

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Annual Clipping Service

The Annual Clipping Ceremony took place in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church on Sunday 22nd September. The Painswick Feast Service which is held to commemorate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes the form of the clipping or embracing of the Church by the children of the parish who join hands and encircle the Church to "express the affection and gratitude we all feel towards this House of Prayer". It appeared that the number of people attending the service was fewer than in previous years but that was to be expected because of other events taking place on the day. One of those events was the march in London organised by the Countryside Alliance which was attended by a number of local people. The purpose of the march was to draw government's attention to the problems being faced by rural communities. Another important event held during the day was the Stroud Five Valleys Walk, the route of which took the walkers through the southern part of the parish.



Rev. John Longuet-Higgins, the Vicar of Painswick, gave the address in which he made various references to the march and the reasons why it was taking place. He spoke of the differences between the rural and urban way of life. The service had begun with the Procession in which the banners of various groups were carried, including the 'Bow Wow' banner which was made by Christine Sheldon on behalf of the 30's kids as a replacement for the original which was lost some years ago. This year the banner was carried by Serena Smith and David Barnes. David has written an article about the 30's kids on page 3 of this edition. With the children encircling the Church, the Magnificat was sung, followed by the hymn, "Daily, daily sing the praises". Rev. Ian Gobey then said the prayers, after which a bouquet was presented to the Vicar's wife, Diane.

At the conclusion of his address, the Vicar thanked everyone who had attended and participated in the service. He expressed his appreciation for the music provided by the Avening Silver Band before and after the service. After the Blessing, he invited the children to come into the Church where, in accordance with the tradition they each received a coin and a bun. This year the coin was a 20p piece. A collection was taken at the end of the service for the South African countries Christian Aid famine appeal.

## Did the earth move for you?

Last month's earthquake seems to have produced a mixed response amongst Painswickians. 'I felt the whole house move...'; 'I slept all the way through it...'; 'The next morning there was no dawn chorus...'; 'I just thought it was my husband snoring...' were just a few of the comments heard following the earthquake that occurred early in the morning of Monday 23rd September.

Did it do any actual damage? Has anyone been affected in any discernible way?

The Beacon would like to hear of any anecdotes or happenings, earth shattering or otherwise, attributable to the earthquake. Please contact one of the editorial team.



*One little girl enjoying the day, the service, and the bun!*

Reports on other pages in this issue include how the **Incas clic**, action to **make your band broader**, the way the **dragon may inspire** you, the **Crisis on the Beacon**, the latest on the **Village Quiz** entries, and one man's experience on the **Liberty and Livelihood March**; Oh, not to forget **peregrine**.

**Policing - matters of concern**

Before the formal side of the Council's agenda was tackled, three police officers spoke upon their roles and current concerns.

Detective Constable Claire Hudman introduced herself and had that day joined the CID based in Stroud; she was looking forward to several years in her new post after previous experience in child protection.

PC John Breakwell expressed continuing concern about illegal parking; a Traffic Warden visits Painswick for an average of one half day each week. In the case of at least one persistent offender a warning had been given that a summons would be the next step. (PC Breakwell has subsequently reported to the Beacon that he expects to be in a position to provide detail of the number of parking tickets issued by Traffic Wardens in time for next month's issue).

PC Reuben Wyatt, with the 'blessing' of his Inspector, was particularly anxious to report upon the continuing concern of the police about the problems of parking in Painswick, not least street parking. In one instance a vehicle had been observed by the police parked across double yellow lines and on to the pavement outside the Town Hall. A parking ticket had been issued and, despite objections by the driver upon returning to the vehicle, the police had insisted upon the validity of their ticket and the matter had followed due process and been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service. The CPS, however, had decided not to proceed or offer evidence leading to prosecution.

The Council heard that, in an unrelated

case, public support had been withheld when the police wanted to prosecute and this led councillors to reiterate a long-held view that they would appreciate inputs of information and stood ready to be supportive of situations where the law needed to be upheld.

After the police had withdrawn, and during the formal proceedings of the Council, concerns were expressed that the police, acting on behalf of the community and in accord with regulations, should be supported. The Council resolved to take the matter up with the CPS.

**Village Link - SNAP**

The Chairman reported that firm progress was being made by the Stroud North Area group of Parishes to introduce this service and that a meeting was to be held on 8th October to consider a funding bid document.

The group was recommending that they introduce the logo SNAP for use in their documentation, an acronym reflecting its origins - Stroud North Area Parishes.

**Dog Litter Bins**

Further abuse of at least one bin was reported, and it was agreed that the possibility of fitting locks be investigated.

**Charter 750th Anniversary**

The Council was encouraged by the interest shown by the community from the public meeting to consider forms of celebration of the anniversary and held on 11th September.

It was agreed to discuss with the vicar of St.Mary's Church the possibility of a special celebration service being held on the Charter Day, Tuesday 8th April next year with all denominations taking part and all villages represented. A candlelit procession and the involvement of children were also suggested, as was a full peal of the church bells.

Liaison with David Archard and Beverly Gorton would be set in hand to look into the idea of a Celebration Dance and the Victorian Market or a Medieval Fair. Local societies would be contacted inviting them to take part in an exhibition to be held in the Town Hall during what was described as a Festival Week from 7th to the 12th July 2003, with the inclusion during that week of a musical concert, flower festival, a stage production and so on. The possibility of a memorial plaque and its best location would also be considered.

The idea of a museum was welcomed but it was realised that such would take several years to arrange and obtain funding.

The Parish Council will be contacting organisations directly, but expressions of interest in participating will meanwhile be welcomed.

**Painswick Cemetery**

A detailed survey of cemetery matters is being undertaken by a Council committee which will report in due course.

Meanwhile the Council agreed that the cemetery is essentially there for those who are or have been residents of Painswick civil parish.

**Farmers Market**

The suggestion had been received that Painswick should be the location of a regular farmers market. The Council will welcome the views of residents throughout the area before considering the matter further, and noted that the views of existing traders and such as the WI Market would be particularly relevant since any possible erosion of their trade would need to be taken into account. Location on the 'upper' part of Stamages Lane car park was one prospective suggestion should the idea gather momentum.

The Chairman and the Clerk will be communicating with retailers.

**Painswick Educational Foundation**

It was reported that some surprise had been expressed at the September meeting of the Foundation that few people had sought financial help.

It was reported that grants exceeding £100 were not uncommon, particularly but not exclusively towards books, tools, educational trips. The fund is open to all young people in continuing education.

**Planning gain - Gyde House development**

The Clerk reported that, unbeknown to this Council, a cash sum had been set aside through the District Council by the developers of Gyde House to be used in a manner to be decided by the two councils towards recreational services. This is in addition to the provision of the bus shelter at the junction of Pullens Road and Cheltenham Road.

The Council will welcome suggestions as to the manner in which this £3,100 might be used.



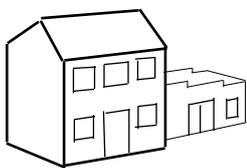
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## Painswick Singers



This year will see the Golden Jubilee of the Painswick Singers, and to mark the occasion they will be holding a 'Jubilee Concert' on Saturday 26th October in the Painswick Centre at 7.30pm.

There will be a mixed melody of Old and New, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Support on this special day, and Arthur Westwood and his fellow vocalists look forward to seeing you then.

## Painswick in Bloom

"Mr. Ray Fardon, from Bourton-on-the-Water, thoroughly enjoyed judging Painswick in Bloom this year", Pauline Berry reports.

In the commercial Section he was very impressed with the displays by the village's two Estate Agents, Hamptons and Murrays, but decided that the well deserved winner was The Royal Oak.

He had some difficulty in deciding the winner in the Private Section. Strong contenders were Corner Cottage, Yulestone, Quersley and Merrills, but he finally decided that the overall winner was The Old Bakery in Cheltenham Road. Mrs. Reigh Sutton received her trophy at the Horticultural Society Show, as did John Thrift on behalf of The Royal Oak.

Pauline added that "All who live in the centre of Painswick, the area which was judged, deserve praise for making the village look so attractive".

## "The 30's Kids"

Several years ago, a group of ex. Painswick School pupils formed an organisation called "The 30's Kids" with a bi-annual publication called 'The Clarion'. This has been a great success and of much interest to the membership.

At the end of last year it was decided by the Editorial Group to discontinue publishing 'The Clarion' and to scale down the organisation. The plan has been to cease at the Millennium making that the last Reunion. A few of those involved thought that, after all the hard work that had been done, and with a database of well over two hundred names and addresses, they should try to keep going. This they have managed to do with help from some of the original team.

The first issue of a new newsletter 'Around the Lamp' will shortly be distributed to the membership. David Barnes, the Chairman, says "We would very much like to move away from "The 30's" image and invite those who perhaps were at school in the 40's, 50's and beyond to join us and tell us about their childhood memories which we can include in our newsletter".

