

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick resident receives award from the Princess Royal



Delyth Allen, Princess Royal, John Allen

John Allen, who has played a pivotal role in supporting and driving positive change across the UK dairy sector, has been awarded the prestigious RABDF Princess Royal Award.

The award was presented to John by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal on Wednesday 18th February at Windsor Castle. Presented annually by the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF), the Princess Royal Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding lifetime contribution to the dairy industry.

John's career spans more than five decades and has become synonymous with leadership, strategic insight and unwavering commitment to the dairy supply chain. He began his career on a small family dairy farm with 40 cows in the Peak District before graduating from Nottingham University in 1979 and joining ADAS (the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service) as a farm advisor in South West England.

Following roles in Wales and the South West, John progressed through ADAS to become Head of Dairy and later Head of Agriculture, supporting farmers and dairy businesses through some of the most turbulent and transformative periods the sector has experienced. These included the introduction of EU milk quotas in 1984, the deregulation of the Milk Marketing Board, and the formation of Milk Marque and its successor organisations.

“The Princess Royal Award recognises individuals who leave a lasting legacy, and John's contribution over more than 50 years has helped shape the modern dairy sector. It is entirely fitting that RABDF recognises his outstanding lifetime achievement with this award.”

Radio Gloucestershire interviews Painswickians



To coincide with the launch of the 2026 Village of the Year, and as Painswick had won it last year, Radio Gloucestershire asked for key members of the Painswick Community to volunteer to be interviewed for 10 minutes or so on the Nicky Price programme over Cheltenham race week.

On Monday 9th March it was Paul Baxter on behalf of the Beacon Conservation group who outlined the many activities of the group from organising work parties, looking after the cows and the vegetation survey.

Tuesday 10th March was the turn of Delyth Allen representing the Community Support group. Delyth outlined the many areas the support group was helping the residents of Painswick from the Friday Hub, dinners and lunches to helping older residents in many ways all run by volunteers from Painswick.

Wednesday 11th March Mary Parsons of the Gardening club was in the chair. Unfortunately the line was very poor with many interruptions. Despite this Mary soldiered on explaining what the gardening club offered with its regular meetings and speakers. Mary also mentioned that Painswick ran “Open Gardens Days” in some years.

Thursday 12th March Martin Slinger, past Parish Council chairman and Freeman of the Parish, was then interviewed by Nicky. After a chat about his past role as Parish Council chairman Martin outlined the many sporting and social clubs available in the village all run by volunteers. Painswick was an ideal centre for visitors and for walks but mobile reception was not so good in many areas.



A picture taken at the recent Line Dancing event held at the Rugby Club, proceeds going to Cheltenham Big Space Appeal.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs Robin Roberts (Chair), Sandra Hunkin, Ann Daniels, Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, Selina Gibb, and one member of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash and Roey Parker.

There were no Declarations of Interest. The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February were approved.

Applications:

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

S.26/0192/HHOLD 25 Churchill Way. Alterations and partial conversion to garage, alterations to the existing front porch, erection of in-fill extension, installation of solar panels and alterations to fenestration.

S.26/0303/HHOLD and S.26/0304/LBC Coachmans Cottage, Slad (Retrospective). Removal of a redundant chimney.

S.26/0294/FUL and S.26/0295/LBC. The Painswick, Kemps Lane. Alterations and enclosure of existing bin store.

S.26/0221/TCA The Malt House, The Green, Sheepscombe. T1 - Hazel to be coppiced by 5m. T2 - Hazel to be coppiced by 5m. T3 - Hazel to be coppiced by 6m. T4 - Hazel to be coppiced by 6m. T5 - Hazel to be coppiced by 6m.

S.26/0276/TCA Croft House, Gloucester Street. T1 - Crown reduce western red cedar in height by 3.5m, radial spread 1.5m due to significant union with included bark. T2/T3/T4 - Fell western red cedar whips with poor height/diameter ratio. T5 (Sycamore) T6 (Cypress) Fell both trees to promote growth of adjacent Cedrus tree. T7 - Robinia - Crown reduce by 6m in height and 2m in radial spread. T8 & T9 - Lawson cypress x 2 - Re-reduce by 4.5m in height & 1m in radial spread.

S.26/0392/TCA Hill View Cottage, Vicarage Street. Yew Tree - 2m Crown reduction.

The committee agreed to support all these applications, subject in the case of

Springfield Lodge to the findings of the bat survey and in the case of The Painswick bin store, subject to adequate drainage.

The next Planning Committee meeting was set for 1st April, 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Robin Roberts (Chair), Gary Luff, Sandra Hunkin, Ann Daniels, Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, Selina Gibb, and Dr Fraser Leggate.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andy Cash, James Cross, Ian Massey, Rosie Nash and Roey Parker.

There were no Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th February were approved.

Co-option requests: There has been one applicant to fill the vacancy for the Painswick ward from Dr Fraser Leggate, who was present at the meeting. Dr Leggate outlined his background to the Council and what he felt he could bring to the Council. Dr Leggate has a doctorate in biophysics, and is a retired landscape gardener and trustee of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society and Hambutts Field Trust, with a keen interest in local planning issues. The Council voted unanimously to approve his appointment as a Councillor.

Reports:

Cllr Luff summarised the reports from the County Council and District Council, highlighting key budget decisions. Both documents are available on the Parish Council website. In particular, Cllr Luff drew attention to the recent public consultation on local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire.

Chairman's Report: The Clerk presented a report on behalf of Cllr Andy Cash, including the following updates: A recent site visit to the Dillay footpaths; a

Zoom meeting held with representatives from Slavutych resulting in an ongoing commitment to further virtual meetings to foster friendship between the younger and older generations of Painswick and Slavutych; Gloucestershire County Council has approved £5,000 funding to support the ongoing partnership with Slavutych and has also granted approval for the installation of a movable clean air quality monitor.

Permissive Footpaths at Dillay Farm:

The Clerk read out the report following the recent site visit by Councillors. This advised that any diversion from the existing Public Right of Way (PROW) of ancient drovers' paths would mean walking through woodland rather than in the open, so losing much of the very special view, of great importance to the local community and walkers alike. The Council unanimously agreed that, having carefully considered the scenic and historical significance of the footpath network surrounding the Dillay, it would strongly oppose all proposed changes to the routes of the PROW.

Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin reported that little progress has been made since the last meeting as the Working Group are still awaiting a quote from the electrician.

Cemetery Lodge Restoration project:

The Clerk reported on progress. The Council, after lengthy debate unanimously agreed to approve quotes to remove the kitchen and to undertake damp proof and plastering (subject to a detailed breakdown of costs).

GRCC Gloucestershire Village of the Year 2026 Competition:

There is the option to enter one or more categories with some category changes since last year. As Painswick won the competition last year, if we enter the same categories then we would need to demonstrate improvements. The Council agreed to pursue entry to the competition and agreed to appoint Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin as the lead Councillor and Cllr Fraser Leggate to support her.

