

# The Painswick Beacon

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## A forty year battle breaks out again

### New applications on two controversial sites

Almost seven years after the last application was refused and forty years after the first application in 1986, a new planning application has been submitted for seven houses on the field below New Drive, between Knapp Lane on one side and Stamages Lane on the other.

At almost the same time a new application has been submitted for Permission in Principle for up to five self-build houses on a site on the other side of Stamages Lane, where previous proposals have also been refused, most recently in 2024.



The Parish Council's Planning Committee discussed both applications at a meeting on 19th August (see our report on page 2). The Committee agreed to object to both applications on issues ranging from loss of landscape and heritage value to problems with drainage. The sites are two of the last significant open areas within the built-up area of Painswick.

Both sites are on the same contour and suffer from some of the same problems of stability and drainage. The lack of a suitable drainage plan was the principal reason for refusal of the last application for the New Drive field. The site and neighbouring properties have been subject to flooding in the past. There is a culvert running under it, other streams appearing in wet weather and a known capacity issue on surface water drainage in the area around.



Scan the QR Codes to see the applications on the SDC website. New Drive field (left) and Stamages House (right)

The owners of the land believe that they have now solved this issue through a combination of measures, including agreement from Severn Trent to take a limited volume of run-off into the existing sewer, attenuation tanks to deal with the excess in times of heavy rainfall and opening up the culvert to prevent blockages. Their proposals are challenged by local residents, who believe they are neither adequate nor achievable. The site owners have no clear path to access the main sewer and it is understood that at least two adjoining property owners have been offered a substantial sum to allow access through their property and have refused. The plans are thought to rely on a covenant in the deeds of one property that may oblige them to provide a path for drainage, although the covenant dates from 1913 and may no longer be enforceable.

Other issues are relevant to the second site adjoining Stamages House, as the land concerned is outside Painswick's 'settlement development boundary'. This appears to have been drawn specifically to exclude the site, although planners have in the past indicated that some limited development there might be possible.



The arguments against both developments are weakened by the current uncertainty over the Stroud District Plan and by the shortfall in Stroud District against the required 5 year land supply for new housing. The Council's first plan proposal ran into trouble with Planning Inspectors and may have to be withdrawn. Preparation of a new plan has recently started, but is unlikely to be completed before 2030. In the meantime the Government has increased the housing requirement on local councils, with the effect that Stroud now has a significant shortfall of developable housing sites and a separate shortfall against a target for self-build properties. These weaken its ability to turn down proposals that can realistically be delivered, even where they are inconsistent with the Council's planning policies. Our interview with Cllr. Gary Luff on page 2 goes into more detail on this.

The official consultation period for the proposals at Stamages House ended on 21st August and a decision is targeted for early September. For the New Drive field proposals, consultation has been extended to end on Thursday 10th September.

**Painswick Feast and Clypping 20th September - see page 10**

Present: Cllrs. Robin Roberts (Chair), Ann Daniels, Richard Moore, Roey Parker and Ian Massey, together with 15-20 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sandra Hunkin, James Cross and Fraser Leggate. There were no declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

Several members of the public addressed the Committee to state their reasons for opposing applications S.26/1241/PIP (Land adjoining Stamages House) and/or S.26/1246/FUL (Land Adjoining Howbeg), both of them off Stamages Lane.

Cllr. Ann Daniels said that the land all

along the contour shared by the two sites was potentially unstable. As far as she could see nothing had fundamentally changed in the reasons that had led to earlier proposals being refused. The Committee agreed to object to both proposals as contrary to a range of policies in the Stroud District Plan. They also asked that if the planners at Stroud were minded to approve either proposal, then it should first be referred to the Council's Development Control Committee.

The Committee agreed to support other applications as follows - in the case of Old Star House and Jenkins Farmhouse subject to the Conservation Officer's approval, and for Jenkins Farmhouse subject to

clarification on the use of agricultural land.

S.26/1203/LBC Fiery Beacon, New Street.  
Removal of the existing kitchen floor & installation of underfloor heating.

S.26/1039/HHOLD Old Star House, Gloucester Street  
Installation of five replacement windows.

S.26/1369/FUL Site For Proposed Barn, Slad Lane  
Erection of a Hay Barn and resurfacing of an access track.

S.26/1335/HHOLD and S.26/1336/LBC Jenkins Farmhouse, Jenkins Lane  
Alterations to driveway, fenestration etc.

## Stroud District's new Local Plan process Cllr. Gary Luff answers our questions

After last month's report on the launch of a new Local Plan process by Stroud District Council, we asked Gary Luff who represents Painswick on both the District and County Councils, for more information. Here are his responses.

### How will the abolition of Stroud District Council from 1st April 2028 affect the Local Plan?

The plan process is meant to take 30 months from start to finish, so it will not be completed until the end of 2029, but there is co-operation and co-ordination between the Districts and the County Council. The work will continue after reorganisation and once agreed will apply to the old Stroud District Council area.