For further information, please contact any of the following co-ordinating Group:- David Barnes: 01452 740401, Hugh and Ruth Cornock: 01453 751669, Ron Jones: 01453 762013, or Wilf Lee: 01453 543343.

## Awareness plea to Beacon walkers

A public spirited reader has asked us to make known that within the past fortnight, while walking her dog on Painswick Beacon, she became aware of a man also walking on his own but following her for much of the route she was taking.

At one stage he exposed himself improperly. She quickly left the Beacon, and immediately telephoned the police.

While we can report that police investigations are continuing, we feel it important to pass on to others the necessity to remain vigilant and also promptly report any instance of unseemly conduct to the police.

## That Village Quiz

Entries are falling into place and expectations are high. At the time of writing the updated list of competing teams is

**Senior Circle**  
**PaDFAS**  
**The Bellringers Ding**  
**The Bellringers Dong**  
**Painswick Badminton Club**  
**Painswick WI**  
**The High Flyers**  
*(Painswick Bird Club)*  
**Brookhouse Mill Millers**  
**Brookhouse Mill Grinders**  
**The H'Pennies**  
**The Four Seasons**  
**Painswick Peregrinators**  
*(Monday Walkers)*  
**Painswick Matters**  
*(Short Mat Bowling Club)*  
**History Society**

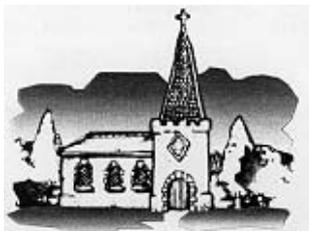
If we hear within a day or two of publication of this issue of the Beacon we may be able to take a couple more teams, but it will need to be quick if the right number of food packs of survival rations are to be ordered for the interval.

By way of a reminder, the doors of Painswick Centre will be open from 6.45 on Saturday 19th October, as will the pay bar. The quiz itself will start as promptly as we can manage at 7.15pm.

Should any teams care to bring distinctive items which can be associated as mascots or other way of illustrating their unique background we will probably judge their efforts. Helium balloons have been used in the past, as have placards, inflated racquets, and more; intent to amuse with your choice of display will be a bonus.

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# New after-school club to start

A new after-school care club will be starting at the Croft School Painswick, after the half-term break. The club will be called The Fun Club, and hopes to make after-school care just that - fun.

Lottery funding has been received and will total over £13,000, allowing the Club to offer places for up to 30 children. This will enable parents to return to work or training knowing their children are safe and well looked after. The money will also be used to purchase equipment.

The Club is looking for qualified or near-qualified staff to act as both playleaders and playworkers. If you have the necessary skills, experience or qualifications, and you think you could bring energy, enthusiasm and ideas to our playworkers' team, please contact Jackie Gray of the Management Committee on 01452 814766 for an application form.

Job share and flexible working days will be considered for the right candidate.

## Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

On a lovely September morning, Vicar John and Michael Buttrey set out to visit 35 churches, sponsored in aid of the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and St. Mary's Church. Their route took them to Edge and Pitchcombe, then down to Stroud, where a puncture was incurred



due to an offensive drawing pin. Whilst a repair was undertaken, help was on hand through

coffee and biscuits provided by the Congregational Church. Then up to Selsley to admire the view and the windows. The route continued through Coaley where refreshments were provided again before the climb over the hill to Cam for lunch. It was then down to Slimbridge and along the canal path to Frampton. The return involved a visit to Fretherne, Framilode, Whitminster and Cainscross, then up that long hill to Painswick for a welcome hot bath.

They cycled about 45 miles, had lovely weather all day, met many interesting people who were keeping many of the 35 churches open to welcome cyclists and walkers. About £600 was raised, to be split between the Trust and St. Mary's Church.

## Brother Michael Remembered

As a result of last month's article on Brother Michael several interesting recollections have been reported about this remarkable man. One lady phoned to say she remembered him staying at Hillside, a small nursing home in Edge, run by Miss Richmond.

This was during his first stay in the area at the invitation of Detmar Blow in 1922. Whilst there he helped with the children's services which she attended, aged 10. He was recovering from illness though that was not apparent to the children and she recalls that on one occasion when he kept them late he said that if their mothers asked they should say it was all right because they were with Brother Michael.

Others have related stories of his insistence on meticulous attention to detail in church procedures, of precision and correctness and of his own fairly primitive living conditions without what we would now consider to be essential facilities. He had to use the outside toilet at Lych Gate Cottage and obtain his water from the residents there.

These were material matters and unimportant to him. During his last illness at Over Hospital he was visited by several people from Painswick and even now one lady regularly places flowers on his grave at Easter and Christmas. Yet another lady described him as an angel, a very special man.

Everyone has talked of his long black gown and his skull cap.

It would still be good to hear from others who remember Brother Michael, and Father Brian Taylor is anxious to make contact particularly with those 'boys' who enrolled in the Knights of the Church as described in the previous article. Father Taylor will say prayers at Brother Michael's grave on 17 November to mark the fortieth anniversary of his death.

We also asked if anyone was able to provide information about the artist who had sketched Brother Michael. Apparently, he was Captain Thomas Crocker Macaulay and he lived at Kings Mill. One lady phoned to say that he had sketched her as a girl in about 1948. It would be interesting to know of other local people he may have drawn.

If you can add to our knowledge of either Brother Michael or Thomas Macaulay please contact Carol Maxwell (813387) or leave a message in the Beacon post box in New Street.

## Blood Donors

The session arranged for Painswick on November 4th has been cancelled.

This information was received by the Beacon just as we went to press. We have been asked to make known that intending donors can, of course, attend the Stroud sessions. It is hoped that donations in Painswick can be resumed in due course.

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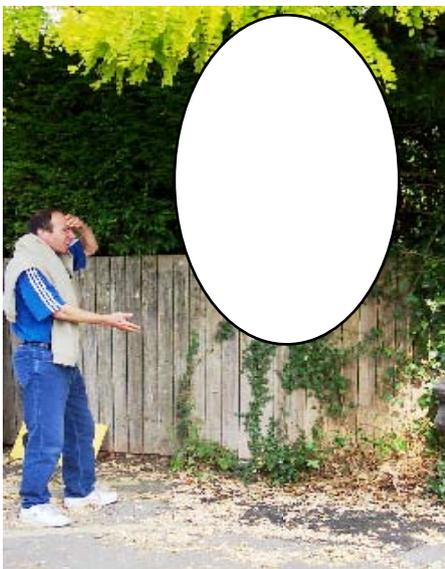
## Where's our phone box?

The cynical among us, particularly at a time when there is much public debate about rural services, must wonder about the continuing commitment of BT towards public telephone services; they have just removed the phone box from the Stamages Lane car park. A BT spokesperson said that the removal was part of a major 'rationalisation project' under which phone boxes that were not commercially viable were 'rationalised'. BT were, of course, well aware of their public service responsibilities and only made rationalisation decisions after consultations with the County Council and with local users.

Curiously, an enquiry to the Divisional Surveyor's department at the County Council revealed no knowledge of any contact with BT and it was suggested that perhaps Stroud District Council or Painswick Town Council might have been consulted instead. Sadly, neither of these councils seemed aware of having made any input into the BT decision, either. The consultation process with local users involved putting a notice of intended closure inside the phone box with an invitation for users to make their views known. Since BT had received no objections from either council(s) or users and since an alternative public phone box existed a few hundred metres away in New Street, BT drew the inevitable conclusion that there was no demand for the Stamages Lane phone box and removed it.

Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, told the Beacon "The council has written to BT asking for an explanation why no advance warning of the payphone's removal had been given either to Stroud District, or Painswick Parish Council".

On the question of commercial viability, the BT spokesperson refused to be drawn as to what level of usage constituted being viable. However, she did let slip that the New Street box was only slightly more viable. So, the message is clear: use it or lose it!



## Christmas with James! Spring with the Incas!

Joan Wells of Painswick Mill is aiming high, very high: 4,200 metres high in the Andes, to be precise. She has set herself the daunting challenge of completing the legendary Inca Trail and of raising at least £2,500 for CLIC, the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood charity, in the process.

CLIC was formed in the mid 1970s by a small, determined group of doctors and parents in the South West, including a prominent Painswick contingent, to help children with cancer and leukaemia and their families. Since then, CLIC has become one of Britain's most dynamic national children's charities, offering help and support to a growing number of families across the UK. CLIC's strong Painswickian connexion has continued and over the past few years a number of Painswickians have accepted CLIC challenges to raise money by (for example) cycling from the Dead Sea to the Red Sea, through East Africa and across Asia.

The CLIC Inca Trail Challenge involves an arduous 100 km, ten day trek through the Andes on remote mountain trails and high passes to the legendary Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu. On the way Joan will see at first hand the broad sweep of Inca history and the rich culture of Peru, including the ancient city of Cuzco, the beautiful capital of the Inca Empire, the Sacred Valley and the many Inca Temples and settlements along the way.

