

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Croft School Summer Fair



On a wonderful hot summer's day, the village school hosted their annual Fair. There were bouncy castles, BBQ, stalls, delicious cakes and lots of fun and games including the north vs south Painswick tug of war.

The fair raised over £2500 - much needed funds for the school. Thanks to all who came and joined the fun.



## Serious Road Accident in Painswick

The A46 in Painswick was closed on Friday afternoon 20th June following a collision involving a motorcyclist and a car.

The motorcyclist was travelling along the Cheltenham road with a green light towards the junction with Bisley Street when a car, driving the wrong way up Bisley Street, smashed into him. The motorcyclist was thrown into the wall of the house on the corner of the junction. The motorcyclist was seriously injured. An air ambulance was called and landed on the recreation ground nearby.

Police were called to the crash and the road was closed for a considerable time. The motorcyclist was taken to Bristol Southmead Hospital with a crushed ankle.

## Summer's here! 4 days of family fun

### Monday 21st July

Sherlock Supper – 4.30 – 6.00pm Sherlock investigates The Big Fish! Activities in St. Mary's Church followed by fish & chips in the Church Rooms. Book by Friday 18th July using the link below or QR code above.

### Tuesday 22nd July

'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe: Chronicles of Narnia' Film afternoon – 2.30pm at Edge Village Hall, followed by picnic on the green. Bring your own rug and picnic. Popcorn and drinks available.

### Wednesday 23rd July

Rounders match – 11.00am at Cranham Cricket Club GL4 8JA followed by BBQ lunch. Sausages, burgers & drinks available, bring anything else you'd like to eat!

### Thursday 24th July

St. Mary's Mums (Baby & Toddler Group) – 9.30-11.00am Come and play! @ Painswick Recreation Ground. Cakes provided – bring your own coffee. Everyone welcome.

Family Hub open 1.00 – 3.30pm for coffee 'n' chat. Pay as you can cash donations welcome at all events, for more information contact Vics Soutar [familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk)



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## Council Meeting

At the meeting many fairly minor issues were raised; not all will be of interest to many of you. But some will so here are brief summaries and further contact details.

**St Mary's toilets** have been reopened after some repair and maintenance works.

**The Mayor of Slavutych** asked whether Painswick (its twin town) could help with summer activities for their children living locally. These were judged too demanding for us, but happily the County Council has willingly stepped in and is doing what it can.

**At the Cemetery Lodge** phase 1 of the works has been completed. Re-rating of the EPC status will follow next leading to occupancy by our Groundsman Lucas Edney.

**Village of the Year.** The assessments are progressing; informal visits took place on June 27th. (Stage 2). Final decisions are near, the awards ceremony at Highnam Court is on 17th July.

**Definitive Maps.** This is both a Parish and a County issue/affair. A used but relatively unrecorded footpath [or bridleway] can become legal and permanent using a seemingly long winded and demanding process introduced by the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. Known as DMMO (Definitive Maps Modification Order), the County Council has a duty under Section 53 to consider all applications to modify the Definitive Map. The footpaths are in and around Frith Wood, where Juniper Hill meets the beech wood above Slad. You may well have walked the several paths through the wood. You may be willing to join the others (at least 29 so far) submitting formal statements in support. In practice it is quite easy; you need to complete and return three simple forms that you will be sent, on request, by the DMMO team. The aim is to collect statements of support that will assist the

Council to make a good decision. Anyone can apply and there is no charge. If you would like to take part in this democratic process, start by contacting the DMMO team who will send you the application pack. They ask that you provide a brief outline of why you think rights should be recorded and details of the approximate location of the routes. To help you do this you will want the map showing the area, the proposed additions, and the existing bridleways and footpaths MPA52, MPA 53 and MPA 54. You can see the map (and other paperwork) at our Parish Clerk's office or obtain a copy from Highway Records and DMMO team, GCC at County Hall, GL1 2TH; by email from [modificationorders@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:modificationorders@gloucestershire.gov.uk); from the web [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/prow](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/prow). The case officer is Andrew Houldey on 01452 328982; their reference is 573/11/169(25) and the cut off date is Friday 18th July 2025.

**Ex Telephone kiosks.** Painswick now owns the two redundant kiosks. The one in Slad will probably soon house the defibrillator, but the other is located outside Murrays Estate Agents. Please send your suggestion for its use to our Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin.

### Ward Report.

Andy Nash reported on a Slad Community Speedwatch using hand held radar equipment. Some high speeds had been noted. The official figures obtained from the road cables will be made available soon. The request for a 20mph zone remains.

### Stroud District Council.

SDC has won a National Award in recognition of its outstanding work to protect the safety of its tenants. The tennis courts at Stratford Park have been named "Park Venue of the Year" at the Lawn Tennis Association's Tennis for Britain county awards. SDC's Apprenticeship programme has reopened; five apprenticeships to start in September, are now open for applications. Details are on the SDC website.

### Gloucestershire County Council.

Cabinet and Committee positions have now been allocated. Painswick's Gary Luff will be busy. As well as being on the Traffic Regulation, Planning, and Pensions Committees he is also Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Gary reminds you to report any Highway defects to GCC via the "Fix My Street" app. He is always contactable on his mobile: 07773 77850 or by Email: [garyluff@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:garyluff@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Painswick Telephone Kiosk

Painswick now owns a redundant telephone kiosk located outside Murrays Estate agents. Please send your suggestions for its future use to the Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin. Other redundant Kiosks have been used for Defibrillators, book stands, or an information centre.





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Wick-Flix returns in July with a summer screening that's sure to have audiences laughing, crying, and cheering for everyone's favourite diary-keeping heroine. Please note, this month's film is not on the usual second Friday, but instead on Friday 18th July.

We'll be showing *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy*, the latest chapter in the beloved series that began over two decades ago. Renée Zellweger reprises her iconic role, this time navigating midlife with her signature charm, wit and honesty.

#### Film Synopsis

It's been several years since we last saw Bridget, and life has moved on in ways she never expected. Now in her 50s, she's juggling single motherhood, a demanding career, and the trials of modern dating — all while still managing to find herself in the most awkward (and hilarious) situations. With old flames, new love interests, and plenty of classic Bridget chaos, *Mad About the Boy* is a heartfelt and funny story about love, loss and rediscovery.

Whether you're a long-time fan or meeting Bridget for the first time, this latest film offers laughs, nostalgia and some genuine emotional moments.

