

# The Painswick Beacon

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## New Director for Rococo Garden

**Painswick  
Rococo  
Garden**

kitchen garden, heritage apples and pears are ripening; some head to the café, while the surplus is pressed into juice for the shop.

We're delighted to introduce Amy Taylor as the new Director of Painswick Rococo Garden – though she's no stranger to this magical place. Originally from New York, Amy first visited the Garden in 2008. That summer, she chose Rococo Garden as the setting for an early date with a fellow bellringer.

It turned out to be a day to remember – the beginning of a relationship that would eventually lead to marriage! Amy reflects, "Everything in my life changed around that time, and I knew I wanted to live in England permanently."

While studying in Bath, Amy was taught by Cathryn Spence, the author of *Thomas Robins: Artist and Observer of the Eighteenth-Century Garden*, which explores the work of the artist behind the famous 1748 painting that inspired the restoration of the Garden. Cathryn's fascination with Painswick Rococo

Garden, left a lasting impression on Amy. Amy's ties to the Garden don't end there. She previously worked at National Trust's Snowhill Manor, where she met Dominic Hamilton, Rococo Garden's former Director. Over the years, the Garden remained a quiet constant in her life – a peaceful retreat to unwind, reconnect with nature and spend time with her husband Phil.

"I've seen how the Garden has evolved over the last few years" she says. "Not just in the planting and restoration, but in the way it's come alive – with families, with events, with new energy and creativity."

Looking ahead, Amy is keen to build on this momentum. She's excited to lead the dedicated team, work closely with trustees and continue improving the Garden's visitor facilities – all the while honouring its unique character, history, and spirit.

Marta Gardner



## Get Ready for the Feast Sunday 21st September

Get ready for the magnificent Painswick Feast at St Mary's on Sunday 21st September. Come along from 11am – 5pm - with the Traditional Clypping Service grand finale at 3pm.



- Apple Pressing from 11am - Collect your apples for pressing. Bring along a bottle or two to take away some juice.
- The Dog Show with many classes to suit dogs of all shapes, sizes, with young handler, best rescue and the hotly contested "Dog that looks most like its owner"! Signup from 11am, with the classes starting at 11:30; £2 per entry, please bring cash!
- Fabulous Foodie options to include the famous Puppy Dog Pie. All local, delicious and freshly cooked – Street food Painswick style. Munch away whilst sitting on bales dotted amongst the Yew trees.
- A bar and options for coffee, tea and cakes – including the Fairtrade tea and coffee in the church.
- Games and sports provided by Sportily will keep youngsters active and entertained during the day.
- Bring along cash for an assortment of fabulous arts, crafts and other stalls – many home-grown.
- Painswick and local charities, societies and interest groups will be out in force showcasing the wonderful work they do for the community and environment – some providing activities, drinks and food.
- Throughout the day, there'll be live music to accompany the festivities, including some of our local bands.
- Arguably the pinnacle of the day is the traditional clypping – gather from 2.45pm around the church tower – children traditionally wear white with flower garlands in their hair. There is music, the traditional songs and prayers to celebrate the church and community which ends in what may look a little like a Painswickian version of the hokey cokey to those unaccustomed to the traditions of Painswick! We join hands in a giant circle to sing the clypping hymn. Finally, the children line up to receive a coin and clypping currant bun after the service.

This is an event put on by the community which aims to bring together Painswickians, young and old, for free fun and feasting to celebrate the magnificent place we call home. Come and join us. Invite your friends and family to meet up. Any enquiries email Stephen Aiano: [stephenaiano@aol.com](mailto:stephenaiano@aol.com) Tel. 077 9864 56 66 or last-minute stall enquiries get in touch with Ali Spiers: [alispier1@googlemail.com](mailto:alispier1@googlemail.com)

Iris McCormick

## Time to get back into action

September - that month when so many Painswick activities get back into full swing. Over the summer most clubs, societies and activity groups take a break for a few weeks, a practice long since accepted as the norm. However, come September and everything springs back to life - and in Painswick that certainly means an amazing range of activities and meetings.

Few local communities can boast such a wealth of interest groups. Our clubs, societies, classes and events cater for just about everyone, seven days a week, mornings, afternoons and evenings. Physical activities are well catered for including many different sports, a range of dance classes, exercise sessions such as pilates and yoga, and walking. There are special interest groups on a wide range of subjects, classes specialising in the teaching of various skills, and several excellent music societies designed either for participation or simply for the joy of listening.

So, with September upon us perhaps now is a good time to think about resuming an erstwhile interest or learning a new skill or even considering a completely new activity. The Beacon diary lists many of the groups and classes giving time, day and location for each one for the current month and the Beacon Directory includes the complete range. Painswick is fortunate in that there are so many classes and activities, a veritable plethora, from which to choose. It makes for a truly vital and integrated community and is without doubt so potentially beneficial on an individual level for each and every one of us.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Promises Auction Save the date - 15th November

A promises auction in aid of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's is to be held at Painswick Golf Club at 7pm on Saturday 15th November. More details to follow next month

*Liz Hall*

## Supporting local business

A new local rewards card from Cotswold Collective aims to encourage people to shop, eat and explore more locally across the Cotswolds. Members receive exclusive perks and offers from over 350 cafés, pubs, restaurants, shops, spas and experiences through a simple digital card. More details at <https://cotswoldcollective.co/> and the business is willing to offer Painswick Beacon readers £10 annual membership (normally £30).

*Jacqueline Randall*

## Exciting new lecture season Starts 1st October in Painswick

We are delighted to say that the new season of Field Club lectures starts in Painswick in October. We will be offering lectures fortnightly from



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October to May (at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Painswick and on the third Tuesday of the month in Box). This season, as usual, we have an exciting and varied series of lectures planned on subjects as diverse as the amazing migration of birds across the world, through the work of the MOD 'War detectives' finding missing service personnel, to the finding and restoration of a medieval ship in Newport, and that's all before Christmas!

We start with Gail Boyle at the Painswick Centre on Wed. 1st October at 2.30pm. Until recently Gail was Bristol Museum's Senior Curator of Archaeology and World Cultures. With a career as a museum archaeologist spanning more than 40 years, she will be giving us a talk entitled 'Beyond Treasure Trove: What makes treasure treasure?' This talk demystifies the treasure process from the finding of objects, to reporting, valuation and rewards, illustrated throughout with case studies of amazing finds and the stories behind them.



Learn more about this buckle

Lectures are free to our Members but open to all (£5 for visitors) No need to book, just drop in (light refreshments provided). Annual membership to the Field Club is £25 individual or £40 couple and runs January to January but join now to get membership until January 2027; enjoying entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions – the first of which is planned as a self-drive trip on 16th October to Hopewell Colliery, still worked by free miners and then the Dean Heritage Centre both in the Forest of Dean. For Membership enquiries please contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: [CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com](mailto:CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com)

Further information about the Club and its activities (including the full list of lectures confirmed so far) can be found on the CNFC website [www.cotswoldsnatsfield.club](http://www.cotswoldsnatsfield.club)

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## Wick-Flix is Back with The Salt Path

After a well-earned summer break, Wick-Flix is back this autumn and we're kicking off the new season with something truly special. On Friday 12th September we'll be showing *The Salt Path*, a moving and uplifting story based on Raynor Winn's bestselling memoir - fictionalised, or otherwise? Come and see what all the fuss has been about.

