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How fortunate we are in Painswick to have such a choice of winter sporting activities, for young and old alike (Details inside on pages 12/13)



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New Bus Services

in Cotswold and Stroud Districts

Community Connexions are introducing new bus services in Stroud and Cotswold Districts from 16th August to enable those affected by changes to rural bus services to access essential services.

Concessionary bus passes will be valid on new, door to door pre-bookable shopper services

Paul Riddick, chief executive officer of Community Connexions, said "We are delighted that we are able to increase our service provision to help some of the most rurally isolated communities".

In Stroud we have services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays taking people into either Nailsworth or Stroud covering the following areas:- Shortwood, Newmarket, Woodchester, Amberley and Nymphsfield, Minchinhampton, Avening, Horsley, Hampton Fields, Tiltups End, Barton End, Box, Balls Green, Nailsworth, Slad, Randwick, Edge, Paganhill, Whiteshill, Ruscombe, Pitchcombe, Painswick, Stonehouse, Leonard Stanley, Brimscombe, Frocester, Ebley, Selsley, Kings Stanley, Rodborough, and Thrupp.

I would urge people to ring and book to ensure their place as many routes are already proving very popular."

For more information or to book call 0845 680 5029 or go to www.communityconnexions.org.uk.

Surgery News

Flu Clinics

Our annual immunisation programme to protect vulnerable patients from the influenza virus will commence as usual, in October this year. All the doctors at Painswick Surgery strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 65 is vaccinated against influenza. We would also suggest that anyone who suffers from diabetes, asthma/lung disease, kidney/liver/heart disease and patients who are immunocompromised are also vaccinated as they are especially at risk.

The first three clinics will be on Saturday 1st, Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th of October from 8:30 to 12:30. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment. Patients who have registered for Patient Access will be able to make their appointments online. Please only make an appointment if you know you are eligible for the vaccination.

CQC Inspection

Painswick Surgery had its inspection from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) at the beginning of June. We thank all the patients who kindly gave feedback to the inspectors, and we hope that the process did not cause too much inconvenience to our patients.

New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome our new Registrar, Dr Angharad Rees. Dr Rees will be working with us until February 2017.

Waiting Times

As many patients will be aware, there is currently a waiting time of over three weeks for a routine appointment to see a GP at the surgery. We have more GP appointment slots than ever before, but demand keeps on increasing. We are doing everything we can to reduce this waiting time. However, every week we usually have between five and ten patients that do not turn up for their appointments. Please ensure that any unnecessary appointments are cancelled in good time so that we can offer these to other patients.

Mike Mack-Smith

The Nutcracker at Christmas

After the summer months the Theatre Club will resume visits to nearby theatres. We have 2 visits planned. A Tale of Two Cities at Oxford in late September and Relatively Speaking at Malvern in late October.

We are also organising a visit to see the traditional Christmas ballet, the Nutcracker at the Birmingham Hippodrome. We have ordered more tickets than club members usually take up and we are extending an invitation to Painswick residents to buy the additional tickets. The visit is to the matinee performance on Tuesday 13th December and tickets, including travel, cost £47. Please contact Judith or Ross on 812575 for further details.

Ross Munro

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Summer Reading Challenge

The Roald Dahl theme is proving popular, but by the time you read this, the challenge will be over! Well done to all those 5 – 11 year olds

who have completed the target of reading at least 6 books over the summer holidays.

New Books – space this month to list a few

Adult Fiction

Chris Evans *The Painswick Conspiracy*; JK Rowling *Harry Potter and Cursed Child*; Harry Bingham *This Thing of Darkness*; Isabel Allende *The Japanese Lover*; Veronica Henry *How to Find Love in a Bookshop*; John Lawton *Then we Take Berlin*; Jessica Burton *The Muse*

Adult Non-Fiction

Harvey Sagar *Come Rhyme with Me*;

Junior Fiction

Roald Dahl *EsioTrot* and *James and the Giant Peach*; Daisy Meadows *Marissa the Science Fairy*; Jo Nesbo *Dr Proctors Fart Powder*; Alex Smith *Claude at the circus* and *Claude on Holiday*.

The complete lists are available at the counter.

Ian Cridland

10, 20, 30 Years ago.

September 1986

Problems for young wives

At the recent AGM nominations for Leader and committee members were invited but none were forthcoming. This led to a general discussion of the past and present role of ‘Young Wives’. Several members felt that because Painswick now had so many clubs and societies and a second W.I. it left members with little time for a generalized group.

September 1996

Paper Shop to close

The Painswick Paper Shop in New Street is to close. The proprietor hopes to run a delivery service only from her home. Competition from other retailers has meant that it was uneconomic to continue.

September 2006

Lloyds Bank under threat.

The Lloyds Bank in Painswick is under threat of closure. Local businesses and personal customers have contacted the Beacon expressing concern.

Conserving the Tombs

Centreline, a local firm of architectural stonemasons has just started a conservation programme of work to restore the Tombstones in St Mary’s Churchyard.

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Dawn’s cards at the Patchwork Mouse

Many of us have rued the fact that for some time Dawn Mallinson has not been able to open her Shed. The joy of being able to choose the perfect greeting card from her selection is missed by many Painswick residents. The cards have ranged from the stunningly beautiful to the rib-ticklingly funny to the downright quirky, cards which are not generally to be found elsewhere.

It is a pleasure therefore to report that The Patchwork Mouse Cafe is now displaying and selling all of Dawn’s cards. Do go and have a look and enjoy browsing through this wonderful selection.

Carol Maxwell

Tourist Information Office (TIO)

Available for sale in the TIO are copies of John & Sally Ryde’s “A Journey through Gloucestershire – An anthology of pictures and poetry”. The hard-covered book of photographs and verse which is priced at £15 makes an ideal present. The TIO receives a percentage of the sales income.

Anne Smith

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

With the first session on Thursday 8th September, the village bridge club plays every second and fourth Thursdays with an extra session if there are five Thursdays in the month, starting promptly at 7.10pm in the Village Hall. It is a small friendly club and we are always pleased to see new players so if you need to know more do telephone Hugh Tarran on 01452 814081 or myself on 01452 812588.

Joy Edwards

Picnic in the Park

For once the sun did what we all pray for in a British summer, it shone brightly! The Rococo Garden positively twinkled for our annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday August 6th as one hundred and thirty people walked down the steep paths to the Bowling Green with their hampers, bottles of wine, chairs, rugs and children. As everyone arrived the members of the Cranham Orchestra struck up and the evening began to the sound of violins and cellos. Entertainment for the children (and adults) was provided by Professor Collywobbles and his Punch and Judy show. Matt Sproston played his ukulele in the interval and then the popular Baily's Beads from Gloucester played a selection of folk songs. During the evening the visitors were able to explore the whole garden at a time they cannot normally see it – as one reporter put it, they could see it literally in a different light! Even vegetables will look enchanting at twilight.