#### Event Details

- Date: Friday 18th July
- Time: Doors open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.45pm
- Venue: Painswick Centre
- Tickets: Available on the door or in advance from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wick-flix-bridget-jones-mad-about-the-boy-tickets-1353240140689>

Come along, grab a glass of wine, and enjoy a feel-good film night out in great company. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets will also always be available on the door.

Entry includes 1 small glass of wine, ale or a soft drink.

*Ceri Chaplin*



## Thursday Evening Food

1st Thursday	Ground & Round Burgers
2nd Thursday	Taste of Punjab
3rd Thursday	Box kitchen Pizza
4th Thursday	Burgerlish

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## Volunteers – some success

Last month's plea for volunteers has had some success. The Beacon is informed that The Tourist Office has received 6 people expressing interest and Longfields 3.

## Beacon Magazine

Is still looking for a volunteer to help on the Beacon committee, with the view of becoming an editor (one of three) sometime next year.

## Foodbank Update

Five years ago, during the restrictions of the Covid pandemic, we recognised a need to support those in food poverty and those who wished to donate to help them. We set up the monthly collection points in Stamages Lane car park and by the Stocks.

You came and you came and huge amounts were collected and taken to the Stroud District Foodbank (SDFB) for weighing, sorting, packing and hand delivery to many struggling families. You also donated nearly 100 laptops and tablets for children in Archway School who could not study at home without them. You gave socks and hats for the poor in winter and sleeping bags for the homeless. Christmas collections yielded crates and crates of festive fare to those who might otherwise have nothing.

Your generosity has been overwhelming and we have consistently been the highest church donor in the SDFB area.

But times have gradually changed and our collections have dwindled. Don't worry, we know you are still giving! Just in different ways; into the baskets in supermarkets, through financial donations and in your thoughts and prayers. It therefore seems time to stop the monthly collections and, after discussion with SDFB, we have decided to focus just on Easter and Christmas collections.

Our collection in July will therefore be our last until November. We will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon as usual. For the Wednesday 9th July collection, please may we ask for tinned ham and corned beef, fruit squash, UHT milk, shampoo and conditioner and laundry liquid. Other in-date, non perishable items are also very gratefully received.

We thank you all for your generous and cheerful giving and the friendships we have formed in our car park meetings.

A special thank you to David Allott who has been the most steadfast and hardworking of our little band of volunteers, always there and always delivering the crates of food to the warehouse.

*With love and thanks  
David, Jude, Pippa, Philippa, Joan.*

## A name to remember



Patricia Crampton was a name unknown to most members of Yew Trees WI before Josephine Murray came to give a talk about her at their May meeting. However the story of Patricia Crampton's inspiring life and her exceptional talents will not be forgotten by anyone in Josephine's audience that evening. Born in Bombay in 1925 as a small child she was fluent in Hindi and English and learnt French at Kindergarten. At 16 she won a place to read modern languages at Oxford. After her graduation she taught English in Sweden then in 1947 at the age of 22 she became a translator at the Nuremberg trials. For 2 years, despite promising her mother that she would return home if she encountered anything nasty, she worked on the harrowing trials of the Nazi doctors accused of conducting medical experiments on prisoners. While undertaking this work she lived in the American zone which enabled her to shop at the PX and send home goodies unavailable in England.

After her return home a chance meeting with Jonathan Cape, the publisher, led to a lifetime of work translating a total of 250 books for children and 50 for adults from the 7 different European languages she could now speak. All this while running a home and bringing up two children. Whew! Patricia's great talent was that as well as accurately translating the story she also captured the rhythm and feel of the original. Translated from the Dutch, Miffy the Bunny, and Pippi Longstocking from the Swedish are probably two of her works best known in this country.

Patricia won many awards for her own translation work and was widely respected for campaigning for better recognition and remuneration for translators, fighting and winning the right for translators to get their share of Public Lending Rights. A truly remarkable woman.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 22nd July Heather Cunild will tell us about the Stroud based charity Home Start. Ladies do come and join us at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

## Painswick Valley Probus



On Thursday 19th June 2025 David Head spoke to Probus members about the Panama Canal which he introduced as an engineering wonder of the world. Increasingly, world trade and military needs in the 19th century drove the demand for 2 canals to join the Mediterranean and Red Seas and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The chosen route for the latter was a 51 mile shortcut through the mountainous jungle region of Colombia to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, avoiding the hazardous earthquake regions in Nicaragua nearby, making use of large natural and man-made lakes, and building dams and locks on a massive scale.

Construction proved to be much more difficult than had been experienced with the Suez Canal. The first attempt led by Ferdinand de Lesseps during the period 1881- 1889 failed due to disease (mosquitoes), huge engineering challenges, the climate, and financial issues. In 1903 Panama declared independence from Colombia, with US support, and in return gave the US the rights to build the canal and ensure its neutrality.

The United States took over the project, addressed the engineering and health challenges, and successfully completed the Panama Canal in 1914. Some 45000 lives were lost from the workforce of 80,000 coming mostly from the West Indies. Mud and cement lined the canal so it was vital that vessels did not contact the relatively fragile banks. Despite the huge scale of this ambitious project, expansion was required to meet the increasing volume of traffic and the size of the container ships; this was completed in 2016. Some 15000 vessels now use the canal each year, taking 8-10 hours to make the crossing. Miss your slot and wait for up to 3 months for another! Tolls are correspondingly large.

Watch this space as world leaders challenge the status quo, while nature is quietly opening up the alternate north-east and north-west passage as the icecap melts away, and droughts impact the canal's water availability which amounts to 52 million gallons each time the locks are opened.

A topical and most interesting subject combining civil engineering, politics, and money.

*Henry Hall*

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## Metal detecting – A personal journey

Following the formalities of their AGM the members of the local history society were treated to a fabulous talk from Carol Butler of Pitchcombe on metal detecting both in general and her own personal experience.

From finds of national importance such as the Aragon Necklace and the Staffordshire Hoard to whet our appetite she proceeded through the process of how finds have to be reported.

Her own personal journey started detecting on army land in Wiltshire in hindsight she said perhaps not the safest place to go detecting after digging up a grenade in her own garden in Pitchcombe and having to get the bomb disposal squad in to detonate it safely. Early finds were not necessarily spectacular but a Roman coin depicting Romulus and Remus, an early Iron Age swans neck pin and other coins such as a Cnut penny, a silver hammered coin of Edward II and an early Baden Powell Scouts whistle were among some of the fascinating finds; the Cnut penny being one of two of Carol's finds that have made it into the British Museums Finds Identified publications. Obviously there is always the thought of finding "treasure" but even looking into the history of lesser items has its own satisfaction.



