

The Painswick Beacon

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Volunteer Crisis hits Painswick organisations

If ever evidence was needed that there is such a thing as society, then it's surely to be found in Painswick. The Painswick Community is held together by a web of organisations, many of them featuring in the Beacon's pages and almost all of them (like the Beacon itself) relying on volunteers for their continued existence. Many local people do volunteer work over decades, either in the same role or in a variety of roles, but there is a continual need to find new volunteers willing to take on roles that have become vacant, or new roles, or even to start new activities.

The Beacon has news this month from four separate organisations, all well-established in the village, or in one case in Stroud, that are currently desperately short of volunteers and facing threats to their services, or even to their continued existence. Perhaps the closest to a crisis is the Friday Club, which plays an important role in the lives of many of Painswick's older people, has done so for a long time and is for some, one of the few opportunities to get out into a social setting. Their article is on page 7 and they would love to hear from you.

The current position of the Tourist Information Office is little better and they are already unable to cover even their relatively limited opening hours, leaving tourists searching in vain for help. See page 8 for information on how to volunteer to help them. On the same page you will also find details of volunteering opportunities at the Longfield Charity Shop on Bisley Street, another organisation facing severe pressures and desperately in need of your help. And on page 3 we have an appeal for volunteers from Citizens Advice in Stroud, which also provides vital support to the Painswick Community.

Do take time to think about whether you could help any of these organisations, or indeed any of the many other organisations in Painswick that are continually in need of volunteer help.



The Community Hub Cafe in the Town Hall on Friday 9th May, to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, was organised by Painswick Community Support, organised and staffed by volunteers (see page 13).

On other pages this month



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fundraiser-
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - from the meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025

reported by David Allott

May was the month for elections. Adrian Gyde was elected as Council Chairman, Andy Cash as Vice Chairman. James Cross, Ian Massey, Andy Cash, Adrian Gyde and Rosie Nash were elected respectively as Chairmen of the five committees: Finance and General Purposes and Personnel; Rural Environment; Planning; Traffic; Land and Buildings.

The Council agreed its nominations on 14 other bodies including the Gyde Almshouses, The Painswick Centre, Broadham Sports, Swifts Hill Nature Reserve and the Community Library. For details please visit the Parish Council website.

The Chairman's report included: announcing that funding has been secured for installing a small Trim Trail in the Recreation Ground. Gratitude was expressed to former County Councillor Susan Williams whose support was instrumental in obtaining this grant.

Village of the Year: thanks to those who prepared the four categories of submissions. Next the judges will assess all the entries (stage 1) before visiting the short-listed villages for more assessment (stage 2). The awards ceremony will be at Hingham Court on Thursday 17th July.

The Parish Accounts for year ending 31st March 2025 were adopted. The purchase was approved of installing a litter/dog waste bin in Kingsmill Lane. Cost £285. Emptying by SDC is now free; previously £50 a year.

Reports from representatives on other bodies. Roey Parker advised that the Library has been awarded a grant for green initiatives. Trustees will allocate the funding towards an energy efficient boiler in the Town Hall. Rosie Nash reported on progress with refurbishing the Cemetery Lodge, it will soon be ready for occupancy by the Groundsman, Lucas. Then some energy efficiency grants will be sought. Adrian Gyde advised that there is one vacancy at the Alms Houses, and another expected soon.

Ward Reports: Slad residents are petitioning for a speed reduction to 20 mph. In Edge, "No Lorries" signage has been reinstated at both ends of Edge Lane, and the Speedwatch initiative is now operational. In Painswick the VAS (Vehicle activated signs) near Paradise and Cheltenham Road approach to the village have been non-functional for some weeks; attention needed.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall on Wednesday 18th June. The July meeting will be held at Richmond Village on the 16th.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The committee agreed to support all four applications submitted, and they noted that two tree felling applications had already been decided by SDC. Next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 4th June, in the Town Hall.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT (Gary Luff)

CFEU Report (Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit). The Council is required, proactively, to tackle fraudulent activity in relation to the abuse of public funds. The report details financial savings and objectives. A new website for the MAAF group (Gloucestershire Multi Agency Approach to Fraud) which includes SDC is in development and will be publicised soon. It will include local information on scams and how to report them.

Ubico The 2025/26 Business Plan was approved. Ubico provides collection of waste and recycling, street cleaning, grounds maintenance and building cleaning. Ubico is a company wholly owned by local authorities including SDC.

Monitoring Officer. The responsibilities of this role include ensuring that the Council acts lawfully and avoids any maladministration, as well as monitoring Councillor conduct in District, Town and Parish Councils. Gary Luff is now one of several 'triple hatted' councillors in the county, as a Parish, District and County

Councillor for this area, so in the event of any potential clash of interests, the Monitoring Officer would be invited to advise.

Local Plan This remains under examination and two local MPs have secured meetings with the Housing Minister and asked him to support the plan and resolve the issues raised by the inspectors. The Strategic Planning Team is starting work on the next local plan.

More accessible website for SDC. Recite Me a leading support tool is now integrated into the SDC website. It provides accessibility tools to help individuals with disabilities, learning difficulties, visual impairments, and those who speak English as a second language. The software allows users to customise the website's content to suit their needs, offering options such as text-to-speech, translation into over 100 languages, and adjustable font sizes and colours. Simply click on "Accessibility Tools" near the top of the council website homepage to select the Recite Me options.

Help with insulation and reducing bills. Against a backdrop of up to 19 million homes nationally needing significant improvements, SDC and other district councils in the county have teamed up with a company called Furbnow. Admirably this creates a one-stop-shop for managing the whole retrofit from start to finish.

It starts with a home survey to assess the home and create a personalised home energy plan. This is followed by designing improvements, selecting and managing trusted contractors and ensuring high-quality installation. Furbnow acts as a single point of contact throughout. For more details visit www.Furbnow.com/Gloucestershire.

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Additionally, if your household income is below £36,000 you may also be eligible for the Gloucestershire Warm and Well Scheme, which will provide fully funded insulation and renewable energy heating for your property: <https://warmandwell.co.uk/>

Electric Vehicle Chargers. The four new chargers in Stamages Lane Car Park were switched on in early May. The total cost was about £30,000. Half of this came from grant and half from SDC. A large part of the cost was from connecting to the grid.

Speed Limits

Drivers will have noticed that the 40mph limit on the A46 has been introduced with "average speed" monitoring, after some chaotic days with signs painted over. Comments have been varied! It may be worth reflecting that the stretch between Painswick and the Pitchcombe fork has no fewer than six SLOW signs printed on the road. If one were to slow at each of these... About 50% of it has double white lines. From Pitchcombe to Stroud it is mostly bends and 60% double white lines, and there are two more SLOW signs.