The film follows Raynor and her husband Moth as they face life-changing challenges and set out, with nothing but a couple of rucksacks, to walk the 630-mile South West Coast Path. Along the way they discover the healing power of nature, the resilience of the human spirit, and the importance of love, laughter and companionship when times are tough. Beautifully shot against the stunning backdrop of the Devon and Cornwall coastline, *The Salt Path* is an inspiring watch that will leave you reflecting on the strength of hope and renewal.

As always, doors open at 7.00pm and the



film will begin at 7.45pm. Come early, catch up with friends and neighbours, and enjoy a drink before the lights go down. Wick-Flix is all about more than just great films - it's about bringing the community together for an evening of warmth and shared experience. We're also pleased to let you know that tickets can now be purchased easily online through the Painswick Centre website at no extra charge. Just head to: [www.painswickcentre.com/wick-flix](http://www.painswickcentre.com/wick-flix) to book your seats. Of course, tickets will still be available on the door (subject to availability), but booking ahead guarantees you a spot.

And don't forget to save the date for our October screening on Friday 10th October, when we'll be showing *Juror #2* - a gripping new courtroom drama from director Clint Eastwood. More details to follow in next month's Beacon! We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone back - so mark the date in your diary and join us for an evening of inspiring cinema and community spirit.

*Ceri Chaplin*

## Painswick Centre AGM 22nd September, 7pm

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Painswick Centre will take place on Monday 22nd September at 7pm, at the Centre itself. Everyone is warmly invited to come along, hear about what has been happening at the Centre over the past year, and learn more about the exciting plans the Trustees have for the year ahead.



The  
**Painswick Centre**  
*at the heart of Painswick*

The AGM is a chance to see how the Centre has continued to grow as a hub for the community - from films and live events to clubs, classes and private celebrations. It's also an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and help shape the future of this much-loved local resource.

We are also on the lookout for new Trustees to join the team. This is a particularly exciting moment to get involved: with new initiatives and improvements on the horizon, we'd love to bring in fresh perspectives and energy. Becoming a Trustee isn't about having years of experience or specialist knowledge - it's about enthusiasm, commitment, and wanting to help make a difference for the community.

Trustees help shape decisions about the Centre's future, support its day-to-day running, and ensure that it remains at the heart of village life. It's also a wonderful way to meet people, develop new skills, and feel part of something that really matters. We are particularly keen to encourage younger people to step forward, as new voices and ideas will be vital in ensuring the Centre continues to thrive for years to come. But whatever your age or background, if you have even a little time and passion to spare, we'd love to hear from you. If you're interested in finding out more about what being a Trustee involves - or just want an informal chat before the AGM - please get in touch with me, Ceri Chaplin, at [ceri.chaplin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ceri.chaplin@hotmail.co.uk).

So please do join us at the AGM - whether you're simply curious about what's going on, or ready to get more involved. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

*Ceri Chaplin*

## Stop Press The Salt Path

The release date for *The Salt Path* seems to have been delayed so we may have to swap films for September and October (*Juror #2*). If this is the case then new posters will go up if but we'll continue to do our best to stick to our plan!

*Ceri Chaplin*

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## Wonderful Rent a Grannies!

The first 1000 days of a child's life are a time of tremendous potential and enormous vulnerability. How fortunate therefore that in Leicester in 1973, Margaret Harrison recognised the need to support young mothers and founded Home-Start. This much needed charity now boasts 180 local independent Home-Starts in the UK and can be found in 22 other countries across the world. Members of Yew Trees WI were delighted to welcome Heather Cunild, the Chair of the Stroud and Gloucester Home-Start to their July meeting, to learn about the wonderful work they do supporting over 600 families in our area every year.



In addition to the paid co-ordinators who assess a family's needs and measure outcomes, the majority of the groundwork is done by a band of trained volunteers who can best be described as "rent a granny"! They are totally non-judgemental and once a week go into a home and help the mother with whatever she most needs. It can be anything from hanging up the washing, looking after a disabled child while the mother spends time with other able-bodied children or perhaps helping with twins. Many young mothers are lacking in self-esteem, and the volunteer may well take a bag of toys along and teach the new mother how to play with her child or may accompany her out to the shops or for a walk. Homes where there is active domestic abuse, aggressive dogs or drug addiction are the only ones excluded from this wonderful, supportive service. In addition, there are antenatal and postnatal groups as well as a perinatal mental health peer support programme; and fathers are not left out! A recent addition is "Dads Matter" a project enabling fathers to have the best possible relationship with their children. A truly remarkable charity.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 23rd September Paul Murphy will talk on The von Trapp Family. This is the story of four extraordinary women - and a couple of men as well! The Sound of Music was a wonderful film, but the real story is surprisingly different to the one portrayed in the movie. So, ladies, why not come along and learn about it at 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms? A warm welcome awaits you.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

## Painswick Art Club

Painswick Art Club resumes weekly meetings in the Church Rooms on September 2nd. Membership is £35 a term and we aim to have fifteen painting opportunities each term, so only £2.34 a week: We have coffee/tea and biscuits for 20p a session. We are working on our own projects, often following a workshop we have attended, to practice skills we've learnt. There is plenty of discussion, ideas and advice to stimulate original work. We are lucky to be able to hang our work on the walls in the Church Room, which helps us feel we are progressing!

Sessions are 9:30 - 12:30 pm. Bring your own materials, though there are books and magazines for ideas!

*Joyce Barrus*



## Probus Club Report

August was a quiet period for the Club, giving pause to reflect on the excellent programme of talks on a wide variety of topics delivered between January and July. Highlights were the superb presentations on Lord Ismay (Churchill's right-hand man in WWII), The Nuclear Industry, Bourneville (Cadbury's model village trust), and the Panama Canal. Recent-joiner Harvey Sagar gave an entertaining saga drawing on tales from his amusing book "You can see the Doctor now".



Other events included the annual friendly skittles match against the Yew Trees WI held in the Painswick Centre, resulting in the Club's retaining the trophy, attributable to the excellent refreshments provided by the ladies. Co-president Michael Houghton hosted a Summer Garden Party at his home barely 2 weeks before moving house.

The programme of talks resumes on Thurs 4th September when Martyn Habgood will describe his take on living and working in China, followed 2 weeks later by recent-joiner James Tabor on "The Battle of Waterloo – Who was the Victor?"