It all sounds fascinating but also pretty tough. Why is she doing it?

'I've always been intrigued by the Inca legend and the Inca Trail is something I've always wanted to do,' Joan explained. 'Besides that, I have helped a number of friends raise money to tackle CLIC challenges in the past and thought that it was time to accept the challenge for myself.'

The expedition takes place next May but before then, Joan must raise at least £2,500 for CLIC. This is, of course, in addition to the cost of the trip itself, which she is paying out of her own pocket. To raise the £2,500, she is planning a series of fund raising events, starting on Friday 13th December at Painswick Mill with 'A pre Christmas evening with James!', a light musical evening featuring Jame! (tenor James Prince and pianist Robert James), accompanied by a gourmet supper. Tickets, which include a free glass of wine, cost £17.50. Space will be limited and so anyone wanting to give themselves a special pre Christmas treat and donate to a very worthwhile cause should contact Joan at Painswick Mill, Kingsmill Lane (phone 812245) as soon as possible.

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# LIBERTY and

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## one marcher's jottings

There were two marches on Sunday 22nd September, the Liberty March which started from Hyde Park and the Livelihood March which started near the Tower of London. I was on the latter.

We left Broadham at 8.30am. I was among those from Painswick, Edge and Pitchcombe.

Beyond Cranham Woods, we waited for two more coaches, one of which we could see was full of Sheepscombe and Slad residents. From then on we always had coaches in front and behind us. A "comfort" stop at the Reading Services gave us a taste of what was to come. Dozens of coaches and good natured queues five deep and many yards long; and then "Where's our coach?"

We took the scenic route, Bracknell, the A3, M3, M15, South Circular and the last five miles coaches nose to tail, mostly stopped on a 'Red Route No Stopping'.

We arrived at about 1.00, but the start was still a mile or so away and the Police kept us to the pavement on one side of an empty road to leave room for ambulances. Everyone was in a jolly mood; it was a lovely sunny day and, surprise, surprise, we all met friends who we didn't know were going on the march. So it was a long, cheerful shuffle to the start line, which took an hour. There were five in our Edge and Pitchcombe group and two, Jill Alder and Mary Slinger, each carried a banner. There were lots of amusing slogans, one read "Save a cow, eat a vegetarian"; it had nothing to do with the march, but it was a change from all the political messages.

With the whole wide road available from the start line we made good progress and could watch the solid pack of marchers on giant screens above the road. We combined with the Liberty march at the top of Whitehall. Here, there was a small group of anti fox hunting demonstrators. They were behind barriers and faced by six policemen, and anything they may have shouted couldn't be heard. There

was another single demonstrator near the Cenotaph; his placard read "Down with the Killers"; foxes I suppose. Caps off and silence as we passed the Cenotaph, just when I could have done with a cap as we had a sharp, short shower just there - and then the sun shone again. We met another couple from Pitchcombe which made a total of 13 marchers from our village to my knowledge. At the bottom of Whitehall there was a screen showing the 'guesstimate' of numbers who had passed that point. It reached 340,000 as we passed.

The march ended at Parliament Square and we walked back to our coach which was now parked at the Battersea Power Station. Back at the coach at 5.15pm. and, at last, a chance to eat lunch and tea. All on board at 6.30pm, and our cheers as we left were soon forgotten as coaches, interspersed by a few cars, were nose to tail as far as the Hammersmith Flyover. This

short distance took over an hour. Then, after a brief stop at the first M4 Service station, we were on our way and back in Painswick at 10.30pm.

Was it worth it? Yes, we thought so. We were counted and, if the Government doesn't wish to listen, at least we helped show them

that our rural way of life and economy is important to more than 400,000 voters.

A final question: Why were there some French farmers on the march?

*Peter Grant*



# Painswick Beacon Conservation Group Crisis Appeal

**Please Help!** The Painswick Beacon Conservation Group AGM in conjunction with the Bird Club which will be held on October 10 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall may be the last unless we can attract more people who are willing to be active members of the Group.

Cedric Nielsen, our Secretary, who has been the mainstay and driving force of the Group for many years has decided to retire for medical reasons and our Chairman, Malcolm Watts, has indicated that he must relinquish the chairmanship because of pressure of his Parish Council work. This will leave the Group's Committee seriously depleted and we desperately need new members.

The Group has carried out a great deal of valuable and necessary work on the Beacon over the past 5 years and it would be a great shame if this work were wasted. In conjunction with English Nature, the Golf Club, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and the Lord of the Manor, scrub clearance and restoration work has been done which has encouraged the growth of indigenous wild flowers and a number of rare orchids. If this work ceases for lack of interest the Beacon will revert to rank grasses and invasive scrub which will smother the flora for which this area is renowned.

Remember the Beacon is an Area of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and deserves to be sympathetically nurtured.

So please all you worthy Painswick people (and beyond if possible) help us to maintain and retain our unique heritage.

For the time being Cedric will continue to be our Secretary so anyone who wishes to contribute can contact him at Hambutts Cottage, Churchill Way, Tel. 01452 812385.

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# Pride in its 50th Show

This 'landmark' event, at Painswick Centre on 14th September, was itself a celebration with categories of entry invited among the decorative, junior and handicraft sections to reflect the half-century of Painswick Horticultural Society.



It was with much pride in this achievement that the Chairman and Show secretary Philip Berry invited Roy Brooks to open the event, with a toast to the occasion provided for all who attended. Mr. Brooks, now in his 90th year, delighted members with his recollections of how the Society had evolved from a food production group to a fully fledged RHS affiliated Society; and how the very first show was organised and his many subsequent visits as a judge and lecturer while he was Head of Horticulture at Hartpury College. It was with deep regret that Honorary Life Member of the Society Wally Brooks could not join him on the stage this year and add his support and recollections of beginning his experience as Show Secretary way back in 1953. A celebratory 'birthday' cake had been baked by Mrs. Joyce Smith, and slices enjoyed by all present, most also partaking of the teas organised by Helen Briggs and a dedicated team.

With over 350 entries the exhibits were well up on recent years. Gordon Gardner, President of the Society, was particularly busy when presenting cups and other awards at the close of the show, as had been the judges for the two hours before it opened. Keith Crane had overcome the setback of a major operation earlier in the year to attend to his garden with all his skills applied, and received the John Chandler Memorial Trophy for vegetables, the President's Special Prize for fruit, the Diploma for excellence in Horticulture for his remarkably straight runner beans, and the coveted Banksian Medal for the most prize money in the Horticultural Section; no mean achievement.

Brenda Dunn won the D T Brown's Cup for her onions, with a similar award going to Maryla Ridgwell for her collection of culinary herbs.. Philip Berry modestly received the E H Chandler Plate for his collection of vegetables, with Clare Haynes and Betty Wood taking trophies for hardy tea and multi-head roses respectively. Gordon Gardner and Jane Rowe gained special awards for floral exhibits, while John Stuart won the Diploma for excellence in those classes. Cathy Butler travelled from Shropshire to help with the show as well as compete in the Domestic Section, returning home with the Chairman's Special Prize for preserves and the Dorothy Cox Memorial Prize for her fruit cake. Gus Gaugain produced the best loaf of bread in the 'men only' section. Joycelyn Warren, the longest serving committee member, received the Women's Institute Cup for their member winning the most prize money. The Society's Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Handicraft Section was, this year, won by Liz Major.



*Just some of the Junior Section exhibits which were much admired.*

A particularly pleasing aspect of the show, to which the chairman paid particular tribute, was the increase in the number of entries in the Junior Section, and the high standard of their efforts. Felix Gilding received the Junior Cup for his prehistoric animal made of marrow and cucumber while Sophie Hall won the Novices Award for her sunflower.

The President and the Chairman expressed their thanks to all who had worked so hard before and during the show to achieve such a memorable and enjoyable day.



## Austerity Lunches

The month of October heralds the start of another round of Austerity Lunches. A host team from the Parish Church will welcome you at Christ Church Hall, Gloucester Street from 12.15pm to 1.15pm. on Monday 14th October. Home made soup, bread, butter and cheese will be served for a minimum contribution of £1.30.

The £1,700 raised from the 21 lunches held during the 2001/02 season was shared as usual between Christian Aid, Oxfam

and Save the Children. We are grateful for the generosity of hosts, hostesses and supporters for making that possible. We are also greatly indebted to the members of Christ Church for the use of their hall.

We hope all former supporters will renew their Monday habit and we extend a warm welcome to the new friends who are able to join us.

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*Frankie Marsh*

## A new mug for Sheepscombe

Following the great success of the Sheepscombe Recipe Book, which was enthusiastically supported by many Painswick residents, we have now commissioned a new Village Mug.

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## Flu Vaccinations

At the time of writing, we are still experiencing some very mild weather. However, the 'flu season will shortly be upon us and the doctors at the Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza.

