

The Painswick Beacon

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Stroud no longer cut off ... but more work still to be done

Painswick's drivers must by now be amongst some of the most experienced in the country at backing down narrow rural lanes to find a place where two cars can safely pass. The official diversion for a trip from Painswick to Stroud during the 5 week closure that has just ended, went via Barnwood for a distance of just over 19 miles, but it seems a fair bet that most local drivers preferred to take their chances on smaller roads.

The main A46, a crucial link for Painswick, has been closed for a total of eight weeks this year, with temporary traffic lights in place for a further four months - and now back again. The cracking on the southbound lane has to be monitored for at least a couple of weeks, but if no further movement is noted, the plan is to resurface that lane around mid to end September, before finally allowing free flowing traffic with no lights.



The closed road was used for stationing vehicles and machinery



The work done during the five week closure was first to locate a culvert, which had become silted up, requiring substantial excavation in the field just above the road. Then new drainage works had to be installed to connect to the culvert and finally, after re-opening, pipe lining had to be completed and fencing finished. Frustratingly for motorists, the road itself remained largely untouched during this work, mostly being used for parking vehicles and machinery.

'Collective action' at the Surgery Painswick's doctors working to contract

Collective industrial action is under way at Painswick Surgery, with local GPs taking a number of 'technical' actions to put pressure on NHS England, as well as restricting the number of consultations they provide to what they see as a safe limit. The number of 25 patients a day per doctor has been widely mentioned, but Rhys Evans, Senior Partner at Painswick Surgery, points out that this is an average rather than a limit and they will definitely not be simply refusing to see patient 26.

In an article specially written for the Beacon, Dr. Evans explains some of the reasoning, arguing that continuing to operate beyond the capacity of the Surgery in terms of its resources and funding, as they have been doing, affects both safety and quality of care. You can read his article on page 3.

Painswick Feast returns

The month of September means as usual the arrival of Autumn, back to School and back to work, with the nights starting to draw in. But it also means the return of the Painswick Feast and Clypping Service, which this year falls on Sunday 22nd September.

Join us at St Mary's Churchyard between 11am and 5pm for food, drinks, stalls, apple pressing, dog show, children activities and live music, with the Clypping parade and service commencing from 2:45pm.

This year's food offering includes Burgerlish, Mama's Meals, Box Pizza, and the famous puppy dog pie (not real dogs!) being served from St Michaels. Friends of the Croft will be providing the ever popular BBQ option and there'll be a delicious variety of brownies from Bake it, Eat it. The Painswick Centre will be providing the bar and The Box will be serving hot drinks and homemade cake. Bring your apples and watch the Orchard Group's apple press turn them into fresh apple juice (bring a container to take some home!).

The stalls include a range of arts and crafts, foodstuffs, charities and our local clubs and societies showcasing their activities. St Mary's are hosting a range of children's activities to keep the little ones entertained, and there will be facepainting too.

The annual Dog Show returns with 10 classes from pedigrees to the dog that looks most like its owner. Sign up from 11am, with the classes starting at 11:30; £2 per entry, please bring cash!

Throughout the day, there'll be live music, including some of our local bands. This by the community, for the community, event aims to bring together all Painswickians, new and old, for some fun and feasting and to say thanks for this rather splendid place we call home. Do come and join us.

Abigail Smith

AGM and call for Trustees

It is now around 15 months since the closure of the Painswick Centre was prevented. The financial position of the Centre is now stable with all of the art studios full, a thriving cafe and regular activities restarted including yoga, aikido and badminton. The Trustees would like to invite Painswick residents and users of the Centre to the Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7pm in the Beacon Hall. Please do come along and find out about what's been happening over the last year.



The Fall Guy Friday 13th September

After our summer break, Wick-Flix returns on Friday 13th September with *The Fall Guy*. Ryan Gosling stars as Colt Seavers, a battle-scarred stuntman fresh off an almost career-ending accident. Colt is persuaded to return to his stunt career when he's told his ex, Jody (Emily Blunt), is directing a film and asked for him specifically. With hopes of winning back the love of his life, Colt returns to set only to find the movie's leading man missing and production in peril.

Ensnared in an increasingly wild conspiracy, he must solve the mystery to save Jody's film and get one last shot with her. What could possibly go right? David Leitch (director of *Bullet Train* and producer of *John Wick*) delivers hard-hitting action, hilarious comedy, and a classic love story all cannon-rolled into one stunt-filled adventure with *The Fall Guy*. Doors open at 7pm with the showing starting at 7.45pm. Tickets £10 which include one alcoholic or soft drink. A full bar is available before the film and during the interval.

If you would like to book tickets in advance and guarantee a seat or pre-pay for a drink in the interval then you can do so here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wick-flix-the-fall-guy-tickets-1001904773147>

Ceri Chaplin

Join us as a Trustee at the Painswick Centre!

Are you interested in preserving local heritage and ensuring that the Centre continues to be a place where the community can meet? Do you have skills, experience, or a desire to contribute to a thriving community hub? The Painswick Centre is looking for dedicated individuals to join our Board of Trustees.

Why become a Trustee?

As a trustee, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Make a difference: play a key role in shaping the future of this historic community asset.
- Develop new skills: gain valuable experience in governance, fundraising, and strategic planning.
- Engage with the community: work closely with other committed individuals to support and enhance the Centre's offerings.
- Preserve local heritage: help maintain and promote the Centre as a vibrant space for arts, culture, and community events.

What we're looking for:

- A commitment to the Painswick community.
- A collaborative spirit and a willingness to work as part of a team.
- Skills or experience in areas such as finance, marketing, legal, fundraising, or property management are particularly welcome, but not essential.

Time commitment: trustees typically meet every other month, with separate meetings focussing on the development of the centre and maintenance. The role is voluntary, but the impact you can make is priceless. Interested? If you're enthusiastic about contributing to the Painswick Centre and want to learn more about becoming a trustee, please contact us at secretary@painswickcentre.com or come along to the AGM and have a chat with one of the current Trustees. Join us in ensuring that the Painswick Centre continues to be a place where our community can come together, create, and thrive!

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Painswick Surgery on Strike?

Well actually yes! And no. But hopefully no patient has or will even notice:

WHAT? GP Partners are not employees, so we cannot strike. We have a contract with NHS England and 97% of balloted GP Partners have voted for Collective Industrial Action stating that we will continue to perform every obligation under that contract. So the least militant strike ever! The catch is we will carefully consider whether we can continue to provide services that are not in the contract, and there are many, for which not only are we not paid, but we fund ourselves.

WHY? First and foremost, safety. The headline of a 25 patient a day limit is not plucked out of the air, it is a consensus amongst GPs across Europe as to how many consultations on average a GP can safely perform. We are most definitely NOT planning to bring the shutters down on patient number 26. But we already know that what we are doing now could be unsafe, and we cannot just continue doing it. Three times in the past 4 weeks I have performed over 70 consultations in a single day. Last year I appeared in the Coroners Court because I missed a single blood test, an experience almost as distressing as knowing that while my error did not contribute to death, it undoubtedly did exacerbate symptoms. Yet it remains common practice that we have no option other than to deal with test results at the end of 11-hour days. Remember these are your bloods, your loved ones.

Secondly, it's about the future of Primary Care. Over the past 5 years NHSE has introduced a great many changes. Primary Care reluctantly decided to engage on the basis that at least it gave us a seat at the table and some influence going forward. That approach has failed, with contracts forced on us against our wishes for the past 3 consecutive years. Things that we know are important, like continuity of care, and the role of Family Doctor, are being undervalued and replaced with acronyms seemingly straight out of the American HealthCare playbook. Quality of care is undoubtedly falling, and GPs are increasingly becoming supervisors instead of doing what we trained for. We wish to protect the things about Primary Care that we believe patients value most.