To find out more about Painswick Valley Probus Club take a look at our simple website (Painswick Valley Probus Club) and feel free to get in touch.

*Henry Hall*

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# Painswick Community Support

## Autumn/Winter Community Lunches

Now that Autumn is on its way, we're starting to think about homemade soup and community lunches again for the coming season...!

With the community's continued support, we hope to run the popular Monday community lunches again at the Town Hall from the end of October till March with homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea and coffee provided by a range of community groups each week. The Pay As You Can donations are given to local charities or charities with a local connection. At the end of last year's season, £1800 was shared between Longfield Hospice, The Alzheimer's Society and Crisis.

We will be in touch in due course with the community groups who have kindly hosted in previous years and if your community group would like to get involved this year, do get in touch with us ( see contact details below). It would be great to have some new groups participating this year - it could even be a group from your street!

## Community Suppers

With the prize money awarded to Painswick Community Support following Painswick's success as Gloucestershire Village of the Year, we are planning to organise some community suppers during the winter. More information to follow.

## Community Connexions Transport Service

Date for your diary: Friday 12th September

Ed from Gloucestershire Community Connexions will be dropping in at the Community Hub on Friday 12th September between 10am and 11.30am to give out information and leaflets about Community Connexions, a local charity providing essential pre-booked transport for vulnerable people of all ages across Gloucestershire and beyond who would otherwise struggle to get where they need to go.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956 203087, email: [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

*Delyth, Hannah and Louise on behalf of Painswick Community Support*

# Painswick's past is back again

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



The forthcoming programme has been designed to cover a wide range of topics with broad appeal and the new season of talks takes off in September when Ray Wilson, an excellent speaker, will give a presentation on the industrial heritage of the Cotswolds with which of course Painswick was heavily involved. The 2025-26 programme thereafter spans a good range of intriguing topics covering a broad set of interests – secret Stroud, lordship in the landscape, pilgrims and pilgrimage, Cranham potteries, Milo of Gloucester (friend of Pain), highlights from the Stroud Museum, and more, plus the outing in May.

The presentations are all given by knowledgeable local speakers and the first talk, by Ray Wilson, on the industrial heritage of the Cotswolds will start at 7.30pm on Tues. 16th September at The Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

Further information about any aspect of the Society's activities will be available on Clypping Sunday when the Society will be present with a stall in the churchyard. It will also be another chance to see the VE Day display held in the church in May – so relevant of course for this, the 80th anniversary year.

*Carol Maxwell*

Left: New Street in the early days of the Motor Bus



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## Patient Group News

As I read in the media of assaults on Openreach personnel fixing telecom problems in people's homes and nurses being attacked in increasing numbers in hospitals I thought I'd make another appeal for Painswick to become an aggravation-free zone. Sadly the Surgery tell us that inappropriate behaviour towards receptionists continues. Please treat them kindly, their role is to help you get to the right person for the right treatment though they do not make clinical decisions. Your patience can help get your outcome right more quickly.



## Vaccinations in October

Early warning - both 'flu and Covid vaccinations will be taking place at the Surgery on Saturdays the 4th and 18th October so the area, car parks especially, will be very busy. If you are asked to attend please walk or cycle, or otherwise avoid driving yourself there to ease congestion. Patient group members will be there, as ever, to help keep things organised. Good drop-off points are Cheltenham Road by Gyde Barn footpath or the top of Pullens Road for the footpath through from there.

## Carers' needs

Administrator Alice is coordinating Practice responses to Carers' needs and asks that if you are a carer you make sure the Practice knows that so appropriate responses can be made. We welcomed the recent talk at the Friday Club on the services on offer from the Gloucs Carers Hub, if you missed this, contact Alice on the usual number: 01452 812545 for more information. Other receptionists at the Surgery are Mandie (Patient Services Manager), Bertie, Kyla, Sarah, Michelle and Debbie (Patient Services Administrators).

## Free workshops

The University of Gloucestershire is offering a range of free workshops this autumn at its new Arts, Health and Wellbeing Centre on Kings Square in Gloucester. The workshop topics are:

- People and communities designing, leading and taking part in research - 28 October, 1 (for 1.30pm start) until 4.30pm
- Demystifying the research process and research terminology in health and care - 9 September 9.30am (for 10am start) until 1pm
- Introduction to Personalised Care and Strengths Based Approach - 17 October, 9.30am (for 10am start) until 4pm
- Introduction to Social Prescribing / Asset Based Community Development - 31 October, 9.30am (for 10am start) until 4pm
- Introduction to Creative Health - 12 November, 9.30am (for 10am start) until 4pm

For more information and to book your place, please contact [anne.howe4@nhs.net](mailto:anne.howe4@nhs.net)

## Support if under threat in pubs and bars

Our sister Patient Group in the Forest of Dean have highlighted the Ask for Angela Scheme, an ingenious way to ask for help. To find out more go to [askforangela.co.uk](http://askforangela.co.uk)

*David Perry, Patient Group Chair*

## The Club goes on

The good news is that The Friday Club is continuing! With Autumn on the way a stimulating programme of talks and outings has been prepared. We commence on Friday 5th September at 2.30 pm when historian Marion Hill, will present an illustrated talk on "Gloucestershire Gardens, Large and Small." Marion will take us on a fascinating journey through time, visiting a wonderful array of gardens including medicinal and culinary plots and, best of all, glorious gardens created entirely for pleasure, such as Sezincote (pictured). Unmissable!

**Friday  
Club**



Then on the 19th Neena Buntal, from Painswick Surgery's Patient Participation Group, will talk about "Making the Most of your NHS App". Neena is an NHS App Ambassador and sits on the Core Group of PPG, helping with liaison between patients and surgery staff. Please bring your Smartphone with you! This short session will be preceded at 2.30 pm with the Club's AGM.

Turning to October, on Friday 3rd Paul Baxter will talk about the aims and work of the Painswick Beacon Conservation volunteers and how they cope with the "No Fence" herd of Dexter Cattle who roam on the Beacon.

The Friday Club meets in the Lower Room of the Town Hall at 2.30pm on alternate Friday afternoons. The Club's programme is specifically aimed at senior members of the Community. Tea and biscuits are served after every talk with plenty of time and opportunity to sit and chat. So why not come and join us? Outings this autumn include visits to the Javelin Park Incinerator and to Stroud's Community Fire Station. Annual membership £20 payable in January, reduced to £10 for the rest of 2025. We also charge £2 for each Meeting or £4 for guests. Queries to 813228. We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings!

*Mike Kerton*

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## Gardening Club Summer Social and a new season

The Painswick Gardening Club Summer Social was held in Painswick this year, with visits to three neighbouring gardens, starting with a Pimms drink. Club Members were amazed at the range of plants in very different garden styles. We were treated to plums, mulberries and apples, ripening early. A medlar tree looked as though it was going to be very productive this year, too. Raspberries have done well, strawberries not. But most plants have survived the drought conditions, with prolific flowering. We remembered that we did not get the frosts in April, as we do in so many years, so there had been good pollination without loss. Deep rooted plants were not as affected by the continuous drought conditions. We met back at base for a buffet supper with Prosecco, fresh salad options and interesting desert contributions by members.



