

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Broadband at last!

High speed 'always on' Internet access for Painswick this month

A well attended and very positive public meeting organised by the Parish Council in the Town Hall heard two rival service providers commit to setting up wireless broadband systems in Painswick and surrounding villages. Even though the BT Holy Grail of 500 registrations of interest required was still a couple of hundred registrations short, both Loop Scorpio and Node Broadband said they were ready to start offering competitive services to BT Broadband immediately and required far fewer subscribers than BT to make a service viable.

The Node Broadband service, which is based on a satellite link to a central node and wireless links to individual subscribers within a couple of miles, would be viable with as few as fifteen subscribers, making it potentially attractive to smaller communities such as Cranham and Sheepscombe.

Peter Cartwright of Gloucester based Loop Scorpio said that the company had been actively checking Painswick's pulse for the past twelve months. Now that its first three wireless broadband networks in Ledbury, Highnam and Newent have bedded down, he was ready to make the necessary investment in Painswick. Like Node, Loop Scorpio will use 'line of sight' wireless relays to link subscribers to a central node, but the link to the Internet will be via a BT leased line from Gloucester with the central node at the Falcon.



The not very impressive antenna - like a miniature fluorescent tube - was duly attached to the top of the Falcon's TV aerial on Wednesday 21st January. The BT leased line is scheduled for this week and the service should open before the end of February.



*The Loop Scorpio antenna being attached to the top of the Falcon's TV mast.*

*For more details of the public meeting and the broadband services on offer, please turn to page*

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**meanwhile...**

## Hold the line for three weeks whilst we try to connect you...

### Forget high speed Internet access!

Twenty BT customers in the centre of Painswick cut off for three weeks or more without a phone would probably have settled for a couple of moderately nippy carrier pigeons for communicating with the outside world whilst they waited for BT to repair the fault. It was around 11 pm on Boxing Day that subscribers linked to a telephone pole in George Court - including the Town Hall and The Shetland Shop - found they had been cut off.

Paul Gray of The Shetland Shop said that he reported the fault to BT the next day and was told that it would be dealt with by the following weekend. The next weekend came and went, as did the next. Still no sign of a BT engineer, despite daily phone calls (from a mobile phone) and promises that the repair was 'in hand'.

Eventually, the line was restored, after three weeks, on 16th January.

'It was particularly serious for me,' commented Paul, 'because I lost bookings for two Painswick Blues nights which I was promoting at the Painswick Centre. Not to mention the New Years Eve Party at the same venue.' He is now seeking compensation.

For the Town Hall, the situation was even worse: the line was not restored until 21st January. Commenting on the problems that the Parish Council suffered during and the extremely poor service offered by BT, Council Clerk, Roy Balgobin, said, 'When I returned to work after Christmas, I discovered that the phone line was dead. Luckily I had my mobile phone and was able to contact BT who assured me the problem was minor and that it would be rectified within days. They agreed to set up a Text message service to keep me updated on the progress of the BT fault. However, the system is somewhat flawed

as the next message I received was on the 22nd January 2004, a day after the line was repaired!'

Roy contacted BT on numerous occasions and was given varying dates of repair, all of which came and went, without any action.

Roy also discovered that the BT 1571 answer phone service continued to accept messages for the Town Hall, even though there was no means of retrieving them.

'I believe this could have had serious repercussions, as many urgent messages are left on the answer phone, including funeral arrangements and matters concerned with health and safety.'

Finally, to add insult to injury, BT initially offered the Parish Council £6.04 compensation! After some exasperated protests, this was upped to £49.

**In this month's Beacon...** 2004 Village Quiz is on... SNAP go the busses... Mission to Seafarers sex appeal... The Broadband meeting and the truth about orthogonal frequency division multiplexing... Painswick WI, the naked truth... The Dog Tree... Musical Matinees... Those £50 parking fines... Lusting ladies... Skip it... A bridge too far... What bird?

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Broadband

The Chairman, Terry Parker, reported that about 35 people, many not having attended a previous meeting, came to the open meeting to further discuss Broadband on 16th January. He pointed out that two companies were present at the meeting, Loop Scorpio and Node Broadband. (*See separate report.*)

### Web Site for the Parish Council

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, reported that the District Council's 'web-mistress' who was to assist in the creation of a site for this Council was resuming work in the coming week, but completion was not expected until about Easter.

While the many months of delay were regretted it was agreed not to seek zero-cost alternatives at an earlier date as these would also contain potentially intrusive advertising.

### Clattergrove road junction with A46

David Hudson reported a meeting having been arranged with GCC offers to discuss the dangers of this junction on 11th February.

Fred Russell, who attended the meeting, read out a letter to the Council suggesting that the 30mph speed limit would be better commencing further from the village than its present partially concealed location behind a bend in the road. Whilst the introduction of the 40mph limit had reduced speed a little it could usefully be much further from the village. Members noted the fatality involved in a car crash earlier in the week at Paradise, and the 50mph limit remaining within the several bends at that point.

Alan Shearer urged serious consideration being given to a small but kerbed roundabout at the junction of the Highlands and Park intersection with the A46, where the bus stop is located. He suggested that such would have the automatic effect of reducing speed on the approach to the village.

Mr. Hudson undertook to raise these additional concerns at the meeting.

### Planning Committee – procedures review

Six months having elapsed since the last review in June, a requirement under Standing Orders, a discussion took place upon the procedures used to consider planning applications leading up to conveying the opinions of the Council to the District Council. Introducing this item the Chairman, Terry Parker, read out a letter from Carolyn Luke making reference to the article on the subject in the last issue of the Beacon (*p.3*) and the inconsistency

and lack of consultation in consideration of the contentious Edge telecommunications mast last year, and urged change of procedures. Mrs Luke suggested that "In view of the Parish Council's intention to seek 'Quality Council' status we are sure that you will agree that the Councils procedures should be seen to be fair and open to scrutiny by those who you represent. There is an opportunity to address this issue by adopting an appropriate resolution in order to move towards more open government:

1) Planning applications (or pre-application consultations) be considered in public by a sub-Committee of the Parish Council and the public to be allowed to address the meeting.

2) The Parish Council will ensure that residents of any ward have representation on any matters where their Parish Councillor is unable to carry out their duties for reasons such as a declared interest.

3) Plans for applications to be available for a minimum of three days before the sub-Committee at the Parish Office.

This would enable matters of public interest to be discussed openly and give residents access to plans without necessitating a trip to Ebley Mill."

Other correspondence was received, from Douglas Robinson Chairman of the Conservation Society, and one from Stewart Ward who felt that the proposals outlined in the Beacon would meet the needs.

Terry Parker went on to urge that there be the maximum openness in all the Council's affairs, including planning matters. A lengthy discussion ensued in which David Hudson identified that the only alternative to the present 'brown envelope' system appeared to be a twice-monthly meeting of the planning committee to which each councillor contributed his/her comments after individually visiting the sites listed on the agenda; he recognised that such would be recognised by the public as manifestly transparent decision-taking but he felt unable to advance the idea as a motion. Alan Shearer said he had listened to Mr. Hudson's views with interest but suggested that the brown envelope system had been in operation for at least 18 years and was 'perfectly workable'. He was concerned as to how an application would be considered if it arrived on (say) the day of the committee meeting. Malcolm Watts suggested that there was maximum transparency already as all Council files are open to the public and anyone can write in and have their views taken into account. He urged that the existing system, which he considered to be continuously evolving, be retained; he felt no change of 'mind set' as mentioned in these pages

was necessary. Ann Daniels felt there was no secrecy attached to the present system and that it would not be practicable to deal with making decisions upon each application as well as dealing with other agenda business as well.

Alan Shearer moved a motion, seconded by David Hudson that the existing system be continued and that applications considered 'difficult' by the Chairman immediately lead to his convening a public meeting to consider other views. The motion was carried with the sole dissent of the Chairman of the Council, Terry Parker.

The Council decided to appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, currently Tony Crook, to be the automatic substitute for a ward councillor where a planning application precluded his/her acting on behalf of the community represented; e.g. he would act on behalf of Edge residents with regard to any application to erect a communications mast on land owned by Martin Slinger or his family.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Communications Mast - Edge

Unfortunately the Beacon will be published a couple of days after the event but it was noted that, in anticipation of resubmission of a planning application, a mock-up mast would be erected in Edge on a site close to that of the failed application, in order to trial test for signal around the valley. As this would also provide an opportunity to more accurately judge the height and, hence, impact of such a structure as many councillors as possible undertook to visit the site on Tuesday 3rd February at 11.00am.

### Communications Mast – Golf Club area

A letter had been received indicating that T-Mobile had, during the past year, been discussing with the Golf Club and District Council officers the location of another mast close to the club. Councillors expressed concern that the Parish Council had been excluded from these seemingly detailed discussions. It was agreed that no formal expression of views in the matter would be expressed until such time as an application was received through the SDC. However, it was agreed to write and urge joint use of masts in accord with this Council's understanding of Government and District Council policies.

Malcolm Watts undertook to acquaint local residents in Clattergrove, Paradise and Golf Course Road of these intentions.

### The Park – relocated driveway

The committee affirmed that it remained supportive of the planning application for the construction of a dwelling at Welcome, in The Park, but opposed to the intended relocation of the driveway to the premises. That some 14 objectors had been in touch with the SDC was also noted. The Chairman reported advice he had received from the District Council's officers that relocation of the driveway to where the entrance exists to The Park was not a planning matter as 'it enters such a minor road'.

The committee agreed that the Council should challenge the SDC views in the matter, not least as the relocation would interfere with an already sub-standard road layout at that point and that the roadway was far from 'minor' being the principal route between Painswick and Sheepscombe.