After drawing the raffle prizes kindly donated by the committee of the Friends of the Garden, Cranham Orchestra played again as people began to pack up and wend their way back home. At the top, by the viewing point, Matthew Sproston serenaded us as we returned to our cars.

All money raised from the event is used to support the restoration of this unique garden and we would like to thank the Trustees and Lord and Lady Dickinson for giving us permission to hold the picnic. I would encourage everyone in the area to consider taking up a Friends Season Ticket which allows you free access to the garden for a year. Come and talk to a volunteer on the Welcome Desk and you too could enjoy an enchanting experience.

Vicky Aspinnall

Rococo Reflections

It's been a busy month at the Garden, with our visitor numbers for this year just beating last year's, much to our delight. We've been delighted to host a number of really special village weddings and it's been lovely to have a busy café, even on the rainiest of days.

At the time of writing we're making chutney galore, given the plethora of veg coming our way from the kitchen garden. If you're coming up, do try the cheese and chutney sandwich – a simple classic, and always guaranteed to contain some homegrown goodies.

We are now looking ahead to the rest of the year and into 2017. We start the autumn with a residency by local natural history artist Cath Hodsman, whose stunning pictures have graced our café walls this season. She will be with us Monday 5th – Friday 9th September, so do pop up and see what she's up to.

New for this year is October's Autumn Festival, which will see our season end on a high note. Taking as our inspiration the national Apple Day on 21st October, we will be celebrating the extraordinary variety of heritage produce grown by our garden team. There will be lots of entertainment and activity for all the family and a last chance to enjoy the autumn colour. We're still finalising our plans so there'll be more news next time – but do put Friday 21st-Sunday 23rd in your diary for a trip up the hill to see us.

Dominic Hamilton

'Learn By Play' Bridge

In Sheepscombe – Restarts 10.00am
Tuesday 27th September

We meet every Tuesday morning 10am-12.00 and re-start Tuesday 27th September in Sheepscombe village hall. Cost is £6/session to include a cuppa/ biscuit as long as I don't wash up. Whist players who can pick things up fast may also want to give it a go (I can do a separate 'catch-up' session). Please get in touch to know more or if you'd like to join us.

Hugh Tarran 814081 or email
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Here We Go Again.....

What a funny year it's been; do we say the same every year? Too hot, too cold, too dry.... and now I'm reveling in the sound of heavy rain as I could do with a breather from the constant watering of many, many thirsty pots!

The Gardening Club 'Season' begins on 12th October. The Church Rooms are open from 6.30pm: we're serving tea/coffee and homemade cake (what an enticement!) to allow time for us to welcome both existing Members and new Members and to collect subs before the talk. Annual subscriptions remain at £18 pp and visitors £4 pp each time. If you're still undecided, pop along for a chat and see what you think; we'd love to see you. Duncan Coombes will be treating us to a very interesting talk, 'The Shaded Garden' - now who hasn't got one of those difficult spots where nothing seems to grow?

Pop a note on the calendar for 2nd December as we're currently organising a wreath making event with well-known local florist and NAFAS demonstrator, Jayne Morriss. More details will be on the noticeboard at the October meeting and on the website. I did a wreath workshop with Jayne last Christmas; great fun, simple to make and no faffing!

Time to do a few more cuttings....

Caroline Bodington (Committee Member)



Migration underaway.

August is the month when many of our Summer visitors start to make their way back south. Most of the swifts have departed but swallows and house martins have been recorded daily and one day's count recently resulted in almost ten thousand birds seen. A beautiful osprey came through at the beginning of the month and a number of hobbies, spotted flycatchers, tree pipits and crossbills made their way in the last few days. Gulls don't get a second glance from many people but large numbers of common and black-headed gulls are appearing now, most of these will be from Northern Europe and sometimes further east.

Some people may have seen gulls recently wheeling about in the sky in large groups, sometimes accompanied by swallows and house martins. They are chasing flying ants which occur at this time of year, which no doubt must be plentiful enough to make a worthwhile meal. The next few months will be very busy, so keep your eyes peeled and you may be rewarded with some of the annual spectacle which is bird migration

John Fleming, Painswick bird club.

News in 1916

In 1916 the Beacon would undoubtedly have carried news of the war. In particular, in September, news of Painswick men at the Somme was prevalent and the following appeared in Stroud News. 'So well have the wounded lads from Painswick been progressing that two out of the eight who had the misfortune to be placed hors de combat have returned to duty in France once more.' It is to be noted that, despite the upbeat tone of this report, some of these men sadly died.

However, in the same month the following also appeared in Stroud News. 'Capt. Charles Rupert Winsor, ... a son of the late Rev. C.J. Winsor, of Lullingworth, Painswick, has just been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. From the "London Gazette" it appears that he was honoured "for conspicuous gallantry during operations. He led his battalion with great dash and ability during several days of hard fighting, and showed remarkable coolness and resources."'

Carol Maxwell



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Painswick Valley Toddler Group

The Painswick Valley Toddler Group is opening its doors for the new school year on Monday 5th September. We are a lively, friendly group that meets every Monday in term time from 9.50am to 11.30am in Pitchcombe Village Hall. We start with a music session led by the fantastic FunkyMunky Music which is followed by tea and cake for grown-ups whilst the children all sit down at a table together for a healthy snack. We then have an organised craft activity and a free play session. There is no need to pre-book and the first session is free – just come along and join in. The cost thereafter is £4 per family. This is a lovely way to start the week and an excellent opportunity to meet other mums and dads and to make friends if you are new to the area. The group is suitable for all ages, from newborns to pre-schoolers. We welcome all parents, grandparents, carers and childminders etc. from Painswick and the surrounding areas. If you would like to know further details please call 07984 332218.

Kate Kus



New Season starts

Our new season starts on Thursday 15th September in the Town Hall. We have planned an exciting series of programmes with music from composers as varied as Handel, Chopin and Ketelby; music of genres like opera, sacred music, light music and folk music – something for most tastes. We also arrange visits to concerts in Birmingham or Bristol, and in October we will have a joint meeting with the Bird Club. If you haven't been with us before why not join us on our free opening night in September and sample what we offer (including a glass of "bubbly"). We look forward to seeing all our old members for what promises to be another superb season. Where else can you find a group offering good music played on fine equipment in pleasant company with nice refreshments all for less than £2 a night.