### What is the status of the earlier plans?

We still have our existing local plan from 2015 and a proposal from 2021, which is still at examination. An upcoming session will focus on the road capacity particularly at the motorway junctions 12 and 14. It is not certain what the outcome of the examination will be, but it may be that the plan has to be withdrawn. If that happens the report will tell us in detail where the problems are, to help with the new plan.

### How does the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) affect the planning process?

Painswick is within the Cotswolds National Landscape and the NPPF says that development proposals within Protected Landscapes should be limited in scale and extent and sensitively located. Substantial weight should be placed on the importance of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of these areas. However development proposals within settlements (*such as*

*New Drive field*) should be approved unless the benefits of doing so would be substantially outweighed by any adverse effects, when assessed against the national policies (which include the National Landscape). Developments outside settlements (*such as the land at Stamages House*) should only be approved in limited circumstances, which could however include evidence of an unmet need, such as the lack of a five-year supply of sites.

### How much of a problem is it that Stroud is below the 5-year land supply target?

The 5-year land supply is in an issue in many places. For Stroud District the annual target has been set at 844 homes per year against the previous target of 620, a 36% increase. The land supply relies on development proposals from the private sector, driven by wider economic factors, so it is likely that many areas will fail to meet their targets. An absence of a 5-year land supply does lead to a tilted balance situation which makes it more likely, but by no means automatic, that schemes will be approved.

### What else is Stroud doing to address the housing issue?

Whilst we have a housing crisis, we do also in Stroud District have over 65,000 spare bedrooms. We as a Council are trying to encourage empty properties back into use and to encourage residents to take lodgers, and we are building and acquiring significant numbers of council houses. In 2025-26 we were in the top 10 council house builders in the whole of England and Wales.

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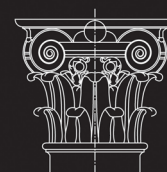


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# Let's start at the very beginning

## An introduction to the History of Painswick

For a village of its size, Painswick has an awful lot of history. It's seen a lot of ups and downs over the last 2000 years or so. But where to start, in getting to know something about the background to the community we live in? If you know little about it, or perhaps are new to the area, it can seem daunting to approach a subject that so much has been written about.

On the afternoon of Sat. 12th Sept., the Local History Society will be presenting 'An introduction to the history of Painswick', an illustrated talk by Alastair Jollans, aimed at anyone who has relatively little knowledge of the subject, but would like to know a bit more about it. The meeting is free and open to anyone, no payment or membership required. It's at the Town Hall, starting at 3pm and expected to last for about an hour, with the opportunity for questions afterwards.

From the Dobunni people who built the Hill Fort on Painswick Beacon, through Painswick's appearance in the Domesday Book, to the rise and fall of the cloth trade and on to modern times, the talk will cover some of the key developments and some of the fascinating people in Painswick's history.

Why did the cloth trade decline so rapidly in Painswick? Why had it grown here in the first place? Why has Painswick's population grown so little in the last two centuries, while neighbouring places have boomed? How did three successive Lords of the Manor of Painswick end up together in the Tower of London? For answers to these and many other questions you may have asked yourself, come along for an afternoon's introduction to Painswick history.

## Gardening Club's new season Starts September 9th

Painswick Gardening Club celebrated the summer break with an August tea party in a Member's garden. This was very well attended with tea; and coffee and walnut cake. Fortunately, the garden had plenty of shade from trees on the perimeter and specimen trees within as well as roses. The vegetable garden, including fruit cages and a very productive greenhouse, provided interesting ideas. Members enjoyed inspiring conversation in like-minded company.



The friendly Painswick Gardening Club is full of people who want to know more about all aspects of gardening and plants, our club has members of all levels of gardening knowledge and our aim is to share that knowledge, learn more and gain gardening tips and advice. We welcome questions, suggestions and interaction within our meetings.

We meet most 2nd Wednesdays of each month (December/January/August-different) in Painswick Town Hall 7 for 7.30 start. This year's agenda includes: Josh Egan-Wyer head of Pershore Horticultural College + plants for sale; Pam and Debbie from Stonehouse in Bloom winners; Cate Masheder from The Hedgehog Hospital; American supper and fun quiz; Ian Sadler - Dutch Plant Auctions; Pip Smith- garden designer; Kevin Alviti - Self-sufficient fruit growing; Chris Evans from The butterfly farm; Rob from The Malvern Salvia collection + plants for sale; An evening visit to a special garden.

So hopefully something for everyone, £25 for a year's membership, or come as an evening visitor £5. Don't put it off- come along and join us at The Town Hall on September 9th for 7.30pm. Enquiries to Mary Parsons 07500 820205

Joyce Barrus



An illustrated talk by

Alastair Jollans

Painswick Town Hall

Saturday Sept. 12th, 3pm

Open to all - free entrance



## Goodwill Evening

The Painswick Centre regrets to announce that it will not be organising the Painswick Goodwill Evening this November. Unfortunately, there have not been enough volunteers to make the event possible.

If a group would like to take on the organisation of the event, The Centre would be happy to share information from previous years and offer use of the building.