### In-fill policy

The Chairman, Malcolm Watts, had circulated a draft policy (*see report last month*) to his colleagues for discussion. Some reservations were expressed and Malcolm Watts undertook to take these into account and refine his report with a view to notes for incorporation in Part II of the Parish Plan being brought to the next meeting.

### Walling to St.Marys development in Stroud Road

Alan Shearer reported that he understood that the Regional Director of Taylor Woodrow, Mr.Bird, would inspect the walling which was so deplored by many in Painswick, including the Parish Council. Unfortunately telephone calls to check progress had not been returned to date.

## PLANNING MATTERS

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

### NEW APPLICATIONS

WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Re-submission following refusal 03/138 for the revised application following approval 02/1772

LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD. Internal & small external alterations  
WOODSIDE BUNGALOW, THE VATCH, SLAD.. Retrospective application for restoration & rebuilding of pre-existing extension, plus new extension to front & rear and raising part of roof

Land at STROUD ROAD, (CARE CENTRE). Erection of a non illuminated hoarding sign

SHEEPSCOMBE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, FAR END LANE. Single storey extension to provide additional classroom.

### REVISED PLANS

THE STABLES, GREENHOUSE COURT, GREENHOUSE LANE. Erection of a porch.

Land adj. BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD. Erection of one dwelling. Main changes: house relocated, garage removed and design altered.

### CONSENT

PYLL HOUSE, JACKS GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of extensions (resubmission following refusal 03/784)  
SHEEPSCOMBE HOUSE, JACK'S GREEN, SHEEPSCOMBE. Internal alterations including replacement doors & windows

EDGE LANE HOUSE, (formerly Moorlands) EDGE LANE, EDGE. Relocation of driveway

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE HOME). Revised scheme for Care Home following reserved matters approval S.02/418 including works to form additional accommodation, increasing bedspaces from 48 to 67 within approved footprint and ridge height and alterations to fenestration  
SPRING COTTAGE, STEPPING STONE LANE. Single storey extension  
BROOK HOUSE, GREENHOUSE LANE. Single storey extension  
HAZELING, THE VATCH, SLAD. Erection of a garden shed  
THE LAURELS, SLAD ROAD, SLAD. Erection of extension

### REFUSAL

JENKINS FARM, EDGE. Erection of a 20 metre green monopole with 6 antennas (protruding to a height of 22.5 metres) 2 x 300 mm. dishes. Equipment cabins & electrical meter cabinet enclosed by a 1.8 metre high chain link fence

WINDRUSH, BEACON CLOSE. Erection of extension. (Resubmission following refusal 03/138)

BELL HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET. Replace single garage with a double garage and flat over

LOWER BLAKEWELL FARM, EDGE LANE. Outline application for erection of a bungalow

### NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

SHUTWAY QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE  
Alleged breach of planning control - Construction of unauthorized hardstanding.

## Cud Hill Common

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Notice is hereby given of the intention of the undermentioned Council to erect cattle proof fencing and install cattle grids upon a certain part containing 4.34 hectares or thereabouts of Cud Hill Common in the area between the B4073 and Sevenleaze Lane for use in connection with grazing cattle and to apply under Section 194 of the Law and Property Act 1925 to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for CONSENT to the erection of the proposed fences and installation of proposed cattle grids.

*Alan Hardacre*

*Clerk of Upton St Leonards Parish Council*



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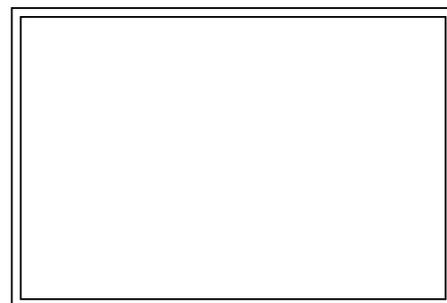
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# Painswick WI - a future to uncover

Surely we can't let it go so easily, can we? Last month the Beacon carried an item announcing the demise of Painswick WI. This came as a shock to many in the village. Perhaps that's the trouble. We just expect certain well-established organisations to be there, to keep rolling on without a second thought.



The origins of the WI and the way it has subsequently evolved help to explain why it is more than simply another club or society. It began in Canada a little over a hundred years ago, with the aim of helping rural women improve their lives through education and the ability to make better provision for their families. By 1915 it was established in Britain and became a self-governing national federation, eventually boasting over 9000 institutes throughout the country.

From the outset the WI has pursued strong objectives, from food production in the early stages through to voicing an opinion on a wide range of issues of local, national and global importance. The members have wielded influence and effected change in matters concerning education, leisure, women's welfare, the local community, the environment and international affairs. They have achieved this collectively at all levels as a powerful pressure group and through direct action.

The WI is autonomous, not bound by religious or political affiliations. It has its own adult college, Denman College in Oxfordshire, offering some 400 courses in a wide range of subjects. It also has its own constitution and has always involved itself with controversial issues, speaking out on matters that concern it as a whole. It presents opportunities to its members to educate themselves, to develop skills and to exert some influence in matters they feel are important. As an organisation it is powerful and its members can avail themselves of that power at whatever level they wish.

It was referred to recently on Radio 4 as a sleeping giant.

So what of Painswick WI? Over the years of its existence – coming up to 83 – it has achieved more than can possibly be described here. Evidence of its endeavours and influence are omnipresent in the village. It started the Monday morning walks and it produced the much appreciated and much used walk around Painswick leaflet. The sales of the latter have raised thousands of pounds all of which money has gone back into the village in one form or another, eg provision of the Town Hall notice board, play equipment for the play group, new benches, trees and so on. Individual members have been successful in numerous county and other competitions and there has, of course, been participation in issues of national importance. Painswick WI members have definitely been doers.

Sadly, it seems to have reached an impasse. Several members have recently been lost for various reasons and there have been no new recruits. The few who are left have been loyal and active and committed for many years. They have given much through the WI which in turn has provided a forum for members to discuss and act upon issues which matter. The Painswick members recognise that a movement such as the WI needs to move forward in order to both survive and be effective. They know that without new blood there will be no new ideas. They need new life. The foundation is there already and the opportunities are boundless for women who want to help make things happen for the improvement of all.

This is not just another Painswick club or society. Hitherto it has been a quietly powerful and vital force, contributing much to the enrichment of Painswick and being part of a much wider influential movement.

Come on, girls. Get the Painswick WI on track again and move it into new directions. It offers endless opportunity backed by a wealth of experience. It's too good to lose.

*Carol Maxwell*



*Rylstone & District WI raised over £500,000 for leukemia research from their famous nude calendar.*

### **Post script:**

**Barbara Lucas, County Chairman, Gloucestershire Federation of WIs writes...**

It was with great sadness that I learned of the intention of Painswick WI to close after many years.

Within the Gloucestershire Federation we have 170 WIs and 5,000 members. Painswick WI was held by many as a beacon of achievement - in arts, crafts, music, social history. I would like to thank them for their support of the County Federation in various fields and through wider activities throughout Gloucestershire.

Today, the WI is recognised as the largest voluntary organisation for women in the UK. It exists to enable women to provide an effective role in the community, to develop their horizons and to develop and pass on important skills. It is not an institution; it depends on every member to express their ideas and is always open to fresh input but, above all, it thrives on the vitality of its members.

With this in mind, we will research a new venue, new time and hopefully we can start a new WI in Painswick.

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# VILLAGE QUIZ 2004

There is considerable delight among Beacon committee members in our being able to report that the Quiz04 is ON!

Not only that – but we have an **all-time record number of entries!**

Thanks to those who asked us to give it one more chance, and the proof is right here. We said we would get the show on the road if we had no less than 15 entries by the end of January, and we can let you know that we are banking the cheques from 25 as we go to press.

There seems to be much spirited interest in having a not-too-strenuous evening out on the 13th, and we will be doing our best to make it one to remember, even if we are packed in pretty cosily at the Centre. If you can bring a mascot for your team, preferably one we can all see, that will be a bonus; ingenuity might be rewarded – even if is only applause!

The Painswick Centre is booked for Saturday 13th March, and we have made a start on setting the questions. Refreshments for the interval will again be prepared by local ladies, and any surplus funds they accrue will be shared between the Stroud Mencap Homes Foundation and aid to a hospital in Africa; the entry fee of £3.00 per person is used entirely for refreshments.

The bar will be available all evening, right from when we open the doors at 6.45. The questions start promptly at 7.15pm.

We have been asked if we can let you know in advance what subject matter will

be used for the 10 or so rounds this year. Afraid we keep our cards very close to our chest so that there is not too much revision on various subjects. In case it helps, there will be a round on General Knowledge, and there will not be a round about The Simpsons.

More information in the March issue.

**BADMINTON CLUB**  
**BIRD CLUB**  
**DOG WALKERS**  
**JOLLY Thursday STOMPERS**  
**JOLLY Sunday STOMPERS**  
**SENIOR CIRCLE**  
**SHORT MAT BOWLS**  
**TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE**  
**HARESCOMBE CITY**  
**THE BAND OF HOPE**  
 (Painswick Christian Men's Society)  
**SLAD VILLAGE**  
**PaDFAS (last time winners)**  
**GYDE HOUSE A Team**  
**GYDE HOUSE B Team**  
**GYDE HOUSE C Team**  
**ST.MARYS A Team**  
**ST.MARYS B Team**  
**THE CLERKS' TALE**  
**HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**PAINSWICK PLAYERS**  
**EDGE ROAD Pheasants**  
**EDGE ROAD Buzzards**  
**QUASIMODOS**  
**ESMERELDAS**  
**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

## Glorious gardens in living colour



## colour

For its first meeting in 2004, Painswick Horticultural Society enjoyed a new experience - a video-presentation of outstanding gardens both at home and abroad.

