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Painswick cut off, but not cut off

Early on the morning of Tuesday 26th May the Fire Service was alerted to smoke coming out of a mains electricity 'Link Box' on the corner of Edge Road. When the Fire Service arrived and removed the cover, flames emerged and had to be extinguished. Clearly something was very wrong.

National Grid had to bring in an emergency team to deal with the problem, and inevitably, with the ensuing traffic chaos. Their contractors felt that a three way traffic light-controlled system on such a difficult corner would not be safe and so applied for an emergency road closure, which went on for four days. So the A46 was closed and from a traffic point of view, Painswick was cut off. Given the importance of this link box for Painswick's electricity supply though it was remarkable that for most people it didn't lead to the electricity being cut off.

The box links cables from three electricity sub-stations in the village, giving National Grid the flexibility to switch supply between them, if for any reason one has to be taken off line. A fault in the box itself though has the potential to cause problems throughout the village and its position right on the corner, just opposite the Lych Gate, was another major problem from a traffic point of view. To reduce future problems, the box has now been moved further up New Street, to a point where the pavement is a bit wider.



Workmen digging a trial hole on the first evening. Work went on all night to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.



At least two power cuts affected some areas of Painswick in the week or so leading up to the fire and may have been an early indicator that something was wrong, although the link box was not the immediate cause. One cut on the evening of 18th May, which affected some areas for around three hours, was caused by fuses blowing, which had to be restored. National Grid were unable to say whether the link box might have been the underlying cause, but recognised it as a possibility. They also recognised that the eventual fire might have been brought on by the extreme heat over the bank holiday weekend, although it would only have exacerbated an underlying problem.

While the A46 was closed, other unrelated works also closed Stamages Lane for a period and ongoing tree felling work on Upton Hill increased the sense of Painswick being cut off.

A dramatic accident

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Painswick - in bloom!

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Memories of Ann

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllr Andy Cash (Chairman), Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Sandra Hunkin, Cllr Fraser Leggate, Cllr Roey Parker, Cllr Robin Roberts. Also in attendance: Cllr Selina Gibb

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ian Massey and Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Andy Cash declared an interest in Agenda Item 4k (S.26/0595/LBC The Buddings, Slad Road - Replacement of 5 windows).

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th April were approved and signed.

Review of Planning Applications

S.25/2059/HHOLD Stable Courtyard
Conversion and extension of garage to provide staff accommodation to Painswick Lodge.

The Committee agreed to Support this application, subject to the agreement of the SDC Arborologist.

S.26/0775/AFPA Land South East Of Holcombe Farm
Erection of an agricultural storage barn, access track and hardstanding.
This application had been withdrawn.

S.26/0289/HHOLD Greenacres Cheltenham Road
Erection of detached garage and store.
The Committee agreed to object to this application as it was considered to have an overbearing and unacceptable impact on the neighbouring property.

The Committee agreed to support all the other applications under review, including in Cllr. Cash's absence, the application in which he had declared an interest.

The next Planning Committee meeting was agreed for Wednesday 3rd June 2026, in the Town Hall at 7.00 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllr Andy Cash Chairman, Cllr James Cross, Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Selina Gibb. Cllr Sandra Hunkin, Cllr Fraser Leggate, Cllr Gary Luff, Cllr Roey Parker, Cllr Robin Roberts

Election of Chairman

The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Andy Cash as the Chairman and to appoint Cllr Robin Roberts as the Vice Chairman

Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Ian Massey and Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin.

There were no declarations of interests in items on the agenda.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th April were accepted and signed as a true record.

Committee representation

Membership of each of the Council's committees for the coming year was agreed, with Chairmen as follows

Finance & General Purposes & Personnel Committee: Cllr James Cross
Rural Environment Committee: Cllr Ian Massey
Planning Committee: Cllr Robin Roberts
Traffic Committee: Cllr Sandra Hunkin
Land & Buildings Committee: Cllr James Cross

Nominations on other bodies

The following nominations were agreed:
Gyde Charity: Mr Adrian Gyde
Gyde Almshouses: Cllr Ian Massey and Mr Adrian Gyde
PYCP and Sports Pavilions Committee: Cllr James Cross
Painswick Education Foundation: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin
Painswick Centre: Cllrs Jamie Cross & Roey Parker
Broadham Sports: Cllr Andy Cash
Painswick Beacon Conservation Group: Cllr Ian Massey
Hambutts Field Trust: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin

Edge Village Hall: Cllr Selina Gibb
Swifts Hill Nature Reserve: Cllr Robin Roberts
Community Safety Partnership: Cllr Fraser Leggate
Fair Trade: Cllr Gary Luff
Painswick Community Library: Cllr Roey Parker
Painswick Business Group: Cllr Fraser Leggate
Painswick in Bloom: Cllr Fraser Leggate

Reports

Cllr. Gary Luff submitted his reports on both the County Council and Stroud District Council.
Residents can now recycle toothpaste tubes and non-black plastic plant pots in their green recycling bins or bags.

The District Council has approved work on a new local plan, with the minimum local housing need rising to at least 820 dwellings per annum, a 33% increase over the figure of 620 used for the submitted 2021 Draft Local Plan. The draft plan meanwhile is still under examination, with the Inspectors consulting with the local councils and National Highways about the M5 Junction 12 and 14 corridors.

The County Council is set to approve a £1 million contribution to the replacement of Walk Bridge at Whitminster, a key element in the restoration of the Stroudwater Canal. The full reports from both Councils are available on the Parish Council website.

Parish and Town Councils Charter

The Council agreed to adopt the updated Parish and Town Council Charter with Stroud District Council.

Former Telephone Kiosk

The Council received a report from Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin and agreed to the quotation from Sarah Davis Glass of £960.00 for the stain glass works.

Gloucestershire Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin advised that the entry form has been sent to the GRCC and extended her thanks to the Deputy Clerk for her support with this.

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Village Planting Project

Cllr Fraser Leggate reported that 23 planters had been placed around the village, with the help of several volunteers and that funding from Businesses had been received.

Real Time Bus Passenger Information Displays

The Clerk advised that the systems should be installed by September.

Approval of Accounts

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

Reports from other bodies

Painswick Library: Cllr Roey Parker reported that a successful lego club has been started in the Library.

Ward Reports

Cllr Sandra Hunkin reported upon forthcoming road closures affecting Sheepscombe.

Cllr Robin Roberts updated the Council on Slad matters

Confidential Matters

For the following item the press and public were excluded.

Cemetery Lodge

The Council received a report on the Cemetery Lodge and agreed to the following quotes:

KCJ - First Fix Plumbing - £1,550.00

KCJ - Plastering - £2,200.00

KCJ -Repairs to the Joists – Option 2 - £4,500.00

KCJ - Downstairs WC - £770.00

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 17th June at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.



Friday 12th June
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Wick-Flix returns with Hamnet

Following a fantastic turnout for May's screening of The Choral, Wick Flix is set to return to the Painswick Centre on 12th June with Hamnet – a film that has been receiving widespread critical acclaim and recent awards recognition.

Based on the bestselling novel by Maggie O'Farrell, Hamnet tells a powerful and deeply moving story set in Shakespearean England. The film features standout performances from Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal, and has been praised for its emotional depth, storytelling and striking cinematography.