Thirdly it is about resources. The last time Labour was in power Primary Care received 11% of the NHS budget. Now it is 7%. Primary Care provides 90% of the NHS consultations with 5% of the staff. The number of FTE GPs has fallen by about 1000 in the past 5 years. And yes, it's about money. Last year the surgery funding was increased by 2.1% at a time when inflation had just peaked at 10% and surgery heating bills were rocketing. The Partners had to significantly cut drawings (personal income), despite which the surgery came within £30k of technical bankruptcy.

WHEN? The Collective Action has already started, including at Painswick, and there is no time limit. The actions we do put in place are intended to be permanent. If we do stop offering an unfunded service, it is unlikely we will be able to restart it unless it is included in a future contract agreement.

HOW? There are 10 possible actions we can take, 9 of which to be frank are technical and you will not notice, but NHSE will. However our daily capacity is limited by resources and funding, which are beyond our control. Operating beyond this capacity affects both safety and quality of care. We have not yet decided how to address this but please be assured that whatever we do decide it will be implemented slowly, carefully and safely.

Dr Rhys Evans, Senior Partner, Painswick Practice



Painswick Surgery Patient Group

If you were running a business your worst scenario would be to have all your work commissioned by your one-and-only customer. That's how it is for GPs running Practices as a private business but subject to every whim of NHS England. The history of this goes right back to the start of the NHS before 1948 and means that NHS England, only sometimes with negotiation, decides what goes into their contract, and what they are able charge - and therefore what services they won't get paid for. That is the context for Dr Evans' notes above.



As a Patient Group we have to recognise these realities in responding to the current 'Collective Action' by doctors nationally. So for the time being we are making no comment and monitoring as closely as possible what unfolds. But winter pressures lie ahead and with several staff leaving, each for individual personal reasons, this will exacerbate difficulties in receptionist and administration areas.

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Throwing Light on Light

On Thursday 18th July 2024 a talk titled "Throwing Light on Light" was skilfully presented by Gerald South, who is a retired schoolteacher. His talk was accompanied by impressive visual aids explaining historic experiments, and how an understanding of light emerged.



In the ancient world it was believed that our eyes emitted particulate light, but this was later refuted by Newton and Maxwell. James Bradley in the early 18th century used the position of the Earth in June and December relative to a star to deduce that light was a stream of particles emitted by the Sun at a speed which was 10210 times the speed of the Earth round the sun. He was only 2% out!

Waves and wave interference were observed by experiments with water. However, Maxwell's Equations supported a theory that light behaved like electromagnetic waves, capable of propagation in a vacuum. Nevertheless, modern science continues to seek evidence of hitherto undetected energy and matter in the universe to better inform our understanding of light.

Other News

Like most clubs and societies, the Club paused its programme of meetings and speakers throughout August when members tend to be away or distracted by grand-children, but the committee was kept busy planning for the remainder of the year. The resulting programme is posted on the Club's website (<http://painswickproboscisclub.org.uk>).

The Club will next meet on Thursday 5th September in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre to hear from Sir Alistair McDuff about the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. We are all aware of dreadful ongoing war crimes today, so it will be very interesting to understand better war crimes and punishments in the wake of the post-WWII trials at Nuremberg

Henry Hall

Domestic abuse ... and for something completely different

Speakers at the National Federation of Women's Institute Annual meeting held recently in The Royal Albert Hall talked about domestic abuse. It was therefore very appropriate that our speaker last month in Painswick was a representative from the Stroud Women's Refuge, an independent charity which provides safety and independence for women and children from around the UK, when their lives have been impacted by domestic abuse.



They run two houses which offers sanctuary to five families, where women and their children can begin the process of rebuilding their lives and move on. The staff also have an outreach programme for women in Stroud district who have been affected and an education programme in schools. The talk was followed by many questions from the floor and lively discussion followed.

Our meeting in September will be more light-hearted when Paul Evans will be presenting humorous readings and monologues. We meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month in the Church Rooms. Each month we have a speaker followed by tea or coffee and biscuits. We are a very friendly group, do join us if you would like to become a member. Visitors are always welcome.

Naomi Dunn

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

Our new season starts in September on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting promptly at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. We are a small friendly club and are always pleased to see new players so if you have recently moved here or want to get back to bridge playing and need to know more, do telephone Hugh Tarran on 01452 814081 or myself on 07810 476 473. We can often find someone a partner if they are coming on their own. Look forward to seeing you on Thursday 12th September.

Joy Edwards

Property Report

Relatively few of the new properties on the market this month are in Painswick itself, but one worth a look is Woodfield, a 4 bed semi in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £575,000). Tucked away off the main street, it is believed to be on the market for the first time in over a hundred years. 12 Berry Close (Murrays, £325,000) is more modern, with 3 bedrooms and just two minutes' walk away from The Croft School, while Star Cottage on Hollyhock Lane (Murrays, £435,000) is a 3 bed cottage right in the heart of the village. Or for over-55s, Flat 7 in Hyett Orchard, with Hamptons at £172,000, benefits from a lift and a part time warden, so could suit someone looking to downsize in Painswick.

Further out, Beacon Lodge on Cheltenham Road (Hamptons, £535,000) is a contemporary 3 bedroom bungalow with great views, as Tanglewood on Longridge does (Murrays, £925,000), with four bedrooms. Murrays also have Hillside in Cranham (£1.175m), Applecroft in Pitchcombe (£850,000) and Rudge Cottage in Edge (£1.295m), while Hamptons have Beechwood Cottage on Longridge (£860,000) and Jenkins on Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe (£595,000).

Properties recently going under offer include Greenbanks in Blakewell Mead, Pathways on Tibbiwell and Flat 2, Yew Tree House on New Street (all Murrays) as well as Stable Courtyard & West Barn at Painswick Lodge through Hamptons. Sales of Greenacres on Cheltenham Road, Stonebarrow on Tibbiwell, 17 Gyde House and 1 Painswick Heights have completed.

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A varied programme

We start the autumn season with lunch, together, at Painswick Golf Club on Friday, 6th September. A chance to catch-up after the summer.



On Wednesday, 18th September, we're off on a boat trip on the Gloucester-Sharpness Canal. The Willow Trust provides opportunities for less mobile people to enjoy a boat trip with easy access from Saul Junction, without too much walking. We cruise to the Willow Trust's fabulous picnic spot for a light lunch, before the return trip.

Just a couple of days later, on Friday 20th September, Helen Plumb is coming to give us a talk on "Just Gems". Helen is a gemmologist based at Winchcombe and will tell us about her fascination with gemstones. On Friday, 4th October, we have Vicky Weaver from "Bespoke Life for Companionship and Support" talking about what this local group offers. Companions working for this group, based in Cheltenham, offering clients support and company, engaging in friendly conversation, assisting with errands, and accompanying clients to appointments and/or social activities.

Then, on 10th October, we're off for another trip, this time on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway. Transport to the Cheltenham Racecourse station is by minibus. Why not venture forth and enjoy an afternoon with Club Members, rounded off with tea and biscuits and most important of all stimulating conversation with like minded Members. Meetings commence at 2.30pm in the ground floor room of the Town Hall. Outings are offered and booked at these indoor meetings. The cost? Half-price membership £10 to the end of the year, plus £2 per meeting (visitors £4). We make a charge for outings to cover costs.