We also recommend that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma, kidney and lung disease is also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.



Please contact the surgery to book your appointment - we are holding sessions over at Ashwell House and also here at the surgery.

As a result of a misunderstanding with Royal Mail, many patients have received flu invitation postcards with a yellow surcharge label attached. Please ignore the charge on this card as postage has already been paid by the surgery.

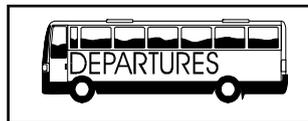
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## Coach Outing to London

A few seats are still available on the London coach on Wednesday 16th October leaving Painswick at 8.30am. Fare £10.

The pre-Christmas coach will run on Wednesday 4th December. Bookings may be made from 1st November.

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## Seniors on right foot

The Senior Circle begins its autumn season on the right foot and leaves with a spring in its step.

Mr. Richard Williams has been keeping the older Painswickians moving comfortably and on their feet for many years. As one of the visiting chiropodists at the old Painswick Nurses Home he got to know us all extremely well although, as he admitted, he recognised the foot before the face an aptitude he demonstrated when he unerringly identified the member (in both senses of the word) in the poster he was presented with at the end of the meeting.

Therefore, if the Town Hall that Friday afternoon had a re-union atmosphere it was hardly unexpected.

But there was a serious side to it. The foot as we know it today has remained virtually unchanged

in its structure for one million years, though latterly customs and fashion have done much to alter it for the individual. Disease and diabetes in particular have a more indiscriminate effect. The 'H' slides were tempered by those showing the perfect foot (children's) sensible footwear and the 'Betty Grable type' pair of legs which stopped all too soon!!

Going barefoot like Miss Tiggywinkle reduced slips and trips because the foot can feel its way around. When one listener said she had slipped going barefoot indoors Richard explained it could happen were the skin dry. A heart-warming turnout proved the affection and regard in which Richard is held and were we an evangelical body we'd have left singing hymns and praises. As it was we gave thanks for the NHS and in particular Richard.

*Patrick Daly*

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# Peregrine Falcon - latest

It is still with us, having been reported in the area; once in Pitchcombe at the end of August after Malcolm Watts had written in that month's Beacon, and twice in September.

On September 6th and 7th it rested in its usual place on the church steeple using the same perch, namely the highest slit opening overlooking the Town Hall. (There is probably no significance about that choice of roosting vantage point.) It stayed all night, much to the concern of the local pigeons and jackdaws who were restless with so long a presence.

On September 16th it was reported to be taking breakfast in the grounds of Gyde House at 8.30am, having brought a pigeon to the ground, an event which was disturbed by a passing car

Reports of any sightings of this magnificent bird will be appreciated on 813089, 813671 or 812540.



## The Cloth Industry of the Stroud Valleys

Industrial espionage, a pantomime character, Wellington boots and thick socks are not subjects readily associated with the local cloth industry. They were referred to, however, in the talk on 'Cloth Industry of the Stroud Valleys' given by Mr. Lionel Walrond to the Painswick Local History Society. Mr. Walrond, curator of the Stroud Museum for 37½ years, began by refuting the belief that the cloth industry was established in the Stroud valleys because of the soft water in the area. In the 18th century a German group visited the area, ostensibly to write a drama about the industry, but really to find out how the cloth was produced. This early example of industrial espionage was foiled by the cloth workers who, to protect their livelihood, told their visitors that a supply of soft water was required to make the distinctive cloth!

It is known that cloth was first produced in the area in Roman times, and a document of 1185 contains the first written reference to a fulling mill, where a felt-like cloth was produced by using a lubricant, water and pressure – the same three conditions which produce the matt surface on a thick woolen sock worn in a damp Wellington boot. From the 14th century onwards the Stroud valleys mills gained a wide reputation for producing fine cloth. Richard (Dick) Whittington of Pauntley became the owner of the cloth mills in the Toadsmoor valley when he acquired the manor of Lypiatt Park in repayment of money lent to its

owner, Philip Mansell.

The prosperity of the industry between the 16th and 18th centuries was reflected in the fine houses built for the clothiers. In the late 18th century technical improvements led to a massive programme of building new mills and rebuilding existing ones. At the beginning of the 19th century there were 200 mills in the Stroud valleys. By the time the building work had been completed, however, the industry was in decline. There was insufficient water in reserve to support the increased number of mills and clothiers were unable to fulfil their contracts. Then in the 1870s the patterned worsted cloth produced by Yorkshire mills became popular and the

plain Stroudwater cloth fell out of fashion. The decline continued until there are now only two working cloth mills in the area – Lodgemoor and Cam. Mr. Walrond ended his talk on a positive note. The textile industry begun in the Stroud valleys had lasted nearly 1000 years and that was something to be proud of.

This interesting talk by Mr. Walrond made a splendid start to the new season for the Society. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th October, at 7.30pm in the Croft School, when Eileen Fry and Rosemary Harvey will give a talk on 'Agnes Neville of Sheepscombe'.

*Gwen Welch*

## Police Report

### Reported incidents

14th August to 13th September  
House burglaries 0;  
Business premises and sheds: Brookthorpe 1 attempt.  
Vehicles: Painswick 5, Cranham 2.  
Thefts: Painswick 2, Brookthorpe 1.  
Total 11.

### Items stolen

Hand bags, stone ornaments, cement mixer.

### Police information point

PC Breakwell will be at the PIP at Painswick Library on the following dates from 10.30am until 11.00am Thursday 17th October and Thursday 24th October.

### General

You may recall from the last report that personal items were stolen from the Sports Club at Broadham Fields.

As a result of vigilance on the part of members at the club the offenders have been caught and charged with the thefts. Some thefts from vehicles this month could have been avoided by keeping valuables out of sight.

If valuables have to be left in your car then hide them in a secure place before your arrival. You do not know who may be watching you when you park your car.

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## PAINSWICK SPORT

### Painswick Rugby

**Saturday 28th September.**

Painswick 1st XV 32

Chosen Hill FP 1st XV 34.

As the scoreline suggests, this was a very exciting league match which found Painswick at home for the first time since being promoted to the Gloucester Premier Division.

From the kick-off Painswick looked the more purposeful side and soon had 17 points on the board with no response from the visitors. The Cherry and Whites' points came from tries by Martin Hayward and Nathan Bressington, both converted by their full-back Alastair Bressington who was also successful with a penalty attempt. As the game moved into its second quarter, Chosen Hill began to show their strengths both in the forwards and the back division and by half-time they had scored 3 tries, 2 of which were converted, to lead by 19 points to 17.

Playing with the slope, Painswick seemed likely to begin the third quarter as they had the first, but second phase possession was proving difficult and they failed to add to their score until Alastair Bressington kicked a second penalty. Chosen Hill responded quickly and within a few minutes were themselves successful with a penalty attempt. The visitors then scored a try close to the touchline which brought an excellent conversion from their kicker. The Chosen Hill full-back was sin-binned for 10 minutes following a high tackle and it seemed as though Painswick would take advantage of the extra man but that was not to be and it was the visitors who went further ahead with an unconverted try.

As the game moved into its final quarter, Painswick found new life and their left-wing threequarter, Aussie Smith, went over for a try, the conversion attempt just floating past the upright. The final score came through Alastair Bressington who weaved his way through the defence from twenty-five metres to go over for a try which he then converted. Painswick will not have been too disappointed with their play as the game could easily have ended in their favour. The match will have given

their coaches the opportunity to assess the side's level of play against the standard of the Premier Division and lessons will have been learned. Painswick will be keen to get a first victory behind them as this was their second defeat having lost to fellow promotion winners, Aretians, at Bristol by 32 points to 10 in the opening match of the season. Painswick United were away against Chosen FP 2nd XV in the corresponding fixture where they lost by 33 points to 3. In their opening match of the season, the United defeated Cainscross 2nd XV by 46 points to 22.

### Tennis report

#### Junior tennis

Junior tennis at Painswick continued over the Summer with Under-10 and Under-14 tournaments. The ever popular Parent and Child tournament was also held. We have come to expect fine weather on these occasions and were not disappointed. The sun shone during the Under-10 tournament final which saw Tom Pigott beat Robert Sidwell. Alex Duncliffe finished in third place with Joe Tate fourth. All the competitors had a good day's tennis.

The Parent/Child tournament was again a tremendous success. We had several new families this year; and players and spectators enjoyed the tennis and the BBQ that followed. One semi-final was a repeat of last year with James and Nigel Barnett defeating Ben and Rob Ruggles. In the other semi-final, Edward and Malcolm Andrew beat Joe and Jeremy Hobbins.

The final was declared a draw as James and Edward had a football match to rush off to.

The Under-14 tournament has been played throughout August and the final took place on the adult tournament finals day, 22nd September. Information about junior coaching can be obtained from Nigel Barnett on 813941.