Following her talk we were able to view and handle a large selection of her finds that she had brought along to display. The members were very appreciative and perhaps even an interest may have been sparked in some to have a go themselves. Our new season starts on 16th September with Ray Wilson speaking on the Industrial Heritage of the Cotswolds.

*Peter Jackson*



## The Arts Society Painswick

On Thursday 12th June The Painswick Centre was packed with 123 members and guests to hear 'Sicily: Cultural Crossroads' by the artist and lecturer Richard Whincop.

Richard introduced the subject by explaining his interest in and love for Sicily which followed winning a major commission from the City of Calabria to paint five great historical figurative paintings for the exterior of the City Museum capturing the times and atmosphere of the Norman Conquest of Sicily and Southern Italy. The images are magnificent.

Beginning by noting the strategic position of Sicily controlling Mediterranean trade over 2,000 years ago, Richard showed extraordinary buildings created first by the Phoenicians and then by the Greeks as power ebbed and flowed between these great cultures. Sicily then became the first Roman province as both Greeks and Carthaginians were overcome, adding temples and great theatres to the then existing legacy of architectural masterpieces.

The Islamic occupation around 800AD provided further cultural diversity but it was the Norman conquest of Southern Italy and Sicily around the first Millennium that has left some of the most magnificently decorated buildings in Europe. Richard's well-presented and well received lecture provided a fascinating introduction to what for this reviewer was a less well known aspect of our European story.

Arts Society next meeting at the Painswick Centre is on 10th July 'Frauds and Fakes: Paintings that fooled the World'. All welcome: details on [www.theartsocietypainswick.org](http://www.theartsocietypainswick.org).

*David Cutler*

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# Library News

## Painswick Library Challenge:



Ready Steady Read!

Calling all 3-6 and 7-12 year olds!

This year, the Painswick Library is thrilled to announce our very own challenge: Ready Steady Read! It's time to dive into the world of books and earn exciting rewards along the way. Here's how you can participate:

How It Works

- Visit the library three times between July 14th and September 12th 2025
- Read three books of your choice.
- Receive a book token to purchase a book of your very own!

Bonus Challenge: Show Off Your Creativity!

If you're feeling extra creative, here's your chance to win even more:

- For 3-6 year olds: Draw a picture inspired by one of the books you've read.
- For 7-12 year olds: Write a 500-word story about A Summer You'll Never Forget.

Winners from both categories will not only earn an additional voucher but will also have their work published in The Painswick Beacon!

Get Started Today!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity, and community. Visit the Painswick Library to join the challenge and let the adventure begin. We look forward to seeing your brilliant drawings and reading your amazing stories!

Let's get ready, steady, and read!

## Advance Notice

## Lego Inventors at the Painswick Library

Friday 15th & 22nd August 11.30- 12.30 or 2.30-3.30

FREE EVENT coming to Painswick Library a very exciting opportunity for 7-17yr olds to learn how to make their very own lego robots Hosted by Gloucestershire Libraries Lego Inventors and Painswick Library Volunteers.

More information to follow, to book your place go to [gloslibraries.uk](http://gloslibraries.uk) and follow link to Painswick Library

## New Books!

We have purchased another batch of new books, and these will be on the shelves now. Look for the new books display as you enter the Library. In total there are more than 80 new books!

Here is a selection – please look on the website or at the full list in the Library. If you want a book from this list and it is not on the shelves, please talk to the desk volunteers. Our New Books are not reservable using the computer system.

Adult Non-Fiction

Glorious Gloucestershire - Mark Cummings  
The Walkers Guide to Outdoor Clues and Signs -Tristan Gooley  
A training School for Elephants – Sophy Roberts

Adult Fiction

The Ghost Road – Pat Barker  
Marble Hill Murders – Anthony Horowitz  
The Distant Hours – Kate Morton  
The Bookbinder of Jerico – Tim Weaver

Childrens

Five Little Speckled Frogs - Y Hsuan Huang  
What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson  
Never Dance with a Dinosaur – Pamela Butcher  
The Wet Welly Day – Ruth Symonds

*Ian Cridland*

## Library Book Club

In July the Library Book club is due to meet on Monday 14th, from 1.30 - 2.30pm to discuss O Pioneer by Willa Cather. Following that we aim to meet on Monday 8th August to discuss Dust Child by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. We welcome new members so if you are interested in joining us, please come along to one of our Summer meetings. For further information email [painswicklibrary.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswicklibrary.bookclub@gmail.com)

*Pat Andrew*

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# St Marys News for July



Some people believe July is a quiet month for the church. It is called a month of 'ordinary time'— a period when we focus on the everyday in between the big festivals of Easter and Christmas. Nevertheless, God is at work all the time, in all places, and in all sorts of different ways, and July is by no means an exception!

Weddings this month include that of Friederike Paton and James Morgan on July 12th; Kitty Ratcliffe and Joseph Kirby on July 19th, and Kath Shoesmith and Rhys Cogan on July 27th at St Mary's. And of course school's out towards the end of this month, so in addition to our usual family worship service at 11am on Sunday 13th July and then hosting the Croft school leavers for their farewell celebration later that week, we are busy preparing for our "4 days of family fun", which includes a Sherlock Supper on Monday 21st July. 'Pay as you can' events for children of all ages and their adults will take place between Monday 21st July-Thursday 24th July around our villages (see front page)

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, a number of our churches including Painswick are busy upgrading various aspects of their audiovisual equipment, and we hope to have our brand-new website up and running soon, too. With all this going on, you will be pleased to know that I'm taking a church group away on a residential stay for some much-needed r&r in the first week of July. I look forward to seeing you around and about the village on my return!

*Rev'd Sarah*

# Tips for keeping your dog cool in summer



## Provide shade and water

Provide constant access to shaded areas inside and out, and make sure there is always clean, cold water available.

## Walkies

Go out in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler and don't run or cycle with your dog when it's hot.

If you're planning a day out with your dog, check before leaving home whether dogs are allowed. If they're not, arrange a pet-sitter or choose a dog-friendly attraction to avoid leaving them in the car or tied up in the heat.

Pavements can get very hot! You know the saying, "it's hot enough to fry an egg!" Imagine what that does to your poor dogs' feet! If the ground is too hot to touch with your hand for five seconds, it's too hot for paws!

## Keeping your dog cool and safe

Prevent sunburn by using pet-safe sunscreen on exposed parts of your pet's skin, such as the tips of their ears and nose. This is especially important if your dog has white or light-coloured fur, as they can be very vulnerable to getting burned. If you're not sure which is the right product to use, please ask your vet.