Our New Club season starts on September 10th with a talk by a representative of Tortworth Nursery, who will also be bringing plants for sale. We meet in the Painswick Town Hall at 7 pm with a cup of coffee/tea; and perhaps a glass of wine. A chance to catch up with gardening. The talk starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

Membership subscriptions for the new season will be due. Come and join in.

*Joyce Barrus*



The Gardening Club enjoy their Summer Social

## Music Appreciation Group A new season starts

The new season of PMAG begins this month on Thursday 18th of September at 2:30pm in the Town Hall and continues every fortnight (with a break for Christmas and New Year) until the end of April next year.



A wide ranging and hugely enjoyable programme is planned and can be seen displayed on most notice boards and shop windows in Painswick. Please have a look and be persuaded to come along and enjoy stimulating and informative subjects with refreshments, conversation and companionship.

PMAG begins with a musical tour around the British Isles illustrated by highly tuneful and romantic music sourced from classical, folk and even the hit parade. Beginning in Cornwall and travelling up through Wales, across to Ireland, back to North West England, into Scotland, down the East Coast through the Solent returning to the South West.

Two weeks later our second talk on October 2nd comes from Richard Westwood-Brookes a renowned Elgar expert and writer who will regale us with the lives of two British composers from affluent backgrounds who were also infamous for naturist cycle rides. Richard's previous visits have always been highlights and he is not to be missed.

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

Thursday September 18th Michael Grey

A musical journey around the UK

Thursday October 2nd Richard Westwood-Brookes

EJ Moeran and Warlock, eccentrics of the English revival

*Michael Grey*



## AGM and recital

Our AGM will be held at 11 am on Saturday 20th September 2025 in St Mary's Church Rooms. The short business meeting will be followed by a 40-minute recital by the outstanding young Gloucestershire musicians, Nathaneal Soares, principal bassoonist with Gloucester Youth Orchestra and pianist Rhys Loffhagen. This will be followed by refreshments. All members, supporters and friends are invited to attend. Young people are especially welcome and also those who are interested in what we offer but have not been to a concert yet. We look forward to meeting you.

*Sue Pack*

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# Non-residential yoga retreat weekend

## Sheepscombe Village Hall - 20/21 September

Dear readers, do come and join myself and Emma, both experienced yoga teachers and retreat leaders in September when we will be honouring the Autumn Equinox. The equinox, when day and night are in perfect balance, offers a profound metaphor for yoga practice. Just as the Earth pauses in equal light and darkness before tipping toward longer nights, yoga invites us to find steadiness between effort and surrender, strength and softness. In this seasonal shift, nature encourages inward reflection, releasing what no longer serves. Practicing grounding asanas, mindful pranayama and meditative stillness during the equinox can help align our inner rhythms with this moment of balance, honouring both the outer change in seasons and the quiet equilibrium within.

We invite you to join us for the whole weekend or just one of the days - Saturday September 20th and/or Sunday September 21st at Sheepscombe Village Hall, 10 am to 4pm. The costs is £120 for the whole weekend or £75 for one day; lunch and tea/coffee is included. To book please get in touch via email - [yoginikim@icloud.com](mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com), or message me on 07973 504593. Warm wishes.

*Kim Brockett*



## Directory 2026 - it's your call

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

If you run a business, service, society, club etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2026 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

If you are already in, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry that is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible. There are also one or two services for which there is a noticeable shortage. If you are engaged in a business or activity or know of one where this shortage applies please let us know. This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry to [directory.beacon@painswick.net](mailto:directory.beacon@painswick.net) or to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) or to Carol Maxwell at [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net) or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible and definitely by the end of October.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Charles Wilfred Orr

## Composer of song settings to Housman's poems

1940

Charles Wilfred Orr, usually known to musicians as C.W. Orr (but to his friends as Willie), was one of England's finest song composers, known particularly for his settings of poems from 'A Shropshire Lad' by A.E. Housman. He lived in Painswick for over 40 years, although for much of that period his musical output was relatively limited.

He was born in Cheltenham in 1893, for a time attending Cheltenham College, although he suffered from ill health as a child. He enlisted in the Coldstream Guards in 1915, but was invalided out little more than a year later, and from then on concentrated on music. He had introduced himself to Delius, whom he much admired, in 1915 and the older man became a mentor to him, carrying on a long correspondence. An even greater influence



Charles Wilfred Orr



C.W. Orr in his music room at Church House

though was the poet A.E. Housman. Orr's song cycle 'Seven songs from A Shropshire Lad' was composed between 1927 and 1931 and is possibly still his best known work.

He came back repeatedly to Housman's work and set 24 of his poems to music.

He developed tuberculosis in 1923, taking a long time to recover and had continuing health problems, which resulted in him being advised to leave London. He came to Painswick, with his wife Helen in 1934, buying Church House in St Mary's Street, right on the edge of the churchyard. They renamed it 'Clevelands', although it is now Church House again. He became a familiar figure in the village, walking regularly on the Beacon, playing billiards at the Institute and taking part in many local activities. He was one the founders of the Painswick Music Society, which recently celebrated its 75th anniversary.

'Three songs from A Shropshire Lad' were published. He wrote six more songs in the 1950s, the last in 1957 with then nothing more in the remaining 19 years of his life. In later years he was troubled by deafness, which distorted musical sounds, particularly higher pitched ones, and became rather disillusioned by what he felt was the lack of recognition of his earlier work.



The blue plaque on Church House

Despite his own relative disappointment, he is now recognised as one of the leading English song composers of the 20th century, and is certainly well remembered in Painswick, where Church House displays Painswick's only official blue plaque. There is also a high relief portrait of him in the Town Hall, created by the sculptor Anthea Dutot.



Former Council Chairman, the late Barbara Tait and Sculptor Anthea Dutot with the relief portrait

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## Local Jazz Trio to play at Stroud Brewery

### Friday 12th September, 7.30 - 11pm

The Utrillo Jazz Trio was formed in 2018 by Painswick resident and pianist Francis Sanville and has built up its reputation with performances including a packed-out Christmas Eve gig in the Tap Room at Stroud Brewery. They'll be back there on Friday 12th September to perform two sets in the Upper Room inspired by Jazz greats such as George Shearing, Bill Evans, Dave Brubeck and Chick Corea - elegant melodies, lush harmonies, and irresistible rhythms that will have both jazz aficionados and first-time listeners hooked.

As well as Francis, the trio consists of Peter Martin on double bass and Richie Ashton-Phillips on drums. They aim to make jazz inclusive and accessible for all, developing original arrangements of well-known classic tunes, combining the blues, swing, and 20th-century classical harmony. You can expect to hear melodies and tunes you know - and some you don't. And the ones you know, you'll hear in ways you might not quite expect. But above all, it should be an evening of wonderful, beautiful music.



