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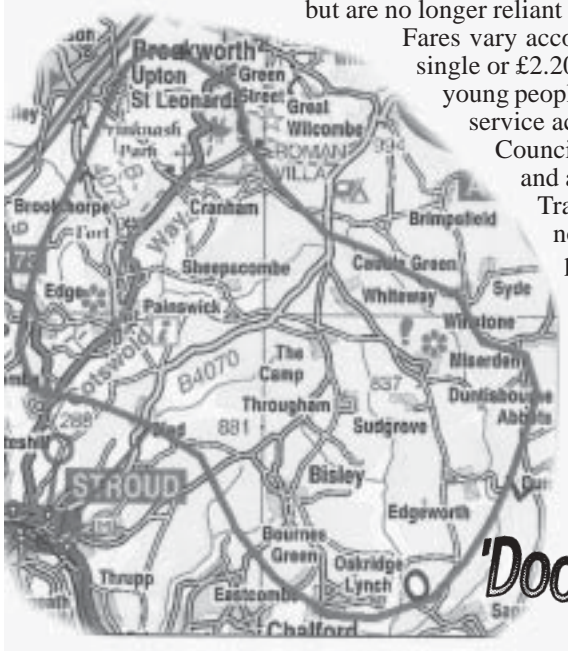
Flexible bus

A door-to-door 'flexible' bus service came into service early in June. This is a major initiative to serve the rural community, centred on Painswick and linking up with the scheduled bus services along the A46 at its heart. It is available to anyone, fit or not so nimble, using a brand new 8-seater vehicle complete with a low floor and access for a wheelchair.

A fixed timetable is not the key to this extremely flexible service because it **depends entirely upon pre-booking at least four hours ahead** through a **Travel Centre on 01452.423598**. It therefore picks up passenger on demand, home to home, home to main route bus stop, or whatever combination customers require. And **they really mean door-to-door** because journeys and pick up and set down locations are decided on an individual basis.

It is operating throughout the area within the line shown on the map between 7.00am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. If you live anywhere within that area, which includes places in the list, this could be a valuable way of visiting friends, getting to the shops, connecting with the 46 bus route Cheltenham-Stroud-Nailsworth, or going on a picnic.

This must be an opportunity to push back horizons for those who live well away from existing bus routes but are no longer reliant upon their own car.



Fares vary according to distance from £1.60[85p] to £3.00[£2.20] single or £2.20[£1.30] to £3.50[£2.50] return, and concessions for young people under 18 in brackets, it being free for under-5s. The service accepts concessionary passes and tokens. The County Council has devised this scheme, with much local initiative and advice, as a result of funding from the Department of Transport's Rural Bus Challenge Competition. We cannot help but urge readers and friends in less accessible places to obtain copy of the particulars from the Town Hall or Library, by telephoning 01452.425614 or write to Rachel Shingler who is the Project Management Officer, GCC Integrated Transport Unit, Environment Department, Shire Hall in Gloucester GL1 2BF, or Email stroudnorthlink@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The actual routes followed during the many daily circuits depend entirely upon passenger bookings - the flexibility - therefore all trips must be booked in advance.

Can I travel from my front door anywhere within the approximate boundary shown on the map? Yes.

Can I be dropped off outside any other front door in the same area? Surely.

Can I be picked up an hour or more later, to go back home? Yes, of course.

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Brockworth
Cranham
Edge
Egdworth
Miserden
Oakridge
Painswick
Pitchcombe
Prinknash
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Stroud station
Sudgrove
The Camp
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Upton St.Leonards
Whiteshill
Whiteway

The Echium

This plant gives credence to the present concerns about Global Warming.

It is just tolerant of light frosts, but cannot stand prolonged cold, or wet northerly winds. A native of the Canary Islands and Madeira, where it is now scarce. From seedling to flowering takes two to three years, after which it dies. The tall flower spike can reach heights of 12 to 15 feet and consists of a series of short tresses of blue flowers for several feet up the spike. It is in flower from early May till late July and is beloved by bees.

Introduced into the Isles of Scilly by the Dorian Smith's in the late 19th century, where it has naturalised and later moved onto the mainland, where it grows in sheltered coastal gardens in Cornwall. By the late 1950s it had reached Torbay and now grows in profusion in gardens and parks around Poole Harbour.

It was a delight to find several of these magnificent plants flowering in the garden of Downton House in Gloucester Street, the home of gardening enthusiasts Brian and Enid Kilpatrick and their knowledgeable daughter Fiona. (*The Beacon is grateful for the welcome into their superb 'collectors' garden to take this photograph.*) Much of this 'spike' can be seen over their rear gate in Hollyhock Lane.

Is this its present northern frontier?

Cedric Nielsen



Elsewhere in this issue... A **25th for Sue**, be **warned of the bend**, surprise **kite flying**, focus on **Ted**, mystery **PC**, reflections from **the States**, see **Prospero** in the garden, **trading** challenges, **beasties** in the yew trees, **feasting** in Cranham, future of **the churchyard**, open day **fire and rescue** station, birds **round the lakes**, a **reminder to dogs**, here **VE/VJ remembered**, and **gardens open**.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - by Leslie Brotherton

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

Folly Cottage

The Chairman, David Hudson, reported that the Secretary of State had endorsed the decision of the District Council in refusing the erection of fencing around this property which stands within common land.

The District Council had also been requested to consider whether the turreted gate entrance required planning permission.

Planning Procedures

The Chairman reported that, contrary to a previous communication from the District Council, the Parish Council will be invited to any 'pre sites meetings' convened in relation to complex or large projects.

Broadham Fields: Rugby Floodlighting

In response to concerns expressed by some residents within Painswick valley relayed to the Rugby Football Club by the Parish Council, a letter from the Chairman of the Club, Roger Turley, was received and read out. Mr Turley made clear that "they were planned to cause as little inconvenience as possible to local residents" and that adjustments had been carried out since they were installed towards that end. He pointed out that "The lights in question, other than in exceptional circumstances, are only used on a Tuesday and Thursday evening, during the rugby season and obviously only during the period of the year and for the time of day when they are required. Normally their use, at the extreme, would be from 1900hours to 2100hours twice a week between September and April".

In response to Mr Turley's assurance that the convenience of others would always be of concern to the Club, and having regard to the continuing concerns expressed by several councillors, it was agreed to seek a late evening demonstration in the second half of July - including observations from across the valley.

Randalls Field - signage (at last)

In response to representations from residents, and with concern about emergency service vehicles needing to know where

particular properties are in the three cul-de-sacs which comprise Randalls Field, the Council supported proposals for the erection of appropriate street signs bearing house numbers.

Vice Chairman

Mrs Jackie Woof was appointed Vice Chairman for the remainder of the Council year.

PARISH COUNCIL

Policing

PCSO Des Moore, substituting for PC Wallace (photographed here) who had been called to an air accident, introduced himself to the Council.



The Chairman, Terry Parker, reminded him that there was historic concern about parking in the village and was informed that the police were currently focusing their interest in such matters in Pullens Road and the streets closest to Londis.

Churchyard at St Marys

(See separate item, opposite.)

Painswick Hotel street signs

The erection, in recent days, of new green street signs pointing out directions to the Painswick Hotel was the subject of discussion consequent upon a letter received from local resident Ted Lane, since these appeared not to have received approval.

It was reported that the County Council had recently made known that they were now willing to consider the introduction of 'brown' tourist signs leading to the hotel, given its tucked away location. In response to a question from David Hudson, it was also noted that even such 'tourist' signs would firstly be subject to comment by the Parish Council. The Chairman reported that it followed that the green signs would need to be removed.

CNEAAct 2005

The Council took note that under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 Parish Councils will be empowered to issue fixed penalty notices and dog control orders for various offences. Part of the Act came into force from 7th June, others from next spring.

St.Mary's Development: Section 106 funds

Considerable annoyance and frustration was expressed that the District Council had not, as yet, transferred the Section 106 funds deposited with them by the developers of the St.Marys site; these are in excess of £22,000. The Parish Council reasserted its opinion that these funds were theirs as of right, together with the significant amount of interest they would be earning while on deposit, for spending purposes as defined when planning permission was originally granted.

The matter will be further pursued.

Stamages car park: coach waiting time

Peter Rowe expressed his understanding that coach operators permitting passengers on tours only being allowed to park for 30 minutes in the designated area at the entrance to Court Orchard was insufficient for visitors. After allowing for disembarkation and walking to and from the centre of the village there was inadequate time to appreciate its attractions or be of benefit to traders.

It was agreed to investigate the rules and manner in which they might be lightened.

and in August

The Council has decided to take a break from meeting in August unless something unexpected arises.