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Accounts: The Council approved the accounts for payment.

Ward reports:

Sheepscombe – Cllr Sandra Hunkin reported that the expected works to repair the road by the Village Hall have been deferred due to utility cables under the road surface.

Painswick – Cllr Fraser Leggate asked if an additional dog waste bin could be added in Hambutts Field which the Hambutts Field Trust were prepared to fund. He also suggested repositioning the bin by the Lychgate. It was agreed that the District Councillor would raise these requests with the District Council.

The next meeting of the Council was set for Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Police Report

Reported crime statistics for Painswick taken from the Gloucestershire Constabulary web site.

January 2026
Golf Course Rd
Vicarage St
Gloucester St
Canton Acre
Upper Washwell

ASB
Violence
Criminal damage
Public order
Violence

December 2025
Cheltenham Rd
Greenhouse La.
Ashwell
Bisley St.
White Horse La.

Violence
Violence
Violence
ASB
Violence

November 2025
Gloucester Rd.
Victoria St.
Beech Lane

ASB *2
ASB & Violence
Theft & Possession of weapon



Notes

ASB= Anti Social Behaviour, violence can include sexual assault and location mean "in vicinity of".

Community Litter Picking - Come and help pick litter in Painswick!

Join us for a community litter pick to help keep Painswick and the surrounding areas clean and welcoming. Let's work together to make a difference.

Date: 3rd Monday of every month, starting April 20th Time: 1:30 - 3pm

Meeting point: Walkers' Car Park

Wear sturdy shoes and bring a positive attitude! Everyone is welcome, and if you can't join in on Monday afternoons, get involved at a time to suit you. Please let us know if you're coming, or just turn up on the day. To register your interest or for more detail contact Har Houghton on harh@hsd.co.uk



Yet another example of fly tipping this time at the central car park on the Beacon

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Property Report

There is quite a range of stone-built period properties new onto the market this month, including The Old Bath House on the corner of St Mary's Street and Tibbiwell (Murrays, £645,000). Designed by Sidney Barnsley and built in 1924 for the Frederick Gyde Trust, it was in use as a public bath house until 1975, before being sold in 1977 and converted to a four bedroom house. Milton Cottage on Vicarage Street (Murrays, £645,000) is much older, possibly 17th century in part, with 3/4 bedrooms, garden, garage and off-street parking.

Up towards the Golf course at Clattergrove, Mop Tree Cottage (Hamptons, £750,000) is a semi-detached period cottage extended to offer 4 bedrooms in the main house and two more in a separate Coach House. In Sheepscombe, 2 The Green (Murrays, £945,000) is a semi-detached 5 bed Edwardian House in an elevated position, while Rose Cottage (Hamptons, £850,000) has 3 bedrooms and a blend of period and modern design. There's a Rose Cottage in Slad as well (Murrays, £995,000) with 5 bedrooms, a large cellar and a detached barn.

Norton Cottage on Wragg Castle Lane though (Murrays, 1.45 million) is perhaps more of a country house than a cottage, with 6 bedrooms, a yoga studio, an Aga said to be one of the first ever made and a garden reputedly designed by Gertrude Jekyll. There are more modern houses as well, including Towys on Tibbiwell (Murrays, £695,000), a chalet-style bungalow with two bedrooms, garage and great views, and Tarn House in Court Orchard, at the time of writing described by Hamptons as coming soon at £895,000. Or at a lower price level, 9 Churchill Way (Hamptons, £325,000) is a mid-terrace 2/3 bedroom property ready for immediate occupation.

The Lamp House on Victoria Street, 3 Prospect Terrace on Tibbiwell and Taliesin in Edge have all gone under offer through Murrays, while Lantern Cottage on Tibbiwell, 12 Randalls Field and in Sheepscombe both Maryland and 4 Coldstream Cottages, have exchanged and/or completed.

Hamptons are again sponsoring the Playgroup's Easter Egg Hunt this month, while Murrays are Gold Sponsor of Wick-Flix, showing 'I Swear' on Friday 10th April.

Painswick Rococo Garden Spring has arrived

Spring has arrived at Painswick Rococo Garden, bringing with it one of the most colourful times of the year. Across the garden, around 250,000 daffodils are in bloom, creating a flowing display of gold, cream and soft white through the orchards, woodland and garden paths. Hellebores and other early spring flowers add to the seasonal interest, while trees and shrubs are beginning to come back into leaf. In the Exedra Garden, spring bulbs provide a particularly beautiful display.

From 28th March to 19th April, the garden will be open daily for its Easter event, Rococo's Egg-stra Fun Family Trail. Known for its imaginative approach to family activities, the garden offers a trail designed to spark curiosity and creativity. As visitors follow winding paths and explore hidden corners, children can discover curious animals and their eggs, design their own magical egg creations and take part in a range of playful challenges along the way.

The café will be serving a selection of light lunches, including fresh salads, and visitors are reminded that there is no admission charge to visit the café, shop or plant centre.

With spring unfolding across the landscape and a variety of activities to enjoy, April is a lively and engaging time to visit the garden. A picture is shown at the top of the back page.

Marta Gardner

Painswick Summer Ball Update

Tickets for this year's summer ball will go on sale at 9am on Tuesday 21st April. Tables/Tickets can be booked by emailing painswickball@gmail.com from 9am on 21st April. We expect a high level of demand for tickets, and as per previous years, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are available as tables of 10.

Please see our social media posts over the coming few weeks for more detailed information about the booking process. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

The Painswick Summer 2026 Ball could not be possible without the very generous support of our presenting partner Hewer Facilities Management (www.hewerfm.co.uk). Headed by Painswick-local Simon Hewer, the family run business specialises in domestic heating, plumbing and renewable energy services and The Painswick Ball is proud to be working alongside the Hewer team to make this the best ball yet!

The Painswick Ball Committee



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Painswick Community Support

Community Lunches

We've had another successful season of 16 community lunches this winter and would like to give a huge thank you to all the different community groups, clubs and societies who kindly hosted a lunch this year and made it all possible. Thank you too to all those who attended the lunches and donated. Thanks also to the Parish Council for their support, use of their facilities and help with setting up and taking down the tables and chairs (special thanks to Lucas!)

Thanks to your generous donations, we are delighted to be able to donate £1500 to local community groups and charities.

This year, £400 will be donated to Longfield, our local Community Hospice which does wonderful work providing care to adults with a life-limiting condition as well as to their loved ones and family/carers.

£400 to Homestart Stroud and Gloucester, a local charity supporting families with children under 5 through challenging times. Christine West, a regular Hub attendee until she recently died, was a loyal volunteer and advocate for Home Start.