David Allott




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An update on Parking charges

As highlighted in last month's Beacon, important changes are being introduced to the parking arrangements at The Painswick Centre. Centre users, whether attending classes, events, meetings, or visiting businesses based at the Centre, will still be able to park free of charge. However, parking is limited and cannot be reserved for individuals, so spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To ensure fair use, patrols will be monitoring the car park for overstaying vehicles. Initially, warning notices will be issued to deter misuse. After a short grace period, parking charges will be issued by post to the registered keeper of any offending vehicle. These measures are being handled by a professional parking management company.

Please note that The Painswick Centre does not receive any income from the parking fines issued.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping ensure parking remains available for those using the Centre as intended.

Ceri Chaplin

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 9th June from 1.30-2.30 and we will discuss The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller.



In July we will meet on Monday 14th to discuss Oh Pioneer by Willa Cather. New members are always welcome, so if you enjoy a good read do come and join us at one of our meetings. For further information email painswicklibrary.bookclub@gmail.com

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Elizabeth Hall

Foodbank

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 11th June. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. The top items required by the Foodbank this month are: tinned ham and corned beef, fruit squash, UHT milk, shampoo and conditioner, and laundry liquid. If you are able to donate any items from this list, we would be very grateful. Other non-perishable items will also be received with thanks.

The Foodbank Team

County Council Election Result

The election took place on 1st May, just too late for our May issue. The result was:

Gary Luff (Green)	1753
Sue Williams (Cons)	991
Chas Fellows (Reform)	743
Alex Hughes (Labour)	230
Guy Fancourt (Lib Dem)	137

Gary Luff was elected to represent Bisley and Painswick on the County Council for the next 4 years.

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Decisions made easier Yew Trees WI

How often have you sat bewildered in front of a paint chart? You decide you will smarten up your home and it all seems quite simple until you realise that selecting a neutral colour is not as easy as you think! Just how many shades of white are there?



Since Kate van der Meulen came to talk to the ladies of Yew Trees WI at their April meeting, members are feeling more relaxed and confident over any future interior design decisions they may face. First you acquire a colour wheel. This will enable you to harmonise your colour palette. When you have narrowed your choice down instead of you needing to buy several sample pots of paint, one enterprising paint manufacturer now makes swatches that temporarily stick to the wall. What a saving! Or am I the only person who has ended up with a striped wall consisting of paints that looked good on the colour chart but not on my wall?

Kate's helpful advice includes "before you start decorating take time to consider how you want your room to feel". Your home is personal to you and it should reflect your taste and feelings. If you want colour in a room it is safest to add this by accessories and extras such as cushions.

Finally we enjoyed putting our new found knowledge to the test. Sitting in groups Kate gave us various samples of fabrics and wallpapers to consider what we might put together. This proved fun and relaxing as we supped wine and deliberated!

We were delighted to welcome several new members to this meeting and hope more ladies will be encouraged to join us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. Sue Dove will give a talk entitled "Life and Times of an Adult Community Tutor – Tales of the Unexpected". Sue will take us on a trip down 20 years of adult teaching memories.

Celia Lougher 812624

Quaker Names in Painswick

Words have meaning, names have power, says the old proverb. In Painswick, names may have both meaning and power, connecting us with the past and projecting that past into the future, via a building name, a street sign, a memorial stone. Here are some names you may recognize, as a New or Old Painswickian:

Loveday, Osbourne, Atkins, Merrell, Hinton, Cudd, Padbury, Roberts, Davis, Hoyland.

Quakers, who had separated from the Church, were denied burial in consecrated ground (Quakers still hold all ground to be sacred.) The Lovedays were successful yeoman clothiers recorded in Painswick in 1277. By 1658 the family owned Dell Farm and Lovedays Mill and the surrounding fields. They donated land to the Quakers first for a burial ground, The Dell, where the original Meeting House was, and then the plot below Dover House, for the stone Meeting House, completed in 1706 and still here today.

Quakers were "persecuted most bitterly", fined, pilloried and imprisoned for failing to attend church, until the Act of Toleration assured them more freedom of thought and worship.

They returned these favours by working tirelessly for social justice and peace, a tradition which continues today. Jim Hoyland, beloved local doctor for whom our village surgery is named, was a deeply committed Quaker.

Quaker numbers have waxed and waned over the last 300 years, but their names endure: you might enjoy looking for names in the Dell, among local families, or among the memorial stones around the Meeting House on Vicarage Street. You are welcome there any time, and especially to join the Meeting at 10.30 am on Sunday mornings, for an hour of quiet listening - in freedom - to your inner world, and to the choirs of birds singing in the tranquil world outside.

Davina Muse, for the Quaker Meeting

Painswick Probud Club Tasting the Tudors



On Thursday 1st May 2025 Kirstie Bingham delivered her talk "Tasting the Tudors", providing a range of customs and practices relating to food in medieval times. Kirstie's base is the John Moore Heritage Museum in the Merchant's House in the famous row of ancient houses leading up to Tewkesbury Abbey.

Medieval sumptuary laws reflected society's emphasis on demonstrating status through consumption, with the wealthy enjoying a meat-rich diet and the poor relying on more basic staples like bread and vegetables. Sumptuary laws defined the number of courses one could have in a meal. Contrary to popular belief, good table manners were the order of the day and Henry VIII adhered to them fastidiously.

The social status of guests could be measured by their positions relative to the master's large salt cellar: high-ranking guests sat above the salt while those of lesser status sat below the salt. Only the guest of honour sat on a chair, (hence the origin of 'chairman'); the rest sat on benches. Food was served on square platters, ('a square meal'), and generally was eaten from bowls made of scooped out, stale bread. Dagger-like knives were carried on the person at all times to meals, and spoons were provided by hosts according to status, (hence 'born with a silver spoon').

Salted fish was imported from Scandinavia, and the Church decreed that fish should be eaten on Wednesdays and Fridays. Oatmeal pottage, 3 types of bread, 7 types of cheese (mostly still recognizable today) were available. Sugar from Madeira was considered to be a medicine. A range of spices were imported from around the world, and while raw fruit was consumed by the poor, it was cooked for the rich. There was a taste for the unusual such as badger and bustard, and Kirstie outlined how to cook a swan.

Mike Steed/Henry Hall

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A memorable outing



The Local History Society's annual outing is always anticipated with a definite element of the unknown. This year we were privileged indeed to be invited to Hilles, just outside Painswick, the historic home of the Blow family, and it proved to be a visit which many will certainly remember with real pleasure.

Designed by Detmar Blow, the renowned architect, and built in 1916 as the family home, Hilles is very much a product of the Cotswold Arts and Crafts movement so prominent at the time. Amaury explained the socialist theories which his grandfather believed in strongly and which determined the design and layout of the house. Externally blending with the surrounding environment and internally laid out to accommodate all on an equal basis regardless of social status, the house is fascinating in every detail.



The view over to May Hill as we left

The location and views outside are beautiful, breath-taking. Inside we encountered a wonderful selection of Arts and Crafts style furnishings plus some intriguing tapestries and paintings many with an interesting story colourfully related by Amaury. Each of the rooms we saw was thoroughly engaging. Amaury explained that in 1951 there was a serious outbreak of fire in the house and, though there was considerable damage, many of the furnishings were rescued and thus saved by local neighbours who came immediately to help without question.