In Painswick? Watch this space!

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This Sunday - Beacon Clear Up

Come and join us to help remove litter from the Painswick Beacon on Sunday 3rd July. Meet at Catbrain Car Park between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

The Beacon is one of the most attractive open spaces in our neighbourhood with spectacular views over the Severn plain. There are lots of wild flowers and orchids. It is enjoyed by walkers, visitors to the historically-significant iron-age hill fort on the summit, horse riders, dog walkers, golfers and many others interested in nature.

But it is marred by litter. Much blows off the open spaces into woodland and gradually accumulates in the disused quarries below the summit. I would like to target some of these quarries, but we also need help to tidy up other parts as well.

We will be meeting at Catbrain car park. To get there, follow the A46 out of the village towards Cheltenham for about a mile. Then turn very sharp left up to the Beacon - it is signposted to Catbrain Quarry. The car park is on either side of the road just after you have crossed the ridge and golf course.

The Parish Council is providing all the equipment - we have gloves, litter pickers and plenty of bags to collect the refuse. If you would like to walk up from the village or start from a different point, let me know and I will let you have gloves and a plastic bag.

Please come and help us, either as an individual or in a family group. An hour of your time will really help us make a difference.

Peter Rowe (813228)



St Mary's Churchyard - its future

There can be few who would dispute that anyone visiting, or indeed residing in, this village of ours regards the churchyard with its yew trees surrounding the church of St. Mary and its slender spire as being emblematic and the very heart of the community. Abiding memories of Painswick must surely include the churchyard.

As the Parish Council was reminded on 15th June, the Pevsnor Architectural Guide to the Cotswolds states "Although many churchyards in the Cotswolds have fine Table Tombs, nowhere is there anything to equal the collection here..." The tombs are legally 'Listed Buildings' as well as scheduled ancient monuments, and together with the yew trees are of international renown. The footpaths are much used as pedestrians move around the village, and their various directions have evolved, over the years, to form the most desired routes.

The church wardens have, for several reasons, found it necessary to review their

responsibilities for the upkeep of the churchyard. A programme of urgent repairs and maintenance of the tombs is in hand and they are currently needing to consider the upgrading of the footpaths with health and safety criteria in mind. Alongside these costly tasks the Parochial Church Council continues to meet other maintenance costs including the clipping of the yew trees and grass cutting.

David Harley presented an analysis to the Parish Council of the extent of the financial burden these matters placed upon the PCC. Routine costs for upkeep of the church and churchyard were running at over £10,000 a year, but this figure excluded major and occasional costs such as those already mentioned and others imminent such as replacement of the central heating boiler or repairs to the roof of the nave. Current estimates of work planned for the next five years exceeds £300,000, of which £15 - £20K could be needed for footpaths alone. Mr Harley made clear that, while the PCC controlled significant investments mainly from legacies (with conditions) they took the view that it was mainly the interest from these which was at its disposal if longer term assurance of maintenance was to be assured.

The Council was reminded that the churchyard had been closed to burial of bodies as far back as 1875, primarily due

to lack of space, although some interment of cremated remains had been permitted since 1964. Given this scenario one option, which he and the PCC wanted to avoid, was to exercise their right to relinquish aspects of maintenance to statutory authorities since this would lose local control over standards of upkeep of an essentially local feature.

The church wardens, David reported, were seeking dialogue with the Parish Council as to whether it might be possible to forge a partnership with (preferably) the Parish Council to address matters of churchyard upkeep, and footpaths in particular. Such would mean that control would remain local.

The Parish Council agreed to work together with the PCC and the wardens to find a solution and, to advance matters, set up a Working Party to examine the information comprising Terry Parker, David Hudson, Johnny Johnson and Ann Burges Watson.

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Heads - in Europe

Lady Elizabeth Finsberg was an international head-hunter married to the MP for Hampstead, later the President of the Council of Europe based in Strasbourg. On 5th July she will tell tales (some out of school) about time spent in 39 out of the 41 countries of Europe. You will have some insight, giggles and tears as the stories unfold.

The Circle enjoyed two very interesting talks in June. Peter Weir from Tewkesbury gave us an action packed account of the local (it now covers 11 counties) Air Ambulance organisation and its achievements in recent times. It was astonishing what this charitable organisation, relying upon volunteers and its own fund raising efforts, continues to achieve without support from Public Funds. It made us realise how fortunate we are living under its coverage. Johnny Johnston, who many folk will know owns The Falcon, The Royal Oak, The Butchers Arms and the Carpenters Arms gave us a fascinating run-down on the hotel/public house business under current legislation and the changing scene that has been evolving in recent times around pub grub.

When you read this, the Circle will have heard Hugh Ross's discourse on *G M and Life*. He has been keeping a watch on what has been happening in this field and his subtitle: *What you have not heard before* had us intrigued and justified our looking forward to his talk with anticipation.

We acknowledge with much appreciation the donation of £17 presented by Audrey Watts on behalf of the Monday Sewing Bee.

The Circle have a coach booked to visit the magnificent Flower Festival in Gloucester Cathedral on the afternoon of 29th July. There are still a few seats left and if anyone would like to join us still, contact Jane Otway 812203.

THE Painswick Senior Circle

Local Constable



Can you help one reader from Edge, please?

He found this picture among his photographs from way back. Do you know who PC117 may have been?

Maurice Maggs

library info

Arising from the public meeting about the Library, the Beacon is welcoming regular, or occasional, items of information which our readers may find helpful and, indeed, attract attention to this service.

To this end, the following is hopefully the first of many such items provided by the Development Librarian.

Computer Taster Sessions

Would you like to:

Open and use an Email Account

Surf the Internet

Learn Basic Computing Skills

Painswick Library is running IT taster sessions in Painswick Library on 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, and the 6th December 2005.

The sessions each lasting 30mins are from 10.15 - 10.45: 10.50 - 11.20: 11.45 - 12.15: 12.20 - 12.50.

If you are interested please ask the Library staff for details or phone Malcolm Tarling (Service Development Librarian) on 01453-756842

Library staffing

The Beacon sought information regarding possible changes in staffing personnel at the library following the library and information services internal staffing review.

We were informed that the review is currently on-going and that final decisions on appointments within the new structure will be confirmed in mid or late July.

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A VERY special 25th

There are moments, there are causes for celebration, and there are good reasons to be proud, and such applied to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the modest yet vigorous group of people in Painswick who have consistently set about raising awareness and funding for the Sue Ryder Foundation.

Saturday the 11th June was the day when all the characteristics of pride and commitment came together in the Town Hall and it fell to Anne Leoni to thank supporters past and present for their efforts, not least Joyce Tranter and Naomi Maclaurin-Jones who were founder members of the group way back in 1980.

Joyce and Naomi are seen here cutting a celebratory cake (and delicious it was too!) under the watchful eye of Chairman of the Parish Council Terry Parker.

The total raised for the coffee morning, together with subsequent donations, was £323.11.



Road closure

Notice has been given by the County Council that a 30 metre section of Tibbiwell Lane outside 'Towys' will be closed between 4th and 15th July.

The Beacon understands that the objective is to improve the access way to this property with the building of a wall and fence.

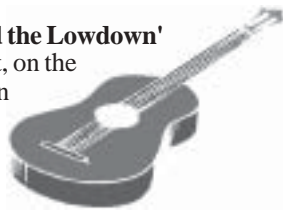
The alternative route to/from properties lower down the lane involves using Kingsmill Lane and Stamages Lane.

Blues blues

'Lightnin' Willie and the Poor Boys' are performing tonight (Saturday) here, in Painswick Centre. Described by some as the 'gentle giant of blues in action' and with a cross-European following, this is quite an event.

To complete the pre-summer programme 'Richie Milton and the Lowdown' are here for the Painswick Blues **summer party** in a fortnight, on the 16th. This is the evening which includes the pig roast; even more of a reason for trotting round to the Centre.

Paul Gray, from whom tickets in advance on 814482, is testing support for these two events before pressing the 'start' button for the next season!



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Getting more out of life

Offers of changing your life for the better are thrust at us from all angles in the modern world. As a Human Resource manager I have long been cynical about such claims. However, having been introduced to the concepts of life coaching I was won over to the potential benefits that the approach can have for many people stuck in unrewarding routines.

The approach looks at where you are at now in your life and then focuses on identifying how you can make progress in particular areas, such as at work, in relationships or socially. People are helped to increasingly gain confidence in changing their life towards how they want it to be in the future.