Groom your dog regularly. Regular grooming in warmer weather can help brush away any dead or excess hair, and matts and knots, leaving your dog with a less dense coat.

Put ice cubes into your dog's water bowl or make some tasty ice cube treats. You could also freeze a Kong toy full of treats and water! Give your pet damp towels to lie on or an ice pack wrapped in a towel. Never place a damp towel over your dog as this can trap in heat. Use frozen toys, paddling pools, or water sprinklers to entertain and cool your dog down. But remember not all dogs like water, so don't force them if they don't want to!

Dogs can die in hot environments

Never leave dogs in cars or other vehicles, caravans, conservatories or outbuildings in warm weather, even if only for a short while. When it's 22°C (76°F) outside, temperatures can quickly rise to 47°C (117°F) in these environments,

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## The Post Office, 10 years on

Painswick's own Post Office was sadly closed in 2013. However, we were very fortunate indeed when the Post Office Outreach Service finally opened in June 2015 in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. It was managed by the Sub Postmaster from Upton St Leonards who declared, "It is your Painswick. It is your Post Office."

Ten years on, our Post Office continues to stalwartly offer an excellent service in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30. All mail services are offered plus banking and pension withdrawals. It is manned by Rahul Odedra, the Postmaster of Upton St Leonards, who has loyally served us in Painswick since February 2016.

Keep using it – we don't want to lose it.

*Carol Maxwell*

(Picture on the left is of Rahul Odedra, the Postmaster.)

## Greg's imminent return

Greg Thatcher is an artist with an international reputation. He has been a really welcome visitor to Painswick almost every summer since 1991 and many will have seen him sitting in the churchyard drawing one of the yews every day during each of his visits.

It is good to know therefore that Greg and Jan will be back in Painswick from 13th July until 18th August. Much of Greg's reputation as an artist is based on his work here in Painswick focussing on the yews in the churchyard. He and Jan love their time spent here every summer – "Painswick is our second home" – and they have made many friends locally. Greg is always happy to talk about his work, which is fascinating, so do go and say hello and enjoy watching this amazing artist at work.



*Carol Maxwell*



The Committee will soon be announcing the programme for the 2025/6 season which begins on September 18th. The venue as usual will be the Town Hall with excellent sound and visual equipment and an interval to enjoy conversation and refreshments. The cost is modest and the programmes are well researched (including a number of external experts) with an emphasis on memorable and melodic music from all the ages.

One name with a centenary last season, almost overlooked, was composer, conductor and teacher Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. Now mainly appreciated for his church music and most celebrated for his service at the Royal College of Music. Here with Hubert Parry (Highnam) was the teacher of amongst many others Gustav Holst (Cheltenham) who held him in high regard, Vaughan Williams (Down Ampney) who respected him and Ivor Gurney (Gloucester) who regularly fell out with him. Those he was particularly proud of included Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and Herbert Howells (Lydney). From his Dublin origins he became overall Director of Music at the University of Cambridge and a superstar of the Victorian period when England was described erroneously as a land without music. His prolific compositions included symphonies, concerti, chamber music, solo instrument, song, operas, oratorios and Anglican Church music. Apart from his song The Blue Bird and the Gloria programmed at Coronations since that of George V little appears in the repertoire today.

Look out for his Irish Rhapsodies. Number one includes as fine a setting of the Londonderry Air one will ever hear and please put 2:30 pm Town Hall 18th September 2025 in your diary.

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## A change of opening hours at Le Papillon

Le Papillon has been the subject of some excellent reviews during the past few weeks and, partly due to popular request, its opening hours have changed. From Monday to Saturday this delightful tea and coffee shop which also sells fresh bread, vegetables and cheese daily will be open 9.00am-12.00 and 12.30-5.00pm – the latest opening times for a tea and coffee shop in Painswick. Furthermore, it is open on Friday evenings as a wine bar from 6.00-10.00 and is also now open on Sundays from 10.00am-4.00pm.

There are plans for some interesting Friday evenings coming up. On Friday, 18th July, for example, there will be music performed by a violinist and a pianist, thus providing a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

Do go in and enjoy the excellent fare on offer in Le Papillon and now available for very welcome extended hours.

*Carol Maxwell*

## An outstanding achievement

Painswick is noted as a renowned centre in the art world. Readers will be aware of the several studios and art locations in the village. It is good to report therefore, and definitely proudly, that two of our artists have achieved a really significant accolade at a national level. Both have been chosen to exhibit an art work in the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. Kerry Duggan has been selected three times previously and Andrew Miller five times. It is a real coup therefore that this year both have been chosen.

This event is an annual open exhibition for which artists are invited to submit a work of art, and generally covers a diverse range of contemporary works including prints, paintings, films, photography, sculpture and architectural designs. About 20,000 artists usually apply and a panel of judges, all Royal Academicians of high esteem, decide which works shall be selected for the exhibition. This year 1700 were chosen.



Kerry is an oil painter and has tended more recently to follow traditional styles with subjects such as still life, landscapes and atmospheric conditions (e.g. clouds) in an observational manner rather than abstract. Her selected work, Venus and Waxing Crescent, was chosen for its paint quality, colour and light. Kerry explains that she always focusses on the effect of light on whatever her subject. The result of such constant emphasis on the presence of one source of light throughout the process of producing the painting is always reality, truly three dimensional, a feeling of movement, rather than a flat 'photographic' image.

Kerry's painting has generated much interest whilst on display and she is pleased to say it has been sold. A small number of her still life works are currently on display in Juniper coffee shop.

Andrew's art work varies but includes sculptures, for both indoors and outdoors, and paintings. He is also a printmaker and for this purpose he uses woodcuts. It is from this latter category that Andrew's work has been chosen for the exhibition. Starting with a drawing he then cuts the wood, inks it, then prints it on paper. Sounds simple? Far from it. The carving has to be meticulous as does the inking and there can be many a problem throughout the process such as the wood splintering or the print not appearing as expected. Andrew's creative impetus has to remain alive during the process as the erstwhile intentions are prone to adapt and change of necessity.

Andrew's wood print, selected for the exhibition, has roused much discussion. He is visually interested in how something can look like two or more different things. For the viewer it is open to personal interpretation and he is therefore presenting possibilities and opportunities. Apart from the RSA event he currently also has an exhibition of his work in Lowestoft at the 303 Projects art gallery. Kerry gained her degree in Fine Art at Edinburgh University and Andrew his degree at Chelsea College of Art. They are Painswick residents, married in St Mary's church and have two children aged 15 and 11. Follow them on Instagram @adustymiller and @kerrydugganart or you can contact them via Juniper coffee shop in St Mary's Street.

