Suzie Barr, Sarah Vocking and Sharon Gillson breaking down any suggestion of a home side attack. A pleasant match was had by all with a friendly score to finish.

Junior Sport

Painswick was delighted to win the Youth category in the Calor Village competition earlier this year. The award was well merited as it reflects the tremendous enthusiasm that exists particular at Broadham where throughout the year on a weekend the field is alive with the sound of very many youngsters enjoying their sport.

Considerable credit must go to the parents and friends who make sacrifices to ensure the boys and girls are given a high standard of coaching whether that be in rugby, cricket, hockey or tennis. Not all junior sport is of course played at Broadham. Badminton, for example, takes place at the Painswick Centre. All this youthful activity would certainly seem to give the lie to some people's belief who live away from the village that Painswick is exclusively a place for

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Tennis

The Painswick Club is very fortunate in having Lorraine Ristic as its head coach. Lorraine has both played for and captained the Great Britain ladies team in the recent past. In addition, she is a top national level coach providing instruction to other coaches across the country. Lorraine gives coaching to both adults and juniors and our picture shows her with junior club member, James Sidwell at a recent Saturday afternoon coaching session. In the background is the wooden framework of the new pavilion.



Skiing?

Want to get fit for the piste?

Hundreds of thousands of people will be heading for the slopes this year to enjoy the 'heady' fresh air, the blue skies, the wonderful powder and pusted snow and breathtaking views, to say nothing of the gluwain!

It is a fabulous holiday, but tearing down a mountain-side with 2 planks of fibreglass strapped to your feet does not always go without its problems. However, the risk of problems can be reduced if you are prepared for the piste. Injuries can happen mainly when the muscles are weak and untuned or not properly stretched. It is for these reasons that Libby Graesser, Chartered Physiotherapist of Five Valleys Physiotherapy and Sports Injuries Clinic is running a pre-ski class to 'beef up' the ligaments and muscles, predominantly around the knee, although the shoulders, arms, backs and hips are also considered.

One of her regular exercisers reminded her that this is her 15th year of classes!

This year it is to be held at Painswick Rugby Club, Broadham Fields on Monday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm, starting on Monday 6th December and running through to early March next year.

The cost is £5.00 per session, or six for £25.00. To benefit it is recommended that you sign up for six sessions, if at all possible. Additional information from Libby on 812304

Ad- vance Notice

There is to be a Ball
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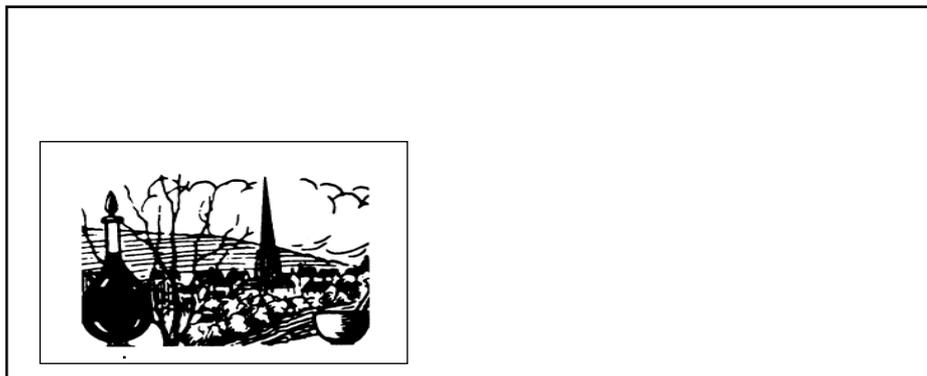
Sylvia Betty McGrath

Betty was born in Bournemouth 89 years ago and was adopted by Miss Julia Wright, a nurse when both her parents died tragically during her first year of life. She had a happy childhood, in Bradford, Lancaster and Morecambe and very much enjoyed being a Girl Guide, particularly camping.