Alex Nichols (Chairman – contact 01453 873396 or email alex84610@aol.com)

Hexagon Theatre at the Painswick Centre.

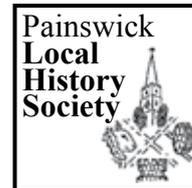
Hexagon Theatre are making a return visit to The Painswick Centre on Friday 21st October. They hope to repeat their success of last year with "Pyrenees".

This time, they present a remarkably topical and relevant double bill, which shows how the theatre can present important issues with great humour. Did you enjoy? "Yes, Prime Minister" on TV? Well, you will see similar sparring between a newly-elected female Prime Minister and a senior civil servant in "Letter of Last Resort" by David Greig.

This play was specially commissioned by the Tricycle Theatre, and was also broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013. This darkly comic satire shows the Prime Minister, on her very first day in office, having to grapple with a thorny moral decision. Her initial certainty is constantly checked and nudged by her civil servant.

"Handbagged" by Moira Buffini, was voted the Best New Comedy of 2015. This play also involves a female Prime Minister, specifically Margaret Thatcher. In fact, you will be presented with two Mrs Thatchers and two Queen Elizabeths on stage at once! They are even joined by a certain movie-star American President! The playwright has fun imagining the regular, private conversations between the Queen and her Prime Minister over the years of Mrs Thatcher's rule. (Did you know that the Queen has a weekly meeting with her Prime Minister, not just at the start and end of the Parliament?) How do you think the two powerful women got on with each other?

Martin Stockwell



The new season

The Society has an exciting season in store for the coming year and at the first meeting Nick Humphries will give a presentation on Chedworth Roman Villa, one of the grandest Roman villas in Britain.

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Donations of good quality bric-a-brac, books, cakes, raffle and tombola prizes would be very much appreciated.

Please contact:

Morna Holliday 01452 813063

Angela Follows 01452 814605

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Painswick Conservatives –

Forthcoming events

Painswick Conservatives will be holding a Finger Buffet at The Park on Saturday October 15th from 6-8pm. Cost £10 to include a drink. Tickets and further information from: Nigel Cooper (tel: 813870). Pauline Coleman (tel: 812085). Barbara Tait (tel: 812743).

Painswick Conservatives will also be holding a Grand Knitwear Sale in The Town Hall on Saturday October 22nd from 10.00am – 3.00pm. No entrance fee! Do come along and see our wonderful selection!

Barbara Tait (Chairman).

Painswick Educational Trust

Calling all young people in further education. This local Trust has some funds available to help young local people with equipment, books etc. needed for their training and/or education.

Please contact Joy Edwards on 01452 812588 or Michael James on 01452 812646 for an application form or for more information.

Joy Edwards



Iron-making in the Forest of Dean

Iron-making has been associated with the Forest of Dean since Roman times, with its ready supply of raw materials: rich iron ore deposits, limestone and plenty of timber for making charcoal. Late in the 18th century, coke-fired furnaces were built to use local coal. By the middle of the 20th century, however, the Dean iron and steel industry had closed, having lost out to competition on cost, out-of-date technology and depleted reserves. Today, the remnants of that early wealth-creating industry are fast disappearing as structures crumble and sites are smothered by encroaching woodland. But all is not lost. The Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust was formed in 2009, to take on the ownership of the most important historic monuments and buildings at risk in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley.

At the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club's first meeting of the 2016/17 season on Wednesday 28th September at 2.30 pm, we will be welcoming Dr Ian Standing, a Verderer of the Forest of Dean and President of the Trust, who will describe the work taking place to save these historically important sites, including Gunns Mill and the Whitecliff Furnace. We meet in the Beacon Hall, at the Painswick Centre, and tea and biscuits are served afterwards. Visitors are very welcome at our meetings (£3).

Jane E Rowe 813228

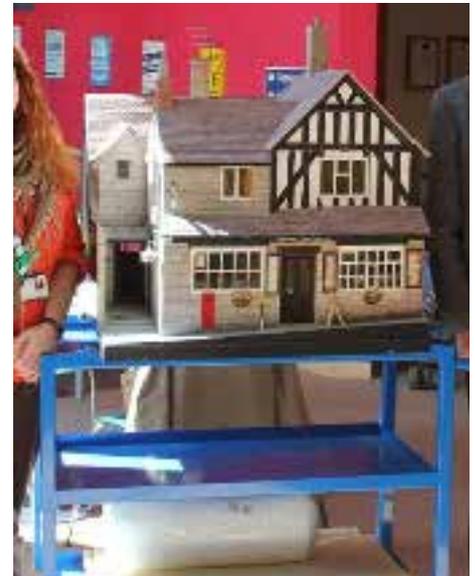
Stroud Museum in Stratford Park borrows Painswick Post Office

The Museum recently took loan of a model of the Painswick Post Office as it appeared in about 1990. The building is called Westhaven House and is thought to have been built in the early 1400s and is a box-frame design.

The Post Office moved to Westhaven House in 1932 during renovations which converted the building from three dwellings into one unit and revealed the timbers on the front elevation. The model is made at a scale of 1/12th of the original building and took over 1600 hours to construct, and many more hours went into the research, measuring and photography of the original building. The model has featured on television programs and in newspapers, regionally, nationally internationally. The Post Office at Westhaven House closed on 23rd March 2013.

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61 Bus Service

You can see on the photograph a good number of potential bus passengers for Cheltenham on Saturday 13th August 2016 at 1320 hours. Are they all happy and expectant of good journey? NO!

They have been there since 12.30 as the bus MX54LPA (18179) has expired yet again! They were eventually rescued by the next service, the 1331 the same day.

Thursday 11th was also bad news when the 1310 departure from Cheltenham did not even arrive at The Promenade and the Stagecoach Mentor would not get involved as it was a Stroud bus that was missing. So the 1410 came to the rescue albeit with all the heaters on the top deck blasting away. Just the thing for a warm August day you might think!

As an ex bus driver myself I can only surmise that the engine has seen in excess of 700,000 kilometres of road (yes, I have got the right number of noughts) and that an overheated engine can only be pacified by turning on the heaters to disperse heat. There have now been 4 similar instances of failure in the last 3 weeks to my knowledge so what are the chances of an uninterrupted journey to Cheltenham or Dursley? Under the present operation system the answer is a grim NOT GOOD.

It is possible that any new buses for route 61 may be cascaded down ex route 94 sometime in November but we will just have to wait and see. If they appear on route 61, despite their relatively high mileage, they may well be more reliable than what we have today. Stagecoach have let us down badly. It is too far for me as a minor Shareholder to go to Perth in Scotland to say my bit at the AGM.



