

The Painswick Beacon

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Gyde Almshouse Trust at St Paul's

On Friday 16 June, representatives of the Gyde Almshouse Trust attended a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the National Association of Almshouses in St. Paul's Cathedral. Attending on behalf of the Trust were – pictured left - Joan Nash (Chairman of the Trust), Deirdre Baker (Clerk to the Trust), Joyce Lamort (retired Warden) and her husband, Ron, and John Hulme (Trustee) and his wife Barbara.

Joan commented that it was a privilege to be part of a large congregation of Almshouse representatives from all over the country. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached on the subject of dignity, saying that the Almshouse Association was providing its residents with the means of a dignified life by providing the essentials of privacy and security.

The history of almshouses stretches back to medieval times when religious orders cared for those in need of housing. Many were lost at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, but over time numbers have increased again, often due to the generosity of local benefactors, as was the case of the Gyde Almshouses in Painswick. There are now 1800 independent almshouse charities providing 35,000 dwellings.

The Gyde Almshouse Trust is one of the smallest charities, with 10 houses. Joan said that the Trust felt proud to be providing residents with the essential ingredients of privacy and security to live their lives in the village amongst their families and friends. "We do not often have vacant houses, but when a vacancy arises we advertise for applications from interested residents of Painswick and the neighbouring villages."



**I'm a killer...
honestly, I am**

Turn to page 12 to find out who this fearsome fluffy little fellow is... and what he will be in a few months time.

Last chance for an unforgettable Summer Evening

The Thames Head Singers will perform *A Summer Evening* concert this Saturday - July 1st - at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church. Tickets £6.00 at the door.

Julian Slade 1930 - 2006

Many Painswickians will have been saddened to learn of the death in London on 17th June of composer and lyricist, Julian Slade, after a long illness.

Julian, best known for his hit 1954 musical *Salad Days*, moved to Painswick at the age of 10 with his family in 1940 and spent his formative years here, becoming one of the legendary Lucy Hyett's Painswick Players. Diana Barclay, who appeared with him in the 1951 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the grounds of Painswick House (pictured right), grew up with Julian and remembers him as a good friend and later a marvellous uncle and godfather to her children.

After Cambridge, where he took a full part in undergraduate theatricals, he committed himself to a career as a 'serious' actor and went to Bristol Old Vic. There, a chance request to write a Christmas musical opened a new career path, leading in 1954 to *Salad*

Days which quickly transferred to the West End and the rest, as they say, is history. Although he sometimes said he regretted peaking so early in his career, he nevertheless had a prolific career as a successful working composer and musician, providing a string of scores for the theatre, radio and television.

Up until his death, Julian was a frequent visitor to Painswick. He was honorary President of Painswick Players and considered himself very much a Painswickian at heart. His last appearance on stage (left) in Painswick was in 2003 when he was musical director for the Painswick Players 80th anniversary production *Living Legends*. He will be remembered by a very wide circle of friends and admirers as an unassuming, caring person with a lively mind and a ready wit. There will be a memorial service on October 4th at St Paul's, Covent Garden, the 'Actors Church'.



JRB

Inside, this month, we get careful with Valerie Singleton, **mea culpa** for the Beacon, warding off **neighbourhood crime**, a party for 100 years, **lemmings** down the Church tower, **non-conforming** celebrations, getting mad about **maternity in Stroud**, Badgers, **cream teas** & the BBC for the WI, **yo ho ho** and a spot of lunch for Probus, an historic **tea party** for Sheepscombe and a **venison feast** (but hopefully no rain, dear) for Cranham

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 highlight points of wider interest. The full minutes of Council meetings are available at the Council office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, as well as Painswick Library.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Signs to Painswick Hotel

The County Council had written to the Painswick Hotel stating that they now wished the signed route to the hotel to be via Stamages Lane and Kemps Lane. A meeting of representatives of the hotel and the County and Parish Council to consider the matter was scheduled for the end of June.

Rugby Club floodlighting

It was reported that the club had submitted a new planning application for an alternative floodlight fitting, currently under construction. The committee urged that these be not used until such time as the extent of light spillage satisfied the planning officers.

Planning Procedures – Care Centre

The Chairman, David Hudson, informed the committee that he regarded there as having been 'pre-emptive spin in the village newspaper' regarding the intended Phase 3 of this project. He pointed out that in his absence the Council Chairman Terry Parker had sought a reaction from the Planning Officers of the District Council to the statement in the report carried in the May issue of the Beacon that the Planning Inspector had 'ruled' that the SDC was wrong not to have permitted development up to the 105m contour line. In their reply the SDC made clear that neither the Inspector's report upon the Draft Local Plan, or that plan itself, contained any ruling upon anything or reference to a contour line. David Hudson reported his having written to the Beacon on the matter (see page 5)

As no planning application has as yet been made, the Chairman intimated that he would not permit discussion about its merits at this stage.

Terry Parker and Johnny Johnston reminded colleagues that they had resigned from the Standing Liaison Group, to which the report in the Beacon was attributed. Ann Burges Watson (who arrived at the Council meeting at this juncture) pointed out that she had no interest to declare. Terry Parker reminded the meeting that none of the three of them had been appointed by the Council and it was entirely a matter for individual councillors to decide for themselves whether to serve on that group in an advisory capacity.

PARISH COUNCIL Neighbourhood Wardens

Before the meeting the Council received a presentation by two of the seven Wardens employed by the District Council (see separate report about their role in the communities to which they are attached). Later in the evening it was decided to take up the offer of a 3-month trial period of service of a Warden in the Painswick civil parish for 3-4 hours per week, and then consider whether to request permanent service to this community, towards which a financial contribution would be required.

Bus shelter – Broadham

Ann Burges Watson drew attention to there being no record of her suggestion that a bus shelter be requested from the County Council under a new funding initiative and it was agreed that the minutes be altered accordingly.

Youth Club – use of pavilion

The Chairman reported that arrangements were now agreed for use of the pavilion on the Recreation Field by the PSALMS Sports Youth Minister, Tim Friend.

The Painswick Youth Club were arranging an open evening on 9th August to attract new members which, if not successful, might lead to closure of the club.

Dog Show

It was reported that schedules for this show, to be held on Saturday 15th July on the Recreation Field had been published. Members noted that no formal request for use of the field for the show, or car parking, had been received and the Chairman undertook to sort the matter out and refer it to the Trustees as necessary.

Whitehorse Lane – steps to footpath

The Clerk reported that the District Council had now agreed that a handrail to the full length of these steps is desirable, and anticipated its installation within the next two months.

Library – report

As the Parish Council's representative on the Study Group concerned with the library, David Hudson reported that a small group had been deputed to make in-depth investigations into options for the future of the library premises together with those owned by St. Mary's church, and that their interim report back upon progress was

anticipated on 1st August. (See separate report page 10.)

Coach waiting times – Stamages car park

Councillors expressed concern that the waiting time for coaches alongside the dedicated parking area adjacent to the car park was limited to 30 minutes, this being insufficient for tourists to stroll around the visit during such a stop-over. It was agreed that the Traffic Committee should consider making appropriate representations to the County Council.

Recreation Field – youth shelter

Martin Slinger reported that the District Council had confirmed in writing that no planning permission was required for this shelter. (See report and photograph last month on page 2.)

However, a location for it had not been agreed and members arranged to meet on the Recreation Field on 25th June to resolve the matter.

Sheepscombe Village Hall

A request was received for the Parish Council to contribute towards the next phase of works to the hall, it having been substantially funded to date through a village appeal. An outdoor play area for children was under consideration and it was agreed to allocate the whole of the current year's Sheepscombe element of the precept towards the play equipment in the sum of £500.

War Memorials – cleaning

Martin Slinger reported that the memorials at Sheepscombe and Slad had been visited and their maintenance assessed. That in Sheepscombe was sound and the Handyman would apply hand cleaning. That in Slad appeared to be suffering from some damage to its stonework for which professional advice would be sought.

Dangerous driving

Johnny Johnston drew attention to incidents, some of which he had first hand knowledge, of young driver(s), seemingly with children as passengers, using lanes in the Sheepscombe and Painswick area for joy-riding at apparent excessive speeds.

Beacon – clear up

Peter Rowe reported a most successful clear up volunteer effort on the previous Sunday, and his appreciation of the support services rendered by the District Council.

August meeting

The Council decided to adhere to recent practice and not meet in August unless there was a serious issue arising to warrant convening.



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Roadworks - Public Meeting

There will be a Public Meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday 4th July 2006 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss proposed works due to start in October on Victoria Street and Tibbiwell. John Roberts and other representatives from Gloucestershire Highways Department, including the designers, will be present.

Members of the Public are encouraged to attend.