£300 to Painswick's Friday Club, to enable senior members of our community to be taken on outings.

£200 towards a new cooker for the Town Hall kitchen to improve the facilities for the whole community.

The group which raised the most money was The Croft School Y6 class who hosted two lunches, so we are donating £100 to Friends of The Croft School towards their fundraising. The Falcon Bowling Club, however, raised the most amount for one lunch so they will also receive £100 to donate to their chosen charity, Hope For Tomorrow.

Any new club, community group who would like to host a community lunch next winter, please email us (see contact details below).

Fareshare

Our Fareshare initiative is going well and we have started to accept frozen food; this is placed in the Town Hall kitchen in a new under-the counter freezer and will be available for everyone to access during library opening hours. Please remember, there won't always be frozen food available.

We encourage everyone who would like to access both the ambient and frozen food to do so, however, recently, we have been experiencing individuals take more than a few items; can we ask (especially if there is limited supply), to please only take up to 5 items so that everyone in the village can benefit. Finally, we would not be able to run this initiative without our volunteers; please allow them time and space to unload the food. If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

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

Talk on the "Stans"



On 5th March members enjoyed an informative talk by Megan Bick MBE on "The Stans - a snapshot of the five central Asian countries." Megan is a trustee of the BEARR (British Emergency Action in Russia and the Republics) Trust and has lived and worked in Russia and Central Asia. Her subject covered the history and culture of Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from conquest by Alexander the Great via the Mongol Empire of Genghis Khan, Marco Polo and the Silk Road, and Tamarlane down to the present day.

On 19th March we were entertained by John Gillham, a founder member and trustee of the Malvern Radar and Technology History Society, whose talk gave the fascinating history of the Telecommunications Research Establishment (TRE) which did so much to contribute to allied successes in World War II. Though best known for its development of radar its research laid the foundations for many world changing inventions - including GPS navigation and flat-screen televisions.

Longer reports of these talks are on the Club's website painswickprobos.org.uk, where information about the club and membership details can also be found.

Our next meeting will be at the Beacon Hall on 16th April when Angela Dunsby of the John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury will speak on "History's Deadliest Deaths." Be warned! The Museum says: "Our ancestors were fascinated by a gory execution or two, the more brutal and painful the better from a classic beheading to the Brazen Bull."

Robin Vick

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Celebrating All Things New

This month we celebrate Easter, which reminds Christians everywhere of new life in Jesus Christ.

In my role as Beacon All Ages Minister I am privileged to be involved with St. Mary's Mums on Thursdays (9.15-10.45am in the Church Rooms) which, over the last few months, has welcomed a number of new babies into our regular families, as well as new families to the group.

As well as St Mary's Mums, since September we have also begun a new 'Toddler Group Plus', which happens once every half term in St Mary's. Families come and share a Bible story, craft activity, song and prayer together. It has been a great way to deepen relationships and celebrate the good news of the Christian faith outside of our church services.

We have also been making new connections through our holiday activities across the surrounding area and at our Sherlock Suppers. At Sherlock Suppers we regularly eat together with 50 people. It is really starting to feel like a new community. You are very welcome to join us or indeed help behind the scenes; please do get in touch.

If exploring the Christian faith is completely new to you, come along to our family service on April 12th at St Mary's, where we will be baptizing some youngsters: help us welcome them into their new life as followers of Jesus here in our flock.

Finally, we hope everyone will find out something new about the activities of our local parish church at our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting on April 23rd. This involves a shared light supper at 6.15pm in the Church Rooms, followed by the meeting at 7pm. Come and celebrate with us.

Vics Souter Beacon All Ages Minister



Talks on Local Geology and Medical History

On Tuesday 21st April 2.30pm Box Village Hall, Dave Green will be speaking to us about "The Geology and Landscape of Gloucestershire". This talk will cover the geological history of the county from 680 million years ago to the present and the effect the different rocks from each period have had on the scenery. This is an amazing story of volcanoes, rocks deformed by splitting from and colliding with continents, rises and falls of sea level and dramatic changes of climate. What we see today is the unveiling of this story by the latest phases of erosion, giving us our wonderfully varied Gloucestershire topography. Dave is an author and educator. He has studied and taught Geology locally for the whole of his career, (including Stroud College and Thomas Rich's School where he was Head of Department for many years) and to students at all levels.



Then on Wednesday 6th May 2.30pm at the Painswick Centre Gareth Williams will be speaking to us about 'The Good, the Bad and The Ugly: The History of Polio Vaccines'. Most medical professionals working today will never have treated a case of polio, but in the past polio killed or paralysed millions, being among the most feared of contagious diseases. Successful vaccines were developed in the mid-1950's and now polio is virtually extinct. The development of the vaccine isn't just a great medical success; it is also a gripping story that provides a window onto the evolution of medical research during the last century. Gareth Williams is a lifelong academic, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Bristol University, he has written over 200 scientific papers and authored or edited over 20 books.

Our bi-monthly gatherings are free to Members but all are welcome (visitors £5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in. Further information about the Club and its activities (including the full list of lectures and Membership details) can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

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Potholes

Below is the Parish Council response to letter from Peter Pyle of Kingsmill Lane concerning potholes.

"The Parish Council is aware of your ongoing concerns regarding potholes on Gloucester Street and the B4073. However, it is important to reiterate that highway maintenance, inspections, and repairs are the statutory responsibility of Gloucestershire County Council Highways.



The defects on the roads mentioned above have been reported and have been inspected through the appropriate channels and, at present, do not meet the County Council's intervention criteria for repair. We also note that Cllr Luff, in his capacity as County Councillor and Traffic Committee member, has personally reviewed the route and submitted a report for the defect he considered most likely to meet the repair threshold.

Residents should continue to report defects via FixMyStreet, as this is the official system used by Gloucestershire Highways to log, assess, and prioritise repairs."

The Highways inspector drove around Painswick on the 3rd March. Subsequent to this, 1 pothole has been filled half way down Stamages Lane. There are still many to be filled in our area.

Peter Pyle



Gardening club

On Wednesday, March 11th Nicola Hope gave a talk 'Every Garden matters' boosting bio diversity. Nicola is a consultant organic horticulturalist, planting focused, garden designer and writer, from Malmesbury. She expanded on the recent «Garden Organic» Report.

On Wednesday, April 8th, in the Town Hall, we have Bella Given talking "Pots". She is a retired garden designer turned veg. and flower grower, obsessed with dahlias, tulips, kitchen gardening & pot styling. She gardens in East Devon, near Exeter. Because she is coming a fair distance, she is keen to give a second talk about her passion for Dahlias! So her "Dazzling Dahlias" talk will be starting at 6 pm. This will be all you need to know to choose, grow and use dahlias. Contributions towards this extra talk are welcome, so bring some cash! It's always good to hear someone so passionate about their subject!