Wick Flix, the Painswick Centre's community film night, continues to grow in popularity. Run by volunteers, it offers more than just a film screening – it provides a relaxed and welcoming space for people to come together, enjoy quality cinema and connect with others in the community. Proceeds from ticket sales help support the Centre and its wider activities.

Given the success of recent screenings and the strong interest in Hamnet, we are expecting another busy evening. You're encouraged to arrive in good time, and advance booking is recommended. Discounted tickets are available online from the Painswick Centre website.

Doors will open ahead of the screening, with light refreshments available and a short introduction before the film begins. With a compelling film, a welcoming atmosphere and another strong turnout expected, Wick Flix continues to offer a simple but valuable night out in the heart of the community.

Shopping online? Beware of retail scams

Buying something online and finding that it looks nothing like the images shown is very frustrating. Retail scams where sellers deliberately mislead people and make refunds difficult to obtain are becoming increasingly common.

Some companies convince people they're based in the UK by using deceiving brand names and UK websites or postal addresses.

They may use AI generated images of fake products and shops. Low quality items are then shipped from overseas and look nothing like the images advertised. Refunds require costly international return shipping fees, which puts many people off - and the sellers count on it.

If you've been caught out and paid by debit or credit card, you may be able to get a refund using the chargeback

scheme. Credit card purchases between £100 - £30,000 may be covered by section 75. For help with online shopping problems or other consumer issues, call the national Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 0808 233133.

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Two inspiring women

“Inspiring Women” the motto of the Women’s Institute perfectly describes Dr Margaret Jones, the speaker at Yew Trees April meeting and Mary Roberts, a black civil war hero, the subject of her talk.



Margaret Jones was totally unphased when modern technology proved too much for her ancient laptop. Any doubt that her presentation would be the poorer without visual aids vanished the moment this unassuming looking lady started talking. Her audience was captivated by her and the extraordinary life of Mary Roberts, the heroine of her book “She spied for freedom”. Born into slavery Mary was freed to be educated in the north before being sent to Liberia as a teenage missionary. When she returned to Richmond, Virginia at the beginning of the Civil War she posed as an illiterate slave in the home of the rebel President in order to spy on the war councils and risked her life by sending vital intelligence to the US military. After the war she again risked her life by teaching freed former slaves in rural Georgia.

Dr Margaret Jones gained her PhD in the United States in 1989; her last full-time position in America being an Assistant Professor in the English Department at Central Washington University. She has also taught in Egypt and before retiring in 2008 was a Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England, Bristol. Since when she has spent her time writing books and giving talks on inspiring, adventurous women who have challenged convention and made a difference in the world.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd June at 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms when Mike Bottomley will talk on “The Life of Nurse Edith Cavell”.

Celia Lougher 812624

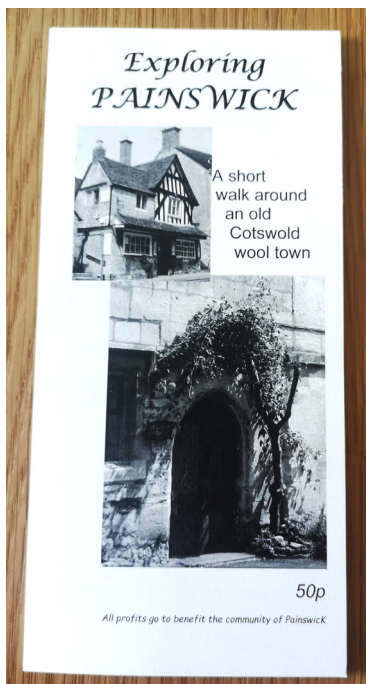
The new and old types of intelligence



On 7th May the Painswick Valley Probus Club was addressed by local resident Mark Ross on the subject of Artificial Intelligence. Though claiming not to be an expert, Mark had been an early investor in the sector and was able to explain to us the creation of LLMs (Large Language Models) and the development of data centres leading to ChatGPT and similar programmes. Like a giant artificial brain, its ability to transform our lives (particularly in the field of medicine and other professions - and not forgetting self-driving vehicles) has become truly remarkable, though the speaker also dealt with the many concerns it raises over matters such as privacy.

On 21st May the Club was entertained by an informative talk by Martin Robins, the Chairman of the Sir George Dowty Memorial Committee. Sir George (1901-1975), we were told, had shown a precocious interest in science and engineering and at the age of twelve lost his right eye when a bottle of magnesium powder exploded while conducting an experiment. Leaving school at 14 to help in the family business, he then joined Heenan & Froude in Worcester as an apprentice. Subsequent progress in the world of engineering was swift and he became an early member of the Institute of Aeronautical Engineers. While employed at Dunlop he pioneered the design of compression rubbers used in aircraft undercarriages, and his own workshop which he then set up in Cheltenham in 1931 grew into the now world-famous Dowty hydraulics concern with its many associated branches.

Robin Vick



Exploring Painswick Leaflet

The latest updated version of “Exploring Painswick – A short walk around an old Cotswold wool town” a small 50p leaflet, which Yew Trees WI have been producing for nearly 20 years is now available. The main outlet for the leaflet is Painswick’s Tourist Information Centre but it is also available at other outlets including the Rococo Garden. Any profits made are given to benefit the local community. We are delighted to report that £200 has been donated to the fund for plants/planters to brighten up the village.

If the owners of any B and B or Airbnb establishments would like to purchase a small supply of the leaflet please ring 812624.

Celia Lougher

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Emma Johnson: Tales from Vienna

On 14th May a packed Painswick Centre welcomed acclaimed clarinettist Emma Johnson. St Mary's Painswick has been graced by eight recitals (1993-2025) during Emma's stellar career as an international musician but this was her first visit as a musical historian.



The scene was set with comments on the great and good in classical music from Haydn to Schoenberg who all lived and worked in Vienna.

Why Vienna?

The cosmopolitan heart of the Hapsburg Empire, Vienna was a melting pot of Slav, Yiddish and Germanic languages and cultures. Haydn relocated to Vienna as a centre of aristocratic patronage, as did Mozart who then subtly subverted the oppressive regime (through Figaro and Magic Flute).

The French revolution, and the Napoleonic invasion of 1802 created a police state which worsened after the savage crushing of the 1848 uprisings. However, if politics were 'verboten', the arts were encouraged by Monarchy and the ruling class, promoting Vienna as the centre of artistic excellence. Beethoven from Germany, Schubert from Moravia, Brahms from Hamburg, Mahler from Bohemia: all absorbed Viennese Style to their own genius, continuing until the collapse of the Empire in 1918.

Musical extracts illuminated the talk including Emma's performance of the Mozart quintet, Beethoven's Fidelio raging against the state, and Brahms's delicious take on Hungarian dances. The Vienna Male Voice Choir's rendering of Strauss's 'Blue Danube' closed the talk perfectly.

Next: Thursday 11th June: Norman Rockwell: Artist or mere Illustrator. Details on website or email painswick@theartsociety.org.

David Cutler

Excursions to Cranham and Quenington



In June we are offering Members two exciting half-day excursions. Firstly, a visit to St James the Great Church, Cranham on Wednesday 17th June. Meeting at 10.00 am in the church for refreshments, two local historians (Jan Whitton and Helen Daltry) will tell us about the highlights of the Church with time afterwards to take a closer look.