#### League successes

The Ladies A team which comprised, Philippa James (capt), Beverleigh Anderson, Jeanette Simcox and Sharon Hall finished in first place in Division 1A of the Gloucestershire Ladies League to win promotion to the Premier Division.

The Men's A team whose members

were, Richard Horder (capt), Paul Duncliffe, Adrian Aldridge and Tom Unwin, finished in top place in Division 1A of the Gloucestershire Men's League and gained promotion to the Premier Division. Congratulations to both teams and, in particular, to Tom who at 17 years of age has come up through various coaching levels and team play to achieve Premier Division status. The Ladies B and D teams concede their league positions in Division 1 and 3 respectively, whilst the C team remains in Division 2, captained by Maggie Slader. Our congratulations also to the Ladies E team, Pat Andrew (capt), Angela Follows, Ann Brown, Carol Smith and Jane Dickenson who won Division 5 and will be promoted next season.

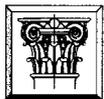


*Tom Unwin and Sharon Hall  
with the Mixed Doubles*

The Men's B team, playing in Division 1B, narrowly missed promotion, finishing joint second behind Cirencester. Congratulations are well deserved to Nigel Barnett (capt), John Barrus, Robin Plane, Mike Kempster and Richard Willoughby for achieving promotion from Division 3 to Division 2.

The Men's D team, ably captained by Jim Hutton retain their status in Division 4. Well played their squad who mixed and matched pairings to good effect. All

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tennis players are most welcome to enter for team places. An additional men's team has already been entered in the league. Winter tennis activities are under way with 11 teams entered in various leagues and competitions.

#### Club annual tournament

The tournament has been held throughout September in ideal conditions with no rain to cause delays. The Men's and Ladies singles finals have yet to be played but the results of the other events were as follows:- Ladies Doubles: Beverleigh

Anderson and Sharon Hall beat Philippa James and Joan Griffiths 7-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles: Robin Hall and Kirk Plane beat Nigel Barnett and Rob Ruggles 6-4, 6-3. Mixed Doubles: Sharon Hall and Tom Unwin beat Robin Hall and Philippa James 6-3, 6-0. In the under 14 Boys final, Harry Waller beat Joe Hobbins 6-4, 7-6.

#### Autumn Social Event.

Saturday 16th November.

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Contact Ruth Smith on 813693.

#### Bowling Club news

##### Falcon Bowling Club

Sale – Town Hall Saturday 19th October 2002.

The Falcon Bowling Club will be holding a sale of bric-a-brac, clothing, books, toys, games, etc., in the Town Hall on Saturday 19th October at 10am until 12.30pm. Also on sale will be home-made cakes, produce, and other tempting morsels. All are welcome.

## Controversy surrounds dragon sightings and Painswick Players Pantomime

After the peregrine falcon and the hawk moth, Painswick's reputation for attracting exotic fauna has been further enhanced by several reported sightings of a rare species of dragon. The dragon was first identified as a Norwegian Blue Ridgeback by two local teenagers, Sophie Allen and Ellie Jackson, as it flew low over the Painswick Centre. It was then observed by Mrs Lesley Wolowiec as she took an early morning walk on Painswick Beacon, where it was eating a golfer on the fifth green, almost certainly ruining a birdie putt in the process. 'It was an incredible sight!' said Mrs Wolowiec, 'I don't think I have ever before actually seen a dragon close to. Certainly not this late in the year.'

Later the same day, it was photographed in St. Mary's Churchyard, where it briefly perched on the church tower. Mr Jack Burgess, who took the photograph, said later, 'I was just wandering through the churchyard, trying to count the yew trees – I can never make it ninety-nine – when I heard something big fluttering above me. Well, I had got to the ninety-third tree at the time and I didn't want to look up in case I lost count. But suddenly there was a whoosh of flame and there it was, this dragon thing, right in front of me! You can imagine how I felt: I had to start from one again!'

Some controversy surrounds the authenticity of the sightings, however. A spokesperson

for Dragonwatch UK was sceptical, commenting that it was very unlikely that a Norwegian Blue Ridgeback – or *Hokum Incrediblatius Norvegicus* to give it its official name – had really been spotted in the Painswick valley. 'They have never previously been observed in southern or western England at all. In fact, they are rarely seen outside their home fiords,' he explained. He thought it more likely that the dragon was a Common Welsh Red.

Although the Welsh Red, which was once a familiar sight throughout Wales and the West of England, became extinct early in the last century, a small breeding population was recently re-established at a secret location in the Brecon Beacons. He believes it is probable that one of these dragons has strayed into the Cotswolds, foraging for food.

Although superficially similar, the Welsh Red can be distinguished from the Norwegian Blue Ridgeback by the parallel stripes on its breast and the distinctive tufts around the ears.

By a strange set of coincidences, a live dragon features in the forthcoming Painswick Players Christmas Pantomime (Painswick Centre, 4th – 7th December), which Mrs Wolowiec is directing.

The panto also happens to have been written by Mr Burgess and both Sophie Allen and Ellie Jackson are taking part. However, Mrs Wolowiec firmly denies any connection between the production and the reported sightings.

Refuting suggestions of a publicity stunt, she said, 'That's pantomime for you: they're always full of coincidences!' She was also at pains to point out that the dragon featured in the production, which is on loan from the Wessex Dragon Sanctuary, is fully domesticated and meets all the Painswick Centre's fire regulations.

*Certainly not by Jack Burgess, and not at all about Painswick Players*



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# Thomas Fanning

1922 to 2002

You may be interested to learn of the recent death of a long-time Painswickite - my Father, Thomas William Beeching Fanning ("Tim"), who passed away on 4th June 2002, in his eightieth year.

The Fanning family moved to Painswick in 1933 after returning from 15 years in South Africa immediately following the First World War, living in Vicarage Street. My Dad's family consisted of parents plus an elder brother (Anthony) and sister (Rosemary), both still living. Sadly, Dad's father had contracted TB during WW1 in which he served with the Royal Navy as a submarine commander and was to die soon after the family moved to Painswick from South Africa at the age of 42. Dad's mother, Helen Fanning, remained in Painswick for the next 50 years (!) and some older inhabitants may remember the "Cup House" tea-shop on Bisley Street which she owned and ran during the '50s and '60s. She lived in Flat 9B, Bisley Street until she passed away in 1983 and is buried up at the Beacon.

Born in 1922 in Port Elizabeth / RSA, my Father had a very happy childhood growing up in Painswick and has fond memories of helping out at Horne's garage in the school holidays where he learnt to drive a car at the ripe old age of 15. He was at boarding schools until 1941 when he joined the Oxford University Air Squadron and spent the next 5 years with the RAF - he gained his wings in England then went to Canada for further training followed by a year in Waco, Texas as a flying instructor for the USAAF, returning to England in 1944 to join Bomber Command and convert to multi-engine aircraft ready for bombing operations. He flew Lancasters on bombing missions over Germany, mostly night, from December 1944 till the end of the war in Europe, completing one and a half tours (30 operations) followed

by food drops to the Dutch after Germany had surrendered (Operation Manna). Later in 1945 he transferred to Transport Command and spent 9 months in India flying Douglas Dakotas as part of the demobilisation of the far eastern theatre of war. He left the RAF in late 1946 and went up to Oxford to complete his education.

In early 1945 while serving with his squadron (195) based at Wratting Common, Suffolk he had occasion to transport his Lancaster from another airfield in England where he had been diverted following an operation and took the opportunity to "beat up" Painswick en-route by making a very low pass over the village to rattle the windows! A few years ago the Painswick Beacon published a story about this incident when one of the inhabitants of the time had asked if anyone remembered this and by chance my father had spotted the article and wrote to explain that it had been him at the controls that day!

Dad married in 1948 and I came along in 1952. We lived in London where he had embarked on a career in the paper industry selling Swedish paper and board for a City based firm. In 1962 we moved out of London to Chalfont St Peter, Bucks where he remained for the rest of his life. He worked until the early 1990's, his firm having gone through many changes and having moved out of London to first Ealing then Henley.

Dad's marriage had failed in 1962 and in 1968 he remarried very happily, although sadly his second wife now suffers from Alzheimer's and is confined to a Care Home permanently. Dad had a very wide range of interests in life, including music where he sang with the Bach Choir from 1947 until around 1990, animals - the house was always full of dogs and cats when I was growing up - and which also included helping out with the local branch of Riding for the Disabled, motor cars, motorbikes and all forms of motor sport - he had a succession of MG sports cars throughout the '60s to early '90s. In his last few years his eyesight was failing and he had to give up driving a year ago.

In latter years the Church also played an important role in his life. His funeral in June, attended by 200 plus, was at the Chalfont St Peter Parish Church and his ashes are now buried at Horn Hill church, a few miles away where he had helped

out for years. On his memorial stone I have had inscribed two lines from the last verse of his favourite poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling which sums up his life splendidly :

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds of distance run ..."