## Jottings

I was watching blackbirds on our lawn and noticing one moving and tilting its head. They have excellent hearing and can hear the worms moving below the surface, find them and dig them up. The birds also have very good eyesight so it is best that worms do not stick or move on the surface. Blackbirds can also eat small slugs by dragging them along grass to rub off the slime. Thrushes and robins look for the worm heads as well, but robins also dig small holes in the lawn to see if there are any worms. Seagulls and some other birds tap their feet on the ground to mimic rain falling. Worms come to the surface when there is rain.

When we are out ploughing in the fields, turning over the soil, we bring up plenty of worms, attracting lots of birds. When the Gloucester tip was open you would get hundreds of gulls coming inland to feed, diving for food, but this has mainly disappeared since the tip was closed.

Treated sewage sludge (called biosolids) can be used as fertilizer on farms in this country, but is quite highly regulated. It provides good nutrients and organic matter so there is not much need for chemical fertilizers. Before a farmer uses it you need to take a soil sample to see what nutrients there are present, so that there is a balance of different ones. Sewage must not be spread near water sources and you must inject it into the soil so you do not get any run off. This method also reduces odour. Washouts from vegetable packing and washing down big dairy bottling plants can also provide nutrients to the soil.

*Martin Slinger*

## Jade-Olivia Patrick

Advance Notice of a special event at Cranham Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 25th October, when Jade-Olivia Patrick will be bringing her band to perform. Jade spent her formative years living in Cranham and attending Cranham C of E School, before training at Bristol Old Vic and working professionally as a singer with BBC Radio 2's Jazz Festival, performing for the Henry Weston Sessions. Her music is described as soulful jazz, bold blues and classics re-imagined. Tickets £15. Contact [cranhamevents@gmail.com](mailto:cranhamevents@gmail.com) or 01452 812485. Profits in aid of Cranham Village Hall.

*Gill Hopkins*

## An alternative to Care

A new business available across Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds is now offering a personal assistant and companionship service for people who live on their own, as an alternative to traditional care services. The Bespoke Life, founded by Vicky Weaver in Cheltenham aims to combat loneliness, help people maintain independence at home and give families peace of mind that their loved ones are supported and engaged in meaningful activity. For more information, visit [www.thebespokelife.co.uk](http://www.thebespokelife.co.uk) or contact Vicky@thebespokelife.co.uk or 01242 431811.

*Vicky Weaver*

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# Library News

## Lego Inventors days Painswick Library August 2025

Well wow, we held four free Lego Inventors sessions over two Fridays in our Painswick Library; the interest far outweighed my expectations with twenty-nine children coming along. The event was supported and run by Tori Skelsey, Community Lab Technician from The Lab at Chipping Campden Library. Tori provided all the Lego Spike kits and laptops, over the two days we worked with all the children to build their own Lego creations using an on line programme and then teaching them to code the Lego creations to move, swing, attach music, sounds etc.



We had so many children interested that many paired up with a friend or sibling working together as a team which actually worked very well. For one session we were booked for six children but in the end we had eleven! It was fantastic to work with all the children and their interest and passion was heartwarming. Many thanks to all the children and parents/carers that came along and especially to Tori who was incredibly patient and knowledgeable. The feedback from some parents and children has been fantastic. One little boy said "I love this" on multiple times as he was so excited to see his Ferris wheel going round. Another boy said it was one of the best things he'd done in the holiday and as good as going to see How to Train Your Dragon at the cinema!

Thanks also to all the volunteers at Painswick Library who had their quiet Friday library sessions very much taken over by lots of lively children, adults and families. We are looking to repeat these sessions next year and also introducing other activities throughout the year that the children can enjoy. So watch this space.

*Gill Hopkins Painswick Library Volunteer and Trustee.*

## Painswick Library Challenge - Ready, steady, read Ends on Monday 15th September

Hey, calling all children from Painswick, Cranham, Sheepscombe and all the surrounding villages, if you've signed up for our fabulous library challenge this summer you've still got two weeks left to finish your three books and get your passport signed off at the library, in order to receive your £10.00 book voucher. Don't forget to draw a picture from a book you've read (age 3-6) and if you're 7-12 please write a story about your holiday. The winners of both categories will have their story and picture published in The Painswick Beacon and you'll receive a voucher for £20.00! What's not to like!

*Gill Hopkins & Mono Polo*

## Wednesday Pop-Ins

The Wednesday Pop-In will be re-starting in the Town Hall on 1st October until 17th December 10-12pm. Do call in and join us for a cuppa, biscuits and a chat. There will be jigsaws, boardgames, arts and crafts etc for those interested. Donations are for The Painswick Community Hub. Volunteers to set up some tables etc are appreciated. The more the merrier to keep the Pop-In vibrant. I'm pleased to say a few stalwarts decided to get together and have been Popping-In the last few Wednesdays so do come and join us. I will need to draw up a rota of volunteers so please ring me on 01452 814186. Thanks.

*Sandra Glass*



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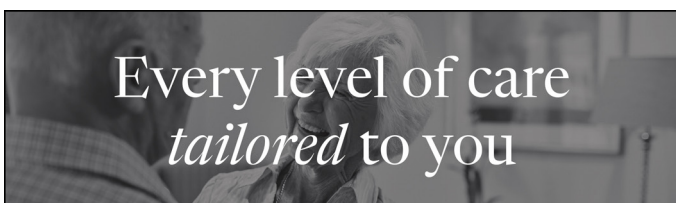
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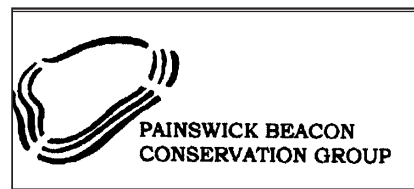
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# Restarting work parties

The approaching end of the summer holidays turns my thoughts to starting work parties again. We plan to have one every week, every other Saturday and every other Wednesday. We are always looking to recruit new members, so why not make this the year when you come and help? The Beacon is such an important site for wildlife, but it is under huge pressure from increasing visitors' numbers. Even if you are unable to manage the hard physical work, there are other tasks that may be more suitable. We need help with cattle checking, vegetation surveying, documenting, fund raising, litter picking and path repairs. No experience is necessary, but an abundance of enthusiasm helps!



Autumn lady's tresses (*Spiranthes spiralis*)

healthy. Little is known about the pollination, but the seeds are like dust and require penetration from specific fungi mycelium for germination. The plant then parasitizes the fungi for about seven years before it flowers. More amazing ecology on our doorstep.

Paul Baxter. 07971 633 242

If you are interested, please join us at our annual meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, 11th, at 19:30. This is a perfect opportunity to enroll, learn about our activities over the last year, and hear a brilliant talk on trees by John Parker from the Gloucestershire Association of Arborists.