## Family Celebration Sunday 13th September at St. Mary's Church

The Beacon Benefice is holding a Family Celebration Sunday at St Mary's Church in Painswick on Sunday 13th September. Family Service at 11am, followed by a party until 2pm in the Church Rooms.

Bring and share party food. Drinks provided.



Anna Favier-Brannan

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## Probus resumes

As is now customary during the holiday season, no meetings of the Club were held in August - but not all activity has ceased since our last report. On 29th July the annual summer garden party was hosted by our president Nick Slader and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Then on 22nd



August the Club entered a team for the Painswick Bowling Club "Street Bowls" competition (results unavailable at time of going to press!).

Our regular programme resumes on Thursday 3rd September when Kate Peake will give one of her popular aerial tours, the subject on this occasion being "A417 - the Missing Link". On 17th September our fellow member Jamie Tabor who talked to us last year on the Battle of Waterloo will turn his attention to the Battle of Arnhem, part of the Allied Operation Market Garden depicted in the epic film A Bridge Too Far. On 1st October another member, the author Alexander Norman, will update the talk he gave to us in January on the de Havilland Tiger Moth and the cast of extraordinary characters from the early days of aviation, and further explore the intriguing connection between one of the more prominent pioneers with Painswick - and her simultaneous affairs with both the Prince of Wales and his brother the Duke of Gloucester.



Members enjoying the Painswick Valley Probus garden party at the end of July in Greenhouse Lane

For members who were inspired by Tim Brain's talk on the Bayeux Tapestry to book tickets for the forthcoming exhibition at the British Museum but have been unsuccessful, it is worth remembering that there is an excellent copy at Reading Museum.

*Robin Vick*

## Painswick's past is back

Painswick's past is definitely fascinating ranging from the personal to the wider issues, events and developments. It has been a significant town, albeit small, in the county for well over a thousand years and its history and that of the 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 talks and presentations given by knowledgeable speakers.



The forthcoming programme for the 2026-27 season of talks has been designed to cover a range of topics with broad appeal and the first of these will take place in September when Tony Condor will give a presentation entitled Battlefield County. The focus of the talk will be on castles, battles and riot over 2000 years, and Painswick of course was certainly not exempt. Tony Condor is a local historian and retired museum curator and is an excellent and very knowledgeable speaker. The programme thereafter spans a good range of topics including the Arts and Crafts movement in local churches, the history of Resthaven, industries and World War 1, Tudor and Stuart entertainment and many more, plus the outing in May.

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. The first talk, Battlefield County, by Tony Condor, will start at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th September at the Croft School. Everyone is welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

## New season of lectures

From October 7th



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We will be offering lectures fortnightly from October to May (at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month in Painswick and on the third Tuesday in Box). We have an exciting and varied series of lectures planned, covering subjects as diverse as cider making in Gloucestershire, the history of GWR in the Stroud Valley, Gloucestershire and the Atlantic slave trade and the history of Gloucestershire Wassail - and that is all before Christmas!

But we start (on Wednesday October 7th) with a talk celebrating the 80-year history of Painswick Music Society, given by its current Chair, Professor Martin Woodhead. Lectures are free to our members but open to all (£5 for visitors). No need to book, just drop in (light refreshments provided). Membership to the Field Club runs from January to January but join now to get membership until January 2028; enjoying entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions, for just £25 individual or £40 couple. Contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: [CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com](mailto:CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com) Excursions tend to be in spring/summer months, with our last planned excursion for this year being a three-day trip to Suffolk, now fully booked.

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.cotsnatsfield.club](http://www.cotsnatsfield.club)

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## Friday Club Improve your Driving

A large group of members, pictured, enjoyed an enlightening afternoon visit to Stroud District's Foodbank warehouse on 21st August. Amanda-Jane Strover, Head of Foodbank operations, explained that all the food collections, including tinned and dried goods, fresh vegetables, bread and eggs, are sorted, checked-in and stored in this modern, well-organised building in Brimscombe. From there, foodpacks are delivered out to nine community-based foodbank centres, our nearest being Paganhill and central Stroud.

Clients in need of short-term food supplies are usually referred by care professionals, such as doctors, social workers, etc. and visit their nearest centre to collect a three-day supply. Over a cup of tea and a warm welcome from local volunteers, clients are offered support and signposting to advice agencies for help to address the cause of their crisis, whether it be debts, homelessness and eviction, loss of a regular income, mental health or other concerns. An impressive 200 people volunteer across the network of foodbank centres, the warehouse and van deliveries, alongside the public and supermarkets who make food and financial donations.

September sees the start of our autumn programme of meetings: on September 18th, Charlie Oakhill will talk about the 'Incredible Story of the Royal Mail Ship, RMS Queen Mary', including his family connection to the vessel's present location in Long Beach, California; and on October 2nd, Klim Seabright will have tips for car drivers and their passengers. Klim is a National Observer for the Gloucestershire Advance Motorists group (part of IAM RoadSmart), helping drivers improve their driving skills and knowledge.