The Friday Club Committee

A new season of music



Our new season commences on Thursday September 19th at 2:30pm in the Town Hall with an intriguing title from Ann Williams, 'Musicians in Character'. This is based around a new concept that Ann is keen to introduce to the group and I know the content will be both stimulating and entertaining to continuing and prospective new members.

Then two weeks later, on October 3rd, following his hit presentation last year, we welcome back Richard Westwood-Brookes the published author on the life and works of Sir Edward Elgar and expert on music generally, to illustrate 'Music Inspired by World War 1'. Both these talks will have at their centre some of our favourite composers many of whom will have had local connections and remain corner stones of the repertoire including the Three Choirs Festival.

Beyond these opening two events and fortnightly through to May 2025 the Committee has commissioned an entertaining and wide ranging programme including a number of favourite speakers from outside our membership. A lot of music perfect for these relaxing afternoons will be presented both on CD and DVD incorporating our customary friendly half time breaks with refreshments and conversation. All this is at a very modest subscription. We gather in the afternoon at 2:30 and aim to finish at 4:30. If you are not already converted, come and give us a try.

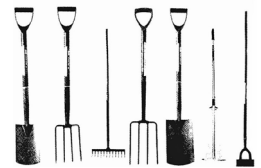
Next meetings 2:30 PM in the Town Hall:-

Sept. 19th	Musicians in Character	Ann Williams
Oct. 3rd	Music inspired by WW1	Richard Westwood-Brookes

Michael Grey

Painswick Gardening Club

Have you seen our sunflowers looking over the hedges, this summer? This year the Committee gave us each two sunflower seeds, "Russian Giant", to grow (see back page).



We had a break in August, meeting up for coffee/tea and cake at Pitchcombe in the middle of the month. On Wednesday evening, September 11th, we have Andy Pedrick joining us for a session of "Hands on Propagation and Cuttings". His career was in propagating conifers and he hopes to inspire us to take cuttings. Bring your secateurs – it might be a hands-on session.

This first meeting will start at 6:45 pm to give us time to complete our Membership renewals (£25) before the Talk at 7:30 pm. It would help us if Members could pay by BACS before the night: Painswick Gardening Club Acc: 00280185 Sort code: 30-98-29. New Members are very welcome: We meet in the Painswick Town Hall, starting with tea/coffee or you can purchase a glass of wine to enjoy as we assemble.

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News from St. Mary's

As I write, we are experiencing another short burst of hot summer weather that has come to characterise a British summer over recent years. Yet, in the heat and the sun, there are the first signs of the changing season in the yellowing of leaves on the trees, the ripening of apples and plums in the garden, and the drawing in of the evenings.



September is a month of change; of new beginnings. Even though it may be years (or decades!) since we left formal education, we especially think of children and young people, moving on to new things. An experience that can be approached with trepidation and excitement in varying measures.

There are three wonderful primary schools in our midst, nurturing the young children from our communities and further afield. We give thanks for the children and their parents, but of course also the leadership and teachers who work so hard to ensure an excellent education, stimulating these young minds. Not forgetting those whose contributions behind the scenes allow for the whole school body to function: the administrators, those who prepare food and care for the buildings and grounds, and of course the governors.

Beyond education, we have some new beginnings across the Beacon family of churches. Our new Beacon All Age Minister, Victoria Soutar, will be settling into her role, working alongside Revd Sarah. In particular, building relationships with children and their adults (carers and families) to have fun, explore faith and discover what it means to feel part of one family under God across the Beacon Benefice. And on Sunday 15th September, there will be a special service at St Mary's as we give thanks for Revd Andrew as he begins his well-earned retirement after many years of service to our church communities. All are welcome!

For information about what is happening throughout the Beacon church family, why not subscribe to the weekly Beacon Light newsletter? Email the Administrator at beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

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Community Support

Community Lunches

As the Autumn season approaches, we are starting to plan Community Lunches again. For those new to Painswick, this tradition of a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese hosted by different community groups and clubs has been taking place on Mondays from October to March for over 25 years. Money raised from donations is donated to a local charity or community group at the end of the season. We are grateful to the many community groups who kindly take a turn at hosting a lunch every year and please contact us for more information if you are a new group who would like to get involved.

Community BBQ

A big thank you to all those volunteers who helped make our Community BBQ on August 10th at the Rec a great success! 200 complimentary burgers and sausages were served and a good time was had by young and old. Thank you too to the Painswick Centre for providing a bar. We would also like to thank the Rococo Garden and Portway Farm Shop for their continued support.

Fareshare

A reminder that there is surplus food available every Saturday morning from 9.30am in the church porch. The quantity varies from week to week. Occasionally, we also get additional ad hoc collections on other days and from other supermarkets which we communicate through social media.

Thank you to the volunteers who are helping us by collecting the food from Tesco on Friday evenings and putting it in the church porch on Saturday mornings. If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

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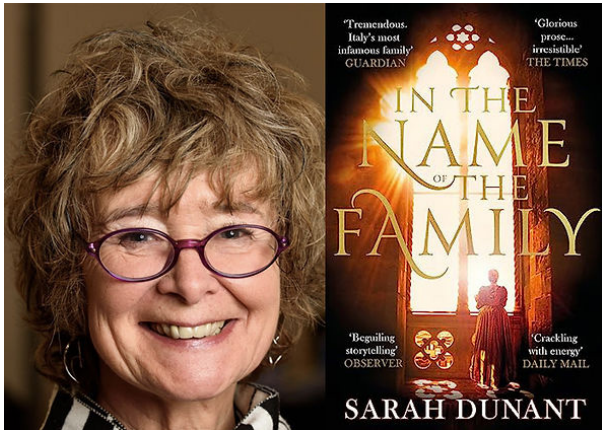
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First Thursday Painswick

Exciting autumn season of events

The First Thursday Painswick team have been hard at work over the summer months planning an exciting and interesting season of events. Three evenings make up our autumn programme, commencing in October and running on the First Thursday of each subsequent month from 7-9pm at The Painswick Centre.



Sarah Dunant - at the Painswick Centre on October 3rd

"Sewing Bee" - considers this crisis of consumption, and how we might make ourselves happier by rediscovering the joy of living with fewer, better-quality things. Patrick will be in conversation with local writer, educator and crafting aficionado Katy Bevan.

December 5th we will host a fabulous evening of festive feasting with Max La Manna. Max is a multi award-winning author, low-waste chef and campaigner whose casual approach to cooking has captivated an audience of over 1.5 million followers across his social media accounts. His debut cookbook More Plants Less Waste was named Most Sustainable Cookbook at the 2020 Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. He is a regular on BBC's Saturday Kitchen and has featured in publications including Vogue, Vice and The Guardian for his low-impact cooking style. His most recent book You Can Cook This! has been translated in 6 languages. Max will talk with local legend Tom Herbert of The Long Table and will also be demonstrating seasonal recipes for you to taste.

Please don't hesitate to get your tickets for these events as we anticipate brisk sales. Tickets are available from www.firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to First Thursdays!

Sandie Randle, Madeleine Bunting and Anne-Marie Randall

Local novelist Sarah Dunant launches our autumn programme on October 3rd. Sarah is an Internationally best-selling author of some twelve books of historical fiction. Her books on the Italian renaissance will be the focus of the evening, principally In the Name of the Family. Sarah will be in conversation with First Thursday alumna and local writer Angela Findlay. Sarah and Angela discuss the revelations of history and how to turn dry facts and scholarly research into red hot storytelling.