All in all, this was an excellent and most interesting, enjoyable visit and the members were very appreciative.

After the business of the AGM at the next meeting, Carol Butler, local metal detectorist, will explain in detail what the activity involves using examples of some of her finds many of which have been discovered locally. Croft School, 7.30pm, Tuesday, 17th June.

Carol Maxwell

A season of joy and sadness

Although delayed a week to accommodate the Town Hall's hosting of the local elections the season closed with a successful party that coincided with national VE day celebrations. Enjoying the ever delightful catering of Ann Williams, many members entertained all present with recordings of a favourite piece of music, something highlighting the VE theme, a favourite Desert Island Disc or a wake up call to their love of music.

The late Dame Vera Lynn was not overlooked and the classics were well represented by Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Bellini, Carl Jenkins and let us not forget Sarah Brightman with Andrea Bocelli. The choices resulted in lively discussions amongst those present.

This was the finale to a successful season which had covered many topics with a variety of presenters including three regular outside experts. However it was also a season of much sadness as we mourned the loss of two of our membership.

During the summer break we may enjoy the musical feast provided by amongst others the 3 Choirs Festival from Hereford, the Henry Wood Proms (including concerts from Bristol's Beacon Hall) and the Edinburgh International Festival.

Until the return in September the committee will be organising the programme for 2025/6 and PMAG looks to welcome new members of all ages. Come and enjoy pleasant and sociable afternoons throughout the autumn, winter and spring months guaranteeing relaxing and friendly company and listening to wonderful sounds.

Michael Grey



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I'm thrilled to announce St Marys now has an extra worship service in its regular Sunday services pattern. On the second Sunday of each month, so Sunday 8th June this month, worshippers can now enjoy a traditional Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service at 9.30am followed by refreshments. Our regular Beacon Family Worship Service then begins at 11am – which this month will include two Painswick families bringing their children for baptism during the service. As always, everyone is welcome to all our times of gathered worship.



Meanwhile we have welcomed two new members onto our Parochial Church Council (PCC) – David Linsell and Francis Sanville – and plans are also now underway to improve the welcome of the historic building of St Mary's itself.

For a number of years now St Marys has been struggling to heat its building at a cost that is environmentally and economically sustainable. Similarly, we want to improve St Mary's in terms of accessibility, hospitality and flexibility so that worshippers, guests and other users of the building find it warmer, more comfortable and find the space more adaptable to suit different occasions and uses.

With two subcommittees of the St Mary's PCC now involved (Fabric and Finance and Mission and Outreach), we are earnestly working towards meeting our initial target of ensuring we have some efficient, new heating in place for this winter. We shall endeavour to keep the whole community abreast of our progress in meeting our targets and naturally will welcome all offers of support with open arms! Grace and peace.

Rev'd Sarah Haslam

Administrator Vacancy

The Beacon Benefice is seeking to recruit an experienced administrator to assist the Rector. Based in Painswick, the role is for 24 hours a week at a rate of up to £15.50 per hour. More information from Bea Hyde on beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com, but note closing date for applications: 5pm on Monday 9 June 2025.

Bea Hyde

A wonderful season of music

Painswick Music Society ended their 79th Season with two contrasting concerts of the highest quality - and probably two of the best attended events in Painswick this year!

On Saturday 26th April St Mary's enjoyed glorious choral part singing from 'ANON' chamber choir from Lincoln Cathedral who filled St Mary's with lost masterpieces whose composers are unknown. Introduced and led by Thomas Wilson, Vice Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral the concert opened with an ancient and lovely hymn 'Ave Maris Stella' from the Vatican Library. Then with apparent effortless virtuosity they offered a 16th century Prussian setting 'Domine Aduge Nobis Fidem' written for eight voices in perfect canon and an enigmatic piece found amongst works by Palestrina and Lassus. The first half of the concert closed with a most beautiful and moving setting, a 'Requiem for Octavia' (found in the National Library in Rome) whose part singing filled St Mary's with the poignancy surrounding the death of the unknown Octavia. 16th century English works from the British Library and Christ Church Oxford were followed by a 'Magnificat' (from Bologna) for twelve voices in three choirs with the parts brilliantly interchanging. Magnificent indeed! Prolonged applause reflected the 150 strong audience's appreciation of this fine choir who have an exciting future ahead of them.



The Jess Gillam Trio

On Saturday 10th May celebrated saxophonist and broadcaster Jess Gillam made a return visit to Painswick, along with Zeynep Özsuca (piano) and Sam Becker (double bass). What a treat for the capacity audience at St Mary's, hearing music by Poulenc, Telemann, Corelli and J S Bach seamlessly interwoven with folk (Nick Drake), and jazz (Barbara Thompson, Phil Woods, Jimmy Rowles and Sidney Bechet). Finally, John Harle's RANT quoted folkdance from Jess's homeland of Cumbria, which drew a standing ovation. Jess's encore was an exquisite rendering of Nat King Cole, an emotional high to end this concert and the 79th season.

Painswick Music Society is now looking forward to our 80th Anniversary season 2026, with another great series of concerts in prospect.

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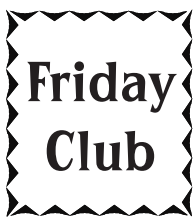
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Painswick: is this the end of The Friday Club?



In the April article about the future of The Friday Club, we described its predicament- a lack of members able to form a new Committee - and appealed for people in the community to come forward to help us. Sadly, at the time of writing, nobody has responded to help with the day-to-day running of this respected Club.

Future Committee members would not lack support: two of our current team have offered to continue some tasks they already undertake, particularly organising outings and festive meals. If you can help, please contact Sue (810878) or Jane (813228).

Our next meeting, Friday 13th June at 2.30 pm will start with an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the current Committee will consult members on the subject 'Future of the Friday Club'. Two weeks later, on Friday, June 27th at 2.30 pm, we resume the summer programme when we will hear about 'Dressing the Georgian Lady' from Angela Rendall.

Finally, a photo taken during the Club's outing to Dyrham Park, noted for its tulip displays in April, showing the parterre, avenue of tulips and church.

Jane Rowe, for the Friday Club



The Talented Mr Ripley

Would you like to join a group visit to the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham to see a Preview performance of 'The Talented Mr Ripley', on Friday 5th September, at 7.30pm? I still have some tickets available for this group visit, which has been arranged for Yew Trees WI. Non-members very welcome.

'Set against the sun-drenched backdrop of 1950s Italy, this gripping stage adaptation brings Patricia Highsmith's iconic novel to life in a thrilling new production. With razor-sharp dialogue, psychological intensity, and a chillingly charismatic antihero, this is Ripley as you've never seen him before.'

We have good stalls seats reserved, competitively priced at £25. If you would like to join this group visit, please contact me for further details.