You are welcome to drop-in to any Friday Club meeting. We charge £4 for non-members, £2 members, including refreshments after the talk.

Jane Rowe, 813228



## The Cheltenham Wilsons

When Dr Edward Thomas Wilson, the prominent Cheltenham physician, public health pioneer, and father of Antarctic explorer Dr Edward Adrian Wilson died in 1918 one of his contemporaries wrote "No man has done so much as he to promote the intellectual and civic life of Cheltenham". Members of Yew Trees WI were fortunate to learn about him from Sally Ferrers who had gained her knowledge of him by painstakingly transcribing two volumes of his beautifully handwritten diaries. After a privileged childhood, E.T. Wilson went on to study Natural Science at Oxford, then medicine, joining the medical staff of Cheltenham General Hospital in 1875, where he remained for 31 years. He was deeply interested in public health, battled with authorities to get a clean water supply for Cheltenham and was largely responsible for the establishment of the Delancey Hospital for Infectious Diseases and for starting a district nursing service.



E.T. Wilson was father to ten children including the famous polar explorer, who was one of a party of British explorers to reach the South Pole in January 1912. Tragically not only did the Norwegian Amundsen get there first, but the whole party perished on their return journey, Wilson dying alongside Scott on the Ross Ice Shelf.

An amazing family with a wide range of interests. A wry smile was seen on the faces of her female audience when Sally explained that E.T. Wilson's detailed diaries contain no mention of Mary, his very capable wife, who wrote books on Poultry Keeping about which she was an expert!

Many thanks go to Penny Eastwood for hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Yew Trees WI. Members much enjoyed having the time to socialise while admiring Penny's delightful garden - immaculate despite the heat, although it was noted with relief that even she could not keep her lawn from drying out!

"The Miracle of Bletchley" is the topic of the talk at our next meeting. The speaker, Gillian Cane, has a most impressive background which includes having been both the first woman to train as an officer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and to serve in the Royal Green Jackets. She has also been a Director of the Army and Navy Club and worked at Oxford University's Bodleian Library. So: ladies why not come and hear her on Tuesday 22nd September 7.30 pm at The Church Rooms?

Celia Lougher

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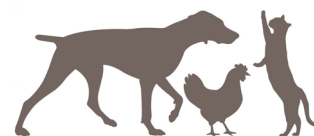


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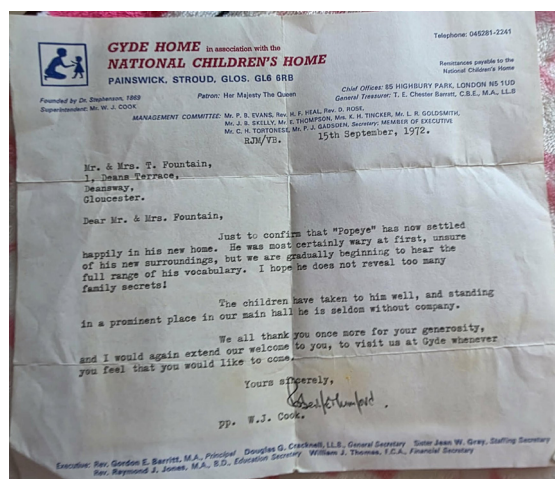
## A page of oddities

### A plea for help

I am writing to see if any of your readers can please help me track down a piece of my family's history, following the sad passing of my mum this past Christmas Eve. Fifty-four years ago my mum donated an African Grey parrot called Popeye to Gyde House children's home. I know the parrot became a fixture of the home for many years, but since Gyde House closed its doors in 1997, we lost track of where he went and I would love to see him if he's still alive. I have enclosed a letter with this email saying thank you for the bird from Gyde House. Please help me track down Popeye.

*Rachel Fountain*

*Editor:* Unlikely as it may seem, African Grey parrots can live for up to 80 years, so it is not impossible that Popeye is still alive. If you have any information about him, please contact the Beacon.



### How to see the eclipse

Some of our readers may have resorted to measures such as using a colander to view the solar eclipse safely last month. Pauline Breeze however found no need for this. Multiple images of the eclipse were easily observable on the wooden door of her dresser.



### Poet on Poop Patrol

As the canine companion passes  
What it leaves, from its sweet little arse, is  
Not nice for those trimming the grasses<sup>(1)</sup>.

Mrs Tease  
Thinks no one sees  
Where darling Toto craps and wees



Mr Gort  
Was a bag or two short<sup>(2)</sup>  
When his Millicent stopped for a poo.  
'Oh, bother!' he thought.  
'But we'll never get caught  
And I'm sure that it's good for the yew.'

I  
Looked up at the sky  
And nattered with nice Mrs Belmey  
You,  
Having done what you do,  
Somehow omitted to tell me.



#### Footnotes

1. St Mary's PCC acknowledges that one of its bards-in-residence may have been in the churchyard. It accepts no responsibility for his output.
2. Spare poop bags are available free from the plastic envelope on the noticeboard in the church porch. Mr Gort appears not to have known this.