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If you feel you might benefit from life coaching please feel free to contact me

Jeanne Berry on 813168



Art Workshops at Painswick Mill

The item we published last month (page 15) accidentally came to the Beacon with an error. So there is an amendment to the days

The dates for Rob Collins classes are correct i.e. Thursday 28th July and Friday 29th July

However, please note that Mark Kelland's classes are Tuesday 16th August and Wednesday 17th August and again on Tuesday 23rd August and Wednesday 24th August --- and not Wednesday and Thursday as published here and a leaflet which is in circulation.

Sorry about the error.

If there is enough interest Mark will be happy to do an extra day on the Thursday..

Joan Wells

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"Why grey?"

The comment of a disappointed recent visitor to the village, who was staggered to find our telephone box was not bright red, as the 'visit Britain' guide had told him.

Impressed with the village, but probably now wondering if all London buses are also grey!



Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

The Group will be holding its A G M on 3rd August at 7.30pm in the Lower Town Hall, Painswick.

This meeting is open to all who are interested in the future management of the Common.

The Group has been sadly depleted by recent deaths, departures due to ill health and other commitments.

Paul Hackman, the English Nature manager for the Cotswold Commons and Beech Wood will outline management plans for the Group and how these will affect the wildlife interest of the Common.

Jenny Phelps, Grasslands Officer for the AONB Management Board, will talk about proposals to widen the scope of the present Group to include other users of the Common; for example the Golf Club, Horse riders, Mountain Bikes, Dog Walkers and Recreational Walkers.

Please come a long and participate at this important meeting.

Cedric Nielsen Secretary

Driving round the bend

This newly installed interactive sign, just north of the junction of the A46 Cheltenham Road with the unclassified road across the Painswick Beacon - from Paradise, courteously informs the unwary of the approach to the bends ahead.

Local drivers are well aware of the hazard these bends represent soon after the main road suddenly begins to descend to pass the Adam and Eve and onwards into Painswick. Those less familiar with the road, and who have it in mind that the

50mph speed limit from Brockworth remains a safe speed to maintain, may never appreciate that their future wellbeing has depended upon this sign.



Architects

The feature we showed last month was above the entrance to Yuleston in Gloucester Street.



Autumn treat

On the evening of Friday 30th September St.Mary's organist Christopher Swain will be bringing the choir and instrumentalists from Wycliffe College to give us another concert in St.Mary's in aid of the Mission to Seafarers.

If you heard them two years ago you will want to hear them again - if you didn't, you missed a treat.

Please put this one in your diary.

John Parfitt

But, just where is this horse grazing?



Summer event for the CPRE

A most interesting talk by Lord Dickinson on the history of the Rocco Gardens was given at the recent meeting of members and friends of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.



The talk was followed by a conducted tour of the garden,

and rounded off with tea in the restaurant.

David Hudson

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Spotlight on . .

Edward Lane



Although not born in Painswick, Edward ("Ted") Lane is known to many people both locally and further afield. He has had and continues to have a very interesting life, not least because in his occupation as a taxi driver he meets many individuals from across the social spectrum. Self taught, he has built up an enviable reputation as an authority on hackney carriage law and has acted for both the defence and prosecution in a number of cases at various levels of the judiciary. Ted says that it is at the discretion of the judge whether a person without legal status is allowed to act for the plaintiff or the defendant. He has been permitted to act in a range of courts, from Magistrates to the Masters Chambers at the High Court. He believes it is quite probable that he is the only layman in the country to have been given such permission. He continues to act as an advisor to the taxi trade.

Born in Leonard Stanley on 10th March 1939, Ted spent a brief period in Stonehouse. He went to work for Warners the butchers in Gloucester and recalls that on his first day he asked Mr Warner at what time they would finish work. Mr Warner replied, "half an hour after the last customer has left the shop". His father, Alfred, came to Painswick in the mid-1940s where he worked for Mr Mason, a butcher and farmer who owned Dell Farm. Alfred bought the business from Mr Mason in the late-1940s and Ted came to Painswick to work for his father in 1956.

He joined the Army as a National Serviceman in 1957 and went to Aldershot as a member of the then Royal Army Service Corps. However, dissatisfied with the amount of pay he received, he joined the regular Army for a 6-year period. As a regular he was paid £8 per week with food and accommodation provided. He was later posted to Malaya.

He left the Army in 1962 and returned to live with his father and Ada, his mother. He continued to work for his father during the short time he was living in

Cheltenham where he married Dorothy in 1963. He left the shop in 1969 and went to work for various companies in the food industry.

He and his family moved to Pullens Road in 1970. In a house exchange, they moved to Canton Acre in 1973. Ted and Dorothy have five children, Adrian, Sharon, Robert, Michele and Terena. They have 8 grandchildren. Alfred Lane sold the shop, which now houses Londis, in 1972. The sale price was £7,000. Ted tells the story of the day the shop caught fire. The flames were spotted by Hilda Hale at the Royal Oak opposite. He says that, had she not seen it and called the fire brigade, it is likely that much of the centre of the village would have been destroyed.

In 1986, Ted founded a Private Hire firm which was based at Canton Acre. He was granted a taxi operator's licence in 1987 and when the business closed in 1994 he had a total of 13 taxis. From that date he has continued to operate as "Ted's Cabs" with just the one vehicle. Interestingly, the reason he was unable to obtain a taxi licence until 1987 was because Stroud District Council would only licence 4 taxis. In past years Ted has played bowls at the Painswick Club and been a committee member of the Painswick Institute. Currently his interests lie mainly in Stroud where he is a member of the Stroud Town Centre Partnership and takes a considerable interest in police matters and regularly attends meetings of the Police and Community Consultative Committee.

Asked by the Beacon how he thought Painswick had changed he said, "I belong to the 'stop immigration' lobby! Not immigration to the UK, but immigration from the city to the country. My concern is the number of cottages in rural areas that have been purchased as weekend or holiday homes, thus denying local people the opportunity to buy and remain where they were raised."

Another of our series of interviews with people who were born in Painswick, or came here when they were very young. A slight exception this month.

More weddings for Painswick?

Painswick's growing reputation as the location of choice in the Cotswolds for those seeking a romantic wedding has received a further boost with yet another of Painswick's historic buildings becoming a wedding venue. Local artist, Joan Wells has decided to promote the historic Painswick Mill and gardens for weddings and other select celebratory events. She says, "I can arrange all the catering, mar-quees, entertainment and the guests will



have the use of four acres of lawn and natural garden, traversed by the mill stream."

The Mill itself dates from 1634 and worked until the 1920s making woollen cloth, silk and then hairpins. The house has many interesting and original features including several rare old fireplaces, wood beamed ceilings and oak panelling.

Summer Fete

The Cotswold Care Hospice annual Fete looks forward to welcoming visitors on Sunday 28th August between 2.00 and 4.30pm at the hospice.

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Mary Ann Wynn

Erica Rowyn, living in Australia [mydigbz@hotmail.com] seeks assistance:

I am trying to locate information on my great-great grandmother who was a resident of Painswick during the 1800s and early 1900s. I thought as a local newspaper you may prove a useful resource in locating existing family members. Based in Australia my family have little opportunity of visiting Painswick but we would dearly love to track down associated burials; indeed any information would be a valuable asset to the family. Needless to say making contact with a local living relative would be the icing on the cake!

My great-great grandmother lived in Bell Street and later New Street where she worked as a laundress. Her home in New Street was next to the Baptist Church although I have no idea as to whether this was her place of worship as the family is C of E. My great-great grandmother was called **Mary Ann Wynn** born in Sheepscombe circa 1838; she was the daughter of Hannah Wynn and step-daughter of Thomas Sollars. Mary Ann was also known as Mary Winn; unfortunately details on her marriage (if any) are unknown. Descendants were led to believe that she married a Winn although this is yet to be confirmed?

We believe Mary Ann had three children Mary Wynn Winn, George Jesse Winn and William Frank Winn born 1860, 1862 and 1866. The last known snippet of information we have on Mary is that she was still living in New Street during WWI. A newspaper article with the title 'Painswick Gleanings' (have no details on the paper itself as the extract is a cut out) mentions Mary Ann's grandson Pte. Arthur Winn who was wounded whilst serving with the Australian forces. We believe the paper is dated circa 1918 which would mean that Mary Ann lived well into her 80s if not longer. Unfortunately that's the extent of our information. We have a photo of Mary Ann and her grandson taken in Painswick prior to his wounding in 1918 and one of her mother Hannah at the doorway of Mary Ann's New Street home taken between 1897 and 1899. If they can be of assistance to your readers then

please don't hesitate to let me know and I will happily forward them on.

If any of your readers know of this particular branch of the Wynn/Winn family or have comes across associated burials during the course of their own research or in passing we would welcome the information.