Jane Rowe 813228 (answerphone)

Conclave

From director Edward Berger (All Quiet on the Western Front) and based on Robert

Harris's bestselling novel, Conclave is a tense and atmospheric thriller set in the heart of the Vatican.



Following the sudden death of the Pope, 118 cardinals from around the world are locked inside the Sistine Chapel to elect his successor. But as the secretive process unfolds, Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes), tasked with overseeing the election, begins to uncover hidden rivalries, political manoeuvring, and a shocking secret that could shake the Church to its core.

With standout performances from an international cast including Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, and Isabella Rossellini, Conclave is a gripping exploration of faith, power, and the burdens of leadership.

The showing is on Friday 13th June, 7.00 for 7.45 pm. Book your tickets and drinks in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wick-flix-conclave-tickets-1353229418619>

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Painswick is beautiful, fascinating, full of interest and situated in a truly lovely valley. Not for nothing is it referred to as Queen of the Cotswolds. The many visitors who come to Painswick, and they come from all over the world, are always intrigued by its beauty and many points of interest. It is important therefore that we are able to offer as much help and guidance as possible and that of course is the essential purpose of the tourist information office.

Situated at the edge of the churchyard in what was originally the gravedigger's hut, our tourist information office is entirely dependent on volunteers, but unfortunately at present there are far fewer than is desirable or necessary. This means that often the office is not open when it should be and our visitors are therefore lacking the sort of information which they might need and which also greatly enhances their visit.



Can you help? No previous experience is necessary and learning all the essentials would be done informally. New volunteers can sit in with an experienced volunteer, for example, and help and information about how the office functions is always available. There are reference and information sources on a range of local topics to hand and Ann Daniels, who heads the volunteer team, can be contacted in the event of a problem or difficulty. Opening hours are fixed but as a volunteer you can choose when to be present in the office.

The need for more volunteers is critical. It is not an arduous or thankless task, in fact quite the opposite. As one volunteer explains, 'You meet people from all over the world, it's amazing, and they're so bowled over by Painswick. It's a joy being able to help.' Our tourist office provides a wonderful service for the benefit of visitors but also for Painswick itself, encouraging tourism for the whole area. It desperately needs more volunteers - you could be part of this excellent team. Interested? Call in to the office or contact Ann Daniels tel. 07519 132143. In the true spirit of wartime community service, so recently remembered – Painswickians, Your Village needs YOU!

Carol Maxwell

Longfield needs you

Painswick's Longfield is definitely a gem of a charity shop and we are without doubt fortunate to have Mel as the manager. Since she took over in January the shop has gone from strength to strength both in its presentation as a quality outlet and as one with a strong community spirit. There is always much to do and, as a charity retail outlet with the prime aim of raising funds for a truly worthwhile cause, it is dependent on voluntary help.

This is definitely the case at present. Might you be able to help, even for a couple of hours each week? Your presence in the shop covering a range of tasks, and especially if you are able to use the till, would be much appreciated.



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Longfield, the charity, is currently facing serious financial challenges and needs all the support it can generate. Volunteering is just one of the many ways we in Painswick can help this valuable and supremely caring organisation.

Donations of items in good condition are always welcome but please, please do not simply leave them in the doorway as this gives rise to many problems. The shop is open from Wednesday to Saturday every week. Do go in. The stock changes on a regular basis and the more we choose to buy, as well as donate, the greater the guaranteed success of this wonderful charity and our precious Bisley Street shop.

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Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club

The Club's AGM took place in April, when several officers stepped down from the Club's Council. The Club is indebted to Clare Woodman, Membership Secretary, and Paul Wyeth and Susan Bennett, Joint Lecture Secretaries, for their hard work and leadership, enabling the Club to move with the times, through a new website, improved data storage and an interesting programme of lectures across a broad range of subjects. We also thanked Denise Magauran and Lynne O'Farrell

who organised many popular excursions together, including to Ireland, East Devon and Norfolk.

The new Officers joining the Club's Council are John Elbert, Membership Secretary, Sue Parker - Hon. Secretary, and Rob Souter - Deputy Treasurer. They share a common factor, having all moved to Gloucestershire in recent years, with a desire to get involved in community life.

The excursion programme this spring has been busy, with visits to The Mansion House, Cirencester Park, home of the Bathurst family; guided tours around the Incinerator at Javelin Park; a site visit to the A417 Missing Link; and a private guided tour of Woodchester Mansion. The next field excursions will be guided walks: firstly, along the Stroudwater Canal between Stonehouse Court Hotel and Westfield Bridge, where we will have a tantalising view over the so-called Missing Mile of canal (infilled when the M5 was constructed in the 1960's); and, secondly, a route following the River Chelt from Cox's Meadow through Sandford Park and the Cheltenham town centre and out towards Arle. For further information about membership of the Club please contact John Elbert, Membership Secretary by email: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com Further information about the Club and its activities can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club



The Mansion House in Cirencester Park
(photo courtesy of the Bathurst Estate)

Jane Rowe, Email: cotsnats@gmail.com

The Arts Society Painswick

On Thursday 8th May The Painswick Centre was filled with 104 members and guests to hear 'Opium :Seduction, Greed, Art.' from Amanda Herries a Cambridge educated archaeologist, former curator at Museum of London and free-lance writer and lecturer. Opening with Opium's origins from the extraction of latex from 'Papaver somniferum' 3000 years ago, Amanda described Opium's spread through Europe and North Africa in Classical times (Aristotle and Hippocrates noting its use as a therapeutic drug). In more recent times shocking 19th Century advertisements for Laudanum as a soothing balm for babies were shown!! Opium's place in the Imperial struggles for control of the Far Eastern trades culminated in the notorious trafficking by Scottish Hong Kong-based traders devastating China in the mid-19th century.



Then an interesting overview of Opium's use by great writers and artists and its influence on their work (Coleridge's Kubla Khan was probably written in a post Opium stupor) including the presence and hints of Opium use in many great paintings. Bringing us up to date and reminding us that Opium poppies are grown(legally) as near as Oxfordshire, Amanda closed by noting that the deadly synthetic opioid Fentanyl currently devastating western cultures is being exported from China: A deadly irony and perhaps revenge . A fascinating lecture warmly received. All welcome at Arts Society meetings at the Painswick Centre on the second Thursday each month. June 12th 'Sicily: Cultural Crossroads' and July 10th 'Frauds and Fakes: Paintings that Fooled the World'. Details on www.theartsocietypainswick.org

David Cutler

Return of the swifts

Four swifts were seen over Painswick on 9th May. The return of twice this number was seen on 7th May 2024 and about 14 left last year, in July. The four have not been seen since.

Due to the drought it will be difficult for them to find the mud needed to build their nests. Swift nesting boxes are the answer. It would be regrettable to lose these extraordinary creatures who fly 10000 miles to raise their young in our country, almost the only time they leave the sky.

Penny Govett

Overgrown Footpaths

We are at the time of the year that some of our local footpaths can get overgrown with vegetation and sometimes blocked. Should you encounter a footpath in this condition please let Roy at the Parish Council know so that action can be taken.



