

The Painswick Beacon

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The man who saved Nelson

As we celebrate the bi-centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson, we should be proud of a local hero, Sir Alexander John Ball who actually saved Nelson's life a few years earlier. Alexander Ball was born in 1756 at Ebworth Park, the son of Robert Ball, high sheriff of the county, and Mary. The Ball family were well established locally and also owned Stonehouse Court. They leased Ebworth Park from 1744, then bought the estate in the 1750s. Alexander was educated at Market House School in Stroud after which he joined the navy.

His career was certainly illustrious and he quickly rose to the rank of Captain. After many successful missions he was eventually sent into the Mediterranean under Nelson's orders in 1798. It was at this point that he came to the rescue of Nelson's flagship, Vanguard, which had been dismasted in a violent gale. Nelson certainly considered that Ball's action had saved his life, saying at the time "A friend in need is a friend indeed" and thus began a lifelong friendship and to the last they maintained a very affectionate correspondence.

Alexander is now best known for his association with Malta. As the island's civil commissioner and de facto governor he achieved much and was adored by the Maltese people. He was created a baronet in 1800 and in 1805 was made a rear admiral. He died in 1809 and was buried in Malta where a monument still stands in his memory. Sir Alexander Ball is featured in Elisabeth Skinner's new book on Sheepscombe.

And continuing with the Trafalgar theme, at its October meeting the Parish Council agreed to give consideration to the planting of a commemorative tree. Oak, of course.



Directory 2006

Reinforcing last month's message, we shall be publishing the 2006 edition of the Painswick Directory next month.

To keep it accurate and comprehensive, we rely on local business owners, club and society organisers etc to provide us with the information. And we need the information no later than Tuesday 15th November, either in the Beacon Box or by Email to painswickbeacon@supanet.com. Please include e-mail and website addresses if you want them to appear in the Directory.

Painswickian of the Year

As trailed in last month's Beacon, it's time once again to choose the Painswickian of the Year. Although the decision lies with the Beacon committee, we are very much guided by you, our readers. So if you have someone in mind, please let us know in no more than 100 words why you are proposing them. Those nominated - individuals or couples - should be Painswickians who have brought credit to the village during the past year or have given exceptional service to the local community. We will treat all nominations in confidence, and hope you will too.

We only receive nominations by postcard or letter to be received no later than Sunday 20th November marked 'Painswickian' to Philip Oakley, at Stoneleigh, Gloucester Street GL6 6QN or in the Beacon Box in New Street.

Christmas is coming!

Never mind Oxford Street! The Grant family will be switching on their Christmas lights at 1 Upper Washwell on Thursday 1st December at 6.30 pm.

This year they will be collecting money on behalf of **Winston's Wish**, a charity that helps to support be-aved children and their families. So come along and have a mince pie and get ready for Christmas.

For more festive tidings (or warnings, depending on your point of view) please turn to page seven.

Services of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church at 10.50am on Sunday 13th November.

On Remembrance Day itself, Friday 11th November also at 10.50am, there will be a short period of recollection at the War Memorial during which wreaths will be laid. Everyone will be most welcome at the services.

Elsewhere in this issue... Pigeon peril, a Rosie future, the Weatherman cometh, early Christmas magic, a Canadian Marman, some green Brownies, some scintillating Voskresenije, a couple of red hot kitties, a world-class Iron(wo)man, two charitable walkies, early Aussies, one out of Africa, powerful smells and powerful women... and success in the wardrobe.

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

PLANNING

Broadham Field – floodlighting

The Chairman, David Hudson, reported that the District Council had given the Rugby Club one month's notice to place directional hoods on its new floodlights in order to comply with conditions in the planning approval. Although a petition was received by the Parish Council from residents in the Bulls Cross/Longridge area it was decided that nothing further could be initiated until expiry of the formal notice. At that time further representations would be made to extinguish the lights if they did conform with the SDC's conditions.

SDC Planning application procedure revision

The meeting received a letter from the senior planning officer indicating proposals which it was intended should be placed before the District Council's Cabinet and Council members later this year. In two respects, in particular, the changes would fundamentally change the significance of the advisory role of Parish Councils who currently have a right to contribute comment upon all applications made to the District Council. The SDC propose, among other things, that (a) all applications would be deemed as delegated to officers to determine, except in a limited number of specified instances, and (b) these instances include circumstances in which at least ten (10) letters of objection are received (currently 5) – including any from the Parish Council. Currently, and this is significant, if the Parish Council objects to an application it is automatically referred to the SDC's Development Control Committee to determine. Under (b) above, any advice offered by the Parish Council would be equivalent to that of any other of the other nine who may be moved to express views. The dilution of the Parish Council's advice is plain to see.

Parish Councillors expressed considerable concern about these proposals since they had the effect of eroding advice from elected members with their considerable local knowledge, this contradicting other governmental expectations that Parish Councils should have enhanced roles with regard to all local government matters.

It was pointed out that these proposals were 'driven' by relentless pressure from central government to shorten the 'turn round' time for consideration of planning applications, failure to do so bringing financial penalties upon the District Council. It was unanimously agreed to make representations of objection to these changes in the strongest terms. District Councillor Barbara Tait was present during this item

and not only noted the strength of views recorded but pointed out that the suggestion had not yet been considered by the relevant committees of the SDC.

Wind turbines

The committee noted (*report last issue page 2*) that no application for erection of turbines, including one at Miserden, has as yet been made.

Gyde Barn – leylandii

The Chairman reported discussion with the owner of this property and that she is reluctant to remove this leylandii 'hedge'. The committee affirmed its previous decision that it requested complete removal in accord with the original undertaking given when it was planted as a 'temporary' measure.

Conservation Society – notice board

The committee had been invited to comment upon a proposal by the Conservation Society which was considering erection of its own notice board in the village. The committee noted that the main intention of such a board would be to display copy of comments made by the Society upon planning applications. However, the committee was firmly of the opinion that a proliferation of boards specific to particular organisations was an undesirable step and that the Society be so advised.

PARISH COUNCIL

St.Mary's churchyard – paths

Chairman Terry Parker reported that he had been informed that afternoon that the PCC had decided to employ consultants to advise them upon upgrading of the several footpaths in the churchyard, and that they would be approaching the Parish Council for grant aid support once a sample had been laid.

Cotswold Hunt – Elcombe

The Council received a report from Ward Councillor Mrs Berry upon the invasion of private gardens and woodland in Elcombe on Monday 17th October by the Cotswold Hunt. This was not only without permission, but had caused damage to property and considerable distress to several residents. Mrs Berry pointed out that residents were solely concerned that the requirements of the 2004 Act be observed and that permission be obtained in advance of any future hunting.

The Council endorsed this view (with one dissenter) and agreed that the Master of Fox Hounds be informed of this expectation, and that the distress caused also be made known.

Street parking – Pullens Road

The Council received an unsigned Email from some 'Painswick Residents' concerning the aggravation caused by one resident who regularly parked commercial vehicles and cars in this road, sometimes partially on the pavement, or occupying the designated parking area to the disadvantage of other potential users. It was agreed that unsigned

representations were unacceptable but the Chairman, Terry Parker, and others made known that they had some sympathy with the views expressed and the matter was therefore discussed.

The upshot was that it was agreed to write to the District Council to ask that a time limitation be applied to the public parking area.

Disused pole – Tibbiwell

The Council was informed that a consultant engineers report, prepared at the instigation of local architect Richard Falconer, advised that this unused pole which previously carried power lines is structurally unsound; he had remarked "a relatively mild impact from a vehicle or similar cause and therefore must be considered dangerous". It was agreed that as ownership is understood to be with the Painswick Hotel's proprietors the report be conveyed to them together with a request that it be removed in the interest of public safety.

Precept – 2006-07

A detailed report was presented by its Chairman Johnny Johnston from the Finance and General Purposes Committee, identifying estimated income and expenditure for 2005-06 under each of the many budget headings as compared with the budget for that year, and expectations for 2006-07. After allowing for projected income of £9870 it was resolved to seek a precept upon the District Council of £61,270, an increase of 3% on the current year.

Tennis courts – Recreation Field

Arising from seeming conflicting views as to the intentions of the Painswick Tennis Club regarding their long-term use of these courts (*see also letter in last issue page 8*), and therefore the implications which might arise for the Parish Council upon whose land it is located, it was agreed to obtain clarification in writing from the club.

Village of the Year

Having been awarded the title of Gloucestershire Village of the Year in the national Calor sponsored competition, Painswick now goes forward to compete with eight other counties in the regional competition.

The panel of judges came to Painswick recently and met with the team of villagers who submitted our application to discuss Painswick's written presentation. Apart from the competition for overall county winner, there are eight individual categories. Two members of Painswick's team have been invited to attend the regional and national award presentations in London on 6th December.