Thanking you in advance for your time and subsequent consideration. Kind Regards

Richmond Painswick

Keith Cockell, Managing Director of Richmond Care writes:

I am pleased to tell you that the development of Phase One of the Care Village is now emerging from the ground at long last. The first apartments will be available for occupation in September with all that part of the development finished by Christmas.

The Care Centre is now underway and there will be a temporary landmark in the shape of a tower crane for the next twelve months during the construction of the shell stage.

I recently researched some very interesting population statistics which may be of interest to your readers. Between 2005 and 2015 the age range from 10-54 will increase by 194,105. In the same period those over 55 will increase by 2,172,404! It will be no surprise to those in the service industry that this trend is already making it difficult to recruit workers, cooks and of course carers.

In this regard we must make it attractive for our staff to work in rural communities like Painswick. Perhaps it is a lack of understanding that a vital ingredient comprising staff accommodation in the Care Centre has not been supported by the Parish Council and this has contributed to the refusal of this important staff accommodation by Stroud District Council. Should any Parish Councillor wish to understand the operational issues that this enterprise finds I would be happy to meet at any time, if asked?

Voice from Morebath

Ken French (812040) writes to enquire whether a reader can help him.

I have recently read "The Voices of Morebath" by Eamon Duffy (Published in paper-back by Yale University Press). Morebath is a very small village of some 30 houses, in Devon near the Somerset border. The book tells the story of the fifty years from 1530 to 1580, from the diary of

the vicar. This was the period when the "Official" religion of the country changed from Roman Catholic, to Protestant, back to Roman Catholic and finally to Protestant again

A fascinating and enthralling story has led me to wonder if there is any record of Painswick during this period. Has anyone made any study of this turbulent time?

Shetland Shop - and tourists

Paul Gray writes:

My mother, Jean Gray, and myself would like to thank all those loyal customers that have entered through the door into the Shetland shop over the past forty odd years. We are sorry that the shop has to close but with the economic climate such as it is we have been left with no alternative. To clarify, we will be having a sale which will start in July and will be up to half price. Some items such as the boats and fossils etc. we intend to carry on selling but on the Internet and these will have little or no reduction. This will continue until we have sold the premises. My mother wants to stay in Painswick to be near her friends and we are trying to make this possible. I intend to carry on with the picture framing and will do so even after the shop has been sold from some other premises in the Painswick area.

The new gallery is now open in Minchinhampton and is called The Market House Gallery and is creating a lot of interest. Valerie is exhibiting her work there on a permanent basis along with three other artists, and it is well worth a visit.

I would also like to say in reply to the last comment in the article from last month regarding tourism. We have always done our best to welcomed the tourists as do all the businesses in Painswick, and have over our time here have actively engaged in encouraging them to visit our wonderful countryside. I only wish there had been many more of them. Being involved with Victorian Day etc. we have very rarely had any complaints and considering the number of people who visited the Painswick area each year I feel we do an excellent job. At the same time it is difficult to please every one.



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Dogged planning

Just a reminder that **Painswick Dog Show** will take place on Saturday 16th July on the Recreation Field. Judging starts at 11.00am for Show Classes and 1.00 for Novelty Classes. Entries will be taken on the field from 10.30. Proceeds will go to the County Air Ambulance.

Fiona Chapman

Victorian Costume Ball

Saturday 9th July sees once again, our annual ball at the Painswick Centre.

If you like dressing up and having a different sort of evening why not come along and enjoy some lovely music and participate in some of the simpler dances. The evening starts at 8.00pm, with carriages at 11.30pm and the bar will be available, as will a raffle. Tickets for dancers, including refreshments, are a modest £6.00.

We will be holding a dance workshop prior to the Ball on Thursday 7th July at the Centre from 7.00 until 9.00pm when we will be teaching some of the dances ready for the Saturday evening.

Another first for this year is the introduction of spectator tickets for those people who would just like an evening out but are unsure of the dances. Please come along, have a drink from the bar, supper is included at £3.00 per person, so why not enjoy the nostalgic atmosphere of the *Good Old Days*.

Whilst we would obviously like to see everyone dressed for the occasion, we realise that this is not always possible especially at short notice, so it is not essential to dress in the Victorian style.

Tickets are available at the Shetland Shop or phone

Geoff & Joy on 01453.833150.

Christian Aid Week - results

Every year we think, "It can't possibly happen again," but once more the total raised for Christian Aid has gone up. What can we say except a huge, "Thank You!" for your support in so many ways. All of the villages were involved and all of the churches so we thought you might like to know how the money was raised.

Collection at the Christian Aid service - £160

75 house-to-house collectors raised -

Cranham - £825 Edge - £348 Harescombe - £117
Painswick - £3919 Pitchcombe - £407 Sheepscombe - £1187

TOTAL £6803 of which £3602 was gift aided.

Christian Aid Shop over 3 days - £2728

137 lunches + coffees and teas - £799

Plants - £671 Cakes - £267 Fancy goods - £385

Books - £186 Quality stall - £420

Christ Church gave us free use of their hall. Countless numbers of people grew plants, baked cakes, cooked and served meals, gave items, manned stalls, set up and cleared up - and best of all CAME! (Some people were spotted eating lunch on all 3 days!) What is more - everyone said they enjoyed being involved, which is the icing on the cake!

This fantastic volunteering of time and energy has enabled us to send a total of £9691 to help some of the world's poorest people. THANK YOU!

Liz Davies, for the Painswick Valleys Christian Aid Committee

Wordsearch

Last month we invited readers to find no less than twenty countries in Africa, two being mentioned twice, one three times and another four!

LIBYA(2) EGYPT ALGERIA(2) MOROCCO SUDAN CHAD NIGER(3) MALI(4) SENEGAL GAMBIA GUINEA BISSAU GUINEA SIERRA LEONE LIBERIA IVORY COAST GHANA TOGO BENIN NIGERIA CAMEROON

We were impressed with the very prompt listing of the completely correct answers from Nina Harris

This month, closer to home - twenty-five birds, all but one of which have been seen in a garden here in Painswick.

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Mixed messages ... or a Wake Up Call?

The Beacon has recently received several messages in the form of letters, Emails, or observations about services received or expected by visitors to this village of ours, to most of which we have already made reference in these columns. These messages - taken together - seem to carry confusing if not conflicting signals. Where we do not know who the author is, we ignore the message.

One of the latest expressed appreciation of the B&B hospitality received by a foursome walking the Cotswold Way. The writer went on to make a pretty significant point that "The Cotswold Way itself is programmed to be adopted as a National Trail during 2006 (or possibly 2007) and this will likely attract an increasing number of walkers, following extensive publicity, trying all or part of the Way". He suggested that if Painswick is to attract these people to stay, and as walkers can be fussy people (particularly when it comes to their food after a long day walking), diversity of provision may prove to be significant to attract their custom.

We thought walkers were pretty resourceful themselves, and were a little surprised to read in the letter an appeal to whoever is responsible for maintenance around kissing gates and stiles. "Would it be possible, please, to cut down the nettles as negotiating them can be quite a painful experience especially when walking in shorts!"

This latest communication makes three potentially significant points (1) that there is a market for meeting the refreshment requirements of walkers, (2) the limits of that market will be likely to increase further as the National Trail status is fully implemented and advertised around the world from 2006-07, and (3) walkers in shorts, skirts or kilts have legs sensitive to the genera *Urtica*, often better known as the stinging nettle, distinguished by their stinging hairs. These are remarks of some

value to those currently or prospectively investing in the short and medium term in refreshment places, and also those who have a voluntary or statutory interest in footpath maintenance.

So, to whom might we pass on such comments? Apart from the Parish Council, in the matter of footpath maintenance, our first thought was the Painswick Chamber of Trade and Commerce regarding refreshments. We made enquiry of their secretary, Glenn Collingbourne, who told us that "Unfortunately, it doesn't exist; it's mothballed". He pointed out that there does not seem to be any enthusiasm to resurrect the organisation among possible members, a very large number of which work from their homes and are, hence, less apparent as businesses within our community. Glenn said that he is contacted every month or two by "Outsiders with a query, and I just have to apologise for PCTC not being operative". He added "It needs someone to take hold of it, someone with an understanding of its role".

It occurs to us that there are issues which would still be best tackled by a collective such as PCTC, and the agitation for bringing Broadband services into the village a year or so ago comes immediately to mind. Where is the reference point from which local traders can gather information about success stories in villages elsewhere? Who champions representations regarding legislation which is burdensome for small traders relative to the larger ones in towns and cities?

The Beacon's annual Directory lists every enterprise of which we are aware, but it may be opportune to remind ourselves of those which effectively have 'shop fronts' in the village, in the three

broad categories - each with differing needs - as is shown in our insert panel.