The RSA exhibition is open during June, July and August, finishing on the 17th. Andrew and Kerry are to be congratulated on this well-deserved recognition, a proud achievement indeed.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Painswick Surgery Patient Group News July 2025



A full report from our June meeting will be available on the waiting room notice board and the Practice website. Meanwhile we felt that all patients would like to know what we found out when we asked Dr Evans what doctors see on their screens while in a patient consultation. The NHS App gives us all access to our NHS record but as we get older this becomes a lengthy list, not helped by all the codes and jargon in it. So does our doctor get what she/he needs to know when they see us? This is what we were told:

- a) every triage case on the list has a very short summary of the issue added by receptionists when booked and visible by hovering over the list so we can rapidly skim through and focus on the most urgent first.
- b) we then enter the case notes and look at the eConsult or the eConsult Lite and the 'summary page' on System One which gives a list of current medications, allergies, major active and major inactive previous diagnoses and the most recent consultation all on one page. Then we go into 'tabbed notes' which can be set up with various filters to see just GP notes, all surgery entries including test results or all entries from all NHS organisations.

As it happens just after hearing this I had an appointment and the GP needed to know what strength of painkiller I had been prescribed previously. A second or two later and this was clear- from a 2019 record. I was impressed.

If you haven't looked thoroughly at the NHS App recently you will find it is constantly developing and is full of useful information now. Also, on the Practice's website and Facebook page are the statistics from May which are fascinating, including that 11530 appointments took place that month and 1712 prescriptions were issued – from our little Practice!

*David Perry, Patient Group Chair*

## Painswick's Brass Band – can you help?

This photograph was taken in 1907 and features the Painswick Brass Band. It is in excellent condition and clearly shows all the members and their instruments. The only name given under the picture is Geo.E.Stone who presented the photograph to the Band. The census would indicate that he was a photographer in Stroud.

The recent appearance of the photograph has raised several questions about the Painswick Brass Band. When did it start? When did it finish? Who were the members? Was it sponsored and, if so, by whom? Who provided the uniforms and instruments? There are in fact many references to it in past newspapers, usually reporting on the fact that the Band headed a procession at an event somewhere locally, but with no other details other than that. It was always present at the annual clipping service for many years.

It would be good to know more about the Band which was obviously a prevalent feature of local life for many decades. Can you help? Do you know anything about the Band and its members? Any information would be very welcome. Please contact me at [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net) or tel.813387.

*Carol Maxwell*



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## Jottings - Deer.

There are some two million wild deer in this Country of which there is said to be about fifty-two thousand in this county. Over the past century, deer populations in the UK have grown significantly due to the absence of natural predators. The UK is home to six species of wild deer: red deer, roe deer, fallow deer, sika deer, muntjac deer, and Chinese water deer. Red and roe deer are the only truly native species. The roe deer is seen around woodland edges and farmland and usually has two young a year.



The fallow deer, introduced by the Normans are now well-established and common in England. They are commonly found in parklands and woodlands, particularly in southern England. They usually have one young a year and we think of Bambi.

The muntjac, small deer, introduced from China in the twentieth century, have spread across southern Britain. They are about the same size of a dog and also bark like one. Our Red deer are the largest UK land mammal and have been present since the last Ice Age. We know them by their majestic stance and antlers in the Scottish Highlands, inhabiting moorlands and mountainsides.

Deer have a liking for fresh foliage that may be why people keep asking me who is eating my flowers and vegetables! They will feed on a very wide range of plants, with runner bean, beetroot, blackberry, raspberry, strawberry, evergreen azaleas, camellia, roses, holly, ivy, Sedum, tulip, rhododendron, Viburnum tinus, hardy geraniums and grape hyacinth. So, suggestions of plants deer don't eat: Hellebores, peonies, rhubarb, skimmia and jasmine.

If it is maize and you want to find out who is eating the cobs: Deer will just stand there eat the cobs but badgers will knock the plant over to get to the cobs to eat. They both love the taste.

Wild deer can suffer from TB as well as cattle and badgers. They can suffer with Chronic Wasting Disease, (CWD), sometimes called Zombie Deer Disease, a bit like BSE (mad cow disease) in cattle and Scrapie in sheep.

*Martin Slinger*



## Summer with The Friday Club

At the end of May, Friday Club members enjoyed a Cruise on the Thames starting from Lechlade, where some of the party are pictured having coffee before boarding the Cotswold Canals Trust boat 'Inglesham' for a two-hour cruise downstream to Buscot Lock and back.

Last month, many members attended an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of the Friday Club. A constructive discussion of the Club's circumstances took place. Members asked for role descriptions for the many tasks undertaken by the current hard-working Committee, all of whom wish to stand down, having served the Club for many years. Members also agreed to bring forward the Club's AGM to 19th September. One member has offered to become Treasurer, and others are considering how they might help.

On Friday July 11th, at 2.30 pm we will be joined by Stephen Moore who will describe how the Gloucestershire Carers Hub can help members and their families. Visitors are very welcome at our meetings in the Town Hall.

Two weeks later, members are invited to a Summer Lunch at the Painswick Golf Club, after which members have a well-earned break. For more details and to book, please contact Sue on 810878.

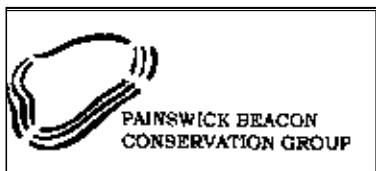
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## To Spray or Not to Spray?

Since I started working with PBCG and Natural England, the question of whether to use chemicals to help control invasive weeds on calcareous grassland has become complicated. We have a work permit issued by NE to use certain herbicides in the course of our work. However, the two new wardens who look after the local SSSI have taken the decision not to use them on their sites.

There are several native plants that threaten to smother the delicate herb-rich grassland we aim to preserve; old man's beard (OMB), hemp agrimony, rosebay willowherb and brambles. In the past, they were kept under control by regular grazing, but after the last world war, intensive farming rendered our commons uneconomic to graze and consequently these plants started to flourish.

Agrimony and willowherb can be controlled by regular scything (2 or 3 times a season). This prevents them from setting seeds, allows other things to grow and eventually weakens the root system until they die out. These two plants tend to form discrete patches which do not spread too fast. However, OMB and brambles send out long shoots through the grass sward, regularly putting down roots and creating new plants which continue the process the following year. They can spread at the rate of several meters a year. Hardy cattle and sheep will eat them (particularly OMB) but to keep them under control would require grazing so hard that the flora we are trying to encourage would suffer. In the past this did not matter as there was plenty of calcareous grassland. Regular cutting will keep them in check but the roots retain their strength and if the cutting stops for a year or two, they grow with renewed vigor.