The offering above was received by the Beacon from a member of the Parochial Church Council, who should probably remain anonymous. Whatever you may think of the merits or otherwise of the verses, the problem they describe continues to be a serious one. The collection of bags shown above on the top of a tomb were all gathered from around the churchyard by our anonymous poet.

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# Croft school teacher swaps classroom for church role

This term our All Ages Minister, Victoria Soutar, will not be returning to school as usual but instead has hung up her teacher's hat for good to take on an increased role working for our benefice churches.



Over the past two years Vics has juggled two part-time roles: being the reception class teacher and being our first 'Beacon All Age Minister' – but thanks to the encouraging work she has done here, particularly with the St Marys Mums baby and toddler group, the Sherlock Suppers, and school holidays Family Fun Days, she will now be fully dedicated to growing the wellbeing and faith of children and their adults in our communities.

With the prayer and increased financial support from our church congregations and additional funding through grants etc, Vics' role will be increased to three and a half days a week from September.

It is very much my hope that the mutual trust and respect that Vics has built up with Croft school teachers, parents, governors and pupils alike over the past decades will form the foundation of a new relationship with our primary school, so that Vics and her Beacon All Age team can continue to support the school and its families in more ways: nurturing, equipping and shaping our children for the future.

If you would like to support the All Age work that we are doing here either in prayer, practically or financially, please do get in touch ([beaconrector@gmail.com](mailto:beaconrector@gmail.com)). Meanwhile please also feel free to join us at our church family celebration on Sunday 13th September – starting at 11am in St Mary's, where all are welcome.

*Rev'd Sarah Haslam*



## New season for PMAG Begins 24th September

PMAG begins a new season on Thursday September 24th at 2:30 in the Town Hall with an exciting programme through to the end of next April which is more varied than ever.



Celebrating the notable anniversaries of Beethoven and Britten and also the 250th birthday of the United States of America from its early days emerging from British colonialism through European conventions to its own identities encompassing jazz, ragtime and influencing the movies and popular music.

Special programmes from distinguished guest speakers will feature Edward Elgar and local composers and poets from very close to home. Also scheduled are musical visits to seventeenth century Venice on DVD, the Indian subcontinent and Bohemia at the turn of the 20th century. We begin with the champions of melody and orchestration in Tsarist Russia at the last decades of the 19th century.

Performances on record by famous contributors to the Painswick Music Society over its incredible 80 year history will be included along the way.

We look forward to welcoming back our regular membership and look forward to making new friends as we begin the 2026-2027 season on September 24th.

*Michael Grey*

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## Monthly locals' night at the Falcon

Jake Haddon has been the owner of our wonderful historic inn, The Falcon, for just a few months, but already the excellent changes he has brought about are pleasingly evident. The dining area is welcoming and informal with local homemade food, and the bar area, offering a good selection of beers and wines, tea and coffee, is definitely inviting with the added cosy, comfortable seating area at the rear. The hotel, which caters for many tourists of course, has, rightly, an excellent reputation.

However, one of Jake's burning aims from the very beginning has been to create a truly local atmosphere with real benefits for Painswick residents. To that end, a new venture specifically for locals is now up and running. 'Locals' Night' will take place in the Shires Bar on the last Thursday of every month. For those who wish to dine, there will be a set menu of two or three courses and at very reasonable prices indeed. The menu will be different each month. At the same time there will also be live music and a range of other forms of entertainment. It will be necessary to pre-book if you want to dine but otherwise just come along on the night.

As Jake explains, this is a lovely opportunity for us, the locals, to simply relax, with or without a meal, and enjoy some informal music, entertainment and each other's company. The Shires is the perfect venue. For this month, it will be Thursday, 24th September.

Jake is very keen that the Falcon should offer excellence in every respect. There is a new general manager, appointed to ensure standards are maintained to the highest possible level and to create a really good local atmosphere. Jake is also keen to understand what Painswick residents feel is both best and needed. He is currently, for example, considering changing two of the beers on offer and would really like to know what we, the locals, would choose to replace them. Do get in touch with him with your ideas.

The Falcon is a precious and historic inn right here in our midst and fortunately it is now being managed in a very caring and conscientious way for both our visitors and, especially, for us, the local community. Do go along and enjoy these very special Thursday locals' nights.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Painswick Community Support

### Community Lunches

Community Lunches will be returning to the Town Hall starting Monday, October 26th! Every Monday through the winter, from 12:00 PM until 1:15 PM, you can enjoy this cherished village tradition. Local clubs, societies, and community groups host each week, serving up simple, delicious meals of homemade soup, bread, cheese, along with tea or coffee. Meals are served on a "Pay As You Can" basis, and all proceeds are shared among local village groups and local charities at the end of the season.

Last year's 16-week programme was a great success thanks to our fantastic volunteers—ranging from the Croft School Year 6 class to the Dog Training Club. If your group would like to host a lunch, we'd love to hear from you! Formal organizations aren't required; even a group of neighbours from your street is very welcome to take part. Keep an eye out for further details on posters around the village and in the October Beacon.