We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Stroud Book Festival for our November 7th outing bringing you an evening with Patrick Grant, author of LESS: How Having Fewer, Better Things Can Make Us Happier. LESS, offers a passionate and revealing argument about loving clothes but despairing of a broken global system, Patrick Grant - clothier, author and revered judge on BBC's "The Great British

Foodbank

After our break in August, we are back! We hope everyone has had a good summer.

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 11th September. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon to receive donations. Please may we ask for some of the following: ketchup or mayonnaise, laundry detergent, squash, tinned potatoes, gluten or dairy free products, biscuits, snack bars, sugar, chocolate spread, razors, shaving foam, cooking oil, jam, marmite, bleach, household cleaning sprays, rice pudding, custard, shower gel, bath foam, Fray Bentos pies.

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Painswick's past is back again

Painswick's past is undeniably fascinating, from the personal to the wider issues and developments. It has been a significant town in the county and its history and that of its surrounding area reflect this. The Local History Society endeavours to explore as much of this history as possible both in written form (the Chronicles) and in its programme of talks and presentations.



The new season of talks takes off in September when Kirstie Hartsiosis will give a presentation on the Arts and Crafts movement, with which of course Painswick was heavily involved. The 2024-25 programme thereafter spans a good range of topics all intriguing and covering a broad set of interests – an aerial tour of Gloucestershire, a pub history, old paths, local timber castles, St Mary's Church, Tudor and Stuart medicine, and more, plus the annual outing in May.

The presentations are all given by knowledgeable local speakers and the first talk on the Arts and Crafts movement will start at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th September at The Croft School. Everyone welcome.

Carol Maxwell

Vicarage Street Residents Help Needed

BT Openreach have removed and replaced a telegraph pole in Vicarage Street, outside of Yew Tree House. They are also due to replace the pole at Tabithas, although it is hoped that advance notice can be provided this time.

Telegraph poles used to be able to be fitted with street lights if, it was deemed that no suitable place could be found for a steel post, as was the case for the one by Yew Tree House. However, this is no longer permitted, which leaves a dangerous and very dark bend on Vicarage Street. Despite considerable efforts, no new suitable area of footpath with sufficient depth has been found to install a new column. There is a suggestion made by the Gloucestershire Highways that a residential property owner might be willing to have a wall light.

Therefore, if you live near, adjacent or opposite Yew Tree House, and are happy to have a wall light attached to your property, could you please contact The Clerk on clerk@painswick-pc.gov.uk, giving us the location, or alternatively report directly online at <https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>, so we can work with Gloucestershire Highways to resolve this before the shorter and darker days are upon us.

Cllr Rosie Nash

Family Wellbeing Art and Play Therapy available in Painswick

Would you like to strengthen family bonds, enhance communication, and promote emotional wellbeing within your household? Painswick now has a child and young person therapist who specialises in art/play therapy alongside parent therapy for comprehensive family support.

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Involving parents in therapy sessions can have a profound impact on family dynamics. Parent therapy sessions offer caregivers the opportunity to better understand their child's experiences, improve communication, and learn effective strategies to support their child's emotional growth.



A specialised therapist in art/play therapy can guide your family on a transformative journey towards enhanced wellbeing and harmonious relationships. By fostering a nurturing and collaborative environment, the therapist empowers families to navigate challenges, build resilience, and cultivate a sense of connection and understanding within the family unit.

Sessions available Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from September. Contact www.cwtchtherapy.com or cwtchtherapy@proton.me to book a session. If you can embrace this holistic approach to family wellbeing, we can embark on a journey of healing, growth, and positive transformation together.

Phoebe Cole

Yew Tree Appeal

The Parochial Church Council at St. Mary's would like to thank everyone who has sponsored a Yew Tree this year and enabled the Churchyard to be maintained for three more years. There are only two trees which are still seeking sponsors – number 51 and Garden Tree 2. If anyone would like to sponsor either of these trees please contact St Mary's Benefice Office - office@beaconbenefice.org.uk Sponsors' names are currently being entered in the Sponsors' book which will be on view in the Church.

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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group



Annual meeting

Our annual meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 19th Sept. at 19:30. Trustees will report on the state of our finances, cattle activity, work parties and plans and there will be a briefing about the newly started vegetation survey. This will be followed by a break for tea, coffee and cakes. Andrew Commins, a Natural England warden from Ebworth, will then give an illustrated talk about the birds found on the Beacon. Please do come along and find out more about what we do as a group. There will be opportunities to ask questions and sign up as a member for just £10.

The new season's work parties

This year work parties are planned for every week. They will be alternating Fridays and Saturday mornings up to Christmas. The first will be on Friday 6th September, the second on Saturday 14th September, the third on Friday 20th September, the fourth on Saturday 28th September and so on. Do come and give a hand. You do not have to commit to every session and no conservation experience is needed; all we need is enthusiasm, energy and a willingness to learn. Tools are provided, but you will need old clothes, stout boots, waterproofs and work gloves. For more details do contact me on 07971 633 242 or pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com

Paul Baxter

September at Rococo A time of transformation



September is a time of transformation and discovery in the Garden. Whether you visit to admire the seasonal splendour, attend an event, or simply enjoy a peaceful stroll, there's something for everyone to savour. This September, we're excited to share that the Garden has received a £128,915 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. This generous support will allow us to launch a community-focused project, offering wellbeing visits, hands-on green skills sessions, and immersive heritage learning days.

The Exedra Garden is currently at its peak, offering a crescendo of colour that delights the senses. Vibrant African marigolds, the intriguing *Mirabilis jalapa*, and the striking *Salvia horminum* 'Oxford Blue' create a captivating display. Meanwhile, all around the Garden, trees are beginning their transformation, donning magnificent shades of red and gold that herald the arrival of autumn.

In the Kitchen Garden, the fruits of our labour are ripening to perfection. Heritage apples and pears will soon be featured in our café's seasonal offerings. The surplus harvest is transformed into fresh-pressed and pasteurized juices, ready for you to enjoy and take home from our shop.

Mark Your Calendar:

Friday 6th September, 6:45 pm - Bat Walk in the Garden: As dusk falls, join the Gloucestershire Bat Group for an enchanting evening. Complimentary hot drinks by the fire pit. Tickets are £25.

Monday 23rd September, 10 am - Foraging in the Garden: Embrace the autumn season with a guided foraging walk led by local expert Rob Gould. Tickets are £45.

September Garden Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10am - 5pm

Marta Gardner



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Andrew retires Part of the local Ministry team since 2001

Andrew Leach has been a key figure in Painswick for many years, his presence here touching so many people's lives always in a positive way. As Associate Priest for the parish he has achieved so much locally but the time to relinquish his role and retire has arrived.

Andrew's road to his role as priest has been one consisting of a range of experiences which have undoubtedly had a very beneficial effect on his ministry. He grew up in Painswick attending Painswick Primary School and then Marling in Stroud. From there he went on to study for a degree in English and German at St David's College, University of Wales. His degree course involved spending a year in Austria teaching English as a foreign language in schools which led on to a post graduate teaching certificate course.

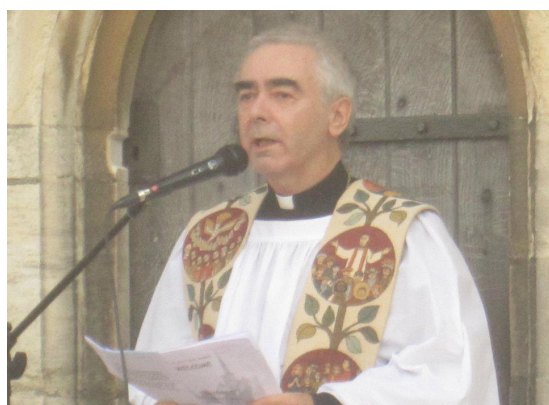
However, Andrew decided that, after all, teaching was not for him and instead he chose banking, specifically the business side, as a career. And so it was for the next 28 years during the course of which he lived and worked in various towns. His final work base was Gloucester which led him back to live in Painswick where he quickly, as he says, felt very settled and very much part of the community. Meanwhile, whilst working in Cirencester, he had met Elaine and they had married in 1990. Daughter Catherine was born in 1995.