I hope this may be of interest to you and perhaps some extracts suitable for publication.

*Yours very sincerely, James Fanning.*

# Thomas Harraden

## Drew Keck

1910 to 2002

Thomas Keck was born on 3rd January 1901 and died on 15th August 2002. He was the first child born in the 20th century at Bourton-on-the-Water; the second of ten children. His ancestry, traced back to John Keck, 1475 of Long Marston, includes the architect Anthony Keck who designed Highgrove House and Brownhill Court, Wick Street. Tom, whose father was an auctioneer at Bourton-on-the-Water, lived through the reign of 6 monarchs and 2 World Wars. He attended Carlton Road School until age 13 when he was wanted as an apprentice to assist his father in the butcher trade in Gloucester.

Tom's initial duties were to make deliveries by pony and trap, which enabled Tom to know as much about the byways of Gloucestershire as a London cab driver knows the streets of London. The pony probably saved his life - once in dense fog the pony stopped and prevented Tom and trap falling into a canal. Tom eventually set up his own business in Gloucester at 27 Southgate Street in 1934 - The Family Butcher, Purveyors of Prime English Meat. Later he opened a second shop in



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Barton Street and several more in Swindon. He retired in 1980.

He waited longer than most people before marrying on 18th February 1946, Hetty daughter of Mr Toms, proprietor of *Hypnos* Royal warrant bed manufacturer in High Wycombe. The introduction to Hetty was by brother Leonard's parents-in-law. Hetty served as an officer with the Wrens in North Africa, on intelligence work. Only child Alethea born 29th December in the same year, living at May Hill, then Barnwood Road, then Corse Lawn. Hetty died April 1955: meanwhile Tom and Alethea moved in with Tom's folks at 102 Western Road, Gloucester. Tom married Edith Watson in 1964 and lived at Wynchfield, Calcot. His introduction to Edith was through sister Muriel when both nurses were involved overseas in the Second

World War. Edith served with the Territorial Army Nursing Service in Africa, the Middle East and Italy. Tom's interests, fitted in during a 6 day business week, included: painting, and photography. He entered exhibitions, won many awards and was a member of the Royal Photographic Society. Other interests were, Moto-Cross, cycling, tennis, golf (he hit his second hole-in-one in his 80th year), gardening and wine making. He was a sidesman at Kingscote Church where Alethea married John Turkington in 1972.

Tom moved to Pitchcombe in 1976 for the views from the house, 52 steps up from the lane, over the Painswick Valley. His favourite service at St John-the-Baptist Church, Pitchcombe was the 8am 1662 Holy Communion. In the late 1980s he began to lose his sight and was transported

to services by churchwarden, the late Mervyn Ward. Following Edith's death in 1989, his sister Barbara was a constant companion. Tom struggled with the limitations of old age and mastered many of them successfully to live an independent life in his own home to the end, his daughter having abandoned her teaching career, until taken recently into Gloucester Royal Hospital. Tom, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year, leaves Alethea and two grandsons, Thomas and Edward.

The name Harraden stems from one Elizabeth Harraden who married Thomas Keck on 11th October 1781. Drew was the maiden name of Tom's mother.

## Hammer to fall in Cranham

Saturday 26th October is the date for the next Cranham Village Auction Sale. These events which take place each Spring and Autumn help raise much needed funds for local groups and their reputation is such that they always attract many people from around the County and indeed further afield. The Auctions provide an ideal opportunity for anyone to sell unwanted items of furniture, china, paintings, bric-a-brac etc. etc. Over the years thousands of lots have been sold at prices ranging from just a few pounds to many, many hundreds of pounds.

The format of the event is that of a traditional salesroom auction with over 300 lots coming under the auctioneer's hammer. However, unlike many commercial auctions there is NO Buyers premium and the sale conditions are also very simple. There is NO entry fee and we only charge the greater of £1 or 15% of the sale price commission per item - and of course ALL the proceeds

go towards helping the local community.

The day is always enjoyable and often full of intrigue as seemingly ordinary items attract the eye of potential bargain hunters. Refreshments are available all day so if the thrill and excitement of bidding gets too much or you need cheering up because you've missed an absolute bargain you can always indulge in a slice of home-made cake and a cup of tea or something similar in the restful surroundings of the Committee room.

Entries are now being accepted so if you would like to take the opportunity to turn those unwanted items into cash or perhaps do some early Christmas shopping! Contact Jean Garratt on 01452 812077 for an entry form or Andy Hopkins on 01452 812485 for further details.



## PROPERTY REPORT at 30th September from Hamptons Painswick agency

Compared to July and August which are traditionally quiet when most people are planning and enjoying their summer holidays, September has been an exciting and buoyant month with a good number of instructions, exchanges and sales agreed.

Properties we have been instructed to sell include Armany in a superb location adjoining the Golf Course, The Old Orchard Greenhouse Lane (sold to the first people who viewed), Stroud Slad Farm, a unique Cotswold period property high above the Slad Valley, Sunnyside, Cheltenham Road, quality individual 5 bedroomed house un-

der construction, Maryland, Sheepscombe having undergone complete renovation and extension, Bivia at Edge, a pretty extended cottage with a good sized garden, Hillmans Cottage, Paradise, a unique location and already under offer, and Crows Nest Farm just below Painswick Beacon with excellent equestrian facilities and 32 acres of land.

Exchanges and completions have taken place on The Coach House Green Street, Butt Green House, Black & White House and Yeomans Cottage in Upton, 7 Painswick Heights, 4 Hyett Close,

The Martins in Vicarage Street, Ashton House in Gloucester Street. Sales agreed are Orchard House Cotswold Mead, The Landers Little Witcombe, Pastures Green, Upton Hill, 13 Berry Close, The Old Orchard, New House Cotswold Mead, The Barn Cannons Court Upton and Hillmans Cottage.

Despite the recent instructions we still have many hot buyers desperate to find a property so if you would like a market appraisal or are thinking about selling your house please contact us in Painswick.



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# Painswick Blues

Our first evening has come and gone with over 90 turning up to hear the John Fenlon All Stars Blues Band play. The band, especially put together for the night consisted of Tommy Allen on guitar from the band Trafficker, on drums Mike Hoddinott, and on Hammond organ Roger Samson, both from the Mike Hoddinott Blues Band. Both bands will be playing in the early part of next year. On bass the superb Richard Blake and on harmonica and vocals John Fenlon.

Our thanks to all those who came and made it a success. I would also like to thank the staff who worked hard behind the bar and especially Tony whose help with the lighting etcetera was much appreciated.

We realise that because it was our first event of its type at the Centre not everything was as we would have wished, but I hope we will iron out the problems for the next time.

The next event will be on Friday October 18th and the band 'Out Go the Lights' will be playing from 9.00pm. This punchy

## PAINSWICK BLUES

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# Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP)

Our AGM this year is on Friday 18th October at 7.30pm in the St. Mary's Church Rooms. Our speaker will be Denise Magauran who was eye surgeon in Gloucester for many years and then went to be senior surgeon at the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. She now divides her time between England and Palestine. Her talk will cover the Church situation, her hospital work, outreach to the refugee camps and the general situation. Do come – it is likely to be very informative. Everyone will be welcome. The previous day, Thursday 17th October, the Church of Our Lady and St. Therese will host the World Day of Prayer for Peace from 9am until 7.30pm. Looking ahead, the Annual CTAP Carol Service will be on Wednesday 11th December in The Croft School.

*Paula Allison*

## A Musical Evening

Jemima Phillips, a young harpist, will give a recital in the Church Rooms, Painswick at 7.30pm on Friday 11th October. She will play works by Handel, Fauré and others.

The concert will be in aid of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Tickets £5.00 including glass of wine may be obtained from Hillcrest, Gloucester Street. Telephone 813250.



## Cotswold Care Autumn Fayre

The Fayre this year will be taking place on Saturday 2nd November in the Town Hall from 10.00am until 3.00pm

There will be the usual stalls plus jewellery and bric-a-brac. Following the success of the newly introduced lunches last year, they will again be available between 12.00 and 2.00.

Any donations of cakes or preserves, for the cake stall, will be very welcome on the day.

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# LETTERS

## Blues Night

I think it only fitting to propose a vote of thanks to Paul and Valerie for all their hard work in organising The Blues Night at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 21st September.

Everyone in our party thoroughly enjoyed the evening and are looking forward to the next occasion on Friday 18th October.

Well done Paul and Valerie for brightening up our coming winter nights in Painswick.

*Dave Morris & Company*

## Edge Speed Limits

Apropos Terry Parker's reply to my letter published in The Beacon this month, I am glad to hear of his confidence that the Parish Council represent the views of the "majority of Edge residents" concerning the proposed traffic calming measures but I am less sure of the basis for his confidence since it seems details of the scheme will only be published in the next few weeks.