Roy Balgobin, Clerk to Painswick Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens

The Parish Council has expressed interest in the well-established scheme operated by the District Council of Neighbourhood Wardens. To clarify the role of such Wardens a presentation was given by two of them, led by Chris Acock, at the commencement of the Parish Council on 22nd June.

The scheme has been operating since July 2002, and the team deployed around the District comprises six men and one woman. They are easily recognised by their green and beige uniforms and the distinctive livery of their cars.

They operate in the following areas: Berkeley, Cam, Dursley, Hamfallow, Hardwicke, Kingswood, Minchinhampton, Sharpness, Stinchcombe, Stonehouse and Wotton under Edge. Each of these parish councils make a financial contribution equivalent to a small proportion of salary and, in return, receives a pre-determined number of hours spent in each of those council areas.

Wardens provide a link between the people of the community, agencies and the Police but are not a substitute for the Police. They can help you by assessing and monitoring anti-social behaviour, vandalism and racial incidents. They can also report and arrange for improvements to the local environment in relation to fly tipping, fly posting, abandoned vehicles and street lighting.

The service is part of Stroud District Council's Community Safety Service and is a visual, uniformed presence, providing signposting services to younger people, supporting older people and providing crime prevention advice and guidance.

Neighbourhood Wardens can be contacted through a direct approach on the street, by email, telephone to their headquarters in Ebley Mill or the unique mobile number for the parish area covered.

The Wardens dedicated to particular areas make it their business to familiarize themselves with all aspects of life within those areas and, as has been said, to be highly visible as they go about their business. Wherever possible they seek to avoid confrontations and have built up an enviable record of helpfulness and achievements.

It is hoped that a pilot scheme of a few hours each week can be brought into operation in Painswick in the near future. If, after that experience has been evaluated, the Parish Council seeks permanent employment of a Warden hereabout, further information will be included in these pages.

Crime

Crime figures for Painswick for the month of May:

CRIMINAL DAMAGE	4
BURGLARY DWELLING	4
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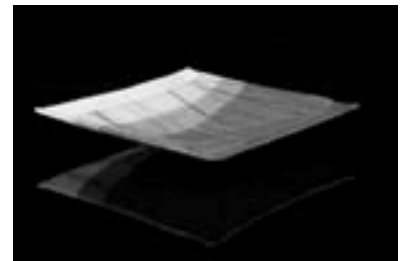
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Bus services

In the June issue of the Beacon, the Parish Council drew attention to the review of public transport services being carried by Gloucestershire County Council and stressed the importance of those services being used by the local community. A number of residents have telephoned parish councillors to say that they use the local services regularly and that were the Stroud North Link service in particular to be withdrawn it would have an adverse impact on their way of life. Parish Council Chairman Terry Parker wishes to reassure residents that there are currently no plans to withdraw the Stroud North Link services but the advice from the County Council is that users of the service should write to Shire Hall to stress the importance of the service to them. The officer to whom letters should be addressed is, Mr Gareth Blackett, Integrated Transport Manager, Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TH.

A Glass Act

From tiny opaque beads to cathedral windows, glass has caught the imagination of



artists across the millennia and still has the power to excite and thrill us today. Starting on Friday June 30th, the Fiery Beacon will be introducing a special focus on the work of contemporary glass artists.

Owner, Janet Groves says she hopes to offer an insight into some of the techniques used by artists working with glass, and illustrate something of the history of a material so precious that the Bible compares it to gold. In the exhibition there is work by artists such as Jane Charles, Loco Glass, Fi Kilpatrick, Suzanne Tweddle and Julia Mills, featuring blown glass, fused glass, stained glass and tradition lampwork.

More art for sale

The Portway Group, eight experienced local artists, will be exhibiting a wide range of paintings and prints in the library rooms again this year. The works are for sale and can be viewed from Saturday July 29th. until Friday August 4th, 10am to 6pm each day. Admission is free.

Susan Gage

Richmond... and all that jazz

More than 300 people turned up to a reception at the Richmond 'Retirement Village' on Sunday 11th June to mark the formal opening of Phase One of the development. In the

central courtyard, a jazz band played in brilliant sunshine as Keith Cockell (Richmond's Managing Director) and Valerie Singleton – the 'face of Richmond' and a self proclaimed enthusiast for the holistic Richmond care concept – mingled with actual and potential residents viewing the two bedroom show apartment and plans for the next two phases. Pictured right, Mr Cockell and Ms Singleton were also joined by a fair sprinkling of more or less sceptical Painswickians wanting to find out what all the fuss has been about.

Bearing in mind the recent rumblings in our Letters page, we cornered Mr Cockell after the event and put to him some of the concerns and criticisms that had been raised. First, he accepted that most Painswickians probably couldn't afford the Phase One luxury apartments currently available or the supportive care packages planned in the Care Centre under Phase Two. Nonetheless, he pointed out that eight of the first nine apartments sold had gone to local residents and well over half of those expressing interest in moving to the site lived in Painswick.

He also believed that the range of services and facilities planned to be available on site and open to non-residents – café, restaurant, swimming pool, gymnasium, shop, etc – would be a major benefit to Painswick as a whole. He disagreed strongly with the suggestion that some of the services envisaged (eg the shop and cafe) would simply compete with existing local businesses: he envisaged Richmond adding more demand for local shops and services rather than detracting from them. Local hairdresser, David Winstone-Ursell, for example, would be opening a salon within the care centre on its completion early next year.

Turning to future plans, we suggested that, although there might be a broad local consensus in favour of the Richmond concept and an acknowledgement that the development thus far had been of high quality, the planned third phase was a step too far and one that risked losing local support. In reply, he made three points: 1. Phase Three, which would result in a further 16 smaller one/two bedroom apartments, was vital in order to give the overall development balance and provide units in a lower price bracket (£270,000 - £370,000), half of which will be reserved for local residents.

2. He maintained that this final phase of development would

follow what had been proposed in the Local Plan, ie development below the 105m contour line. In practice, this amounted to developing on the land adjacent to Queens Mead, currently covered by yellow portakabins. This would not mean a new, major escalation of the built area.

3. The upper meadow will be retained as a natural meadow, thereby protecting a valuable piece of environment and the view over the Painswick Valley in perpetuity.

Mr Cockell said that intention was to have completed the entire development by December next year.

By way of balance, we invited the Painswick & District Conservation Society to comment. On behalf of the society, Douglas Robinson maintained that they were not at all opposed to the Richmond development but they

were surprised to see reference to development below the 105m contour line. He said that the District Council had written, '*Nowhere in either the Inspector's report or the Local Plan is there any reference to a 105m contour*' and that plans revealed on the Open Day showed the proposed Phase 3 being built up to the critical 105.50m contour. He felt that, with a new footprint of possibly 50% of the existing Phases, it was not credible for Keith Cockell to maintain that it would not mean a new, major escalation of the built area.

JRB

Richmond – erratum

In the report contained in the May issue of the Beacon (page 6) reference was made to the 'rectangular' site and the Inspector's consideration of the District Council's draft Local Plan. The paragraph stated that the Inspector had 'ruled' upon the matter. Further inquiry of Richmond Painswick has established that the Inspector had not ruled 'that the SDC decision was wrong'.

Richmond Painswick have pointed out however that the Inspector's Local Plan recommendations, when read in the context of their extensive submission to the Inspector during the evidence-taking process – and assessed by him with other supportive statements and objections, included removal of a limit of 20 dwellings on the site. Richmond Painswick therefore interpret the situation now prevailing as being one in which an application for further development on the site for smaller and less costly dwellings is justified.

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Cutting comments

From H J Mantell, Hyett Orchard

The integrity of the Beacon is clear from the content of the letters in the current issue.

I do not find this surprising when you "summarise" my letter completely ignoring any reference to the actions of the Parish Council. This concerned the action of some councillors investigating the pruning of a tree in a private road which is only visible to eleven other houses. They were aware that the District Council and the Tree Inspector had already agreed the application (which they had done on five separate occasions over the years) and made an objection which was not unanimously supported.

It bodes ill for the future of the village if the Council can adopt such a contrary attitude on a relatively simple matter.

It could be that having the Chairman of the Council on your editorial committee is an inhibiting factor.

I do not think that the reference to Big Brother in my original letter was inapposite.

From C F Short, El Contador, Spain

May I respond to the summary of Mr Mantell's letter (Beacon June). We lived opposite Mr Mantell's patio and the lime tree for a short time and for Stroud District Council to leave pruning for some years will lead to lack of natural light into his house and others and cause unsightly and possibly dangerous overhang. I hope the Council will reconsider.