Bring a packed supper to enjoy in a social environment talking about all that we're hearing about, between 7 and 7:30 pm. The Evening Talk is "Pots of Style" adding Drama, Structure and Seasonal Interest.

Come to one part or both parts. Starting at 6 pm with our first talk, 7 pm for tea/coffee and perhaps a glass of wine, ready to start the second talk at 7.30pm. Come and join us – Wednesday evening 8th April. Guests are welcome @ £5.

Joyce Barrus

Sheepscombe History Society - tea party Saturday 13th June

Every other year, Sheepscombe History Society invites anyone who lived in the village, this year 50 or more years ago, to a cream tea in Sheepscombe Village Hall. This year we are looking for anyone who lived in Sheepscombe up to and including 1976. The tea party will be on Saturday 13th June from 2.30 to 4.30 pm with tea served at 3.15pm.

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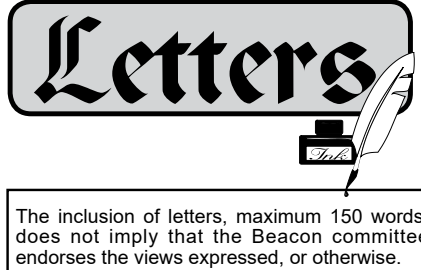
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Letters



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Angela Jones writes

A lovely spring day and all I can smell in my home is the awful stench of smoke. Not only polluting the environment but causing respiratory problems for young & old, headaches & eye issues.

At The Park recently a gardener for a resident lit a stinking bonfire at 9.30am. I was visiting my Mum & both of us struggled with the smell entering the home. No consideration that that smoke lasted nearly all day. My Mum struggled with breathing difficulties for days afterwards.

My bedding on the washing line today doesn't smell nice it smells of smoke! There have been numerous fires lit in last few weeks. It's a great shame there is no STOP on bonfires especially those during the daytime.

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News from The Painswick Centre

Takeaway food at the Painswick Centre

Every Thursday evening 5pm – 8pm

2nd April	Bros & Doughs
9th April	BBQ Society (see below)
16th April	Wild Pizza Co.
23rd April	Taste of Punjab
30th April	Burgerlish

The BBQ Society –

Voted as one of the highest rated takeaways in Gloucestershire, the BBQ Society has relaunched with a brand new look and menu! Offering up a mouth-watering menu of grill side favourites.

Headed by chefs Ben Williams and Sophie Tinsley, the BBQ Society has grown a loyal following since its establishment in late 2020. They have since been named as one of the highest rated food venues in their area on Gloucester Eats and Just-Eat!

Painswick Centre Morning Market

A weekly market of local produce and local suppliers.
Every Thursday 8am-10am, at The Painswick Centre.

Spotlight on The Padstow fish Company -

Our fish is sourced fresh from Cornish suppliers, and we pride ourselves on supplying diverse selection of fish and seafood. We do not hold stock so you can guarantee your fish is the freshest it can be.

We are always looking for more producers, so if you or someone you know is interested in coming and supporting the local community, please let us know here at the Painswick Centre. manager@painswickcentre.com

Utrillo Jazz Trio - Saturday 11th April

The Painswick Centre is proud to give you Utrillo Jazz Trio. Utrillo are a jazz trio with

Francis Sanville - Piano, Peter Martin - Double Bass, and Richie Ashton-Philips - Drums.

We specialise in melodic, sophisticated jazz with arrangements influenced by classical harmony, and the modern jazz artists of the 50s/60s/70s.



We will also have the Bar open and an external Food vendor available for you to purchase something Yummy to make the evening a great event.

Doors open at 6.30pm Utrillo start 7.30. £12.50 Entry



Friday 10th April
The Painswick Centre



Wick-Flix is back at the Painswick Centre with its next screening — the BAFTA award-winning film *I Swear*.

This powerful and thought-provoking drama has been widely praised for its storytelling and performances, exploring themes of truth, loyalty and consequence. It's the kind of film that lingers long after the credits roll — perfect for a shared cinema experience.

Wick-Flix offers something a little different from your usual night at the movies. Expect a relaxed, bistro-style atmosphere with tables, drinks, and a warm community feel — cinema as it should be enjoyed.

Tickets & Booking Book in advance via the Painswick Centre website for a discounted £9.50, or purchase on the door for £10.

New for This Screening
All attendees will be automatically entered into a free raffle, adding a little extra excitement to the evening.

Wick-Flix is all about bringing people together — so whether you come with friends or on your own, you'll be part of a welcoming and sociable night out.

Friday 10th April. Doors 7pm, film starts 7:45pm

Come along, enjoy a great film, and support this local initiative.

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Come Farming with The Friday Club

Grab your smock, wellies and scythe, and head for the fields:



Our original speaker for 6th March was unable to give her planned talk, and members of The Friday Club were delighted when Ray Wilson stepped into the breach to give a wide-ranging talk about the Industrial Heritage of the Cotswolds, illustrated with photos from then and now. Little did we know that a member worked in the offices of Brookhouse Mill when it was still a pin-making factory.

Before setting some cryptic clues to work through, our speaker on 20th March, Angela Newing told us about her side hustle as a Compiler of Crosswords and Brainteasers for The Daily Telegraph and The Times. She took over from the legendary Douglas Barnard in the mid-1990's, starting on the Monday crossword for the Telegraph, which paid £150 a day for producing both the Quick and Cryptic Crosswords – a sum in those days not to be sneezed at. Afficionados will know that Telegraph crosswords become more challenging as the week progresses, and Angela's work must have found favour with the Sub-Editors, because she moved to Thursdays. This was on top of her day job as Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Director of Medical Physics, later a Professor of Medical Physics at Cranfield University, Chairman of the Cheltenham Bench of JP's, and occasional crossword compiler for the Church Times, a journal requiring more 'niche' clues and solutions.

We started with some 'warm-up' clues, which Angela used to illustrate how to analyse them. She explained that a cryptic clue typically gives you two chances to get the answer: a definition found either at the beginning or the end plus some wordplay. The latter might be 'containers', anagrams, soundalikes, backward clues, alternate letters, homophones, first and last letters, one thing on top of another, and even spoonerisms, until our heads began to spin! At this point, we gratefully broke up for refreshments.

On April 17th, we welcome John Putley who will give a talk entitled 'Get Orf Moy Land', a brief history of farming and food production in Gloucestershire. We meet on alternate Fridays at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome (£4).

Jane Rowe 813228



A mystery solved

What woman hasn't looked at a painting of Queen Charlotte, or indeed any Georgian lady, and wondered what it must have felt like to wear such preposterously wide dresses? Surely it must have been uncomfortable. Well, not necessarily so. This is what the ladies of Yew Trees WI discovered when Angela Rundell and her daughter Kate Peake came to our February meeting and gave us the most fascinating talk and demonstration entitled

"Dressing the Georgian Woman".