Andrew Leach, pictured recently outside his house

From an early age Andrew had been involved with the church. As a child in Painswick, he explains, Canon Heal had been an obvious and good influence. In 2001 he decided to join the local Ministry Team and quickly became increasingly active. He began to feel he might consider the ordained ministry. This involved many training courses and work in the parishes such as taking communion to the sick, visiting, helping with services etc. He was of course also still working full-time and in addition Elaine had been diagnosed with MS. In 2006 Andrew decided the time was right to take early retirement from work especially as he needed, in his words, 'to change my work/life balance because of Elaine's health.'

In 2007 he went to a selection conference and, somewhat to his surprise, was selected for ministry training – the acceptance rate was only about 50%. This led to a 3-year part-time training course, WEMTC, at Gloucester University; he was ordained as deacon in 2010 and finally as priest in 2011. From 2010 for 3 years he was the curate which meant compulsory evening courses, involvement in communion services, weddings, funerals, nursing home visits etc and he was also the Benefice Administrator. It was all part-time, all local and it definitely met all the needs ie fulfilling his pastoral duties and caring for Elaine. Subsequently and ever since, Andrew has been the official Associate Priest in a period which has seen 4 vicars in Painswick. This has meant that there have been times when the role has been vacant either before a new appointment has been made, or sabbaticals or sickness and Andrew has had to take on responsibility for everything.



Andrew at a Clypping Service back in 2011

Although his role is officially part-time the duties do take up a great deal of time. It is generally unpredictable and, as Andrew points out, 'every week is different.' There are now 6 individual parishes each with its own church council, wardens etc, so it is quite complex – diplomacy and good communication skills are vital, and Andrew is excellent on both counts. Despite a very full timetable of parish commitment and family care he has enjoyed other aspects of Painswick life. He was for instance very involved as a performer, treasurer and chairman of the Painswick Players for more than 30 years until its demise in 2016, 'a hobby' in which Elaine was also involved.

Conscientious, hardworking, intelligent, a good listener, excellent coordinator and very diplomatic team leader are just some of the many comments made by his colleagues. Painswick has definitely benefitted from Andrew's wonderful commitment, his compassion, his informed understanding borne of personal experience, all at many levels, and despite the many challenges he has encountered it is heartwarming to hear him say 'I wouldn't have missed any of it.' Andrew's last duty will be at the Clypping on Sunday, 22nd September.

Carol Maxwell

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An exceptional opportunity

Natasha Houseago's two previous workshops in March and June were both resoundingly successful, with high praise given by all those who participated. Natasha is the artist in residence at the Rococo Garden, specialising in creating figurative sculptures in wood. Her guidance and tuition were exceptional according to those who took part in the workshops and the overall feeling was one of fulfilment and pleasure.



The third and final workshop for this year will take place on 29th September at the Rococo. It will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn and develop a set of invaluable skills working with beautiful wood and creating a piece of artwork of your own design. The workshop is open to all regardless of previous woodworking experience and taught by an outstanding practitioner and teacher. For more information and to book a place contact www.wtscollective.co.uk.

Carol Maxwell

Oil Painting Class for September

My new class will begin on Thursday, September 12th 10am – 12 noon. This class combines on-line teaching with assessment/discussion in my studio on Vicarage Street, Painswick. If you would like to join the class please contact me for more information and to reserve a place. Beginners and more experienced artists are both welcome, I work with small numbers allowing for lots of individual attention. Below is a lovely recommendation from one of my students which describes the class very well and gives a good insight into what to expect.

“Painting classes online - how does that work? I confess I was a little sceptical at first. But Jane's course proves to be a brilliant idea. Because you paint at home in your own time between the sessions it means you have to set up a painting space: this encourages you to develop your own practice. Each block of 6 sessions has a theme eg winter landscapes, still life, portraits; and Jane sets painting homework for each week. During the sessions we show our work online and get supportive feedback and encouragement from Jane and the rest of the group. It is a real privilege to work with Jane as she is an excellent teacher and an impressive artist. She demonstrates techniques and each week we look at the work of a well-known artist in relation to our theme. At the end of the block we meet in Jane's studio to discuss our work. I can thoroughly recommend it! Lizzie Baker”

If you are interested please contact me on Phone 07902 751515 or 01452 812176, or email Janegarbett.artist@gmail.com
I look forward to hearing from you.

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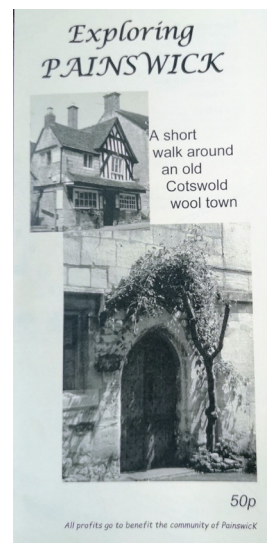
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Exploring Painswick

“Exploring Painswick”, the leaflet produced by Yew Trees WI has recently been updated. Members are delighted that as well as updating the General Information they have been able to greatly improve the village map.



Any profits made from the sale of this 50p leaflet go to benefit the community. In the past this has enabled them to make donations to the upkeep of the Christmas lights in the Churchyard and to the Painswick Community Support.

Copies are available for sale in the Tourist Information Office and Rococo Garden and owners of Airbnbs or other establishments who would like copies can obtain them by phoning 01452 812624.

Celia Lougher

Painswick Art Club

Painswick Art Club finished the term with a still life challenge (see photo below) and buffet lunch. Some members have been meeting over the summer painting outside at local venues.

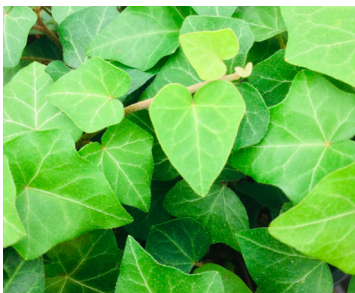
We restarted, with the autumn term last Tuesday (2nd September) and will be meeting every week in the Painswick Church Rooms. We pay £35 a term, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, for fifteen weeks up to Christmas. There is easy, adjacent parking, toilets and tea/coffee making facilities and excellent lighting to work by. We are also able to hang our work in the Church Rooms, which is a great way of seeing how we are progressing. All this is for £2.34p a session in a group which is fully inclusive, welcoming Members of all standards and media, including, of course, mixed media which is very popular now! Members develop their own ideas and artistic abilities by working together, helping each other, giving support and inspiration.

If you might be interested in joining, come and see us on a Tuesday morning or contact Joyce Barrus (Secretary) on 01452 812942 (m)07743377260.

Joyce Barrus

Jottings - on Ivy

Love or hate it, ivy grows well in shade, along the ground and up trees, hanging on with adhesive stem roots. The leaves and berries are slightly toxic and the foliage can cause contact dermatitis. There is evidence that it can kill breast cancer cells. Pollen can irritate your throat and lungs so it is best to wear a mask when clearing ivy.