Given by Mr Stanley Newey of Stroud, ably assisted by his wife, such a programme was an ideal choice for a drear, January afternoon as the gardens were bathed in sunshine and many featured exotic plants that, just by gazing at them, we felt whisked away to warmer climes.

Everyone appreciated the expertise shown by Mr Newey who effortlessly dealt with the video enabling his audi-

## Conservatives Bridge Drive

An afternoon Bridge Drive will be held by the Painswick Conservatives on Saturday, 27th March in the Church Rooms starting at 2 pm. The format will again be "Chicago" scoring. All standards welcome and partners provided if required. Raffle and prizes. Admission £5 including an excellent tea. Tickets from Paula Woodcock - 812845, Barbara Tait - 812743, Ralph Kenber - 813259.



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## Come and play Bridge

Sheepscombe Bridge Club meet alternate Thursdays upstairs at the Painswick Centre, while the Sheepscombe Village Hall is being re-furnished. It is a social club playing duplicate bridge.

Members come from surrounding villages including Painswick. We'd love to see more people. Phone Joy Edwards 812588 for details and possible partners.

Next meetings Thursday 19th February and 4th March with a 7.15 start.

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# Cinquains and...

It's amazing what children get taught in schools today, isn't it? Cinquains, for example. Cinquains have contain 22 syllables in the to be five lines long and sequence 2,4,6,8,2.



## Rose

by *George Jackson*

Blood red  
Velvety bud  
Sprouts beautiful petals  
As silky as a chestnut shell  
Then falls

## Summer

by *Emily Dowdeswell*

Summer  
The flowers bloom  
in the gardens around  
the petals fall from the tulips  
down.....down

## Attack

by *James Harding*

Attack  
Coming to haunt  
Chaotic whirl of death

An indestructible power  
Twister

## Seasons

by *Francesca Pickin*

Growing  
Horse chestnut tree  
White strong roots in the  
ground  
Shoots burst forth, from the  
conker shell  
Spring time

Blossom forming  
White and pink silky blooms  
Green fresh leaves full of  
energy  
Summer

Swaying  
Crisp leaves falling  
To the squelchy wet ground  
Conkers in big green spiky  
shells

# ..Ken- nings

A kenning is rather like a short riddle. Each phrase represents the subject in a descriptive way.



Parrot

# After Bisley Street?

The following self-explanatory letter to Gloucestershire Constabulary's Inspector Nick Holmes was reported to the Parish Council at its January meeting:

"For more years than most Painswick people can remember, the Parish Council and the local community have had an amicable working arrangement with the local police concerning parking in the village. That arrangement has allowed residents to park partly on the pavement so as to allow the movement of vehicles through the streets. The proviso has been that the police would take the appropriate action where an individual was parked in such a manner as to cause a hazard. Such action has been fully supported by the Parish Council and indeed the council recently wrote to the Crown Prosecution Service in support of PC Reuben Wyatt's action in issuing a parking ticket when the summons was not pursued by the CPS.

I write to express the Parish Council's concern at events last Friday when a number of residents were issued with tickets for parking in the same location they had done for many years without penalty. The residents in Bisley Street were particularly incensed because the highway alongside their properties has no parking restriction. The exercise which I believe was carried out by Special Constables has provoked much ill feeling. That is to be regretted as most people living in the village appreciate the difficulties caused by the motor vehicle and are anxious to help the police maintain the free flow of traffic.

The purpose of this letter is to ask whether Gloucestershire Constabulary has changed its policy regarding on-street parking in the village. If so it is important for the Parish Council to be informed so that we may take the appropriate action to advise residents and consult with Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department about how we resolve the issue of the increased numbers of vehicles that will be seeking alternative off-street parking places.

Terry Parker Chairman"

# Painswick Playgroup

A big welcome goes to all the new parents and children who have joined Painswick Playgroup. The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed their first few weeks of independence at the Playgroup.

This term the children will be learning about the food we eat, how it's grown, where its grown and they will be enjoying sampling food with different tastes and textures. Last week the pre-school children visited Tesco in Stroud to see all the different types of foods available.

The children have already done some lovely print pictures using potatoes and at the moment they are working on a large food collage using pictures cut out of magazines.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year the children will be dressing

up in Chinese clothing. They will also have the chance to sample noodles, prawn crackers and rice with chopsticks!

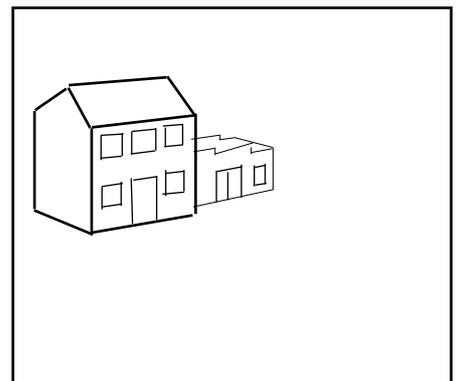
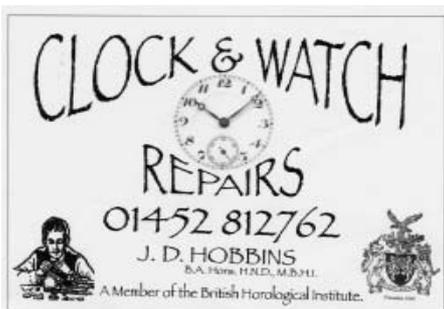
It's nearly a year since we had the adventure playgroup installed in the garden and the children still enjoy it as much as ever. When the good weather arrives we hope to be back out in the garden, in the meantime the children enjoy using the bikes, hoops and balls out in the playground of the school.

Best wishes to Beaty (Playgroup Leader) who is off on another trip to India in February, we all hope she has a good time!

That's all for now.

*Sandra Chandler*

*Playgroup  
Assistant*



# Painswick Music Society: 2004 Season

Our concert series in St Mary's Church starts again in March. We have another season of four live, top quality classical music events that I am sure you will enjoy and to which you are all welcome. We shall be including music that is well loved and also introducing you to some delightful, lesser-known works. The full programme will be on our posters and brochures. Ask to join our mailing list or check out our website: [www.painswick-musicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswick-musicsoc.co.uk)

The season opens with the young, talented violinist, Ruth Rogers. She gained

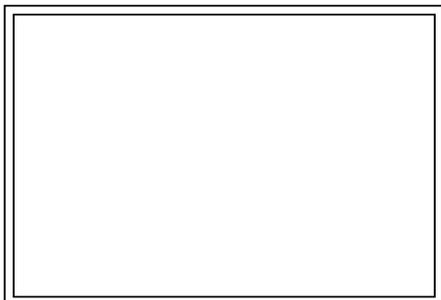


the Royal College of Music top accolade  
**Mr Dvorak**

The exceptional aspect of Leslie Brotherton's masterly presentation on 15th January of Antonin Dvorák's music was twofold: there was beautiful music some of which most of us had never heard before, and secondly, the reproduction of the recordings was superb, no doubt because of the choice of top quality CDs and a good volume of sound into the bargain!

Many of us had an acquaintance with Dvorák's Slavonic Dances, his New World Symphony and his Cello Concerto. But which of us had heard his Serenade in D minor, 'Amid Nature'; the String Quartet in F major 'American'; and his 'Golden Spinning Wheel'? Leslie did us proud with these and his comprehensive programme notes which included the fascinating 'Times' obituary of 2nd May 1902. As Dvorák himself might have said "Výborní – srdečné díky!"

*Ralph Kenber*



on graduating in 2001 and has been much in demand since then – notably taking part in the recent classical Brit Awards – and is already established in her career. Her accompanist, Alvin Moisey, performs internationally both as an accompanist and soloist.

Our star of the season is the Canadian pianist, Angela Hewitt. We are fortunate to welcome such a fine musician to Painswick. Hailed by the Sunday Times in 1985 as "one of the outstanding Bach pianists of our time", she has since performed her vast repertoire, from Bach to contemporary, at the world's most prestigious venues and made many recordings.

We also see the return of the Emperor Quartet who last played for us in 1996 – just after they had won the Evian International String Quartet Competition. They have been together for twelve years, the original ensemble is intact and they are now one of the UK's leading quartets.

The Nash Ensemble is one of Britain's best-known chamber groups. Seven of its members will perform for us at our final concert. Richard Strauss's well known 'Til Eulenspiegel' and Beethoven's superb septet (made familiar by the cartoon character 'Ludvig') are included in the pro-

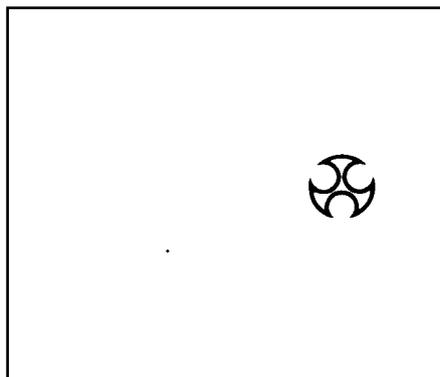
## Music Matinée

Now for something completely different!

Fancy an hour or so just listening to a complete symphony or such, without the telephone interrupting, or the dog needing a walk?

Well, an opportunity exists on Tuesday week, 17th February – right here in Painswick – and it's free (at the moment).

Painswick Music Appreciation Group meets fortnightly in the evenings and has done so for sixteen winter and spring seasons. We hear that there may be a few people who would appreciate the chance of listening to some well-amplified classical music during the daytime, this because they are reluctant or unable to come out



gramme.

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renew subscriptions and newcomers to join or purchase tickets in plenty of time for what will certainly be another popular season. All concerts are on SATURDAYS AT 3PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, which provides a special, intimate setting for chamber music. We have excellent staging and lighting and where we require a piano we hire superb concert grands. Our tradition of serving tea in the Church Rooms after the concert will continue and there is usually an opportunity to meet the artists.