Betty trained as a nurse in Doncaster and there met her future husband Wilson who was a doctor. They kept in contact when Wilson joined the RAF, entering as a Flight Lieutenant and emerging as a Wing Commander. As a theatre sister in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham she experienced the horror of Coventry being bombed. Wilson and she married in 1942 in Kidderminster, spending their honeymoon in Scotland with no transport and no petrol. Elizabeth was born in 1943 but Wilson was then posted overseas and Betty was separated from him for 3 years - she and Elizabeth spent the rest of the war with a family in Northern Ireland. When Wilson came back, the family settled in Gloucester where he was in general practice. Judith was born in 1948. Wilson and Betty were very sociable, painted, played golf, and enjoyed their garden - walking round it hand-in-hand every day. Wilson was a member of the Round Table and Betty the Ladies' Circle, supporting among others the RNLI. Through this organisation they made many good friends who were tremendously supportive following the sudden death of Wilson in 1954.

After completing further training, Betty worked as a health visitor until she retired at 60, having moved to Painswick in the early 1960s. Betty loved the Cotswolds and her many friends there and was involved with the church, WI, drama, art, embroidery and walking. She became health tutor on the nursery-nurse diploma course in Cheltenham; she also qualified to teach a City and Guilds course in cookery and nutrition.

Betty moved from Painswick to Overton in Hampshire in 1987 where she died re-



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Margaret Millard

88, died on 13th November in Orono, Maine, USA of Alzheimer's disease. She lived in Painswick from 1986 to 2001, remaining after her husband Ben's death in 1999.

She was born Kathleen Margaret Agnete Harland in the British West Indies, where her father was a tropical biologist, and moved to England to attend school at age 12. She and Ben Millard met at Bristol University, where she was a medical student. They married in 1943 and spent World War II in Bristol, experiencing the horror of saturation bombing.

They moved to the United States in 1949 but returned to Ben's birthplace Painswick shortly after they retired. After working in general medical for several years, Dr. Millard then specialised first in anaesthesia, then in paediatrics. After retiring from medicine, Dr. Millard became a full-time student at the University of Southern Maine, earning a degree in theatre studies four years later.

Dr. Millard wrote many articles for major astrological magazines and published three books on medical astrology. A prolific letter-writer, enthusiastic gardener, voracious reader, skilled linguist, and citizen of the world, she also did volunteer medical work in Nepal, Nicaragua, and India. In Painswick she was an active member of the WI, the Labour Party, the Society of Friends, and the Drama Society.

A daughter, Bronwyn, and her husband, Ben, pre-deceased her. Surviving are two brothers, Erasmus Harland of Yorkshire and Richard Lynn of Bristol; three daughters, Frances of Colchester, Essex; Katherine of St. Croix, the US Virgin Islands; and Tamsen of Albion, Maine; two sons, Max of San Francisco and Peter of Orono, Maine; and seven grandchildren. She also leaves behind many friends and former patients who remember her as an energetic, intellectually gifted, and compassionate individual who was ahead of her time and never hesitated to speak her mind. A celebration of her life was held at the Colby College Alumni House, Waterville, Maine.

Frances Millard

Thank you

£2,000 in two months

The Committee of Cotswold Care thank the people of Painswick for their support and generosity.

The Harvest Supper held in the Church Rooms in October and the Autumn Fair which took place in the Town Hall in November each raised over a thousand pounds. We are particularly grateful as an expensive redevelopment project at the hospice will soon begin, enlarging the building considerably and enabling it to take more patients.

Paula Woodcock



PROPERTY REPORT for December by Hamptons International

This has proved to be an interesting year in the property market. Those who heeded our advice in the early spring and placed their properties on the market undoubtedly achieved premium prices.

After the remarks from the governor of the Bank of England, the market paused for breath during the summer and prices levelled off. The autumn has seen a return to a steady and more sustainable market. Those realistically priced properties have secured buyers within a relatively short period of marketing. Interest rates now appear to have peaked, and Hamptons expects 2005 will provide an active but less frenetic climate in which to sell property.

During the festive period it is easy to put aside all thoughts of selling until the New Year. However, this is a good time to

have a market appraisal, take advice about presentation and plan ahead in order to hit the market at the optimum moment. The strength of Hamptons' city and country coverage will ensure that your property will be marketed to the widest possible audience.