In the absence of unlimited labour and grazing, accurately targeted spraying at the right time of year with a suitable herbicide seems to be the best option.

Cutting back and removal in the winter leaves a clear area where new spring growth can be easily seen and then spot sprayed with the minimum quantity of chemical. Successful treatment kills the plant back to its roots.

*Paul Baxter*

## Calling Local Car and Bike Enthusiasts

Something new is rumbling to life in Painswick. A small group is trying



to start an informal club for local car and bike lovers – classic, modern, or just plain odd (the vehicles, not the owners). If you enjoy engines, oily

rags, slow projects, fast drives, or good stories over tea, coffee, or something stronger, this might be for you.

We're calling it The Painswick Oily Rag Club (PORC). No rules, no membership fees, no pressure – just a friendly excuse to meet up now and then, show off our rides, lend a hand, and talk about whatever turns your crankshaft. We are holding a casual meet-up from 2-4pm on Saturday 26th July at Painswick Golf Club. All are welcome – whether you ride a Vincent, drive a Volvo, or just want to look under a bonnet.



We already have a couple of classic British cars confirmed, but we'd love to see anyone who thinks they might want to be a PORCer – whether you have a vehicle or not.

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## July at the Garden

July often brings warm, sunny days, and Painswick Rococo Garden provides plenty of shaded woodland paths—ideal for cooling off during a summer walk. In the Exedra Garden, heritage roses continue to bloom, while hollyhocks, globe thistles and scabious bring height and colour to the borders. Sweet peas, bergamot and summer-flowering jasmine contribute their characteristic seasonal fragrance

The Kitchen Garden is in full productivity, supplying the café with a wide variety of fresh produce used in light summer meals. This abundance reflects the year-round efforts of the garden team and highlights the value of traditional growing methods. From the 5th July, families can enjoy the interactive trail The Disgusting Sandwich designed by local illustrator Hannah Shaw. As children journey through the 18th-century landscape, they collect an assortment of strange and silly items to create their version of a disgusting sandwich - an imaginative way to experience the garden.



This month also marks a significant transition. Dominic Hamilton, Garden Director, will be leaving for pastures new. Dominic has played a vital role in shaping the garden's direction and success over the past decade. The team, trustees and volunteers thank him for his dedication and wish him every success in the future.

This month, from July 5th the garden is open daily 10am-5pm, for the rest of the month. **Also advance notice..** in August Wild Arts return to the beautiful Bowling Green for a third year with a new evening of great opera.

*Marta Gardner Marketing Manager rococogarden.org.uk 01452 813204.*



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

We are writing to explain the change of route of the permissive path through the woods immediately to the north of Holcombe Lane parallel with Gloucester Road. This has arisen because of a rectification of the boundary that has been agreed between ourselves and the new owners of the adjacent land.

Much of the woods is protected as an SSSI and we have designated this a permissive path (horses and bikes are not allowed lest they cause erosion damage) so that Painswick can enjoy walking through this ancient beech wood.

Once the new fence has gone in we will mark a footpath and continue to plant woodland bulbs and otherwise to enhance the woods. We have restored a lot of the broken down dry stone wall and we are hoping that this work will be able to continue soon.

Victoria and Rusty Elvidge



## Painswick Gardening Club

On June 11th Kevin Alviti gave us a talk on unusual edible plants. He has up to fifty-two vegetable beds, two greenhouses, an orchard and a coppice. He enjoys the challenge of growing, cooking and promoting a range of foods, extending the season as long as possible, using early and late varieties.

As a part time carpenter, he has made use of off cuts of wood to make useful tools: he demonstrated one for picking gooseberries, as he has fifteen varieties, growing as a hedge. Kevin recommended we buy seeds grown in this country: Harvesting your own seeds produced better crops as they have adapted to the local environment. Many of the cheaper sources are from abroad, Thailand or China and may not necessarily grow well in our climate.

To end the season, our Summer Club Outing is to a garden at Wortley House on the 9th July. Down near Wotton-under-Edge, this garden has been created over the last thirty years. We hope to see a walled garden, pleached lime avenues, Italian garden, wildflower meadows and more.

*Joyce Barrus*

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## Painswick Cricket Club

The cricket season has continued to move apace, and there have been lots of matches at Broadham Fields, with all sides from under 9 up to our seniors competing in fixtures and playing great fun cricket.

A theme this month has been firsts. We have seen debuts in the first team for youngsters Tom Hill, Freddie Hall and Dan Conolly, all following impressive performances earlier in the season. For Hall and Hill, playing alongside Jacob Moore, Reece Morris and George Macduff, it shows a healthy pipeline of village youngsters representing the seniors; In fact at one point this season there were 19 players playing Saturday cricket who had come through our youth section, a great testament to those coaches who support them, following on from the foundations of the late John Hogg who worked tirelessly with our youngsters for many a year. We have also seen a large number of Dad's and children playing together. Village faces Pete and Stan Bradshaw were one of many on this list.

A real highlight of the season so far has been being crowned Voneus Village Cup Gloucestershire group champions after a tightly fought contest against Marshfield, where a spectacular all round performance from Jono Conolly took us to victory.

Please keep following our updates via social media or pop down to the ground to see one of our sides in action, support is always welcome!

Andy Barnard Chair Painswick CC



## Tennis success for Lissey Barnett

Lissey recently teamed up with a new doubles partner, Elixane Lechemia from France. They started off their clay course season in Turkey at a WTA 125 where they gelled well and advanced to the final only losing out in a deciding tie break. To build on this result they travelled to Switzerland for a 75k where they did one better and took home the trophy.

Moving from clay to the British grass season Lissey continued her streak from last year of drawing the first seeds. However, they hit top form beating the top 50 players in a deciding tie break. Each match was a battle and they finished as runners up after a long day of rain delays.

Lissey joined her London team from Roehampton Club in the National Premier League Finals where they competed over 3 days on the grass and went onto become the national champions.

Starting the year at 210 in the world Lissey has managed to climb up the rankings to 130 in the world and has been awarded a wildcard into The Wimbledon Championship with British partner, Eden Silva.



## Hamptons Inter-Street Bowls

The fourth annual Hamptons Inter-Street Bowls competition is under way. Group stage games have been played in May and June and will continue into July. There have been some tight matches and all have been good-humoured.