Letters to the Beacon

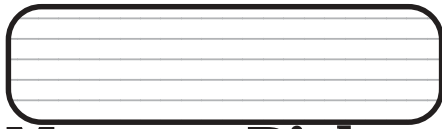
Over the years, the way that the Beacon has handled readers' letters has changed and evolved in a fairly ad hoc manner. We are often squeezed for space either because we have too many letters or because individual letters are too long. On other occasions, we receive too many letters on the same topic. And just occasionally, we are faced with a comment within a letter that could be construed as libellous. The net result is that letters are sometimes cut, summarised or simply omitted.

After much consideration, deliberation and cogitation, the Beacon Committee has decided that it is time for a formal Letters Policy. From now on, letters will be published according to the following guidelines:

- 1.) We will not reproduce letters that are unsigned or not properly authenticated.
- 2.) We will not print letters of more than 150 words. Longer letters will be referred back to the writers for revision and reduction.
- 3.) We will restrict readers' letters to no more than one page allowing room for an 8cm strip of advertisements at the bottom of the page.
- 4.) Where a letter seems to merit a response, the Beacon reserves the right to pass the letter to the appropriate person or authority for such response. Providing the response is less than 150 words, it will normally be printed at the same time as the original letter. Hopefully in many cases the response will be a brief message, probably written by the coordinating editor for the month.
- 5.) Where the topic warrants it, some letters may lead to the preparation of an editorial article.
- 6.) The Beacon accepts letters for publication, as with other articles, assuming in good faith that their content is accurate.

We hope that this more structured approach will help both us and our correspondents to produce a lively, informative and - at times - provocative letters page.

The Beacon Committee



More on Richmond

From Susie Oakley,

Village Manager, Richmond Painswick

I write with reference to the letters that appeared in the June issue of the Painswick Beacon regarding Richmond Painswick. The proposed third phase of construction at the retirement village is currently at the public consultation stage. A document outlining the proposed development is available from our offices (see below). I would like also to invite those with any queries or concerns, and anyone seeking further information, to join me at the development where I will be pleased to discuss them.

To receive a copy of the consultation document, or to arrange your visit to Richmond Painswick, please contact me on site, phone 813902 or email Susie.Oakley@richmond-villages.com. I look forward to meeting you.

From Maureen Walters,

Queens Mead

How many people remember the 'Save Our Valley' campaign? There were stickers in almost every car in the village. Feelings ran high. No more housing wanted in the beautiful, green Painswick Valley.

I am intrigued to find that today, those same people who toted those same stickers, are wanting more housing in the village, on the Richmond Development site. Richmond has lived up to its promise. The village now has its Nursing Home plus eighteen ancillary apartments. Do we really need more, on the remaining wedge of green field, particularly as it will add to the already high percentage of old people in the village?

From Cllr David Hudson,

Chairman, Parish Council Planning Committee

In the May issue of the Painswick Beacon, the Richmond Painswick Standing Liaison Group stated that the Planning Inspector had ruled that Stroud District Council was wrong not to have permitted development below the 105 metre contour line. The Parish Council has written to the District Council for their reaction to this statement and their reply has stated the Inspector had not ruled on anything. Furthermore the SDC officer went on to say, "Nowhere in either the Inspector's report or the Local Plan is there any reference to the 105 metre contour."

I trust the Beacon will make the necessary correction in the next issue.

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The Painswick Centre News

The second Country House sale was another great success. However, the undoubted star of the show was the Lanner Falcon, 'Sky' who brought with him Gary, his keeper. Gary was Head Falconer at Sudeley Castle for many years before moving

to Edge earlier this year. If anyone is interested in learning more about the art of falconry they should contact Gary Cope on 812 552. The Trustees would like to thank all those people who contributed to the success of the Sale which will benefit both the Croft School Library and the Painswick Centre.

The next event organised by the Trustees is the Fashion Show which will be held on Tuesday 19th September. Fashions by JUST-IN together with Nightingales will be modelled by six local ladies. The Show begins at 7.30pm and the ticket price is £6.50, which includes a free glass of wine and nibbles. Tickets will be on sale at The Shetland Shop from 1st August.

A number of people have asked about the significance of plaques on the end wall of the Hall. These have been purchased by local residents who wish to support the Painswick Centre and contribute to the much needed funds for the upkeep of the building which still requires much work to be done on it. The cost of maintaining a one hundred year old building is somewhat akin to painting the Forth Bridge! The plaques cost just £160 and they can be arranged through Russ Herbert (813229) or Ralph Drew (814070).

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That the Stroud Journal of 6th September 1907 wrote thus:

"Painswick, that picturesque township with its many historic associations, was full of excitement on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the opening of the well appointed Institute and Concert Hall, so generously presented to the inhabitants by Mrs. Frances Sarah Williams of Davenham, near Malvern, and Garden House, South Kensington. The Queen of the Cotswolds possesses many fine residences, and the church, with its far famed peel of bells, is the pride of the district, but for many years the need has been felt of a place where inhabitants could meet in comfort for a social evening or spend their leisure in healthy recreation. Hearing of the great want of the inhabitants, Mrs Frances Williams decided to present the town with a building that would serve the purposes of a concert hall, library, baths and a place for recreation."

The Painswick Centre was born! Its first Trustees were Mr. L.W.E. Bicknell, Mr. E.T.W. Reed Jnr. of Wick Street House, Mr. C.W.D. Perrins, Mr. F.A. Hyett (President), the Rev. W.H. Seddon and Mr. E. Reed. Perhaps we have a descendent of one of the original Trustees living in Painswick today?

The Painswick Centre is more than just a Hall, it also incorporates a skittle alley, two meeting rooms and a 'snug'. During the last war the skittle alley was used as a shooting gallery, using 2-2 rifles. Not, we hasten to add, while a skittles match was in progress! The two meeting rooms, the Cotswold Room and the Green Room, were both billiard rooms around that time, and what is now The Gloucestershire Guild Gallery was the old bar.

If you can add any other information on the history of the Painswick Centre please contact Ralph Drew on 814070.

Players party plans

Over the years, Painswick Players have developed an infallible technique for tackling major dramatic challenges. We throw a party.

So, faced with the formidable challenge of staging an all singing, all dancing Edwardian Music Hall in December, complete with food, to celebrate the Centenary of The Painswick Centre, we have decided to have a sort of warm-up celebration-cum-audition-cum-interest-raising event thingy to which you are all invited. Director, Alistair Anderson explained that he wanted to draw in the village as a whole. "This will be a terrific opportunity for clubs and societies, as well as individual Painswickians of all ages, to take part in the celebration. We're looking for singers, dancers, musicians, conjurers, jugglers, acrobats, folks with party pieces that usually only emerge late on during family dos, backstage techies and those who just like the idea of dressing up in Edwardian costume and being part of something special. In fact, anyone and anything that we can fit into the Music Hall format."


And when will all this fun take place, I hear you cry? **Wednesday, 19th July in the Painswick Centre at 7.30pm.**

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At last! A Month of Sundays

For technical reasons, far too incredibly complex to go into here, last month's Beacon didn't carry a review of *A Month of Sundays*, our last production. (He means he missed the copy deadline – Editor)

But fret not! For we have just received the detailed official critique from Gloucester Drama Association for you to savour, along with a garnish of pictures from the first night of the production.

This is what the GDA critic had to say: "An enjoyable evening, mixing comedy and pathos. The audience left having laughed out loud, but with a thought-provoking message and this effect was undoubtedly due to the teamwork of Painswick Players. The play is set in a nursing home and the sturdy box set, designed and constructed by Tony Gibson, Mike Breeze and Jacek Wolowiec, worked effectively, allowing good movement around the stage and good sightlines.

As Director, Lesley Wolowiec had a good understanding of the interwoven comedy and pathos in the piece. The fight



against, and eventual descent into, the loss of dignity of the two lead actors was clear to the audience, as were the shades of relationship between the characters.

The cast worked very well as a team. Cooper, played by Peter Minall, looked just the part. He used tone and timing well to comic effect, and built a lovely sense of repartee with the nurse and Mrs Baker, the cleaning lady. The distance between him and his daughter was well played. Overall, the character sympathetically drawn, benefiting from the evident theatrical experience of the actor. The other performers were also very competent. Nurse Wilson was sensitively played by

Ellie Jackson. It is hard to believe that one so young could give such a mature performance. A strong understanding of subtext and connection both with the lines



and the other characters made her a pleasure to watch. At no point did she come out of character. She was at turns cheeky, professional and tender. It was a strong and significant performance.

Ray Davis began by playing Aylott as a hearty fellow, which made his demise seem all the more poignant. He showed good control of pace as he struggled with memory loss at the end. It was a lovely moment. Ann Dorman played Mrs Baker with good stage awareness. She created a nicely rounded character, working well with Cooper, in particular. One really felt that the two of them might "get it together".