After a very busy October and November we are delighted to have been instructed on the following: In Painswick, Greenfield in Kingsmill Lane – a charming period cottage in an acre; Woodlands a good family house off Stamages Lane; New Hall – an historic Grade II* Listed house in the heart of the village and also The Lamp House – a fine Grade II Listed house with separate annex. On the outskirts of the village is Beacon Heights – bungalow in an acre with great potential; Armany adjacent to the Painswick Golf course. In

Slad, Down Cottage and In Sheepscombe – a charming cottage, Woodbank where we introduced a buyer within days of instruction.

Recent exchanges include: New Cottage near Painswick Lodge; Home Farm in Sheepscombe; Down Cottage in Slad, and in Painswick, April Cottage at Clattergrove; Dalegarth in Cotswold Mead; Mullions in Queens Mead; Armany on Golf Course Road; Abacus in Kingsmill Lane. With many more sales due to exchange shortly it is proving to be a better than normal run up to Christmas.

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VILLAGE DIARY

DECEMBER

Sat	4	Theatre Club Outing to Malvern	The Falcon	1.00pm
Sun	5	Magical 'Yellow Brick Road' Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Improvers	Rococo Garden Painswick Centre	3.00 to 6.00pm 7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	6	Bird Club: Visit to Slimbridge WWT Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Carol Meeting	Slimbridge Christ Church Hall Church Rooms	11.00am 12.00noon to 1.15pm 2.30pm
Tue	7	Dog Training Club	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon
Wed	8	Tea Dances Horticultural Society: Quiz Nite & refreshments	Painswick Centre Town Hall	2.00 to 4.00pm 7.30
Thu	9	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Experienced beginners Music Appreciation Group: Christmas Social	Town Hall Painswick Centre	12.30 to 1.30pm 7.15 for 7.30pm
Fri	10	Country Market with coffee available Exhibition of botanical drawings, calligraphy, etc	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.00pm to 8.00pm
Sat	11	exhibition continues, (including Sunday) 'Messiah'	Town Hall Gloucester Cathedral	10.00am to 4.00pm 6.45pm dep
Mon	13	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Mrs Linda Davies Croft School: KS2 Christmas Concert Public Meeting: Anti-social Behaviour: C Peake (SDC)	Christ Church Hall Croft School Town Hall	12.00noon to 1.15pm 7.00pm 7.00pm
Tue	14	Story Time Mothers' Union: Advent Meeting Yew Trees WI Christmas Gathering	Painswick Library Steps, The Highlands Town Hall	3.00 to 4.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: chess - Mr M P Coast Croft School: KS1 Christmas Show (and Thursday) Women's Fellowship: Carol Service	Ostlers Room, Falcon Croft School Ashwell House	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	18	<i>Copy dateline for January to Editorial Team</i> Blues Night: Dana Gillespie and her six piece band	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun	19	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Scrub Clearing. Contact Pete Bradshaw 814210	Catbrain Quarry Car Park	10.00am
Tue	21	Croft School: End of term		
Fri	24	Crib Service: Worship for children and families	St Mary's Church	4.00pm

JANUARY 2005

Thu	6	Bristol Uni. Course starts: Art in C19 Britain...	Church Rooms	10.30 to noon
Sat	8	<i>January issue of The Painswick Beacon published</i>		
Wed	12	Hort.Soc.: Gardens of South & South-west Ireland	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thu	13	Music Appreciation Group: My Friend - John Sanders. By Dr Jim Hoyland	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	14	Blues Night: Mike Sanchez & Al Gare as a duo	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	18	Local History Society: The development of industrial housing in Painswick - Rowland Veale	Croft School	7.30pm
Tue	25	Yew Trees WI: Memoirs of Japan- Marian Beagley	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Music Appreciation Group: Gustav Holst	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	28	Blues Night: Never the Bride (and Saturday)	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm

FEBRUARY

Wed	9	Hort.Soc.: Snowdrops at the Rococo	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	15	Local History Society: Crickley Hill - R Savage Music Appreciation Group evening concert visit to Cheltenham Town Hall	Croft School Cheltenham	7.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	19	Blues Night: The Paul Rose Band	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI: Letters, Leaves and Flowers	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	24	Bird Club: Birds of the flood plain - talk by Mike Smart, Warden of Ashleworth Ham Music Appreciation Group: The Violin Concerto	Town Hall Painswick Centre	2.30pm 7.30pm