Traders mostly used and valued by local residents

Post Office
General store - Londis
Pharmacy
Butcher
Hairdressers
Garage and fuel
LloydsTSB bank
Newspaper deliveries

Traders targetting visitors - but with some use by local residents

Patchwork Mouse
The Chairman
Shetland Shop (closing)
Antique Centre (opening in National Trust property in Bisley Street)
Painswick Fabrics
Guild Gallery
Ha'penny Antiques
Interior design
Painswick Woodcraft

Refreshments - including restaurants and/or pubs

The Falcon Inn
The Royal Oak
Painswick Tea Rooms (Chancellors)
Painswick Hotel
The Thai Restaurant
The March Hare
Rococo Garden 'Stables'
Patchwork Mouse

Accommodation

Hotels 2
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Others 7

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

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Cranham: History of a Cotswold Village

The Book Launch, held at Cranham Cricket Club was a happy and successful event with over 200 people attending. President of Cranham Local History Society Mr John Workman performed the ceremony and other contributors read passages from the book. Sales on the day and on two further days have gone extremely well.

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Back together again

On the lovely sunny afternoon of 11th June, approximately 150 old boys and girls and staff of Gyde Home and Painswick School met up in the Ostler Bar of The Falcon Hotel for another biennial reunion. And what a joyous occasion it was.

People came from all directions, both near and far, and for some it meant meeting up again with childhood friends and colleagues for the first time after more than fifty years.

These reunions always produce a united show of attachment to Painswick, albeit relating to the past, but nonetheless very strong. It is evident that those who attend, do so with continuing emotional ties even despite having moved away many years ago in most cases.

For Arthur Edwards, now living in Bristol, the reunion was the source of a flood of emotional memories, not least because of an impending associated event. He came from Barry Island to live at Gyde Home in 1942 after his mother died. He attended Painswick School and his experience in Painswick generally was a happy one in spite of the painful circumstances which had brought him here. Later he was moved to another National Children's Home in Harpenden where he became an apprentice carpenter. Arthur was split up from



Brian Jubb, Arthur Edwards, Peter Foy, Tony Souter, David Manser and Gary Cardwell

his siblings when he came to Painswick. A few weeks ago the unthinkable happened – he was contacted by his half-brother who had tracked him down via the Internet. In July he will meet up with his brothers and half-brothers for the first time in 63 years! No wonder Arthur was in a nostalgic frame of mind – his is truly an amazing story.

David Manser arrived as a little boy of five in 1941, being separated from his baby brother who was sent to Ebley NCH. Despite the relative proximity of the two homes they saw little of each other. David was a bright boy and passed the 11-plus exam thus giving him the chance to attend Marling School, which is what he wanted to do. Sadly, in David's



eyes, but a wonderful opportunity in the view of others who made the decisions, he was also awarded a special scholarship set up by the NCH and which resulted in him leaving Gyde and going to Harrogate. David made his career in engineering with Rolls Royce in Derby where he lives with his wife.

There were also many village girls and boys from Painswick School, for whom these reunions are special. Our picture shows some of the Barnard sisters who always come along to enjoy the day.

Once again, the whole event had been very ably and skillfully organised by Brian Jubb with the help of Tony Souter. Brian's display of over six hundred enlarged photographs covering several decades of Gyde Home and Painswick School life was stunning and rightly proved to be a real attraction all afternoon. Powerful memories were inevitably evoked and huddles of friends spent hours happily recalling old times and catching up with the present. The months of preparation and hard work were well worthwhile – it was a great success.

Carol Maxwell

Fire and Rescue - Open Day

Our local station in Pullens Road will be open to the public on Saturday 16th July from 2.00 until 4.00pm.

A wonderful opportunity to see and hear about everything our retained officers do, and the considerable specialist 'kit' they have at their disposal.

We are inclined to overlook the fact that we have such a sophisticated resource just a few minutes away from where we live, and such a band of dedicated and highly professional fire and rescue volunteers.

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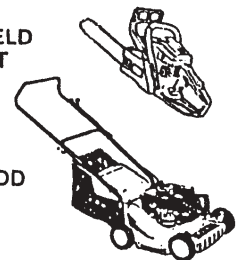
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Local History Teaser

Eagerly queuing for helpings of ice cream at the Institute Hall, these young Painswickians were not as familiar with edible luxuries as most of today's children. This was a special children's tea party held in 1945, but can you name the occasion? A clue for you - we are celebrating the anniversary of the same event this very month. Who is the lady serving the ice cream? Indeed, can you name any of the other adults or children?

Answer in next month's Beacon.

The answer to last month's teaser: the WI stall in the churchyard was selling its wares in 1951. To the right of the centre of the picture you can see two vertical lines on a shaped board with the wording, just visible, SPIRE FUND. In 1951 the top of the spire had to be renewed and the fund board illustrated the amount collected.

The old spire top stood for some time outside the paper shop at the top of Tibbiwell Street until removed to St. Mary's Church where it stands near the pulpit.

The local History Society starts its new season of talks in September. However, this month an extra outing has been organised for 5 July to the Great Orpheus Pavement at Prinknash Abbey. You are very welcome to join the visit but, in order to ascertain approximate numbers, please phone either Hywel James (812419) or me (813387).

Carol Maxwell



A view from the New World

Space does not normally permit other than short letters. However, we have been saving this one for a month or two now and believe readers will find that these notes, and the sentiments expressed by Donald T. Hart of 806, Overbrook Rd. Baltimore. MD. 21239 USA, provide an insight worth reading. Half held over to next month.

"I recently spent a couple of nights at Upper Doreys Mill. It was my first visit to Painswick since 1958, but I had spent some delightful holidays in the village in the period from 1939 to 1945.


At the time of the recent visit I was showing my daughter where I used to stay on Vicarage Street and, in so doing, started conversation with two ladies, a Marjorie Gurdon and Melanie Colver. These two ladies thought that your newspaper might be interested in my memories of Painswick from my childhood. My father, then a widower living in Gloucester, was introduced to Edith Perrins of 3, Vicarage Street and married her in 1939. Bill Smith, a fellow airframes builder at Brockworth Aerodrome, introduced him to her. Bill Smith was married to Edith's sister, Mim, and they lived in a flat above a bakery on New Street. It was opposite the Lamp House and a medical doctor lived in the big house next door.

Number 3, Vicarage Street, was one of the first three houses on that side of the street that shared a communal backyard. It also shared one outside water pump, one toilet and one washhouse. Drawing a bucketful of water from the pump and then throwing it down the pan flushed the toilet. The pump was just at the end of the tiny alleyway that still exists to the side of No: 1. The father and mother of Edith Perrins became surrogate grandparents to me and I remember being sent on many occasions to fetch water from the pump. I was also expected to take an enamel bowl to the pump to wash my face, hands and knees, no matter

the weather. Once a week I took my sixpence to the Gyde Bath-house for a much needed bath.

No: 3 was cramped and cozy. A horsehair sofa stretched along the length of the main window, a dresser along the back wall of the room and the centre of the room was mostly occupied by a cloth-covered table. Somehow, dining chairs and a rudimentary armchair were stuffed in. To the right of the front door, there was a form of parlour, which smelled like all parlours and was rarely used. In there was a hand wound cabinet gramophone which I thought was very posh. Behind the living room was a narrow dank kitchen, lit by some narrow murky windows overlooking steps behind the house. There was no artificial light back there and all I can remember seeing in there was a grubby table and gas stove. Gran cooked, primarily, in a range alongside the living room fire. From this single oven she produced many a rabbit pie and gooseberry pie that have remained, for me, the benchmarks for these dishes. From the gloomy kitchen ran the stairs, which climbed and wound steeply to the second floor landing which was relatively large and outside the main bedroom. Above that, up some very narrow steps, was the top bedroom divided in two by a wooden partition wall: rather like the partition wall between the parlour and living room.

At the time I knew him, Grampy Perrins was working in a quarry on the 'Beacon. He had been a Bombardier in the Royal Artillery. At the foot of the stairs stood his 12 bore shotgun with which he potted his rabbits and, perhaps, other game."



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At the Water Park

It was a perfect early Summer's day for our 7th June meet at **Keynes Country Park**. Our guide was popular Head Ranger Ali Swainston. Waterhay was to be our morning focus, an area of active sand and gravel extraction with splendid bird habitats.

Lakes revealed Great Crested Grebes and Tufted Ducks with Lapwings, Redshanks and Little Egrets on islands and surrounding banks. The acrobatic dives of Common Terns were spectacular. Returning to base, we heard and saw Garden Warblers and Blackcaps in the hedgerows.