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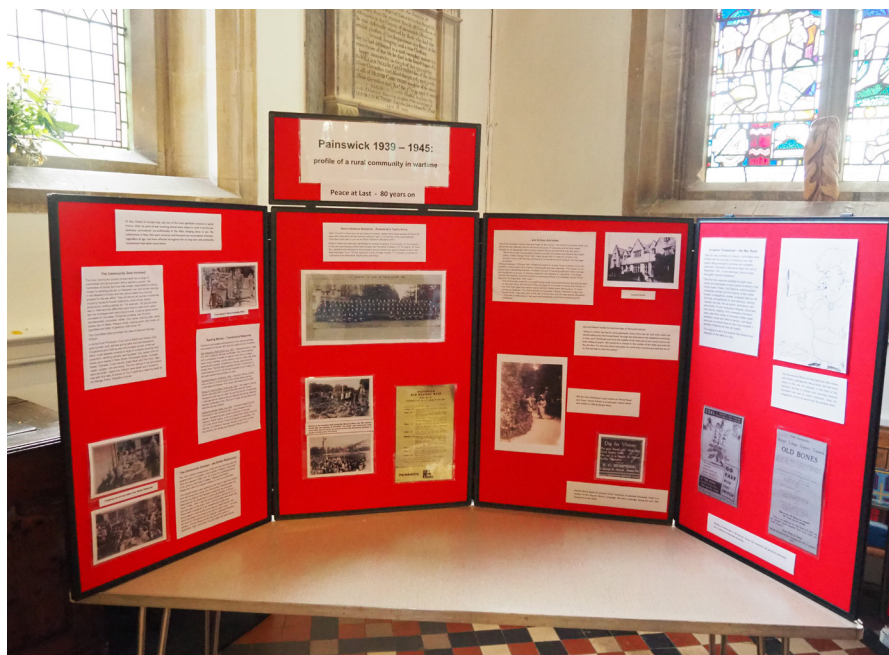
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A reminder of very different times Recording who had scissors and bandages

For those of us old enough to remember VE Day - May 8th 1945, the exhibition in St Mary's to recall the celebrations in Painswick was a welcome reminder of the happiness of that day. We had never known a street party or bright lights after dark. A copy of Painswick's



A part of the display in the church

War Book - the original is in the Imperial War Museum - was a salutary reminder, in detail, of the minutiae of everyday life in wartime. Items were precious because they couldn't be replaced.

We forget that the possibility of invasion was real. So, in the event of a real emergency, who had firearms? Capt. Crowley-Bovey - a shotgun, Major Izod - a revolver, Miss Bulley a shotgun and a megaphone. Who had scissors, bandages, hot water bottles, blankets, urinal bottles, spades, tea, tins of milk, wheelbarrows, buckets, primus stoves etc etc? Names and addresses were listed, all in clear handwriting and just about everyone could provide something if it became necessary. It is fortunate that the War Book still exists.

We read of the schoolboy who remembered all the children going with their gas masks into the adjacent field during air raid warnings because there was no air raid shelter. Other individuals had written their accounts which were equally revealing. Visitors also commented on the extraordinary sums of money raised by the local

community for the war effort during the national drive weeks such as War Weapons Week.

Children from The Croft School came to learn about the war and their village history and visitors said how much they enjoyed the display - just the right amount of information! There were also some poems and prayers for peace for people to use, prayers for peace in our time. Congratulations and thanks to Carol and Peter for bringing history to life.

Liz Burge

Painswick Summer Evening Art Walks

Experience three enchanting summer evenings with our curated Art Walks. This is a wonderful chance to embrace the charm of Painswick while meeting the vibrant local community of artists and makers. The Art Walks will take place on the 26th June, 31st July, and 28th August, from 5 to 8pm,

Throughout the village businesses, cafes and studios will be exhibiting local art and will be glad to welcome visitors. Handmade In Painswick, located at The Old Fleece on Bisley Street and representing almost 50 local artists and artisans, will be open alongside artist Aly Lloyd's studio also on site. A stroll down Vicarage Street will bring you to Jane Garbett's studio next to the Quaker Chapel and you can stop by the Painswick Centre on your way to meet the artists located there. At The Loovre, on St Mary's Street you will find Rupert Aker in his lovely little studio.

Juniper Coffee Shop and Papillon Deli will both have their usual selection of food and drinks and together with Murrays and Hampton's estate agents they will showcase local artwork and warmly welcome visitors throughout the evening. Enjoy music by local performers as you wander around the village, grab a bite from the street food van at the Painswick Centre, relax with a drink at the Centre's bar, and enjoy children's activities being held there. Young artists are invited to submit A4 paintings or drawings of Painswick for a special end-of-summer exhibition. Submissions can be handed in at Handmade In Painswick. If you'd like to end your evening with a meal, consider dining at The Oak, The Falcon, St. Michael's, or the Painswick Hotel—all excellent choices.

Sandie Randle and Anne-Marie Randall, Handmade In Painswick

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Ian Johnston's Marathon

"It was tough – and the sweltering heat on the day made it even tougher – but knowing I had so much goodwill and support behind me got me over the finish line!"

So says Painswick resident Ian Johnston after successfully completing the London Marathon, which – as reported in the March issue of the Beacon – he ran to raise funds for the homelessness charity Crisis. Ian had to run solo after his sister Jennifer was forced to pull out prior to the event with an injury, but she joined in from the sidelines, cheering along with the huge crowds as Ian ran the 26.2 miles from Greenwich to the Mall.



"I want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all friends and neighbours in Painswick who gave us their support and good wishes," says Ian, "and to Painswick Community Support for kindly donating a third of the funds they had raised from their community lunches. As a result of all your generosity we smashed our target, raising over £3,000 for Crisis."

"Will I do another marathon? Ask me in a few months!" laughs Ian.

'Culture and Creatures' Exhibition

Corinium Gallery features Painswick photographer

Local photographer Leslie Holmes has taken photographs of various events in Painswick over the years, including local Jubilee and Coronation street parties. Much of her recent work though has been on wildlife photography and she is now teaming up with water colour artist, Helen Brabbs, for a combined exhibition that is running at the Corinium Gallery, Park Street, Cirencester from Thursday 29th May to Sunday 29th June, Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sundays 2pm to 5pm.

The exhibition will also include ceramics by Leslie's daughter Alex Holmes, who grew up in Painswick and went to The Croft School.

Live Music at the Painswick Centre

Two Great Gigs coming up

We're excited to announce two brilliant live music nights at The Painswick Centre – mark your calendars!



Swing from Paris – Join us for a toe-tapping evening of gypsy jazz and vintage swing. Their charming, upbeat sound is guaranteed to get you smiling. Date: 21st June. Full bar available.

