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Election Results

Painswick tops turn-out

There was a very high turn-out in Painswick (50.3% - the highest in the District) for the Parish and District Council elections held on Thursday 1st May.

District Council

Barbara Tait won the District Council election for the Conservatives. The full result was:

<i>Barbara Anne TAIT, Conservative Party</i>	1228
<i>Elinor CROXALL, Green Party</i>	371
<i>David Marshall HEYES, Labour Party</i>	181

Parish Council

Painswick Ward

For the first time in a number of years, there were more candidates (8) than seats available (7) in the Painswick Ward, a healthy state of affairs, which can only strengthen the democratic process and, indeed, the Council itself.

The following candidates (in alphabetical order) were successful and will serve for the next four years; the number of votes cast is shown alongside:

<i>Jason BULLINGHAM</i>	471
<i>Ann BURGESS WATSON</i>	440
<i>Robert COX (pictured)</i>	347
<i>Ann DANIELS</i>	490
<i>David HUDSON</i>	466
<i>Michael KERTON</i>	344
<i>Terry PARKER</i>	607



With 276 votes, Alan DALE was the runner-up.

In the other three wards, four candidates were returned unopposed, with one vacancy to be filled by co-option for Sheepscombe (13th June being the closing date for nominations):

Edge Ward	<i>Martin SLINGER</i>
Slad Ward	<i>Norrie CURTIS</i>
	<i>Jacqueline WOOF</i>
Sheepscombe Ward	<i>Dhushy MAHENDRAN</i>
	<i>Vacancy</i>



RHS Gold for Sue!

Hearty congratulations are the order of the day for Sue Jollans. You may recall that in last month's Beacon we reported Sue's bid for a medal with her garden design at the Malvern Show. Well, not only did she win gold but her garden was voted best in show – and you can't do better than that.

This is a huge achievement especially as it was her first attempt.

She put in a tremendous amount of hard work over many weeks and the result was very impressive. Sue was very magnanimous when talking about the other entrants, 16 in all, and if you saw the BBC Gardeners' World broadcast from the show you will appreciate that the competition was friendly but very keen. Inspired themes and creative ideas abounded, so Sue's success is all the more pleasing.

The Malvern Show is very highly thought of in the horticultural world and a coveted RHS gold medal is definitely something to be proud of. Sue's achievement is, therefore, truly excellent.

Carol Maxwell

...but, who to vote for?

As readers will be aware, our publishing and delivery deadlines last month were such that we could not include any statements from candidates standing for either the Painswick Parish Council or the District Council, at least without completely changing the entire timetable, including for those who kindly deliver to your door.

Yet, as one reader has pointed out, the fact that there was a contested election in the Painswick ward meant that it was difficult to make an informed choice as to who to vote for. He fully appreciated that the quirk of timing of publication of the Beacon closed off its being a vehicle for carrying expressions from each candidate as to "what they actually stand for in the absence of a voluntary declaration made openly to all parishioners from each of them".

He tells the Beacon that he attempted to obtain such statements from each candidate but had a very mixed response, ranging from a full CV to declining to offer anything at all. In that circumstance he felt unable to offer to publish any of the responses even though he had in mind creating a site on the Internet so that the statements might be available for anyone to access at will.

The Beacon has not investigated whether there are aspects of electoral law which limit actions of this kind. The Parish Council's Clerk did enquire of the District Council as to whether any action could be initiated locally to facilitate publicising information about candidates but was advised that the Parish Council should have no part in the publication of candidates' details. The limit of the Parish Council's responsibility was to display the SDC's formal notice on which candidates' details were listed. The SDC was also specific in that the Parish Council's web site should not be used to provide information about the candidates.

We cannot help but wonder, however, whether some mechanism might be found - other than each candidate printing over 1000 handbills and delivering them personally door to door - to publicise the aspirations each candidate has, and a little about what they would bring to their voluntary duties. Have readers any observations of their own?



On other pages this month: using the 46, the cleansing success, the lights going out, chance to wave your flag, don't miss the sunshine, fancy pub signs, range of summer pursuits, join praise through song, the samaritans need help.



PARISH COUNCIL

The first business of the Council was to elect its Chairman and Vice Chairman and these are, unopposed, Terry Parker and Martin Slinger respectively. Committees were appointed, with Chairmanships initially being

Finance and General Purposes:
Martin Slinger

Footpath: Norrie Curtis

Planning: David Hudson

Plantation: Ann Daniels

Traffic: Ann Burges Watson

Land and Buildings: Martin Slinger

John Workman

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the recent death of John Workman and paid tribute to his services to the Council and the community.

Members stood in silence in his memory.

Painswick Chamber of Trade

The absence of a forum within which traders in Painswick can consider matters of mutual concern and/or initiate actions in their common interests has been regretted by the Council for some years past. A prime illustration of a circumstance in which such an organisation would have been of special value was during the period in which the severing of the A46 due to flooding affected trade and business.

The Chairman reported interest by Gloucestershire First in facilitating revival of such a Chamber, complete with some start-up funding, and Robert Cox undertook to facilitate progress in the matter.

Street lighting - night time switch off

The Council received an interim report upon lights which, in the opinion of Messrs Rowe and Bullingham, might be extinguished for much of each night. It was agreed that these proposals, as endorsed by the County Council, now be the subject of public consultation.

(See separate item)

Night bus service A46 route

Chairman Terry Parker reported upon the County Council negotiations proceeding with Stagecoach to effect the continuation of the No.46 evening service. The parish and town councils along the 46 route had been asked to contribute 50% of the cost of a Friday and Saturday evening service over an initial six months' period. The County Council had determined that the use of the evening service had reduced to a point so as not warrant the necessary subsidy. The County Council had disputed the comment that the change in habits of use of the service were coincident with the period of closure of the A46, observing that the reduction had been occurring before the road closure.

At the Chairman's invitation the Council indicated its sympathy with the very few parishioners who still sought to use this

service, but deferred the question as to whether it would consider contributing to the subsidy of the service pending further information.

Bus service 256

The Parish Council has been informed that the Wednesday and Saturday service between Eastcombe and Gloucester via Painswick was also to be curtailed, with the Saturday schedule being discontinued in order to concentrate resources to sustain that operating midweek. The Council agreed to make representation to seek the retention of the Saturday service.

Editor's note. The Parish Council has since been informed by the County Council that as a result of passenger consultation the County Council is to provide a Saturday service. The Parish Council will be advised when the full details are available.

Interpretation centre

Terry Parker reported the latest position with regard to the possible creation of such a centre in Painswick, to interpret to visitors and others the environment and heritage of this part of the Cotswold scarp. Whilst this had previously been a joint submission for funding it had become clear that, as supportive financial information was required, it was better that it be advanced by Painswick Gateway in association with the Parish Council. He went on to explain that at least 130 projects had been submitted for funding along the scarp and across the Severn vale, the closing date for which was 23rd May, with decisions upon overall allocation of resources at the end of July.

(See separate report upon 'Scarp Links' elsewhere in this issue.)

Pedestrian crossing - New Street

Ann Burges Watson reported upon detailed information now made available by the County Council who had studied the Parish Council's proposition for a pedestrian crossing phased into the existing southern end of the signal controlled traffic lights in New Street.

Although the concept had 'scored 1081' points, and been placed within the list of forthcoming capital works projects, it was so close to the bottom of the list that it was unlikely to proceed. The cost was estimated to be between £35k and £55k with the breakdown being primarily:

- New signal controller £7.5k
- Additional/ relocated signal poles £10k
- Re-cabling for low voltage circuits £5k
- Dropped kerb alterations £2k
- New ducting and chambers £5k-£20k
- Design and supervision £5k-£10k

If it was to be brought forward on the priority list the Parish Council would need to contribute at least 50% of the cost.

The GCC officers suggested that the scheme was difficult to justify based upon the low number of users, the narrowness of the carriageway and that the gaps in traffic movement enabled most pedestrians to safely cross. Further, delays in traffic would increase queues and give

rise to possible adverse effects upon neighbouring residents.

No further action was proposed by Councillors!

Mobility scooters

Arising from this same study, the needs of those using mobility aids was also considered, including the difficulties owners had in crossing New Street at peak traffic times. The GCC officers undertook to meet with scooter users to look at further dropped kerbing locations.

Mrs Burges Watson undertook to arrange for such owners to prepare their own suggestions in this regard prior to putting them to the officers at an early date.

Stocks parking - bollards

In order to obstruct parking directly in front of the stocks in St Mary's Street it was reported that the County Council was intending to erect bollards.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Part Night Street Operation of Street Lighting

In support of the County Council's carbon reduction initiative, the Parish Council is supporting the recommendation to convert 42 of the 176 street lights in the Parish to part night operation (switching off between midnight GMT and 5.30 GMT).



The benefits of these conversions are two-fold: Reduced carbon emissions and reduced energy costs.

A map detailing those lights which have been recommended for part night operation is available in the Parish Office for members of the public to view and make comments if desired, the office opening hours are Wednesday and Friday 10am until noon.