Richmond Painswick Liaison Group

At its most recent meeting the Group, the terms of reference of which were detailed in the September issue (page 7), asked that the following be made widely known:

- occupancy of the apartments is commencing at this time, October/November, and the few remaining unsold are about to be advertised nationally; local residents still contemplating purchase of these new properties must therefore make their interest known without delay
- a sales information office is being located close to the entrance to the site from Stroud Road, its address being Richmond Painswick, Stroud Road GL6 6UH; telephone number 01452.813902 and Email richmondpainswick@barchester.com
- the full time administrator based temporarily at this location is Sue Bishop and best contact times are between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday
- Susie Oakley is working part-time until the care centre itself nears completion, and in most weeks this will be on Mondays and Thursdays
- members of the public interested in serving on the standing liaison group are invited to make their names known so that those who have been involved in various ways across many years may progressively 'retire'.

Beware of the pigeons!

In recent months we have seen a significant increase in the pigeon population in and around the village. Their numbers are now such, that concern is being expressed about the damage they are causing to various buildings within the village. Pigeons will breed continuously until the flock reaches the point where it is fully exploiting the food available to it. Pigeons will not produce young if there is insufficient food to support them. This means that if the availability of food in Painswick can be reduced the numbers of pigeons will naturally decline within the flock. Pigeons are natural scavengers capable of finding their own food. However if food is available to them within the village, it will draw them to areas which are not natural to them.

Problems associated with pigeons in town and village centres include:

- **Damage:-** Pigeon droppings are acidic and cause damage to buildings and machinery, additionally making them unsightly. Nesting materials and waste block gutters and air vents.
- **Public Health:-** Pigeons carry a range of diseases: many are infected with ornithosis (a mild form of psitticosis) and some have been known to carry salmonella organisms. They also carry mites and dust which may cause skin disease or respiratory problems.
- **Accidents:-** Pigeon droppings cause pavements and pathways to become slippery. Startled flocks may also cause problems.
- **Other birds/animals:-** Pigeons may also spread disease to other birds. Waste food intended for the pigeons attracts foxes, rats and mice to the area. Smaller birds are driven away.

The Parish Council is now appealing to everyone not to feed the pigeons and to try to eliminate other possible sources of food. The Council do not however, wish to discourage the feeding of wild birds. Pigeon-proof feeders are commercially available which should be used as an alternative to food being placed on the ground. If using a bird table, food can be caged in so that pigeons cannot reach it. The maximum effective mesh size will be 2.5 inches. There will always be pigeons but if the food available is reduced, their numbers will naturally decline and a sustainable population be achieved.



Recently, a local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator was on

the receiving end of a credit card telephone scam which could affect anyone with a 'card protection plan' for bank cards, credit cards etc.

He received a phone call from a male, who claimed to work for Card Protection, enquiring whether he had any other card numbers that he wished to add to his policy. He said he hadn't and rang off.. He then phoned the organisation that operated the policy and they confirmed that they did not have anyone with the given name working for them. In addition, when he used the Call Back facility to ring the man back, the number was not recognised.

This is just a reminder to everyone about giving personal information over the telephone. Remember in many cases you have no idea who you are speaking to on the telephone and passing personal information could have obvious consequences.

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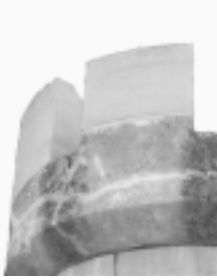
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Architects



Your challenge this month is to locate this fragment of stonework.

The answer for last month was stone in the column which once carried a church gate adjoining Victoria Square.



Wordsearch



Local History Teaser

I'm sure you'd agree that this jolly group of Painswick locals look rather pleased with themselves – and justifiably so, as it happens. Have you any idea what the trophies on the tray were all about? Can you identify any or all of the team members and are you able to explain their happy countenances? This obviously successful team were involved in a game invented by someone local. Your challenge is to name the game and the inventor.

Answer in next month's Beacon.

The answer to last month's teaser: the dedication of the new porch, added to St Mary's Church, was on 12 January 1969, the vicar was Rev Canon Heal and the architect was Robert Paterson. The two churchwardens on the right were Derek Hodges and Sydney Brown. From left to right the people in the picture are: David Archard, Ken Archard, Robert Paterson, Jack Smith, Arthur Perrins, Jack Irwin, the Vicar, Charlie Davies, Derek Hodges, Sydney Brown.

Miss Ruth Robinson has written to the Beacon, pointing out that the dedication was in memory of Mr William Goddard and that Rev Heal was, of course, the Rural Dean of Bisley.

Painswick Local History Society's November presentation will be given by Mark Bowden on the subject of the Malvern Hills. The meeting starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15 November at the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Entertaining?

On Friday, 11th November at Castle Godwyn, Caroline Milne is running a Cookery Demonstration when she will be sharing some of her catering secrets on easy entertaining and other recipes that are quick to prepare, healthy (mostly!) and delicious. Come and enjoy the morning's demonstration in beautiful surroundings.

The morning will begin at 10.15am with coffee and home made biscuits, and be followed by lunch. Tickets £30 per person. Please telephone Caroline on 812625

This month, Brother Leslie has spent his time wandering mentally around the Continent and has selected twenty European capital cities for you to unearth. Some are easier to find than others: we wish you well.

Last month, so we hear, quite a few of you found the challenge particularly beastly. The beastly answers were:

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Auction for a Rosie future

An Art, Crafts and Promises auction in the Town Hall on Saturday 8th of October in aid of Rosie Morris, a severely autistic 4 year old, was a tremendous success. A total of £4,200 was raised, which will go a long way

towards helping fund vital therapy. Prior to the auction, the Town Hall was crowded with about 40 potential buyers who, apart from viewing the 70 plus items before they went under the hammer, were able to enjoy a glass of wine and be entertained by local pianist, Robert James.

Expressing a big thankyou to all those who attended, Rosie's mother, Kara Westermann-Childs, said "It was a very warm hearted evening and we are very pleased with the outcome and generosity of the people who came". They are now half way to raising the sum of £17,000 needed. For donations or enquiries please e-mail andykara2003@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01453 768522



Local transport options

Churches Together Around Painswick have produced a very useful summary of the transport options open to you if you do not have your own transport and find difficulty using public transport. There are several ways you can get around:

1. Painswick Surgery (01452 812545) have a list of people willing drive you to / from the surgery. This is free. If a hospital appointment is required, their drivers may be able to help.
2. Stroud Volunteer Bureau (01453 759005) operate a scheme which requires at least 48 hours notice. You can be picked up from your home by private car and taken to hospital, supermarket, hairdresser or friend etc. - and collected later. There is a minimum charge of £2.25.
3. Stroud North Link Door to Door Bus Service (telephone to book on 423598) has been widely advertised through the Beacon recently. It operates Monday to Friday between 7.00am and 6.30pm. After booking you can be collected from your home in

the blue wheelchair-accessible minibus and taken to any destination in the prescribed zones - to be returned home at an agreed time. Charges depend on the zones covered - from £1.50 for single and £2 return within 1 zone. Concessionary passes and tokens are valid.

The first two options involve people volunteering their services of driving their cars. If you are a car-driver with time on your hands, why not volunteer?

Day Care Centre is One!

On Monday 21st November, the Painswick Day Care Centre is celebrating its first birthday by holding an open afternoon between 2.00 and 3.30p.m. Any one interested in joining the Day Centre is welcome to visit for tea and cake in the lounge at Ashwell House. A tour of the 'state of the art' bathing facility, which has proved to be a huge success will also be available, by the centre manager.

Michelle Elliott, Scheme Manager, Ashwell House

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Churches Together around Painswick

On Monday 14th November Churches Together around Painswick will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Church Rooms, St. Mary's. Commencing at 7.30pm there will be a short business meeting followed by refreshments and a presentation by our invited speaker Judith Green.



Judith Green has recently returned from three months as an ecumenical accompanier under the EAPPI programme. The EAPPI is an initiative of the World Council of Churches under the *Ecumenical Campaign to End the Illegal Occupation of Palestine: Support a Just Peace in the Middle East*. Its mission is to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and concerted advocacy efforts to end the occupation. Participants of the programme are monitoring and reporting violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, supporting acts of non-violent resistance alongside local Christian and Muslim Palestinians and Israeli peace activists, offering protection through non-violent presence, engaging in public policy advocacy and, in general, standing in solidarity with the churches and all those struggling against the occupation. Ecumenical Accompaniers work in small multinational teams placed in a variety of locations and are linked to local Palestinian and Israeli communities and/or organizations. The purpose of the Ecumenical Accompaniers is to provide presence, accountability and protection for the local organizations or communities to which they are linked.

Judith responded to the EAPPI programme because she cares deeply about the plight of the Palestinians and is thankful also to the other organisations helping to produce a peaceful resolution to the conflicts in Israel, including Israelis themselves. She is the current coordinator of Oxfam in Bakewell, Derbyshire which is extremely successful, and she previously worked for Village Aid, a small but effective charity based in Bakewell working in Africa. Judith was born into the Anglican tradition (her father was a vicar) but for the last 15 years or so has found her spiritual home in the Quaker tradition and is a member of the Bakewell Meeting

Judith is married to Roger, and has two grown up sons. She is a good well prepared, enthusiastic speaker, well worth hearing. The meeting is open to anyone interested in hearing about this fascinating work, refreshments will be served at approximately 8.00pm.