I fully subscribe to the view that democracy demands that the view of the majority should prevail and it might put my mind at rest if he told us how many are for the proposal and how many against. After all it is not unknown for politicians to claim to represent the views "of the majority".

Is it not also the case that people should be properly informed before being asked to decide? I am quite certain that the majority of Edge residents agree that something should be done regarding traffic through Edge (although I cannot claim to have asked a majority) but is this the right scheme? It is admitted by the Parish Council that "there is no evidence that the reduced speed limit will affect the speed of cars" (changes in the limit have been tried before) and it is further admitted (and possibly a condition of the scheme) that it will not be policed by the relevant authority. It is certain that it will have a considerable environmental impact. In October 1998 the majority of Edge residents (at least those who attended a meeting) expressed concern at the urbanisation of Edge and concluded that the erection of signs would not of itself change the behaviour of motorists and would only blight our rural environment.

When the details are published in the next few weeks residents, we are told, will then

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have three weeks to make representations - presumably to the County Council. Isn't that what the Parish Council are supposed to do on our behalf?

Graham Lilley

### Local Ministry scheme to expand

Many Beacon readers will be aware that there is already an active Local Ministry Team within our Benefice which was mandated by the Bishop of Gloucester last March. It has already become clear that it would be good to add to this team, especially following the enlargement of the Benefice and the churches are therefore commencing a selection process which involves everyone living in the Benefice.

The Church in this Diocese has developed the concept of Local Ministry teams so that those nominated can work with the clergy to encourage, coordinate and develop the ministry and mission of the church locally. Their remit includes such things as taking part in worship, visiting and befriending people, schools and young children's work. There is a real precedent for this approach in Gloucestershire. Many Parishes have been enthusiastically welcoming Local Ministry into their churches.

The Vicar, Rev John Longuet-Higgins told the Beacon "For a long time now lay people have been involved in many aspects of parish life. It now seems time to build on those foundations and to develop a new team which will work alongside the present team members to build up the Church in these communities."

Everyone, therefore, who lives within the Benefice, whether involved in the church or not, is invited to nominate anyone they think would be suitable to augment the existing team. Anyone wishing to put someone forward can do so by writing to either of the clergy (addresses below) or to the Benefice Office by October 20th. If an individual feels they would like to be considered for the team, it is suggested they ask a friend to nominate them. Anyone wanting more information about any aspect of Local Ministry can contact the clergy or an existing team member.

Rev John Longuet-Higgins, The Vicarage, 7 Orchard Mead, Painswick GL6 6YO (tel.812334); Rev Ian Gobey, The Rectory, Main Road, Edge, nr.Stroud, GL6 6PF (tel.812319); The Benefice Office,

The Lychgate, Stroud Road, Painswick, GL6 6UR (tel.814795)

Ian Marsh

### High Speed Internet

If you have connected to the Internet using your existing telephone line you will probably, like me, have been frustrated by the slowness of the line speed. This reveals itself in taking excessive amounts of time to display text, pictures, etc..

Fortunately a technology is now available called ADSL which uses your existing telephone line yet can achieve line speeds up to ten times faster than existing speeds.

To make this technology available, however, it is necessary for BT to upgrade the local exchange. BT is currently upgrading exchanges based upon their assessment of the likely demand for this higher speed service. Their assessment will be strongly influenced by the number of registrations made for this service.

There are two ways of registering your interest:

1. Phone 0845 601 5190; select option 5 which will put you through to an operator; leave details of your name, address, telephone number and E-mail address (if you have one), or
- 2 E-mail [www.btopenworld.com/broadband](http://www.btopenworld.com/broadband) and leave the same details as above.

John Lendon

### Peregrine Falcon

I have twice in recent years been fortunate to see a Peregrine kill its prey in our garden in Edge Road. On each occasion there was 2-3 inches of snow on the ground and the peregrine was flying at about 100ft when it suddenly "stooped", almost closing its wings and plunging vertically at terrific speed onto the unsuspecting bird - in the first case a blackbird and the second a collared dove. The Peregrine tore up the blackbird with its vicious beak and consumed most of it as my wife and I watched from the bathroom, eventually leaving a crimson circle in the snow. In the latter case the bird flew off laboriously with dove hanging from its talons.

Dick Jarrett

### Care Centre and the Conservation Society

Following your lead articles on the proposed Care Centre, the Conservation Society committee is keen to clarify its position so that all Painswickians know our position on this major proposal.

The most important point is that our committee has tried to be essentially neutral on the general concept.

Whether or not Painswick should have a Care Village was a matter for the residents, through the Parish Council. We were therefore open to criticism from those in favour of the project as well as those against - each party possibly feeling let down by our not overtly supporting their point of view.

Through all planning stages we tried to make representations consistent with an aim of the Society: "that any future development should not spoil the rural character and landscape value of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty".

We objected to the first outline application because we sensed that the size of the main care home and units was going to be too great for the site, even though no details were required at that stage on position, height and design. A subsequent outline application (July 2001) told us little more, so we repeated our concern on the possible visual impact.

The dimensions of the project only became apparent with the full application in July 2002 and we thus made detailed representations on the size and height of the main building.

In all these situations it is therefore easy to understand how we could be seen as "against" the Care Village, with our very specific points being taken as objections to the whole concept.

Our committee has always stated to members, and to all other residents, that we otherwise considered the proposals to be of a very high standard and we now fully agree on the need to make a success of the project.

Douglas Robinson - Chairman.

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# Directory 2003

The Beacon hopes to publish the next Directory to accompany, as in previous years, the December issue.

While we will be putting a reminder in the November Beacon we thought that this early notice would assist all who had an entry for 2002 to check whether the information remains correct. The sooner we are informed, the easier it is for us to set up the material to send to the printers.

By way of reminder, the Directory attempts to list every organisation or enterprise operating with its base in the civil parish. No charge is made for an entry. It is of some interest that some 300 copies, additional to those circulated freely to all resident in Painswick village and our subscribers elsewhere, were much sought after this year. New residents have told us how they find the information valuable when wanting to find local traders, craftsmen, and so on from over 60 listed. Many find their way into one or more of over 55 local clubs and societies as a consequence of reading about them in the Directory.

## PLANNING MATTERS

*A summary of information received from the Parish Council.*

*Locations are in Painswick unless indicated.*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

WHITEHALL COTTAGE, STAMAGES LANE Erection of 2 storey and 3 storey extensions (existing kitchen and outbuilding to be demolished).

CAMPERDOWN, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Erection of replacement dwelling. STROUD SLAD BARN, VATCH LANE, THE VATCH, SLAD Erection of extension to provide study and lean to.

DOWN FARM, SLAD Erection of steel framed barn (in place of existing polythene tent)

COTSWOLD VIEW, THE HIGHLANDS Erection of single storey and 2 storey extension to include double garage (existing garage to be demolished).

CHARTWELL, EDGE Erection of conservatory with extension to living room including roof terrace.

CHERRY CROFT, PULLENS ROAD Erection of replacement conservatory and change to garage roof.

BUTTS COTTAGE, HAMBUTTS - (Garden of) - Erection of two storey house with conservatory. Construction of new access on to Churchill Way. (Renewal of permission S.97/1298)

### REVISED PLANS

1 YEW TREE COTTAGES, THE VATCH, SLAD Erection of 2 storey extension. Main changes: windows on north west elevation reduced.

TILIA, CASTLE HALE DRIVE Extensions and alterations to roofline. Main changes: dormers removed from north east elevation and gable on south west elevation reduced.

### CONSENT

BEECH FARM, BEECH LANE, SHEEP-

SCOMBE Retrospective application for engineering works in creating internal yard and access.

LITTLE GARTH, TIBBIWELL LANE Erection of extensions and outbuildings  
FIELDWAYS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPSCOMBE Outline application for erection of dwelling and garage

STEANBRIDGE BARN, STEANBRIDGE LANE, SLAD Extension to existing dwelling  
PODGWELL BARN, SEVEN LEAZE LANE, EDGE Retention of existing fireplace and redirection of flue

VALLEY VIEW, KINGSMILL LANE Raising of roofline of extension permitted under permission 98/863

JUNIPERS, EDGE ROAD Erection of dormer windows.

### REFUSAL

HAMMONDS BARN, PAINSWICK OLD ROAD, STROUD Change of use of part of the site together with application for extension to existing dwelling following refusal 01/420  
SHUTWAY QUARRY, SHEEPSCOMBE Retrospective application for retention of building for continued use as a workshop and material store.

### APPEAL - DISMISSED

THE PARK, PAINSWICK Outline application for erection of three detached houses (resubmission following refusal 00/1130)

### NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

BARNCROFT, BLAKEWELL MEAD Outline application for erection of one dwelling.

## Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust and the W.I.

Painswick W.I. members were welcomed on entering the Town Hall in September by the sight of Beth McDonald's arrangement of blue Russian Sage in an antique blue and white sauce boat and by a number of silver cups and awards gained by members this year.