No less than eight species of Orchid were counted on the afternoon wild flower walk at Clattinger Farm meadows. These included Burnt and Heath Spotted Orchids. The visit ended at the nearby Swillbrook Reserve, listening to the song of a Nightingale and watching a Hobby hunt for dragonflies over water.

Birds and wildlife "Encounters in the Arctic" brought to us by Dr. Richard Sale opens our Autumn programme on 4th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Do join us.



Bill Boydell

and Kite flying

We were interested to hear that observations were made in early June of **red kites** in the area.

The first was seen flying low over gardens at The Park, on at least one occasion landing in the garden of Barrie and Pam Musty, Rose Villa. Needless to say, the sight of this magnificent bird created quite an impression.

Another observation was by Malcolm Watts who writes: "At last! Did you recognise the red kite which flew fairly low over some of Painswick on Tuesday 7th June? It was gliding over Fair Hills in Lower Washwell Lane at 12.30pm and then with the occasional flap of its wings moved over all our neighbours' houses. Its characteristic long and forked tail shape was very clear. Also it had one large feather missing from its left wing. It then left us for a glide over Vicarage Street and after a few minutes returned but quite soon moved towards the Recreation Field and disappeared behind the roof tops." Malcolm would be pleased to hear (813089) if you saw and identified the bird.



Milvus milvus

Spiders amongst the Yews

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to be an ant running from a ravenous spider through St Mary's churchyard? Probably not; but then, you're not David Attenborough. Preparing for a new BBC series, the legendary intrepid TV wildlife expert was spotted on Wednesday 8th June filming spiders scuttling amongst the famous yew trees.

Commenting on the new series, which is about the life of spiders, David said that remarkable technical advances in video production over the past few years are enabling us now to go down into the jungle that lies in the grass at our feet and get a bug's eye view of life at the micro level. "It is amazing, terrifying, beautiful and utterly unknown." Sounds just like Painswick, doesn't it?



Red Cross Open Gardens

Six gardens will be open in Painswick on Sunday 10th July, between 2.00pm and 6.00pm, in aid of the Gloucestershire branch of British Red Cross. There is an attractive walk of about two miles between the six gardens starting from any of the main designated parking areas. The gardens are:

- OWLCOTE** - Stamages Lane (use Main Car Park), Pauline Lamont
- BEEHOUSES** - Stepping Stone Lane, Elizabeth Gardam
- SHEEPEHOUSE COTTAGE** - Stepping Stone Lane, Jackie and Russ Herbert
- SHEEPEHOUSE** - Stepping Stone Lane, Laurence & Lindsay Gardiner (Teas served here)
- STEPPING STONE COTTAGE** - Kingsmill Lane, Brenda Dunn
- WAYLANDS** - Cotswold Mead, John and Delyth Allen (Ice creams served here)

There will be ample paddock parking (weather permitting) at Sheepphouse Cottage and Sheepphouse for Gardens 2, 3 and 4, and you can use the Rugby Club Car Park on the A46 to reach Cotswold Mead and Kingsmill Lane (Gardens 5 and 6). Disabled or elderly visitors may park in or alongside each private driveway: just drive up and ask.

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Cricket

Fine start to season

Painswick First Eleven returned to the top of the table following their victory over Witcombe in the Division 2 (First XI) Readers Gloucestershire County League match last Saturday. The local club's first string has had a very successful May/June, losing just the one match somewhat unexpectedly against Chalford at Broadham on 18th June. In a low scoring match, Simon Base took six wickets for 21 runs as Chalford reached the modest total of 131-9. When Painswick batted they fell victim to the bowling of Kevin Williams who also took six wickets as the home side were dismissed for 102 runs.

In last Saturday's match, Painswick scored 201 for the loss of nine wickets with Witcombe reaching 176 for nine at the end of their 45 overs. The victory was particularly satisfying as the two teams were in joint top table position prior to the match. The Broadham team's success has not just been restricted to league performances as they have won through to the final of the Stroud Midweek League following victory over Frampton and will play Stone on 8th July at a neutral ground.

Painswick Second Eleven improved their position in the Division 3 (Second XI) last Saturday when they defeated Gloucester Civil Service in a match played at the Marling School ground. The game was switched from Broadham because of the Summer Ball (see separate report).

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

Sat 28 May. Shurdington 1st XI 160-9 Painswick 1st XI 162-5 (W Neville 51* S Savides 35).

Shurdington 2nd XI 138-7 Painswick 2nd XI 139-7 (P Morris 36 A Cook 30).

Sat 4 June. Painswick 1st XI 223-9 (S Savides 143*) Slaughters United 1st XI 113 all out.

Sat 11 June. Churchdown 1st XI 172 all out. Painswick 1st XI 176-3 (S Savides 109).

St Stephens 2nd XI 207-8 Painswick 2nd XI 98 all out.

Sat 18 June. Chalford 1st XI 131-9 Painswick 1st XI 102 all out. Painswick 2nd XI Chalford 2nd XI 201 all out Painswick 2nd XI 151 all out.

Sat 25 June. Painswick 1st XI 201-9 (I Hogg 36 J Telling 36 S Savides 37) Witcombe 1st XI 176-9.

Gloucester Civil Service 2nd XI 141 all out Painswick 2nd XI 142-8.

Cricket week

Painswick Cricket week takes place this year at Broadham between 24th and 29th July. The week starts with the popular Six-a-Side Tournament on Sunday 24th. Everyone is most welcome to watch the cricket during the week with the added incentive of the bar being available.

Fixtures

Sat 2 July. 1st XI v Kings Stanley 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v Stinchcombe 2nd XI (Home).

Sun 3 July. Painswick v St Stephens (Away).

Sat 9 July. 1st XI v Haresfield 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v Haresfield 2nd XI (Home).

Sun 10 July. Painswick v Gloucester Civil Service (Away).

Sat 16 July. 1st XI v Newent 1st XI (Home). 2nd XI v Bharat 2nd XI (Away).

Sat 23 July. 1st XI v Arcadians 1st XI (Away). 2nd XI v Hatherley & Reddings 3rd XI (Home).

Sat 30 July. 1st XI v Shurdington 1st XI (Home).

2nd XI v Shurdington 2nd XI (Away).

Sat 6 Aug. 1st XI v Slaughters United 1st XI (Away).



Simon Savides

Painswick's South African wicketkeeper/batsman Simon Savides (*pictured*) has made a considerable impression both behind and in front of the stumps. With two centuries already against his name, the promise of more hard wickets suggests that it will not be long before he adds to his "tons" total.

Churches Together Cricket

Following last year's successful cricket match between teams from Stroud and Painswick Churches Together it is planned to hold a similar event on Sunday 14th August again at Broadham by kind permission of the Painswick Cricket Club.

Anyone with an interest in the game whether as player, umpire, scorer or helping with the organisation, is asked to contact Terry Parker on 812191.

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News from the green

Falcon men continue their success with only a minor blip against Yate in the Cotswold League. The ladies triples league have had some setbacks but the Corinium League continues with its 100% success rate. Both a men's and ladies triple got through to the last 16 in the county league programme and ladies sides won the recent Gala Day held in Gloucester, and are through to the section final in the Top Club.

We intend to hold an open day on Saturday 30th July from 11.00am until 4.00pm.

It would be nice to have a few more local members and invite anyone who is interested to come along. Our club instructor will be on hand, as will the necessary equipment. Look forward to seeing you at our club behind the Falcon Inn.

David Ryland - Club Captain

Tennis

New courts

Club members have good reason to be pleased with the happenings at Broadham where, following the building of the pavilion, they are looking forward to the laying of two more courts with floodlighting at some time in the future, following the submission of a planning application (see Planning Matters, page 19). The new courts will bring the number at Broadham to six.

Supper/Walk

On Saturday 9th July there is to be a **Circular Walk** lasting approximately two hours. The walk will start from Pitchcombe Village Hall at 6.30pm and be followed by supper in the hall. Tickets are £8. For more information please contact Gill Willoughby on 01452.720052.

Broadham Ball

The word is that anyone who was unable to come to the ball missed a splendid evening. 350 people did attend and were not disappointed with an excellent band and first class food. The proceeds will go to the Painswick Rugby and Sports Club whose management committee is seeking to further improve the facilities at Broadham.

Organiser Chris Hall told the Beacon that there are already plans in place for another

similar event but it has yet to be decided whether that will take place in 2006 or 2007.



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Thank you . .

Gwen Welch wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for the many cards and letters received and prayers and support offered during Brian's illness and following his death. They have been a great help and comfort during a difficult and sad time.

David Winston Ursell would like to express his most sincere thanks to all those wonderful people who through their cards and messages of good will made his recovery that much quicker. David will be seen at The Hairdressers but only in a managerial position for quite a while.