St. James Church is mainly C15th but restored and enlarged by Sidney Gambier Parry in 1894-95. Highlights include the 16th Century triptych which serves as an altar reredos, and which recently returned to the church after 20 months of repairs; the recently refurbished 1894



T.C. Lewis organ; and the church's link to Gustav Holst who composed the music to the carol In the Bleak Midwinter while staying in the village in the 19th century. This is a self-drive trip and the cost to members including refreshments and a donation to the church, will be £12 per person (£14 non-members).

Later in June, we have arranged a visit to the 'Fresh Air Sculpture' exhibition, where we will have an exclusive curator-led tour. The exhibition is held biennially in the 4 acres of gardens of the Old Rectory, Quenington, which sits on the banks of the River Coln and an old mill race. This will be the final year for 'Fresh Air Sculpture' after which founder Lucy Abel Smith will take a well-earned retirement. The Church opposite has some exceptional Norman carving and is well worth a look round, as is the Knights Hospitallers' Gateway, circa 12th century further along the street, the only remains of a preceptory. Refreshments can be purchased in Jossier's Roaming Restaurant tent.

This self-drive trip is on Thursday 25th June, with the aim of arriving by 10.30 am. Cost £15 for group entrance and tour (£17 non-members). For further information or to book, either of these tours please contact Jane Rowe, tel. 01452 813228, email: janeerowe2015@gmail.com

Further information about the Club and its activities (including Membership information) can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

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The history of Sheepscombe

Painswick Local History Society's annual outing was a guided tour of Sheepscombe led by Elisabeth Skinner, the fount of all knowledge in respect of all things Sheepscombe.



We started out on the green below the cemetery. Until 1820 there had been no church in Sheepscombe and it became a bit of a race between the non-conformists and the C of E to see who could get one built the soonest! The land for the Church was an old quarry donated by the Lord of the Manor and flattened for building - originally much smaller than the current footprint. Later there were arguments between two church wardens about the safety of the Spire above the tower. One was a local builder, who said it was perfectly safe and after a lot of bitterness, the diocesan architect was brought in who sided with the builder.

The unravelling of the myths in Laurie Lee's Cider with Rosie about a WWI soldier who lived on Longridge and died after an altercation following a night at the Woolpack in Slad; the owner of a scrap yard by a row of cottages opposite the village hall and his traction engine 'Dorothy' commemorated in the weather vane over the hall; the short-lived woollen mill that failed due to Sheepscombe's remote location; the Work of Agnes Neville (wife of the Painswick curate) in founding Sheepscombe School, to the story of Thomas Richins, one of about sixty Mormons who worshipped in a local cottage and who eventually emigrated to Utah where he had 30 children between his three wives (spread across three states as polygamy was unlawful in the states); a theosophist centre; an early vegetarian commune; these just some of the aspects of Sheepscombe's history that the brave few members who came out despite the rain were treated to. A fascinating evening.

Our next meeting on June 16th will start with the Society's AGM, to be followed by a presentation from the Society's archive of old photos of Painswick, focusing on 'pubs and churches'.

Peter Jackson

Painswick Gardening Club

Unfortunately we had to cancel our May 13th meeting because Helen Picton was unable to come.



This month, on 10th June, Lottie Allen, Head Gardener at Hidcote is sharing her journey to National Trust Hidcote, explaining the history of the garden to the present time. There is a Garden Management Plan derived from the Conservation Management Plan. This attempts to understand what Johnston wanted from this space. Lottie was involved in the "Celebration of 75 years of nurturing Hidcote Manor Garden"

We meet in the Town Hall at 7 pm for tea/coffee and perhaps a glass of wine, ready to start the talk at 7.30pm. Come and join us - Wednesday evening 10th June.

Joyce Barrus

Planning for a new season

The 2025/6 season concluded at the end of April with the AGM. The year had sadly witnessed the loss of several valued friends. In spite of this an influx of new members had resulted in an increase in overall membership, a memorial to those who had supported and contributed so much over many years.



The new programme for 2026/7 is already well advanced and will begin on September 24th, continuing fortnightly through to 22nd April next year. Several new speakers will provide some interesting firsts and the success of the "bring a disc" session at the last meeting has encouraged the committee to schedule a complete session devoted to "member's choice" programming favourite pieces.

Complementing the impressive anniversary of Painswick Music Society, some of the celebrated performers who have graced Painswick over the last 80 years (often more than once) will be featured along with composition highlights from the extensive concert programmes in St Mary's Church over the decades. This has been remarkably researched and tabled by Martin Woodhead in "A History of Painswick Music Society" (to request a copy email info@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk).

Hopefully more new members will be encouraged to give PMAG a try and come to enjoy the hospitality and conviviality shared on Thursday afternoons from Autumn through to Spring.

Michael Grey

Glorious Gloucestershire Thames Head Singers - 11th July

On Saturday 11th July at St. Mary's Church the broadcaster, travel writer and filmmaker Mark Cummings will be hosting a special celebration of the music, wine and cheese of our great county.



The programme will start with cheese and wine at 6pm, followed at 7pm by a concert featuring the Thames Head Singers from Stroud, directed by Andrew Hopwood and accompanied by Julian Elloway. The music will include works by Parry, Holst and Vaughan Williams as well as new works from talented local composers.

The event is supporting the Hollie Gazzard Trust and tickets costing £25 to include the cheese and wine, or £18 for the concert only (18 and under free) are available from TicketSource. Box Office: 0333 666 3366 www.thamesheadsingers.org.uk

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The weather was sunny and free of heavy showers for the eighteen Friday Club members who visited Croome Park, an often-overlooked National Trust site in south Worcestershire, on Friday 1st May. Part of the parkland became an airfield in WWII and the visitor centre occupies former RAF huts. After refreshments in the 'Sergeant and Orderlies' Quarters, a curator of the Defford RAF Museum gave a presentation on the airfield's history during WWII and the Cold War. We heard about the importance to the nation's defence of the Radar Research Flying Unit, which operated flight trials at Defford on behalf of the Telecommunications Research Establishment, based in buildings vacated by Malvern College. Afterwards, members travelled by 'buggy' through the parkland, to tour the mansion and church. Tea, cakes and ice creams completed an excellent and varied day out, before boarding the minibus for home.



Looking ahead, Stephen Chamberlain, Head of Activities at Richmond Retirement Village is coming to test our wits and memories on Friday 12th June with a Picture Quiz. We are also looking forward to Friday 26th June when Alistair MacDuff will give a talk on Royal Scandals 1850 to 1950. Visitors are welcome to our meetings (£4) - no need to book, just roll up, and join us for refreshments after the talk.

Finally, I am taking bookings for another trip to the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, for a matinee performance of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' on Thursday 21st January 2027. If you would like to join us, please contact me on 813228 for further details. Friday Club membership is now reduced mid-year to £10, plus £2 per meeting attended. Contact Sylvia on 812104 for more details.

Jane Rowe 813228

This month's Jottings come from the 1839 tithe survey. The details below are taken from my very old map of the local fields in the mid 1800s. The names quoted of some of the fields and their meanings are as accurate as I can find out.