### Fareshare

A huge thank you to our volunteers who travel to Waitrose in Stroud each Saturday morning to collect food and deliver it to the church porch. Their efforts are vital in helping us do our part to reduce food waste. Please note that food availability varies depending on what Waitrose has to offer, so some weeks there may be very little or none. Do check the Town Hall freezer as well, where a fair amount of frozen food has been made available for anyone to take this week.

Should you require assistance, guidance, or further information, please reach out via phone at 07956203087 or email [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com). Our dedicated helpline is available throughout the week, operational daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Delyth, Louise & Hannah, Painswick Community Support*

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# Memories of the Pin Mill (1974-1978)

## Episode 10: In conclusion

Why did I want to share these memories? I was born in Stroud and moved to Painswick when I was around 9 months old. Painswick was an important part of my life from 1957 to 2010 (when my mother died). I still have friends there, and visit from time to time. My Dad is buried in the churchyard and my Mum in the cemetery, as are some of those who worked with me down the Mill. I plan to join them in due course. Even though I haven't lived there since 1978, Painswick will always be "home" to me. If not a bona fide "Painswick Puppy Dog", I do consider myself a "Painswickian".



The author in 1974

I'm 70 now, and these memories have focused on my life from 17 to 22 years old, when I divided much of my time between Oxford University and the Pin Mill. Both of these were Places of Learning for me. I suppose I was growing up at the time, and maybe that's why I look back on it with such affection. In this series of articles, I have tried to present happy memories. That said, factories can be hard places and I was always conscious that I was only passing through. I could see that life wasn't necessarily roses all the way for those who worked there for a living. This realisation helped me to understand them better and only made me respect them more.

I worked down the Mill for the last time during the summer of 1978. Having finished my degree, I was due to start working for Unilever that September at their Port Sunlight factory up on the Wirral. At that point I still owed money to my college. I felt uncomfortable with this, not least because I wouldn't be allowed to graduate until the debt was cleared, so I worked and paid it off that summer. As a result, I left Painswick and went out into the world debt-free – thanks to the Pin Mill.

Looking back, I would have to say that the learning from my time down the Mill was worth far more than the money I was paid. I began to understand how people should be treated - how they should be managed and led. I saw what motivated them, and what they were afraid of. I didn't realise at the time how important this was going to be in my life and career. It's strange how things turn out, and perhaps I would have had a different career if I hadn't had those experiences – but I have no regrets.

The Mill offered me a first experience of factory life, but in later years I would end up running factories and warehouses for companies such as Unilever and ICI. In my 40s, I even became European Logistics Director for a major Office Supplies company, distributing paper clips throughout Europe along with many other office products. Throughout my career, I was able to reflect on what the people down in the valley by the stream had taught me. I see them as some of the best that Painswick and its surroundings had to offer, and they should be celebrated. Hopefully, some of the readers of the Beacon will have remembered some of those people – and smiled.

I'm sure that many people living in Painswick today are unaware that the Pin Mill was still in operation not so long ago (it shut down in 1982). Our history has not only been as a village popular with visiting tourists – we made things, and we should be proud of it, and of those who were involved. Finally, some thanks. As a result of these articles several people have been in contact with their memories, and I have even been invited into some of the houses that now make up Brookhouse Mill. It was fascinating to see how the buildings have been reimagined and repurposed. It certainly brought back a lot of memories from fifty years ago.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Painswick Beacon, and Carol Maxwell in particular, for encouraging me to write this series of recollections. It's been fun to unpack my history and see if it still fits. It's felt good to revisit those times – I've smiled a lot.

Eric Harris

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## Events at The Painswick Centre

Friday 11th September. Wick-Flix returns with 'Kangaroo', a warm-hearted Australian film. Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.45 pm. Tickets £9.50 online in advance or £10 on the door, subject to availability. Includes one drink.



**The Painswick Centre**  
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# The Painswick Feast and Clypping Sunday 20th September in the Churchyard from 11am

This year the event will have even more fun for children and young people. As well as now two dedicated areas for youngsters' activities, we are delighted to announce a special new feature: The Teddy Bear Zipwire! Every brave teddy who takes part will receive a Certificate of Achievement -- your teddies will absolutely have the ride of their lives right from the top of the church tower!

Overall, we have everything you always love: great music through the day, the Dog Show, the Apple Pressing, loads of yummy food, a fantastic, diverse collection of stalls.

At the centre of the day, of course, is the Clypping -- a wonderful event dating back hundreds of years, where we all join hands to make a circle round the church as an act of community and solidarity. Everyone is warmly invited to participate in the Clypping.

The things that you need to do are:

- collect your apples for juicing on the day
- bring along your teddy for the zipwire
- get your dog ready for the glorious Dog Show
- bring some bank notes and coins with you -- but the cash machine in the 'Premier' Painswick Stores, St Mary's Street, will be functioning for you if you run out!
- be prepared for a fantastic day!