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in the evening.

So, the second matinée will be held on Tuesday 17th in the Town Hall. Doors open at 2.00pm with a prompt start at 2.15 (please, no late arrivals). No refreshments, just a short introduction, and then the whole work played on our pretty good sound system. An interval of five minutes in case anyone wants to stretch his or her legs.

For this, **Russian Matinée**, the pieces to be performed will be two compositions separated by a mere thirty years:

· **Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.2 in Bflat minor opus 30** (BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Conductor - Tadaaki Otaka, Soloist - John Lill - 36 minutes) and

· **Tchaikovsky Symphony No.5 in E minor opus 64** (Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor - Mariss Jansons - 43 minutes)

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## Planning process

From David Lowin,  
Member of the Royal Town Planning  
Institute:

I write further to two matters reported in your January issue,

Firstly I noted that our Parish Council have decided to ask Councillor Watts to commence work on a draft policy with respect to 'general principles governing consideration of specific requests for in-fill residential development'. I would trust that any policy changes or clarification that may be considered could be the subject of public comment. In addition I consider that ad hoc policy initiatives are undesirable as it can produce fragmented and ill considered land use policy. It would in my view be more appropriate to undertake

this in-fill policy review in the context of a review of the Parish Plan as a whole. The result can guide the Parish Council's response to Stroud District Council's consultations on planning applications and the reviews of Stroud's statutory planning policy documents.

Secondly I read with interest Mr Brotherton's article on 'The planning process', it appears to me that there is great merit in the concerns that Mr Brotherton raises concerning the transparency of the present practices. Firstly, whilst Stroud carry out neighbour notification this cannot possibly include all those members of the community who may wish to comment. Part of the solution may be that the Clerk holds a copy of the proposals and a list of those received is placed on the Parish Notice Board and web site to allow residents to view them and comment either to the Parish or direct to Stroud Council. Secondly I agree with Mr Brotherton that a two weekly meeting

of the Parish planning committee, held in public, would enable a response to be sent back to the Council which was open, transparent and minuted in accordance with generally accepted procedures.

## Parish Plan

From John Stephenson-Oliver, Leader,  
Stroud District Council

I understand that the Parish Council has recently reviewed the Painswick Parish Plan. I thought it appropriate, therefore, to let you know that this plan is held up by the District Council as an example of good practice. This reflects well on the Parish Council, all other interested groups and those members of the community who put so much work into producing such a good document.

## SNAP decision on busses

Several of the parish councils that comprise the SNAP (Stroud North Area Parishes) group have been rewarded for their initiative in seeking an improved bus service for their parishioners.

Painswick, including the villages of Sheepscombe and Slad, together with the parishes of Bisley-with-Lypiatt, Cranham and Miserden will benefit from the County Council's successful Rural Bus Challenge bid for funding to provide a Taxi Link Service in our area. The service is part of a pilot project which will run from August 2004 until March 2007.

The total value of the SNAP bid is £119,600. Two similar schemes in the Royal Forest of Dean and Cirencester have also received funding.

So how does the scheme work? A Taxi Link Service is a public transport system designed for people living in rural areas. It is a flexible demand responsive shared taxi service operating between 7.00am and 9.00pm six days a week. Anyone wishing to use the service will ring the Call Centre where the journey bookings and vehicle scheduling are coordinated.

Each vehicle will have automatic vehicle location (AVL) equipment so that the Call Centre operator is able to have continuous access to the vehicle's location. It is intended that the service will link with the 46 Stagecoach Cheltenham to Nailsworth route.

Fares will be comparable with those of existing public transport services.

The Parish Council wishes to stress the importance of parishioners using

the service during the trial period. If the scheme is successful it will be almost certainly be continued beyond March 2007. If the take-up is poor the County Council will very probably not be able to subsidise its continued use.

The Taxi Link service will be put out to tender to local bus and taxi companies. It will offer the certainty of operation of a conventional service but with the flexibility of a taxi to respond to demand. The scheme will enable parishioners to undertake journeys and access facilities that they are currently excluded from using. For the mobility impaired there will be the added advantage of being picked up and dropped off at their door as required. The scheme will be registered under the Stroud District Council private hire licensing system.

Beacon subscribers for 2003-04			
at 26th January			
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Renewed	573	580	552
Totals	635	655	632

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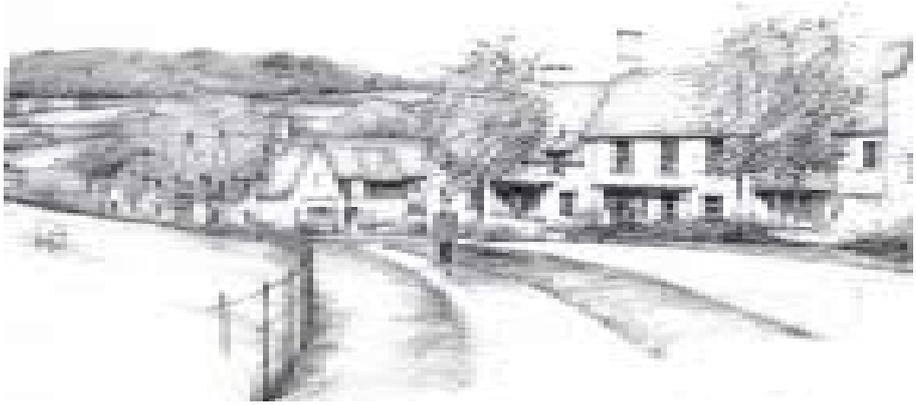
Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care, has written to the Beacon as follows:

“Development works will now commence in February with a local company Grimshaw Kinnear Ltd of Cheltenham starting work on the A46 highways improvements.

These works will require a traffic management system which will cause some inconvenience to those using the A46. The contract period is sixteen weeks. Work will then commence on the independent apartments. The first of these will be ready in February 2005. The first level of the Care Centre will be opened in February 2006.

The Church Rooms have been reserved for Tuesday March 9th; when all of the plans and detailed construction drawings will be available to view.

There will be two sessions:

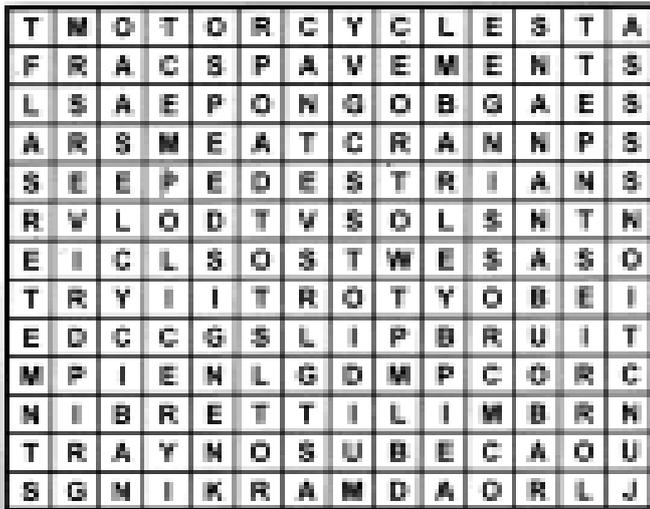


Afternoon 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

You will be able to see all the plans and our architects will be on hand to explain them. There will follow a presentation by the architect, the landscape architect and management followed by a question and answer session.

We look forward to seeing all those interested in the project and to answering any specific questions and concerns that there may be.”



## Wordsearch

This month we have no less than eighteen words associated with the highway - roadways. That said, two of them are not typically found in Painswick; in fact one of them never has been!

### January Wordsearch

The 10 DIY related words from last month were:

BRUSH - STEPS - GLOSSPAINT - EMULSION - TURPS  
- WOODSTAIN - SANDPAPER - MASKINGTAPE -  
VARNISH - DUSTSHEET

Congratulations to Beryl Smith for getting most of them, and a few other words we slipped in!

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# Broadband at last!

## Public meeting points the way to wireless broadband in Painswick this month

**A well attended meeting in the Town Hall on Friday 16th January heard two upbeat presentations from rival potential wireless broadband providers for Painswick.**

Cllr Terry Parker opened the meeting, hot-foot from a major conference in Gloucester concerning the provision of broadband in Gloucestershire and the role of BT in the process. He summarised the present position regarding BT and the Holy Grail of the 500 registrations of interest required before the Painswick exchange could be 'enabled' for broadband. The Parish Council saw its role as being essentially commercially neutral but it would continue to encourage BT along with all other potential broadband providers.

**Focusing on BT, he said that current registrations of interest stand at about 300 - no mean achievement considering that the figure was less than a hundred a year ago.** Of the 74 BT exchanges in Gloucestershire, just 17 have been enabled, with another eight on the way. BT also have a problem selling broadband, even where exchanges are enabled and take-up has been very low, less than 10% in most areas. Nevertheless, BT insist that they are committed to enable the Painswick exchange when the magic 500 figure has been hit. However, a technical problem remains for subscribers more than six kilometres from the exchange. In particular, this means that Sheepscombe and Cranham are unlikely ever to be linked to the BT broadband network.

**Looking at alternatives to BT broadband, Paul Turner and Terry Anderson from Node Broadband presented the case for eHotspot,** which is based on a satellite link to a central node and wireless links from the node to individual subscribers within a couple of miles. Cost to subscribers would be £149 installation plus £29.99 per month for individuals and £39.99 per month for business users. For this you get an unlimited, 'always on'

broadband connection, uploading and downloading at 512 kbps (up to twice as fast BT broadband) and the usual ISP services, ie email and web hosting.