- Bent Croft (Boggy or stiff grass)
- Lagger (Long narrow field)
- Rack Hill (cloth strung out to dry)
- Pick Lease (from ancient grazing ground)
- Gosport (where geese are kept or tracked)
- Pennylands (lands rented for one penny)
- Tying (a safe place for valuable livestock)
- Thorny grove (thorny does not grow well)
- Shellach Shard (sharp pieces of pottery, ceramic rock)
- Rams Spital (refuge for sick lepers)
- Cornygar (Rabbit Warren)
- Comus (festivity and nocturnal merrymaking)
- Sheddington (a place for men to meet/shooting tree)
- Golden Acre (highly productive land)
- Brimps (common land top of Upton Hill)
- Hawks Well (source of spring where Hawks meet)
- Huddinhill (small mound, common ground)
- Brimps (Field open country side Going back)
- Catbrain (small enclosed space with house)
- Mandles field (Almond shaped and rushy)
- Zeagrim (could be medieval occupation)
- Edgemund stone (a marking stone)
- The platt (small piece of levelground)
- Combe (a field near a big house)
- Esquires Close (wood has been cut down for agriculture)
- Balcombe lease (open ground pasture in a valley).

A lot of the field names are easy to understand. There are many more.

Martin Slinger

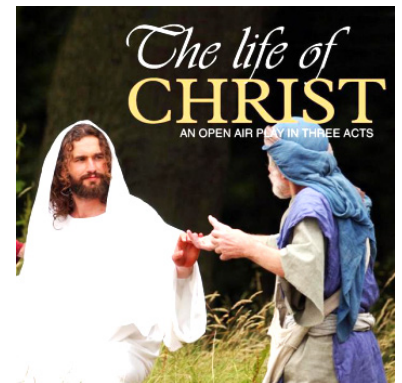
The Life of Christ



Back by popular demand - Churches Together Around Painswick is once again organising a trip to the Wintershall Estate in Surrey on Thursday 18th June 2026. Tickets are £35 and travel £35 each. We will leave at 7am and return by 6.30pm and travel comfortably by coach. Mobility transport is available at the site but we will need to take our own picnic, folding chair and refreshments.

If you do want to come or want to know more, please contact Ela Pathak-Sen, Chair of Churches Together by email ela@commotionuk.org or

Clare Irving clareirvingx@gmail.com or Sue Leighton-Boyce suelboyce@gmail.com as soon as possible. You will need to pay a deposit of £35 so that we can secure the tickets. We don't want anyone to miss out so if you do have difficulties paying please do get in touch and we will find a way to make this happen for you. If you want to know more about this beautiful re-enactment, go to www.wintershall.org.uk



Last year's group said:

"Wintershall brought the Gospels alive, to think we have our own Oberammergau in this country, and we didn't know about it!" "I loved the camaraderie as a group of Christians travelling together, sharing our experiences and worship." "I have seen the Passion Play performed in Trafalgar Square - this is on a different scale, Christ walking in our English countryside - there is even a sea of Galilee." "I was so taken with the school children, who immersed themselves in the re-telling of story of Jesus, what a wonderful way to bring the Gospel alive to the next generation!"

Ela Pathak-Sen

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Final two concerts of the Music Society's 2026 season

Voces 8

On 25th April 2026 Painswick Music Society continued their 80th Season at St Mary's with the very welcome return of VOCES8. This was their fourth Painswick concert, having first performed here in April 2016. They are the world's top-streaming classical vocal group, and they certainly delivered a world-class a cappella concert for us.



They pride themselves on versatility and this was tested on the day with co-founder and Artistic Director, Barnaby Smith, being slightly under the weather. The concert "Give Me Your Stars" explored the profound and diverse beauty of music inspired by the heavens, human connection, and the places we call home. At its heart was Lucy Walker's eponymous new work, written for VOCES8, which captured the delicate balance between celestial wonder and the deep, personal connections that make us human.

The programme spanned centuries of choral music, from the luminous polyphony of Tomas Luis de Victoria's Regina Caeli to timeless jazz standards. Along the way, we encountered the reflective sentiments of Eric Whitacre's All Seems Beautiful to Me and Kate Rusby's Underneath the Stars and folk traditions in Simon & Garfunkel's The Sound of Silence. Following rapturous applause, we were treated to an encore of Straighten Up and Fly Right, a celebratory mashup of Come Fly With Me and Fly me to the Moon. With this, an uplifted audience went out into the beautiful Painswick sunshine.

Jessica Bailey



Sir Stephen Hough

On Saturday 16th May Painswick Music Society's 80th Season climaxed with a recital by Pianist and Polymath Sir Stephen Hough, who was introduced by our Honorary President Clare Hammond.

Sir Stephen delivered a masterclass of short and miniature masterpieces. Commencing with late Schubert (D946) and Brahms (op118) these exquisite Klavierstuck were delivered with grace and elegance. Schoenberg's collection of miniatures was a corrective as was the 33 seconds of Stockhausen!! Even shorter but amusing was Beethoven's little Bagatelle which led into the heart of the recital.

Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata was delivered with such deep understanding and insight that it almost hid the extraordinary technical excellence that left the St Mary's audience stunned. An interval was required to absorb the profundity of our experience.


Schumann's Carnival followed, delivered with romantic warmth. Sir Stephen's brilliant Mary Poppins Suite was the anticipated final item but following sustained applause one more treat was offered: a beautiful waltz like reverie introduced as 'by a former Prime Minister'. There followed a reception in the Church to celebrate 80 years of PMS. Our Chair, Martin Woodhead led the celebrations and Sir Stephen added his own warm words (and the answer to the mysterious Prime Minister!).

Painswick Music Society's commitment to young people's musical development was underlined by a beautifully played recital by 17-year-old Isla Fujioka (a member of Gloucestershire Piano Trust Mentor Scheme).

Isla will be one of three 2026 'Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year' finalists performing in a 'Youth Spotlight Concert' at St Mary's on Saturday 17th October 3pm.

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Memories of the Pin Mill (1974-1978)

Episode 7: Not for the squeamish!

There was a lot of metal around down the Mill, and many sharp edges to be avoided. Small puncture wounds were common, and I remember Doreen Hanks sustaining a very nasty cut to her leg.

I was familiar with the machines by now and knew how to repair them. Mostly you did this with a pair of wire cutters that you carried with you everywhere. Looking back, I would say that the machines weren't well-guarded, but that's no real excuse for what happened. There was a jam on top of a ticket pin machine. Rather than stopping the machine, I thought that I could clear it with my finger, as I had done several times before. (The more sensitive of you should probably stop reading now!).

This time, I wasn't quick enough, and the machine caught the first finger of my left hand in a vice-like grip, before releasing it as the machine cycle was completed. I realised that I'd cut my finger, so I went out to wash it. On closer examination, the fingernail was gone, and the flesh was stamped into the corrugated shape of a ticket pin (they were like tiny swords in the shape of a corkscrew). There was a lot of blood, pain kicked in, and I thought I was going to pass out. It was pretty obvious that I needed to go to hospital. Ken Bentley drove me to Stroud General while I tried to avoid bleeding all over his upholstery. My Mum was a nurse there (although not on duty that day), so I was "known". I was treated very quickly, bandaged up and sent home.