As a reminder, the timing of specific events will be:

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| 11.00 am | The Feast opens                                                            |
| 11.30 am | Celebratory peel of bells: stalls, apple pressing, music, food, everything |
| 1.30 pm  | The Dog Show (till 1.30 pm, with entries taken from 11.00 am)              |
| 2.00 pm  | The Teddy Bear Zipwire (till 2.30pm)                                       |
| 3.00 pm  | Flower headbands in the church, ready for the Clypping                     |
|          | The Clypping                                                               |

We always love more people joining our super, friendly Feast team - if you would like to help as a volunteer in any capacity at all, drop a line to [thepainswickfeast2026@gmail.com](mailto:thepainswickfeast2026@gmail.com) to let us know.

Make sure you keep Sunday 20th September in your diary!

*Stephen Aiano*



## Jottings

Going back to the 1950s and early 60s over at our land in Greenhouse Lane in just one field you could see that had been ploughed years ago, there were a few teasels growing every year but getting less every year. Now all gone. Until the last 100 years or so, they were of course the teasels that were used in the wool trade. You plant the seed one year and harvest and to get a good teasel you cut it the next, because in the 17th and 18th century there were many cloth mills on the streams of our valleys.

So many of our farms were small and by allowing them to grow an acre of teasels, this gave an extra bit of income. When the teasels were cut they were dried in sheds on any form of rack, then graded into length size of the bulb and bound and sent on their way.

Having shorn many thousands of sheep over the years (there are over 60 breeds of sheep), we now only keep about ten animals. All the wool in the 60's was taken down to a warehouse near Thrupp where it was graded. That has now all gone. In this century the sheep were washed in a sheep dip or driven through a deep stream to get rid of a lot of grease and dirt. A few weeks before shearing the back side of the sheep was shorn to get rid of any kind of contamination (sheep muck) and to help stop any fly strike that may happen. Then your sheep were shorn. Now-a-days your sheep are shorn, the fleece rolled in a special way and put into a bag containing some 20 fleeces.

*Martin Slinger*

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## Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday September 7th from 1.30-2.30, to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Following that, we will meet on Monday October 5th to discuss *Daughters of the Bamboo Grove* by Barbara Demick. This is a non fiction work, written by a journalist who exposes the horrors of the Chinese One Child Policy and the short and longer term consequences.

New members very welcome. For further information email [painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com)



*Pat Andrew*

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# A ripe future for Painswick?

There is an important conversation happening all around the country, about accessible green space, and how we can protect it for the future. Now a group of villagers want to bring that conversation home, with an idea for a community garden in Painswick.

The proposal centres on Gyde Field, above the A46. It imagines an orchard filled with fruit and nut trees, a herb and medicinal garden, a wildflower meadow buzzing with bees, nesting boxes for birds and bats, raised vegetable beds and shared facilities for gardening tools and composting.

Gyde Field belongs to The Gyde Trust, an historic Painswick charity established to benefit young people with sensory disabilities and those in need – so a thriving community garden, growing and supplying food, whilst supporting wellbeing and social prescribing, would sit naturally alongside their founding purpose whilst transforming costly field maintenance into income for the charity.

The field is within easy walking of the school, and Painswick centre, making it ideally situated for young and old alike to connect with nature, food growing and one another.



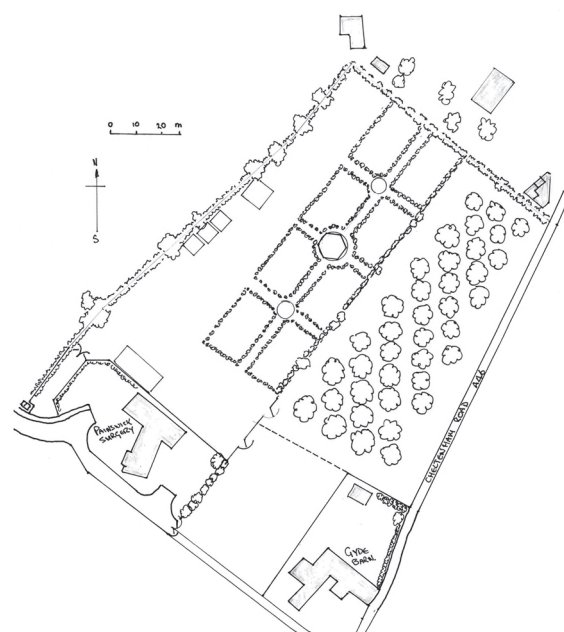
An imagined view of how the field might look from the A46

Orchards are something Painswick has lost over many decades. Establishing an orchard is tremendous for biodiversity as well as providing healthy fruit and nuts. Trees could be sponsored by families or to commemorate a loved one. Even if the field were one day earmarked for redevelopment or new housing, the intention is that the orchard itself could remain: a lasting, living legacy.

Behind the project is an experienced and passionate team from practical, knowledgeable gardeners and orchardists, ecology and botanical experts, an agricultural university lecturer, to local doctors and health professionals as well media and creative professions.

Now, we want to get support for the project. Would you like to be a future member? Do you have questions? or ideas of your own? Come and find us at our stall at the Painswick Feast on Sunday 20th September, or email [painswickorchardgroup@gmail.com](mailto:painswickorchardgroup@gmail.com) We'd love to hear from you.