A personal view by Trevor Radway

Changed Bus Times - Route 61

Changes to the Stagecoach route 61 bus timings come into effect from tomorrow, Sunday 4th September. Copies of the revised timetable can be obtained from the Parish Council Office, the Community Library and the Tourist Information Office.

Directory 2016– it's your call

The Painswick Directory is delivered every year with the January issue of the Beacon. It is free of charge. Providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too which continues to receive 'hits', not least from people moving into the area.

If you run a business, service, society etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2017 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible.

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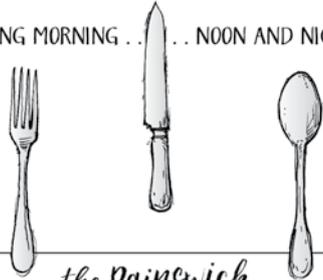
 

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Our thanks must go to Danny Partridge who has kindly loaned us ten young Aberdeen Angus bullocks to start grazing the ramparts in paddock two. As has been said before, grazing is an essential part of

re-establishing a healthy wild flower population by reducing the grass sward. We are hoping this will be the start of a long term relationship with Danny.

There is a daily cattle checking rota in place. More helpers would be appreciated, please call Derek on 01452 814047 if you could help. There will be a cow hotline number (07706 124685) on some of the fence posts. Please ring this if anything seems wrong ie there is no water in the trough, part of the fence is broken, or a cow is in distress. It goes without saying the cows should be inside the paddock so please make sure all spring gates are shut.

Recent activities

There were good turnouts for the summer work parties. Large quantities of timber have been removed from the northern slope at the entrance to Long Quarry and we have done a large-scale trail of "cutting and dabbing" ash saplings in the main quarry. Hopefully lack of regrowth next spring should show this to be successful. There is a large pile of free fire wood logs if anyone wants to carry some off. About thirty people (including a few new faces) enjoyed an excellent BBQ at Broadham despite the driving drizzle. Thanks to the club for opening the bar!

Those who attended Polly's butterfly walk were rewarded with the sighting of seven species of butterflies. Unfortunately Derek's family walk was poorly attended and had to be cut short after a phone call announced the arrival of the cows. However those attending did see them unloaded. See photo.

Dates for Diary

Painswick Feast. Sun 25th Sept. PBCG will have a display stall to explain our objectives and recruit new members.

PBCG AGM. Thurs 10th Nov at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms Rob Wolstenholm of Natural England will be talking about future plans to establish The Beacon as National Nature Reserve. Everyone who uses The Beacon should attend as there is bound to be a Q & A session.

Work Parties. Start again on Sat 10th Sept. at 9am and will be fortnightly. Phone 07971 633 242 for details

Paul Baxter



Yew Trees Women's Institute Cotswold Perfumery

We could have ended up with "olfactory fatigue" on the evening of 26th July when Pam Slater came to talk to us about Cotswold Perfumery.

Pam started by describing the development of the Cotswold Perfumery. There is not a sufficient quantity of perfume to supply the High Street shops as well as the Bourton on the Water shop and Harrods. As the ingredients come from all over the world the brief for production has to take into consideration the cost, political problems, longevity and fashion of the product. A Genealogical Chart for Feminine Fragrances illustrated the three main categories. These are the Floral Range, the Oriental Range and finally the Chypre group. Eventually we were allowed to spray samples on the insides of our wrists and elbows. We have now grasped the essentials of perfume!

The next regular meeting will be on September 27th at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms when Shaun McCormack will talk on "Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard".

There will also be a walk on Painswick Beacon starting at 11.00 am on the 22nd September at the Walkers' Carpark and finishing with lunch at The Royal William.

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Time to get moving again

All limbered up after the summer – or not, as the case may be? Perhaps now is a good time to seriously consider either starting, or getting back to, some form of exercise, whatever your age. We are fortunate in Painswick to have a range of classes all with highly experienced teachers and instructors.

Yoga

Kim Brockett has been teaching yoga for many years. Quite apart from developing strength and flexibility, the practice of yoga has the added advantage of increasing a feeling of wellbeing and relaxation. With an awareness of the balance between coordinated breathing, physical exercise, and meditation it can improve both sleep and concentration together with simply being a very enjoyable form of exercise. Kim takes classes in Painswick, Thursday 9.30am and 11.15am in the Painswick Centre, and in Sheepscombe Village Hall, Monday 6.30pm and 8.15pm. She also runs 12 week courses of yoga specially designed for those with back problems, the next one starting Tuesday, 13th September 6.30pm Painswick Centre.



Qi gong (t'ai chi)

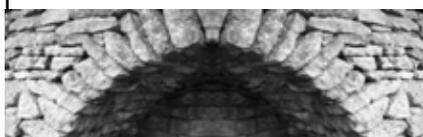
Qi gong is a form of t'ai chi. Like yoga, it has a philosophical element, a meditational quality aimed at achieving body and mind harmony. Physically, it concentrates on the practice of slow flowing movements and postures coordinated with breathing which improves posture and balance re-aligning the body and developing mental control. It is a calm form of exercise. Jeff Docherty, is a very experienced qualified practitioner. He is also a qualified acupuncturist with a full medical understanding of the practice of t'ai chi. The classes take place in the Town Hall on Thursday mornings at 9.30am, and outside occasionally when the weather is fine

Zumba Gold

With its lively atmosphere and great Latin music zumba is certainly a fun way to get the body moving. It is a very aerobic form of dance focusing on muscle endurance rather than strength and at the same time warming up the joints. Zumba Gold is not high intensity and uses routines thus engaging the brain and concentration. It is very much about getting the whole self moving energetically to the Latin rhythms and enjoying the consequent feel-good factor. The class is taught by Martina Ellis, a qualified dance teacher, in the Painswick Centre on Tuesdays at 10.00am.



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Ballet

The ballet class started in January. This form of exercise is very much about developing core strength, flexibility, balance, stamina and posture. It effectively works mind and muscle memory together. It is of course also about musicality and dance and the combination of all these elements leads to a feel-good factor, both physically and emotionally. It is real physical exercise with artistry achieved through a programme of both controlled exercises and lovely routines. Previous experience is not necessary and Claire Tracey, a highly trained and experienced teacher, is very attentive and thorough. The class is held on Fridays 9.30am in the Church rooms.

Puffins

The Puffins group is well established in Painswick. This class offers a gentle form of aerobics exercise to people in the over-50 age group. The need to keep moving as we grow older is important and the class, which has an easy-going atmosphere but obviously with some effort, stresses brain and movement coordination. The social aspects of the group are an important feature for the Puffins making the classes beneficial for both physical and mental health. Jenny Oakley takes the classes at 10.00am on Wednesdays in the Church rooms.