When Ken dropped me off, I walked into the house and tried to play things cool – "Nothing to see here...!" Unfortunately, I had underestimated the power of the Painswick "grapevine". My Mum had already received a phone call asking how I was before she even knew I had been injured! Of course, the hospital had also rung her – I should have anticipated that. Understandably, she was quite worried, and insisted on removing the dressing for inspection before re-bandaging it "her way" (which I admit was more comfortable and effective). Concerned that I might have no lift home, the hospital had called my Dad at his office in Stroud and he was now driving around the town centre/bus station trying to find me (no mobile phones in those days). Eventually he returned to his office and rang home to be reassured that I was still in one(-ish) piece.

While being treated in Stroud I had been asked for my "profession". I didn't have one yet, so I'd said I was a student. Looking back, I realise that they were trying to establish the circumstances of the accident. As I'd said I was a student, they didn't make a connection to the Pin Mill, and I don't believe that there was any follow up by the Factory Inspectorate. This was lucky for the factory, as guarding the machines more effectively would have been difficult and expensive. I was off work for 2 months, but Mr Smyth did pay me for some of that time, which I thought was reasonably generous.

That night, I had to sleep with my left wrist tied to the bedhead with a dressing gown cord – so the finger remained raised and the bleeding didn't restart. Amazingly, over time the fingernail grew back and the corrugations smoothed out, but to this day that fingertip remains more sensitive than the others and I keep that fingernail long to protect it. Even now I pick things up with my left hand using the thumb and second finger rather than the first. A lasting reminder of my time down the Pin Mill.

Eric Harris

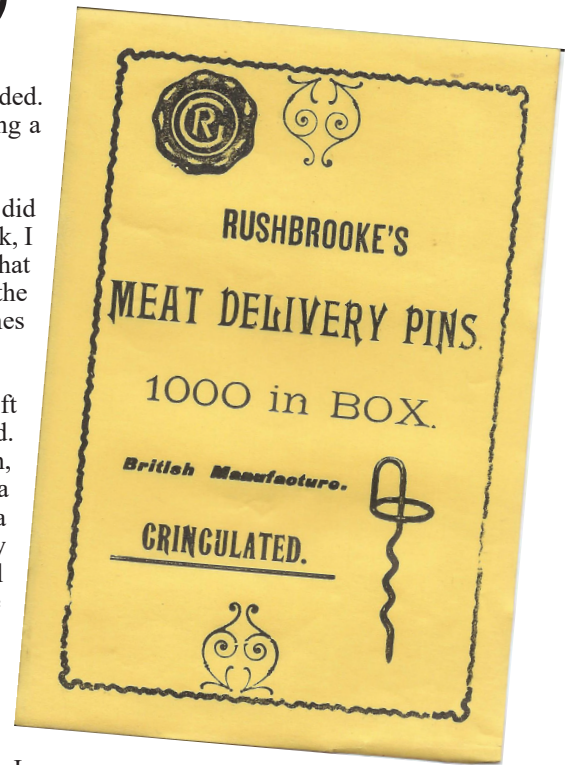
Painswick Library Book Club

The Library Book club will meet on Monday 8th June, from 1.30-2.30, to discuss 'This Must Be the Place' by Maggie O'Farrell.

Following that we meet on Monday 6th July to discuss 'Fundamentally' by Nussaibah Younis. New members are very welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com



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Aly's debut exhibition

In a recent edition of the Beacon there was an article about one of Painswick's wonderful artists, Aly Lloyd. Aly's work is fascinating. Essentially it is textile painting but with the use of different methods, techniques and art materials in order to produce stunningly different visual outcomes. Aly's art studio is in Bisley Street in the premises shared with Handmade in Painswick.

Aly's lovely art work is deserving of wide recognition and it is good news therefore to announce that it will be on view in Cheltenham in June. Her debut solo exhibition will be on show at Sixteen Gallery, Montpellier, Cheltenham, from Thursday 25th June until Wednesday 1st July. Titled 'Making Sense', it focuses on light-responsive paintings on tactile textile surfaces, encouraging the viewer to think about the effects of light on perception and the senses.

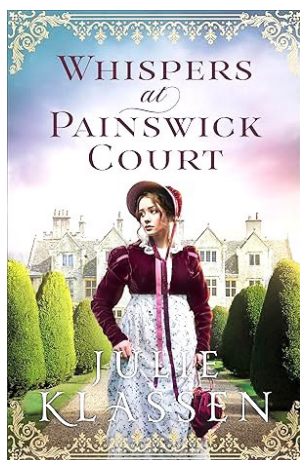
The exhibition will be open every day from 10.00am to 5pm. The opening night is from 5.00-8.30pm on Thursday 25th June, with complimentary drinks, and everyone is welcome. Aly's work



Aly in her Bisley Street Studio

is exceptional and this exhibition is a great opportunity for one of Painswick's wonderful artists to present her work to a wider audience. Do go along and show your support.

Carol Maxwell



Julie Klassen visit Meet her at Turning Pages

Julie Klassen's intriguing novel, 'Whispers at Painswick Court', set in Painswick in 1820, was reviewed in the May Beacon. It is available at Handmade in Painswick.

Julie will be visiting Painswick on Saturday, 20th June. She will be at the Turning Pages meeting where she will talk about what inspired her to write the story and will happily engage in discussion about it. This is a great opportunity to meet the author. The Falcon, 11.00am – everyone welcome.

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Repeated vandalism – a mystery

It is generally agreed that we in Painswick are extremely fortunate not only because we live in a stunningly beautiful place but also because our community is caring and thoughtful. How alarming then to read the following as expressed by a Painswick resident.

“I can't believe it. Not again. Why is someone trying to destroy our trees and flowers? Two years ago, after we planted half a dozen yew trees along our part of the footpath between Butt Green and Churchill Way, someone came along and pulled them all out. We thought it was a joke. We quickly replanted them, but again they were pulled out. Then last year someone sprayed weed killer on plants and flowers, even killing a buddleia – no great loss, but they are generally bomb proof. Well, it's happened again. We planted a new tree next to the footpath and within 72 hours it had been pulled out. This occurred during the last weekend in April this year.

On checking with Painswick Parish Council, we were told that the PC have a policy not to use weed killer and we were advised that it may be better to put up a fence as all the other properties along this footpath have done. We would like to keep this area by the footpath green and attractive, but it doesn't look as if that's possible. Does anyone have any ideas as to why this is happening and what we should do?”

These words are certainly alarming and tell of actions not normally associated with Painswick or Painswick people. This is a couple who have wanted to make the footpath, and especially the few yards which adjoin their garden, a real joy for everyone to walk

along, with carefully planted trees, shrubs and flowers. Their thoughtful efforts have been solely for the benefit of others ie those walking along the footpath.

What is related here is a series of acts of vandalism, malicious acts of vandalism no less - it is indeed sad, distressing, inexplicable. Why would anyone choose to do this? Has anyone else in Painswick suffered the same or similar sort of experience? If you have, do please make contact with us at the Beacon.

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Wellbeing week at The Croft School



On 18th May, our wonderful village primary school hosted its second annual Wellbeing Week — and this year it was bigger and better than ever. Throughout the week, the children explored the Five Pillars of Wellbeing: Be Active, Take Notice, Give, Connect, and Keep Learning.