A key advantage of the eHotspot system was that the viability trigger was only 15 potential subscribers, which made it easier to service more remote population clusters such as Cranham and Sheepscombe.

eHotspot currently have about a thousand subscribers in 35 locations, mainly in rural areas in the North and East Midlands. Now Node are bringing eHotspot to Gloucestershire, starting with three small villages to the west of Cheltenham: Temple Guiting, Ford and Cutsdean. To find out more or to register interest, take a look at [www.nodebroadband.com](http://www.nodebroadband.com).

**The other alternative to BT Broadband in Painswick was presented by Peter Cartwright of Loop Scorpio.** Loop Scorpio is based in Gloucester and has been actively checking Painswick's pulse for the past twelve months. Now with 130 subscribers for three wireless broadband networks in Ledbury, Highnam and Newent, Painswick is scheduled to be the fourth network. Like Node, Loop Scorpio will use 'line of sight' wireless relays to link to subscribers from a central node, but the link to the Internet will be via a BT leased line from Gloucester. The central node is to be The Falcon.

Given the hilly terrain of Painswick, there will need to be quite a few sub-nodes to bounce the signal around the village. Trees, however, are not a problem, given the application of orthogonal frequency division multiplexing. Let's all be thankful for orthogonal frequency division multiplexing...

With the antenna already fixed to The Falcon and the BT leased line promised for early February, Loop Scorpio expects the first subscribers on-line in the next couple of weeks. Installation will cost £139 and an unlimited, 'always on' broadband service will cost £37.50 per month. A 'Lite User' tariff will also be available



at £17.50 per month. This will have the same speed of access as a regular user, but will be subject to a monthly cap of 500MB, after which the download speed will drop to the usual snail-like modem levels. Both service packages include email and web hosting.

To find out more, take a look at [www.painswickbroadband.co.uk](http://www.painswickbroadband.co.uk).

During a lengthy and lively question and answer session, both Node and Loop Scorpio emphasized how quickly broadband was growing.

Broadband markets can be expected to become ever more competitive, which means that over the next few years, technical performance will increase, more service providers will enter the market and costs will decrease substantially.

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# Painswick on the Web

## More news from cyberspace...



Painswick continues to weave its way onto the Web, sometimes in mysterious ways. Last month we published a poem *Impressions at Loveday's Mill* by Salvador Oria, an anglophile/anglophone Argentine, who was inspired by a visit to Painswick in 1995. He was further inspired more recently to include the poem, along with some evocative local pictures, on his personal website. This has now been picked up by an American, distinctly West Coast - New Age organisation called This Is The Way ([www.thisistheway.com](http://www.thisistheway.com)), which has published it on its website. So, expect some really, like, mellow visitors to Painswick in the summer!

**Closer to home Painswick Local History Society is the latest local organisation to launch itself into cyberspace with its own website:** [www.painswickhistory.org.uk](http://www.painswickhistory.org.uk). Apart from giving advance notice

of its talks, details of its publications and how to join etc, this very interesting site includes a summary history of Painswick and a map of Painswick with the ages of various buildings marked. Readers are invited to send details of the age of their own homes or of other local buildings for inclusion. By including modern buildings as well as older ones, the ultimate goal is to show graphically how Painswick has grown over the last two hundred years. Peter Rowe, who developed the site, says it is still at an early stage and he is inviting suggestions for items for inclusion. He is also exploring how items from the Charter Week Exhibition might be included. And if you are interested in researching your family history or the history of your house, a 'links' page lists websites that Peter has found useful in his own researches. While

Peter will carry out research commissions, he is happy to offer some help or guidance for free to anyone starting their own researches and you can contact him by email from the website or by phone (01452 813228).

**And following last month's piece on Robin Sharp's book, *All about Elcombe*,** Robin informs us that there is a companion website [www.all-about-elcombe.org](http://www.all-about-elcombe.org). This includes some history of the hamlet as well as details about the book itself and a number of photographs which could be interesting for visitors.

**Links to these and all other known Painswick websites** are listed under 'Painswick on the Web' on the Painswick Beacon Website ([www.painswickbeacon.org.uk](http://www.painswickbeacon.org.uk)) which also includes the Village Diary, the Personal Column and the Painswick 2004 Directory, all updated monthly.

# From Ladies who Lunch to Ladies who Lust!

I realised too late that the strangely anaesthetising/ immobilising effects of the Festive Season meant that I failed to write a column last month and this, in turn, meant that you all had to start the year bereft of dramatic news. Actually, that's not quite true since I believe Naomi Dunn wrote an embarrassingly complimentary review of *Dead Man's Hand*. Alright Naomi, the cheque is in the post.

Anyway, eager to make amends I collared Lesley Wolowiec, the director of our next production (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May), and asked her how *Ladies Who Lunch*, the chosen play, was getting on.

'They've lunched.' was her succinct reply.

'How do you mean?' I queried tremulously. It's always best to query tremulously when you're talking to Lesley.

'We're not doing *Ladies Who Lunch* anymore!' she responded (not tremulously).

'Why not? Have we run out of ladies?' I quipped, hoping to be able to work in the old 'That's-no-lady-that's-my-wife' routine.

'No. I've changed my mind. We're doing *Habeas Corpus* by Alan Bennett instead.'

'But I've already announced *Ladies Who Lunch* in the Beacon.' I protested.

'I can't help that. You should have waited.'

'Waited for what?'

'For me to change my mind, of course!'

I toyed with saying something about a woman's privilege... but decided against it. Instead, I gently suggested that perhaps too

few Painswickians spoke Latin with sufficient fluency to truly appreciate a play like *Habeas Corpus*. With a condescending sigh, she said,

'*Habeas Corpus* is Alan Bennett's brilliant 1970s satire on the Permissive Society, in which we meet Dr Wicksteed and his family and friends, whose ruling passion is to put sex and the satisfactions of the body (or *corpus*) before everything else in their lives. With bizarre characters like Canon Throbbing, Lady Rumpers and Sir Percy Shorter, the play is a maze of mistaken identities and dangerous liaisons in which he who lusts longest, lasts longest.'

'Ah... right... not in Latin, then?'

'No.'

'Anybody I know in it?'

'Well, Jean is playing Constance, a lady who wants to develop a bust so that she can flaunt it.'

I scarcely missed a beat with my riposte:

'That's no lady, that's my wife!'

*Jack Burgess, Painswick Players*

*PS - Just in time!*

The timeless Pauline Foreman will be presenting *As Time Goes By*, an afternoon of timely poetry, prose and cream teas on March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Church Rooms at 3.00pm, in aid of the Meningitis Trust. Tickets £4.50.



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# Common Grazing

After years of neglect, our Commons are coming to life again with a new breed of Commoner. Until the 1950's, all Cotswold limestone grasslands were grazed by Commoners of the Parishes using goats and cattle. The goat's milk was used at home whereas cow's milk was sold. Thereafter it became uneconomic to employ manpower to supervise or manage the grasslands, and the practice of grazing generally disappeared. Only Haresfield, Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons continued to be grazed. All others were neglected and have scrubbed over, with burning being unacceptable in the last ten years.

However, starting in 1996, all unimproved limestone grasslands in the Cotswolds (over half of the remaining grasslands of this type in the UK) were put under scrutiny by the Cotswold Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership, and gradually the process of reintroducing management and supervision is being restored. The fact that Common lands are now back as part of our heritage is great news and is to be welcomed and appreciated by all of us. They are particularly valued for nature conservation, landscape and recreation, specifically golf, walking and exercising our dogs.

The first Common to benefit from this renewed scrutiny was Edge Common, locally known to many as Rudge Hill Common. Our thanks for this must go pri-

marily to Paul Griffiths who owns 18 acres at Stockend and Edge and has, together with his family before him, always enjoyed grazing rights on Edge Common in an area between Edge and Painswick. The Griffiths are not traditional farmers. Paul's father Ray worked for Stroud Brewery and Paul is now restoring antique furniture. Paul views cattle as his main hobby, an important secondary interest being grass management. It comes as no surprise therefore to learn that Paul's brother is Professor of Plant Ecology at Cambridge University. He is also concerned about Edge Common, in particular, having been born in Stockend and having the interest of the Common at heart.

About five years ago, English Nature decided to fence Edge Common and extend fencing to other Commons. Paul did not agree, believing that this was introducing the wrong regime, with grazing only being planned from September to the end of November. The fact is that grazing where cattle pull, remove and destroy the thatch of coarse grass is the best known way of reversing the declining condition of Grasslands. It also allows for the reintroduction of limestone plants and wildlife, including greater butterfly orchids, cowslips, dyers greenweed and rare butterflies.

However, Paul had a change of heart having been very impressed by the enthusiasm of Jenny Phelps, who spoke on this matter in Painswick about a year ago. He felt, after listening to her, that fencing could restore grazing to the Commons and represent a new beginning for a more in touch and realistic regime. He now has nine cattle and has started grazing again

at Stockend and on Edge Common. He is now considering adding new breeds of cattle to his herd that are better suited to Grassland grazing, including Red Poll and Welsh Black breeds. Dexters are also being considered by other parishes. Presumably Painswick Beacon may be grazed in the near future. What will golfers have to say about this? Will it develop into a Minchinhampton Common situation?

Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, obtained through the efforts of the Cotswold AONB Partnership now looks much more stable and healthy. This has already helped to clear scrub, put in electric fencing and purchase essential maintenance equipment.

Associations of Grassland groups are now being formed locally to improve grassing in their localities. An example of this is the Friends of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common (FOLK). Working parties of volunteers have been busy on projects, including fencing, footpath maintenance, gate replacement, ragwort pulling and the collection of litter. Drystone walling training has also started. Outdoor events to raise money and increase awareness and knowledge have been arranged by members of the public. Notice boards are being placed in car parks.