The mature plant produces flowers which appear in clusters and are pollinated by bees and wasps. Because ivy flowers late in the year, from September to October, it is an important food source for insects when there is little else with nectar or pollen. Birds feed on the fruit which forms between November and January. The leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of several moth species, such as the angle shade, lesser broad-bordered yellow underwing, swallow-tailed moth and willow beauty. The small dusty wave feeds exclusively on ivy.

Wild birds and small mammals shelter and nest in ivy, protected by the woody tangle formed. In a cold winter, a large number of wrens can sometimes be found huddled in ivy to keep warm. Some people say ivy strangles the trees being so thick around it, but it does not compete for nutrition from the soil and does not harm the trees. It is not a parasite though if it smothers the crown, the tree leaves are shaded from the sun and cannot photosynthesise. Older trees which may be weakened and decaying may be brought down in a storm by the weight of a lot of ivy being blown around.

Martin Slinger

Library News

The Library Challenge is on until September 14, 2024 so if you're just reading about it now, it's not too late to sign the kids up! Rewards await readers at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Gold level achievers get included in a prize draw. Prizes include tickets and vouchers



The Library Challenge

for local activities and attractions. The Library Challenge is aimed at school-aged children from 3 years and older. Get them reading and go for gold!

New Books have arrived!

The team have selected and bought another batch of new books for your delight and reading pleasure. Examples from the list are:

Adult Fiction:

Death at the Sign of the Rook
Brotherless Night
The Nightingale
Moscow X
Elena Knows

Kate Atkinson
V.V. Ganeshanathan
Kristin Hanna
David McCloskey
Claudia Pineiro

Adult Non-Fiction

Hilary Mantel
Michelle Husain
Armen Sarkissian

A Memoir of My Former Self
Broken Threads
The Small States Club

Junior

Dig Dig Dinosaur
Goodnight World
How to grow a Mermaid
The Oak Tree
The Pandas who Promised
Smelly Peggy

Anjali Goswami
Nicola Edwards
Rachel Morrisroe
Julia Donaldson
Rachel Bright
Helen Stephens

The full list can be found in the library, or on the website: painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Ian Cridland

Painswick Library Book Club

The Library Book Club will next meet on Monday September 9th at 1.30 - 2.30pm and we will be discussing *The Tenderness of Wolves*, by Stef Penney. In October we plan to meet on Monday 14th, also at 1.30 - 2.30 and we will be discussing *Honour* by Elif Shafak. We always welcome new members, so do come along and join us for one or both of our planned meetings.



For further details email paniswick.librarybookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Beacon Distribution



We had a very positive response to our plea for help with the distribution of the Beacon and we are delighted to be able to welcome new members to the Beacon team. More support is still essential though to be confident that we can get the Beacon out to deliverers reliably and consistently and to spread the load, rather than relying on volunteers being available every month.

If you could help as a delivery driver for some of our once-a-month Friday mornings or with the sorting of copies the Thursday evening prior to this, please contact Celia on 01452 812624 or email: distribution.beacon@painswick.net

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History of art - a new course

A golden opportunity to take a journey from the early Renaissance to the present day through the history of art is open to Painswick residents starting in late autumn. Local art historian, Sarah Edmonds, offers this fascinating course, entitled From Da Vinci to Dali – a history of art through the decades, in four week blocks beginning 20th November.

Sarah explains that the classes will take a close look at both well-known and more obscure art works and some of the colourful characters who painted them. A thought-provoking course, the aim is that taking a fresh look at these works will lead to a clearer understanding of the historical context, the artists' paints, palettes, motivations, loves and losses.

With a wealth of relevant experience Sarah is well qualified to offer these classes. She studied Italian and History of Art at UCL followed by a short course at The Courtauld. She is a water colour painter and marketing manager at Pegasus Art. She emphasises the fact that, as an art history columnist for The Artist magazine, she will be sharing her research with you in what she anticipates to be both fun and informative classes.

Starting on Wednesday, 20th November, 6.00-7.30pm in the Painswick Centre, the classes are open to all. For further information and to book a place go to the website www.sarah-middleton.co.uk/shop/history-of-art-classes or tel.07990 587967.

Carol Maxwell

Painswick Arts Society

We meet at the Painswick Centre on the second Thursday of the month. The members start to gather any time after 9.30 am for tea or coffee and then at 11.00 am we have a lecture that is for 1 hour.



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We have been meeting at the Centre in the main hall for 40 years and are known to be a very friendly society with lectures on many varied topics. We welcome new members, if anyone is interested they would be very welcome to come as a guest to try first. The guest fee is £5.00 per lecture. We have an interesting website, theartsocietypainswick.org.uk where there is much more information about our society.

The lecture on 12th September is about Venice and the East. Venice's unique position brought the city into contact with the different powers of the Eastern Mediterranean including the Byzantine Empire, the Mamluks and the Ottomans. All the lecturers are very knowledgeable and accredited by the main body of the Arts Society in London.

If you would like to give us a try please contact our membership secretary, elisabetnoblet@gmail.com to book a place. We look forward to welcoming you if you would like to give the society a try.

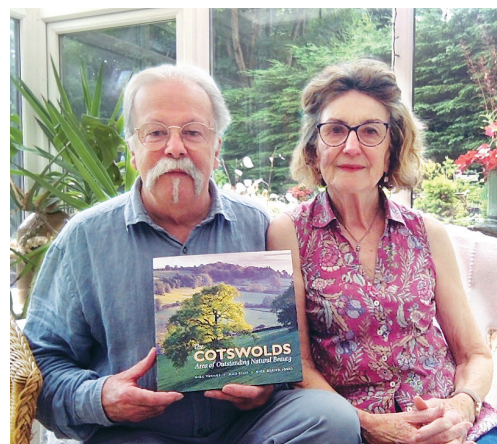
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Local Publisher reprints Cotswold book

'The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' was first published in 2016 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Britain's largest AONB and has now been reprinted for the second time due to its success. Designed and published by Nick Darien-Jones of Painswick-based Darien-Jones Publishing, the book has been widely recognised as the best ever book on the Cotswolds, being more about ambient landscape and culture rather than just the usual pretty villages. Nick collaborated with writer Siân Ellis and photographer and film maker Nick Turner with whom he shared the task of photography. Upon publication the book received a number of excellent reviews particularly in 'Cotswold Life' magazine who declared it to be "a gorgeous book".


Nick moved to Sheepscombe in 1987, then to Pitchcombe in 1997, finally settling in Painswick in 2020, where he lives and works with his partner Heather at Brookhouse Mill. He is also known for his book 'The Cotswold Chef – A Year in Recipes and Landscapes', undertaken with writer Chris Dee and chef Rob Rees – of the famed Country Elephant restaurant (once at Madison House in New Street). Nick is also known for his canal maps, especially 'The Stroudwater Canal & Thames and Severn Canal Towpath Map', which has seen four editions with sales of some 12000 copies. He has recently been involved in a literary gathering 'Turning Pages' arranged by fellow Painswick resident, Rowland Oxland, where various writers, poets and literary people meet to exchange readings and ideas.

Nick's books and maps can be found at: www.darien-jones.co.uk



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Painswick Cricket Club

With one league match left for our sides, the first team are safely in mid-table, an excellent achievement, our seconds are in a battle for a possible promotion place and will need a victory next weekend and our thirds managed to secure promotion.



First team

Beat Chippenham by 161 runs, with oldtimer George Macduff 59 runs and Jonathan Conolly 52 runs scoring the runs, Connolly also took 4 wkts and Keegan Van Rensburg 3. Lost to Goatacre by 7 wkts. Nothing particular to highlight except that skipper Jack Hobbis bowled 8 overs, 5 maidens for only 8 runs taking 2 wkts in a tight economical display. Lost to Corsham by 162 runs. Match was abandoned against Dumbleton due to rain.