Faeland – This contemporary folk duo brings beautifully crafted songs and soulful harmonies. A truly magical live experience not to be missed. Date: 28th June. Food from Box Kitchen Pizza – woodfired pizza and delicious desserts. Full bar available

Both events will take place in our lovely Beacon Hall – a warm, welcoming setting for live music in the heart of Painswick. Come early, grab a drink (and a slice!), and enjoy an evening of outstanding live performance. Tickets on sale now – don't miss out!

Rob Targett



Richmond Open Gardens

The beautiful gardens at Richmond Village will be open under the National Garden Scheme on Thursday 26th June from 10am to 3pm. Admission: £5 per person (cash only). Tea, coffee and cake available from the café. Other dates later in the summer are 24th July and 14th August, when there will also be a Plant Fair.

Gemma Ledamun



The Beacon Bar and Kitchen will be hosting a Casino Night at the Golf Club on Saturday 21st June. Tickets are £25 per person to include canapes and a glass of fizz on arrival, and must be bought in advance. This is a strictly black tie event.

Lucy Gorton

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Conservation Has to Evolve

Since the start of my involvement with PBCG the stark reality of the climate and ecological disaster unfolding is becoming more and more acute. Disbelievers are ignoring decades of scientific data showing global temperatures rising to levels not seen since the Carboniferous era and the start of an era of mass extinctions last seen 65 million years ago. This is down to us and our relentless desire to consume more resources.

Land use is the main driver with natural habitats being destroyed for agriculture, infrastructure and buildings. Land is being degraded by pollution in the form of nutrients, pesticides, plastics, sewage, industrial waste, invasive species and diseases and over exploitation. Since the first COP conference in 1992 levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have steadily risen. Some developed countries claim to have reduced their emissions, but this is more than likely due to outsourcing their manufacturing to developing countries. It seems to me that the international will to tackle climate change is not there, so we and wildlife will have to adapt to a very uncertain future.

Traditional conservation generally focuses on preserving existing conditions or restoring habitats to their previous states. This is fine in a stable situation, but we are in a rapidly changing world. Animals are mobile, but they will struggle to cope with the speed of change. Plants have less chance and trees, with a life span of hundreds of years, no chance. The current fashion of planting millions of trees already results in 75% dying from lack of aftercare. Those which survive face a very uncertain future.

The talk is about creating ecosystems which can withstand ecological stress. We can introduce vegetation to do this, but what of the complex web of organisms which rely on our native vegetation? How do we transfer a whole ecosystem with the new vegetation? Hugely complex, costly and still an uncertain outcome.

A recent Dimbleby report suggests we could turn the tide of global warming and return a huge area of land back to nature simply by halving global food waste, increasing crop yields by 15% and cutting meat consumption by 30%. Not very costly and not very likely to happen either. Houston, we have a problem!

Paul Baxter



Painswick Community Choir

Painswick Community Choir is holding a Summer Concert in St Mary's Church, Painswick, on Friday, 27th June, 2025, 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

The Painswick Community Choir has been meeting for choir sessions in the Painswick Centre for many years now, and recently performed at the South West Community Choir Convention in Bristol, with Cirencester's Corinium Choir group under their leader, Sophie Sterckx. Photograph shows the combined groups at Bristol this year.

The programme will be made up of a capella choral compositions inspired by the life and beauty of the natural world. A capella means singing without instrumental accompaniment, so the harmonies are built up using the human voice only. Under the leadership of local singer, choir leader and composer, Sophie Sterckx, the music is extraordinary. This is an ideal opportunity to experience this in St Mary's Church, which has very good acoustics. The concert is free but donations welcome.

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June at the Garden – Summer is Here!

June brings a special kind of magic to the Rococo Garden, as the landscape bursts into colour, scent, and life. Heritage roses bloom in the Exedra garden, their fragrance mingling with lavender, astrantia and campanula,

**Painswick
Rococo
Garden**

while fiery day lilies add bold splashes of yellow, red and orange. Wildflower meadows are alive with orchids — and those with a sharp eye may even spot the rare and beautiful bee orchid, first recorded here in 2013.

Vines in the vineyard begin forming tight clusters of grapes, and early salad crops emerge in the Kitchen Garden, making their way into fresh seasonal dishes at the café. It's a time to experience the garden through all the senses — to savour the shifting textures, tastes, and sounds of early summer.

June also offers an enriching cultural experience. On Saturday 21st, acclaimed actor Anton Lesser stars in *A Beautiful Thread*, blending the life and works of Thomas Hardy in a unique performance by Orchestra of the Swan. Then, on 26–28 June, the Handlebards return with their joyful, energetic take on Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* — a delightful evening of open-air theatre, full of laughter and creativity. To find out more, visit www.rococogarden.org.uk.

Marta Gardner

Anton Lesser performing with the Orchestra of the Swan



Painswick Community Support VE Day 80th Celebration

What a great turn-out! We were delighted to welcome close to 100 villagers to our Community Hub cafe in the Town Hall on Friday, May 9th to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The hall, decorated with bunting and banners, was filled with Painswickians of all ages - from Croft School schoolchildren, who'd been invited for cake and squash, to nonagenarians, some dressed in patriotic red, white and blue.

Traditional cakes of all kinds had been kindly donated by our volunteers and the Friday Club had set up a display table with a collection of war memorabilia, such as ration books belonging to their members, which sparked a lot of interest and conversation among both children and adults. People spilled outside in the sunshine to the tables and chairs, kindly set up by the Parish Council, in the Memorial Garden next to the cenotaph, which seemed a most appropriate setting. Thanks to the community's generosity, we raised £170 for The Royal British Legion which was handed over to our local RBL representative.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, to the Parish Council for their support and to all the volunteers who donated cakes and served on the day and to Friday Club for their display. Community events like this remind us just how special Painswick really is!

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956 203087, 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



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Tennis

Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition

Twelve tennis players ranging in age from 12 to 17 gathered at Painswick Tennis Club with the same aims in mind. They wanted to enjoy some tennis matches and ultimately to progress in a competition which ends up with juniors gracing the courts at Wimbledon! This year's Play Your Way To Wimbledon tournament took place in perfect conditions, glorious sunshine yet not too hot and with no wind. The brand new balls led to high bounces and fast play and the players soon settled into some great contests which included four nerve shredding tie breaks!

Players and spectators had to cope with high tension and both played their part. There was generous support all around the courts and superb sporting behaviour by the players. A great example to some pros on the circuit!! In the final analysis two pairs excelled by winning all of their matches. In the girls competition sisters Arianne and Katie (above right) won through and they will be accompanied by the boys winners Niall and Sylvain (below right). Good luck to them next month in the regional finals.

Graham Harbord

Padel Tennis

The Tennis Club have entered a Padel team in the first fixture of the Glos. Dunlop Padel league. After a hard fought match against Elkstone it ended in a 2:2 draw. In fact this was the first ever LTA Padel league match in the UK.

Meanwhile the summer league season is in full swing for both the men and the ladies teams. Anyone interested in joining the Tennis club should contact Ruth Smith at ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com

Painswick Cricket Update

Many Beacon patrons will have received our Cricket Club information booklet detailing what is happening at the club, I hope it made for interesting reading.