In summary, great progress is being made; there is a momentum behind all this hard work. Local support is obviously essential; we need more Paul Griffiths. The Beacon will keep a close eye on events and keep you informed.

*Dermot Cassidy*

## What's that

Bird identification is so easy, Look that's a blackbird, that's a robin, and that fat thing up in that tree is a wood pigeon. But you know it goes a little further than that. We 'Birders', yes birders, not twitchers who collect birds just like we used to collect stamps, we like to identify each bird that we see in our gardens or on our walks, and that is not as easy as it sounds. In fact, because they can be so confusing some get the classification LBJ's (i.e. little brown jobs) and it is only after years of study and observation that we get to recognise more.

Well, after last week's talk by Derek Jackson, Chairman of the Cheltenham Bird Club, on the subject of raptors (birds of prey), I have decided upon a new classification BBJ's (i.e. Big brown jobs). Our speaker gave a most illustrative talk about the birds who live off other live creatures. Well there are quite a few of



these birds and they have a lot of similar characteristics, and to make it more difficult the female and juveniles of some breeds sometimes look more like another variety. Now our speaker did a very good job to help us in the recognition of several species, with tips to aid us like the differing times that it takes different species to perform a gliding circle.

But in future when someone stops me in the village and says "aren't you Harold Wood the Beacon bird man?" I might try to find out what the question is before admitting to my identity.

*Harold Wood*

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# THE Dog Tree

Most of us associate dogs and trees as being the focus for our canine friends for impending relief, much as they are reputed to regard lamp posts.

If that is all you were thinking, prepare to be impressed.

Emulating a long-standing arrangement in Rodborough, some local people have 'adopted' a small conifer behind the 8th Tee on Painswick Beacon, which is now designated as the Dog Tree. At Christmas the tree is decorated with photographs and messages of pet dogs past and present, put there by their owners.

Sue Herbert kindly drew this to our notice, and provided a photograph of the Dog Tree so adorned this Christmas. As Sue pointed out, "Every morning dogs can be seen taking their owners for walks across the Beacon. Now that they know about it, I hope that this coming Christmas 2004 the Dog Tree will again be decorated in this way by loving dog owners; a wonderful way for owners to express their appreciation of the companionship they have received."

There is no need to try and find the exact tree now, the messages having been removed just after 12th night.

## Don Tinsey

**Don Tinsey from Woodlands Farm, Cranham, died shortly before Christmas following an operation to pin a broken hip sustained whilst loading cattle for market.**

Don, in his green Landrover with familiar registration number TLO 602 was a regularly seen figure in the country lanes around Painswick. He lived his life, though, chiefly in 'the fast lane' working at a terrific pace that left many people years his junior standing. He had a working collection of eight Fordson Major tractors and was a completely fearless tractor driver and handler of cattle. A skilled chainsaw user, fencer and welder, he excelled at making trailers and constructed many other items to make his working life easier.

Having milked cows before his schoolday started, it was not surprising that when Don attended agricultural college he was his year's top student. He went into farm management before farming on his own account, firstly at Winterbourne near Bristol. At Woodlands he built up a fine herd of Charolais cattle and was a well known breeder of collie dogs.

Don enjoyed a cup of tea by the fireside and managed to extract five cups from one tea-bag! Clearly a connoisseur of weak tea! However, the letters he regularly wrote to the local newspapers were anything but weak as he expressed hard hitting commonsense views on local and national issues.

Don dearly loved his four daughters, their families and their six grandchildren and he will be remembered by his many friends for countless acts of kindness.

*Philip Berry*



# Rugby

Painswick's league promotion campaign stuttered in mid-January with two losses. However, the game against the Cheltenham North club saw a fine team performance from the Cherry and Whites and they were unlucky to lose by the odd point.

The 'North' were the Premier Division leaders at the start of the match and with Painswick in third place the match was always going to be closely fought. The Cheltenham side began well, scoring a converted try within the first 5 minutes. However, Painswick rose to the occasion and, playing excellent rugby, scored 2 tries through Aussie Smith and Ali Bressington who was successful with both conversion attempts. Painswick continued to press and were rewarded with 2 Bressington penalties to give them an 18 points to 7 lead at half-time.

The second half brought a renewed effort from the 'North' and they soon reduced the deficit with a converted try. Painswick's denied the home side any further score until the final quarter of the game when the Cheltenham fifteen crossed the visitors' line for an unconverted try. Painswick mounted a series of attacks in the closing stages but were unable to score again leaving the 'North' victors by 19 points to 18.

**Painswick's performance against the Cheltenham side contrasted with their game against North Bristol played two weeks earlier at Broadham.** This was a disappointing match as Painswick were ahead by 12 points to 8 with only ten minutes remaining when an unforced error gave the visitors a scrum close to the Painswick try line from which they were able to score an unconverted try. A short while later the visitors gained possession from a charge down incident and crossed the home side's line again for a try which was converted. Painswick still had a chance to put points on the board when they were awarded a very kickable penalty. However, with time running out they decided to run the ball as more than 3 points were needed. In the end the visitors' defence held out and they ran out winners by 20 points to 12. Painswick's tries were scored by centre Hector Cobbe and wing-threequarter Aussie Smith. Painswick's new skipper, Alastair Bressington, was successful with the one conversion. **Playing in the Bill Adams Cup,** Painswick Adders met Dursley in an away fixture and, although giving a spirited performance, went down by 32 points to 5. On the same day, a Painswick fifteen had a home fixture against Hucclecote and in a strange match ran

out victors by 32 points to 7 with neither side managing to score in the first half.

**Last Saturday, Painswick 1st XV had a home league fixture against Longlevens** and from the start were clearly determined to put the recent defeats behind them. In atrocious conditions Painswick had the advantage of a southerly wind behind them and, with barely 10 minutes gone, had established a 14 point lead with tries from Harry Cobbe and Alastair Bressington, the latter converting both tries.

The second quarter of the game brought a sustained period of attack from the visitors but the home defence was resolute and, against the run of play, broke away for Matt Coombs to charge down an attempted relieving kick and go over for a well taken unconverted try. With 10 minutes remaining in the second half, Alastair Bressington gathered the sodden ball inches from the

ground and ran some 30 or so metres to score a brilliant try which he then converted.

Painswick's scoring was not over and close to the final whistle back row forward, James Read, crossed the visitors' line for the Cheery and Whites final try which was converted by Alastair. This was a memorable match which reflected considerable credit on the Painswick team, not least because of the excellent discipline shown by all fifteen players.

**On the adjacent pitch, Painswick Adders were playing Cirencester 3rd XV** in the Bill Adams Cup. The home side were trailing by 12 points to 10 when with barely 5 minutes left, Wayne Lee went over for a try to give Painswick victory by 15 point to 12, Paul Sturmey and James Stewart were Painswick's other try scorers.

**Results**  
*(L) indicates league match*

Sat 10 Jan  
*(L)* Painswick 1st XV 12 North Bristol 20.  
Painswick Adders 12 Swindon College OB 26.

Sat 17 Jan  
Painswick XV 32 Hucclecote XV 7.  
*Bill Adams Cup*  
Dursley 2nd XV 32 Painswick Adders 5.

Sat 24 Jan  
*(L)* Cheltenham North 1st XV 19 Painswick 1st XV 18.  
Painswick United 19 Cheltenham North 2nd XV 7.

Sat 31 Jan  
*(L)* Painswick 1st XV 38 Longlevens 1st XV 0. Painswick Adders 15 Cirencester 3rd XV 12.

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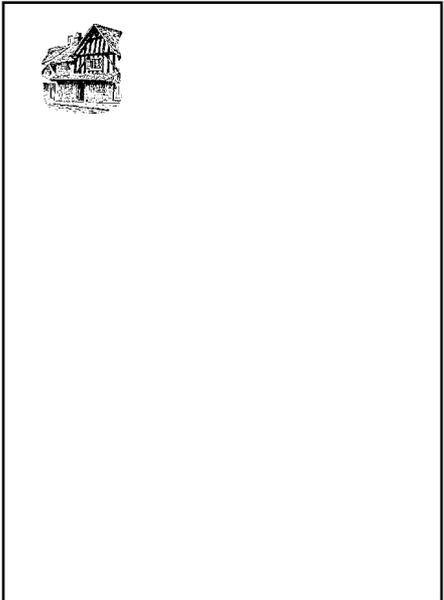
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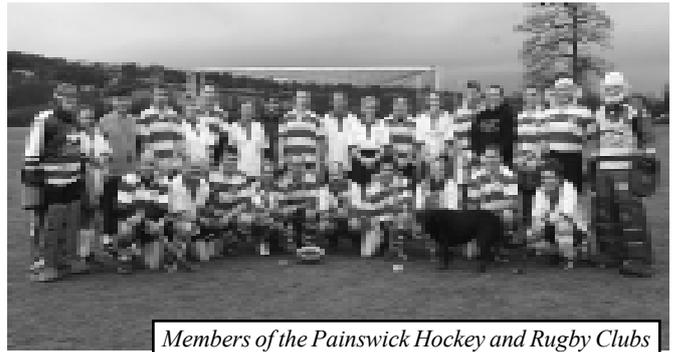


# Hockey

Painswick Ladies met their Stroud opponents recently and were successful in scoring the only goal of the match. Stroud took a while to adjust to the grass surface at Broadham and Painswick took advantage by scoring a goal in the first two minutes through Anita Wright. The Cherry and Whites were almost two goals ahead a few minutes later when Maggie Morse had a "goal" disallowed following a short corner. On the whole.