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What weather!

Richard Angwin, the Weatherman from BBC Points West, is coming to Painswick on Thursday, 17th November. He will be giving a talk in St. Mary's church rooms in support of the Appeal for the new-build Cotswold Care Hospice. The evening will start with a buffet supper. Tickets (£15.00) are available from Paula Woodcock on 812845.

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News from Christ Church

On Sunday Oct 2nd, the Joint Pastorate of Rodborough Tabernacle and Christ Church held their Harvest Celebrations here at Painswick. The theme chosen was "sharing" and the day's events certainly reflected this. The service was led by the Minister, the Rev Heather Whyte and included Holy Communion. Members of both churches took part and the style of worship, which successfully managed to combine the modern with the traditional, was both thought provoking and challenging.

The celebrations continued when fifty people enjoyed a traditional Sunday lunch in the hall, again a joint effort. Gifts of produce and the day's offertory which amounted to £215.00 was sent to the Family Haven.

On Sat Nov 19th 10.30am - 2.30pm, an Autumn Bazaar in aid of Charity will be held. The charities involved include Save the Children, the Colbalt Unit, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Mencap Homes Foundation and the Mercy Ships. As well as the various stalls, coffee and light lunches will be served.

The Alpha Course in Painswick 2006



What is Alpha?

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Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, for newcomers to church, and for those wishing to "brush up on the basics"

What will it cost?

There is no charge, although you will be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of the meal.

When is it?

Beginning early January 2006 in Painswick, there will be an introductory supper for anyone who is interested, and the course will then run for 12 weeks.

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We hold a choice of local honey and home made preserves in stock, including jams, marmalades and chutneys. Fresh barn eggs, lemon curd and traditional mince meat can also be bought and ordered. Our home-bakers offer a wide choice of cakes, pastries, desserts and savouries. A range of seasonal fruit, vegetables and cut flowers from local gardens and farms is on sale each week.

Finally, come and join us for coffee and cake, served from 10:00 a.m. each Friday.

Patricia Davey and Jane Rowe

Make Christmas Different

This suggestion is for people who will have a spare room in their house at Christmas. It prevents those little squabbles that sometimes occur when families are forced into each other's company for too long. This idea is equally suitable for couples who see each other every day of the year already; and for sociable people expecting to spend Christmas alone.

A Chinese, Indian or other foreign student, staying at your home for a couple of days, finding out what the British Christmas is all about, will make your festivities interestingly different. And you will make a big difference to a young adult far from home who might otherwise spend Christmas on a deserted university campus.

For more information please call Anne Kenber on 813259

News from the Belfry

On the evening of Tuesday 4th October, a quarter peal of 'Plain Bob doubles' was rung to celebrate the birth of Thomas David Bolt. Thomas was born some three weeks earlier to Graham and Rachel, who is a regular ringer in our tower. The quarter peal lasted for some 48 minutes and was rung by Deborah Foreman, Angela Newing (Conductor), Alison Gray, Quentin Mathias, David Bishop and David Ryland.

In 'Plain Bob doubles', five bells change places regularly whilst the sixth bell, the tenor, rings in sixth place all the time to 'finish off' each change. The quarter peal involved 1,260 changes. What made this special occasion particularly special was that, although there have been many peals and quarter peals rung in the past, this is the first for many years rung by a 'home grown' band. It bodes well for the future of the tower. **Did you hear?** The bells were rung at St. Mary's on the evening of Friday 21st October to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

David Ryland

Week of Prayer for World Peace

Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace in 1974, it soon became an inter-faith activity. In Painswick the Day of Prayer for World Peace has been organised by Churches Together Around Painswick (CTAP) or its equivalent since the mid-70s. This year was no exception and prayer groups met throughout the day in the Catholic Church on Friday on 27th October. CTAP is mindful of the desire by the Week of Prayer for World Peace movement that the week should not be confined to the Christian faith and for that reason is planning to involve other faiths in Painswick's Day of Prayer next year. Suggestions how this might best be effected will be welcomed by the CTAP committee. Chairperson, Jane Jennings-Taylor would be very pleased discuss the proposal with parishioners. She can be contacted on 813234.

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The Magical Christmas Garden Tour



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This year's theme is **Peter Pan!** presented by The Cotswold Players. Follow the leader with the Lost Boys by lantern light around the gardens. Watch out for Indians, pirates and a hungry crocodile! Father Christmas and friends will be there too. Join in with carol singing in The Orangery; enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. This is a family treat not to be missed! Wellies and torches are recommended and Peter Pan fancy dress is welcomed *but remember to wrap up warm!*

Tickets cost £5.00 from Stroud Tourist Information (01453 760900) or Annie at Painswick Post Office. Included in the price are mulled wine and mince pies for adults and refreshments, glow stick plus a Father Christmas present for children.

Last year the event was the victim of its own success with more visitors than could comfortably be coped with. This year all tickets will be pre-sold thereby limiting the numbers and ensuring the quality of the event. So, remember:

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CENTRE Christmas Book Party

CENTRE Christian Bookshop is holding a Christmas Book Party at Sheepphouse, off Stepping Stone Lane, Painswick, on Tuesday 15th November 10.30am - 1.00pm.

You are invited to come and do your Christmas shopping in the comfort of this local home. Browse through gifts, books for all ages, Christmas cards, Advent calendars, candles and calendars, with refreshments and seating to help you make your decisions!

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More rubbish...

From Jenny Bailey

Michinhampton Parish Council

I write about "What a load of rubbish" on page 5 of the August issue.

Congratulations on this effort, but I do hope all possible items were recycled or re-used as well as the golf balls! In our Michinhampton parish council clean up, we collected separately all cans and bottles ready for recycling. Can you please pass this comment to the parish council?

What a night!

Jack and Rose Smith write about the 'Evening to Remember' event at the Painswick Centre on 14th October, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of the War.

What a lovely evening, enjoyed by everyone although no doubt with some nostalgia. Wonderful food supplied by Three Counties Catering, good bar service, and the hall beautifully decorated for the occasion, and well organised. Music to which everyone could dance or exercise their vocal chords. When is the next one?

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard!

Memorable Evening at the Centre

'An Evening to Remember', held in the Painswick Centre on Friday 14th October was a huge success. Paul Gray and his band of helpers had done a magnificent job of decorating the Concert Hall with Union Jacks, bunting and red, white and blue balloons; the Hall has never looked so colourful. 80 people attended the function which proved to be just the sort of event that Frances Sarah Williams had in mind when she gifted the Centre to the residents of Painswick. The ladies were given a single red rose on arrival. Ian Towers, a solo musician, played everything from 'The Dambusters March' to the George Formby favourite, 'When I'm Cleaning Windows' with ukulele of course. With everyone joining in the wartime songs it was just like being in a 1945 time warp.

The Three Counties Catering staff served a delicious dinner, with second and third helpings encouraged. The 'Sweet to Remember' was undoubtedly the Scottish Triple Nut and Whisky Tart! English wines from the Three Choirs Vineyards were the perfect accompaniment for such a spread. Dinner was followed by a Charity Auction in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal, which raised £437. Top bid was for a signed photograph of the current Arsenal Squad, duly authenticated by the Club itself. This was closely followed by the bid for the hand-turned 'platter' donated by Dennis French, which went under the hammer for £45. The people of Painswick really do have excellent taste! The Trustees would like to thank all of the local business people for their generosity in donating so many wonderful items for the auction. Those business people who sponsored the bar are also included in our thanks.

The dancing that followed was interrupted in order to mark the 'Quiz to Remember', which contained questions covering the Wartime years. Surprisingly, perhaps, the quiz was won by the young group from Blenheim Inns. They then donated their prize to be auctioned in aid of the Centre! Who bid most? Yes, you've guessed it, the young group from Blenheim Inns! Johnny Johnson has a great bunch of staff and it was really delightful to have them with us.

As Ian Towers rounded off the evening with 'Show me the way to go Home' I'm sure all present wished that the evening could go on much longer. To all those who came, to those who donated items for the auction and to those who sponsored the bar we would like to say an enormous THANK YOU.

A Canadian connexion?

From H el ene Marmen, Qu ebec, Canada
helene.marmen@videotron.ca

I live in Qu ebec, Canada and my great great grandfather was born in Painswick in 1772. His name was Samuel Marman. He came to Canada with the British Army for the 1812 War between USA and Canada (England). He married with a French Canadian woman and had six children. Among them, my great grandfather John. As the most part of these first Marman were illiterate (as Samuel's wife also), the Marman surname became Marmen at the beginning of 1900. So, the only Marmen in the whole world come from Painswick, England!!!

We are many Marmen working on our genealogy and we found many informations actually here in Qu ebec except, we are unable to find Marman in Painswick or in Gloucestershire in 2005 to help us find who was the family of our ancestor. Personally, I think that Marman could be Prussian but others think that it could be the same origin as Marmion or Morhman, or Morman, or etc., or etc.... It seems that Marman is a very rare surname in England these days. Am I right?