The family of **Robert Cook** wish to express their sincere gratitude for all the support, kindness and messages of sympathy they have received. They have been a great source of comfort at this difficult time.

Jack and Jean Burgess would like to thank all their friends for their support and many kindnesses following the sudden death of Jack's Mother, Verlie Burgess.

Ken Oliver wishes to thank, most sincerely, his many friends and neighbours, for their prayers, cards and messages sent to him during his illness and stay in hospital. He hopes that very soon he will be seen again, walking around Painswick with his two Bedlington terriers.

Emma Bridgewater Pottery Sale

A clearance event offering Seconds and Discontinued Designs will take place at the Painswick Centre on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th July between 10.00am and 5.00pm.



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A Touch of Magic in a Summer Garden

Once again, by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Dickinson and the Rococo Trustees, the Rococo Players will be presenting Shakespeare in the lovely grounds of the Rococo Garden from Tuesday 12th July through to Saturday 16th July.

This year's choice is 'The Tempest', one of Shakespeare's finest plays.

The Director is Robert Penman, well known in Gloucestershire for his excellent productions.

He says "The theme of 'The Tempest' is reconciliation and forgiveness and it has many fine speeches, but also some comic scenes. Most of all, I feel it is a play with magic, eminently suited to a summer evening in an English country garden. I have a strong cast and we are all looking forward to a great production."

All seats can be reserved and are under cover.

Picnic areas are open from 6.00pm and the play commences at 7.30pm. There is ample free parking.

The ticket price is £13.00 which includes admission to the Rococo Garden.

A wine and coffee bar will serve drinks before the play and during the interval.

Tickets are available for Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. A few still remain for the Friday.

Tickets can be obtained by phone to Rococo Players Ticket Office on 830958 or via Email to bookings@rococoplayers.co.uk. If you book by credit or debit card a service charge of £1.00 will be added to the transaction.

If you wish to book by First Class Post please write to Brian Gibbins, RP Booking Office, 7 The Bramleys, Longhope, Glos GL17 0PQ. Please indicate an alternative date if possible and please enclose a cheque made payable to Rococo Players or credit/debit card details together with a s.a.e. However as time is short it would be preferable to book by telephone or Email.

Why not join us for a great evening of entertainment - a picnic, the play and the Rococo Garden?



Cranham Feast in August

Sunday 31st July Olive's Walk

Suitable for all ages, starting from Cranham School at 2.00pm or meet at 'Olivers' (off A46) at 2.30pm

There will be 'joining' points along the route

(At 12.30 there will be a **Picnic at Olivers** in aid of The Church Army)

Thursday 4th August Supper in the Village Hall with Chay Blythe. Please phone Liz on 07866.456333 to reserve tickets at £10.00 each.

Saturday 6th August Cricket Tournament ** Deer Roast & Country Fayre ** Stalls, Play, Boundary Race, Junior Common Race for under 13's & under 15's



Sunday 7th August

3.00pm **Open Air Church Service ** Tea & Sports** on the Common

St James the Great **Flower Festival** throughout the weekend.

For further information please phone **Karen 812275 or Clive 814695**

Jean Sculfor

PROPERTY REPORT for July by Murrays

Slow but Sure might be the best way to describe the market in the Painswick area based on the weeks since the general election. Buyers are still taking a lot longer to make up their minds but those who have committed to move have proved solid and proceeded quickly and reliably, giving us some of the lowest fall through statistics we have experienced in recent years.

Here we are, already in mid-summer, although you could be forgiven for wondering when summer was going to begin. These next few weeks with the bonus of this lovely weather should surely bring more buyers out into the open, many now trying to get moved before the start of the Autumn term. However, the holiday period is virtually upon us and winter not far behind. We must accept, therefore, that the days of rapid increases in values are behind us for the time being, and appreciate that it isn't going to be as easy to sell as it was and also sadly that unless your property is realistically priced buyers will pass it by. On a brighter note, there are still lots of sales going on and some really good new instructions too and whilst both buyers and sellers continue to be sensible there is every reason for this

to continue. Recent completions and exchanges include Dell View in Vicarage Street, Ravenscroft in Lower Washwell who bought 1 Gloucester Road, Silvercrest in Kingsmill Lane and Field House at Sheepscombe with a number of other sales in the process. We have had some excellent new instructions throughout our Stroud Valleys offices and in Painswick several which we believe will soon attract buyers. A 1950's detached house in Cotswold Mead, a four bedroomed cottage at Sheepscombe, a beautifully restored cottage by the golf course, a fine period farmhouse with land in glorious Holcombe, a recently built detached house at Camp, a very spacious property with versatile accommodation and hard tennis court on the Cheltenham Road, a detached house with an acre at Haresfield and a really charming 4 bedroomed town house in Gloucester Street with several more in the pipeline.

My advice – sellers be patient and realistic, buyers – be positive and keep looking – there are some great properties and opportunities out there.

Clive Murray



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JULY				
Sat	2	Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research - June Gardiner & Jean Ryland Edge Village Fete	8 Upper Washwell	10.00am to 12.00noon
		Blues Night: Lightnin' Willie and the Poor Boys	Edge	5.00 to 7.00pm
Sun	3	Beacon Clear-up Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Improvers (Sundays)	Painswick Centre Meet at Catbrain Car Park	8.00pm for 9.00pm 2.00 to 4.00pm
Tue	5	Foundation Hygiene Course - details Tel. 813232 <i>to be confirmed</i> Dog Training Club (Tuesdays)	Painswick Centre Town Hall	7.30 to 8.30pm 9.30 to 3.30
Wed	6	Probus: Edith Cavell - Mrs Dinah Shoebrook PCMS AGM: Speaker - Revd David Newell (Please note change of date) Women's Fellowship: Memoirs of a wartime evacuee - Midge Leney: Visitors welcome	Christ Church Hall Ostlers Room, Falcon Church Rooms	9.30 to 12.00noon 10.00am 7.15pm
Thu	7	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dances - Thursdays Cotswold Care Support Group	Town Hall	12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	8	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays Salsa Evening in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer	Painswick Centre Ashwell House Town Hall	2.30pm 2.30pm 10.00am
Sat	9	Victorian Costume Ball for info. tel. 01453 833150	Rugby Club (Broadham)	8.00pm
Sun	10	Red Cross Open Gardens (p.13) VE/VJ Mementos and reminiscing (p.2) VE/VJ Countrywide peeling of bells Service of Thanksgiving for 60th Anniversary of VE/VJ Day. Those who served in WW2 are particularly welcome.	Painswick Centre Painswick Town Hall St.Mary's St Mary's Church	8.00 to 11.30pm 2.00 to 6.00pm 2.00 to 5.50pm 5.00pm 6.30pm
Tue	12	Computer taster sessions (p.4) Storytime to16th Rococo Players: The Tempest (p.16)	Painswick Library Painswick Library Rococo Garden	from 10.15am 3.30 to 4.00pm 6.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	15	Senior Circle: Europe - Elizabeth Finsberg	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	16	Dog Show (p.9) Painswick Fire Station Open Day (p.11) Pitchcombe Village Fete Blues Night: Richie Milton & the Lowdown (+pig roast)	Recreation Field Pullens Road Pitchcombe House Painswick Centre	11.00am and 1.00pm 2.00 to 2.00pm 2.00pm 8.00 for 9.00pm
Sun daily	17	Creative Coterie: Artists Exhibition (until 22nd July)	Painswick Centre Library Rooms	10.00am to 6.00pm
Tue	19	Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	20	Probus: Ladies Lunch at Stroud Women's Fellowship: BBQ at The Latchetts Parish Council Meeting	Kingsmead Town Hall	7.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	23	Copy dateline for August to Editorial Team		
Thu	28	Diary deadline for August to Edwina Buttrey & 29 Art Workshop (p.5)	Painswick Mill	
Fri	29	Senior Circle Outing to Gloucester Cathedral Flower Festival		
Sat	30	Art Exhibition: The Portway Group. (Until 4th August)	Library Rooms	10.00am to 5.30pm
AUGUST				
Wed	3	Beacon Conservation Group AGM	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	6	August issue of The Painswick Beacon published Cranham Feast (p.16)		
Tue	9	Storytime	Painswick Library	3.30 to 4.00pm
Sat	13	Theatre Club Outing to Bath	The Falcon	11.00am
Sun	14	CTAP Cricket Match	Broadham	
Tue	23	Yew Trees WI – Work of County Air Ambulance	Town Hall	7.30pm