Stroud seemed to struggle to put pressure on the Painswick defence. The home side communicated well and had chance after chance at goal. The one goal margin should have been more but Painswick were very happy with their victory.

Painswick achieved an excellent win over Bourton Vale on Saturday 31st January on the home side's astro turf pitch. Bourton were top of the division before the start of the match. Maggie Morse and daughter Becca were Painswick's scorers in the 2 goals to nil victory.



Members of the Painswick Hockey and Rugby Clubs pictured before their annual hockey match

Photograph courtesy Stroud News and Journal

# Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club is holding its annual meeting at the Broadham Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Monday 9th February. This is an important meeting at which a number of issues relating to the new season will be discussed. Anyone interested in playing for the club is very welcome to attend the meeting.

*Andrew Wise, Club Secretary*

# Golf

Competitions at Painswick Golf Club are Continuing through the Winter.

The Christmas Competition was won by D.Jones and A.Owen with 50 points. Winter Fourball and the Alan Cale knockout competition will continue through next month.

The Ladies January Medal was won by Jean Kendrick, second Helen Thomson.

The Annual Presentation Evening will take place on Friday 27th February and the Ladies Presentation Evening on Wednesday 10th March.

During the first part of January, a flood inside the clubhouse resulted in a short

suspension of catering arrangements, but now all social functions and catering facilities are back to normal. As a result of the flood damage, the planned renewal of carpet and decorating is being brought forward, so hopefully the clubhouse will soon look very smart. All social members and daytime users of the clubhouse have been invited to enjoy a free coffee or sherry and meet the new stewards on Wednesday 11th February from 11.30am.

An interesting programme of Social Events has been planned.

*Sylvia Walker*

# Skiing

Sheepscombe skiers Fern and Ashley Barker were once again in Austria during the Christmas and New Year period taking part in the first British Alpine Event of the season, the BARSC Championships. Ashley, still only a second year Junior and now facing very stiff competition from the European Alpine Nations and concentrating more on his academic A2 studies was a little disappointed to finish 40th overall in the Slalom event, not a bad effort with 112 competitors. 21st British racer but in the top ten of his age group. In the Giant Slalom the following day he looked a little more like his old self with a 20th position overall, 14th British and 6th in his age group.

Younger sister Fern, with still a year to go in the Children's age category took three medals. A third and first in the Giant Slalom events and a second in the Slalom to complete the set. This was despite skiing with a broken toe and some damage to her foot which occurred on the eve of her departure from Sheepscombe. Fern has been rewarded with selection to the "Tresspass" British Children's team race in Croatis, home to the World Cup stars Janica and Ivica Kostelic, who she is hoping may be there for the race. She will later travel to "Pinochio", Abetone in the Italian Dolomites for her second outing for the team. This is known as the Children's Olympics with a flame lighting ceremony and parade through the streets.

*Ray Barker*

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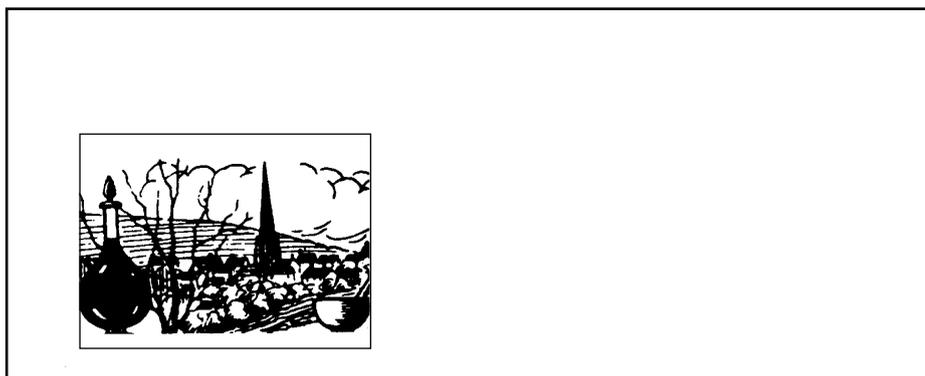


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## Art Classes in Painswick

Spring sees the continuation of art classes in Painswick.

Imagination Station a four week combined poetry, art and drama course will restart on the 28th February for the 7-11 age group on Saturday mornings. Due to the success of this course we are considering running a similar one for the 11-14's on Monday evenings and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested.

Adult drawing classes continue on both Wednesday and Friday mornings and we would welcome anyone who might like to join us. We are also considering rerunning "Wish You Could Draw" a structured beginners class in the evening, if there is enough interest.

For further information on any of the above please contact either Jane Garbett on 812176 or Caroline on 813464

## The Lunch Club

The Lunch Club, which organises lunches open to all pensionable Painswickians every Tuesday and Thursday at the Ashwell Day Centre, is once again appealing for organisers. Last year an appeal for someone to take on the responsibility for running the Club produced no response but the current organisers, Audrey Timpson and Naomi Maclaurin-Jones decided to carry on for one more year. Now with Club membership growing, two new organisers are essential by the end of 2004 if the Club is not to fold.

Audrey commented, 'We were sad to read that the Painswick WI had closed and would not want to have to end the Club too. Don't let Painswick lose yet another social activity for lack of volunteers!'

Please contact Audrey Timpson on 812296 or Naomi Maclaurin-Jones on 813320 if you think you could help.

## AIDS Orphans

Pat Chase would like to thank all those who supported the AIDS Orphans Coffee Morning held on the 1st December 2003 at Four Winds Longridge. The event raised the magnificent sum of £730.

## Sex appeal

The Mission to Seafarers at Avonmouth/Portbury is appealing for crime, sex and violence, or at least books containing same.

The Mission is collecting paperbacks to help sailors while away the long hours at sea. If you have any that are just cluttering up the place, they will be happy to find them a good home. You can put them in a box by the main door of St Mary's Church until 16th February or contact John Parfitt at St Andrews, New Street (opposite the war memorial) or phone 813444 and they will collect.

## Skip it!

The parish skip will be in position in Stamages Lane Car park from Friday 20th to Monday 23rd February.



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## PROPERTY REPORT for February by Hamptons International Estate Agents

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As long as interest rates do not rise by more than 1% . we believe that there is a potential for a 7% rise in house prices this year. We predict this is as a result of the reducing supply of homes and increasing healthy demand from purchasers which seems set to continue throughout this year. However, a rapid rise in interest rates greater than 1% would reduce demand for homes and prices would simply hold.

Here in Painswick we just can't stop selling and although we have some new instructions we urge anyone who is thinking of going to the market this year to think about doing so now, as we have an amazing number of genuine buyers wishing to buy in the area and not enough properties to offer them. If you instruct us now you may get a much better offer than if you

wait until the Spring, which is when the majority of vendors decide to sell.

We are delighted to be able to offer a magnificent converted barn with outbuildings in Wick street; in Slad we found a buyer for Upper Steanbridge Mill before we had even printed the brochure; two bungalows at Resthaven in Pitchcombe – both having plenty of development potential. In Painswick Churn Cottage in Kemps Lane and 1 Hambutts Cottage – two charming 2 bedroomed cottages.

All our pre-Christmas sales have now completed including: Byfield House in Bisley Street; Troy in Gloucester Street; Lloydstone in Stamages Lane, Alabama in New Street, Greystoke in Kings Mill Lane, 2 Sunny Terrace in Vicarage Street, Whispering Trees in Lower Washwell. Highcroft in Longridge and at The Camp

– New Inn House. Most of our register is now under offer including the two remaining barns at Painswick Court – if you would like to join these contented vendors please give either Rupert or myself a ring on Painswick 01452 812354 and we will be pleased to give you a free market appraisal.

Many of you will know that Susan Pyle, has been ill in hospital recently, but is hopefully on the road to recovery . Susan has been with us for nearly 10 years and is an integral part of the smooth running of the office – we all miss her and wish her a speedy return.

*Diane Mearns*



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## VILLAGE DIARY

### FEBRUARY

Sat	7	Theatre Club outing to Worcester	The Falcon	1.00pm
Mon	9	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	10	Dog Training Club: Tuesdays	Christ Church Hall	9.30 to 12noon
		China Painting Classes - Tuesdays (10 weeks)	Library Room	10.00am to 1.00pm
		Mothers' Union: The work of the Action & Outreach Unit - Mrs Liz Curtis	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	11	Art Classes for beginners – re-run	Church Rooms	9.30am to noon
		Traditional Tea Dances: Wednesdays	Painswick Centre	2.00 to 4.00pm
		W.E.A.: Enjoying Poetry - Wednesdays	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Horticultural Society: Bees and pollination - Mr C Smallwood	Town Hall	2.30pm
		Bingo Session: all welcome - prizes (Wednesdays)	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Thu	12	Classes: Early Renaissance Italy 1400-1500 - Dr Peter Clarkson - weekly until 18 March	Small Church Room	11.00am to 12.30pm
		Jolly Stompers Line-Dancing: Experienced Beginners - Thursdays	Town Hall	12.30 to 1.30pm
		Music Appreciation Group: The Mighty Five	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Blues Nights - The Animals ( <i>and Sat 14</i> )	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
	13	WI Market: Coffee & "tasters" available, Fridays	Town Hall	10.00am
		Senior Circle: Valentine's Entertainment - Pauline Foreman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	15	Bird Club visit to Ashleworth Ham to see Migrant Birds	Nature Reserve A417 at Hartpury	10.30am
		Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Improvers) - Sundays	Painswick Centre	7.30 to 8.30pm
Mon	16	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Tennis Club	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	17	Local History Society: Burdock & Son - an old-Established Painswick Firm - David Archard	Croft School	7.30pm
		Jazz Evening: Local Musicians, no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: H.M.S. Warrior - Mr Leslie Dalton	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Wives' Fellowship: Art demonstration in pastels by Jan Whitton	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
		Parish Council Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	21	<b>Copy dateline for March to Editorial Team</b>		
		Blues Night - Richie Milton and The Lowdown	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Mon	23	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Falcon Bowling Club.	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Thur	26	<b>Diary dateline for March to Edwina Buttrey</b>		
		Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to Bristol	Colston Hall	7.30pm
Fri	27	Senior Circle: From out of the strong came forth Sweetness - Craig Dunn	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	28	Antiques Market: Free Admission; Refreshments Available	Town Hall	10.00am to 4.00pm
Sun	29	Charity Sale for Brooke Hospital for Animals	Town Hall	10.30am to 12.30pm