Is there any place in the Painswick Beacon where we could ask help from a Marman family or a genealogist? Maybe we could help some British genealogists in your so nice village to find where their British soldiers who never came back from this war live in Canada actually...

If you have some ideas, please, tell us...
(How could anyone resist? Editor)

Painswick Show

From Martin Slinger - President, Painswick Show Society

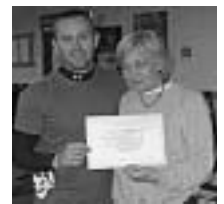
On Thursday 1st December we are holding a meeting in the Ostlers Bar, Falcon Inn, Painswick to decide the future or close down of the Show. The Show has not run for many years, so decisions have to be made of its future. If you wish to speak to me you can on 01453.763105 or Email martinandmaryslinger@uk2.net

Out of the Blue

From Inge Pedersen-Batty



I want to thank everybody for sponsoring me on my sky dive on 17th



September. I raised £514 for the James Hopkins Trust and Cotswold Care Hospice Charities.

The Beacon welcomes letters to the Editor but reserves the right to edit, summarise or not to publish any correspondence received.

library info

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the summer Reading Voyage. Nine children completed their logbooks and were awarded with a certificate.

Customers will be pleased to hear that acting upon **your** comments, the Local Studies area of the library has been reinstated. I hope that this will make it easier to research the history and geography of the area without having to search through the whole of the non-fiction section.

We are gradually adding new stock to replace books that were old and tired, but we still value your input into what you would like to see on the library's shelves. If you still cannot find what you want, we can reserve a copy from another library for only 70p! We also have some new DVD and video titles for one weeks hire from £2.00.

Malcolm Tarling, our Service Development Librarian will be offering free Internet sessions on 8th November, from 10.15 – 12.50pm. To book a session, please telephone the library 812569.

*Kath Pritchard
Library service Manager*

Playgroup News

Term started for the Playgroup on September 6th. Eight new children were welcomed: Helena, Amber, Jenny, Euan, Sam, Guy, Callum and Logan.

The Playgroup is delighted to once again receive the Bristol Standard Quality Assurance Award. This is given to childcare settings who can show consistent high standards in all aspects of care.

Following the Pedal for a Shed fundraising efforts in June, the Playgroup was pleased to be able to replace the old shed used to store the children's outdoor toys.

For the first half of this term, the children are focussing on the topic Me and My Family. They have brought in photos of themselves and their families and drawn some super self portraits.

The AGM for the Playgroup was on the 18th October.

Andrea Robinson

Sue Ryder Coffee Morning

This will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 12 November from 9.45am to 12 Noon. Coffee, Tea, Chocolate with homemade mince pies or homemade biscuits (seconds with our compliments!). Raffle, Cake stall, Preserves, Nearly new books, cushions, gifts, Jigsaw puzzles, Christmas cards. Fresh flowers or Roulades should be ordered in advance. We have also "Guess the name" of a lovely cuddly Teddy Bear (an ideal Christmas gift). A warm welcome for everyone on this the last event of the 25th Anniversary year. Entrance £1, children 20p. Orders to 812521 or 813091

Anne Leoni on behalf of the Group



**Painswick
Bird Club**

High and wild

The speaker at our 4th October meeting, **Dr. Richard Sale**, proved to be an intrepid Arctic explorer. He often travelled alone, camping in sub-zero temperatures and observed and researched wildlife hundreds of miles from habited places.

His photography was stunning: magnificent views of snow-capped mountains, frozen waterfalls and rugged coastlines as well as lakes and volcanoes. We saw a vast range of wildlife, including Arctic foxes and hares and reindeer; and bird species including eagles, gulls, terns ducks and grebes. Photographs of a polar bear some four feet away, elusive red-throated divers and an Arctic landscape in midnight sun were my highlight of an evening to remember.

Do join us our next meeting a talk about the "Birds of the Forest of Dean – and further afield", by professional photographer Terry Wall, on 29th November, in the Town Hall, at 7.30pm. This is an alteration to the published programme.

Bill Boydell

Brownies go green

As part of their 'World Issues' badge activities, Painswick Brownies have planted a tree in the grounds of The Croft School. Brown Owl, Patsy Ratcliffe, explained that the Brownies wanted to mark their commitment to the environment and had approached the Head of The Croft, Janet Hoyle, who was overjoyed at the opportunity to get involved. And so on Monday 17th October, the whole pack clustered round as a Japanese Flowering Cherry was planted, under the watchful eyes of Brownies District Administrator Pam Currier, Pack leaders, Patsy Ratcliffe, Katherine Davies and Jackie Gray (Brown, Tawny and



Little Owls respectively) and some bemused parents. As the accompanying photo shows, by the time the tree was safely tucked up, the sun had well and truly set and it was digging by torchlight.

London Coach



The final 2005 Coach has been arranged for Wednesday 7th December, leaving

Stamages Car Park at 8.30am. the fare is £10 and bookings should be made with Mrs J Truman at 'Little Place', Hollyhock Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XH. All enquiries to Joan Truman, 813965 or Pauline Berry, 813227.

Cribbs Causeway

The Senior Circle have arranged a coach outing to Cribbs Causeway on 11th November. The coach will leave Stamages Lane car park at 10.30 am and will be back by 4.30 pm. The cost will be £14 inclusive of lunch at Harry Ramsdens. Contact Painswick 812344.

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Gloucester Choral Society

Masterworks by the two greatest Baroque composers, Bach and Handel, comprise the Society's Autumn season.

Bach's Mass in B Minor displays to us the range and variety of Bach's choral genius and was composed over some twenty years, with parts of earlier works recycled. Whereas the Mass in B minor was not performed in Bach's lifetime, Handel's Messiah was an instant success and has become an essential part of a traditional Christmas, even for people who rarely attend a "classical music" concert. Like Bach, Handel knew how to spin a good tune.

As usual, an excellent group of soloists has been assembled and Andrew Nethsingha conducts the Choral Society, supported by the Regency Symphonia. The performance dates, in Gloucester Cathedral, are:

§ Bach Mass in B minor - Sat. 19th November, 7.30 pm

§ Handel Messiah - Sat. 10th December, 7.30 pm

A special inclusive offer including transport is available to Painswick residents for each event. A Beavis coach will be waiting at 6.30 pm in Stamages car park for departure at 6.45 pm, returning at about 10.00 pm. Tickets are £21 [centre nave] or £17 [rear nave] for each concert, inclusive of discounted seat prices and coach fare. To use this service send a cheque [made out to Gloucester Choral Society] to Gordon Owen [Treasurer] Kemps Orchard, Kemps Lane, Painswick GL66YB, providing your name, address, contact 'phone no. and SAE]

Bernard Day

Scintillating Voskresenije

There are performances in St. Mary's Church each spring which are by performers of international repute, greatly appreciated and supported by those with a 'musical ear', but just one week ago this choir from St. Petersburg brought to us a unique evening of quite exceptional merit.



Nine choristers blended the qualities of the human voice, with no accompaniment, ranging from soprano to basso profundo, and exhibiting a style and calibre of presentation rarely witnessed anywhere in the world these days. Vespers composed by Sergei Rachmaninof shortly before he left Russia ninety years ago, and sung by choristers in numerous Russian Orthodox Churches, were performed with a delicacy and precision which transcended any language barrier. The sheer quality of the sound, and the skill with which the power behind each voice was blended with others, was creative and moving for all present.

The second half of the two hours was devoted to folk songs from Russia, many of which were known to us in English. These presented an opportunity for soloists to move to centre stage and, without exception, we were to discover why the sum total of voices were so remarkable as each gave us renditions which would have stood as performances of the highest calibre anywhere.

One can only echo the words of the Vicar, who expressed all our thanks at the end of the evening to this wonderful ensemble and to Nigel Burt who was himself inspired to attract them to this village of ours half way through their two-month tour of the UK and the day before they were to perform in Salisbury Cathedral.

LWB

All at sea!

On 6th October it was either Helen Mirren as Elizabeth I on BBC2 or Jane Rowe present-

ing "Celebration of the Sea" in the Cotswold Room at Painswick Centre, and I am glad I chose the latter! Jane deserves to be congratulated on her meticulously researched comprehensive selection of suitable recordings.

The first half was devoted to "classical" music representing wind and water, beginning with "The Ships" from Purcell's Dido & Aeneas. Among what followed were Handel's Water Music, Beethoven's "Tempest" Sonata (gorgeous, played by Alfred Brendel), and of course Mendelsohn's Hebrides Overture (we had sailed past Fingal's Cave a few weeks previously!).

Then our own British composers, especially John Reed in HMS Pinafore, Dame Janet Baker in Elgar's Sea Pictures, Bryn Terfel in Delius' Sea Drift, Isobel Baylie and John Cameron in Vaughan's Sea Symphony, parts of the "Four Interludes" from Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten (lovely) and suitably ending with an excerpt from "Fantasia on British Sea Songs" by Henry Wood. No sea sickness anywhere - rather happiness all round!