Second team

Lost to Haresfield by 4 wkts with Dan Conolly scoring 59 runs. Won against Oaksey by a walk over then lost to Lechlade by 3 wkts. Beat Ruardean Hill by 3 wkts with Nath Fagg taking 5 wkts for 15 runs for Painswick.

Third team

Beat Frampton by 142 runs, Will Alder-Howells continued his improving season with a tremendous 78 runs ably assisted by David Nottingham 56 runs. Top wicket taker was Eva Holohan who took 3 wkts. Beat Chalford 2nds by 82 runs, Bruce Walker 64 and Toby White 40 leading the way, Noel French and Alder-Howells took two wkts. Beat Quedgeley and Hardwicke by 314 runs Phil Higgins top scored with a tremendous 149 runs, supported by White who hit 93 runs. Noel French picked up 4 wkts. Beat Stroud 4ths by 96 runs with James Elliot 94 and Tig Galvin 59 top scoring. Beat Eastcombe 2nds by 77 runs with Marcus Hall thumping 91 runs and Eva Holohan once again taking 3 wickets.

Womens and Girls cricket

Tremendous progress with our Womens sides and Girls teams. Coach Luke Woolway explained that the women's side had been an inspiring journey so far, improving skills, resilience and determination have been to the fore. Beating Stroud after several defeats showed the improvements being made and although in the main the focus has been on teamwork in general there have been some fantastic individual performances. Skipper Eva Holohan taking 3 wkts and Lucy Walton scoring 48 runs against Stroud. The most recent outing saw the team record a tie against Cam women, another much improved performance.

A cricket season wrap up will be in the next Beacon

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Izzy swims the Channel

Izzy Weatherall, a 22-year-old Painswickian has completed the extraordinary feat of swimming the English Channel. The journey began with a Channel Relay in 2018, leading her to book a solo swim. Despite six years of delays, Izzy and her crew embarked from Dover Marina at 2:45 AM on August 14th. She navigated the challenging waters for 16 hours and 57 minutes, landing in France as the sun set beautifully behind her.



Izzy credited her crew for their unwavering support, stating, "They were incredible. With feeds needing to be thrown to me from the boat and kept to a maximum of 20 seconds, it was a challenge for them too. They prepped my feeds, checked in with the pilot, and shared messages of support from friends and family. I couldn't have done it without them." Her achievement stands as a testament to her physical endurance and indomitable spirit. One acquaintance remarked, "This swim was built on a lifetime of resilience, hope, and fortitude."

In addition to her athletic prowess, Izzy is a role model in the business world. A close friend highlighted her excellence, saying, "Izzy didn't just swim the Channel—she proved what it means to be truly unstoppable. It was more than just a swim; it was a testament to her resilience and winner's mindset."

Izzy's journey serves as an inspiration, especially to young people navigating life's uncertainties. Her story highlights that achievement is about finding your path, using your influence for good, handling hard times and pushing through adversity. If you'd like to sponsor Izzy you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/izzy-english-channel>

Badminton

The club resumed play on Thursday 5th September at 8.00 pm in the Painswick Centre. The club welcomes new members, please contact Mahboob Hussain email smh801@gmail.com Picture (below) shows the recent annual BBQ for current and past members.



Painswick Golf

The Seniors match season is nearing its close with just 3 more to play. This year has seen some excellent results mainly at home given our unique course. The team has won 9, lost 7 and drawn 2.



Painswick A team have won 2, lost 5 and are 6th out of 7 in division one of the A team League. Painswick B team have won 4, lost 2 and are 2nd out of 7 in division 1 of the B team league

The postponed Seniors Open is on Wednesday 2nd October with a full entry, and this time round hoping for good weather. The Painswick golf course is unique, making use of all the contours of the land and playing through an iron-age hill fort. To book a tee-time, please call 01452 812615 or visit the website www.painswickgolf.com.

The Battle at Broadham Painswick Dads Cricket Match

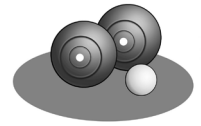
On a glorious late summer's evening, a group of Painswick parents gathered together at Broadham Fields to play a 10-a-side cricket match against each other. In an 18 over special, Port's Pearlars won the toss and decided to field, leaving Knibbsy's All-Stars to bat. They scored 145 runs with notable contributions from Knibbs, Walker, Darrock-Fuller and H and J Geidt. G. Newcombe was the pick of the bowlers with 2 wickets.

The Pearlars batted superbly with Green, K. Newcombe, O. Newcombe and Andrews all scoring well. In the fading light, it all came down to the last ball. The crowd drew its breath. Walker thundered in. A wicked bounce saw the ball fly past the despairing Bowcock and to the boundary. Victory for Port's Pearlars, but on a this glorious evening, cricket was the real winner.

Man of the match went to Tom Walker for his 27 (not out, retired) and his two wickets. Champagne moment was awarded to Mark Brown (19 not out) for his epic 6! A huge thanks to Dom Barnard of Painswick Cricket Club, who helped facilitate the evening.



Painswick Bowls Club Street Bowls nears Finale



This years Hampton's Street Bowls competition has attracted new teams to complement the teams that played last year when the Badminton Rollers first entered. This year the Rollers have faced strong competition from a dynamic new team from White Horse Lane.



Lower Washwell has triumphed to be best in their division of the competition so both teams progress to the Finals, scheduled for Sunday 1st September at 4.00 pm.

In the other division Kingsmill who field two teams have battled their way through to the finals under the management of Pippa Dickinson and will face either a new team from Cotswold Mead or Tibbiwell.

As can be seen from photos of play there is strong family support of all ages and so the Finals Day will adopt the Australian Version of a Bowls Match as "Bare Foot Bowls!" You don't have to play barefooted in Painswick but it will be more of a party day with music, BBQ, drinks and cheer leaders are welcome whilst all teams that have played so far, and their supporters are very much welcomed to have informal ad hoc games whilst the serious matter of the championship is decided.

Michael Houghton

Pickleball



After a successful first summer the Pickleball club is now moving its evening club session to Saturdays from 1st October but keeping the Monday morning 10am session.

Those interested in joining should email Ruth Smith on ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com

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Start of a new Lecture Series

With the five-day excursion to Norfolk later this month fully subscribed, we can now look forward to the start of our new lecture series, held at the Painswick Centre at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month until May 2025. We begin on 2nd October with a welcome return visit from Kate Peake. Kate is the chair of the Tewkesbury Movie Making club and is a licenced drone pilot. She has been making short films for the past 8 years, having success in local and national film festivals. Her focus is Gloucestershire, telling the stories and history of this varied and beautiful county. This time, Kate will take us on an aerial journey following the route of the Cotswold Way from Chipping Campden and finally fly along the edge of the escarpment to Painswick exploring the stories of places en route, including Broadway, Stanton, Stanway, Hailes Abbey and Winchcombe.