All comments are to be made by noon on the 27th June 2008.

The Parish Council is also recommending two additional street lights in both Hollyhock Lane and also the Recreation Ground Alley.

Roy Balgobin, Parish Clerk

Village Tidy Up

I write on behalf of the Parish Council to thank all of those members of the public who helped with the Village Tidy Up on Sunday 25th May: your contributions were greatly appreciated and I know will help greatly with our Bledisloe Cup entry.

Roy Balgobin, Parish Clerk

There is a Beacon web edition
www.painswickbeacon.org.uk

46 Evening Bus Service

Gloucestershire County Council has offered to partly reintroduce the number 46 evening bus service between Stroud and Cheltenham, via Painswick. The council, which spends over £2 million a year supporting bus services, says it has listened to residents concerns since the service was withdrawn in March because of low passenger numbers.



On average, just three people were using the bus in the evenings, resulting in a subsidy of £7 per passenger journey. The service could no longer be justified and the decision was taken to withdraw funding. But the council has been talking to residents who were keen to see some sort of service in place. Now, working with other local councils, a proposal has been developed with Stagecoach to reinstate the number 46 service on Friday and Saturday nights on a five-month trial basis. This service may be extended if passenger use improves significantly – but equally if demand does not increase, the service will stop.

Councillor Stan Waddington, Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet member for environment claimed that the Council did its very best to assist those who rely on public transport within the resources available. Between November 2005 and the end of March 2008 the County Council had subsidised the 46 evening service to the tune of £120,000. He confirmed that regular surveys revealed that on average buses carried just three passengers per journey. He said, "Regrettably the original service was not sufficiently well used to justify continuing in the same form. After listening to local people and working with Stagecoach and the Stroud Night Bus group, we have offered to reinstate service 46 on Friday and Saturday evenings subject to match funding from local councils. The service would run on a trial basis and be reviewed after five months. We strongly urge residents to use it to avoid losing it." Painswick Parish Council Chairman, Terry Parker, told the Beacon that there had been a mixed reaction from local councils to the requirement for them to provide 50% of the running costs and it was therefore unlikely that the scheme would be introduced.

Poppy sellers

recognised

Fifteen stalwarts of Painswick who, year by year, brave the November elements to sell poppies at street corners or in door to door calling the week before Armistice Day, received the formal thanks of and recognition by the British Legion recently when they received the medals, bars thereto or certificates recording their years of service for the Legion. Patricia Burrows, the current collection organiser, held a reception at her house to mark the event. Russell Herbert, who is to take over as organiser, made the presentations.

Patricia Burrows is in the centre of the group photograph, Angela Rich and Joyce Tranter on her left have achieved an amazing 35 years service bar to their 30 years service brooches, and to Helen Baker a 25 year service brooch; Russell Herbert is the third from the right. The British Legion relies heavily on such volunteers whose efforts have enabled it to give help and succour to ex-service men and women and their families over the



years. The Legion is always seeking new volunteers to share this valuable work, which, as well as supporting families in need, is also a way of saying thank you to the Services for the sacrifices undertaken on our behalf.

Anyone willing and able to share in helping this worthy cause is asked to contact Russell Herbert on 813229.

Community Lunches

Thank you to everyone for supporting the 2007/08 Community Lunches that has raised £1,576.84. This has been shared between Christian Aid and P.S.A.L.M.S as well as a contribution to Christ Church to help with ever increasing energy costs. As well as raising funds for those in need, the lunches are open to all, providing the people of Painswick the opportunity to meet up with one another and enjoy a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese. For anyone moving into our community it is an excellent way of getting to know new people.

The season runs for 20 weeks from October to March and takes place on Mondays from 12.00 noon – 1.15pm in Christ Church Hall. Each week a different community group or individual and his/her friends host the lunch. This year we have welcomed another new group to our rota and we thank them and all the other hosts for their valuable contribution. During the summer months the committee will be meeting to decide which charities to support for 2008/2009 so if you would like to nominate a local charity for our consideration please contact: Gill Gyde on 812587

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Painswick Centre NEWS

Too hot for Painswick?

'2Hot2Handle' were back in the Painswick Centre again on 3rd May and, as always, they produced a fabulous show. Penny and her girls put on their usual polished performance and Kevin led the band in his own unique manner. Three Counties Catering weighed in with a delightful Chilli con carne followed by a wonderful lemon dessert. The photograph shows the group on stage. The other photograph is of the 'afterglow' when the Glos. Police Male Voice Choir let their hair down over a pint after their performance at the end of April.



Despite the brilliant performance by 2Hot2Handle, door to door delivery of fliers, hand outs to parents outside Croft School and the efforts of the faithful few who always sell tickets to their friends, we sold only 68 tickets. As a fundraising exercise it was not a success. The effort which goes into arranging an event of this nature in terms of organising posters, distributing fliers, selling tickets and then setting up the Hall is far too great for the response achieved. With a population of around 3,000, an audience of just 68 is rather disappointing. Hopefully we'll do better in September when Ian Towers will be back for 'The Best of British'. He'll certainly be including 'Land of Hope and Glory' in his repertoire so that the flag wavers of Painswick can show patriotism!



When one of our local artists looked in the Cotswold Room she realised just how perfect the light was for an exhibition of her paintings. The only problem was there were no facilities for hanging pictures. The Trustees are proposing, therefore, to install a picture rail around both the Cotswold Room and the Green Room. We already have bookings for exhibitions in both rooms during June. So, if you are looking for the perfect location to exhibit your paintings or crafts, look no further.

Ralph Drew

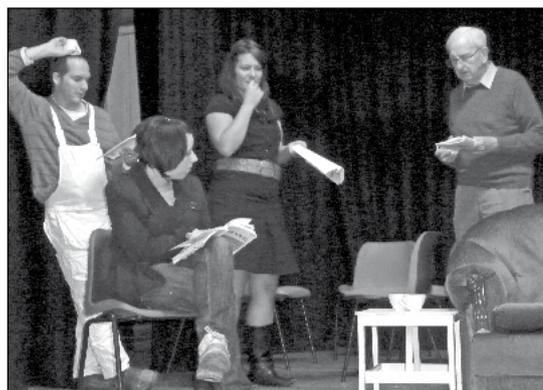


It Could Be Any One Of Us ...

"An old dark house, a stormy night, a corpse, a number of suspects, a killer on the loose and a private sleuth hot on the trail. All the traditional ingredients for a good, old-fashioned edge-of-your-seat whodunit... Unfortunately, the sleuth in question is the disastrous Norris Honeywell who has trouble even identifying the potential victim let alone the suspects. As far as he's concerned, it could be any one of them, really... To be fair to Norris, though, the guilty party does tend to vary from night to night."



.... is how Alan Ayckbourn describes his 30th play, first produced in 1983, now being put on by Painswick Players. Our new young director, Natasha Dickenson, is keen to get off to a thrilling start and has chosen this comic detective story. "It has three elements" she said, "firstly a gruesome and frightening murder mystery, secondly Ayckbourn's sharp observations of people's behaviour and finally the comedy and unpredictable endings". Natasha's Dick Whittington, whose thigh slapping antics in Snow White is remembered with joy by more than one member of the audience, has studied Drama, is actively involved in local dramatic activities and is one of the new faces that have appeared during the past year. Two new faces also appear in two of the female roles with the third female character taken by a (ex?) Yippy and former dwarf! The men are all old stalwarts including another dwarf, the tall one, a former Thomas More and the former evil Slitherspin who has played too many roles to list here.



Just to get you into the spirit of things, here is how the play starts. In a rundown country house live three failed artists, two brothers and a sister, respectively Mortimer, Brinton and Jocelyn. The other characters are Norris, Jocelyn's husband, an insurance investigator turned detective, Amy, their daughter, and Wendy, a former student of Mortimer's. Following a family row, Mortimer, the eldest of the siblings, threatens to disinherit the others and leave everything to Wendy – and that is when you should start to be afraid! So no more for now – come and see the play and see if you can work who dunnit or even who's been done in! Doors creak, storms blow and frightening things happen – so bring a friend to hold your hand if you are of a sensitive nature.

Finally the title? – It's the headline of course!

Performances are at the Painswick Centre on Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June, at 7.30 pm each night. Tickets at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for under 16s available now from Hamptons estate agents and The Royal Oak.

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Tea Dances & The Victorian Ball

Our seventh, and most successful year of Tea Dances at the Painswick Centre will come to a close on Saturday 12th July with our traditional Victorian Costume Ball.

On Thursday afternoons the Painswick Centre is now one of the places to be throughout the autumn, winter and spring seasons. In a warm and friendly atmosphere the dancers enjoy a mixture of ballroom, latin and sequence dances to the music of both modern and well remembered dance band music such as Joe loss, Billy Ternant, Sid Phillips, Glen Miller and Victor Sylvester to name a few. So before this season ends why not come along one Thursday at 2.30pm and have a taster ready for the new season which starts on Thursday 4th September.