Ralph Kenber

Instrumentally vocal

On 22nd October, Alex Nichols gave us an entertaining and instructive evening of vocal music, illustrated with examples from his extensive collection.

The first section was devoted to the voice as a musical instrument, mainly songs without words, including such singers as Selma Kurz (1874-1933) who had a famously long trill, Gwen Catley, 1930s, who had a voice of great purity, and Beverly Hoch, who sang a concerto for soprano and orchestra with an amazing conclusion. We then heard four remarkable singers with a maritime theme. Oscar Natzka, 1930s, a New Zealander with a deep and rolling bass, Clara Butt (1872-1936), a voice of great power and range, Giovanni Zenatello (1876-1946), a tenor famous for his title role of Otello, and Kirsten Flagstad (1895-1962), a great Wagnerian singer.

Finally, Alex compared two renderings of the Mad Scene from Lucia di Lammermoor, first a powerful and dramatic rendering by Joan Sutherland, then a lighter version by a Russian singer, Anna Netrebko, which Alex said was more in line with Donizetti's intention, to the ghostly accompaniment of a glass harmonica.

Richard Burges Watson

Birmingham and Symphony Hall

An invitation is extended by the Music Appreciation Group to anyone interested in joining them on their coach to/from the front door of Symphony Hall in Birmingham on 17th February; this for a concert under the baton of Gerard Schwarz by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. A Mozart symphony and his concerto for violin No.3, as well as the Strauss suite Der Rosenkavalier and his tone poem Till Eulenspiegel.

The Group tries to visit this remarkable venue at least once a year, arguably the best for acoustics in the country. The coach will leave about 4.30pm to allow time for a free pre-concert talk, or a meal or stroll before the concert at 7.30pm.

Tickets are your choice £18.00 or £21.20, plus coach fare dependent upon numbers travelling. Interested? If so Stewart Price needs to know on or before 11th November on 814241.





A red-hot Tail of Two Kitties

On December 1st, 2nd and 3rd we shall be staging *A Tail of Two Kitties* at the Painswick Centre. Yes, I know: last month I said we were presenting a double bill: *Last Panto in Painswick* coupled with a first production from the PP youth group, The YiPPies, called *Red Hot Cinders*. Well, OK: there's been a small change.

PYP

It's still a double bill with the YiPPies. And we're still doing *Last Panto in Painswick* by David Tritram, a wryly amusing account of a certain dramatic society's farcical attempt to stage their version of *Dick Whittington & His Cat*. But the YiPPies have changed their offering to *Puss in... Slippers*, a hilarious panto by Richard Tydeman. So, you see, *A Tail of Two Kitties* covers the whole fun-filled festive evening and the title refers to both productions. It's a sort of play on words, you see... Tail...Tale... Kitties...Cats...Pussies... Get it? Well, I thought it was quite amusing. (No comment - Editor)

Moving swiftly on...

But why, I hear you ask, did the YiPPies drop the *Red Hot Cinders*? Well, frankly, the cinders were - so to speak - a smidgeon too hot to handle. Apparently, a couple of the YiPPies spontaneously combusted during rehearsals, which was embarrassing for Lesley Wolowiec, the director. Mind you, the parents were terribly understanding and even offered to pay for the copies of the scripts (which had combusted spontaneously along with their offspring). But, rather than conflagrate any more young Painswickians before opening night, Lesley decided to go for something a bit more cool and cuddly. Originally, she thought of doing *Puss in Boots*, but in the light of a new EU Dangerous Footwear Directive, she decided to play it safe and go for *Puss in Slippers* instead.

Actually, that last paragraph, although quite entertaining in its way, is mostly untrue. But the real reason for the change is so mundanely boring that I fell asleep twice over the keyboard attempting to type it out. What is true is that, to make the evening even more fun-filled and festive, the price of the tickets (£8.00 from The Shetland Shop) includes merry mince pies and even merrier mulled wine! Better still, each succulently mouthwatering mince pie will have been expertly home-baked by those lovely ladies from Painswick Country Market, who even as you read this, are toiling away in the depths of the Painswick Mincemeat Mines preparing for this festive feast. Children, incidentally, don't get the mulled wine (Boo!) but they do get in for half-price and will get a glass of something. (Hooray!).

Jack Burgess



Buffet off to a Fine Art

Painswick Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society are 21 years of age this year and celebrated with a lunch at their October meeting. Present were many of its 250 members past and present including their very first Chairman, Valerie Hurlston-Gardner. Current Chairman, Jenny Jackson, is pictured left ready to toast the Society.



The Society meets monthly at Painswick Centre on the second Thursday in the month to enjoy lectures on varied topics all connected to the arts. The standard of lectures is very high and the society is also involved through its charitable side with helping young people with educational projects. Members also assist in church recording and also provide heritage volunteers. Several outings a year are arranged to exhibitions, stately homes and gardens. Occasional days of special interest take place for members and guests which allow individual topics to be studied in depth.



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Rugby

Painswick's indifferent season has continued with a number of defeats. In the Powergen Vase second round match Painswick's first fifteen travelled to Hucclecote where in spite of a much improved performance the home side were the eventual winners by 25 points to 10.

Last Saturday (29th October) the first fifteen were away at Matson in a league match. The match mirrored other Painswick performances this season when the Cherry and Whites held the home side to 12 points each for a long period before eventually going down by 42 points to 12. Supporters may well be wondering whether fitness levels have been a contributory cause to match results in that Painswick have fallen away in the latter stages of the games. On the 22nd October, prior to the first fifteen's match against Barton Hill, the club entertained sponsors and vice-presidents with a buffet lunch. Our picture shows fly-half Ed Bressington about to find touch from a penalty kick.



Note the unusual Painswick quartered strip which was used because of a colour clash with the visitors.

- Results** [(L) indicates league match, (M) merit table.]
- Sat 1 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 12 Old Richians 1st XV 24. (M) Painswick United 0 Widden OB 2nd XV 24.
 - Sat 8 Oct. (L) Longlevens 1st XV 37 Painswick 1st XV 8. (M) Painswick United 8 Stow 2nd XV 12.
 - Sat 15 Oct. Powergen Vase. Hucclecote 1st XV 25 Painswick 1st XV 10.
 - Sat 22 Oct. (L) Painswick 1st XV 14 Barton Hill 1st XV 62. (M) Painswick United 17 Old Centralians 2nd XV 27.
 - Sat 29 Oct. (L) Matson 1st XV 42 Painswick 1st XV 12. (M) Painswick United 7 Old Patesians 3rd XV 32.

Fixtures

- Sat 5 Nov. Painswick 1st XV v Old Centralians 1st XV. Old Richians 2nd XV v Painswick United.
- Sat 12 Nov. (L) Painswick 1st XV v Old Colstonians 1st XV. (M) Painswick United v Chosen Hill 2nd XV.
- Sat 19 Nov. Barrie Meadows Cup. Cainscross 1st XV v Painswick 1st XV.
- Painswick United v Cainscross 2nd XV.
- Sat 26 Nov. Berry Hill 3rd XV v Painswick United. Painswick 1st XV match to be arranged.

Golf

Promotion for A. team

Painswick A Team who were in the 3rd Division of the North Gloucestershire County Foursomes League won their match against Minchinhampton Old Course on Saturday 17th September to give them 2nd place in the league and promotion to the 2nd Division.

Ladies' County Wins

The Ladies' Section, although small has had 3 successes this year at County Level. Angela Woodward won the Western Daily Press Competition (Bronze Div.) Lorna Sparkes and Sarah Garrod took 3rd place in the Fraser Foursomes. Lady Captain, Jean Kendrick and Kate Dennison won the County Foursomes Knock-out Competition. Amazing results for such a small club.

The Ladies' Section consists of a friendly and keen group of ladies, who would welcome new lady members of any level. Matches have been played throughout the Summer.

This year Painswick have introduced a new form of associate membership which is suited to new players, people with limited time or those who already have a Golf Club but would also like to play this interesting course. This membership allows handicaps to be achieved and maintained at a very reasonable cost. For anyone considering taking up or returning to golf this is an ideal way to do it without heavy financial commitment.

B. team

Captain Jim Orpin has completed the many matches played by the B Team on Saturdays and mid week. He has given many members the chance to play in the team.

Captain and President's Day

This was held on Saturday 17th September. It was a beautiful day and the captain's wife and helpers provided welcome refreshments on the course, raising extra money for the Captain's Charity.

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Results

Men: Captain's 1st prize and Wally Smith Trophy: Paul Kitchen
2nd Pat White 42 pts.(back 9)
3rd Adam Northcott 42 pts.
President's Prize and plate: Steve Sherwood 46 pts.
Ladies: Captain's 1st prize: Bronwen Godley 40 pts.
2nd Lesley Wylde 34pts
President's prize: Angela Woodward 35pts.