We will also be offering a series of lectures in Box Village Hall at 2.30pm on every third Tuesday of the month beginning on 15th October with a presentation about the history of Rodborough Common brought to us by Sharon Gardham, PhD student and project officer for Stroud Valleys Project. All lectures will be followed by light refreshments. Visitors are very welcome; no booking required - please just drop into the meeting. Or for more information contact Paul Wyeth; CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or 07472 021 517 (£5 charge for visitors, £2 for members). For a list of upcoming lectures please visit our website: <https://www.cotsnatsfield.club/p/lectures-2024-25.html>

Membership of the Cotteswold Naturalists field Club is just £25/annum for an individual or £40 for two people at the same address. For more information please contact Clare Woodman by email CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com Further information about the Club and its activities can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club

Sylvia May, Email: cnfsecretary1@gmail.com

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

- S.24/1341/LBC Kings Mill House, Kings Mill Lane
Work to conserve a first floor level window.
- S.24/1419/LBC Kings Mill House, Kings Mill Lane
Repairs & conservation of a ground floor fireplace.
- S.24/1249/HHOLD and S.24/1250/LBC The Old Vicarage, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe
Erection of a stone terrace and steps on the western elevation
- S.24/1226/FUL Land At Edge Road (Retrospective).
Installation of hardstanding to existing stable yard and erection of a retaining wall.
- S.24/1369/LBC Upper Cottage, Tibbiwell Lane
Installation of a partition wall at second floor to create a shower room.
- S.24/1422/HHOLD Beech View, The Park
Erection of a rear extension and alterations to landscaping.

- S.24/1458/HHOLD Junipers, Edge Road
Extension and conversion of existing garage into an annexe.
- S.24/1465/TCA Southfield House, Vicarage Street
(1) Laurel. Fell to near ground level. (2) Group of 3 Yews on the side boundary. Reduce their height to near previous. (4) Hazel coppice to the left of item and remove the 6 thickest stems. (5) Magnolia on the lower lawn. Fell to near ground level.

CONSENT

- S.24/0613/FUL Hoggs Orchard, Gloucester Road, Edge
Erection of an agricultural storage building, erection of two goat sheds & a chicken shed. Installation of an enlarged farm track & an open-air storage area with associated turning areas. (Retrospective).
- S.24/0883/HHOLD and S.24/0884/LBC Holcombe House
Alterations to house, coach house, barn, pool house & landscaping.
- S.24/0866/LBC Dover Cottage, Vicarage Street
Replace existing timber framed casement

- windows with like for like timber casement windows.
- S.24/0898/HHOLD Woodridge, The Highlands
Erection of boundary walling and gates.
- S.24/0957/FUL Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge
Erection of a replacement dwelling and a detached garage & carport.
- S.24/0976/HHOLD Springfield, Catswood Lane
Erection of a front porch.
- S.24/0968/COU Court House, Hale Lane
Change of use of existing outbuildings 'The Cottage' & 'The Stables' from C3 ancillary use, to C1 for self catering, short term holiday lets. Resubmission of S.23/2284/COU.
- S.24/1093/HHOLD Castle Lodge, Cheltenham Road
Erection of a detached garage (Resubmission of expired permission S.21/0798/HHOLD).
- S.24/1076/HHOLD Providence Cottage, Lower Washwell Lane
Demolition of existing conservatory and boot room. Erection of a single-storey side extension



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	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk Term starts on Sept 16th	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. Contact takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or info@beccameadownutrition.co.uk	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Drawing Classes in a block of six lessons. Info at www.hannahjdyson.co.uk or dyson_hannah@hotmail.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club - restarts on September 3rd. £40/term. Contact Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.30pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	6.45pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766.	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 9.00pm
	Yoga with Kate. www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	After school art classes. Email classes@painswickcentre.com . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
	Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre
Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com		Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
Painswick Community Hub Café: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome		Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998		St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk		Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
Sundays	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am



Village Diary

Please let me know your club and society dates for the diary on cvasp.26@gmail.com

September

Sat	7	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	8	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	9	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	10	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	11	Painswick Gardening Club: Hands on cutting and propagation - Andy Pedricks	Town Hall	6.45pm for 7.30pm
	11	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
Thurs	12	The Arts Society: Venice and the East - Antonia Cevizli	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
	12	Cranham Hist. Soc: Steven Blake - Miss Monson - lady builder	Cranham Village Hall	7.45pm
Fri	13	Wickflix: The Fall Guy	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	14	PBCG working group	To be decided	9.00 am- 1.00pm
Sun	15	Benefice Farewell Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	17	Morning prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	17	Local History Soc: Kirstie Hartsiosis - Arts and Crafts movement	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	18	An Evening with Philippa Langley MBE - Book signing. See tickets.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
	18	Friday Club: Boat trip Sharpness Canal. Pre-book tel. 810878	Saul Jct. GL2 7LA	10.00 for 10.15am
Thurs	19	Painwick Probus: Al Bowly, the first pop star - Mike Bottomley	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	19	Music Apprec'n Group: Musicians in Character - Ann Williams	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	20	PBCG working group	To be decided	9.00am - 1.00pm
	20	Friday Club: Just Gems - Helen Plumb. Enq 810878	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	22	Deadline for Beacon copy		
	22	Painswick Feast and Clypping Service - all welcome	Churchyard	From 11.00am
Mon	23	Cotteswold Naturalists: Excursion to Norfolk. Enq 814570	Stamages car park	
Tues	24	Yew Trees WI: Humorous poems, readings ... - Paul Evans	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	24	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	24	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Friday	27	Friday Hub hosted by Richmond	The Auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am
Sat	28	PBCG working group	To be decided	9.00am - 1.00pm
	28	Exedra Nursery - Bulb bonanza weekend	Rococo Garden	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sun	29	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	29	Evening Worship	St Mary's Church	6.30pm

October

Wed	2	Cotteswold Naturalists: An aerial journey through the Cotswolds - Kate Peake	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	3	Painswick Probus: Noel Coward - Peter Gill	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	3	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Music inspired by World War One - Richard Westwood- Brookes	Town Hall	2.30pm
	3	First Thursday: Sarah Dunant in conversation with Angela Findlay. Tickets from www.firstthursdaypainswick.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm
Fri	4	PBCG working group	To be decided	9.00am - 1.00pm
	4	Friday Club: 'Bespoke Life' for Companionship and Support. Vicky Weaver Enq 810878	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	5	Painswick Beacon published		

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Thank you

Mrs Teresa Mustoe of Gyde Road, Painswick, her daughter Jane, her granddaughter Laura Jane and Jane's partner Stewart would like to thank all the friends and relations who attended the funeral of CYRIL MUSTOE at Gloucester Crematorium on 24th July. Thank you also for all the cards and kind wishes.

Condolences

To his wife, Marie Teasdale and all the friends and family of BRYAN TEASDALE of Miserden who passed away in mid-August. Bryan was well known to all who supported the Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe and he will be sorely missed. The funeral was held on September 4th at Cheltenham crematorium.

RICHARD SAVAGE has died after a short illness. He was an archaeologist, a former lecturer at the Glos. College of Art, and a co-founder of the Crickley Hill Excavations. He was President of Cranham Local History Society and Secretary of the Crickley Hill Archaeological Trust. He and his wife Lydia and their children lived in Wick Street for almost 40 years. Great thanks to all at Hoyland House Surgery and in the AMU at Gloucester Hospital and the Stroke Unit at Cheltenham.

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Giant sunflowers have been seen sprouting around Painswick this summer, thanks to the local Gardening Club (see article page 5).



Above right: Work on the A417 'missing link' is now transforming the landscape around Witcombe, as well as higher up at Crickley Hill and the Shab valley.

Above: The plants and flowers so carefully and thoughtfully arranged by Letty Gunton in front of her house, Golden Heart Cottage on Tibbiwell, are photographed numerous times a day by visitors. Letty's family have been in Painswick since 1914 and she and husband David for many years ran successful businesses such as the Golden Heart Tea Rooms and the little shop nearby, now run by her daughter Kate Rich.



Right: Summer supper enjoyed by members of YewTrees WI and cooked by Matt Black.