For our Victorian Ball we will be having a workshop on Thursday 10th from 7.00-9.00pm at the Centre for anyone who would like to come along and learn a few of the dances ready for the Saturday evening. All the dances are traditional dances from the late 19th and early 20th century and are usually reasonable easy to follow, even for dancers with limited experience. Of course, as usual there will be spectator tickets available too, so that if you enjoy an evening of music you could sit on the balcony, have drink from the bar and the refreshments available in the interval and then consider joining in the next time. If the thought of dressing up puts you off please be assured that the Victorians very often wore dark colours, mainly black so a white blouse and black skirt for the ladies and dinner jackets for the gentlemen would be quite acceptable.

Tickets at £7.00 for dancing and £3.50 for spectators, inclusive of refreshments, will be available from the Shetland shop or by phoning us on 01453.883150 and we will be happy to give you any further information.

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Painswick Gateway

Gateway to the Scarp

The Painswick Gateway project, which seeks to re-unite the component parts of the former Painswick School as a

multi-use, multi-activity library, information and community centre, has joined a bid, in association with the Parish Council, through the Gloucestershire Local Action Group for a slice of about £3.7m of funding from the South West Regional Development Agency.

The proposal, dubbed 'Scarp Links' and forwarded in association with the Parish Council, aims at actions which improve the economies of communities which lie along the Cotswold Way National Trail, particularly where such relates to visitors seeking to enjoy and appreciate aspects of the 'Cotswold Scarp' countryside through which the Trail passes.

The Cotswold Scarp defines the western edge of the Cotswold Hills, bisecting the County of Gloucestershire. Below and to the west, spread across the wide vale of the River Severn, lie the major conurbations of the City of Gloucester and Regency Cheltenham, and the townships and administrative districts of Stroud and Tewkesbury. To the east lie small townships and numerous villages and hamlets atop the hills or deep in hidden valleys, of which Painswick is a prime example. The Cotswold Way National Trail passes along the entire length of this scarp.

In the words of the bid, the objective is to provide "A standing exhibition of promotional and interpretive information based upon local heritage material exhibited in a manner which educates visitors and students alike, and unashamedly projects pride in our environment and way of life." The network will also feature "professional, advisory, business and promotional services, offering direct support for all participating civil parishes, businesses and other enterprises along the scarp, linked by the Trail, who are seeking economic and social revival or advancement."

The rationale for this joint bid is that Painswick faces similar challenges to those of many other settlements along the scarp and it is claimed that the opportunity, identified in the proposals, will dramatically boost the local economy by increasing the tourism market and improve the quality of life in the area. Painswick lies at the mid point of the 102 miles of the Trail, the 'way' passing through the very centre of the village.

Commenting on the proposals, Gateway Chairman, Edward Young, said "It is a strongly held local view that the Trail and its users represent the potential to transform our local economy and that such could be shared with other settlements along the Trail. Tourism has, by proven measure, a powerful influence upon economic well being." He added, "It has to be emphasized that the proposals represent the ideal of what Painswick is seeking, but we appreciate that cakes do not always get cut into the size of slices we desire."

The bid was submitted on 23rd May and an announcement as to whether there is to be any cake at all is expected at the very end of July. It should be fairly soon after that date that discussions will be held to see which projects roll forward, and therefore whether anything like Scarp Links can proceed in this or comparable form.

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PMAG: Farewell until the Autumn

Pictures in Music...

...was the title of a stimulating presentation of recordings given by Gordon Collins on 20th March in his usual enjoyably professional manner. Stimulating both for the composers of music setting out to convey pictures as they saw them, and stimulating us listeners to use our own imagination to guess what we ourselves see in what we hear. "The Elephant" (Saint Saens) and "Butterfly" (Grieg) were easy, but guesswork followed "Pacific 231" and "Murder on the Orient Express", with the 3 beautiful songs from Schumann's "Dichterliebe" even more difficult to appreciate pictorially. Identifying the composers in association with events in our own lifetime followed in the second half. Outstanding recordings were "Hebrides Overture" - landscape pictures; "Pines of Rome" by Respighi - nightfall, nightingales singing; and above all "Landscape" from Vaughan Williams' "Sinfonia Antarctica" which let our imagination run riot.

Donizetti

A visit to the Everyman in Cheltenham with the Painswick Theatre Club on 26th March to listen to the English Touring Opera performing Donizetti's full blooded bel canto opera "Ana Bolena" was a good introduction to the composer's operas and prepared us for Richard Burges Watson's learned and tuneful presentation on 3rd April. After briefly sketching the often underrated composer's life story, Richard played extracts from Ana Bolena, full of aching melodies; Lucia di Lammermoor, an equally great work, sung by Callas, Di Stefano and Gobbi, no less; and Don Pasquale, Donizetti's last major success which perhaps ranks with the Barber of Seville as one of the greatest opera buffa ever written. A lovely evening, full of gorgeous singing.

Ralph Kenber



Music Society's Last Two Concerts

On 26th April, the Arpege Ensemble brought together four of Britain's leading instrumentalists: Philippa Davies (flute), Christina Rhys (harp), Louise Williams (viola) and Stephen

Stirling (horn). Their concert started with a Trio for flute, viola and harp by Diabelli, an Austrian music publisher and composer (1781 - 1858), a lively and rhythmical piece which gave each player a chance to show their talents and their collective cohesion.

Next came three pieces by Max Bruch (1838 - 1920), in which the horn joined the other three instruments. This was deeply melodious, with the flute singing above the viola and the harp, and the horn providing the bass.

This was followed by the Candide Suite by Leonard Bernstein (1918 - 1990), after Voltaire, depicting the life of Candide and his beloved Cunegonde, who shared her love-life between a bishop and a rabbi (sic). Many of the tunes were familiar, and reminiscent of West Side Story, full of glitter and sparkle.

These were followed by an Elegiac Trio by Arnold Bax (1883 - 1953), a flowing piece with the contribution of the viola particularly mellifluous.

Then a Romance for horn and harp by Saint-Saens (1835 - 1921) gave us a good opportunity to hear the harp, well twinned with the horn.

The final work was a musical drama like Peter and the Wolf: Hobson's Choice by Paul Reade (1943 - 1997), about an overbearing shoemaker, who was obliged to allow his industrious apprentice to marry his daughter and to take over his shop. This was a diverting alternative to the usually more serious music which concludes our concerts.

Richard Burges Watson

The final concert of the Society's 2008 season (10th May) was given by the distinguished German Manderling string quartet, with the Schmidt brothers Sebastian (violin), and Bernhard (cello) sister Nanette (violin) who have been playing together for 20 years and 'new boy' violist Roland Glassi who joined them in 1999.

We began with Haydn's quartet in G minor Opus 20, an early work foreshadowing the breakout from the traditional string quartet where the first violin got all the best tunes supported by the lower instruments, sometimes egged on by a harpsichordist. Opus 20 is a big step forward from that. Haydn's inner movements still sound a bit old style but the players get lots of chances to scintillate in the outer allegros, and did they take them! Adventurous edge-of-the seat stuff — a great exciting listen.

Then the sad bit, Schubert's A minor 'Rosamunde' quartet written when the composer knew he had not long to live. The first movement, unlike the Haydn, gives the audience some work to do with its haunting tunes and more complex construction and overshadows the rest of the work whose second movement turns up some tunes from other Schubert works, the third gets all mysterious again and the final jolly gypsy dance brings it to a sudden end.

The final work was Brahms's Opus 51 no 1 in C minor which it is said took him 20 years to write. Worth waiting for. The opening allegro has something for everyone including some nice passages for the viola and cello, a soft passage leading into the two tuneful final movements with lots of 'orchestral' style music at the end with the players back in what seemed like a trademark barnstorming mood. Who said chamber music was dull?

Then they gave us a nice Tchaikovsky lollipop before flying home. Come back soon!

John Parfitt

Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra in concert

Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra will be giving a concert on Saturday 28th June at 7.30pm at Wycliffe College Chapel in memory of their founder Douglas Smith, who died in January this year. Under the baton of David Curtis, the programme will include the Overture "Semiramide" by Rossini, Bruch Violin Concerto No.1, soloist Amelia Jones, and the Rachmaninov Symphony No.2.

Tickets cost £12.00 and are available in Painswick at The Chairman and from Anne Smith Painswick, telephone 812427. A coach will be provided, leaving Stamages Lane Car Park at 6.45pm.

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Painswick Valley Film Group

The third and last film in the present trial season is the Oscar-winning comedy 'Little Miss Sunshine', in which three generations of the dysfunctional Hoover family sit down to dinner, only to discover that 7-year-old Olive has landed a last-minute place in a California beauty pageant. The film follows the family's adventures in the face of adversity, travelling from New Mexico in an old VW van. Frequently hilarious, sometimes dark, this warm comedy has captivated audiences of all ages. Excellent casting and ensemble acting.

Little Miss Sunshine (Cert 15)

Thursday June 12th at The Painswick Centre

Doors open 7:15 pm for 7:30 pm screening.