The children enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, including litter picking around the village, a brilliant art workshop with local artist Jane Garbett, and a special visit from author Andy Hussey during Forest School sessions. There were also gardening workshops, a visit from Richmond, and a huge football session with local club Forest Green Rovers, which was a real highlight for many pupils.

The week ended in spectacular style with the ever-popular whole-school Colour Run, bringing smiles, laughter, and plenty of colour to finish the celebrations.

A huge thank you goes to our generous sponsors: Richmond, Painswick Community, and Thriving Communities, whose support helped make the week such a success.

Kate Beatty



The Croft School Summer Fair Saturday 27th June from 12–4pm

An afternoon full of community spirit, delicious food, and family fun. There will be something for everyone, including homemade cakes, teas and coffees, hot food, a bar, stalls, plants, games, and plenty of opportunities to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Most importantly, every penny raised goes directly to The Croft School PTA, helping to enrich the children's school experience through resources, activities, and opportunities that school budgets can no longer fully provide. With funding becoming increasingly stretched, community support has never been more important. Please come along and bring friends and family.

Kate Beatty

Closure of A46 Carriageway re-surfacing work

As a reminder, the A46 is due to be closed at Brockworth from 3rd to 11th June for re-surfacing of the carriageway. As if we hadn't had enough traffic disruption recently (see page 1)!

Downton House Garden NGS opening raises over £1900

Thank you to everyone who came to the NGS Downton House Garden Opening on 13th and 14th May. In spite of the showers, we had two very successful days and raised over £1,900. The proceeds were split between the National Garden Scheme, which gives nearly £4 million a year to Nursing Charities, and the Carers Trust which supports unpaid carers – usually family members caring for a spouse or other relative.



There are plenty of other Gloucestershire gardens open for the NGS during the year and they are easy to find on the NGS website at <https://ngs.org.uk/>. Do think about visiting some of them – just by looking at plants (and eating cake from the tea stall), you will be supporting an excellent cause.

Jane Kilpatrick



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Summer Activities at the Library

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Lego Builders Club

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Librasaurus Reading Challenge

18th July – 7th September (ages 3-11). Read, draw, write, imagine - and maybe win a prize.

Lego Spike

Coding and robotics with Lego 24th July, 11am – 12 noon (ages 5+). Also 28th August 11am – 12 noon and 2pm – 3pm



TinkerCAD 3D Design

Design Librasaurus bookmarks in 3D – Thurs. 24th July 2pm – 3pm (ages 5+)

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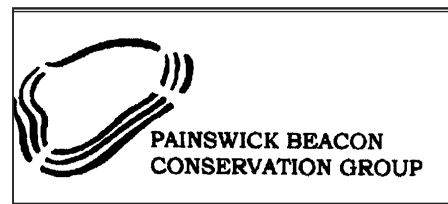
Thursday 14th August (ages 6+) Create your film 11am – 12 noon, Watch your film 2pm – 3pm

Make friends, learn new skills and have fun this summer. Free activities - just bring your imagination. Booking essential - please visit the Library or ring 01452 814744. Parents / Carers must stay in the Library during sessions.

Gill Hopkins

Vegetation Surveys

Over the last few decades, several surveys of the flora and fauna of the Beacon have been undertaken and have shown that some parts of the site demonstrate a wide diversity of plants that are found on unimproved calcareous grassland; this in turn supports a wide range of insects, animals and birds. Unfortunately, other areas are struggling with invasive plants and damage from the various uses of the site.



The aim of the Conservation Group is to improve the biodiversity of the site and keep it as unimproved chalk grassland which is rapidly disappearing in the UK. We undertake clearing work in winter and in summer reduce the brambles, old man's beard, rosebay willow herb, hemp agrimony and tree saplings that otherwise would take over. Meanwhile, our cows continue working hard to keep down ivy and reduce the height of the grass sward level so that wildflowers have a chance to grow. But are we succeeding in our conservation efforts at improving flora and hence fauna diversity and abundance?

In 2024, a group of volunteers were trained up by Dr Kathy Meakin a local professional ecologist (Evidence Nature) to undertake scientific vegetation surveys on the Beacon. Every week from April to September we go out and study 10m squares specifically looking for plants that are markers of good quality chalk grassland and rarer "treasures" like the 10+ species of orchids we have. Our findings are then collated and mapped using the Quantitative Geographical Information System computer program which will enable us to compare data year on year. We will also be able to map our cleared areas and eventually grazed areas thus we will be able to see if our conservation methods are working or need adjusting.

So, if you see a group of people armed with a clipboard bent over peering at the ground - that will be us. It's a lovely way of spending a couple of hours and fascinating to discover what is hiding in the grass.

We are always looking for more people to join us; it's an enormous area to try and cover! If you are interested, please contact us via Paul Baxter. No knowledge of flowers is required; we can help you learn and it's easier than you might think. Or, if you are a computer wizard there is the opportunity to help with the data recording and development of our computer recording system.

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June at Rococo - colourful and busy

The gardens at Painswick Rococo Garden are coming into their own this June. Heritage roses are beginning to flower, filling the garden with colour and fragrance alongside a wide variety of early summer perennials. In the orchard, the blossom is quickly taking over, while the kitchen garden is already supplying the café with fresh salad crops, with much more seasonal produce to follow in the weeks ahead. There are also several special events taking place during June.

**Painswick
Rococo
Garden**



On Friday 13th June at 7pm, *By a Lady – The Life and Wit of Jane Austen* will be performed in the Bowling Green. The production stars Juliet Stevenson, well known for roles in *Emma* and *Bend It Like Beckham*, the National Theatre and RSC, alongside Rachel Parris of *Austenland* and *Live at the Apollo*. The performance weaves together Jane Austen's own writing with memorable moments from the much-loved characters she created.

Later in the month, the ever-popular *The HandleBards* return to the garden with Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Performances take place on 25th and 26th June at 6pm, and on 27th June at 5pm. Travelling by bicycle with all their costumes and props, the company is known for its lively and environmentally sustainable outdoor productions.

Historic Houses and RHS members visit for free. Gardener's World 2 for 1 cards are also accepted. For event tickets and further information, visit www.rococogarden.org.uk. And save the date! Painswick residents are invited to a picnic at the garden on 10th July. More details will follow soon.

Marta Gardner

Painswick in Bloom

Born from an idea by Mary Parsons, Pippa Medcalf and Painswick Gardening Club, this project has brought wonderful community spirit and pride to our beautiful town.

Guided by Councillor Fraser Leggate — drawing on his background as a professional London landscape gardener — and supported generously by the Parish Council, the team secured sponsorship from businesses and residents alike. Over 60 planters are now in place, with plans to add more each year, filled with seasonal flowers and shrubs for everyone to enjoy.



We are grateful for donations: plants from Evergreen Exterior Services (London), soil and oak sleepers from Jewson of Stroud, plus constant refreshments from local businesses for our hardworking volunteers. Special thanks go to Tom, Jake and all at The Falcon, whose new garden beside The Shires served as our hub and who gave practical help throughout.

A historic silver trophy, rediscovered by James Murray, will soon be awarded for the best display.

Now we invite everyone to help: if plants look thirsty in hot weather, please give them a drink alongside the Gardening Club and Lucas from the Parish Council. Together, let's keep Painswick blooming all summer long.

Jukka Koskela



Mary Parsons and Fraser Leggate after a hard day's planting!