The visit to Waddesdon Manor had been much enjoyed. A walk at Chip-ping Campden, with ploughman's lunch, was on offer; also tickets for "My Fair Lady" at Drury Lane and Christmas concerts in Cheltenham Town Hall. A fine new

wooden seat had been provided by our W.I. for Painswick churchyard, replacing the one twenty-five years old.

Mr. David Lawrence, co-ordinator of the Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust, whose wife Frances had given us an enjoyable talk last January about Denmark, dealt in his own talk with a serious subject in a matter of fact, light-hearted manner. "It's a complicated business, working for charities", he told us. "They are not about giving money.

Charities are about spending money". David read many letters he had received from donors,

sufferers, and objectors. We heard that forty-nine folk out of every fifty including children, suffer from the complaint sometime during their lives. One poor lady had been stuck in her bath thirty-six hours

before being rescued. She pulled out the plug with her toe and wrapped herself in a towel. Finally, David told us that a former treatment for arthritis was sultanas soaked in gin. Might be worth a try!

*Dorothy Binns*

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		Palmetto Historic Society 6044	Church Rooms	10:00am
Sunday	20	Banquet 11:00pm-12:00	Palmetto Conference	6:00pm
Monday	21	COFFEE HOUR 10:00-11:00 AM. 11:00-12:00, 5:00-6:00 PM, 6:00-7:00 PM. 7:00-8:00 PM. 8:00-9:00 PM. 9:00-10:00 PM.	Palmetto Conference	6:00pm
Monday	21	Community Lunch: Home - Home & Home & Lunch	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
Wednesday	22	WMA Fellowship: Banquet - Home - Home	Church Church Full	6:00pm
Thursday	23	COFFEE HOUR 10:00-11:00 AM. 11:00-12:00, 5:00-6:00 PM, 6:00-7:00 PM. 7:00-8:00 PM. 8:00-9:00 PM. 9:00-10:00 PM.	Church Church Full	6:00pm
Friday	24	Santa Clara: Upper Home II - Full Service	Home Full	2:00pm
		Crab School 10:00-11:00 AM		
Sunday	26	The Palmetto Singers: Ode to a Blue	Palmetto Conference	7:00pm
		Concert		
Monday	27	Community Lunch: Home - Home - Home - Home	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
Wednesday	29	Protest - Home - Home	Church Rooms, Full of	6:00pm
Thursday	30	Children's Conference - Home & Home	Church Church Full	6:00pm - 1:00pm
		Children's Conference - Home & Home		
		Home & Home - Home - Home	Home Full	7:00pm
		Santa Clara		
November				
Friday	1	Exhibition & Sale of Water Color by Brenda	Home Full - Upper	6:00pm - 8:00pm
		Dave. Also Toys, Woodwork, Curia. Lunch	Room	
		Home & Home		
Sunday	2	November 1st of The Palmetto Devcon. Full	Home Full	6:00pm - 1:00pm
		Concert - Home - Home - Home - Home		
Monday	3	Crab School 10:00-11:00 AM		
		Community Lunch: Home - Home - Home	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
		Home		
Thursday	6	Protest - Home - Home - Home - Home	Church Rooms	6:00pm
Wednesday	6	WMA Fellowship: Wood & Clay Hills of Santa	Church Church Full	6:00pm
		- Home - Home - Home		
Thursday	7	Home - Home - Home - Home - Home	The Palace	11:00pm
		Concert - Home - Home - Home - Home	6:00 - 11:00pm	2:00pm
Friday	8	Santa Clara: From Church to Church -	Home Full	2:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home		
Sunday	9	Church Rooms: Coffee & Light Lunch	Church Church Full	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Monday	11	Community Lunch: Home - Society of Friends	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
Thursday	12	Home & Home: The Work of the Home	Church Rooms	2:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home		
		Home - Home - Home - Home	Home Full	7:00pm
Wednesday	13	Protest - Home - Home - Home - Home	Church Rooms, Full of	6:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home		
Thursday	14	Home - Home - Home - Home - Home	Home Full	2:00pm
		Home & Home - Home - Home		
Sunday	16	Home - Home - Home - Home - Home	Home Full	2:00pm - 1:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home - Home		
Sunday	17	Christmas Exhibition: Santa Clara - Home - Home	Palmetto Conference	6:00pm - 8:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home - Home	Flory Banquet Gallery	6:00pm - 8:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home - Home	Home & Home	11:00pm - 2:00pm
Monday	18	Community Lunch: Home - Church	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
Thursday	19	Local History Society: Santa Clara - Home - Home	Crab School	7:00pm
Wednesday	20	WMA Fellowship: Home - Home - Home	Church Church Full	6:00pm
Thursday	21	Full Day Exhibition: Home - Home - Home	Home Full	Daily
Friday	22	Santa Clara: Christmas - Home - Home	Home Full	2:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home - Home		
Monday	23	Community Lunch: Home - Home - Home - Home	Church Church Full	11:00 - 1:00pm
Wednesday	25	Home & Home: Home - Home - Home	Home & Home	6:00pm
Thursday	26	Home & Home: Home - Home - Home	Home Full	7:00pm
		Home - Home - Home - Home - Home		



**PAINSWICK WEATHER**  
report from Sheepscombe School

We are pleased that Sheepscombe School children have been able to resume weather reporting this term.

The Head Teacher, Stanley Giles, shares the enthusiasm of his pupils in this task and hopes (as we do too) that nearby parental support will soon ensure that readings can be taken to include weekends and school vacations.

Incomplete though they may be at present, the Beacon hopes that readers will appreciate this reflection of the work of local children.

**Beacon Committee**

Last month we explained several of the changes which had occurred in the Beacon committee, including changes of roles.

This month we think it important to draw attention to the fact that, after a lengthy period of gradual changeover, we are beginning to adopt a shared arrangement for the final stages of production of the Beacon, the phase after all copy has been received. Instead of concentrating all the work in that phase upon one pair of shoulders, an unfair and onerous task, we are moving towards a team approach. The idea is to have a team of, say, four who will undertake the finalising of copy and putting it into the format that ultimately

goes to the printers; how you see it all on these pages. We have experimented, with mixed results, across the last two issues, and this month hope we have made progress.

One outcome has been that we can honour an undertaking given to Tony Crook who has been sole Editor since Alan Bamber relinquished the task at the start of last year, and who had indicated a wish to pull out of the Beacon because of competing business commitments.

We are deeply indebted to Tony for the professional skills he brought to bear, and his forbearance of our differing approaches and idiosyncrasies.

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# The Personal Column

## Baby

Congratulations to LINDSAY and TIM DAVIES on the birth of their son, Finlay on 13th September; a brother and birthday present for his sister Maddison.

## Wedding

Best wishes to CHARLOTTE WALKER and GIL ATTAR who were married in London on 26th August.

## Silver Wedding

Congratulations to VALERIE and ARTHUR WESTWOOD who will celebrate twenty-five years of married life on 29th October.

## Birthday

Best wishes to Dorothy Fern of Ashwell House, who was 90 years old on 1st October.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr and Mrs GOULDEN to Littledean, Sheepscombe, Mr and Mrs GUERRIN to Forest View, Sheepscombe, Mr and Mrs JORDAN and baby Molly to Court Barn, Stroud Road and Karen McFarlane to 3 Rock Cottages in Vicarage Street from Tewkesbury.

## Change of House

DIANA MURRAY has moved to The Nurses House from Brookhouse Mill; Derek and Linda WELLER have moved from Elmbank, Pitchcombe to Severn Leaze, Edge; Mr and Mrs WARNABY have moved to 3, Brookhouse Mill from The Nurses House.

## Get Well Soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to JUNE STANGROOM, EILEEN COTTLE, SUSAN SHEARER, MARG. SHEA, WALLY BROOKS and RUTH LAMBELL.

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the friends and family of MICHAEL KEEBLE, PAT PARKER, and JACK LAMONT who have all died recently.

## Thanks

TONY KEEBLE, ANGELA, WINSTON, MARY and MICHAEL YEATTS would like to thank the many friends for their cards and letters of condolence following the death of Michael. Their sympathy and support are very much appreciated.

The family of the late REGGIE MERRY-WEATHER want to express their sincere thanks to their many friends and neighbours who have shown sympathy in letters and gifts of flowers. It is a great comfort to us all and we are deeply grateful.

Thank you to everyone for all the good wishes and lovely gifts I received. Sorry I did not manage to say goodbye to everyone personally. I shall certainly miss you all and look forward to seeing you in a year's time. Best wishes, Tina Hunt, District Nurse.



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16th October
- **Eastern Europe and Cyprus**  
19th October
- **Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa and USA**  
30th October
- **Malta, Turkey, Greece and Iceland**  
26th November
- **Western Europe** except Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Greece and Iceland  
3rd December

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