MARCH

Wed	9	Hort.Soc.: Vegetables and Soft Fruit	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	10	Music Appreciation Group: The Cello	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	12	Village Quiz	Painswick Centre	6.45 for 7.15pm
Thu	17	Music Appreciation Group: Evening concert visit to Colston Hall Bird Club: Common British Warblers – Jane Rowe	Bristol	7.30pm
Sat	19	Music Society Concert: Skampa Quartet Blues Night: The Robin Bibi Band	Town Hall St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	7.30pm 3.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm
Mon	28	Easter Monday		
Wed	30	Hort.Soc.: Outings booking morning	Church Rooms	10.00am to noon

APRIL

Sat	2	Music Society Concert: Orchestra of the Swan With Emma Johnson, clarinet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Thu	7	Music Appreciation Group: Ralph Vaughan-Williams	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	13	Hort.Soc.: 'April Showers' flower arranging	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	16	Music Society Concert: Alexis White, piano Blues Night: Danny Bryant's Redeyband	St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	3.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Thu	21	Music Appreciation Group: Members Night	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Sat	23	Music Society Concert: Tasmin Little, violin, and Wayne Marshall piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

MAY

Wed	11	Hort.Soc.: The Fun of Gardening + AGM	Town Hall	7.30/8.15pm
Sat	14	Blues Night: Sherman Robertson	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Sat	21	Blues Night: Ottis Grand	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

JUNE

Sat	18	Blues Night: Ainsley Lister	Painswick Centre	8.00 for 9.00pm
Fri	24	Ball	Broadham Fields	tba
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm

JULY

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

Tue	22	Yew Trees WI	Town Hall	7.30pm
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Cover pictures

We are grateful for the colour photographs we publish this month; it being our custom to have colour on our cover in December.

That chosen for the front was taken a few years ago by Duccio Leoni. Please see our Christmas competition for a chance to suggest where he was standing to take this picture within our village. The holly is local too.

On the rear cover is a view down Bisley Street by Ann Daniels, a sprinkling of snow which we hope our intrepid distributors will not encounter this winter!

We are pleased to receive reports that the production of this as-far-forward-as-possible diary is not only avoiding clashes of dates, but helps your organisation and others select the best dates for your events.

PLANNING MATTERS

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

THE BULL, WICK STREET. Erection of a timber shed for storage use
PARK HOUSE, THE PARK. Erection of two storey extension
5 CLATTERGROVE COTTAGES. Alterations & extension to existing single storey buildings to provide a bedroom, bathroom & conservatory
THE PAINSWICK CENTRE, BISLEY STREET. Erection of extension
UNDERLEAF, ORCHARD MEAD. Erection of garages & garden store
39 ASHWELL. Erection of an extension & installation of a landing window
OLD VICARAGE, SHEEPSCOMBE. Alterations to boundary wall
EDGE FARM COTTAGE, EDGE. Erection of an extension
WEAVERS MILL, PINCOTT LANE. Erection of a conservatory
THE BULL, WICK STREET. Erection of timber frame shed
DORMER COTTAGE, SLAD ROAD, SLAD. Erection of a utility room & extension to conservatory.
BROOK FARM, GREENHOUSE LANE, PAINSWICK. Conversion of existing garage to annexe. Erection of replacement garage & games room. (Resubmission of withdrawn scheme 04/1732/FUL)

REVISED PLANS

WOODBINE COTTAGE, THE PARK. Erection of extension and improved access. Main changes: Reduction in size of extension creating a lean-to element on the southern elevation
Barn at STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD. Re-roofing of existing agricultural barn with concrete tiles Main changes: Roof pitch decreased and use of proposed building clarified as "Equine"

CONSENT

THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD. Erection of kitchen extension. Erection of stable & tack room. Works to garden wall and steps. New vehicular access
LORDS WOOD COTTAGE, THE GROVE, SHEEPSCOMBE. New domestic oil storage tank
JENKINS FARM, JENKINS LANE, EDGE (Listed Building Consent). Repairs & refurbishment to existing house and construction of 2 storey extension and single storey garage block. (Resubmission following refusal 04/1430/LBC)
SOLOMONS BYRE, ELCOMBE, SLAD WARD. Erection of new porch to rear
EDGE HILL BUNGALOW, EDGE. Erection of extension

REFUSAL

EDGE HILL FARM, THE GREEN, EDGE. Installation of a steel casement to replace timber & insertion of a 20 mm steel frame to lights

MINI-ADS

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PLAN WITHDRAWN

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APPEAL DISMISSED

LAND AT LONGHOPE, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Outline Application for the erection of 1 dwelling

Local artist wins RHS Medal for her botanical paintings

Even when she was very young Valerie Dugan, who lives in The Shetland Shop in Painswick, knew she was going to be an artist.