In the coming season we will revisit many of the areas we worked in three or four years ago. The main objective will be to recut and treat any excessive bramble growth and remove about 50% of the scrub regrowth. In other sections, larger trees will be felled to allow space for the grassland to expand into. Many of these trees will be diseased ash which, if they are by paths, need to come down to ensure public safety.

We have funds which are ring-fenced for path repairs and some aggregate supplied by the Parish Council, so initially we intend to repair the section of the Cotswold Way leading from the Quarry Road towards The Royal William. Drainage channels will also be cut in to prevent surface water flooding down towards the road. The slitter, purchased last year, will be put to good use again on fairways and paths to help aerate the soil and improve drainage.

Finally, the vegetation survey has detected record numbers of Autumn Lady's Tresses, a rare orchid normally found on coastal areas. In one location, approximately 60 x 80m, we counted nearly four hundred.

In my time with PBCG I've only ever seen two! They are only 50 – 75mm tall and need a short sward height. Surprisingly, given the drought conditions, they were extremely

## Join the Beacon Team Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to join the team that put the Beacon together every month, as two long-serving members are stepping down shortly. We need someone who can work with the editorial team and someone to handle the administration of subscriptions. Support will be provided for either position, so previous experience is not essential. Contact any of the team to discuss – contact details on the inside back page.

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## Summary of a year at The Croft

At the end of another very busy year packed with many different activities, events and visits, I would like to share with you some of the achievements and successes we have had at The Croft.



We continue to see positive impacts on outcomes across the school as a result of our ongoing development of teaching. We have once again had excellent external data results in summer 2025 where, in the majority of areas, our children scored significantly above national scores.

Children from every year group have participated in a variety of sporting events and tournaments. Some of the highlights have been: winning the boys small schools football cup and the summer athletics competition. Several pupils were placed in the top 10 in cross-country and subsequently represented the county in national events. We have had players from Gloucester Rugby Club, Forest Green Rovers, Hartpury Rugby and an expert dance teacher in school to lead sessions with the children, as well as a multitude of sporting after school clubs. Friends of The Croft organised a fantastic wellbeing week with many different activities and experiences culminating in a colour run on the school field which for many was definitely the highlight of the week!

Staff have continued to raise the profile of the creative arts and ensure the children have had increased opportunities to participate in different events. We provide peripatetic music lessons in many different instruments with over 50 children across the school participating. Year 2 had class music lessons in p-buzz and Year 4 in trumpet and we have provided increased numbers of enrichment clubs in the creative arts (drama, art, sewing and choir). Thirty children from years 4, 5 and 6 joined thousands of others from across the country at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham, whilst our choir was involved in the Christmas carol service organised by the Rococo Garden. In April, a group of 35 children and staff went to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

I would like to extend my thanks to all our parents and carers for their support this year which has ranged from attending events, transporting children to and from events, ensuring homework was done, uniform worn correctly and children being on time for school. We all really appreciate your on-going support.

The staff here at The Croft continue to be very hardworking, committed and dedicated and I would personally like to thank them for all their support, flexibility and perseverance through the changes and challenges that this year has presented us with. It is their enthusiasm and resilience that makes The Croft a fantastic place to work and learn. I am looking forward to working with them again next year to ensure our provision enables the children at The Croft to be resilient, compassionate and responsible citizens.

*Rebecca Gore, Headteacher*

## Vacancy for a School Governor

The Croft School in Painswick has a vacancy for someone to join the Governing Body. The Croft is a thriving Primary school rated 'Good' by Ofsted. The role of a governor is to ensure that the school is well run, meets its legal obligations, and sets the highest standards for the education it provides for its pupils.



Governors attend six main board meetings plus other committee meetings every year. We also try to get to know the school well by spending time in the school and attending school events.

Our governors bring a range of skills and experience to the role. It is not necessary to have a professional background in education. Any experience of a governance role in other fields would be valuable but not essential. Above all, we need people with the energy and drive to help us make the school the best it can be. We would particularly welcome people with a track record of community outreach or fundraising, and any links to businesses or organisations in the local area would certainly be of interest. One of our goals is to extend the reach of the school more widely into the community, so there is a real opportunity for a new governor to bring expertise in that area.

If you think this is an opportunity which could be of interest or you would just like to find out more, please contact the chair of governors, Alastair Duncan, at [aduncan@croft.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:aduncan@croft.gloucs.sch.uk) to arrange a discussion to explore the role.

*Rebecca Gore, Headteacher*

## Beginner's Spanish course

In response to requests for a beginner's Spanish course, I am hoping to be able to offer an 8 week course of 2 hours per lesson commencing on Tuesday 16th September in Sheepscote village hall at 10.00 with a break in the middle of October.



It will depend on how much interest there is, so if you want to be able to understand the cocktail menu on the Costa Brava, or navigate the metro in Madrid, please get in contact with me on 01452 814677. The cost will be £75 per person payable in advance and will include ¡Un café y un pastel!

We will concentrate mainly on conversation but there will be opportunities to read and write a bit of Spanish too. And yes... there will be homework!!

*Jenny Broadbank*

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# Painswick Sports

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## Rugby

Senior training has begun under new coach Toby White, 6.45pm every Thursday, new players always welcome. Contact secretary@painswickrugby.co.uk



Junior training begins at 10am on Sunday 7th September. We will have age groups from U12 down to tots rugby as well as an U14 boys team and girls only teams as part of the Five Valleys Valkyries at U12 and U14s, again contact as above.

Chris Coombs

## Badminton

A new season starts for Painswick Badminton club this September. The club plays at the Painswick Centre on Thursdays and welcomes new members. If interested please email John at barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk



## Golf Seniors section

To date the seniors section have played 15 seniors matches of which 9 have been played at home and 6 away. Results have been favourable with 9 wins, 3 losses and 3 drawn. 34 different players have made themselves available during these matches and between them they have completed 196 games of which 104 have been won, 58 lost and 34 halved. Despite the very dry weather the course has held up well considering there is no sprinkler system for the greens so any watering has been done with very long hoses or use of the bowser.



## Cricket

### Star performance from U9 cricketers

The U9 cricketers from Painswick, more commonly known as the Dynamos, enjoyed an amazing tournament held at Gloucester City Cricket Club on the glorious afternoon of Sunday the 3rd of August, coming in an incredible 3rd place. Painswick performed amazingly, with fabulous fielding, batting, and bowling all round. The competition was part of a national programme "All Stars Cricket" for the younger players.



Rhys Walker



## Parents cricket

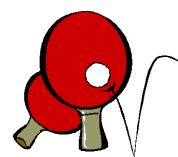
### Kings claim crown as Panthers Slayed

A T20 between Painswick dads took place last month. Knibbs' Kings (149) triumphed over Port's Panthers (136) in a thoroughly entertaining evening. There were some fine performances from both teams, with Super Les putting in a man of the match performance with excellent bowling and an important lower order 20 not out. Pulled pork baps were followed by families playing cricket together in the sun and in the end, cricket was the real winner! A huge thanks to Dom Barnard for hosting this event.