Seniors

Seniors' Captain Stewart Price has had a very busy season with many fixtures at home and around the county. The Seniors' section is a very thriving and friendly section and gives all members who wish to play in matches, a chance. Several Mixed Texas Scrambles with the Ladies' Section are carried out each year and are always enjoyable. All sections of the Club have held their internal competitions throughout the Summer.

Competition Secretary Les Blake is kept constantly busy with these and recently held a very successful Am-Am, the June Am-Am having to be stopped and cancelled, due to a heavy thunderstorm. The winning team actually contained two Painswick lady members.

Tribute Nights

Tennis

Tennis Fun Day

On Sunday 9th October Tennis Seeds, local company of LTA Coaches who specialise in teaching tennis in schools, hosted a free Fun Day for local primaries at Painswick Tennis Club. It was a hugely successful morning with around 60 children attending from Amberley, Birdlip, Coberley, Cranham, The Croft, Eastcombe, Foxmoor, Horsley, Shurdington and Thrupp.

Painswick Tennis Club's Head Coach Lorraine Ristic and her colleague Craig Stock led the sessions encouraging the children to expand the tennis skills they have been gaining through their Tennis Seeds coaching over the last term at school. Lorraine and Ian Reid, both directors of Tennis Seeds, strongly believe that the country's talent base for tennis is hidden in schools and that in order to reach these children it is vital to introduce them to the sport as part of their PE curriculum. Once the children have had their initial programme with Tennis Seeds they are encouraged to further develop their love of the game at a local club where there is a thriving junior programme such as Painswick.



Many of the parents who were proudly watching their children demonstrate their newly found tennis skills were thrilled with the progress and were keen to enrol onto coaching programmes at the club.

Many thanks to Painswick Tennis Club for making the children feel so welcome and very well done to the children for taking part so enthusiastically.

Lucy Moir

Paul Moir has sent the following report about daughter Lucy. Our apologies for mis-reporting the result of the ladies doubles tournament.

"Just a quick correction on the report of the tennis finals in last month's Beacon. The ladies doubles was actually won by Sharon Hall and Lucy by the scores indicated. A very successful afternoon for Lucy, she won all three of the tournaments she entered! More than just a promising player I feel! For the record she has now won the Ladies singles for three years on the trot, she currently plays county hockey for the under 17's, and has also played for Gloucestershire in tennis, badminton and table tennis. We have forbidden her to try anymore sports as we have no time left and she is doing her GCSEs!"

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Walking for Breast Cancer... 60km

Well after so many months of preparation I finally did it - I walked the 60km for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and it was AMAZING! 2,100 people all with their own personal reasons walking for one dream "a future free of breast cancer" and together we raised a total of £5.1 million to bring that dream closer to reality. All those months of training paid off and I can honestly say I enjoyed every second of it - not one ounce of pain and not one single blister and after walking 35km on Saturday I even managed to dance to the band doing a tribute to Abba!

After a good night sleep inside my PINK tent in Finsbury Park I walked

the remaining 25km in 6 hours and that was with one hour break for lunch in Victoria Park and a few pit stops.

I met some wonderful people, cried a lot but overall it felt great to feel I was doing my little bit for something I feel so strong about and more importantly I felt I celebrated what would have been my mum's 60th birthday in great style. Next year it is all happening again and there will be one in Birmingham as well. I have already signed up to walk in Birmingham and volunteer in London. Anyone else interested? SO BE WARNED AND DUST OFF YOUR SALSA DANCING SHOES.

Ana Murray



And walking the dogs... 100 miles

As many local people will know, the Cotswold Way is over 100 miles long and meanders gently, and sometimes not so gently, up and down the scarp slope of the Cotswolds between Chipping Campden and Bath. Painswick is conveniently situated almost at the halfway point of the trail. Tina and Hooch who live in Vicarage Street are pictured left at the finishing point of the trail at the west door of Bath Abbey. Both dogs recently completed the walk in twenty one stages averaging approximately five miles each, with their owners taking two cars and parking these at the beginning and end of each stage. This length of walk could be managed comfortably by both of the dogs and owners, outside the hottest summer months.

Apart from help in crossing the few busy roads encountered and negotiating the occasional problematic stile or stream, Tina completed the walk unassisted and untroubled, which is quite an achievement for a Miniature Yorkshire Terrier standing only six inches tall. The walk provided many days enjoyment for both dogs and owners over a period of months, with only

infrequent concerns when the trail passed through fields with horses, cows or, particularly, bulls, all of which seemed to take an instant and aggressive dislike to Hooch.

The highlight of the walk for Tina was possibly the lift back home in the car at the end of some stages. For Hooch this was a rare meeting with a group of three other Hungarian Vizslas on the trail near Little Sodbury. Whilst for the owners, apart from the constant charm of the trail and the spectacular views throughout, this was undoubtedly the Mount Inn at Stanton, which served an excellent and at the time a much needed pint of Donningtons Ale. Both this and the walk as a whole are thoroughly recommended to all.

Geoff Robinson



Early Emigration to Australia

A very well attended meeting of the Painswick Local History Society listened to John Loosely telling us about the many men, women and children who left these shores for Australia hoping to find a better life, in the first half of the 19th century.

Emigration to Australia was largely a response to social and economic factors. Here the decline in employment within the traditional home-based trades of the local cloth-making industry resulted in hardship and even starvation in many parts of the Stroud valleys. Chalford was particularly badly affected, having lost its market for cheaper cloth in India and the Far East. People were forced to seek relief in the workhouse, resulting in additional charges on the Parish and so many of these paupers were encouraged to emigrate to the expanding colony of Australia; the Parish Vestry providing basic clothing and the cost of travel to the port of Bristol. As Australia could no longer rely on a supply of transported criminals as cheap labour, tradesmen and other skilled workers were offered sponsored passages.

Conditions on board were cramped, with two adults to a 6ft by 3ft bed, but cleanliness was enforced and everyone was expected to contribute their various domestic skills. The voyage could take up to four months and inevitably took its toll on the most vulnerable, particularly children, who were particularly at risk from outbreaks of measles with a mortality rate as high as 50%. However, this did not deter nearly one million people who chose to settle in Australia by the middle of the century.

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Spotlight on . .

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We seem to have come to the end of our stock of 'volunteers' who have been talked into telling us their stories about life in Painswick

over the years.

Consequently, we are inviting readers to submit suggestions for a new series of interviews from people with interesting or amusing anecdotes, who have either been born in Painswick or lived here for most of their lives.

Painswick Blues

Painswick Blues Club continues its successful season at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 5th November with **Simon 'Honeyboy' Hickling and the DTs**, followed on Saturday 19th November with **Trafficker**. Tickets for each event are £10.00. Then on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December Painswick gets its annual fix of the quintessential 1960s R&B band, **The Animals**. This is described as 'a two day Christmas party' and tickets (£20.00, food extra) are already selling fast.

The man behind it all, Paul Gray, is also planning (in his words) 'a stunning **Black Tie New Years Eve Party** with catering by Calcot Manor.' Tickets, strictly limited to the first 100 lucky revellers, cost £75.00 each and are available - as are all Painswick Blues tickets, info etc - from The Shetland Shop.

Out of Africa...

Over the past two years you may have seen me in and around Stroud, packing bags, washing cars, busking at Christmas and even delving into the dark world of amateur dramatics: all to raise money for an expedition to Kenya and Uganda this summer. The month long expedition, with World Challenge, was split into four main sections, acclimatisation, project work, main trekking phase and rest and relaxation. Our acclimatisation was spent in Kenya and largely in the rift valley. A notable highlight was when we were in Hells Gate National Park and baboons raided our camp. Two of the simians strolled into our camp and promptly tried to eat anything they could get their hands on, from peoples bags to bottles of (watered down; we wondered why it was cheap) methylated spirit. We bid a quick retreat to a nearby tree and watched the two baboons become twenty and start fighting over our food supplies, which they were gorging themselves on. Several hours later with the baboons chased off, our budgeters figured out we were \$240 over budget and after some discussion elected to ignore the problem in the hope it would go away (surprisingly enough it did!).

The project phase was spent in Nambale Primary School in Uganda where we helped cart bricks around and help the construction of two classrooms for the year ones and twos. We also put an extra two million Ugandan shillings into the project as

Variations

The Town Hall is the venue for an art exhibition aptly called Variations because of the wide range of work included. Valeric Dugan will be showing her Calligraphy and award winning Botanical Paintings and Paul Gray is displaying a variety of pieces made mainly from paper and card. David Morris's work - landscapes, models and 'Painswick Doors' - are all 3D and made from matchsticks. They are superb and the 'Doors' could well become collectors pieces. Carol Keyes is a well known and respected local artist, and her work this time is animals and birds in pastels and pencil.

The exhibition will be open on Friday 11th November from 2.00 until 7.00pm and also on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th from 10.00am till 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. If you want to know more please call on 814482.

Paul Gray

well as the gifts of pencils and sports equipment. My highlight was teaching, or trying to teach the locals rounders, that game will never be the same!