The daughter and son-in-law, Julia and



Peter, played respectively by Jean Burgess and Kevin Parker, were well cast. Ms Burgess's voice and body language were both suitably tight. One had a good sense of frustration in the character, as she sensed a lack of affection from her father. Her husband seemed very real as a character. Mr Parker was a good support to his stage wife. He had presence and could be clearly heard throughout the hall.

Jacek Wolowiec coordinated both the light and the sound desk. Sound effects were good and "spot on" in terms of level



and timing. The professionalism of the cast and crew showed when the problem of a tripped light switch caused sudden darkness in Act Two. The performers waited until some light was provided and then continued seamlessly, neither reacting to the change in conditions, nor when stage light was restored. The crew reacted very appropriately, with a short announcement to the audience, switching on rehearsal light as quickly as possible, and rectifying the problem with the stage lights calmly and efficiently."

So now you know what it was that you saw. Or what you missed.

Jack Burgess

A little light exercise?

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CTAP Day Retreat

Eighteen people gathered and were welcomed by Rev. Heather Whyte at Rodborough Tabernacle on Tuesday 13th June. Heather had prepared a challenging and prayerful programme to consider our vision for work and worship as Christians in the 21st Century. Jane Jennings-Taylor spoke to us about her experiences at the National gathering of Churches Together and reported that the inspiration of delegates was away from internal interdenominational exchanges and towards actively working together as Christians committed to playing our full part in seeking to resolve the issues of today.

One such issue is the challenge of the post-Christian era in which we are living, an era not unlike that of the early church, suggested Rev Helen Sammon. She spoke to us about Ignition 07, a Christian mission to be preached in Stroud (but targeting a wider catchment area all around south Glos.) by a very charismatic Anglican priest known simply as J. John. Helen invited us to support the Mission by all denominations together giving witness and being ready to support new Christians.

Another major issue is our stewardship of the earth's resources and so within our churches as well as our homes and in our personal lives we should be working hard to contain pollution and save precious resources. Using and sharing buildings within the community more effectively is one very practical way to contribute and thus an additional reason to support the exciting ideas being raised by the Painswick project. Rev John Longuet-Higgins led a discussion on the possibility of a new community centre to replace the old Primary school - (the Library and St. Mary's Church Rooms) with library and IT services, youth facilities, meeting rooms, office space, village history, Cotswold Way centre - and possibly a pilgrim and Christian worship space serving different traditions and offering old and new forms of worship.

We owe so much to so many for the fruitful ground of real friendship which exists between our churches but now is our opportunity as **Christians** Together Around Painswick to get to grips with truly working together! - it was a most thought-provoking and successful day.

Christian Aid week 2006

I find it hard to believe, but during the wettest Christian Aid week I can remember we have raised within £100 of last year's record amount. The total to date is £9590 – truly amazing! I asked myself how on earth we did it and I came up with five reasons.

1. All six villages in the Painswick Valley were involved both with house to house collections and volunteers to help in the shop.
2. The Christ Church congregation generously allowed us to use not only the hall but also the church itself this year, giving us more room: there was even room to relax in a comfortable chair, until it was sold!
3. The amazing quantity and quality of goods to sell. There were "oohs" and "aahs" as we unpacked the boxes and bags of books, jewellery and antiques. During the week people arrived with cakes under their coats and struggled in with cooked dishes for lunch held under blowing umbrellas. Boxes of luxuriant plants appeared out of car boots and the yard filled like magic.
4. And the helpers – what can I say? People with red carrier bags and umbrellas were seen trudging along lanes wherever one went. Maybe the fantastic attitude was typified by John Todd and his heroic band clad in waterproofs and wellies, standing under their dripping awning for three days greeting everyone with a smile and selling £700 worth of plants.
5. There is tremendous loyalty, generated over many years, for a wonderful cause. Everyone knows that the money raised will reach those who need it, regardless of race or faith, via local teams who know best where it will make the most difference.

In total, the shop contributed £2,903 and the house-to-house collection brought in £6,687, giving a grand total of £9,590 (of which £4,491 was gift aided which will add at least another £1000)

Christian Aid will multiply what you gave: all I can do is thank you!

Liz Davies

Searching for musicians!

We are looking for more musicians to join the music group for the Beacon service.

What's the Beacon Service?

The Beacon Service is held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6.30pm, either at Edge or at the Painswick Church Rooms. It is an informal service, with an emphasis on worship, bible teaching and prayer. For more information see www.beaconbenefice.co.uk/

What kind of music do you play?

The music is led by a music group (keyboard, lead singer, guitar and flute), and there is a mixture of modern worship songs and some traditional hymns. Members of the congregation lead the worship, and the bible based teaching.

What sort of musician do you need?

Any age considered (!), but we would especially like to encourage more secondary school age young people to join us. Particular needs at present are for musicians who play the drums, bass guitar, saxophone, trumpet....though do let us know if you are interested but play something else! Minimum standard - about Grade 4.

Who should I contact?

Contact Martyn on 814112 or Bruce on 302238

What it is to be young!!

Young people of Painswick have been making the most of their youth as summer begins. At the end of May, Tim Friend, Sports Youth Minister of PSALMS, took a group of 20 to Alton Towers for *The Ultimate Event* which included all the thrills of fast-paced, white-knuckle, stomach-upsetting rides that you'd expect, along with an evening concert. Performed by various Christian artists, acts from power-lifters, pop and rock bands made for a truly 'Ultimate' day!

A week later, many of the gang headed to Oxford for *Sports Plus* - a day packed with professional sports coaching and tournaments, plus discussion on the theme "Who's the real Winner in Life?" *Christians in Sport* hosted the day at St Edward's school, which offered fantastic sporting facilities and vast quantities of food!! Look out for our own local version of this event next term.

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Joint Celebrations

The Society of Friends and Christ Church, Painswick

The year 2006 marks two anniversaries in Painswick; both The Friends Meeting House and the Congregational Church now Christ Church (URC & Baptist) are celebrating 350 years in Painswick during the weekend of August 5th and 6th. This is no coincidence because many dissident sects arose in the 1650's in that time of political and religious ferment. During Cromwell's commonwealth, when the church was in the hands of the Puritans, nonconformity was rife.

In view of the joint anniversaries, it was felt by both Churches that it would be appropriate to plan together and to co-ordinate activities. Therefore Christ Church and The Friends extend a warm welcome to all residents, visitors, and well wishers to join with us during the celebrations.

The following events have been arranged:

Friends Meeting House

The Meeting House will be open from 10.30am on Saturday 5th August, with an exhibition of Quaker work and worship on display.

Meeting for Worship will take place as usual at 10.30am on Sunday 6th August. All welcome. There will be a further opportunity to view the exhibition

Christ Church

Christ Church Hall will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on 5th August with an exhibition of the history of Christ Church, and serving cream teas.

On Saturday 5th August at 7.30pm there will be a concert by Chor@ with Strawberries and Champagne served during the interval. Tickets available from The Shetland Shop and Christ Church Hall on Sunday Mornings from 11.30 - 12.00pm.

On Sunday 6th August a Service of Worship will be held at 4.00pm. All welcome

In addition, Paul Castle of The Friends, has designed a walk which will follow an itinerary to include Christ Church in Gloucester Street, Friends Meeting House in Vicarage Street, via a new sign at the top of Vicarage Street, and the Friends Burial Ground at Dell Farm. Maps and information for this walk will be available at both Places of Worship and at the Information Centre. It is hoped that residents of Painswick and visitors will enjoy the walk.

World Day of Prayer for Peace

The World Day Prayer for Peace this year will take place on Thursday 26th October at the Church of Our Lady & St Therese from 9.00 am until 7.30 pm.

Young Catholics' Important Day

On Sunday 18th June, six young members of the Church of Our Lady & St Therese attended their First Holy Communion Mass. Parish Priest Father David Ryan presided at the service.

Pictured with Father David from left to right are: Francesca Mowatt, Alexandra Mowatt, Louise Gamman, Annabel Gamman, Andrew Gamman and Lucy Young.



Lemmings?

Can it be the Lemming Season? So far no fewer than fifty people, ranging in age from a little over eight to a little over eighty, have signed up to join the Painswick Abseil on 15th July.

But there are still places available for anyone who would like to take this rare opportunity to conquer the seventy-five foot drop from the battlements of St Mary's Church Tower.

Contact John Dickinson on 812965.

Participants must be aged eight or over, and are asked to raise a minimum of £75 in sponsorship for their descent. Funds raised from this event will be divided between the conservation of the tombs and projects at The Croft School Painswick. Good luck all!