We learnt that Angela's interest in historical costumes came about after Kate went to university and needed an authentic costume to take part in an historical enactment. Not only did Angela make the costume, she became fascinated by how clothes were made and discovered a love and huge talent for recreating them.

After a helpful overview of the materials available and the fashions for both men and women, Angela demonstrated just what the Georgian lady wore. Kate, a very willing and able model, started by wearing authentic undergarments all beautifully hand sewn by her mother. To these were added the surprisingly light padded paniers worn over the hips and tied by ribbon round the waist as were a pair of pockets. Gradually the whole outfit took shape, the overskirt being added last which could, if wished, be looped into decorative swags by using drawstrings. Kate assured us that only the wig was uncomfortable. Because the dress was flat at front and back it was even possible to sit down when wearing it. Many questions were answered and mysteries solved during a very educational and delightfully entertaining evening.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms Dr. Margaret Jones will give a talk entitled "She Spied for Freedom – a black secret agent in the American Civil war".

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Painswick Music Society's 80th Season

....commenced on 14th March at St Mary's with Chair Martin Woodhead recounting the fascinating history of the Society, now a splendid book, available at every concert, and on request.

Young cosmopolitan musicians Adam Heron (piano) Cristina Dimitrova (violin) and Dequan Smith McConvey (cello), (sharing a background at Wells Cathedral School) then provided a series of musical treats.

Adam, (BBC Young Musician finalist) opened with a surprise. His sense of humour immediately won St Mary's audience by explaining that this was not Schumann, but his own composition written on the train to London!! Joined by Dequan (studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) the Schumann "Fantasiestucke" was delivered with aplomb.

Adam then demonstrated the unusual use of the left hand alone in the piano solo section of Haydn's "Piano Trio no 20" before the Trio delivered an accomplished performance of this delightful work.

Adam's entertaining discourse continued as he described his compositional technique followed by a demonstration of the theme structure within his own compositions: "Intermezzo for Piano" and "Three Romantic Pieces for Piano and Violin" (written for Cristina) were then played. What lovely music; beautifully delivered by two fine musicians: multi-talented Adam and Cristina who is now a player with the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam.

The concert concluded with Mozart's "Trio K548" first played at Painswick 70 years ago on 3rd March 1956 and again in 2009. Adam Heron Trio grew into this work steadily until their bravura playing of the brilliant last movement was greeted with an outburst of spontaneous applause. A performance to grace the start of PMS 80th anniversary.

David Cutler



Beaumarchais and John Ireland

Beaumarchais was a playwright and political activist of the Age of Enlightenment. He wrote 3 Figaro plays the second of which was banned by Louis 16th against the wishes of his queen Marie Antoinette due to its satirical depiction of the aristocracy. Louis relented in 1784 and it proved a success although perhaps not ultimately for the King and Queen. In 1786 Mozart (with Da Ponte's libretto) composed in Vienna what many consider to be his most sublime work for the stage the Marriage of Figaro. From the start it proved a success particularly in Prague where he premiered his second Da Ponte opera Don Giovanni. Three decades later in 1816 Rossini gave Rome his Barber of Seville based on the first Beaumarchais play. This received a bad reception but soon became the most popular of all his operas. For completeness in 1966 Darius Milhaud scheduled the final Figaro play entitled The Guilty Mother in Geneva (perhaps a step too far!). Craig Dunn concentrating on the Rossini and the Mozart explained the origins and plots of these two masterpieces and illustrating his talk with well chosen excerpts on DVD from two recent productions he had personally enjoyed at Glyndebourne. It had been 1934 when Glyndebourne first raised its curtain to the Marriage of Figaro and 1994 also commemorated its newly built opera house. It continues to be its most performed opera.

Later in March PMAG enjoyed what sadly turns out to be the final visit from the distinguished Dr David Lucas. He took as his subject the Cheshire born John Ireland, an often overlooked member of the English Revival, who emerged from the Parry / Stanford Royal College of Music which he attended in the 1890s. Although an impressionist and prolific writer for piano and songs he is most famous for "The Holy Boy" and his setting of John Masefield's "Sea Fever". David played excerpts from his piano compositions and his songs. We also heard extracts from his rare orchestral output including the score of a wartime film The Outlanders and his once popular piano concerto. Sandwiched between Ralph Vaughan Williams/Holst and Britten (his pupil) this was perhaps his misfortune.

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The Borgias: The Most Infamous Family in History?



On 12th March local historian, broadcaster, lecturer and bestselling author Sarah Dunant related the facts rather than the myth of four infamous members of the Borgia family.

Rodrigo's ascent to the Papacy in 1492 was achieved corruptly but by common practice of the time. Support from the Spanish Monarchy was repaid by granting Spain predominant control over the newly discovered Americas by Papal Bull of 1495. His extraordinary legacy demonstrated cunning intelligence and ruthless control but also genuine care for his complex family. A blend of Truth and Myth?

Eldest son Cesare was a ruthless psychopath promoted military leader and Cardinal. Second son Juan, a vicious wastrel knifed to death and thrown into the Tiber. Myths closer to truth. The much-defamed Lucrezia ('the greatest whore in Rome') was married as political pawn at 13 and divorced at 16 (by Papal Grant!!) then married a third time as the political tectonic plates shifted. However, on her death at 39 Lucrezia was mourned as the much loved and lamented Duchess of Ferrara. Truth not Myth for Lucrezia.

This compelling story, told with dry humour, wit and rigorous scholarship, included Leonardo da Vinci, Machiavelli and cultural achievements of the age.

Sarah closed this wonderful lecture comparing current international power struggles and corruption with those of 15th Century Italy. Indeed, Truth is more intoxicating than Myth.

Next 9th April at The Painswick Centre: Notre Dame de Paris: Its iconic status in France's history.

Painswick@theartsociety.org David Cutler



25/26 Work Party Roundup.

The last clearing work party of the winter was a relaxed sociable gathering with the usual bring and share picnic, enjoyed in

glorious sunshine.

Attendance numbers were slightly down on last year with 744 hours being worked. However, those that did attend worked incredibly hard and produced notable progress. Much clearing was done to the west of the cemetery, the right-hand edge of the first fairway and the entrance to Victoria Quarry where a large number of pines were felled, allowing more light into the bed of the quarry. A new glade has been created opposite the golf club workshop. This came about because of the need to fell diseased ash trees which presented a real danger to the club workshop building and the Golf Course Road users.



The last two areas will need follow up work this summer to prevent brambles becoming established and ideally seeding, with some meadow seed, to help re-establish grassland. The cows have already spent time there clearing out the ivy.