### MARCH

Mon	1	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Mothers' Union	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	2	PCMS: Scripture Union, a light to live by - Ian Marsh	Church Rooms	7.45pm
Wed	3	Probus: The Humorous Naturalist - Mr Gerry Rylands	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
		Wives' Fellowship: World Scout Jamboree - Nicky Lawrence	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Thu	4	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
		Art Exhibition of Calligraphy, Paintings and Ceramics Valerie Dugan & Ian Shearman (until Sat 6)	Town Hall	
Sat	6	<b>March Issue of The Painswick Beacon Published</b>		
		Painswick Players - <i>As Time Goes By</i> .		
		Poetry, prose and a cream tea	Church Rooms	3.00pm
		Blues Night - Ben Walters	Painswick Centre	8.00pm
Sun	7	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group scrub clearing: Contact Pete Bradshaw (814210)	Painswick Beacon	10.00am
Mon	8	Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Miss P Lamont	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Wed	10	Horticultural Society: Ask the experts - Trees & Landscaping - G March & S Gibb	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	11	Music Appreciation: Benjamin Britten	Town Hall	7.30pm

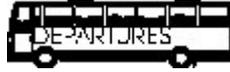
Fri	12	Senior Circle: Mangols and Things - Hayden Gardiner	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	Theatre Club outing to Bristol <b>Beacon Village Quiz</b>	The Falcon <b>Painswick Centre</b>	12.45pm <b>6.45 for 7.15pm</b>
Mon	15	Austerity Lunch: Hosts -Senior Circle	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Tue	16	Local History Society - Members' Evening	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	17	Coach trip to London £10: Tel 813965/813227 Dr Norman Bailey Wives' Fellowship: "A good book is the best of friends" - David Price	Stamages Car Park Ostlers Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall	8.30am 10.00am 7.30pm
Thu	18	Bird Club: Talk about Keynes Country Park and its Birds - the Head Ranger. (followed by AGM)	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	19	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Rugby Club, Broadham	7.15pm
Sat	20	Antiques Market: Free Admission; Refreshments Available Painswick Music Society Concert: Ruth Rogers, violin Blues Night - Bad Town Blues	Town Hall St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm
Mon	22	Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Dog Training Club	Christ Church Hall	12.15 to 1.15pm
Thu	25	Music Appreciation Group Concert Outing to CBSO	Symphony Hall, B'ham	
Fri	26	Senior Circle Outing to Daffodil Country - Dymock		
Sat	27	Annual Coffee Morning: Main charity, Winston's Wish Painswick Conservatives Bridge Drive	Town Hall Church Rooms	9.45am to 12.00 noon 2.00pm
Wed	31	Horticultural Society Outings booking morning	Church Rooms	10.00am to 12 noon
<b>APRIL</b>				
Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	3	Painswick Music Society Concert: Angela Hewitt, piano	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Thu	8	Music Appreciation: Finale for 16th Season	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	15	Antiques Evening followed by Supper. For Christ Church Charities. Tickets available 15 March.	Christ Church Hall	7.00pm
Sat	24	Painswick Music Society Concert: Emperor String Quartet	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
<b>MAY</b>				
Wed	5	Painswick & District Conservation Society AGM Speaker: member of National Trust - Tyntesfield House	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Painswick Music Society Concert: The Nash Ensemble Painswick Players - <i>Habeas Corpus</i> by Alan Bennett (until Sat May 8th)	Ashwell House St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	2.30pm 3.00pm 7.30pm
Fri	28	Senior Circle Outing to Weston-super-Mare/Weymouth		
<b>JUNE</b>				
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Thu	10	Elections	tba	7.00am to 10.00pm
Sat	19	Talk by Sir John Mason on Global Warming in aid of Christian Aid: followed by supper	Friends Meeting House Yew Tree House	
<b>JULY</b>				
Thu	1	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Sat	17	Tennis Club Games & B.B.Q Evening	Broadham	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Sat	11	Horticultural Society Annual Show & Exhibition	Painswick Centre	3.00 to 5.00pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Fri	8	Senior Circle Outing to Westonbirt Arboretum		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Fri	5	Senior Circle Outing - before the rush - to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	6	Music and Arts Festival	various	
Sat	13	Tennis Club Autumn Social Evening		
Sat	27	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12.00 noon

## London Coach

The spring coach outing to London will be on Wednesday 17th March, Leaving Stanges Lane car park at 8.30am. Arrival at Harrods will be about 11.15am. and then in Northumberland Avenue, Trafalgar Square around 11.30am.

The fare is £10.

Bookings by cash or cheque, payable to "Painswick L & B Outings" should be made with Joan Truman, 'Little Place', Hollyhock Lane, Painswick GL6 6XH. Enquiries to Joan Truman 813965 or Pauline Berry 813227

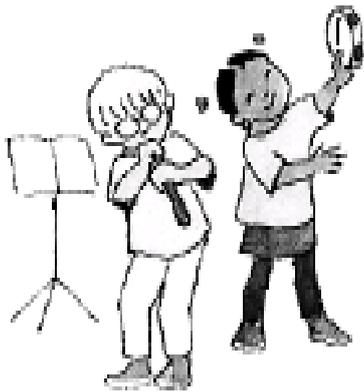


## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer Movement will celebrate its annual Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March at Ashwell House in Painswick (coffee 10.00 am, service 10.30 am) and at St James Church, Cranham at 7.30 pm. This year's Service comes from Panama and the theme of the Service is *In Faith, Women Shape the Future*.

After years of hardship and struggle Panama is now an independent nation, proud of the ethnic and racial diversity of its people and of its strong Christian heritage. As in many parts of the world, women are emerging as a major presence and force in public life and it is their faith and determination that the women of Panama celebrate in this Service.

Women, men, children and young people from many different backgrounds and in more than 180 countries will be celebrating this Day of Prayer. You are invited to unite yourselves with them and join in the service locally.



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The first service is on Sunday, 8th February at St Mary's Church at 4 pm. If you want to find out more please ring Liz Burge (St Mary's Church) on 01452 813177 or Heather Whyte (URC) 01453 766389 or Ela Pathak-Sen (Our Lady & St Therese) 01452 813458.

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## Tennis Club Quiz Night

Painswick Tennis Club is hosting a Quiz Night with hot supper on Friday 19th March at 7.15 pm at Painswick Rugby Club, Broadham. Teams will comprise six people and everyone is most welcome. Tickets, £8 each, are available from Gill Willoughby (720052) or Ruth Smith (813693).

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# The Personal Column

## Wedding

AIMEE COLLINS, daughter of Pam and David Collins was married on 9th January to BART SAYMAAN of South Africa.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr BLABY who has moved into Clattergrove,

Mr BATES and Dr.BUNTWAL who have moved to Whispering Trees in Lower Washwell,

Mr and Mrs STONE who are the new owners of Greystoke, also in Lower Washwell,

Mr and Mrs WALL who have moved to Highcroft,

Mr and Mrs HUTTON who moved into Byfield House in Bisley Street,

Mr RICH DARRAGH the new owner of Alabama, Cheltenham Road, and Mr and Mrs ALCOTT who are living in Lloydstones.

## Farewell

We say goodbye to ALAN and SYLVIA ROSS who have moved to Paignton from Churchill Way,

and to Mr and Dr. RAND who have moved to Oxford from Bisley Street,

and to Mr and Mrs MURRAY who have gone to Minchinhampton from Lloydstones.

## Change of House

SUSIE OAKLEY and small daughters Alice and Mia have moved to Sunnycroft in Hollyhock Lane,

Dr.BERNARD and ANNE HAMILL are moving from Berry Close to 16 Churchill Way,

and MIKE OAKLEY is the new owner of 9 Hyett Close.

## Royal Oak

ALAN DALE and SHIRLEY HARRISON are now the joint managers of The Royal Oak.

## Condolences

Sincere sympathies to the families of ROBERT SMITH, LILIAN HUSSELL, FLORENCE COX, PEGGY WATKIN

and JOCK WATSON, late of Troy in Gloucester Street, who died recently.

Reigh Sutton tells us that Lt.Col. J.A.G. DAVIES MC (Tony) of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Gurkhas) and the Malay Regiment, a former resident of Painswick 1967-1990 died on 12th January aged 82. He is survived by his daughter Denise and her husband Simon, grandchildren Nicholas and Francesca and his wife Olga. A quiet man and a brave soldier.

## Did you see?

The beautiful Victorian hearse with top-hatted riders which attended St.Mary's Church for the funeral on Wednesday 14th January.

## Thank you

SUE and MIKE SHEPHERD, who have recently moved into the village, would like to thank the Painswick community for their warm welcome. Particular thanks go to the local neighbours in Randalls Field who made Christmas and the New Year such a pleasant and enjoyable time.

## Thanks

I would like to thank all those kind people who have found time to write the many letters and cards of appreciation that have been dropping through the letter box and also to thank everybody who telephoned and who left messages congratulating me on being chosen Painswickian of the Year. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown, and feel very humbled that I should be joining the ranks of previous Painswickians.

Pam Bailey

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