Dan Port

## Painswick Table Tennis Club Weekly Session Information

Join Us for Table Tennis! Looking for an enjoyable way to stay active, meet neighbours, and improve your game? The Table Tennis Club invites players of all abilities to join our friendly weekly sessions. We meet every Wednesday at Painswick Centre main hall from 7.30 to 9pm at a cost of £5 per session.



You can expect casual games and friendly matches - all ages and skill levels welcome. Equipment provided, or bring your own bat and ball. Join for great exercise and fun competition and meet new friends in the village. No experience necessary. We look forward to seeing you at the next session! For more information, please contact me on 07453 027766.

David Harris, Club organiser

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## Pickleball The English Open

I have been playing pickleball for three years. This year I had the amazing opportunity to play in the English Open, with over 2,000 players across 41 courts and 40 nationalities; it was a celebration of the sport at its best. I was very happy to make the quarter finals in my category and the whole experience just confirmed why I love this game so much. If you haven't tried pickleball yet I can't recommend it enough!

*Sharon Hall*



## Cotswold Way Relay

A team of 10 Painswick dads represented Stroud Valley Trail Runners (SVTR) in the Cotswold relay last month, kindly organised by Simon de Waal. Each runner completes a segment of the Cotswold Way as fast as possible, with all times added up at the end. SVTR placed 19/39 in the open category. In other SVTR news, Ian Miller won his age category (Veteran 60) at the recent Frampton 10k in an amazing 43.44! The dad's running group meet at the Rec every Sunday at 8.30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. We usually cover around 10km around the beautiful trails of Painswick

*Dan Port*



## Painswick Football Club Season 25/26

We now operate 4 open age men's football teams, welcoming players as young as 16 into our sides. Our 1sts and Reserves will play out of Painswick whilst our 3rds and newly formed 4ths will play in Gloucester.

We also have entered two youth teams into the Cotswold youth league. We will have an U9's & U10's team whilst still keeping a session going on Sundays for all the other age groups!

Any interest in getting involved with any of our teams can be directed to myself at [jordan.hutchinson.619@hotmail.com](mailto:jordan.hutchinson.619@hotmail.com) or on 07411 861889

*Jordan Hutchinson*



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# Letters

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*Kat Leighton-Boyce writes:*

I can't help but raise awareness of dog fouling in the village. I was at the Rec with my two young children and shocked that dog owners have not cleared up their dog's mess. It has been removed from the children's roundabout area by another concerned parent. Surely we want our children to be able to play safely in this lovely village?

*Greg and Jan Thatcher from Iowa write:*

Dear Painswick,  
Our summer six week yew tree drawing trip was incredible. The weather was perfect for drawing in the churchyard. We made many new friends during their dog and baby walks or other walks through the churchyard. The community support for us has been profound and nourishing. We feel blessed to have the chance to be here yearly. We will see you next summer!



Greg and Jan Thatcher in the churchyard

## Property Report

Unsurprisingly for August, the local property market has been relatively quiet, although with a hot-spot in the area around Churchill Way. 5 Hyett Close, a 3 bed family home, came onto the market recently (Murrays, £375,000), but at the time of writing is already marked as under offer. 5 Berry Close, a three bedroom terraced home is still available through Murrays at £295,000, while Hamptons have 25 Churchill Way, a four bedroom link-detached house in need of renovation at £360,000.

On Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe, The Crest is a detached bungalow with great views (Hamptons, £550,000), while Pincot Cottage on nearby Pincot Lane (Hamptons, £900,000) has three bedrooms, a self-contained annexe and a detached 'party barn'. In Cranham, Pound Cottage, a detached stone cottage is also available through Hamptons at an asking price of offers in excess of £600,000 for chain-free buyers.

At Richmond Village, there is a rare opportunity to rent an Assisted Living Apartment. Apartment 1/2, a first floor apartment is available at £1,800 pcm – see the Richmond website for details.

12 Gyde House and 2 George Court have recently gone under offer through Murrays, as have Longridge House and Beechwood House at Longridge and The Granary at Painswick Court through Hamptons.

The sales of Outside Edge in Blakewell Mead, 6A Canton Acre, Steepways at Longridge and Bears Den on Cheltenham Road have all completed.

## A new way to help Allsorts

Allsorts is a Stroud-based charity that helps disabled children and their families access everyday experiences that others take for granted, supporting their physical and mental health through opportunities to stay active, have fun, and connect with one another. The charity is currently supporting 13 families in Painswick. For more information visit [allsortsglos.org.uk](http://allsortsglos.org.uk), email [info@allsortsglos.org.uk](mailto:info@allsortsglos.org.uk), or call 01453 750474.



Now Stroud resident and Vice President of Stroud Rotary, Laura Stewart, is offering a new way to help Allsorts if you want to review your home services, including energy, broadband and insurance to see if you could save money by switching. Laura represents Utility Warehouse, who will make a donation to Allsorts for every customer who switches through her. To learn more you can register your interest at: [connectors.uw.co.uk/CN-LSP5](http://connectors.uw.co.uk/CN-LSP5)

*Ollie Smith, Allsorts*



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	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie <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
	Weds Pop-In restart from October 1st. Meet up for a cuppa, chat and other activities.	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm
<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:cgsivain:btinternet.com">cgsivain: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)

### September

Thurs	4	Painswick Probus: Rapidly changing China - Martyn Hapgood	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	5	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	5	Yew Trees WI: Visit to 'The Talented Mr Ripley'. Prebooking essential	Everyman Theatre	7.30pm
	5	Friday Club: Glos Gardens large and small - Marion Hill. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
Mon	8	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	9	Yew Trees WI: History Walk around Painswick - Carol Maxwell. £5.00		
		Prebooking essential.		
	9	Morning prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
Weds	10	Gardening Society: Tortworth Nursery (plants for sale)	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	11	The Arts Society: Genius of Antonio Stradivari - Tony Faber	Painswick Centre	10. 15 for 11.00pm
	11	PBCG Annual Meeting. John Parker from Glos Arborist Association	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	12	Wickfrix: The Salt Path	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	12	Community Connexions Transport Information at Community Hub	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
Sat	13	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	14	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Marys Church	9.30am
	14	Family Worship	St Marys Church	11.00am
Tues	16	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
	16	History Society: Industrial heritage of the Cotswolds - Ray Wilson	Croft School	7.30pm
Weds	17	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Thurs	18	Painswick Probus: Waterloo - who was the victor? - James Tabor	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	18	PMAG: A musical journey around the British Isles - Michael Grey	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club AGM: Make the most of your NHS App - Neena Buntwal. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Painswick Music Society AGM	Church Rooms	11.00am
	20	Friday Club: Outing to Everyman. Aled Jones - Full Circle. Prebook 813228	Everyman Theatre	7.30pm
Sun	21	<b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
	21	Holy Communion	St Marys Church	11.00am
	21	Painswick Feast	Churchyard	From 11.00am
	21	Clypping service	St Marys Church	3.00pm
Mon	22	Painswick Centre AGM	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
Tues	23	Yew Trees WI: The von Trapp family - Paul Murphy	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	23	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am
	23	Prayer and Praise	St Marys Church	7.00pm
Weds	24	Midweek Communion	St Marys Church	11.00am
Fri	26	Community Hub hosted at Richmond Village	Richmond Auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am
Sat	27	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	28	Beacon Praise	St Marys Church	11.00am
Tues	30	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church	9.00am