All of our exercise classes are so beneficial. Not only do they improve physical health they also are very sociable and enjoyable with the obvious benefits therefore to mental wellbeing. Getting fit in a group is fun. There really is something for everyone. The classes cater for all ability levels, are open to everyone regardless of age (except Puffins) or gender and are non-competitive - unless of course you are aspiring to Olympic standards, having been so inspired recently!

Carol Maxwell

The best possible results ...

Awaiting the results of exams is always a tense time, not least for the teacher. On Saturday, 18th June Kate Mead's ballet school pupils took their Royal Academy of Dance exams in Painswick Church rooms and when the results eventually came through the news was the best possible - 100% pass rate.

The children were entered for pre-primary, primary and grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 and not only were they all successful but they all achieved either merit or distinction. These results are excellent and certainly a matter of pride for both Kate and the children. Classes re-commence in September. For further information, please contact Kate on 813118.

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Sports reports

assembled by John Barrus

Falcon Bowls Club

August saw Falcon enjoy a rare victory in the Cotswold league against Frampton B. Falcon were victorious by 8 points to 2. This was followed by a narrow victory in the friendly against Frampton. This time Falcon won overall by just 1 shot.

Two mixed pair teams from Falcon have reached the section Final of the Ken Griffin Trophy. Jeff Russell & June Gardiner now have to play Jon Ellis & Angie Hendrie to see who represent Stroud section in the final stages of the competition.

On August 26th Falcon staged a coaching event for its members. 18 members took part when two county coaches visited our club to try to help our bowlers improve their games.

Falcon are also taking part in the Painswick Feast. Please come and find out what we have to offer. At the same why not sample some of our ladies legendary cakes or find out about the great game of bowls?

If any Painswick residents would like to try bowls at The Falcon, come along on "Bowl Free Friday" when throughout the summer Painswick residents can try bowling free at our club session at 2 pm. It's very relaxed and friendly and all you need is flat footwear. Were behind the Falcon Pub!

To find out more or to book an individual session contact Jon on 01452 506513

Jon Ellis

Painswick Golf Club

Are you interested in trying golf? Please come and join in one of our "taster sessions". Have you recently come to the area and looking for somewhere to play? Please come and try out the course and see if you think we are as welcoming as we think we are! Either way, please contact our club secretary, Ann Smith (01452 380279), for further details.

In addition to regular 'roll-ups', which are free for members to turn up and meet and play with other members at various times during the week, there are competitions and matches with other clubs.

Painswick entered the Gloucestershire Seniors Scratch knockout competition, and the team – comprising Mike Hoey & Kish Venkatasami, Carl Gyde & Dave Brazington, and Reg Clarke & Bob Copley – scored an impressive 3-0 win against Tracey Park to reach the quarterfinals.

Within the Seniors' section, the main competition last month was the Deva Cup – a greensomes competition played in teams of two who take alternate shots. The winning team was Brendan Nunan and Don Merrylees with 44 stableford points. In addition a social 9-hole competition was held at the end of last month, which was won by Duncan Toase with 38 points. Congratulations to the winners.

The rearranged Seniors Open competition will be taking place on Thursday 22nd September. Senior (over 55s) golfers with recognised handicaps are most welcome to play. The Open is played in pairs – a four ball better ball competition. If you don't have a partner, there are still a few Painswick golfers not yet paired up. For further details please get in touch with Vern Watkin on 01452 611778.

Visitors, whether golfers or not, are welcome at the clubhouse for refreshments and meals – for details please contact Mike Horton on 01452 812180.

Peter Rowe

Tennis

The Ladies teams had a successful summer with some tight finishes within the divisions. For the second year in a row no teams will be relegated and one will be promoted.

The final positions for the summer league are as follows:

A team, Premier Div - 3rd

B Team, Div1 - 2nd

C Team, Div1 - 5th

D Team, Div3 - 3rd

E Team, Div4 - 2nd, promoted

Next major event is the Club Tournament with the Finals on Sunday 25th September followed by the Winter League competitions.

New Members – All standards of players, adults and juniors welcome. There is a comprehensive coaching programme and a wide variety of social and team tennis available.

Contact RuthSmith,813693,

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Table Tennis

We play from September through to April in the Beacon Hall on Wednesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Contact David Linsell 812464

Short Mat Bowls

We play all year round in the lower room at the Town Hall, currently sessions are held on Mondays at 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. (Evening sessions can also be arranged).

Contact David Linsell 812464

Both Clubs provide all the equipment required. Players just need sporting footwear.

Badminton

The Badminton club meets on Mondays and Thursdays from September to April in the Beacon Hall.

Adult sessions are from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and juniors play from 7:00 to 8:00 on Mondays.

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Anyone interested in playing should contact John Wyld on 814349 (adults) or Rachel Bolt on 07717793291 (juniors).

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Rugby

Building on the Rugby world Cup and Olympics, Painswick's Junior rugby club welcomes all ages from under 6 through to under 18, girls and boys. Training starts at 10.00 on Sundays with qualified coaches and the season starts on Sunday 4th September. Taster sessions for free and all those who play also get a free hot dog! Fixtures start towards the end of September and over the season we play home and away fixtures together with tours and visits from players from Gloucester RFU.

Main contacts are Chris Hall, Will Fair or Martyn Lewis or visit the Painswick RFU website. painswickrfc.org

Summer Ball 2017

Put in your diary that the Painswick Summer ball 2017 will be on Friday 23rd June 2017. Following the success of the 2015 event plans are already underway and any interest from potential sponsors welcome. Watch our facebook site for further details

Football

Contacts are
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Dave Bullingham (Head Coach)
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Web info@painswickfc.co.uk

Painswick Cricket club

Results for July/August

A fairly successful few weeks for the club...not only league cricket but also some friendly stuff. The club enjoyed taking part in the Cranham Feast Cricket Festival and would like to thank Cranham CC for their hospitality. The club on the same day were busy at the Ullenwood-Bharat CC Six a side tournament, again our thanks to UBCC for their hospitality

30th July -

1st eleven beat Tetbury by 133 runs. Highlights included Johnny Griffiths scoring 93, Ali Bressington and James Harber scoring fifties. Uddipan Mukherjee took 4 wkts for 26 runs.

2nds beat Tewkesbury, Painswick's Adam Wager scoring a memorable 110 runs with his usual smashes plus the occasional delicate cut or sweep! JuJu Telling chipped in and scored 66 runs.