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Painswick Community Support

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This is an exciting, county-wide initiative which offers digital sessions alongside established community groups or at community venues. There will be an initial session at the Community Hub on Friday, June 5th at the Town Hall 10am-11.30pm with Bo Moon, the Digital Equity Lead, who will chat to people over coffee about what is on offer and what people might be interested in in terms of digital support. Do come along and find out more - all are welcome.

Coffee morning in memory of Ann Williams

A coffee morning in memory of Ann, was held at the Community Hub on Friday, May 8th, around the time of her birthday. Ann had been a regular guest and supporter of the Community Hub since it started after the pandemic and our regular guests were joined by Ann's sister, Vivien, friends and neighbours.

The tables were decorated with yellow flowers, Ann's favourite colour, and a selection of homemade cakes, donated by Hub volunteers and friends, were on offer. Money donated to the Hub from Ann's memorial service had been used to replace the old Town Hall crockery with 36 specially designed new mugs with Ann's name on. It was a very special and memorable occasion for all who attended.

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.

Delyth, Hannah and Louise on behalf of Painswick Community Support



Painswick Sports

assembled by John Barrus

Golf

On Wednesday 27th May a total of 110 players from 33 different golf clubs played in the Painswick Golf Club Senior Gents Open. This year's competition was played in exceptionally hot and dry conditions. The course however was in excellent condition following all the hard work put in by Miles and Harry in particular.

The match was played in a pairs format where the best score for the pair on each hole counted. The event was won by Alistair Barby and David Cox from Painswick GC with a very fine 47 points, followed in second place by Richard Purkis and Michael Burke and in third by Robin Wellings and Richard Daws, all local players.

One of the highlights of the day was Paul Thomson from Minchinhampton GC scoring a hole in one on the 5th hole and winning the £100 pot for doing so.

John Barrus



Cricket

Painswick Cricket Club is this year running three men's teams, a women's team as well as teams for girls, boys and the under 13s. Check their website and excellent booklet for further information.



There is a picture of the recent home game against Marshfield on the back page. Painswick won that game by 137 runs in the outstanding May spring sunshine.

1st team Home matches in June:

6th June against Tewkesbury
27th June against Cheltenham




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AI to revolutionise patient care?



The May meeting of the Patient Group with the Surgery focused on two aspects of NHS provision: current and coming digital developments (again!) and Pharmacy. One member with deep insights into digital aspects of GP work drew our attention to some in-depth research from a practising Ulster GP which, satisfyingly, once again showed Painswick Practice ahead of the rest with about a third of patients using online appointment booking and patient satisfaction rates of 'Good' (above the national average despite us using it more). Similarly, the Practice confirmed that repeat prescriptions via the NHS App are working well and represent a significant proportion of requests. Both NHS App and eConsult have been seen to improve markedly and it's worth reflecting on how well Painswick is progressing with digital developments given a predominance of above average age patients.

So much for existing digital developments, but what's around the corner? We heard reports of highly accurate and efficient use by GPs of 'ambient scribing' – the use of artificial intelligence (AI) supported auto-note-taking during consultations. This can also operate at an enhanced level which adds prompts to the Doctor such as AI suggestions of further concerns for the GP to consider, or treatments to recommend (more on this in our minutes on the Practice website). Is this coming to Painswick soon? Not soon perhaps as it requires too much investigation from over-stretched Doctors locally for rapid progress to be made. Results elsewhere are encouraging though.

Pharmacy

We were very pleased to welcome Adis Kikic from our community pharmacy and Alex Oprea, the in-house Clinical Pharmacist to enlighten us on the changes that pharmacies have witnessed in recent times. The main one for Adis is the Pharmacy First scheme which allows him to treat certain conditions, many with limitations such as the age of the patient. The Hoyland House website gives more details here: <https://painswicksurgery.nhs.uk/self-help/>. Do have a look – it's an important page to know about!

Whilst Adis is well known and often seen by patients, Alex works more in the background specialising initially in asthma and now cardio-vascular and hypertension issues. He conducts 'Structured Medication Reviews' for key patients - those with frailty concerns are a priority. He also monitors patients' medications after discharge from hospital and works closely with local care homes, especially over compliance with CTC requirements. More about all this in our email bulletin available from painswickppg@gmail.com.

David Perry, Patient Group Chair.

Summer Solstice Yoga Rococo Garden - 17th June

There is a unique magic in gathering at the height of the year, when the earth is in its fullest expression of growth and the sun reaches its highest point. On 17th June, Kate Beatty will be running a yoga session in the beautiful, lush surroundings of the Rococo Garden for a practice dedicated to the Summer Solstice - a moment to pause and reflect, tapping into the quiet stillness that exists even amidst the vibrant energy of summer.

Painswick Rococo Garden, 7.30pm to 9pm, Tickets £26. More information at <https://kate-beatty.co.uk/solstice/>



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Property Report

An exceptionally rare opportunity to create a new house right in the centre of Painswick comes with the offer for sale of the former Goddards Garage site between Cheltenham Road and Gloucester Street (Murrays, £375,000), which now has permission in principle for 1 to 4 dwellings. But if you prefer your homes ready built, quite a range of new properties have come to the market in the last few months.

There are two outstanding properties high on Painswick Beacon. Windways (Hamptons, £1 million) has a unique setting, fronting onto Painswick Golf Course and offering far-reaching views over the Severn Valley, while Beamsley on Cheltenham Road (Hamptons, £1.25 million) is a detached 4-5 bedroom house with an adjacent 2.7 acre paddock with stable block. Lower down, Woodcote in the Highlands (Murrays, £1.25 million) is a spacious and light 3 bed detached property with large landscaped gardens and there is another 3 bed detached property further down Cheltenham Road at The Homestead (Murrays, £775,000).

West House on Lower Washwell Lane (Hamptons, £950,000) is a modern detached home with detached garage and further down Washwell, Rosemullion (Savills, £995,000) has open-plan living with dramatic views and even a home cinema. Alternatively, Brandon Cottage on Stroud Road (Murrays, £895,000) can offer a heated outdoor swimming pool as well as four bedrooms and just across the road in the former library and school buildings, 5b Stroud Road (Murrays, £350,000) has an open plan living area and two bedrooms.

At Gyde House, Flat 16 is now available (Hamptons, £350,000), a second floor two bed apartment in this impressive building set in communal gardens, and on Stames Lane, Abbotts Leigh (Murrays, £650,000) is a beautifully presented three bed semi-detached Edwardian property.

Two further properties in the village – Fig Tree Cottage in Kemp's Lane (Murrays, £1.05 million) and Dolphin House in Vicarage Street (Hamptons, £875,000) came briefly onto the market before quickly going under offer. Hamptons and

Murrays, the local agents, also have new properties further out in Edge, Cranham and Birdlip – see their websites for details, and if a large old farmhouse on Wick Street with three separate cottages, sounds like your thing, try the Savills website.