Bar & Light refreshments.

Tickets from The Chairman or the Post Office in advance, or on the door.

Also, an enormous apology for the change of date of our last film 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit'. We are a new group finding out how best to do things. Already, we are making changes in response to audience feedback at our first screening. This 3-film trial has covered three genre: drama, family and comedy; and three different days: Wednesday, Saturday and Thursday, in order to assess the market for film. After 'Little Miss Sunshine', we hope to consult supporters on the future for film in the Painswick Valley on a regular basis. Please be in touch with your views and offers of help.

Jane Rowe, Ela Pathak-Sen, Gill Richards

Relaxing Classics at St Mary's

There will be a concert in aid of St Mary's Church and Wotton Lawn Hospital, Gloucester on Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm. The concert programme of light classics is varied and hopefully, will appeal to a wide audience. The musicians include Shimmering Flutes, Gloucestershire Woodwind Band, a String Quartet and Douglas Barnes, Baritone.

Several families in Painswick have benefited from the excellent care and support received from our local hospital, Wotton Lawn, which specialises in the field of mental health. Mental health problems in today's fast moving, stressful society are among the most common of all health conditions and range from the worries we all experience as part of everyday life to serious long-term conditions. One in four people will experience some kind of mental health problem in the course of a year; about 10% of children have a mental health problem at any one time; depression affects one in five of older people living in the community and two in five living in care homes

Wotton Lawn is an 84 bed unit and opened in 1994, following the closure of Coney Hill Hospital. The spacious, single, modern bedrooms are pleasant and give patients dignity and privacy. The staff are very focused, working with wonderful dedication to make the experience of patients, visitors and carers a positive and healing one.

Tickets, £8.00 (including light refreshments during the interval) are available from St Mary's Lychgate Office (phone 814795), Roy Welbourn (812721) and Elaine Ellis at Kingsholm Ward (01452 891559). Please make cheques payable to Painswick PCC (Classics). Thank you for your interest and support. The funds raised will be used to provide additional facilities for patients at Wotton Lawn and outreach work in the community at St Mary's. We hope you will wish to support the concert and will have a really enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you

Joy Gardner, Abbey Ward, Elaine Ellis, Kingsholm Ward, Roy Welbourn

Bird Club

Club members assembled off Abbey Way, Cirencester on May 7th, a magnificent



morning of burgeoning summer, lately difficult even to imagine! At once on shallow stream, came the coots, five chirpy young, dancing like the sun on the water, heads an iridescent glow - like slipped haloes! The tone was set, spirits soared - though not the lark.

Entering the Park, our informed and amiable leader, Martin Wright noted sound rather than sight as best marker of avian activity. True to form, the ubiquitous robin soon warned us of his presence, for ever supervisor of man's daily round. Many were the calls and songs to be heard, of tits, wren, stock dove, chiffchaff, whitethroat - even the buzzard's mew, rather trivial sound for a bird of such majestic size and flight. On barn, a moss-gathering, handsome tree creeper was spied - less seen than the nuthatch, policeman of garden pines and seed dispensers!



So to the romantic but hungry sweeping flight of swallows and tales of swifts never



Cuculus canorus

Not one ever-vigilant reader, or Bird Club member, had reported sight or sound of this avian phenomenon as we went to press!

to perch, slow in courtship, modestly reproductive - a lesson to modern man! What a day for roaming but alert, bathing in sunshine amongst the wondrous, early greens of Cirencester Park - hardly tripping over prostrate students,

possibly assimilating?

The final club summer, weekend trip (30th May - 1st June) to Dorset will be reported later but a great occasion is to ensue at the Cottage, Pitchcombe where on Sunday 8th June, 2.00-5.00pm, our Committee members, Malcolm and Joan Cooper will generously open their 1.5 acre, plantsman's garden to the public in aid of club funds. Conducted tours are planned, refreshments will be available, admission £3 and an excellent afternoon is anticipated before our summer intermission. Usual precautions apply on delightful, sloping terrain.

Wendy and Martin Addy

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Croft School News



It seems as if summer has arrived! I appreciate our fantastic surroundings more than ever and it is great to see the children outside enjoying their play, PE, gardening and other activities. Reception and Year 1 children are enjoying their outside area. Aren't we lucky to have such an environment to use?

The vegetable garden is full of new growth; our thanks to Mrs Partridge for masterminding the new planting. Renewed thanks to Sue Jollans as well, as the willow sculpture is growing well and looking dramatic and beautiful. Congratulations to her, too, for winning first prize and best in show in the Malvern Spring Gardening Show for her garden 'Susie's Garden.' If you are at a loose end this weekend, you may like to go and see it.

KS2 learn more about India

The junior classes had a really interesting morning last month with a visitor from the charity 'Action Aid.' This charity has produced a lot of resources we have used about Chembakolli in India, a community in Tamil Nadu. The children saw photos, handled artefacts, designed an Indian game and made rangoli patterns. We have subscribed to an excellent website, which your children may like to visit at home:



www.chembakolli.com/ Username: *head@croft.gloucs.sch.uk*
Password: *gray0whale8*

Parent Governor Election

Andrea Robinson is your new parent governor. I look forward to working with her on the Governing Body.

Music lessons

I am sorry to say that Miss Atkinson will not be back with us until June. I was told last week that Colwell Arts have a responsibility to provide us with an alternative woodwind teacher, but so far we have not been assigned one. I have been contacting them regularly to try to move things on. If you are unhappy about the situation I suggest that you contact them to make your feelings known.

Infants Sports Afternoon

The Infants Sports Afternoon with Cranham and Sheepscombe schools, postponed from last month, will now take place on Monday 23rd June at 1.45pm.

Health Week

Thank you very much to those of you who have already offered to help with our Health Week (16th – 20th June). Alongside a concentration on physical and emotional health, healthy food and activity, one of the aims of the week is to enable children to learn a new skill. The children will have the opportunity to choose an activity (not necessarily related to health) and to spend all day developing skills in that area, alongside children from all age groups in the school.

The proposed structure of the week is as follows:

Monday Physical Activity Day: Sports, games, dance, pool activities etc

Tuesday Emotional Health Day: Team building, massage etc

Wednesday Healthy Eating Day: Cooking, eating, learn about healthy food

Thursday Learn a New Skill Day: A whole range of activities!

Friday Celebration: Come at 2.30 to hear all about our week

PTA

The PTA committee desperately needs some more parents to volunteer to test the pool water. Training will be given. The water needs to be tested three times a day. Please sign up outside the school office if you can help.

Sponsored Walk

We would like all children to take part in the Sponsored walk. The money raised will provide for lots of exciting things, so please support this if you can. It is not a competition. We will be grateful for all amounts collected, large or small. Sponsor forms with a letter are available from Mr Lewis.

Art Exhibition

As the Beacon went to press, the school art exhibition in the Town Hall was being set up. There is still (probably!) just about time to see this fine exhibition of drawings, paintings and sculptures done both at home and at school. The exhibition opened on Friday 6th June (10.00am – 12.30pm, 2.00pm – 5.30pm) and continues on Saturday 7th (11.00am to 4.00pm) and Sunday (1.00pm – 4.00pm).

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Friday Club goes to Sea and does Indian

Last month Janet Jenkins shivered our timbers with her so very unassuming yet thrilling account of 'Sailing around the Caribbean'. Whilst it was obvious to all that she and Peter possessed considerable skills and experience in coping with all the sea, and the Caribbean in particular, could throw at them, it was also clear that 'plain sailing' to them had a distinct slant to its meaning like 170°. The charts alone were enough to frighten us lesser mortals, and going aboard with provisions and a single bag each of clothing and personal effects showed impressive planning and rigorous self denial. Peter's collection of photographs made us turn green, and I don't think that was entirely envy!



Also in May the Friday Club (and the Town Hall) caught the essences (and smells) of Indian cooking. If you should detect a not so faint aroma of Asian in the Town Hall this month, we own up to responsibility. We had the delights of being told and shown how the Indian populace perform their wizardry with the wok by Ela-Pathak-Sen who wove an intriguing spell of her own there. She transformed chicken breast into a most wonderfully delicious (for most) meal with boiled rice and cabbage fried with wild garlic (from the woods, flowers and all) in a pan that had made coriander seeds do a pop and jump dance showing how much they enjoyed being roasted. The ginger, the garlic, the turmeric, the chille, the onion, the sunflower oil and the salt (**Oh the Salt**) that fizzled and zizzled and steamed, steamed and steamed some more whilst being stirred this way, that way and lots of other ways for seemingly ever and ever to become an unappetising looking mush, (but oh the smell) before it was allowed sight of the chicken which, by that time, could not wait to jump in (I thought). Then even more time for our taste buds to get frantic for the proof of the pudding tasters to be passed around. Well, talk of passing the parcel (some members showed great expertise at passing the morsel) but the more venturesome among us showed signs of having been living on starvation rations. Man Friday confesses to having cleared the plates in his own piggish way after close of play, obviously intent on saving the trouble of cooking himself dinner, though he thought he had earned it by saving the event from disaster by solving the burner ignition problem that threatened it.