It has been a busy first month of the season on the field, with all three Saturday sides registering their first victories in May. The first team has been scoring runs in abundance, with Luke Woolway leading the charge with two league centuries so far, the highlight being an away win at Royal Wootton Bassett. The second team have won two in a row, Niall Galvin's clean striking has been to the fore, and the third team registered a fantastic 1 run victory over Minchinhampton, a brilliant Mike Powis catch sealing victory.

Our youth section have also started brightly, and we are thrilled to be fielding two sides at under 11 for the first time. The women had a brilliant win away at Golden Hill, and our girls section have made a very positive start too, looking the part thanks to new kit supplied following a generous donation from a local resident.

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Painswick Golf Club

Senior Open competition

This was held a couple of weeks ago with an entry of 54 pairs from various clubs around the area. The ground was very firm following the recent long dry spell leading to some difficult conditions for visitors. The winners this year were Paul Holmes and Bill King both from the Painswick club.

Senior Matches

The club has played 6 matches so far with 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw. 26 players have been involved. Our Seniors Captain's Away Day has been scheduled for Tuesday 26th June at Alexander Park. We have 34 players involved so far which leaves us 2 players short of a full house. Any members interested in playing can contact Paul Walsh (07795 256559)



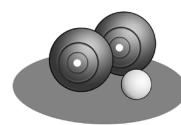
Summer Badminton

Painswick Badminton Club continue to play during June and July on a pay and play basis. Anyone interested in trying out the game is welcome to come along. They play at the Painswick Centre on Thursday evenings. Those interested just email John at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk



Falcon Bowls

The Falcon Bowling Club are pleased that a team has been entered into the South Cotswold League Division 4. This is the first time for a few years that The Falcon have been able to put a team into a Cotswold League.



There are 12 matches starting mid May and ending early August. The furthest away is at Fairford and the nearest Victory Park. These matches are early evening followed by a light supper. Captain is Alistair Coles and it is a men's team consisting of 3 rinks, 12 players.

Vehicle damage to local commons

The large number of vehicles using narrow country lanes as rat runs, including delivery vans and HGVs following satnavs, is leading to erosion of our commons, a national asset, providing a unique habitat for our local flora and fauna.

An example of vehicle damage can be seen at the Upper Green in Edge, where a length of the common has been severely eroded. Infilling of the damage with tarmac has now effectively widened the roadway, further facilitating access by unsuitable vehicles.

Carolyn Luke, on behalf of Painswick Valleys Conservation Society

Painswick Library Challenge

We will be running our own Library Challenge during the summer holidays, with two age categories 3 – 6 and 7 – 12. There will be a competition for each, drawing for the younger children, and writing for the older ones. We hope to display the drawings and publish the winning story here in the Beacon! This is in addition to prizes for completing the reading part of the challenge.



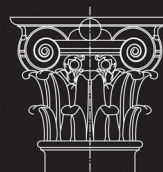
Look out for more news as we get closer to July.

Ian Cridland

Not to be outdone the Falcon Ladies are playing in county competitions and included are - rinks, triples, pairs and singles competitions. Captain is Jan Haslam.

John Newhill

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Jottings

The Government is asking us to plant herbal seed mixtures when planting new grass leys, but this year has not been very good weather-wise; the wet and dry extremes have caused many problems. The weather patterns have changed so it is difficult for us to decide what to drill, and where to plant what crops.

Crops that were planted early are OK but we have had the driest start to Spring in nearly seventy years. So seed sprouted, but then did not have enough moisture to keep going. The green above the ground now, at this stage is the same length as the root below ground, so it dies. This is causing great problems, whatever crop you are growing, whether it is vegetables, corn or herbage. Our crops are stressed and coming to a head too early. The yield is low, there is less straw and grassland crops will not yield enough for next winters feed. If growing conditions continue like this, costs are going to climb a lot. The mid-range forecast is getting better, so farmers can adjust. We are going to have to diversify and experiment with new varieties to adapt to this changing climate.

Wood Lice: also called Pill Bugs or Sowbugs, these are crustaceans that live in dark and damp places. We often find them under our pot plants. One species, the Pill Woodlouse, curls up into a ball when disturbed. They like living on decaying matter which they find by taste and smell. They do not urinate but pass urea through their skin, so smell of ammonia. They can live up to four years but are prey to centipedes, shrews and big spiders. They are related to shrimps, crabs and lobsters and have four stages in their life cycle: eggs, manca, juveniles and adults. The female carries around twenty-five to ninety eggs under her abdomen. When hatched, the young stay there for some forty or so days.

Martin Slinger

Painswick Gardening Club



On the 14th of May, we had Timothy Walker giving us a talk on "Euphorbias - probably the best garden plants in the world". We were amazed at the variety of species throughout the world and that Tenerife was a brilliant place to go to explore them.

We are familiar with the Poinsettia at Christmas – a euphorbia. And the Mole-plant (*Euphorbia lathyris*): I had always thought they might deter moles, the animals, in the garden, but, of course, the reference is medical - to mole defects on the skin.

The genus Euphorbia is one of the largest and most complex genera of flowering plants. They grow in all soil types and can be planted in full sun, or in semi-shade. Euphorbias all share the feature of having poisonous, latex-like sap and unique floral structures.

On June 11th Kevin Alviti is coming to give us a talk: "Unusual Fruit and Veg. - and a lot more". He lives on a smallholding near Malvern. He has up to fifty-two vegetable beds, two greenhouses, an orchard and coppice; and keeps hens. What will he be talking to us about? Guests welcome @ £5. 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 11th June.

Joyce Barrus

Property Report

One of the few detached cottages in the centre of the village, St. Mary's Cottage in Victoria Street has three bedrooms and is right on the edge of the churchyard (Murrays, £595,000). Only a few metres away, but a bit more hidden, is 2 George Court, a smaller stone-built cottage with 2 bedrooms (Murrays, £335,000). Still right in the centre, Barbers, on the corner of Friday Street and Bisley Street was indeed once run as Albert Luker's 'Haircutting & Shaving Saloon'. It's now a 3 or 4 bedroom house with roof terrace and private garage (Hamptons, £450,000).

Still stone-built, but in rather a different category, is Locks Cottage (Hamptons, £1.75 million). Hidden away at the end of a steep farm track in the Painswick valley, it has 5 bedrooms, amazing views and lots of seclusion and privacy. And if seclusion and privacy are your thing, you might also want to look at Lantern Cottage at Stockend, Edge (Hamptons, £750,000). Hamptons also have the three bedroom Pincot Cottage on Pincot Lane, although that has a detached stone 'party barn' to break the seclusion. Lantern Cottage is a popular name this month. There's one in Painswick too, a three bedroom cottage on Tibbiwell for sale through Murrays at £575,000. The Old Fire Station on Pullens Road (Murrays £685,000) also has three bedrooms. At The Highlands, Juniper House (Hamptons, £975,000) is a detached 3 to 4 bedroom house on a large plot, as is Highcroft, high up on Painswick Beacon in a woodland setting (Murrays, £795,000).