Natural England have recently submitted an assessment report for the Beacon. It is still described as "unfavourable recovering" and this does not sound good. However, they only use four categories, and this is the second best. The report does note that the average sward height has reduced (thanks to the more extensive grazing) and has highlighted several areas for more intensive scrub clearance. Overall, the scrub cover has reduced by 3-4% because of our efforts. In its conclusion the report says, "I am pleased to report that the feature (site) is continuing to head towards favourable condition, and I would like to thank you and others involved for all your efforts in helping to achieve this."

Spring is well underway now and the site is starting to green up. The violets and cowslips are showing and soon the green winged and early purple orchids will appear. Let us hope we get April showers this year to set up a good season's growth, rather than the extreme drought we suffered last year.

Paul Baxter.

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Memories of the Pin Mill (1974-1978)

Episode 5: The Office

In the latest episode of our series on the last days of pin-making at Painswick's Brookhouse Mill, Eric Harris remembers the people who worked in the Mill's office

I didn't go into the Office much – only if I thought that my wages weren't correct – but I do remember four people who worked there..

The first was Mr Smyth (Jack). He was the Managing Director. I'm not sure of the extent to which he actually owned the business, but I would guess that he was a significant shareholder. In the mid-70s, as an important local employer, he was interviewed by Brian Johnston for the radio programme "Down Your Way" when it visited Painswick. Mr Smyth was a regular visitor to the shop floor, but never seemed very happy. Even when the machines were running well, he still wasn't comfortable as he felt that we weren't fully occupied. If a machine wasn't taking the wire, we could slow it down slightly in ways that we weren't really supposed to, and maybe it would run. If Mr Smyth saw this, he would be displeased(!) and would speed it up again, with the result that the machine would break down repeatedly and we'd be back to square one – but at least we were "busy". Thinking about all the costs that went into Sales, Marketing, Manufacturing and Distribution, even at a young age I could appreciate how difficult it must be to turn a profit in the pin/paper clip business. It can't have been easy keeping the factory going, supplying products for which the demand was in decline. I understand him better and have a lot more respect for him now.

Tony had a nice car, a sharp suit, and amazing hair. He was a salesman, and was often out on the road. If he visited the shop floor, it was usually to chase an order that was running late. Two ladies also worked in the office, managing all the administrative/secretarial tasks and ensuring the place ran smoothly. In my mind I can see them both clearly, but I can only remember the name of one of them – and that's Jane. She was always a welcome visitor to the shop floor – the day somehow got just a little bit brighter!

The highlight of the week was Friday morning, when the ladies would bring around our wages. While some people were paid through the bank, I received an actual wage packet – a sealed, brown envelope containing cash, and a reconciliation of hours worked to payment received. The envelope even had a small polythene window so you could see that there was money inside. Any excitement was short-lived - the envelopes were always a little on the thin side. When I started, I was paid less than 40p an hour, and I fear that none of us made a fortune working down the Mill.



Jottings - Beetles

The Green Tiger Beetle: It looks a lovely green but is a nasty predator which snaps shut very fast on ants, caterpillars and spiders. It is a very fast mover, some say two feet a second, and can fly on very short trips. Its larva comes out at night and likes a sandy type of soil. (pictured here as recorded on Painswick Beacon by Joyce Barrus)

Violet ground beetle: It spends most nights out hunting then spends most of the day asleep under moss stones etc. It has long legs and its shell is shiny, you should treat it with love since it eats a lot of the pests you want to get rid of.

The Sexton beetle: The Under-taker of the beetle world liking small birds and mice etc.. It can smell a dead animal from a long way away. It usually buries the carcass where it is and the female lays her eggs nearby. She does her best to protect the carcass until the eggs hatch and then leaves the larvae to feed on it.

Stag Beetle: The biggest of the beetles with its big jaws. The female is smaller, its larva are big and white found in rotting timber etc. They stay there for two years or more before coming out as a beetle.

Cock chafer: This beetle can be two inches long, and is a serious pest in gardens and field crops. It lays its eggs in June/July and the larvae eat plant roots for the next two years or so. The adult lives on the leaves of plants and trees. You usually notice it when it's too late for the plants.

Click beetle: It can jump high into the air - that's when you hear the click. The larva is a serious pest to farm crops, eating the roots of many crops (cereals etc.). They are known as wireworms.

Of most importance to farmers is the **Dung Beetle** which improves the quality and structure of soil, reduces parasite burdens in livestock and provide a variety of other crucial services within agricultural landscapes. There is also the glow worm which lights up to attract a mate. And, of course, the ladybirds.



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April News

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt runs though until 12th April, so there is still time! All Children visiting the Library up to the 12th April will receive a chocolate and a raffle ticket – the prize for the raffle is a £10 book voucher

Lego Builders Club

We are very pleased to announce that the new Lego Builders Club will be running on Mondays, starting on Monday 20th April from 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Library. This is for children age 6-11yr who must be accompanied by an adult. Max 10 children please, ring the Library on 01452 814744 or pop in to sign up for this brilliant new club.

New Books

The full New Books list is available on the Library Counter and on the website, <https://painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk> Please have a look for all the latest purchases we have made. There are a lot of new children's books this time round!

Trustees Needed!

Due to a resignation, we are in need of at least one new trustee to join the team. If you are interested, or just want to find out more about the role, please let me know on ian-cridland@btinternet.com

Ian Cridland



Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 13th April from 1.30 - 2.30pm. We will be discussing the popular novel Eleanor Oliphant

is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Following that we plan to meet on 11th May to discuss The Land in Winter by Andrew Miller. New members are very welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew



Milo of Gloucester

The Local History Society in March welcomed Tina Pentney, a Painswick resident with the notable distinction of being a descendant of Pain Fitzjohn, the 12th Century feudal lord after whom Painswick is named. And it was to the 12th century that Tina took us in a richly detailed account of the life and times of Milo of Gloucester, who for many years controlled a huge area of the west of England and of Wales, together with Pain Fitzjohn, whose daughter married Milo's son.

Milo held a range of titles including Sheriff of Gloucestershire, Castellán of Gloucester Castle and Earl of Hereford, travelling extensively around the area, administering justice. Notably he was also responsible for the founding of Llanthony Secunda in Gloucester, as a refuge after Llanthony Priory in Monmouthshire came under attack. He went on to play an important role in the conflict that broke out between Stephen and Matilda over the succession to the English throne, after the death of Henry I. Milo was one of Matilda's main supporters, effectively delivering her control over the south west of England.

Next month we have a speaker from the Stroud Museum, who will introduce us to some of the items from the museum's collections, including some with particular connections to Painswick and items that are not usually on display. Tuesday 21st April at The Croft School, starting at 7.30pm.