At the age of thirteen she passed a scholarship to attend Sutton College of Art and Design in Surrey, specialising in calligraphy and fashion design. Valerie then spent many years working in various art studios in London before becoming self employed.

She has received many awards for her work. One of her designs was chosen by The National Silver Trust to be engraved onto a silver charger, then used at 10 Downing Street and British Embassies around the world. After training as a botanical artist at the University of Gloucestershire, Valerie had her work accepted by Westonbirt Arboretum, The Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, Cambridge and Harrogate, and the RHS Gardens at Wisley. In early January 2004, she was invited to exhibit eleven of her botanical paintings of leaves at the RHS Spring Flower Show in London for which she was awarded a Silver Medal.

Valerie will be holding an exhibition and sale at the Painswick Town Hall on Friday 10th December from 2.00 till 8.00pm, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December from 10.00am till 4.30pm. As well as her botanical works she will be exhibiting some unusual calligraphy pieces, all of which will be for sale. Joining her will be Ian Shearmen, a well known local landscape painter and ceramicist.

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The Personal Column

Baby

Congratulations to REBECCA and DAVID HALL on the birth of their baby daughter, Amy Jessica, on 31st October, a first grandchild for Sue and John Lendon.

Well done

Congratulations to CYNTHIA WHELAN of Kingsmill Lane who obtained a First Class Honours degree in Media Studies/Fine Art and Sculpture from the University of Gloucestershire.

90th Birthday

Congratulations to MARJORIE GURDEN who celebrates her 90th birthday on 6th December.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to FRANKIE MARSH, RON BARNEY and RON QUELCH.

Welcome

We would like to welcome DAVID and LIZZIE SMITH to No.6 Stroud Road,

and GRAHAM and NIKKI STOKES and their daughter Abbie who have moved into Bay Tree House, 4 Stamages Lane,

also PAULINE ROCHE and ROB LEWIS, with Coco and Pepe to Painswick Tea Rooms (previously 'Chancellors')

Mr and Mrs HERBERT to Mullions in Queensmead,

Mr JEFFRIES and Ms LAING into New Cottage near Painswick Lodge,

and Mr and Mrs LACEY to Armany on Golf Course Road.

Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to MARY McNAIR who has left Churchill Way to move to Bristol where she will be nearer her family,

and TONY and JENNIFER CROOK who moved from Mullions in October and are in the process of moving to Rodborough; Tony and Jennifer were previously Parish Councillors, and Tony a former Editor of the Beacon.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MACHILI BROWN, DENIS TUFFNELL, RON FORD, FRANK ADLAM and ROWLEY BIRCHAM who have all died recently.

House move

Verlie Burgess has moved from 2 George Court to 11 Ashwell.

Best wishes

HELEN DUNLOP, one of our far-flung Beacon subscribers, has just returned to Canada after her twelfth annual visit.

Thank you

HAROLD WOOD wishes to thank all who sent messages, cards or visited him during his stay on the 'Costa Gloucester'. The nursing staff were wonderful and the food surprisingly good,

and the STANDEN FAMILY would like to say a big thank you for the kind help and support during the time of the recent accident. Thank you too for the gifts and cards, and good wishes and God bless,

and DAVID WINSTONE URSELL who says

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"A huge thank you to Sue and Roy Weldon on making my confirmation day in Gloucester Cathedral on 6th November such a memorable occasion; and to the many friends in Painswick who showed great kindness with cards and best wishes. Thank you once again."

and PAT BIRCHAM "would like to thank the many neighbours and friends for their support and kindness during Rowley's illness, and the ending of his long battle".

and ANNE FORD of Court Orchard wishes to thank everyone for their cards, letters and flowers; they were all greatly appreciated on the loss of a dearly loved husband, father and grandad.

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