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The Library and its premises: an important notice

The challenge faced by our village to respond to the 'gauntlet' thrown down by the County Council, who want to dispose of the old school premises in Stroud Road and provide a library service through rented premises or (as a last resort) by use of the mobile library, was fully explained and updated in the June issue of the Beacon.

The Study Group, mostly comprises those who had devised a positive expression of local aspirations for there being a future for those premises if re-united with the Church Rooms to the rear. The Group met and accepted the unenviable task of seeing whether it is possible to devise a realistic plan to make the most of the opportunity that this unexpected challenge presents. All are reminded, however, that the Group only has until October/November this year to come up with a report since the County Council will then decide the future of the Library Service in the village and for this building.

Much focussed research and other investigation is required, and that is already in hand. Several people with particularly helpful expertise have joined the Study Group and this will be very helpful. A smaller Core Group has been formed to 'front run' the investigations and drafting of a report, together with linking to the Parish Council through David Hudson and the County Council via Jo Hand of the Library Service.

That Core Group, and their areas of enquiry are broadly:

- Buildings, land and associated matters – Norman Rampton 813828
- Library and information services including archives – Pat Francis 813524
- Liaison with local and other organisations with direct or indirect interest in these premises – David Harley 813150
- Organisation and management, coupled with finance (capital and revenue) - Leslie Brotherton 813101

By working in this way, and having close communication and frequent meetings together, the Group hope to progress matters as rapidly as is needed; they are already trying hard and will be sharing experiences with the full Study Group early in August. **There is an IMMEDIATE ISSUE which requires the atten-**

tion of members of all clubs, businesses and others in the area who may have an interest in the prospect of greatly enhanced premises for community use on these sites.

A project with much potential would involve amalgamation of the existing premises on the combined site with new build between. Within them could be created modern facilities, owned by a Trust created by the community, which could be a show-case for various purposes and attractive to visitors. Bearing in mind its location and potential, a provisional shorthand working title could be

PAINSWICK GATEWAY PROJECT

If the Core Group is to devise an ideal plan, one for which funding might be obtained and which could be financially viable, it needs to know no later than the end of July who wants what.

It can only take into account expressions of interest NOW because the extent and style of any building work needs to be clear before costings and then grants can be formulated. It is imperative that the Group receive expressions of interest and/or discuss even vague ideas with David Harley or others in the Group before the end of July. As an example it may be of some interest to know that the Beacon has already made known it would like to share an office/research room for its monthly meetings and storage of its photographic and other archives – and that it will chip in some funds towards whatever may be proposed to that end.

Anyone else? The reality of the situation is that it is not inconceivable that, having weighed all the information they can obtain, the Core Group will report that they see no prospect of a viable future for the library building within this community. Much depends on you – to feed in the ideas and possible uses/users.

This is the moment when ideas need to flow! Let imagination run riot: the Group will see which ideas can be harnessed.

If you want to write/jot down your ideas, please post them to Painswick Gateway Project, Longhope, Blakewell Mead GL6 6UR.

Beacon Clear-Up

Where would you find... a bedroom suite (folding bed and two chests), a lounge suite (settee and three armchairs), a deep freeze, various car parts and twenty five tyres, a computer, a couple of dozen golf balls, four deckchairs and two gas cylinders? It has to be admitted that they were not all in perfect condition....

All in an afternoon's work for a dozen or so volunteers on the Beacon Clear-Up. A big thank you to all who gave an hour or so of their time on Sunday 18 June. In addition to those on the photo, thanks to Terry P and Ken W, and to George – our village handyman – who collected all the above (except the golf balls which were recycled) and thirty black bags of rubbish.




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Stroud Maternity matters

The proposed closure of Stroud Hospital maternity unit has produced a strong response from many local people and organisations.

The Parish Council wrote to Councillor Andrew Gravells who is Chairman of the County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to express the members' considerable concern at the proposed reductions in the provision of health care in the Stroud area. In his report to the recent meeting of the County Council Councillor Gravells said that now the process for consultation had been put in place his committee must go about developing a response to the consultation and fulfilling its role of ensuring that the consultation with patients and the public had been adequate and also that the proposals would not have a detrimental impact on the health of the people of Gloucestershire. The Parish Council sent a similar letter of concern to the Stroud Member of Parliament, David Drew.

An interesting and personal perspective on the underlying issues has come from local couple, Rachel and Graham Bolt, both of whom are healthcare professionals with very recent experience of the services provided by the maternity unit of Stroud hospital.



Prior to the birth of their son, Thomas (pictured right) last year, they toured the maternity units at Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud. Stroud maternity was their unit of choice, based on an informed assessment of those establishments that provide a good service. They say that they received all of their care at Stroud, from ante-natal classes right through to the birth and beyond. In Graham's words, "The service provided to my wife and child was first rate. In an inherently traumatic time the needs of the mother are paramount and my wife was treated as an individual, not just another patient to be processed and despatched as quickly as possible."

He finds it particularly difficult to understand how the costs per birth at Stroud can be higher than those of a district general style hospital which have a much increased demand for medical (as opposed to nursing staff), a higher level of equipment, and greater accommodation costs per square metre. He views the proposed closure as being completely opposed to the stated government policy of focussing as much healthcare as possible in the community, or as close as possible to the point of need.

"During my wife's stay it was noticeable that even those local

mothers that gave birth elsewhere benefited, as they were transported from the district generals to the Stroud unit to free up more intensive care beds and be nearer relatives and friends."



The next stage is apparently to close the maternity unit at Cheltenham and move the whole of the service to Gloucester. The Bolts feel that shutting the maternity unit in a major town like Cheltenham borders on negligence. They urge local people to make their feelings known to those with the authority to make a difference, from councillors and MPs, to the NHS trust itself.

The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Seen!



The White Helleborine

Two flower walks at around the beginning of June were judged a great success by those who followed the knowledgeable leaders, Bill Darling and Cedric Nielsen on zigzag routes to the top of Kimsbury Hill Fort. An unexpected bonus was finding a fine display of the White Helleborine, *Cephalanthera damssonium* with their lovely yellow interiors. They have soon become inconspicuous as they now develop their seeds. We hope the combined effort of the Conservation Group and the Golf Club to cut the right areas of grass to the right length at the right time of year will result in more orchids and even better walks next year. We may even be blessed with sunshine next time and see more butterflies!

David Allott

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Falconry for all!

There are some exciting new residents in Sevenleaze Lane, namely Rav, a peregrine/ger hybrid, Poacher, a Harris hawk and Skye, a lanner falcon. And their owner, Gary Cope, a professional falconer, has a mission – to give people the experience of flying a hawk.



Gary is ready to offer a range of activities involving his beautiful birds, from carefully supervised walks in special locations to fly the hawk (with glove, of course), to tuition courses for serious wannabe falconers.

A keen conservationist, he is enthusiastic about promoting the connection between birds in the wild and the environment. To achieve this he is anxious to take his message and his birds to a range of venues. Schools are an obvious choice but it could be any place for any group.

Falconry is a popular sport nowadays but Gary says he was the first practitioner of the modern format. He learnt his skills in 1972 at the National Birds of Prey Centre in Newent, and in 1980, when falconry was unusual, he established the art, or practice, at Sudeley Castle. It was immediately popular. As he points out, the historical setting was perfect. He lived on the estate and spent some years breeding the birds too. Later he was employed

by a ruling prince of the Saudi royal family to breed falcons, still based at Sudeley Castle, but flying them in north Yorkshire.

Now Gary is on a steep learning curve, running his own business which is a new experience. He needs to network and wants to try different projects. He and his partner, Helena and son, Daniel, are living in a cottage with stunning views and Gary loves it. For him this is a long-term enterprise and he would very much like to establish his falconry activities in the locality. He breeds ferrets for the purpose of rabbit hunting with the birds and would like to re-commence breeding the birds in the future, though at present this is not feasible.

Within the last few days there has been a ripple of excitement at the cottage with the arrival of a new baby goshawk (yet to be named). Right now, as you can see, it is a big ball of fluff with very big feet, but watch this space in a few weeks time to see the difference. Gary will be imprinting it i.e. taking it everywhere so that it always feels comfortable in human company in any situation.



This could be your golden opportunity to know the thrill of spending time with these rather enigmatic and beautiful creatures. You can contact Gary for more information or to enquire about the various activities by phone – 07816152630, or visit his website – www.garycopefalconry.co.uk.

Carol Maxwell



**Painswick
Bird Club**

Spring at Slimbridge

Members and visitors experienced warm, sunny weather during the wettest May for more than two decades when visiting the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust centre at Slimbridge.