Alastair Jollans

Cranham Local History Society Event

Place: Cranham Village Hall GL4 8HP

Date: Sunday 19th April 2026

Time: 2.30 – 4.00. doors open from 2.00pm

Starts with the launch by our President Martin Whitaker, of the revised 'Cranham the History of a Cotswold Village' in a soft cover format. Followed by a Powerpoint talk by Jan Whitton on 'Mapping Gloucestershire, from Tudor times' with particular emphasis on the local area.

This is a free event with refreshments, however there will be a 'pot' to receive any donations offered.

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Pickleball



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Taster sessions

Once again the club is running taster sessions in April for people to try the sport out with no commitment.....

Wednesday 8th April at 10 am

Monday 13th April at 7pm

Wednesday 15th April at 10am Other dates can be arranged to suit

Please email John on barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk to say you are coming along so we know numbers and can postpone if weather unsuitable.

Membership enquiries to Ruth Smith at ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com



Falcon Bowling Club Open Day

SATURDAY MAY 9th at 2.00

The Falcon Bowling Club are happy to say that on Saturday May 9th at 2.00 we are having an Open Day at our Bowling Green (founded in 1554) which is situated behind the Falcon Hotel and access is up the drive to the side of the Hotel. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a practice bowl and look at the lovely facilities we enjoy and we hope guests may feel they would like to join our happy and friendly Club. The Club will supply bowls and Falcon Members will be on hand to help.

The only requirement is that flat soled shoes be worn so the green is not damaged.

The bar will be open and there will be an enjoyable afternoon. Members will be on hand to help you enjoy the afternoon and to answer any questions you may have

John Newhill.

Painswick Cricket Club update

As the sun starts to shine attention returns to the cricket season at Broadham! The cricket club is preparing for the new season, with games and training commencing the first week in May.



Please do join us for league games at the club every Saturday afternoon during the summer, with our first team again playing at the highest level we have played, locking horns with the likes of Goatacre, Cheltenham and Royal Wootton Bassett. Our women will also be playing on Sundays and our large youth section will have a sociable training night on Fridays.

Please if you are free at all pop down and support our sides. For further information on playing, supporting or even if you fancy volunteering at the club please contact me on the number below.

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Painswick Bowls Club



Bowling: It's Not Just for People Who Like White Trousers

If you've ever walked past the green behind the Painswick Centre and thought, "That looks lovely, but I'm not sure I'm ready for the 'all-white-everything' dress code," think again. While we do occasionally scrub up in our whites for a formal match, Painswick Bowls Club is much more "social butterfly" than "stiff upper lip."

The Heart of the Village

More than just a sports club, we are a place where the village comes together. In a world of screens and busy schedules, the club offers a rare chance to slow down, catch up with neighbours, and meet people you might otherwise only pass on the street. It's about keeping the unique spirit of Painswick alive—one casual chat at a time.

The Ultimate "Stealth" Workout

Lawn bowls is the only sport where you can burn off a Sunday roast while simultaneously planning your next one. You'll easily clock up your step count walking back and forth across the green, but because there's usually a cold drink waiting at the end, you won't even notice the effort. It's exercise for people who don't actually like the gym.

The Best Value in the Village

Let's be honest—Painswick isn't always known for "budget" prices. However, our members clubhouse bar might just be the best-kept secret in the GL6 postcode. It is very inexpensive making that post-match pint (or G&T) taste even sweeter.

Friday: Roll-Ups & BBQ

The highlight of our week is the Friday roll-up from 2:00 pm till late, and we are kicking things off for the season on Friday 17th April. It's a casual "turn up and play" session perfect for beginners—and no, you definitely don't need the whites for this! The real draw, however, so long as it's good weather, is the post-match tradition: our legendary Friday BBQ. There's no better way to settle a friendly on-green dispute than over a burger and cold drink as the sun sets over the valley.

The "No Stress" Entry

Forget the expensive gear. We have plenty of spare bowls you can use. The only thing we ask is that you wear flat-soled shoes—mostly so our greenkeeper doesn't have a minor heart attack, but also because it keeps the green looking like a billiard table.

Ready to Find Your Bias?

Whether you're 18 or 80, a complete novice or a secret champion, you're welcome here. If you have questions or want to make sure we've got a burger with your name on it, get in touch with our Club Captain, Jerry Tyson.

- Contact Jerry: Give him a bell on 07775 831937 or visit the Painswick Bowls Club website for more details.
- Where to find us: Tucked behind The Painswick Centre, Bisley Street.

Come for the bowling, stay for the BBQ. We'll see you on the green!

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Golf club

At the recent AGM Ann Smith, pictured right, was presented with Life Membership in recognition of 21 years service with the club as secretary.

Paul Baxter was elected as club captain for the 2026 season.



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All local – Aly’s textile paintings

Painswick is rightly known for its wonderful art presence and a walk up Bisley Street takes you to the studio of an exceptionally talented and very interesting artist. Aly Lloyd has been creating her stunning works of art in the premises shared with Handmade in Painswick for the last 18 months and is always happy for anyone to pop in to watch her at work. Hers is a permanently open space where all are welcome.

Aly’s approach to her work is interesting. Essentially it is technical inasmuch as she understands that different art materials can produce very different results often depending on, for example, distance and light according to where they are displayed. This, together with her use of traditional methods and techniques combined with digital technologies, affects the way we perceive the final piece. She works with paint, acrylics, textiles and enamel, and uses modern technology where useful and appropriate which reflects current attitudes and thinking.

Currently Aly is working mainly with textiles, especially velvet but also others such as denim and suede. The process of producing the final result takes time and is very technical with all the necessary painting stages involved. The different textiles produce very different results but all with visual, sensory and tactile effects. By using everyday materials the aim is to produce a feeling that the image created is almost a reflective representation of everyday life rather than a detached, slightly ‘precious’ work of art. She is more than happy for people to touch her work.

The idea of working with velvet emerged after Aly had studied the history of velvet painting and all the technical processes involved. Her velvet work is outstanding and certainly very effective. It is however, as she explains, exceedingly uncommon. All of the fabrics she works with are purchased from Painswick Fabrics and, according to Aly, the range on offer there is part of her inspiration. The fact that every aspect of her work is thus local is an added bonus for Aly.

She grew up in the Forest of Dean and took a degree in psychology at Cardiff University. This was followed by a PhD in Visual Communication at University College London. So, Aly’s background education was not in the usual art tradition but it has had a relevant and interesting influence on her approach. “I come at it from an analytical direction rather than from the usual conventional art training,” she says. The different visual effects fascinate her and certainly make her work – which is beautifully executed – intriguing. Aly works with different galleries nationwide. Currently she is focussing on local, both Cheltenham and Stroud. In June her work will be the subject of a solo show in Sixteen Gallery in Montpellier St., Cheltenham. Meanwhile, she is to be found, indeed seen, working in her studio in Bisley Street, Wednesday to Saturday 11.00am-4.00pm and Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm. Do go in – you will not be disappointed.