At the time of writing the scoreboard shows that Bisley Street, White Horse Lane and Lower Washwell head their groups, but Churchill Way, Cotswold Mead, Kingsmill Lane, Brookhouse Mill, Friday Street, Gloucester Street, Kemps Lane and Tibbiwell are all contending. Everything is still to play for.

The most wonderful thing has been the number of new faces we have seen taking part, including some who have never played before but have joined in to learn the gentle charm of the game, and possibly to discover a hidden talent for it that they never knew lay within them.

There are still two to three months left of the season. We look forward to many more delightful afternoons and long summer evenings on Painswick Bowling Club green.

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Pickleball at the recreation ground tennis courts has been going from strength to strength. This year the two courts were increased to three and now a fourth court is being added. Membership is up and club sessions well attended. Matches have been arranged with other Pickleball clubs and some coaching sessions have taken place. Club sessions are Mondays at 10am, Wednesdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 10am (Pictured right). Those interested in playing this up and coming sport should contact Ruth at [ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthandtrevor@btinternet.com)



## Successful matches

Pickleball have held their first two matches of the season against local club Chalford. Both produced wins in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere ( Pictured on the left are the two teams). Additional matches are planned given such enthusiastic support from members.



## Painswick Golf Club

The A team has started well in the Gloucestershire Northern League lying 2nd equal. This year they are down in division 2 hoping to go back up again.

### Annual Away Day



At the end of June saw 34 club members enjoy an away day at Alexander Park near Ledbury. The individual winner was Paul Gobey (On the left with Seniors captain Martyn Brown) and the team winners were Nigel Cooper, Michael Sanderson, Ian Broderick and Paul Walsh .(Pictured above).



Despite the on going dry weather the course is in good condition and those wanting a round of golf should go online. [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com).

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## Painswick Community Choir Concert

Painswick Community Choir was joined by the Corinium Choir from Cirencester for a fund raising concert in St Mary's Church on Friday night, 27th June. Under their choir leader, Sophie Steryx, they sang eleven pieces related to Nature and our environment "al capella", without any accompaniment.

## Property Report

The Malt House on Vicarage Street was once attached to the White Horse Inn, a popular local pub demolished in the early 60s, but is now a beautiful three bedroom period house (Murrays, £800,000) that when the wisteria is out in spring, makes one of Painswick's most photographed views. It also has a garage and off-road parking for two cars, a rarity for a house so close to the village centre.

Not so close though as another much-photographed house - The Gables on Friday Street, next to the Catholic Church (Blue Book Agency, £950,000). This house is believed to date back over 600 years and is full of character, with two bedrooms plus attic space and cellar and a surprising hidden away garden. If you're looking for a period house near the centre, there is also Aarons on New Street, with three bedrooms and a courtyard garden (Murrays, £575,000) or St. Anne's in Gloucester Street with six bedrooms (Hamptons, £795,000).

For more modern homes, there is a choice of two houses near The Croft School. Hamptons have 11 Hyett Close, an end of terrace 3 bedroom house with scope for modernisation at £275,000 and Murrays have 5 Berry Close, a 3 bedroom terraced property at £295,000. And for period homes in Painswick's surrounding villages, Hamptons have 4 Coldstream Cottages in Sheepscombe at £1.1 million, with five bedrooms, including a self-contained annexe.

### MINI-ADS

**Wanted to Buy:** Old Bottles, flagons, pots etc.... especially anything marked Painswick. Good prices paid by Painswick collector. Please contact Miles - 07766 460127.

**Electrically adjustable single bed,** excellent condition and working order. Pocket-spring mattress. Matching headboard, Instruction book. New cost £1000+. Buyer collects from Richmond Village. £300 ONO. 01452 767464.

**Resthaven Nursing Home Summer Fayre.** Saturday 2 August 2025. 2-4.30pm BBQ, Stalls, Live entertainment, and more.....

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#### Mini-Ads

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After previous false starts, the New Drive field off Stamages Lane is again under offer through Hamptons as are Juniper House at The Highlands and Steepways at Longridge. Also going under offer, through Murrays, are Old Greenhouse Farm on Greenhouse Lane, Greenbanks on Blakewell Mead, Tanglewood on Longridge, Applecroft in Pitchcombe and Spindlewood in Sheepscombe. Greenhouse Court on Yokehouse Lane, both Croft Orchard and Appleways on Gloucester Street, Woodside on Kings Mill Lane, 2 Prospect Terrace on Tibbiwell and Old Weavers in Pitchcombe, have all exchanged and/or completed.

At Richmond Village, Assisted living apartment 2/1 is now under offer, but as an alternative, apartment 3/5, recently refurbished throughout, is now available at £270,000. See the Richmond website for details and don't forget there is another Open Garden day at Richmond on 24th July.

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## Hamptons

THE HOME EXPERTS

**Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinnall on [cvasp.26@gmail.com](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)**

<b>Mondays</b>	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	8.45 - 9.45am
	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 <a href="mailto:ballyhoochalford@gmail.com">ballyhoochalford@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk</a>	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. <a href="http://kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234">kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234</a>	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers. Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	5.00 - 6.00pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. <a href="mailto:takepart@paradise-house.org.uk">takepart@paradise-house.org.uk</a>	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	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
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Rococo Sprites. See <a href="http://www.rococogarden.org.uk">www.rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or <a href="mailto:tennpatricia@gmail.com">tennpatricia@gmail.com</a>	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. <a href="http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234">www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234</a>	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@daleypilates.co.uk">info@daleypilates.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. <a href="http://www.lovelifeladies.co.uk">www.lovelifeladies.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	After school art classes. Term time only. <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a> .	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	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 <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@cloud.com">yoginikim@cloud.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>	Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - <a href="mailto:jeffdocherty@yahoo.com">jeffdocherty@yahoo.com</a>	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@daleypilates.co.uk">info@daleypilates.co.uk</a>	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
<b>Fridays</b>	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact <a href="mailto:BalletClaire@outlook.com">BalletClaire@outlook.com</a>	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. <a href="mailto:cgsuain@btinternet.com">cgsuain@btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:info@daleypilates.co.uk">info@daleypilates.co.uk</a>	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
<b>Sundays</b>	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 <a href="http://www.gloucestershireaikido.club">www.gloucestershireaikido.club</a> .	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](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)**