### October

Weds	1	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
	1	Cotteswold Naturalists: Beyond Treasure Trove - what makes treasure, treasure? Gail Boyle . Enq 690989	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	2	PMAG: EJ Moeran and Warlock - Richard Westwood - Brookes	Town Hall	2.30pm
	2	Painswick Probus: The Caribbean Wildlife and Birds - Arthur Ball	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	3	<b>Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	3	Friday Club: The work of the PBCG - Paul Baxter. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.25/1351/HHOLD and S.25/1352/LBC  
Rosemary Cottage, St Marys Street  
Erection of a single storey rear extension.  
Repairs to roof tiling and replacement fenestration. Internal alterations.

S.25/1426/HHOLD Clarelands,  
Golf Course Road  
Conversion of garage to annexe accommodation inclusive of raising of ridge and eaves to facilitate a new mezzanine floor.

S.25/1410/PIP Cheltenham Road  
Garage, Cheltenham Road  
Erection of 1-4 dwellings  
S.25/1299/FUL 10 & 11 Canton Acre  
Installation of external wall render system.  
S.25/0942/FUL Land South Of  
Springfield Lodge, Slad  
Retention of pond and associated engineering works. (Retrospective).

S.25/1458/HHOLD Dry Knapps  
House, Edge Road  
Erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Replacement windows and roof tiles. Installation of air source heat pump  
S.25/1483/HHOLD The Bull,  
Wick Street

Erection of detached garage/store.  
S.25/1431/HHOLD and S.25/1432/LBC  
Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe  
Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of two storey extension with single storey glazed link, orangery and garden pergola.

S.25/1511/LBC Mulberry Cottage,  
Paradise  
Installation of solar PV panels  
S.25/1590/AFPA Lot 4, Land At Woodside  
Erection of a polytunnel  
S.25/1494/TPO Butt Green House, Butt  
Green

2x Mature beech trees - Reduce height and peripheral margins by 7m. Raise crown to 7m.

## CONSENT

S.25/1080/HHOLD 1 Churchill  
Way  
Erection of a single storey side extension.  
S.25/1120/LBC Dovecot Cottage,  
Stepping Stone Lane  
Demolition of existing conservatory and

erection of a replacement single storey extension.

S/25/1173/HHOLD 3 Gloucester  
Road

Erection of a single storey side extension.  
Erection of two outbuildings.

S.25/1356/TCA Ludloes, Gloucester  
Street

4 Apple trees - Fell.

S.25/1451/TCA Lovedays Garden, St  
Marys Street

Walnut tree - completely remove all low branches to leave a clear stem to approximately 6m. Reduce the 2 branches over the Mulberry by approximately 3 - 4m to give it more room and light.

S.25/1477/TPO Castle Hale, Stamages  
Lane

Lime Tree (T1) - reduce crown by 2-3 metres, crown clean and remove all major deadwood. Maple Tree (T2) - crown raise to 4 metres ground clearance over the driveway. Pine/Yew (G2) - reduce limbs over the road by 3-4 metres (end weight). Reduce the yew beneath the canopy by 1-2 metres. Reduce the amount of overhanging foliage on the neighbours driveway. Provide clearance on the internet cable.

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# Personal Column

## Congratulations

To JAMIE MORGAN and FRIEDERIKE PATON who were married at St. Mary's Church on 12th July. Jamie and Friederike both grew up in Painswick.



Friederike and Jamie

To TOBIAS GREEN and MIRANDA SAUL who were married at Hackney Town Hall on a very hot midsummer's day 21st June – a day like the future, filled with love, happiness and joy. Toby grew up in Painswick and went to The Croft School. He and Miranda met at Downfield 6th Form in Stroud some 10 years ago.



Toby and Miranda

To CRESSIDA MAWDESLEY-THOMAS and JAMES BAPTY who were married at St. Mary's Church on 16th August.

Cressida grew up in Painswick and is a former pupil at The Croft School.

## Condolences

To the family and friends of MALCOLM ANDREW who was born in Plymouth in 1951 and grew up in Orpington in Kent. After graduating from Exeter University and teaching in different schools, he settled in Painswick in 1980. He was Head of French at what was then Cheltenham Boys Grammar school and retired in 2015 from Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham.

Malcolm's lifelong passion was sport, especially Rugby and having moved to Painswick he immediately joined the rugby team and for a time captained the first 15. Later he joined Painswick Tennis Club where he played team and social tennis for many years. Malcolm was by nature a quiet, modest, unconventional man who was generous in his support of family, friends and colleagues. He will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and all those that knew him. The family would like to express their thanks for the many kind and comforting cards, words and hugs that they have received following his death.



Malcolm Andrew

To the family and friends of JENNY OAKLEY who sadly passed on 13th July 2025 at Richmond Cheltenham, with her loving family at her side. Jenny was part of the heart of Painswick for many years, living in the village and at Richmond Painswick, and giving so much to the community she loved.

For over three decades she led the Puffins exercise group, bringing energy, friendship, and laughter to countless sessions, and was previously honoured

as Painswickian of the Year. She will be fondly remembered for her warmth, generosity, and unwavering community spirit and much missed by her daughter, son and grandchildren.



Jenny Oakley

To the family and friends of JEAN HALL who sadly died on August 9th aged 84 after a long fight against illness. She will be much missed by her husband Michael and her sons Christopher and David. She lived on the outskirts of the village moving to Castle Godwin in the late 1950s and then to a house on Cheltenham Road. Her funeral will be held at Gloucester Crematorium on Friday 12th September at 12.00pm and afterwards at Painswick Golf Club.

To the family and friends of ANNABEL GRELLIER who lived in Gloucester Street for the last ten years and sadly died in July 2025. She was in Hunter's Care Nursing Home, Cirencester, where she had been for the last few months of her life. Annabel was a delightful person in every way, a close friend and a very competent artist. Together with her husband she came to Painswick from Somerset to be near their children and grandchildren who live in this area.

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of her life, took place in The Church of the Holy Cross, Avening. It was taken by the Reverend Michael Irving and attended by her large family and many friends. Annabel leaves behind her four children, twelve grandchildren and a great grandson.

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](mailto:cvasp.26@gmail.com)