Other properties going under offer include Dozmary Cottage on Vicarage Street (Hamptons), the Old Bath House on Tibbiwell, St. Mary's Cottage on Victoria Street, 38 Ashwell, Rake Hill at the Highlands, Yokehouse Barn, both Nos. 4 & 6 Painswick Heights, Rose Cottage Slad and a plot of land at Sheepscombe (all Murrays). Properties that have exchanged and/or completed include 4 Stroud Road, 3 Prospect Terrace, 12 Gyde House, 1a Upper Washwell, 8 Brookhouse Mill, Park House at The Park, Corinium House on Seven Leaze Lane, Jenkins Farmhouse towards Edge, Tragarth and Cranham Close in Cranham and Maryland at Far End, Sheepscombe.

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PLANNING MATTERS

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New Applications

- S.26/0289/HHOLD Greenacres Cheltenham Road
Erection of detached garage and store.
- S.26/0576/HHOLD 1 Randalls Field
Erection of a replacement front canopy and balustrade.
- S.26/0735/HHOLD Dutchcombe Farm
Erection of a greenhouse.
- S.26/0449/FUL Hillside, Paradise
Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use. Erection of stable block with integral workshop & store.
- S.26/0558/HHOLD Little Jasmine Cottage, Edge Road
Replacement of 5 windows and 1 entrance door. Insertion of 1 new rooflight to the rear.
- S.26/0761/TCA Court House, Hale Lane T1 Walnut tree to be reduced all round by 2m.
- S.26/0595/LBC The Buddings, Slad Road
Replacement of 5 windows.
- S.26/0718/LBC Fiery Beacon, New Street
Installation of a replacement front door.
- S.26/0806/VAR Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.25/1431/HHOLD - alterations to the fenestration, roof materials and design of orangery

Consent

- S.26/0294/FUL and S.26/0295/LBC The Painswick, Kemp's Lane
Alterations and enclosure of existing bin store.

Refused

- S.26/0280/HHOLD Springfield Lodge, Slad
Replacement 1.5 storey rear and side extension.

Withdrawn

- S.26/0775/AFPA Land South East Of Holcombe Farm
Erection of an agricultural storage barn, access track and hardstanding.

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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. Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. kate-beatty.co.uk/07793 126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	5.00 - 6.00pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
	Lego Builders Club (excluding Bank Holidays)	Library	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesdays	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club £35/term. Contact Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
Wednesdays	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	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/07793 126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes 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. Term time only. classes@painswickcentre.com .	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Weds Pop-In continues after Easter. Do join us for T&C. A friendly meeting place for a chat or perhaps a board game. Sandra Glass 01452 814186	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Croc N' Roll Children's entertainment with Steph and her books, guitar, puppets story books and bubbles. 1.00/child.	Library	2.30pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums, 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
	Taichi and Qigong - Perry Loveday 07970 698741	Painswick Centre	2.00 - 3.00pm
	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 - 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
	Badminton Club. Contact John Barrus - barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. cgswain@btinternet.com / 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
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
Sundays	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

June

Sat	6	Painswick Beacon published		
Mon	8	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	8	The Bible Course	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tues	9	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
Weds	10	Gardening Club: Lottie Allen, Head Gardener at Hidcote	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	11	Arts Society: Norman Rockwell: Great American Artist or mere Illustrator - John Ericson	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.30am
Fri	12	Wickflix: Hamnet	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	12	Friday Club: Picture Quiz, Stephen Chamberlain. Enq. 717163	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	13	By a Lady - the life and wit of Jane Austen. Tickets from rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	7.30pm
Sun	14	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Marys Church	9.30am
	14	Family Worship	St Marys Church	11.00am
Mon	15	The Bible Course	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tues	16	Morning prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
Wed	17	CNFC: Talk & Tour of Church of St James the Great, Cranham. Book on 813228.	Cranham Church	10.00am
Thurs	18	Painswick Probus: Afternoon visit to Cheltenham College		
Sat	20	Turning Pages - Julie Klassen discusses her locally-based book	The Falcon	11.00am
	20	Painswick Summer Ball	Rugby Club	
Sun	21	Deadline for all Beacon Copy		
	21	Holy Communion	St Marys Church	11.00am
Mon	22	The Bible Course	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tues	23	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
	23	Yew Trees WI: The Life of Nurse Edith Cavell - Mike Bottomley	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Thurs	25	CNFC: Guided tour of 'Last Blast of Fresh Air' Sculpture Exhibition. Book on 813228.	Old Rectory, Quenington	10.30am
	25	Summer evening art walks	Painswick Centre	5.30 - 7.30pm
	25	The Handlebards: As you Like it - Shakespeare. Tickets from rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	6.00pm
Fri	26	Friday Club: Royal Scandals 1850 - 1950 - Sir Alistair Macduff Enq. 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
	26	The Handlebards: As you Like it - Shakespeare. Tickets from rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	6.00pm
Sat	27	The Handlebards: As you Like it - Shakespeare. Tickets from rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	5.00pm
Sun	28	Ordination of Deacons	Gloucester Cathedral	10.15am
Mon	29	The Bible Course	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Tues	30	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
July				
Thurs	2	Painswick Probus: What it says in the Qur'an - Stephen Aiano	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon published		

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Personal Column Congratulations

To ROB SMITHSON and CASSIE MATTHEWS, who were married at Bromesberrow on 23rd May. Rob grew up in Painswick and is a former pupil of The Croft School.



Thank You

From BARBARA CLARK:
I wish to convey my gratitude to our doctors and team and Adis and staff at our Pharmacy for their excellent service. I rang the surgery at 10am, saw the doctor at 4.30pm and antibiotics were delivered at 5.30pm on the same day. We are indeed very fortunate to live in such a caring community.

From BARBARA HARLEY:
I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Painswick Community Support Group, and to the many friends, who so kindly gave their time to support me during my recent medical treatment. The arrangement of daily lifts to and from hospital, over several weeks, was an extraordinary act of generosity, and made a demanding period far more manageable. I am deeply grateful for the care, reliability and goodwill shown throughout, especially on those days when I needed an extra boost. Thank you Painswick.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated cvasp.26@gmail.com

A huge challenge for a great cause

You may remember that back in 2011 readers voted for the first Young Painswickian of the Year. Jonas Pollard, aged 16, had been amazing in his endeavours to raise funds for Macmillan cancer charity. His mother had developed breast cancer and, very impressed by the care she was given by the Macmillan nurses, he undertook to cycle the width of the country in three days for the charity. This was followed in subsequent years by even more impressive, incredibly long cycle rides across more countries and Jonas raised considerable amounts of money.

This year Jonas and friend Margaux are embarking on a staggering 33,000km cycling challenge from Alaska to Argentina, covering 14 countries and taking two years to complete. The purpose is to raise money for two charities: Sue Ryder Hospice and World Bicycle Relief. This of course is certainly an amazing undertaking but Jonas believes it is worth it because the charities do such wonderful work. His mother spent her final weeks in Leckhampton Court, a Sue Ryder care home.

Although Jonas no longer lives in Painswick he asks that residents consider supporting him in this challenge for such a worthy local cause. If you would like to donate, simply scan this QR code.
Carol Maxwell





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Summer in Painswick (for a few days at least!)



Fields near Painswick have been carpeted in buttercups and other wild flowers, while Painswick in Bloom has brightened up the Memorial Garden. There's a riot of colour at the Rococo Garden (photo: Tom Wakefield) and the classic English summer scene of a cricket match has come early to Broadham. The hot weather also brought some dramatic lightning to the village on the night of 27th May, captured over St. Mary's Church by Benjamin Hawke.