We particularly enjoyed and appreciated Ela's fund of information about the ingredients, the spices, the cooking processes and, perhaps most of all, about the peoples, the faiths and customs of India that flowed from her so interestingly throughout her demonstrations. Sorry you missed it?

Man Friday



WI Open to Men after Tea and Barbershop Shambles!

Did you know that when Catherine of Braganza married Charles II in 1662 her dowry included the City of Bombay and a chest of tea – the favourite drink at the Portuguese court at the time? That the Tea merchant Thomas Twining, who started selling tea in London's Strand in 1806, originally hailed from Painswick; and that the traditional British custom of taking afternoon tea is reported to have been started by the 7th Duchess of Bedford in the 1840s, along with the fashion for wearing tea gowns. These are just a few of the fascinating facts Alan Hudson peppered his talk with when he came to the April

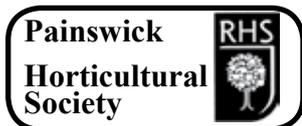
Meeting of Yew Trees WI, to talk on the History of Tea. It was one of those talks when members were sorry it had to end but of course we had to leave time for a cup of tea!

Shambles WI hosted a 'Group Rally' in Stroud on 8th May. Members from Yew Trees enjoyed socialising with members from four neighbouring institutes before being entertained by *Vale Connection* a Ladies Barbershop Chorus from Evesham whose repertoire included such favourites as "Yesterday" and "New York".

Our June meeting on Tuesday 24th is an 'open' meeting which means that male visitors are invited to join us. Angela Panrucker is coming to talk on 'Pub signs' so ladies and gentleman please come and join us. All visitors most welcome in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm, £2.50.

Celia Lougher

Painswick Horticultural Society



At our AGM our Chairman Philip Berry reported on another successful year. We have had a wide variety of Speakers, enjoyed many good meals together and visited many interesting gardens and our membership is increasing! A sure sign that something good is going on!!

Our speaker for the May meeting, Barbara Jones, gave a talk entitled May. She arrived with an armful of plants, many familiar friends and some unknown to us. Not only did she tell which plants to grow but how to look after and prune them. Many keen gardeners have heard of the 'Chelsea Chop' but did you know you can manipulate plants by pruning them? And if you don't want slugs and snails to eat your hostas try growing the blue leaf varieties and use soft soap spray on young broad beans to protect them from blackfly.

As an organic gardener she recognises insects good and bad as part of the food chain. No pests means no birds and we all enjoy these visitors to our gardens. Her talk made us all realise how much we enjoy our gardens and feel generous enough to share them even with the occasional aphid or slug. Happy gardening!

Betty Harris

Help!

**Ashwell House Lunch Club
needs volunteers.**

Can you spare two hours just once a month? We need more help to serve lunch on a Tuesday or Thursday – especially Thursdays – at Ashwell House, 11.15am – 1.15pm, approx.

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Here comes Summer!



... and Painswick's going to the dogs!

Chris Campbell reports that plans and preparations for next month's Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day, **Saturday 12th July on the Recreation Ground, from 10.30am**, are progressing well. Hopefully it will be as great a day as in previous years.

'We're grateful to the Parish Council for their continued support of the day, and this year they are sponsoring a number of events that will appeal especially to children', she says.

Chris hopes that these activities will encourage families to come and have a fun time together: 'They can bring a picnic, enjoy a go on a bouncy castle, have their faces painted and lots more!', she enthuses... though possibly not all at the same time!

Money raised from the show will this year be donated to Rapid-UK a locally based Charity that sends response teams of people and dogs to areas worldwide to aid in the rescue of people who have been trapped following disasters such as earthquakes. Your support of the day for this worthwhile cause would be much appreciated.

Dogs, large or small, with waggiest tails or none at all will be there in great numbers. Entries for the various Show, Novelty and Obedience Classes will be taken from 10.30am with judging starting at 11am for Show Classes and 1.00pm for all others. The wide variety of classes ensures that if you have a dog, there will be something that they can take part in. There is even a class for the best dog/bitch from the Painswick postal area. One wonders how many that could include...?

If you would like to run a stall (no jumble please) to support a local charity, pitches are available, free of charge – just contact Chris to let her know you would like to come, and confirm the charity that you will be raising money for. You will need to bring your own equipment, including a table, chairs and gazebo etc.

More details will follow next month, but in the meantime please contact Fiona Chapman on 812462 for any enquiries regarding the Dog Show, or Chris Campbell on 812600 regarding Charity Stalls.



... and off to the Fete in the Park

Are you ready to challenge the Human Fruit Machine? Are you secretly a skittles champion? Do you have the skill required to Hook a Duck or the muscles to throw a size 11 welly?

Or would you prefer to relax in the tea tent (or sip a Pimms) sinking your teeth into a local, famously delicious cupcake?

Then the place for you to be on **Saturday 14th June from 2.30-4.30pm** is the Painswick Fete at Painswick House.

All monies raised will be split between the Painswick Tomb Conservation Fund and the Cotswold Care Hospice.

So bring along your friends and family . Remember -

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New for this year will be remote control boats on the pond, climbing wall, archery, jazz band and the exciting 'Olivers Grand National All Comers Challenge'.

The day will finish with a fabulous auction of promises. These include a day out on a barge, lunch at Flynn's in Cheltenham, a day out in an Aston Martin to Castle Combe race day, golf lessons, babysitting, sailing lessons, go hawking for a day, dinner party at Olivers, tennis lessons and many more. Tickets cost £5 each on the gate, or £4 in advance by calling 07717.494222. Children under 16 are free. There is a charge of 50p per activity.

All the money raised from the Sports Day goes to support the work of the Church Army. This amazing organisation is a society linked to the Anglican Church, solving problems wherever there is need for people in all walks of life both in the UK and worldwide. For more information on the vital work of the Church Army see www.churcharmy.org.uk.

The Countryside Sports Day is set in the beautiful grounds at Olivers, about one and a half miles north of Painswick on the A46. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Gates open at 12.30pm. Events begin at 2.00pm. For further information, please call 07717.494222 or e-mail sportsday@olivers-estate.co.uk.



ed Cross Open Gardens

are delighted to again be opening at least five (there may be one or two surprises!) beautiful Cotswold gardens in Painswick in aid of the British Red Cross on **Sunday 10th June between 2.00pm and 6.00pm**. All the gardens are accessible by car to anyone with mobility problems, others may park free of charge at Broadham Field (rugby Club) Car Park, 'Sheepehouse Cottage' and 'Sheephouse' (both off Stepping Stone Lane), or enjoy a lovely circular walk from any of these. Maps and details will be available from all gardens and car parking areas. The gardens show a wide variety of styles from 'formal' to 'cottage' with streamside settings and wonderful views. Refreshments will be available at 'Sheephouse', Ice Creams at 'Wayland' in Cotswold Meadow and there will be a Plant Stall plus a children's Treasure Hunt at 'Sheepehouse Cottage'.

If any keen gardeners out there would like to donate some plants to the stall we would be most grateful. Please phone Jackie on 813229 who will arrange collection, or just bring a few (labelled please) on the day.

A big thank you again to all our busy garden owners and helpers, and to the Painswick Rugby Club for letting us use their Car Park. Hoping to see you there and for a beautiful day.

Jackie Herbert and Lindsay Gardiner



Another Summer Evening with the Thames Head Singers

The Thames Head singers, a choir of about 25 from a wide area covering Cheltenham, Gloucester, Painswick, Stroud Valleys, Cirencester and Tetbury are returning to sing in St Mary's Church, Painswick on Saturday evening, **12th July at 7.30pm**. The programme will contain music from the Church's offices, as well as lighter folk music and music from some shows. We hope for delightful weather to enjoy drinks and nibbles in the interval with the chance to walk around the churchyard. Tickets will be on sale in The Chairman shop or at the door on the evening – priced £8, with donations for the drinks.

Songs of Praise

On **Sunday 10th August**, Churches Together around Painswick is organising a Unity Sunday to be held – weather permitting! – on the Rec. We hope people – families, young, old, grandparents – will bring their picnics from 12 noon onwards and join the fun! There will be refreshments available to augment your lunch, and activities and games for all the family. The session will finish with a Songs of Praise at 3.15pm, when we will be singing those hymns and songs **CHOSEN BY YOU!** Please can you tell us your favourite by putting a note into St. Mary's Lychgate office letter box – or you could e-mail your choice to smilemail54-ctaphymns@yahoo.co.uk If the weather is horribly wet, we will still hold the Songs of Praise at 3.15pm in the Town Hall. Any queries to Rita Bishop, 814205 – or any local church.



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Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club's league season has got off to a mixed start. In the early part of May Painswick's first and second elevens won their matches against the Stroud Club. This was followed later in the month with both sides successful against Stone. However, perhaps surprisingly, on 24th May the two Painswick sides were defeated by their Kingsholm Club equivalents. Painswick's first and second elevens play in the West of England Premier League – Gloucester Division which has first and second eleven sections. The third eleven play in the Stroud & District League. On 11th May Painswick won their second round match in the National Village Knock-out Competition.