The Trekking phase was spent climbing Mt Elgon, an extinct volcano on the Kenyan border, which is 4321m high. During the trek we went through Rainforests alpine pastures and even moors like those of the Scottish highlands, but with odd plants. This was when I caught my one and only disease of the trip... a common cold.

The last week was spent wending our way across Uganda to the airport in Entebbe and included two nights in a hotel with toilets, showers and good food!

We have the address for Nambale Primary School and we will still be in contact sending more gifts and money and anyone interested in supporting them can contact me by writing to Brook farm, Greenhouse lane, Painswick, GL6 6SE. Special thanks goes to everyone who sponsored me including, Elgars Publishing, Mr Singh of Londis, Severn Electrical Wholesale, Attwells who provided all equipment and clothing at a generous 20% discount and Lloyd Butler plumbing who provided a lot of the funding to get the "Wyrd Sisters" production off the ground. As for the future, India next summer? Or New Zealand? Who knows!

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We needed rain but...

The Town Hall was booked, our Speaker was on his way from Hereford and our first Bring & Buy plant sale was organised but would anyone turn up? As we put out the chairs the rain was beating down harder than ever but thankfully our Members behaved more like hardy perennials than sun loving annuals - we even had some visitors! In fact a full audience gathered to listen to Michael Leech's amusing and informative talk about Beth Chatto, starting with their first meeting in 1986 through to the present day. Michael presents "Over the Garden Wall" on Channel 4 and says he has dragged Titch out of the marsh and advised Charlie (Dimmock) on supports!

Beth Chatto started her horticultural career as a flower arranger growing her plants in a corner of her husband's orchard. Today, at 82 years old, she heads a business employing 28 staff running a thriving nursery and garden in Essex and has many plants named after her. She has won 10 gold medals at Chelsea, been awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour and made an MBE for her services to horticulture. She gardens organically and cares so much about her plants that the mail order side of the business ceases between May and September so that the plants are not unduly stressed. If you buy a plant from her nursery you are provided with a plant label to write out your own plant name, its requirements and hopefully you are able to remember it better that way. We learned that planting tagetes lures hover flies away from other plants and moles daily eat their own body weight in worms so, if you have moles, the plus side is that your soil is well aerated by worms and molehill soil is excellent for seed propagation!

Our first bring and buy plant sale was well supported. We were able to go home clutching our seed catalogues and planning for wonderful gardens next year, knowing that the continuing rain was doing a power of good to our gardens if not us! Our next meeting is on November 9th at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The talk is by Duncan Coombes on Ponds, marginals and bog gardens. Our Quiz Nite will be on December 14th so start swotting now! Visitors, as always, are welcome to join us.

Betty Harris

WI smells success

'The menopause is when you change from being youthful and childbearing to being wise and mature' These words of wisdom greatly endeared Elgiva Tiptaft to her audience when she came to the Yew Trees WI September meeting to talk about Aromatherapy! What is aromatherapy and how can it help us? We learnt that it is the use of essential oils (the essence of plants extracted from them) to support our health and bring about balance in our bodies. It can help us by relieving stress, anxiety, aching necks, migraine pain and many other discomforts. Our noses were assailed by an amazing selection of powerful smells used by Elgiva to illustrate her talk. In her work as an experienced body therapist, she selects a blend of oils to suit each individual client; these are then absorbed through the skin and into the body, working to heal it internally. Elgiva encouraged us to be kind to ourselves and to remember that pleasure is a basic biological need of human beings.



pleasured themselves had members spellbound when Cedric Nielsen came to our October meeting to give us a fascinating glimpse of Painswick, its people and places, from the Iron age through Roman times and the middle ages to the present day. Delight was expressed when members learnt that in 1440 Painswick was well ahead of its time as far as woman's rights were concerned, and relief that 'Painswick', the village's nickname in the latter half of the eighteenth century, did not stick. Members went away wiser about the community in which they live, anxious to learn more but sad that such a knowledgeable and colourful source of information is planning to move away. Cedric left with the good wishes of Yew Trees WI ringing in his ears.

Our Annual Meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd November when we will celebrate our first 'birthday' and listen to a talk on Denman College given by Rosemary Bishton.

Celia Lougher

Stories of how some of the previous residents of Painswick

PROPERTY REPORT for November by Murrays Estate Agents

Autumn is here with winter close behind, a beautiful time with crisp clear sunlit days with amazing changing colours throughout our lovely valleys and countryside, traditionally a period when interest in moving house is overcome by preparations for seasonal festivities. Not necessarily so, as we experience a flurry in the market boosting sales in September and October, perhaps making up for one of the toughest periods the property market has been through for many years. However, I think the *blip* is over, there has been a slight correction in prices, and as confidence returns, the market looks promising for the new year. As far as the future though, it looks like *stability* is more likely than *boom* and the fears of *bust* seem more or less over. Both sellers and buyers should find the moving process a much more relaxed transaction and be able to comprehend more easily the value of what they are selling and buying and thus proceed more confidently.

Activity in Painswick has been mixed with more sales than new instructions creating shortages of good properties in several categories. This may of course be because sellers are withdrawing until the Spring. From our experience buyers in the winter are fewer, but never the less, if they are looking they tend to be more serious buyers. As agents we see this period as a positive time when we have more time to concentrate on those quality buyers and we therefore need new instructions to satisfy demand. Everyday properties are being sold to buyers who have to move and if your property is not in the market they will buy something else. Talk to us about our low-key marketing which can be a hassle free way of selling without your property necessarily entering the public domain.

Recent properties on the market include a pretty 2 bed cottage in Slad, a modern 3 bed house below the golf course, a 4 bed detached cottage on Upton Hill, a 4 bed period, house in Upton St Leonards, a central apartment with letting income and the property that is running us off our feet, a Cotswold Farmhouse in stunning location which we will be auctioning at The Falcon on 24th November.

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| Sat | 5 | Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Good company, good coffee, cakes & candles etc. | Town Hall | 10.00am to 12.00noon |
| | | Painswick Blues: Simon 'Honeyboy' Hickling + DJs | Painswick Centre | 8.00pm |
| Sun | 6 | Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Improvers - Sundays | Painswick Centre | 7.30 to 8.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Christ Church | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 8 | Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) | Christ Church Hall | 9.30 to 12.00noon |
| | | EXTEND: exercise class for over 60s and less able people of all ages. Tuesdays | Pitchcombe Village Hall | 2.00 to 3.00pm |
| Wed | 9 | Ashwell House Day Centre Coffee Morning and Bring& Buy | Ashwell House | 10.30am to 12.00noon |
| | | Horticultural Society: Ponds, marginals & bog Gardens - Duncan Coombs | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 10 | Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners | Town Hall | 12.00 to 1.00pm |
| | | Experienced beginners - Thursdays | | 12.30 to 1.30pm |
| | | Tea Dances - Thursdays | Painswick Centre | 2.30 to 4.30pm |
| | | Music Appreciation: Outing - Colston Hall | Stamages car park | 5.00pm |
| Fri | 11 | Country Market with coffee available: Fridays | Town Hall | 10.00am |
| | | Senior Circle: Outing to Cribbs Causeway - Shopping | | |
| | | "Easy Entertaining": Cookery demonstration and lunch. Tel: 01452 812625 | Castle Godwyn | 10.15am to 2.30pm |
| Sat | 12 | Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning | Town Hall | 9.45am to 12noon |
| Sun | 13 | Painswick United Service of Remembrance | St Mary's Church | 10.50am |
| Mon | 14 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Andy & Arthur Lock | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| | | CTAP AGM with talk 'Working in Palestine' by Judith Green | Church Rooms | 7.30pm |
| Tue | 15 | Local History Society: The Malvern Hills - Mark Bowden | Croft School | 7.30pm |
| | | Jazz Evening no entry fee | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 8.30pm |
| Wed | 16 | Senior Circle Coffee Morning | Town Hall | |
| | | Probus: Selection & Training of Police Horses - Mr F S Knight | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |
| | | Women's Fellowship: Deck the Halls - Judy Jackson | Christ Church Hall | 7.30pm |
| | | Parish Council Meeting | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 18 | Senior Circle AGM followed by Travelling with Peter & Janet Jenkins | Town Hall | 1.45pm |
| Sat | 19 | Copy dateline for December to Editorial Team | | |
| | | Falcon Ladies Bowling Club Sale: bric-a-brac, nearly New clothes, tombola, cakes etc. | Town Hall | 10.00am to 12noon |
| | | Autumn Bazaar for Charity: stalls, coffee, light lunches | Christ Church Hall | 10.30am to 2.30pm |
| | | Painswick Blues: Trafficker | Painswick Centre | 8.00pm |
| Mon | 21 | Austerity Lunch: Hostess - June Tuffnell | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 22 | Yew Trees WI – Annual Meeting | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 24 | Diary deadline for December to Edwina Buttrey via. Beacon box please | | |
| Sat | 26 | Annual Mission Bazaar | Church rooms | 11.00am to 2.00pm |
| Mon | 28 | Austerity Lunch: Hostess - Margaret Hodge | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 29 | Bird Club: Birds of Gloucestershire - Mike Robinson | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 30 | Probus: Annual Dinner at Stroud | | |
| | | Women's Fellowship: Members Evening | Christ Church Hall | 7.30pm |