An easy guided walk was led by experienced volunteer worker Bill Francis. We saw vast numbers of newly hatched coots, moorhens and mallards, nesting mute swans, and the flash of blue of a kingfisher. Oyster catchers and cormorants evoked memories of seaside holidays. Wild flowers, including red campion and hedgerow blossoms, were profuse. Our visit was a reminder of the year-round attractions of this internationally important reserve.



Bill Boydell

British Red Cross Open Gardens

Five gardens will open in Painswick on Sunday 9th July between 2.00pm and 6.00pm in aid of the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross. You may like to know that all the proceeds from these events go towards local Red Cross Services.

Some of the gardens are old favourites and some are new so come along and steal some of our garden ideas! Teas will be served at 'Sheephouse' and ice-creams at 'Waylands' in Cotswold Mead.

To spend an afternoon viewing all the gardens, the best place to park will be in the Rugby Club Car Park - many thanks to them for their assistance and co-operation. Additional parking will be available in the paddock at Sheephouse (weather permitting!) for those who cannot manage the longer (one mile plus) walk. Anyone with severe mobility difficulties should be able to use the limited parking alongside each garden. Maps will be available from all the gardens in Stepping Stone Lane and Kingsmill Lane which will be clearly signed from the Rugby Club and the Stamages Lane Car Park. See you there!

Jackie Herbert and Lindsay Gardiner

Book bonanza

Thank you to generous Beacon readers! Our advertisement for the Painswick Fete bookstall asked for 1000 books. You gave us 2700 books, 90 journals, 75 audiotapes, 40 videos, 15 games, 11 DVDs, 10 jigsaw puzzles, 3 CDs, a hat and a horse-shoe. Wonderful! We did good business despite the bad weather and raised nearly £300 for the conservation of the tombs. Leftover stock will be put on sale again at the Croft School Summer Fair on 2nd July, and after that will be offered to charities, recycled or nailed to the wall.

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From the Croft School Newsletter...

Swimming

Swimming lessons have begun again. We have decided to take the children in Classes 1 to 3 swimming twice a week, and also the children in Classes 4 and 5 who have not attained the level required by the National Curriculum for the end of primary education. These children should have an additional note today to let you know when this extra session will be. Other children in Classes 4 and 5 will have an additional session of games.

The sessions for each class will be as follows:

Class 1	Thursday morning and Friday morning
Class 2	Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon
Class 3	Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning
Class 4	Wednesday morning
Class 5	Friday afternoon

Some sessions may be missed due to school trips etc, but the aim is to take the children swimming at all of the above times. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that all our teachers are receiving four hours of training this season, in water safety and emergency procedures. Our thanks to Andrew Taylor for all his hard work in getting the pool ready for the season, to Sarah Taylor for cleaning out the changing rooms and to Katherine Davies for making all the arrangements for membership and training. Thanks also to Martin Slinger for putting new doors on the changing rooms.

The rules for pool use have been updated. They are displayed at the poolside and will be sent home later in the week to all those who have paid for pool membership for the season. There are a few parents who have a medical background who intend to use the pool, but have not needed to do the resuscitation training. If this applies to you, please make sure that you give your name to Katherine Davies, as she needs a complete list of all those who will use the pool.

Sun safety

Now that at last we are having some hot and sunny weather please apply sun cream to your children before coming to school and provide them with a hat or cap to wear at break times. We have ordered some umbrellas for the outside tables, which should arrive this week. This means that children can eat lunch or work outside and keep safely in the shade.

District Sports

If your child has been selected to take part in the District Sports jumping and throwing events, they should have a letter with details. Please let us know immediately if your child may not take part, as we will need to select others to join the team.

Janet Hoyle



Badgers, cream teas & the BBC

Members of Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome a number of male guests to their open meeting in May to hear a fascinating talk about badgers given by Tony Dean, Chairman and Field Officer of the Gloucestershire Badger Group. Tony has devoted much of the last 25 years to watching and 'minding' the badgers in the Slad Valley and had some delightful photographs to prove it.

In winter time an average adult badger will eat 200-300 earthworms every night. In contrast the cubs are entirely reliant on mother's milk for several months. Tony is therefore very concerned if a killed or injured female badger results in orphaned cubs. In the short time available he will strive to locate the cubs and get them to specialist care. He emphatically warned his listeners not to attempt to touch or move an injured badger, the likely wounds from powerful jaw or sharp claws would be serious.

Many of the audience are hoping for a fine evening on Wednesday 19 July when Tony has kindly agreed to introduce us to a local badger set where we hope to be treated to a sight of some of the occupants.

Fine weather will also be appreciated on Thursday 6 July, when a Strawberry Cream Tea has been arranged for members and their friends.

At our next monthly meeting, on Thursday 25th July, there will be a talk about BBC Radio Gloucestershire. Ladies why not come along and learn about your local radio station – visitors most welcome.

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Feasting in Cranham

You are invited to join in the Historic Cranham Feast and Deer Roast on Saturday 11th July from 3.30pm. There's lots to do, especially for children. The Cranham Players will be performing a mime and there is the challenge of the boundary running race, with events for adults and juniors. Then, before the the venison is finally served, there is the traditional reading of the prologue.

The following day, Sunday 12th, at 3.00pm, there will be a travelling open air service, beginning at Cranham Church and ending at the top of the Common with tea and cakes! And of course lots of children's sports activities.

All this and the colourful Flower Festival, African Style, in the Church! Phone Karen Stageman for further details 812275



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PROBUS sailors brave the Severn

Probus members with their wives and guests recently had a most enjoyable cruise on the Waverley Paddle Steamer. We crossed the Severn from Clevedon to Newport and back, passing under the famous Victorian Transporter bridge across the Usk. The weather was beautiful and the river calm so none of the supply of Sugeron tablets was needed!



The Waverley, pictured here approaching Clevedon pier, is the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world. Built on the Clyde in 1947 the Waverley is now operated by The Paddle Steamer Preservation Society, which operates a full programme of cruises from Easter to October right round. A feature of the trip was a visit to the engine room to see and hear the massive pistons at the heart of the magnificent engines at work.

Before boarding the ship from the magnificent and recently restored Victorian pier we had a fine lunch and a stroll along Clevedon front - hardly changed since the 1920s. Our President, Norman Rampton with his wife Mary, is seen here enjoying the sea air.

The Painswick Probus Club is part of an organisation for retired professional and business men usually aged sixty and over. The purpose is to provide a regular meeting point for those who would appreciate and value social contacts in their retirement with an opportunity to participate in activities of general interest. We meet

every two weeks for about two hours on Wednesday mornings (apart from August and around Christmas) in the Ostlers Bar at The Falcon, for coffee and to hear a talk.

Prospective new members are very welcome to attend a meeting at the invitation of a member. An invitation to come along can also easily be arranged for anyone new to Painswick or who does not know an existing member - just contact our Secretary, Geoff Archer (813557) or President Norman Rampton (813928)



Peter Jenkins

Architects



Wordsearch

Readers without two left feet are in with a chance this

month. Can you find twenty dances here, all in the A-L range of first letters.

The 'knotty' answers for Wordsearch in June were:
CHISEL - CLAMP - DRILL - FILE - GLASSPAPER -
GOUGE - HAMMER - MALLET - PENCIL - PLANE -
RASP - RULER - SCREWDRIVER - SCRIBER - SQUARE -
TENON SAW - VICE



This month, Brother Leslie expects you to be able to identify a well known local building - erected 166 years ago - from the risible detail shown here on the right!

Last month, the window boxes were from the Golden Hart Cottage in Tibbiwell (left) - and superb they are too!





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Cricket

Painswick cricketers have had an excellent month with both elevens achieving good results.

Last Saturday Painswick first eleven had an outstanding victory over Tewkesbury, dismissing the visitors for just 99 runs in reply to the home side's 234 for 8. Painswick's one disappointment was to lose to Apperley in the third round of the Village Championship. However, Painswick could hold their heads high as the match 'went to the wire' with Apperley needing 13 runs from the final over. The last ball of the over brought a hastily taken single off a partial misfield and Apperley who were the beaten finalists in the national final at Lords in 1998 had achieved victory by the narrowest possible margin. Apperley had won through to the third round with another close result when they beat Frampton-on-Severn by one wicket.

Results (Saturday matches all league games)

*Indicates not out.

Sat 3 Jun. Painswick 1st XI 176 (S Cook 47) Birdlip 1st XI 168-9 (I Hogg 3-27).

Hatherley & Reddings 133 (S Perry 5-14) Painswick 2nd XI 245-7 (W Lee 58 M Edgington 46).

Sun 4 Jun. Village Championship. Painswick 1st XI 203-8 (S Savides 96) Apperley 1st XI 203-6.