3rds beat local rivals Stroud by 9wkts. Sam Hewitt took 4 wkts and Henry Bonham scored a steady 57 not out to steer the 3rds home once again.

The 4ths scored 245 but still lost to Frampton on the last ball during a battle royal at Frampton Village green. Great efforts by Mark Nicholson 96 no... Adam Brown 45 and Niall Galvin 38 set up a tremendous run chase which Frampton achieved!

6th Aug -

First team lost to Cirencester in a very close match losing by 3 wickets. Sam Hewitt took 4 for 34.

2nds won against Stroud 2nds by 5 wkts.

13th Aug -

Firsts beat Kingsholm who were a very friendly bunch and a pleasure to host. Painswick's Uddipan was motm, he scored 133 runs and then took 7 wkts for 27 runs. Skipper Andy Edwards bashed a captain's knock with a gritty innings of 93. It was nice to see a good number of people watching and enjoying the match.

2nds lost to Cheltenham Civil Service by 148 runs.

3rds beat Stone 2nds by 139 runs. Adam Brown scoring a fabulous 127 runs.

20th Aug sadly rain again washed out all our games.

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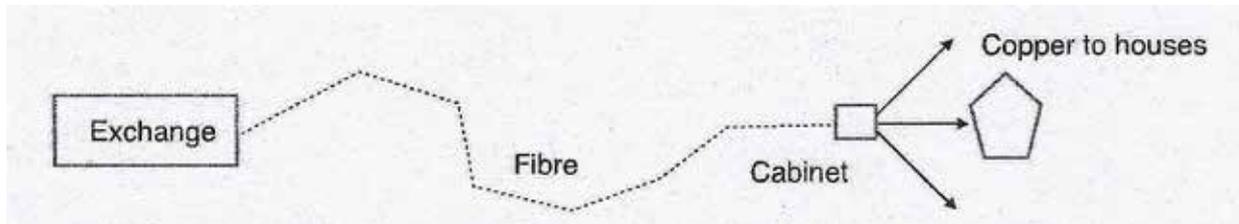
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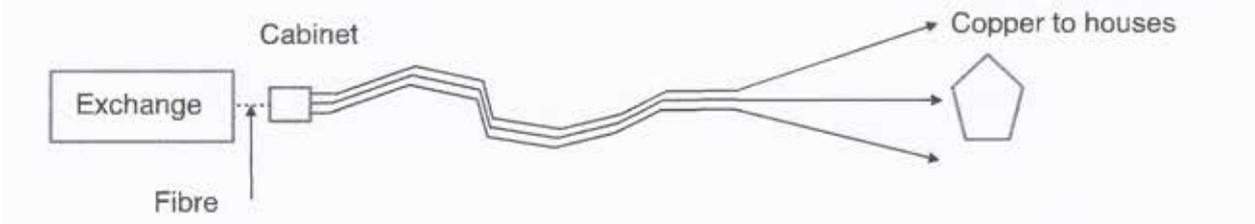
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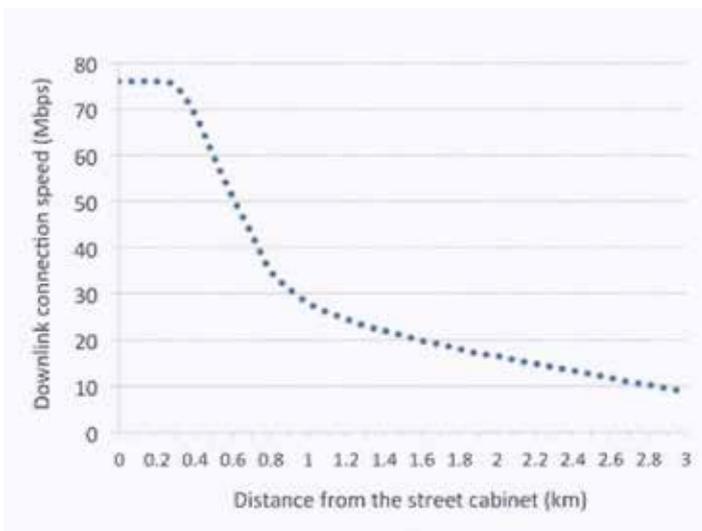


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Community Lunches

The Community Lunches begin again on Monday 3rd October at Ashwell centre, off Hyett Close, off Churchill Way - from 12noon to 1.15pm each Monday lunchtime for 10 weeks before Christmas – and 10 weeks in the New Year.

Last season – our sixth at this new venue after 42 years at Christ Church hall – proved equally successful. We raised £1450 which was distributed to the 3 local charities, Cup Cakes for Carers who provide monthly afternoon teas at the Painswick Centre for carers in the area,

Play Painswick which is improving the play equipment on the Rec, and Painswick Surgery Equipment fund to provide extra facilities and equipment at Hoyland House, our village surgery. This coming session one recipient of the proceeds has been suggested so far -the group, Pantastic – which is a young people’s steel band (it played at Art Couture!). If you have any ideas, do **Please contact us** (telephone numbers below) with any other ideas for groups in the local area – maybe thinking of older residents – who could share the proceeds.

Everyone – young and old - is welcome to the lunches each Monday – when for £3.00 home-cooked vegetable soup, fresh bread, butter & cheese are provided and served by a local group or society – from Croft Primary School– to Richmond Painswick – and all ages between! The Village Diary at the back of the Beacon gives the hosts for each week. Do come along & support this village institution – you will be warmly welcomed – especially by the hosts who have prepared the lunch!

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The Personal Column

You could help Vicky Aspinnall, if you would relay information about those you know and for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

Congratulations

To CRAIG AND NAOMI DUNN of Stepping Stone Lane who celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 6th

To JOHN AND MARY BESSANT, formerly of Vicarage Street, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on June 18th. Also to their daughter SHARRON and son-in-law ROB ANDREWS of Hyett Close who celebrated their Silver Wedding on June 1st and to their son, BEN ANDREWS who married LAURA JENKINS at Cardiff City Hall on August 1st.. (Picture below). A busy time of joint celebration for the whole family.



Letters

The inclusion of letters, maximum 200 words, in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise. Please supply the Beacon with your full name and address although such details will not appear in the Beacon unless you so request.

Stephen Aiano of Gloucester Street writes:

Recent correspondents have expressed concerns about car parking and about the use of the churchyard for the ACP event.

On the first, the issue at stake is not individual cars parked legally but perhaps inconveniently; rather it is the continuing need for a practical and proactive village plan to manage the increasing parking requirements of residents and visitors.