Results [(L) indicates league match: * indicates not out.]

Sat 10th May. (L) Stroud 1st XI 187-8 Painswick 1st XI 189-4.
(L) Stroud 2nd XI 152-8 (R Coates 5-43)
Painswick 2nd XI 154-8 (P Morris 50). (L) Painswick 3rd XI 66 all out Uley 2nd XI 67-3.
Sun 11th May. Village Championship Painswick 265-6 (J Cook 91*) Haresfield 135 all out (D Cave 4-26).
Sat 17th May. (L) Painswick 1st XI 184-7 (J Cook 98) Stone 1st XI 52 all out. (L) Stone 2nd XI 155 all out.
(A Wager 6-22) Painswick 2nd XI 156-7. (L) Frampton 3rd XI 61 all out Painswick 3rd XI 43 all out.
Sun 18th May. Village Championship. Painswick 1st XI v Bredon 1st XI. Painswick conceded.
Sat 24th May. (L) Painswick 1st XI 230-7 (A Bressington 66 A Beer 64*) Kingsholm 1st XI 234-6.
(L) Kingsholm 2nd XI 257-6 Painswick 2nd XI 179 all out (A Wager 46).

Fixtures

Sat 31st May. (L) Painswick 3rd XI v Stroud 4th XI.
Sun 1st June. Bisley v Painswick.
Sat 7th June. (L) Woodmancote 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.
Sun 8th June. Cheltenham Fugitives v Painswick.
Thu 12th June. Hatherley & Readings 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI.
Painswick XI v Lower Early 1st XI.
Sat 14th June. (L) Painswick 1st XI v Redmarley 1st XI. (L) Redmarley 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.
(L) Painswick 3rd XI v Cam 3rd XI.

Soccer

We are pleased to see such a good response from Painswick with 16 different children attending the first two trial sessions and further enquiries continue to come in. We have now established a regular time slot of 6.30pm every Thursday night (correction from last month's edition).

The Rugby Club have kindly let us use the hockey pitch for now as a training venue at Broadham Fields while we wait to find a new venue for the coming football season. A big thank you to everyone for the kind support we have received.

We look forward to providing Painswick with some quality football.

Howard Davis

Tennis

Monday 21st April proved to be one of those cold, grey and wet spring days, but the weather failed to dampen the spirits of twenty four members of the tennis club as they set out on their much anticipated trip to Highgrove.

Having met their guide they spent two fascinating and reasonably dry, hours touring the gardens before heading back to the Orchard Room for tea and biscuits and time in the shop before heading home. Everyone agreed that it had been a pleasurable and worthwhile visit despite the inclement conditions.

In contrast, 11th May was unseasonably hot for the Mixed American Tournament; it was even deemed necessary to serve the post-match tea and cakes early as players sought relief from the heat! However, the competitors sweated it out, with Sandra Glass and Stuart Hall the eventual winners of a most enjoyable competition.

Jillie Speed

Badminton

At the end of the Badminton season the Diana Radway Cup for the Most Improved Player was presented for the first time.

This cup was purchased by Painswick Badminton Club in memory of one of their founder members who died in December 2006 and who was involved with coaching the Juniors for many years at Painswick.

It was presented to Eleanor Pickles by the coach, Tim Bircher. Junior Badminton will restart on Thursday 4th September.

Beacon subscribers

21st May 2008	2008-09	Last year
New or renewed after lapsing	53	100
Renewed from last year	493	452
Total including postal	546	552
Painswick village dwellings	1057	1057
Subscribing village households	393	399
Percentage households subscribing	37.1%	37.8%

Laughing with Tom

Local ventriloquist, magician and comedian, Tom Elliott will be performing his brand new show titled "Magical Message" next month.

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Unrunning in Tewkesbury

The Painswick Unrunners are magnificently on 'running' target with a 5 mile run at a warm, dry, sunny Tewkesbury. As we ran through areas which were swamped last summer, we could only think that the residents must have been very happy with the weather as well.

Our next target is the Frampton 10K on 14th July. We run Tuesday and Thursday evenings and most Friday and Sunday mornings and anyone who turns up is welcome. Shortcuts and encouragement for slower Unrunners and congratulations for the 'faster' runners who naturally, by now are very, very impressive! We have certainly mastered the Art of Talking and Running at the same time!

The photograph shows us with the Town Mayor and Borough Mayor of Tewkesbury. How could they resist a photo with such a bevy of beautiful ladies!

Rosemary Sanderson www.thepurrs.co.uk

Playgroup toddle for charity

The children at Painswick Playgroup took to the fields one morning in May to support the Barnardo's Big Toddle – the UK's biggest ever sponsored walk for the under 5's.

It was a fun morning for all those involved. The children and staff wore fancy dress and walked around the beautiful grounds surrounding The Croft School. Costumes that were worn included fairies, princesses, pirates, spidermen and even a goldfish!



At the end of the walk each child received a certificate and a medal for taking part. All the money that was raised in aid of Barnardo's will help fund local projects in the South West.

The Playgroup also held an Open Evening in May to celebrate the completion of the toilet refurbishment and the new outside play area. Past committee members and staff were amongst those invited to come along and catch up with old friends.

As committee chairperson, Jenni Rowlands said "It was great to see everyone and show them the new facilities. The evening also gave us the opportunity to formally thank our outgoing trustees – Terry Parker, Jenny Oakley, Andy Lock and Susie Oakley – for all their support and advice over the years".

Linda Yates

Still fishin'

We reported last month that Jack Kirwin, 22, was to start bringing a wide range of freshly caught fish from Grimsby to Painswick to the car park of the Town Hall on Thursdays between 8.30 and 11.00am.

We are pleased to report now that the service is proving a great success and the enterprising Jack, pictured here last Thursday, says he is confident that his weekly visits are here to stay.





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Letters



Vote of Thanks

From Cllr Barbara Tait,
Churchill Way.

I wonder if you would allow me, through your pages, to thank everyone who took the trouble to vote at the District Council elections on May 1st? The Painswick turnout was the highest in the district at 50.03% - which was excellent. It really is so important to go out and vote.

I sincerely thank everyone who did vote for me. It really is an honour to have been re-elected to represent this ward again, and I will endeavour to listen to, and represent all views expressed to me, regardless of political persuasions.

My sincere thanks.

Calling all Hallings

From Christine Bailey in Spain,
by email chris.peter@tesco.net

Can you please help me. I am doing my family tree and my father's side is from Wales but I have just found out from the 1871 census that my great-great grandfather, John H Halling, was born in Painswick, as was his wife Mary A. Halling. They are down as 45 (although it could be 43 as the pen goes through it) and 49 respectfully. All their children are born in Wales.

Can you help me trace either his birth details, so that I can get his parents name, or their marriage details. I currently live in Spain so it is not possible for me to travel up to get details. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

The inclusion of letters in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed.

Robert Ball

From Ken Oliver in Blakewell Mead

As a fellow artist who has known Bob for many years as a sincere friend, I would like to add a little to the excellent tribute already submitted by Ralph Kenber. The many students he taught will recall his valued help and advice.

Throughout his long teaching career, he continued to produce his own work, exhibiting regularly as a member of many important Art Societies in London and the provinces. Doubtless one of the foremost printmakers in this country, locally he will be remembered by his years as Principal of the Stroud School of Art, the delightful exhibitions at the Town Hall and his beautiful wood engraved illustrations to the 'Cotswold Ballads' by Frank Mansell.

A real artist - sadly missed.

Rugby youngsters

From Mr & Mrs Capper, Paradise:

During the winter months, on Sunday mornings, we have attended the Rugby ground to watch over 100 children, of all ages, join in training sessions organised and supervised by coaches of the Painswick Rugby Club. Last Sunday, it was good to see the youngsters receive their medals and trophies.

Perhaps you could put on record our appreciation of the time and effort put in by all the club members involved.



Arrivederci camera

From Manu Russo, Italy

by email: manrusso@unina.it

I really hope you can help me...I would like to ask to the reader of your newspaper if they found or they know people who found a digital camera that I lost in Painswick (lovely lovely village) possibly in the local cemetery or maybe at the bus stop in direction of Cheltenham... somewhere there...

The value of the camera is not much I am really sorry because I lost the pictures (nothing artistic but very precious to me) and in case somebody found the camera maybe can give me back only the memory card.

I would be really grateful if you can help me. Thank you very much and a kiss to all Painswick!

(Irresistible! So, if you are the Beacon Reader and you found the camera, please email our lovely Italian visitor or let the Beacon know and we'll try to contact him... her? - Editor)

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Local History Teaser

The expression on this lady's face causes you to wonder what the gentleman next to her has just said. We shall probably never know. However, have you any idea what the occasion was, when it took place and can you name the people in the photograph?