At Richmond Village, Independent Living Apt. 4 is available at £450,000 and Assisted Living Apt. No. 3/10 is offered at £360,000. See the Richmond website for details.

Properties going under offer include Hambutts Edge and Outside Edge, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Prospect Terrace, 12 White Horse Lane and Hill View on Beacon Close (all Murrays) and 6A Canton Acre, 2 Court Cottages and May Cottage, both Butt Green, Angels Roost on Vicarage Street and Bears Den on Cheltenham Road (all Hamptons).

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Mondays	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 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/07793126234	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
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/07793126234	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
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
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	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. cgsvain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am



Village Diary

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

June

Sat	7	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	8	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	9.30am
		Family Worship and Baptisms	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	9	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	10	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Weds	11	Gardening Club: Kevin Alviti - Unusual Fruit and Vegetables	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	12	Arts Society: Sicily - Cultural Crossroads - Richard Whincop	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.45am
Fri	13	Wickflix: Conclave	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	13	Friday Club:EGM. Future of the Friday Club. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	17	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	17	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
	17	Local History Society AGM and presentation of local finds	Croft School	7.30pm
Thurs	19	Painswick Probus: The Panama Canal - David Head	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Sat	21	Swing from Paris - jazz evening. Details from painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	
	21	Orchestra of the Swan - A beautiful thread.Thomas Hardy in words and music. info@rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	3.30 and 7.30pm
	21	Casino Night - Beacon Bar and Kitchen@ Golf Club	Golf Club	7.30pm till late.
Sun	22	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
	22	Good Small Farms Open Day	Hammonds Farm, Wick Street GL6 7QN	10.00 - 3.00pm
	22	Deadline for Beacon copy		
Tues	24	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	24	Yew Trees WI: Life and times of an adult tutor - Sue Dove	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Weds	25	Midweek Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Thurs	26	The Handlebards - Much Ado About Nothing - William Shakespeare. info@rococogarden.org.uk . Also June 27 and 28	Rococo Garden	7.00pm
	26	Open Garden under National Garden Scheme	Richmond Village	10.00am - 3.00pm
Fri	27	Painswick Community Hub hosted by Richmond Village	Richmond Auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am
	27	Friday Club: Dressing the Georgian Lady - Angela Rendall. Enq 812344	Town Hall	2.30pm
	27	Painswick and Corinium Community Choirs Summer Concert	St Mary's Church	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	28	Faeland - contemporary folk duo. Details from painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre	
Sun	29	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	29	Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church	6.30pm

July

Thurs	3	Painswick Probus: Summer Lunch
Sat	5	Painswick Beacon published

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.25/0523/HHOLD Beaconsfield House, New Street

Erection of a single storey outbuilding
S.25/0538/HHOLD 27 Upper Washwell, Painswick

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension.

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.25/0603/HHOLD Highfield House, Gloucester Street

Erection of single storey infill extension and landscaping works.

S.25/0680/HHOLD Hammonds Cottage, Wick Street

Erection of replacement garage and annexe.

S.25/0698/VAR Sen Sook, Far End, Sheepscombe

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.23/2495/HHOLD - alterations to design (retrospective).

S.25/0852/VAR Hambutts House, Edge Road

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.24/1966/HHOLD - amendments to roof

S.25/0738/TCA Bay Tree House, Far End, Sheepscombe
Maple - Fell.

S.25/0748/TCA 1 Prospect Terrace, Tibbiwell Lane

T1 Ilex Aquifolium - Fell and remove stump.

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

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

CONSENT

S.24/2283/LBC Painswick Lodge
Internal alterations & refurbishment, upgrading of existing services. Remedial works to retained walls, partitions & ceilings. Removal of inappropriate rainwater goods. New entrance doors to north elevation (replacing an existing window) & reinstatement of historic doors. Existing opening door opening closed up. Landscaping works including reconfiguration of access drive.

S.25/0363/HHOLD Dry Knapps House, Edge Road

Erection of a garden building
S.25/0426/HHOLD Heather Bank, Cheltenham Road

Demolition of garage and erection of a two storey side and rear extension

S.25/0471/HHOLD and S.25/0472/LBC Lullingworth, Stroud Road

Demolition of existing pool building and erection of a single storey enclosure of existing outdoor swimming pool

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S.25/0523/HHOLD Beaconsfield House, New Street

Erection of a single storey outbuilding

S.25/0538/HHOLD 27 Upper Washwell, Painswick

Erection of a single storey front and rear extension.

REFUSED

S.25/0289/HHOLD Tibbiwell House, Tibbiwell Lane

Erection of a replacement garage

S.25/0290/LBC Tibbiwell House, Tibbiwell Lane

Erection of a replacement garage

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of the REV DR PETER NEWING who died on May 16th aged 92. Peter's ministry took him all over the Cotswolds with many small village churches to look after until eventually he came to Cranham. He and his wife, Angela lived in Blakewell Mead and Hambutts Mead before moving to Stroud and then to the Richmond. Peter was a keen bellringer in Painswick. The funeral will be on Monday 9th June, with burial at Brimpsfield at 10.00am followed by a memorial service at 12.00 noon at Painswick church. All welcome at either service.

To the family and friends of JOY ELWORTHY who died at home on May 5th. A celebration of her life was held on June 4th. See tribute alongside.

Congratulations

To PENNY AND IAN EASTWOOD of Coombe House, The Park who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on May 29th.

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

Tibbiwell closure

Advance notice that Tibbiwell Lane will be closed from 7th July to 21st July to allow for a new gas service installation by Wales & West Utilities. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

St. George's Day

Sunday 27th April, 2025 at Gyde House. Friends and neighbours brought food and drink to socialize and celebrate in the sun. Thanks to our neighbour Galia Wells and family for organising such a lovely event.

Clare Chad-Daniels



Joy Elworthy

Margaret Joy Elworthy was one of the world's 'givers'. Born in Bristol in 1936, she lived in Gloucestershire for many years, finally settling into a Victorian cottage on Wick Street. Home and garden provided a peaceful and tranquil setting for many visitors, including those for whom they were a refuge in troubled times.



In the late 1950s Joy supported families in Central Europe devastated by concentration camp experiences in the War. From there, she hitch-hiked overland to India, where she supported pavement dwellers in Madras (now Chennai), even sleeping on the pavements herself.

Joy was a keen environmentalist and gardener, conveying her enthusiasm to children in local schools. Over many years she carried out Cotswold grassland surveys for the Wildlife Trust, and was a founding member of the Painswick Bird Club. She had a deep knowledge of wild flowers, orchids in particular, and was an unofficial steward of Juniper Hill, and a key player in the recent campaign to 'Save Juniper Field'. She loved music and was a long standing choral singer in Stroud.

Joy will be sorely missed by her two brothers, David and Peter, the wider family and all those who were fortunate to know her in our community – and beyond.

Bill Boydell

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