Sat 10 Jun. Painswick 1st XI 194 (W Von Mollendorf 54*) Fairford 1st XI 153-8 (I Hogg 4-30).

Cheltenham C S 2nd XI 214-4 Painswick 2nd XI 169-8 (M Edgington 55*).

Sat 17 Jun. Painswick 1st XI 188-8 (S Savides 69) Cinderford St John 1st XI 174-9 (D Boon 4-60).

Painswick 2nd XI 177-9 Haresfield 2nd XI 48 (H Wager 6-16).

Mon 19 Jun. Essex Ploughboys 184-6 Painswick 188-4.

Wed 21 Jun. Painswick 151-5 Frampton 145-2.

Sat 24 Jun. Painswick 1st XI 234-8 Tewkesbury 1st XI 99.

Fixtures

Sun 25 Jun. Painswick 2nd XI v Shurdington 2nd XI (league match).

Tue 27 Jun. Painswick v Thornham.

Wed 28 Jun. Frocester v Painswick (midweek league).

Sat 1 Jul. Painswick 1st XI v Cirencester 1st XI.

Gloucester CS 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun 2 Jul. Painswick v St Stephens.

Wed 5 Jul. Painswick v Haresfield (midweek league).

Sat 8 Jul. Painswick 1st XI v Newent 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v Charfield 2nd XI.

Wed 12 Jul. Rockhampton v Painswick (midweek league).

Sat 15 Jul. Painswick 1st XI v Frampton on Severn 1st XI.

Shurdington 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

Sun 16 Jul. Painswick v Wisley.

Sat 22 Jul. Apperley 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.

Painswick 2nd XI v St Stephens 2nd XI.

Sun 23 Jul. Annual Six-a-Side Competition.

Mon 24 Jul. Painswick v Purbrook.

Tue 25 Jul. TBA.

Wed 26 Jul. Painswick v Chairman's XI.

Thu 27 Painswick v Buxted Park.

Fri 28 Jul. Club Day.

Sat 29 Jul. Painswick 1st XI v Stone 1st XI.

Cam 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.

CTAP Ron Taylor Trophy Match

Sunday 9th July

Churches Together Around Painswick v Churches Together Around Stroud.

Annual Ron Taylor Trophy Match at Broadham Fields by kind permission of Painswick Cricket Club.

Match starts at 2pm.

Ends at 6.30pm prior to World Cup Final at 7.00pm.

Refreshments available.

Everyone welcome.

(To avoid confusion, we should point out that the World Cup Final will not actually be played at Broadham Fields. It will be staged at the Olympiastadion, Berlin, Germany. It is not thought likely that Painswick will be directly involved - Editor)



Painswick Under 15s Eleven

Painswick Under 15s' eleven pictured below during their match against Stroud B last week which they won by 3 wickets.

Pictured with the players is the Under 15s' coach and Painswick Cricket Club Chairman, John Hogg.

Fun day

Painswick Youth Club is holding a Fun Day at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 9th August from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone. Youth Leaders and committee members would like to take the opportunity to hear from existing and potential members what they would wish the Youth Club to provide.

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Two Painswick Mills

The House History Workshop arranged by the Stroudend Tithing Educational Trust (STET) on Saturday 27th May was of interest to people interested in the former industrial buildings of the area as well as those keen to trace the history of their houses. Firstly we looked at slides showing a selection of local historic buildings in approximate order of their age and Dr Phil Dixon took us through their historic architectural details and fascinating explanation of the social etiquette, which influenced the design of houses; the medieval lord/gentlemen overseeing his guests from the high table or the 18th century landowner having high status rooms at first floor level. We then looked at details of a local medieval building in Quedgeley; another example of a piece of history swept away by development.

We finished with slides, kindly lent by John Bailey, showing photographs of Painswick Mill before the factory was demolished. The mill was originally a cloth mill in the 17th century but was adapted in the 19th century for making silk, followed by pin making, which continued until the early 20th century. We then moved on to Skinners Mill Farm (*see picture*). This particular mill was a corn mill and does not have any known association with the cloth industry. It is one of the oldest surviving buildings on the Painswick Stream, having a 15th century hall, later adapted and incorporated into larger premises.

We would like to thank Joan Wells and Carole Maxwell for their kind hospitality.



Beacon accounts 2005-06

We have set out the summary of our last year's accounts so that readers interested in these things have a clearer understanding of the constraints within which we operate.

The figures, viewed alongside those of the last couple of years, reflect that changing times of using computers and the Internet for our own communications and preparation of copy. The extent of equipment the committee needs to own has decreased, while reliance upon personal computers and their 'systems' increased. This has led us to what is likely to be a one-off excess of income over expenditure this last year.

We remain deeply indebted to our advertisers for their support, while noting that their requests for space exceed the 20% of columns we allow. It is of the greatest significance to the Beacon committee that the number of subscribers within the village, our target readership, has steadily risen and that it currently exceeds - for the first time - half the households.

The quality of our printing, the end product of our endeavours each month, is always high on our agenda, and we are constantly looking at ways in which we can maintain or improve upon what is achieved. Suggestions, and help in our shared tasks, is always welcome.

Summary of Income and Expenditure 2005-06

INCOME

Advertising	£9,501
Subscriptions	£5,026
Donations and 'retail' copies	£535
Interest	£414
	£15,476

EXPENDITURE

Printing - monthly issues	£7,525
Printing - Directory and other	£718
Editing materials etc	£205
Production costs	£684
Meeting room hire	£15
Postage - inc. subscribers	£471
Stationery and materials	£113
Insurance	£165
Village Quiz (net)	£147
Christmas Draw and other awards	£65
Telephone ...	£311
Archive binding (library sets)	£58
Sundry expenses	£107
Event for distributors	£270
Loss on disposal of equipment	£1,144
	£11,998
Excess of income over expenditure	£3,478



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JULY

Sat	1	Edge Village Fete Thames Head Singers	Edge Village Green St. Mary's Church	5.00 to 7.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	2	Summer Fayre	Croft School	
Tue	4	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Badminton in the Painswick Centre (Tuesdays)	Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 12.00noon 2.00pm
Wed	5	Theatre Club Outing to Bristol Women's Fellowship Magical Entertainment - Tom Elliott & James Herwood	The Falcon Christ Church Hall	5.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	6	Cotswold Care Support Group Meeting Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners Experienced beginners - Thursdays	Ashwell House Town Hall	2.30pm 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	7	Country Market with coffee available: Fridays Friday Club: Arsenic & Old Lace - Patricia Moroney	Town Hall Town Hall	10.00am 2.30pm
Sat	8	Tennis Club Summer Social Victorian Costume Ball Concert: Gloucester Cathedral	Painswick Centre dep Stamages car park Painswick	8.00 - 11.30pm 6.45pm 2.00 to 6.00pm
Sun	9	Red Cross Open Gardens: from Stamages Car Park CTAP Cricket Match	Broadham Fields	
Tue	11	to 15th 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' - Rococo Players	Rococo Garden	performance 7.30pm
Wed	12	Probus: Falcon Bowling Club Meet	Falcon Bowling Green	10.00am
Sat	15	Companion Dog Show	Recreation Field	10.30am
Tue	18	Jazz Evening no entry fee	Ostlers Room, Falcon	8.30pm
Wed	19	Women's Fellowship BBQ	The Latchetts	7.00pm
Fri	21	Friday Club: Being Chairman of the Parish Council - Terry Parker	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	25	Probus: Ladies' Lunch at The Hill, Stroud Yew Trees WI: BBC Radio Gloucestershire	Town Hall	7.30pm
Thu	27	Espalier Pruning	Rococo Garden	10.00am to 4.00pm
Sat	22	Copy dateline for August Beacon		
Sat	29	to 4th Aug. Portway Group of Artists exhibition	Library Room	10.00am to 6.00pm

AUGUST

Sat	5	August issue of The Painswick Beacon published Exhibition for 300th Anniversary Exhibition for 300th Anniversary – cream teas served Concert by Chor@ - Strawberries & Champagne Served during interval	Friends Meeting House Christ Church Hall Christ Church Hall	10.30am 10.00am to 4.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	6	Meeting for Worship (further opportunity to view Exhibition) Exhibition for 300th Anniversary Service for Worship	Friends Meeting House Christ Church Hall Christ Church	10.30am 10.00am to 4.00pm 4.00pm
Wed	23	Theatre Club outing to Bath	The Falcon	12.45pm
Sat	26	Country Studio Exhibition of Paintings daily until September 4	Town Hall	10.00am to 5.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Thu	7	Tea Dances - Thursdays	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	8	Friday Club: Pilates - Heidi Hardy	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	9	Horticultural Society: Annual Show	Painswick Centre Hall	3.00 to 5.00pm
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Recital Coles and Fellman	St. Mary's Church	tba
Wed	13	Probus: The Silk Road – Mr P Covey-Crump	Ostlers Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue	19	Fashion Show	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	22	Friday Club Outing to Bristol Zoo		
Tue	26	Yew Trees WI: Travel ...paintings - Peter Jenkins	Town Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER

Fri	6	Friday Club: Painting with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	10	Bird Club: From Russia with love – Bewick Swans on the move – Jenny Earle	Town Hall	7.30pm



Wed	11	Horticultural Society: The ... Outer Hebrides	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	22	Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble from St.Petersburg	St.Mary's Church	7.30pm
Tue	24	Yew Trees WI: Cookery demonstration - Robert Rees	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	26	World Day of Prayer for Peace	Catholic Church	9.00am to 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Tennis Club AGM	Sports Club, Broadham	7.30pm
Fri	3	Friday Club AGM: followed by ... "Age Concern"	Town Hall	1.45pm & 2.30pm
Tue	7	Bird Club: Voyage to St Kilda – Helen Williams ARPS	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	10	Tennis Club Quiz Night	Broadham Fields	7.30pm
Sat	11	Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning	Town Hall	9.45am to 12 noon
Sun	12	Remembrance Sunday Service	St Mary's Church	10.50am
Wed	15	CTAP AGM	Christ Church Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club Outing to Cribbs Causeway		tba
Sat	25	Annual Mission Bazaar	Church Rooms	11.00am to 2.00pm
Tue	28	Yew Trees WI: AGM & talk on Local Cheeses	Town Hall	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Fri	1	Friday Club: Flowers for Christmas - Anne Smith	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	4	Advent Agape – bring a plate of food and a reading Or other Advent contribution	Christ church Hall	
Tue	12	Flower Guild: Wreath and table decoration workshop Yew Trees WI: Christmas Gathering		
Fri	15	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	Town Hall tba	7.30pm tba

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FEBRUARY

Tue	20	Bird Club: Birds & other wild life of the Forest of Dean, Lesbos and the Galapagos – Terry Wall	Town Hall	2.00pm
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MARCH

Tue	27	Bird Club: The Wildlife of Trinidad & Tobago - Bob Axworthy	Town Hall	7.30pm
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APRIL

Wed	4	Flower Guild: Cookery demonstration by Rob Rees		
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DATELINE Contributors are asked to note that the Beacon has moved to a single dateline for ALL copy for the following month. We are hoping this will become fixed as two weeks ahead of publication.



Are we heading for a record?

By mid-June, Beacon subscriptions had already exceeded last year's full year total. With nine months of the Beacon year left to run, can we hope for 650 subscribers... 675... 700...?

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Beacon subscribers	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2005-2006
	mid-June	mid-June	TOTAL
New or renewing after lapsing	135	112	116
Renewed from last year	<u>484</u>	454	492
Total including postal	<u>619</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>608</u>
<i>Dwellings in Painswick village</i>	1057	1057	1057
<i>Subscribers in village</i>	542	386	423

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New Applications

ROSE COTTAGE, SLAD Erection of single storey extension
ST MICHAEL'S COTTAGE, VICTORIA STREET Internal alterations
DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK Erection of 2 storey rear extension and insertion of dormer windows & balconies. Construction of detached garage.
HIGHCROFT, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Conversion of loft to provide 2 bedrooms & bathroom. Single storey extensions to side and rear.
THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Replacement of existing garage with double garage/workshop with games room over

Revised plans

DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK Erection of 2 storey rear extension and insertion of dormer windows & balconies. Construction of detached garage. Main changes: Revisions to elevations.



each class. All dogs are entered at the owner's/handler's risk. No puppies under 6 months and no bitches in season allowed. Dogs/bitches that have Challenge Certificates, Reserve Challenge Certificates, Junior Warrants or any other award to the title of Champion are not eligible for entry.

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BLAKEWELL HOUSE, EDGE ROAD Internal alterations, ground floor rear extension to form dining room, utility, logstore & garage access, first floor ensuite extension.
VERLANDS, VICARAGE STREET Erection of tennis court fencing & retaining wall
SPRINGFIELD, STROUD ROAD, EDGE Two storey extension
KIBANDA, STROUD ROAD, EDGE Erection of 2 two storey extensions
ANNEXE ROOMS, CHANCELLORS TEA ROOMS, VICTORIA STREET Change of use/alterations from tea room accommodation to single bedroomed dwelling
DAMSELLS MEWS, THE PARK Works to various trees
CASTLE LODGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Single storey extension
SPRINGBANK, SLAD Garage extension to provide a room in the roofspace. Installation of new dormer window
THE OLD HOUSE, SLAD Demolition of part rear single storey extension. Erection of 2 storey rear extension, alterations to oil shed & erection of porch

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Companion Dog Show & Charity Fun Day

A Companion Dog Show will be held on Saturday 15th July at the Recreation Field by kind permission of the Kennel Club, and under their rules and regulations. The organisers wish to thank the Show's sponsors for their generous support and the Recreation Field Trustees (the Parish Council) for allowing the use of the field.

This year's charity being supported by the Show is the Cinnamon Trust.

Entries are taken from 10.30am. Judging starts at 11.00am (Show Classes) and 1.00pm (Novelty & Obedience). All classes will be charged at £1.00 per dog, per class. Rosettes will be awarded for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and 1st to 5th in

Historic Sheepscombe Tea Party

Sheepscombe History Society are organising a tea party for everyone who lived in Sheepscombe at any time up till 1950. It will be held at Sheepscombe Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 19 August at 3.00, and will include the official opening of a new garden area that has been generously funded by a former evacuee who lived in Sheepscombe during the war.

All those who are eligible are warmly invited to come to the tea party, and are asked to confirm their attendance by calling Ron Paterson, Chairman, Sheepscombe History Society on 812047.

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Births

Congratulations to ANDREA and LAURENCE ROBINSON of Edge on the birth of their son, Arthur, on June 11th (a brother for Eric and Lettie and a ninth grandchild for Sue Robinson) also to SARAH and BRADLEY STAINES on the birth of their son, Charlie, on May 27th (a grandson for Sandra (nee Ryland) and a great-grandson for Jean and David Ryland) also to KERRY and CHRIS RYLAND on the birth of their daughter, Freya Ellen, on June 19th (a sister for Georgia, a second grandchild for Marilyn and Brendan Gibbs, and a fourth grandchild for David and Jean Ryland) also to BRITT and ANDREW BUTTREY on the birth of their son, Reuben James, on June 20th in Hong Kong, a brother for Noah and Giorgia, and a third grandchild for Eddie and Michael Buttrey. also to ELLA and ROBERT SKELSTON on the birth of their daughter, Isla, on June 1st, a third grand-daughter for Nick and Maggie Slader also to EM and BARNEY MACER on the birth of their son Max Charlie on May 17th, a first child after seven years of IVF and a third grandson for Mary and Tony Macer.

Get well soon

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to MONICA IRELAND, TED HOLFORD, JILL PADBURY, MARY FRANCIS, LEN TAYLOR, JANE SMITH, FRED A KNILL, SHEILA LOMAS, COLIN TREGLOWN and MARGARET SAY who have all been unwell recently.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of JULIAN SLADE, Rev PETER CHICKEN and of EDITH TATTERSALL (Jean Ryland's mother) who have all died recently.

90th Birthday

Our best wishes for a happy ninetieth birthday to BETTY COPE on July 9th.

Wedding

Our best wishes for their future happiness to KATE TRENFIELD and

NICHOLASD HOLLYWELL who were married in St Mary's Church on June 24th

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte Livingstone, Marjorie Gurden's grand-daughter on obtaining her Doctorate at Oxford University. Her thesis goes into the Bodleian Library.

Welcome

We would like to welcome to Ashwell House, ELIZABETH BOTTERIL to No. 8, JOAN WHITMORE to No 21, and GRACE GLANFIELD to No 20. also to MR and MRS CHURCHLEY who have moved into Preacher's Barn, Wick Street also to MR and MRS FINLEY into 3, The Spinney, The Camp and DOROTHY SPEED into Horseshoe Cottage, Tibbiwell Gardens.

Change of House

GORDON and MARGOT GARDNER have moved from Orchard Mead to Churchill Way; also GRAHAM and SARAH TURNER, and their small daughter, ILANA, who will be moving into Cotswold Mead

Personal Messages

• JEAN RYLAND would like to thank those who sent messages of sympathy on the death of her mother, EDITH TATTERSALL.

• MARY FRANCIS is deeply grateful for all the kind enquiries, messages and help received during her hiccup in a Scottish hospital and very brief stay in Gloucester Royal.

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

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