Carol Maxwell



Monday Walkers

Monday 9.55 and a familiar group gather in Stamage’s Lane car park. It’s been a dry few days, and though this Monday has some cloud it doesn’t look like rain. There’s the usual chat about where we went last week, where to go this and who’s going to lead the walk today. There are so many foot paths around Painswick it can be a difficult choice. The other week we went through the wild daffodil woods the other side of Paradise. But today we went up Ticklestone Lane and over towards Slad. The Blackthorne’s flowering in the hedges and the first bluebells are just starting. Sometimes we have to remember to stop and look back at the views. We are lucky to have so many wonderful views round here. Saw three deer bounding across the field just beside us on the way back. And returned around 12.30 as usual. Often some decide to break off for a shorter walk.



We’re none of us especially fit or speedy, we just enjoy a nice walk and a social chat. It keeps us all a bit fitter than we might have been. The Monday walks are free and open to anyone to join in. It’s spring and what better way to enjoy it. Every Monday except Christmas Day some will meet in the car park for 10 am. No membership, no rules, no insurance.

John Elbert

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	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre	10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. kate-beatty.co.uk/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
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
	Weds Pop-In continues after Easter. Do join us for T&C. A friendly meeting place for a chat or perhaps a board game. Sandra Glass 01452 814186	Town Hall	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Croc N' Roll Children's entertainment with Steph and her books, guitar, puppets story books and bubbles. 1.00/child.	Library	2.30pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums, Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
	Taichi and Qigong - Perry Loveday 07970 698741	Painswick Centre	2.00 - 3.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
	Badminton Club. Contact John Barrus - barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	8.00 - 9.30pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. 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	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
Sundays	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am



Village Diary

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

April

Sat	4	Painswick Beacon published		
	4	Easter Egg trail	St Mary's Churchyard	12.00 - 4.00pm
	4	Lego taster sessions	Library	11.00 - 12.00pm & 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Sun	5	Easter Day . Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	8	Gardening Club: Bella Given 1. Dahlias 2. Pots	Town Hall	6.00pm and 7.30pm
Thurs	9	The Arts Society: Notre Dame de Paris - Carole Petipher	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 11.00am
Fri	10	Wick-flix: I Swear	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	11	Jazz at the Painswick Centre - Utrillo Jazz Trio	Painswick Centre	Entry from 6.30pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	12	Family Worship and baptisms	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	13	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	14	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Thurs	16	Painswick Probus: The History of Deadliest Deaths - Angela Dunsby	Painswick Centre	1.00 for 11.30am
	16	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Samuel Coleridge Taylor and his contemporaries - Jenny Buckland	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	17	Friday Club: 'Get orf moi land' - history of farming in Gloucestershire - John Putley	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	19	Deadline for all Beacon copy		
	19	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	21	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	21	The Well	Church Rooms	7.00pm
	21	Local History Society: Highlights of the collections from Stroud Museum.	Croft School	7.30pm
	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Geology and Landscape of Gloucestershire - Dave Green. Enq 07798817193	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
Sat	25	Painswick Music Society: VOCES 8	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
	26	Evensong	St Mary's Church	6.00pm
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: She Spied for Freedom - Margaret Jones	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Tues	28	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am

May

Fri	1	Friday Club: Outing to Croome Park	Stamages car park	9.30am
Sat	2	Painswick Beacon published		

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Personal Column

Thank You

PENNY EASTWOOD would like to thank all the friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy following the death of her husband Ian. They were greatly appreciated and a source of comfort and support to her and the family.

Condolences

SUE DUNNETT, wife of Jerry Dunnett, died very peacefully on Sunday 15th March at Gloucester Royal. Sue had been very fit and active until a month ago but sadly died on Sunday. She was able to see most of her family and grandchildren including Sam who managed to come over from the States where he is studying. Family cremation on April 2nd and it is hoped to hold a celebration of Sue's life during the week of April 13th to 17th- to be confirmed.



Also long time Painswick resident Mrs ADELE LAMBERT passed away at the St Faith's Care Home on Tuesday 17th of March. She was 94. Adele and her late husband Derek lived at Howitt Villa in Vicarage Street. She was very involved in the arts locally and was a proud member of the Painswick Centre Art Studio. The funeral will be at the Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday 8 April at 13:30. Refreshments afterwards at a location to be decided.

To the friends and family of BARBARA O'DWYER, who died recently after a long illness. An experienced Primary School headteacher, Barbara will be remembered with fondness locally for stepping in at short notice as interim headteacher at The Croft School in 2016, and for her voluntary work with many other local groups including Artburst and the Wednesday Ashwell Group.

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

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NEW APPLICATIONS

S.26/0192/HHOLD 25 Churchill Way Alterations and partial conversion to garage, alterations to the existing front porch, erection of in-fill extension, installation of solar panels and alterations to fenestration.

S.26/0276/TCA Croft House, Gloucester Street. T1 - Crown reduce western red cedar in height by 3.5m, radial spread 1.5m due to significant union with included bark. T2/T3/T4 - Fell western red cedar whips with poor height/diameter ratio. T5 (Sycamore) T6 (Cypress) Fell both trees to promote growth of adjacent Cedrus tree. T7 - Robinia - Crown reduce by 6m in height and 2m in radial spread. T8 & T9 - Lawson cypress x 2 - Re-reduce by 4.5m in height & 1m in radial spread.

S.26/0392/TCA Hill View Cottage, Vicarage Street
Yew Tree - 2m Crown reduction.

CONSENT

S.25/2297/HHOLD Furners Farm Cottage, Catswood Lane. Erection of a replacement single storey extension.

S.25/2387/HHOLD Hillside, Paradise Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.

S.26/0103/TCA Tower Cottage, Kemps Lane

T1 - Beech. Crown reduction by 3 metres, Remove deadwood. T2 - Beech. Crown reduction by 3 metres, Remove deadwood.

S.26/0022/HHOLD Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge, Erection of a single storey side extension with a terrace above.

S.26/0392/TCA Hill View Cottage, Vicarage Street Yew Tree - 2m Crown reduction.

WITHDRAWN

S.25/2420/HHOLD Mulberry Lodge (formerly Saddlestones), The Highlands Erection of a single storey front extension, two storey and single storey rear extension, replacement front dormer windows and erection of new rear dormer window. Erection of a replacement rear porch.

APPEAL

S.25/067/APPREF Goddard's Garage, Cheltenham Road. Erection of 1-4 dwellings. Appeal against refusal in principle. Appeal allowed. Costs awarded against the Council.



Spring flowers around Painswick



The calves were bought from Tom George, the racehorse trainer, in Slad. We started with 7 Dexters, then had to slaughter one with acute arthritis, so bought 3 young steers (born April 2025) as replacements. For various reasons 2 were in a separate field in The Park and our now reunited with the main herd on the Beacon

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