On the second, the ACP and Feast events both use the churchyard as has always been intended. The area is more than a (now closed) graveyard; it is the Parish's key open space, shared – under aegis and authority of the Vicar – by all in the community. Rev Mike Holloway is certainly doing the right thing in supporting and enabling community life to evolve and grow around the focal point of our parish church.

Judith Cochrane (Hon Sec Painswick Valleys Conservation Society) writes

The ACP festival was obviously a great success and many people clearly enjoyed both the spectacle and the music. However we feel that there should be some reflection on the extent of the activities in the churchyard.

The current focus is the stage within the churchyard, where the judging and the music take place. Despite notices asking people to respect the tombs, adults and children were sitting, climbing and even dancing on these fragile, historic, listed structures, which will surely risk damage. There was clearly no adequate control of the activities. Recently a generous lottery grant of £50,000 for the renovation of the tombs was expended to ensure their future. The performance activities for the next ACP event should be refocused elsewhere such as the Painswick Centre/The Recreation Ground and the churchyard use for craft stalls, the parade and like activities.

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News from St Mary's

The big event this month is the Painswick Feast Sunday when we celebrate the patronal festival of St Mary. The Christian church as a whole celebrates the feast of St Mary on either the 15th August or 8th September. Painswick is out of step because when the Western world changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar we did not change the day of our patronal festival. Eleven days were lost when the change was made so 8th September became the 19th. We celebrate the Feast day on the first Sunday after 19th September.

Painswick Feast which is being celebrated on Sunday 25th September now brings together 3 separate events – The Feast, the annual Clypping Service and the Apple Day. There will be activities in the churchyard from 11am to 5pm on that day. Come and join in the fun.

The Clypping Service is at 3 pm in the churchyard. This is the day when during the service we embrace the church by making a circle of people round the church and singing the Clypping Song. This is in recognition of the fact that God through His church embraces us throughout life from the cradle to the grave.

An innovation this year is that the guest speaker is Canon Tom Gunning of the Roman Catholic Church. As far as I am aware this will be the first time a Catholic priest has preached at this service. This is an indication of how far relationships between the denominations have drawn together in recent years.

There are two forthcoming events in October to note in your diaries. Harvest Festival services will be celebrated on 9th October at Painswick (9.30am) and Edge (11am). On Saturday 22nd October Bishop John Pritchard will be leading a day on prayer which will be in the church and church rooms. This will be followed on Sunday 23rd October by a benefice service at 10 am when Bishop John will preside. There is an open invitation to everyone to attend these events.

David Newell

PROPERTY REPORT for August from Murrays

The last time that I wrote the Beacon Report back in July it was only a week before the country voted “In” or “Out” of the EU and therefore I had no idea of what the outcome and consequences might be. We voted “out” of course which I think has surprised many people in the area but has this effected the property market?

Before the break, Brexit and the potential effect of the vote to leave would have on property prices was a matter of significant conjecture, however Murrays can report it has been very much business as usual around Painswick, Stroud, the Valleys and the Vale. Indeed August has been exceptionally good for all of Murrays three regional offices with a record number of sales agreed during what is normally one of the quietest months of the year. We have also had a drop in the interest rates, which are now at lowest they have ever been and with September on the doorstep what will happen to residential property prices this autumn? Murrays remain cautiously optimistic for a number of reasons. Nationally interest rates are at an historic low easing pressure on mortgage repayments, while internationally until the UK formally serves notice on the EC of our intention to withdraw (Article 50), no serious negotiations can take place on our future arrangements so effectively nothing has changed. Locally, the economy remains strong with low levels of unemployment and the regions many special attractions, scenery, schools, communications will continue to prove a significant draw to purchasers considering moving to the area.

GB's success in the Olympics has undoubtedly helped generate a 'Feel Good' factor and the absence of politicians in the news has given us all a rest from the endless debate that dominated the media in the run up to that historic vote and after. The significance of the former is that purchasers and vendors hate uncertainty a significant factor when buying or selling a home is the most important personal financial decision most of us will make in our lives.

September is traditionally a very busy time for us as the kids are back at school, holidays are over and everyone is getting back to normal, ready to buy a new property so that they can be in before Christmas. If you want your property on the market at this busy time then please give us a call on 01452814655 for your free valuation and explanation of all the exciting services that Murrays can provide. We have again taken on some lovely new properties over the summer including The Chur, a terraced Cotswold 5 bed family house that is believed to be one of the oldest properties in Painswick, on Bisley Street, 3 Prospect Terrace, a charming terraced 1 bedroom cottage with stunning views off Tibbiwell (already under offer) Corner Cottage, a spacious 5 bedroom family house right in the centre of Painswick with parking and lovely views, 2 George Court, a recently renovated 2 bedroom cottage again right in the centre of Painswick, 11 Hyett Orchard, a well presented end of terrace retirement cottage with lovely garden within Hyett Orchard, 1st and 2nd floor apartment in The Old Fleece, an impressive newly renovated apartment with 23 ft sitting room and lovely views in Bisley Street, Painswick, Tunley, a beautifully unspoilt detached Cotswold cottage in need of modernisation in Sheepscombe and Brackenhurst, a spacious detached 4 bedroom family house right on the Common in Cranham. Properties and land that we currently have under offer are 3 Prospect Terrace, off Tibbiwell, Painswick, 3.6 acres of land of Ticklestone Lane, Painswick, 5 acres of land on Yokehouse Lane, Painswick and Groves Close on the Gloucester Road in Edge. Properties that have now completed are Rake Hill in The Highlands, Painswick, Lovedays House, St Mary's Street, Painswick, Cotswold Villa in Gloucester Street, Painswick, Mount Pleasant in Vicarage Street, Painswick, The Malt House in Bisley, 4 Ashgrove Cottages in Ruscombe and Ashleigh in Randwick.