DECEMBER

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| Thu | 1 | Music Appreciation: Frederick Delius | Cotswold Room | 7.30pm |
| | 1-3 | Painswick Players: <i>Last Panto in Painswick/ Red Hot Cinders</i> | Painswick Centre | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 2 | Senior Circle: Hand Bell Ringing - Steve Coleman | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sat | 3 | December issue of The Painswick Beacon published | | |
| | | Theatre club Outing to Malvern | The Falcon | 12.45pm |
| Sun | 4 | Magical Christmas Tour, with Peter Pan as the theme | Rococo Gardens | |
| Mon | 5 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Women's Fellowship | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| Wed | 7 | Coach to London: Tel 813965/813227 | Stamages Car Park | 8.30am |



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| | | Coffee morning in aid of St Johns Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes, Books. For details tel: 371916/813711 | Bond End Farm, U-St-L (near Bowden Hall Hotel) | 10.30am to 12.30pm |
| Sat | 10 | The Painswick Singers: Christmas Carol Concert - carols, readings, solos and choir items; retiring collection | Christ Church | 7.30pm |
| Mon | 12 | Austerity Lunch: Hosts - Catholic Church | Christ Church Hall | 12.00noon to 1.15pm |
| Tue | 13 | Yew Trees WI – Christmas Gathering | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | Probus: First descent of the Grand Canyon - Ken Ingamels | Ostlers Room, Falcon | 10.00am |
| | | Women's Fellowship: Christmas Lunch | Golf Club | 12.30pm |
| | | Horticultural Society: Quiz Nite - with refreshments | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Thu | 15 | Music Appreciation: Christmas Social | Cotswold Room | 7.30pm |
| Fri | 16 | Senior Circle: Christmas Lunch | | |
| | | Painswick Blues: Animals (and 17th) | Painswick Centre | 8.00pm |
| Sun | 18 | Puppet making and performing "workshop" for Children 8-16yrs. Tel: 813229 | Painswick Centre | 10.00am to 12noon |
| | | Lempen Puppet Theatre Co. show: Puppets in the wild | Painswick Centre | 3.00pm |
| Wed | 21 | Women's Fellowship: Carol Service | | |

JANUARY 2006

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| Wed | 11 | Horticultural Society: Welcome to Thailand - a Video presentation by Stan Newey | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Tue | 17 | Local History Society: Edward Jenner - His Life, Work & Legacy | Croft School | 7.30pm |

FEBRUARY

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| Wed | 8 | Horticultural Society: English Garden History - Barbara Drake | Town Hall | 2.30pm |
| Sun | 12 | Bird Club: Birds on the Flood Plain | Hartpur | 10.00am |
| Tue | 21 | Local History Society: A Briggs/Archard production! | Croft School | 7.30pm |

MARCH

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| Wed | 8 | Horticultural Society: The Newent Onion Fair - Plus bring & buy plant sale | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Sat | 11 | Beacon Village Quiz | Painswick Centre | 6.45 for 7.15pm |
| Tue | 14 | Bird Club: Wildfowl and Wetland Trust - talk by Mike Teesdale. Followed by AGM | Town Hall | |
| Tue | 21 | Local History Society: Pitchcombe - Notes and Recollections - Michael Little | Croft School | 7.30pm |
| Wed | 29 | Horti. Soc: Bookings morning for outings | Church Rooms | 10.00am to 12noon |

APRIL

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| Wed | 12 | Horticultural Society: Climbers, ramblers and scramblers - R Bracher | Town Hall | 7.30pm |
| Tue | 20 | Local History Society: Research Evening | Croft School | 7.30pm |

MAY

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|-----|----|--|-----------|---------------------|
| Wed | 10 | Horticultural Society AGM, followed by talk - The work of 'Perennial' - Susan Bowers (with raffle) | Town Hall | 7.30pm at 8.15pm |
| Tue | 16 | Local History Society: Annual Outing | | |

JUNE

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| Tue | 20 | Local History Society: AGM | Croft School | 7.30pm |
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SEPTEMBER

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| Sat | 9 | Horticultural Society Annual Show | Painswick Centre Hall | 3.00 to 5.00pm |
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PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of information received from the Parish Council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

ASHTREES, KINGS MEAD Erection of conservatory

CLOVERS, KINGS MEAD Two storey extension to dwelling and garage

JENKINS BARN, JENKINS LANE, EDGE Extension and alteration. Demolition to a wall

MICHAELMAS COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET Erection of a conservatory and enlargement of existing parking area

ABBEY BARN, THE VATCH, (SLAD WARD), STROUD Replace existing corrugated iron garage with green oak garage

GREENHOUSE COURTLodge, GREENHOUSE LANE Erection of a conservatory

KNAPP HOUSE, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD Replace left hand full length barn door (beyond repair)

LULLINGWORTH, STROUD ROAD Alterations to kitchen wing

LOWER BUMPS, THE GREEN, EDGE Erection of a summer house

LITTLE ACRE, CHELTENHAM ROAD Conversion of attic space to additional accommodation and installation of dormer windows

REVISED PLANS

GREENLEAS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Erection of a two storey extension and loft conversion. Main changes: Repositioning window to proposed west elevation, adding a skylight to an internal roof slope and revising external treatments of proposed lean-to to masonry construction

CONSENT

LOWER HAZELING, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD Demolish existing two sheds and replace with tractor shed

BENWELL, HALE LANE Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to form study and ground floor storage accommodation and conservatory

9 PULLENS ROAD Installation of dormer windows, demolition of single storey extension and erection of a new single storey extension

QUIETWAYS, THE HIGHLANDS Erection of extensions

WHITEHALL COTTAGE, STAMAGES LANE Erection of extension and detached garage

4 PULLENS ROAD Erection of a shed

MADISON HOUSE, NEW STREET Demolition of external additions. Installation of replacement windows and internal alterations including replacement utility/store room

PLOT 5, ST MARY'S MEAD Remedial works to horse chestnut and ash

GREENHOUSE COURTLodge, GREENHOUSE LANE Erection of a conservatory

PINETOPS, LONGRIDGE, SHEEPS-COMBE Two storey extension with log store and open sided car port

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE) Extend care accommodation in roof space at level 3 to provide two care suites.

APPEAL GRANTED

LAND AT STROUD ROAD (CARE CENTRE) Works to form additional staff accommodation in roof space store at level 3, including minor amendments to fenestration and elevations.

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

GLENDALE, VICARAGE STREET Retrospective application for installation of a combi-boiler

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The Personal Column

Babies

Congratulations to RACHEL and GRAHAM BOLT on the birth of their son, Thomas David on 4th September

and to LISA and GRAHAM WARNSLEY who are celebrating the birth of their first child, a baby boy, Alex Michael, on 22nd September

and to GEORGIE and NICK BROCKS on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Grace Kathleen, on 24th August, a long awaited first grandchild for Linda Evans, Hambutts Barn. *Deo gratias.*

Weddings

Congratulations to NICHOLAS GRACIE and ANNA GILSENAN who were married at St. Mary's, Painswick on 1st October,

also MATTHEW NORMINGTON and SARAH THOMAS who were married in Harescombe on 1st October.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to JOYCE and RON LAMORT who were married 50 years ago on 22nd October. The couple, pictured right, were taken to Devon for a surprise week away with their family.



95th Birthday

Congratulations to NELLIE THOMPSON who will be 95 years old on 26th November

Get well soon

Our best wishes for speedy recovery to BERYL GYDE, JANE SMITH, DOUGLAS SMITH, GEORGE BRANCH, ANN GAIGER, BABY MEGAN DRAPER (David and Jean Newell's granddaughter) and MARJORIE GURDEN.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of ISOBEL JONES, JOAN GILL, JOAN PRITCHARD and JOYCE FRENCH who have all died recently.

Welcome

We would like to welcome BRIAN and JUDITH WALSH who have moved into Stonechat Cottage, New Street.

Achievements

Congratulations to LYDIA BRESSINGTON on gaining a 1st Class Honours Degree in Geography from Warwick University

and to WILLIAM MOSELEY on winning the part of 'Peter' in the forthcoming Disney production of C S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. William is the grandson of Vera Fleming.

Thank you...

The Nayegon family would like to thank the volunteers of the Painswick Fire Station, and the local emergency services following Claire's recent accident on the A46. Special thanks also go to Jackie and Wendy for their much appreciated help and support.

Peter Grant would like to thank everyone who sponsored him to run in the Stroud Half Marathon on 23rd October. His time was 2 hours 35 minutes but it raised £170.00 for funding the work of the Williams Syndrome Foundation.

Did you know?

According to the Daily Telegraph of 30th September, George Orwell, the author of 1984 and Animal Farm, was treated in Cranham Sanatorium for TB, from which he subsequently died.

Rachel Taylor welcomes information for the Personal Column.

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