The special occasion depicted in last month's picture was the Painswick WI Golden Jubilee tea party in February 1970. From left to right the ladies were: Mrs Damsell, Miss Topham, Mrs Merchant, Mrs Musty, and founder members, Miss Margaret Hyett, who was the first President, and Miss Katharine Jones, the President in 1970. Jayne Knowles-Smith has emailed to say that the third lady with the black hat is Dorothy Bullingham, grandmother of Councillor Jason Bullingham, who used to live at Whitehorse Lane.

Finally, mea culpa! I reported last month that for April's Teaser, Avril Dory had correctly named the formidable Painswick character pictured as Mrs Arch and that Avril had said that Mrs Arch's husband died in World War Two. I should have written 'the First World War'. My apologies: we historians are nothing if we are not accurate and I duly hang my head in shame.



... and the Local History Society

The next meeting of the Painswick Local History Society will be the AGM and will take place at the Croft School on Tuesday, 17th June. Mrs Jane Otway will give a presentation entitled Styles in Stiles. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Carol Maxwell

War Memorial information appeal

A few months ago I put a plea for information and photographs about the war memorial in the Beacon. Although there were one or two really generous and helpful responses I am still desperately seeking information on many of the named servicemen listed.

It is ninety years since that terrible war ended and, of course, the survivors have now gone. I am researching the details with regard to Painswick in order to write an article for the Painswick Chronicle and would be very grateful indeed, therefore, if anyone has any information on or photographs of either individual or groups of servicemen, letters, medals, telegrams etc which would be of interest. Although the main emphasis is on those who died – and there were a considerable number from our village – I am also trying to ascertain how many of the survivors had sustained serious injuries and illnesses. This is proving exceedingly difficult.

If anyone can help with any information, no matter how little, or a photograph, I should be very, very grateful.

Carol Maxwell

Stamages Lane - car park

After 11 months of free parking, introduced by the District Council at the request of our Parish Council and local traders as one of the responses to the closure of the A46, the meters are once again in operation

Historic Tea Party

Ron Paterson, Chairman of the Sheepscombe History Society would like to draw your attention to a tea party for everyone who lived in Sheepscombe at any time up till 1950. It will be held at Sheepscombe Village Hall at 3.00 on the afternoon of Saturday 7th June.

All those who are eligible are warmly invited to come to the tea party, and are asked to confirm their attendance by calling the organiser, Anne Hawkins, on 812047.

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She says that you do not need any special qualifications or degrees – simply bring along your wealth of experience and, as the day progresses, you will become more attuned to the creative process that works within you. The cost is £35.00 to include a light lunch, tea and coffee. Phone 414507 or email riveroflifeuk@hotmail.com to book your place. Please note that places are strictly limited.

Cotswold Care

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Painswick Women's Fellowship's Coffee Morning on Sat April 26th. £275.00 was raised in aid of Cotswold Care.

Gillian Gyde

British Red Cross

May I, on behalf of the Painswick Centre of the British Red Cross, thank the collectors for giving their time and the people of Painswick for their generosity, during our 'Red Cross Week'.

We raised the sum of £521.39.

Helen Baker

Spectacular find

Ladies spectacles found on seat alongside Cotswold Way, in Open Spaces field off Edge Road, on 14th May. Contact 813298

Artists open studios

As part of the Stroud 'Site Festival 08' a variety of Painswick Artists are opening their studios to the Public on 7th, 8th June and 14th, 15th June from 11am to 6.00pm. The 'Site Festival' is now in its 12th year and will feature the work of some 260 local, national and international artists in over 75 sites throughout the Stroud Valleys.

On show will be a wide variety of painting, drawing, illustration, sculpture, ceramics, jewellery making, textiles, weaving, printmaking, stained glass, photography and furniture making. Festival programmes and Open Studios Directories, with photos and maps of how to get to the Studios are available from Painswick Post Office. There is undoubtedly an Open Studio within walking distance of your home so why not add some colour to your life and pay them a visit.?

Claire Nayegon.

Help the Samaritans

As is widely known, one or two of our local residents spend a considerable amount of their time working for the Gloucester Samaritans, helping desperate people who find themselves at a loss where to turn next. In order to tackle ever-mounting expenses incurred by more helpers dealing with increasing numbers of applicants for help, I have been appointed Fundraiser for Gloucester Samaritans.



I would therefore ask anyone willing to contribute to this good cause, however little, to send me a cheque made out to Gloucester Samaritans. Would taxpayers ask me for a Gift Aid form to fill in which would enable us to obtain a further 28% on top of their donation.

Many thanks in anticipation.

*Ralph Kenber, Westmorland House, Kingsmead, GL6 6US
phone 813259, email: ralph.kenber@care4free.net*

PROPERTY REPORT for June from Hamptons International

In spite of the negative backdrop to the UK market, buyers are becoming more motivated by the greater selection of properties for sale at more affordable prices and indeed in April we sold exactly the same number of properties as we did in the peak of the market in April 2007. There have been many challenges for the housing market during the first quarter of 2008. The turbulence within the financial institutions and the continual negative press speculation that a property crash is just around the corner has inevitably caused buyer confidence to become extremely fragile.

What is apparent is that, unlike previous cyclical downturns, vendors have very quickly taken onboard the fact that their properties need to be priced in line with current market conditions. To hold out for an ambitious price is not only unrealistic but could damage their chances of selling at all. There are still agents out there over pricing properties to win instructions and we have seen quite a number of properties come to us after their initial marketing period is over. Unfortunately on most occasions these vendors have ended up achieving less for their property than they could have done if they had launched it at the correct price. The launch price is just so important in this market and the

good news is there are buyers out there, in fact we have a similar number to this time last year but the only difference is that they are not prepared to pay big prices for property.

New Instructions: Painswick: The Cloth Hall, a fine period family house in the heart of Painswick; 11 St Marys Mead, a contemporary 3 bed townhouse; Old Forge Cottage, a stunning 3 bedroom period cottage. Sheepscombe: Prospect House, a fabulous Victorian family house with large garden; Weavers cottage, a 2 bedroom period cottage with stunning views and large garden; Slad: Carousel; a 3 bedroom bungalow with views over Slad valley. Pitchcombe: Springwaters, a 4 bedroom newly refurbished bungalow with fabulous views. Caudle Green: a 3 bedroom bungalow with triple garage (under offer) Brookthorpe: East Barn; a beautiful contemporary barn conversion.

Under offer: Greenaway, Woody Steeps, Star Cottage, Hambutts cottage and Hazelbury in Painswick, Weavers and Greycot in Sheepscombe, The Old Sunday School in Slad, and the Bungalow at Caudle Green.

Sold therefore exchanged properties: Back Edge Hall in Edge, Hamfield in Painswick, Little Bacchus in Harescombe, The Wil- lows in Upton St Leonards and Well cottage in Longridge.



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JUNE

Sat	7	Open Studios (also Sunday 8th) see p16		11.00am to 8.00pm
Sun	8	Garden Open: The Cottage, Pitchcombe (off A4173, near Pitchcombe church) - proceeds to Painswick Bird Club		2.00 to 5.00pm
Mon	9	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
Tue	10	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) St Mary's Guild: Garden Meeting at the home of Mrs Jean Harley	Christ Church Hall Old Orchard, Brookhouse Mill	9.30 to 12.00noon 2.30pm
Wed	11	Probus: Club Outing to RAF Cosford Museum & Moseley Old Hall, (NT) Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813011/Liz, 813130	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	12	Tai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome Tea Dances - Thursdays Film: Little Miss Sunshine (Cert. 15) see p7	Town Hall Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Christ Church Hall Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	9.30am 9.30 to 11.00am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 to 4.30pm 7.15 for 7.45pm
Fri	13	Country Market - coffee available (Fridays)	Town Hall	10.00am
Sat	14	Open Studios (also Sunday 15th) Painswick Fete in aid of Painswick Tombstone Restoration & Painswick House Park Cotswold Care Hospice see p10		11.00am to 8.00pm 2.30pm
Wed	18	Women's Fellowship: Lunch at the Golf Club Parish Council Meeting	Golf Club Town Hall	12.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	19	Painswick Players production: It could be any one of us - Alan Ayckbourn (also 20th & 21st) see p4	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Fri	20	Friday Club: Woodchester Mansion, B & P Wolaston	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	21	Copy deadline for July Beacon		
Tue	24	Year Trees Wt: Pub Signs - Angela Panovucher see p9	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	25	Probus: Sue Ryder Homes - Duncan Willoughby	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	26	Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra see p6	Wycliffe College Chapel	7.30pm
Sun	29	Gardens Open in aid of British Red Cross (5i Gardens). Walk starts from Rugby Club Car Park see p11	Painswick	2.00 to 8.00pm