### July

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
Tues	8	Morning prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	9	Gardening club: visit to Wortley House, Wotton under Edge. Book in advance	Stamages Car Park	6.15pm
	9	Foodbank collection	Stamages Car Park	10.00 - 12.00pm
Thurs	10	Arts Society: Frauds and Fakes. Paintings that fooled the World - Georgina Bexon	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
Fri	11	Friday Club: Glos Carers Hub - Stephen Moore. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	13	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	13	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	14	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	15	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting	Richmond	7.30pm
Thurs	17	Painswick Probus: Medical Detection Dogs - Fiona Baskett	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	18	Wickflix: Bridget Jones - Mad About the Boy	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
	20	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	21	Sherlock Supper - activities in the Church followed by fish and chips in the Church Rooms. Book in advance	St Mary's Church	4.30 - 6.00pm
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: Home Start - Stroud based charity - Harriet Walker	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	22	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	23	Midweek Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Thurs	24	St Mary's Mums baby and toddler group - come and play	Recreation Ground	9.30am - 11.00am
Fri	25	Friday Club: Summer Lunch. Pre book 810878	Painswick Golf Club	12.30 for 1.00pm
Sun	27	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	29	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am

### August

Fri	1	Wild Arts - An evening of magical opera. More information from <a href="http://rococogarden.org.uk">rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	6.15 - 9.30pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		

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## PLANNING MATTERS

*Information received from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.25/0903/VAR Land At Briarfield House, Stroud Road

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.23/2308/FUL (Appeal: APP/C1625/W/24/3346466) - alterations to the design of the dwelling.

S.25/0926/LBC Hambutts House, Edge Road

Removal of asbestos garage and erection of a replacement garage, solarium and solar panels. Replacement of asbestos roofing (scheme to include solid roof over solarium).

S.25/0940/TCA Swallow Cottage, Sheepscombe

1. Silver Birch - Fell. 2. Apple tree- Fell. 3. Cut overgrown conifer hedge to 6 foot. 4. 3x Aspen trees- Fell. 5. Willow tree - Fell. 6. Willow tree - Fell. 7. 2x Apple trees - Reduce by approx 2-3m.

S.25/0987/HHOLD Marden House, The Highlands

Installation of new windows & dormer window (retrospective), erection of double garage, conversion of existing garage.

### CONSENT

S.24/2134/VAR Cherry Tree Glamping, Sevenacres, The Camp

Variation of condition 4 (max number of caravans) from S.19/0976/FUL - max number of caravans altered from 25 to 40 caravans

S.25/0545/LAC K6 Telephone Kiosk, Slad Road, Slad

Removal of public payphone.

S.25/0546/LAC K6 Telephone Kiosk, New Street Removal of public payphone.

S.25/0603/HHOLD Highfield House, Gloucester Street

Erection of single storey infill extension and landscaping works.

S.25/0604/LBC Highfield House, Gloucester Street

Erection of single storey infill extension and landscaping works.

S.25/0692/TEL Communication Station (T-Mobile 68616) Painswick Golf Club, Golf Course Road Removal of existing 15m monopole supporting 2 no. antennas and proposed installation of replacement 24m lattice tower supporting 2 no. antennas, 1no. 300mm dish, 1 no. 600mm dish and ancillary development thereto including 6 no. ERSs on mast.

S.25/0923/TCA Stone Cottage, Vicarage Street

Yew - reduce the height by 3.0m and trim to contain.

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### REFUSED

S.25/0342/FUL Land At Sheephouse, Stepping Stone Lane

Change of use of part of an agricultural field to wildlife observation/recreation (sui generis), erection of a wildlife observation shelter & the construction of a small pond created by damming two minor watercourses (Retrospective)

## Personal Column

### Condolences

To the family and friends of LADY KATHERINE (KATE) MACDUFF who died peacefully at home on June 15th. Kate moved to Painswick in 2000 having retired as a solicitor in London. She was a trustee of the Rococo Garden, had been a trustee of the Painswick Centre, was a magistrate at Gloucester Court, a guide at Gloucester Cathedral and provided advice at the Citizens Advice in Gloucester. A funeral service will be held at Gloucester crematorium on Friday 1st August at noon followed by a reception at Hambutts Orchard, Edge Road, GL6 6UW. Anyone wishing to attend please inform Kate's daughter Rebecca (rebeccamacduff@outlook.com) to allow arrangements to be made. Pictured right.



It is with great sadness that the family of DEREK WAKEFIELD-BROWN announces his passing on 17th May 2025 aged 75 years. Derek lived in the village in Upper Washwell for 17 years. He was a member of the Beacon Conservation Group for several years and was also a cricket coach with the under 18 age group at Painswick cricket club. He will be greatly missed R I P.

### Thank you

Angela Newing and the family are most grateful to everyone for support and many kindnesses following the recent death of Rev Dr Peter Newing.

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

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At the ripe old age of 4, Good Small Farms on Wick Street, hosted its second Open Day on Sunday 22nd June. We wanted to invite the community to have a look around the farm and see what we have achieved. We ran farm tours that took in the cows, chickens, market garden, agroforestry and tree nursery. There were activities for kids, delicious food from the farm, a local lady showing off her spinning skills (with wool), and even Qi Gong classes!

It is hard to fit into even a day what we are about, what motivates us and how we are striving to challenge the conventional food system with alternative ideas rooted in sound agroecological farming, honesty and transparency. We are a team of 10 passionate people keen to grow delicious food locally for humans. We work at an intentionally small scale and facilitate part time farming so that people have the opportunity to grow food but also to be carers or home school their children - in the process we hope to dispel stereotypes around the drudgery and solitude associated with some forms of farming.

We were able to showcase an alternative to conventional farming where we are regenerating the land, providing the highest animal welfare possible and producing delicious food. It was a humbling experience to see so many smiling faces and so many compliments about what we are doing.

We are proud of the work we do: from the veg box scheme, meat boxes, chickens, and eggs, to our thriving tree nursery - all certified organic. We're also out at six markets each week and supply some fantastic local cafes and catering businesses.

Thank you to the 300 or so people who came; we had a blast too. And thank you to our partners in this pursuit: Stroud Community Agriculture for their delicious carrots, Velo Bakery for the buns, Days Cottage for their apple juice and Yoke House for their fabulous homemade ice cream

To find out more about what we do, please sign up to our newsletter by visiting our website at [goodsmallfarms.co.uk](http://goodsmallfarms.co.uk) or get in touch by writing to [eric@goodsmallfarms.co.uk](mailto:eric@goodsmallfarms.co.uk). If you have any questions on the above, please call me on 07540 317727 or Eric on 07967 601489

*Miranda Eeles*



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