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SEPTEMBER

Sun	4	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Mon	5	Knit & Natter Group: Tel: 812344 Short Mat Bowls - Mondays (contact 812464) Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Library Town Hall Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am and 2.00pm 6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15 to 9.45pm
		Have Your Say' Church Group: every Monday - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 01452 536325.	Church Rooms	7.30 to 9.30pm
Tue	6	Painswick Art Club: Every Tuesday Make & Cake Group	Church Rooms Youth & Community Pavilion Painswick Centre	9.30am 10.00am to 12 noon 10.00am
		Zumba Gold dance fitness class for Seniors: £6 pp Tuesdays. Tel: 07766 101790 Health Walk (One Hour) - Tuesdays: Enq. 813228 Bingo: Tuesdays	Town Hall Ashwell House Painswick Golf Club GL6 6TL	2.15 for 2.30pm 6.30 to 9.00pm 9.30am to- 12noon & 1.00 to- 3.30pm
Wed	7	Botanical Illustration classes - Wednesdays - mornings or afternoons. Pre-book:07810 725772 or via website: www.botanic-illustration.co.uk Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Probus: The Australian Outback, Darwin to Perth - Bob Price	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 10.00am
Thu	8	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 812344 Dog Training Club (Thursdays) Cotteswold Naturalists' Annual Lunch at Three Choirs Vineyard and Tour & Tasting Enq. 01453 834486 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays- tel. Julie - 01453 752480 Experienced beginners - Thursdays New Pilates Class - Thursdays contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre Town Hall Church Rooms Stamages Car Park Town Hall Town Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 9.30 to 12.00noon 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm
Fri	9	Country Market: Every Friday: Coffee Available Northern Soul Shin dig: Free entry: dance till you drop	Town Hall Painswick Golf Club Painswick Beacon	9.30 to 11.00am 6.00pm to 12 midnight 9.00am to 12noon
Sat	10	Painswick Beacon Conservarion Group - all welcome: tools provided. Location check tel: 520524		
Sun	11	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Informal Holy Communion	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	13	Cupcakes: Support group for helpers of homebound through illness: Tel. 813326	P. Centre Green Room	2.00 to 4.30pm
Wed	14	Holy Communion	St. Mary's Church	12.00 noon
Thu	15	Music Appreciation Group: review of this season's music	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16	Friday Club: Camper Van Adventures - Nicola Clark On Fire: Music, Prayer, Praise, Participation & Pizza	Town Hall Church Rooms	2.30pm 7.00 to 8.30pm
Sat	17	Copy Date for October Beacon Choral Workshop on Bach's St. Matthew Passion. All singers welcome with Painswick & Thameshead Singers. Registration 9.30am - Pre-book & enquiries: 01452 621151	St. Mary's Church	9.30am to 4.00pm

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Sun	18	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Sung Eucharist	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am
Tue	20	Local History Society: Chedworth Roman Villa - Nick Humphries	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: Origins & Development of Bristol Blue Glass in the 1780s to 1820s Evening Prayer Table Tennis starts - Wednesdays Parish Council	Painswick Centre St Mary's Church Painswick Centre Town Hall	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00 to 9.00pm 7.30pm
Sat	24	Coffee & Cakes: Stalls; Tombola - in aid of Mencap Theatre Club trip - Oxford - A Tale of 2 Cities. Enq. 812575	Painswick Centre Stamages Car Park	10.00am to 12.30pm
Sun	25	Holy Communion (BCP) Mass Painswick Praise Painswick Feast Clipping Service: Preacher - Fr. Tom Gunning	St Mary's Church Catholic Church St Mary's Church Painswick Churchyard Painswick Churchyard	8.00am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am to 5.00pm 3.00pm
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard - Shaun McCormack	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Wed	28	Cotteswold Naturalists' Lecture: Iron-making in the Forest of Dean - Ian Standing: Enq: 814570	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thu	29	Music Appreciation Group: We Need to Talk about Alex.	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	30	Friday Club: Secrets of Honeymoon Suitcase - Valerie Trefall	Town Hall	2.30pm

OCTOBER

Sat	1	October Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	3	Community Lunch: Hosts - Country Market (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Tue	4	Probus Outing to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard: £44	Stamages Car park	8.30am
Sat	8	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group - all welcome: tools provided. Location check tel: 520524 Painswick Music Society AGM & Social Evening - Recital by Louis Morford (violin) & Laurence Kilsby (tenor)	Painswick Beacon Church Rooms	9.00am to 12noon 7.00pm
Mon	10	Community Lunch: Hosts - St. Mary's Church (Off Churchill Way)	Ashwell Centre	12.00 to 1.15pm
Wed	12	Gardening Club - Subscriptions (6.30pm) & Talk: The Shaded Garden - Duncan Coombes	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thu	13	Messy Church Joint meeting - Bird Club & Music Appreciation Group - Music & Birdsong	Church Rooms Town Hall	3.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm

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Then and Now

The two pictures were taken from the same spot on the ramparts of the Painswick Beacon – one this year and the other about 100 years ago. You can see that Catbrain Quarry has considerably expanded over the years – now reaching nearly the top of the hill and reducing the width of the fairway on the golf course. And the trees have grown – both taller and encroaching on the right hand side of the photo.

Peter Rowe



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Jottings for September - Harvest in full swing (see picture above)

The early part of spring/summer was pretty good for silage making and also into early haymaking. The weather was unsettled into the second cut of silage, the grass quality deteriorated and hay making became more difficult. The picture shows wrapping for silage. I've been asked why the fields of broad beans down Cooper's Hill look black, as if they have a disease. There is nothing wrong, they are harvested when they are like this for feed for stock, pets and sometimes humans.

Field maize is a different variety from the sweet-corn you grow in your gardens, to eat. Maize is planted in spring and harvested in September / October. When growing well, the crop may reach 6 to 7 feet. It is cut with the same machine as is used for silage - by altering the cutter head and adding a nut cracker to its internal mechanism. The crop is harvested and chopped into millimetre lengths. The cobs are chopped in the same fashion and they go through the nut cracker. The kernels are cracked giving a very high energy food which can then easily be absorbed by the internal system of the animal.

A frequently asked question is: Do we grow much wheat for bread making? Yes, we do. We do not buy as much bread wheat as we did from across the Atlantic. Most of flour in this country is from wheat but small amounts of rye and oat are used too. Fourteen to fifteen million tons are grown annually. Millers now get about 80% of flour from UK farms compared with 40% in the 70's.

Combine harvesters are now out rolling and cutting corn before the bad weather strikes. It has to be dry for storage although this will bring down its quality. We need the best quality and types of wheat for bread flour, so it goes through many tests before being accepted to use for bread making

Martin Slinger

The Painswick Feast

Sunday 25th September 11am – 5pm in St Mary's Churchyard



Bringing Painswick Together to celebrate:- Apple Pressing - a bumper harvest coming up for our fruit trees so bring your apples to the Orchard Group Press and a container to take it home.

Teddy Bear Parachuting! Remember to bring your Ted for parachuting. **Clypping at 3pm** – Celebrate with Flowers in your hair and dress up (or down!) to enjoy the tradition of singing and dancing a Happy Birthday to our magnificent St Mary's church. Everyone welcome to join the procession and service. **Bar** – cider and other drinks **Music** – bands, bells and busking around the bales. **Stalls** – Beautiful, quirky stalls of all kinds. **Feasting** - fabulous, festival food of all kinds. **Children's entertainment:** Forest school, games and activities, face painting and more.

Iris McCormack or www.painswickfeast.org