JULY

Wed	2	Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchetts	Kingsmead	7.00pm
Thu	3	Cotswold Care Support Group	Ashwell House	2.30pm
Fri	4	Friday Club: A Rotary Project	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	5	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published Edge Village Fete	The Green, Edge	4.00 to 7.00pm
Sun	6	Countryside Sports Day see p11 Events start	Givers Givers	1.00pm (Picnic) 2.00pm
Tue	8	St Mary's Guild: Cheese-making - Miss Godsell	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Wed	9	Probus: 44 Pesks with an hour to spare - E. Fellows Victorian Garden & Tea Party, in aid of Acorns Hospice & Age Concern	Shires Room, Falcon Richmond, Painswick	10.00am 2.30 to 5.30pm
Thu	10	Theatre Club Outing to Stratford upon Avon Soul Café - Contemporary form of worship - all welcome	The Falcon Christ Church Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Sat	12	Companion Dog Show & Village Event see p10 Creative Writing Workshops see p16 Summer Concert: Return visit by Thames Head Choir Victorian Costume Ball. For info 01453.883150 see p5	Recreation Field Painswick Centre St Mary's Church Painswick Centre	10.15am to 4.00pm 7.30pm 8.00 to 11.30pm
Sun	13	Croft School Summer Fair	Croft School	2.00 to 4.00pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Edge Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	18	Friday Club: Desert Island Discs with ?	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	22	Year Trees Wt: The Cotswold Perfumery - Pam Slader	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Ladies Luncheon		



AUGUST

Fri	8	Friday Club outing: Giffords Circus	Minchinhampton	
Sun	10	Unity Sunday CTAP plus Songs of Praise (if wet, Songs of Praise only in Town Hall 3.15pm) see p11	of Recreation Ground	12noon to 4.00pm
Sat	16	Theatre Club Outing to Newbury	The Falcon	10.00am

SEPTEMBER

Fri	5	Friday Club: Working Life on the River Severn	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	6	Relaxing Classics: Concert in aid of St Mary's Church & Wotton Lamin Hospital see p7	St Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed	10	Probus: The people who built Birmingham - interspersed with music. Malcolm Lewis	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	13	Horticultural Society Annual Show	Painswick Centre	2.30 to 5.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Life and Times in Gibraltar - Gill Richards	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Best of British Dinner Dance	Painswick Centre	8.00 to 11.00pm
Tue	23	Year Trees Wt: The work of the British Red Cross	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	24	Probus: Story of the Hampton Car - Trevor Picken	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am

OCTOBER

Fri	3	Friday Club outing: The Mail Box	Birmingham	
Wed	8	Probus: Arenas of sport - Cricket, Racecourses, Rowing - Aylwin Sampson	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	9	Bird Club: Breeding birds of southern Britain	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: A Painting Experience with Adele	Town Hall	2.30pm
Wed	22	Probus: Humour & songs from the wars - Mike Wallace	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Tue	28	Year Trees Wt: Fancy a Joint? - Robert Linsell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	31	Friday Club: Halloween Event	Richmond Painswick	

NOVEMBER

Tue	4	Bird Club: Finland - winter to spring: Helen Williams	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	5	Probus: The Archers at Crecy 1346 - Ian Shopler	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Sat	8	Sue Ryder Christmas Fair	Town Hall	8.45am to 12noon
Fri	14	Friday Club outing: A Day at the Races		
Tue	25	Year Trees Wt: AGM & 18th century evening with magic lantern show - David Bayley	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	28	Friday Club: AGM followed by 'Preparing for Christmas'	Town Hall	2.30pm

DECEMBER

Mon	8	Bird Club: field trip - Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust	Slimbridge	10.45am
Tue	9	Year Trees Wt: Puds & Puzzles	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	12	Friday Club: Christmas Lunch	the	

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NEW APPLICATIONS

WEST HAYES, FAR END, SHEEPS-COMBE Installation of solar panels.
 THE STABLES, PAINSWICK HOUSE, GLOUCESTER ROAD Removal of chimney.
 KINGSMILL END, QUEENS MEAD 2 storey extensions to front and side, enclose porch and internal alterations.
 6 STROUD ROAD Removal of balcony. Erection of conservatory.
 THE COVERT, SLAD Extension to form kitchen dining room.
 FOURWAYS, QUEENS MEAD 2 storey extension to side and rear, garage.
 OLD EBWORTH CENTRE, THE CAMP, SHEEPS-COMBE Internal partitioning and improved installation to 1st floor. Installation of 3 perspex sheets to the roof. Re-hanging of door / installation of secondary glazed door. Internal re-wiring.
 THE OLD CARRIAGE HOUSE, EDGE Erection of extension.
 RICHMOND VILLAGE, STROUD ROAD Erection of temporary sign boards.

CONSENT

4 CLATTERGROVE COTTAGES Single storey timber summerhouse.
 SPRING COTTAGE, TICKLESTONE LANE Proposed sun room to rear elevation, with additional change of roof to flat roof dormer, with additional dormer to front elevation.
 PAINSWICK MILL, TICKLESTONE LANE Works to horse chestnut tree (TPO 190)
 WOODLANDS, EDGE Single storey extension.

10 PULLENS ROAD Addition of downstairs bathroom and W/C to north elevation of property.
 FAIRFAX, VICARAGE STREET Two storey extension.
 MEADOW BANK, KINGS MILL LANE Works to various trees.
 STROUD SLAD FARM, SLAD LANE, SLAD 2 extensions of existing livestock buildings to house tractor, straw & machinery (extension to barn 1) and act as lambing shed (extension to barn 2).
 WYNSTOWE, LOWER WASHWELL LANE Erection of rear single storey extension.
 16 CHURCHILL WAY Re-siting of garage and replacement of flat roof with a pitched roof.
 COURT COTTAGE, HALE LANE Construction of conservatory, separate summer house and alteration to vehicular access.
 THE WEAVERS COTTAGE, VICARAGE STREET Replacement of fire grate. Installation of rear external extractor fan. Replacement of damaged door.

REFUSAL

6 STROUD ROAD Erection of a conservatory.

PLANS WITHDRAWN

JUBILATE, BLAKEWELL MEAD New dwelling.
 SEAGRIMS, PINCOT LANE Erection of replacement conservatory and balcony, new front entrance. Subdivide existing studio for separate accommodation.

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An artistically artful puzzle from the artfully artistic Lynne Gibson, who replaces Brother Leslie this month, and challenges you to find 27 (!) Old Masters hidden in the grid opposite. And, no - before anyone asks - she has not included Brother Leslie amongst them!

Last month's spuds were:
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The Personal Column

Weddings

Our best wishes for their future happiness to JOLENE PRITCHARD and DUNCAN ABBOTT who are to be married at Harescombe Church on 7th June,

also to JOHN FEATHERSTONE and HANNAH DALTON who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on 14th June,

also to NATALIE PARKER and WERNER GEY VAN PITTIUS who will be getting married at St John's, Sheepscombe on 14th June,

also to SAMUEL HANNIS and STEPHANIE PRIESTLEY who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on 27th June,

and to STUART NAYEGON and JUDY LEE who are to be married at St Mary's Painswick on 28th June.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to ROSEMARY and BOB ALDER who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 26th April.

Babies

Congratulations to JUDY and NIGEL EVANS on the birth of daughter, Lucy Kate, on 16th April, a sister for Thomas and Samuel, and a fifth grandchild for Mary and Martin Slinger,

also to LISA and GRAHAM WARNABY on the birth of Lewis Jack on 5th May, a brother for Alex.

Great-grandchildren

To DAVID and JEAN RYLAND: Charlie Alfie Staines, born on 27th May and Sophie Ava Simmonds, born on 3rd April.

Welcome

We would like to welcome PETER and JEAN CORBETT to 8 Stamages Lane,

also Mr RUSSELL to Packers, Edge Lane,

also Miss HARVEY-WOOD and partner to Well Cottage, The Camp.

Change of house

TIM and LIZZIE GORDON from Sheepscombe to Hamfield, Edge Road,

Dr DICK JARRETT to The Langet, Kemps Lane from Hamfield.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to FREDA HUDDLESTON, MATTHEW QUINN and JANE PERCIVAL-GERMAN.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the friends and family of STUART WHITTAKER. HUGH JESSOP, ROGER McCULLAGH, SIMON WHEATLEY, PAMELA WARREN-SMITH, LUCY BICKFORD (formerly Stewart), ELLA BRESSINGTON and MARK JANCZARSKI, who have all died recently.



ELLA BRESSINGTON (pictured here) reached her 100th birthday last week, on 29th May and, sadly, passed away that very morning.

Ella lived at Beechcroft in Lower Washwell Lane from 1986 until about six years ago and will be remembered amongst her many other local activities as a particularly active member of Painswick WI.

Personal messages

KEN OLIVER is grateful to be home again and wishes to thank all his many Painswick friends for their letters, cards and visits whilst he was in Cheltenham and Cirencester hospitals.

DAVID and JEAN RYLAND wish to say a big thankyou to everyone for all the help and support they have received during David's illness. Welcome back, David!

JONQUIL, JAMES and DAVID McCULLAGH would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped them so much in the days following Roger's sudden death on 10th May at Cliffords Orchard. We will always be grateful for their kind words and sympathy.

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