SEPTEMBER

Wed	7	Probus: Atlantic Liners - Mr Fred Jones	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	9	Senior Circle: "Them bones" - Libby Graesser	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Hort.Soc: Annual Show Talk by Prof. Tim Gorringer - "Trade Justice" followed by Buffet Supper	Painswick Centre Olivers	3.00 to 5.00pm
Wed	21	Probus: Eleanor - England's First Queen? - Jim Davies	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	23	Senior Circle: The Bag Man - Hayden Gardener	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees WI - Aromatherapy	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	Wycliffe College Choir	St.Mary's Church	evening

OCTOBER

Tue	4	Bird Club: Birds and wildlife encounters in the Arctic - Dr R Sale	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	5	Probus: Talk(s) by Member(s)	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	7	Senior Circle: Outing to Symonds Yat		
Wed	12	Hort.Soc: A Day with Beth Chatto	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	19	Probus: The Bristol Aeroplane Co. - Mr Walter Gibb	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	21	Senior Circle: Being a Magistrate - Kay Holmes	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	25	Probus: Trip to Tyntesfield House, Wraxall Yew Trees WI: Glimpses of the history of Painswick - Cedric Nielsen	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Bird Club: Birds & beast Sounds of the Night - R Cliffe	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	28	Voksresenije Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg Singing Russian Spiritual & Folk Music	St Mary's Church	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: Priors of Gloucester - Mr Philip Moss	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	4	Senior Circle: Mary Kingsley, Explorer Extraordinary - Fred Jones	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	11	Senior Circle: Outing to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping		
Sat	12	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12noon
Wed	16	Senior Circle Coffee Morning Probus: Selection & Training of Police Horses - Mr F S Knight	Town Hall Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	18	Senior Circle AGM followed by Travelling with Peter & Janet Jenkins	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees WI - Annual Meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	26	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Tue	29	Bird Club: Birds of Gloucestershire - Mike Robinson	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	30	Probus: Annual Dinner at Stroud		

DECEMBER

Fri	2	Senior Circle: Hand Bell Ringing - Steve Coleman	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	13	Yew Trees WI - Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Probus: First descent of the Grand Canyon - Ken Ingamels	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	16	Senior Circle: Christmas Lunch	Town Hall	

Painswick Beacon

Summary of accounts for 2004-05

INCOME

Advertising	£8,340
Subscriptions	£4,913
Retail outlet 'sales'	£316
Bank interest	<u>£139</u>

Totals £14,200

EXPENDITURE

Printing of Beacon	£7,137
Directory	£624
Editing and Production	£773
Painswick Guide (new)	£2,691
Other costs	<u>£1,773</u>

£12,998

◆ We publish this summary of our accounts each year and should any reader like to examine the fully audited version please contact the Treasurer - see back page.

◆ The exceptional outgoing this past year was our preparation and printing of the new official guide for the Parish Council.

◆ Revenue from advertisers increased this year and, together with the 621 subscribers, we are indebted to all for their support of this very local newspaper.

◆ If we are a little surprised, it is to note that about two out of three households in Painswick village do not subscribe.

PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Land at BROADHAM FIELDS, STROUD ROAD Construction of two additional tennis courts & erection of floodlighting
 COLDSTREAM COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Part demolition of building. Restore single dwelling to four cottages
 HOLCOMBE FOLLY Rebuilding of porch
 EDMOOR INN, GLOUCESTER ROAD, EDGE Extension to restaurant & public house
 GREENAWAY HOUSE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE Retrospective application to raise the ground level in order to extend parking area and patio and for the erection of a conservatory
 WITHYHOLT, PAUL MEAD, EDGE Remove flat roof and replace with pitched on extension
 MAPLE COTTAGE, KINGS MILL LANE Erection of a single garage and a conservatory
 COTSWOLD VILLA, GLOUCESTER STREET Replacement and reconfiguration of stair to attic. Removal of internal lath and plaster studwork wall

CONSENT

THE COACH HOUSE, PARADISE, PAIN-SWICK Remove walls between lower corridor and 2 small rooms, install new dividing wall into upstairs extension and replace gutters, soffits & fascias
 VALPRE, VICARAGE STREET Re-pointing stonework front, side and rear elevations
 HIGHCROFT, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Proposed loft conversion
 SWALLOW COTTAGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Alterations and extensions
 THE WOOL BARN, FAR END, SHEEPS-COMBE Clad walling to extension with stone in same style as original barn walls

WELCOM, THE PARK Internal alterations and erection of an extension
 WAYLAND, COTSWOLD MEAD Extension to form garage with bedroom over and enlarge utility room
 HILL VIEW COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET Increase the height of boundary wall
 GREY GABLES, CHELTENHAM ROAD Two storey extension, single storey rear extension and alterations to roof
 ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, NEW STREET Repairs to 16 Tombstones/Monuments Nos: 193, 194(b), 199(b), 199(c), 199(d), 200(c), 203(a), 207(a), 207(e), 208, 209(a), 219(c), 242, 244(a), 244(f) (The application for this monument has been withdrawn), 248(b)
 BEECH FARM, SHEEPS-COMBE Erection of fishing shelter
 BEECH FARM, SHEEPS-COMBE Alterations to barn to provide a new covered yard
 HAZELING, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD Proposed loft conversion of double garage to provide office & workshop
 WOODPECKERS, GOLF COURSE ROAD Erection of single storey extension to rear of property

REFUSAL

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE) Works to form additional staff accommodation in roof space store at level 3, including minor amendments to fenestration and elevations. (Resubmission following refusal 04/1494/FUL)
 Land at 1 CANTON ACRE Erection of one dwelling

PLAN WITHDRAWN

SOLWAY, CHELTENHAM ROAD Extension and alterations. Remove garage and utility

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Painswick village - dwellings

Subscribing village households

	May 2005	May 2004	Final 2004-05
New, or renewed after lapsing	112	95	103
Renewed from last year	454	491	518
Total - including postal	566	586	621
Painswick village - dwellings	1057		
Subscribing village households	386 = 36.5%	<<<<	



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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to CHRISTINE and ANDREW RIDPATH on the arrival of another daughter on 13th June, a sister for Anna, and a second grandchild for Bob and Marg Shea now resident in France,

also to CAROLINE and Dr WILLIAM RICHARDSON on the birth of their son, Thomas, on 23rd May, a fifth grandchild for Robert and Barbara Ball,

also to KATIE and MORRIS MAY on the birth of their son, Angus Bruton Morrison on 23rd June 2003, and their second son, Gregor Isaac Richard on the 11th April this year, brothers for Cressida and grandsons for Robin and Stephanie Grayson, and great-grand nephews for Diana Bruton,

and Charles deQuetteville, a son for MARK and BEVERLEY LILLEY on the 25th May, a brother for Jessica and a second grandchild for Graham and Janet Lilley.

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to EDDIE and MICHAEL BUTTREY who will be celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary on 10th July.

Engagement

Congratulations to SAMANTHA HALL and ANDREW COOKE, both of Painswick, who became engaged recently.

Weddings

Our best wishes for their future happiness to RICHARD BULBILIA and RACHEL DUCKETT who were married in St. Mary's on 11th June,

also to CRAIG JONES and ALICE PRIOR who were married in St. Mary's on 18th June

and to NICHOLAS BOON and DEBBIE GOBEY who were married on 18th June in St. Mary's.

Congratulations

Well done to GARY ROBINSON, son of Jayne and Geoff Robinson of Mount Cottage in Vicarage Street, who has been awarded an MSc degree grade 2.1 in Geology from Birmingham University.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to MONICA IRELAND.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of ROBERT COOK, BRIAN WELCH, JOAN BROUGHTON, JOHN STUART and VERLIE BURGESS who have all died recently.

Welcome

A welcome to KEITH and SARA KIRBY who are moving to Blakewell House in late July, from Yorkshire - via Tibbiwell,

also SUSIE EADY with her two sons Ralf and Channing Eady-Gately and their Labrador Fudge to 3 Tibbiwell Gardens; Susie is the daughter of the Jessops of Stonewyck in Cheltenham Road,

also JOYCE ALISS and her son who have moved into 2 Lower Tibbiwell Cottages,

and, now 'banking for Lloyds' in Painswick, to MATTHEW GAVIN (pictured) who previously saw service as an infantryman in Basra, Iraq, from April to November 2004; Gavin was awarded a commendation for bravery during a fire-fight in May, and as a medic gave treatment to an injured Iraqi policeman while under fire.



Moving home

JOYCE and BRIAN HUNT have moved from Blakewell House to 25 Churchill Way.

Did you see?

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH was being filmed in Painswick churchyard in mid-June, this in connection with a future programme about rare spiders who enjoy yew tree habitats.

Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column, on our back page. Space limitations permit only the minimum amount of text, and your assistance in this regard is helpful.

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