*Painswick Community Garden and Orchard team*



## Librosaurus Reading Challenge July 18th - September 7th

Just a few more days to go to earn your £10 book voucher! Visit Painswick Community Library 3 times and read 3 books, draw a picture, write a 300 word



story or write a poem and earn yourself a £10.00 book voucher. The top three in each age category will earn another £10.00 book voucher. WOW!



If you're between 3 and 11 years old just pop into the library with an adult and sign up. Art work, poems and stories will be exhibited on the stairwell up to the library. Have fun!

*Gill Hopkins*

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# Painswick Rococo Garden in September

September brings a crescendo of colour to Painswick Rococo Garden, as perennials and annuals create a rich display across the Garden. African marigolds, *Mirabilis jalapa* and *Salvia horminum* 'Oxford Blue' are among the highlights, while the first trees are beginning to turn magnificent shades of red and gold, heralding the arrival of autumn.

**Painswick  
Rococo  
Garden**

In the Kitchen Garden, an extensive crop of heritage fruits is swelling and ripening as the harvest approaches. Apples and pears grown in the Garden are used by the café, with surplus fruit turned into fresh-pressed, pasteurised juices which are available to buy in the shop.

The Garden is also becoming a little quieter as the summer crowds subside, making September an ideal time for a peaceful visit and a chance to enjoy the changing seasons.

Did you know that the café, shop and Exedra Nursery can all be visited without paying admission to the Garden? Free parking is available, making them convenient places to meet friends and family. The café serves freshly prepared meals using local produce and ingredients grown in the Garden, while the shop offers a range of seasonal produce and beautifully curated gifts. Dogs are also welcome. The Garden is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, with last admission at 4pm.



*Marta Gardner*

## Painswick Centre AGM Come along and help shape what happens next

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

The Painswick Centre AGM takes place on Monday 21st Sept. at 7pm in the Beacon Hall, and everyone with an interest in the Centre and its future is warmly invited to come along.

Yes, it is an AGM. There will inevitably be a little bit of necessary business. But this is also a chance to hear what has been happening at the Centre over the past year, find out what is planned next, ask questions and, most importantly, have a say in the future of one of Painswick's most important community spaces. The Centre is home to an extraordinary range of activity throughout the year, from clubs, classes and community groups to events, celebrations, meetings and Wick-Flix. Keeping all of that going, maintaining and improving the building, and making sure the Centre continues to serve the village takes a considerable amount of work behind the scenes.

And that brings us to trustees. We would love to hear from people who might be interested in joining the team. You do not need to arrive clutching a CV full of committee experience, nor do you need specialist knowledge of village halls, charitable governance or the mysterious inner workings of central heating systems. What matters far more is enthusiasm for the Centre, an interest in the

community and a willingness to bring your ideas, experience or practical skills to the table. We are particularly keen to broaden the group of people involved. Different ages, backgrounds, professions, interests and perspectives all help make better decisions about what the Centre should be and how it develops.

Becoming a trustee is a chance to have a genuine influence on the future of the Centre rather than simply watching from the sidelines. And, importantly, joining the trustees does not mean volunteering to spend every waking hour moving tables, fixing gutters or attending meetings about the precise location of a cupboard. Unless, of course, cupboards happen to be your thing. If you are curious but not quite ready to commit, come to the AGM, meet us and find out more. There is absolutely no obligation to volunteer on the spot.

Come along, find out what is happening and help us make sure the Painswick Centre continues to thrive for years to come. And if you have ever found yourself saying, "Do you know what they should do at the Centre...?", this could be your opportunity to become one of them.

*Ceri Chaplin*

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# From Painswick to Manhattan

## Isabella takes on another incredible challenge

Many people in the village will remember Isabella Weatherall from when she was younger, but few could have imagined where her swimming would eventually take her! Following her achievements of swimming the English Channel in 2024 and Loch Ness in 2025, Isabella has now taken on another extraordinary challenge.

On 14th August, she completed the 20 Bridges Swim, a 28.6-mile circumnavigation of Manhattan Island, in an incredible 8 hours and 23 minutes. The route takes swimmers through the Hudson, East and Harlem Rivers, passing beneath those twenty bridges. The 20 Bridges Swim is one of three events that make up the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming, alongside the English Channel and Catalina Channel.

Reflecting on it Isabella said: "It's a lot warmer than Loch Ness and tide assisted, so it was not only interesting with all the bridges and buildings as land markers, but also relatively 'easy' compared with my Channel swim of nearly 17 hours". Relatively easy is perhaps not how most of us would describe swimming nearly 29 miles!

Isabella is now two-thirds of the way to completing the Triple Crown, so with only the Catalina Channel remaining, could that be Isabella's next adventure? Whatever comes next, everyone back home can be incredibly proud of her. Congratulations, Isabella, on another fantastic achievement!

*Joanna Weatherall*



## Ecological Burn Out

Along with many ecologists, I think I am suffering from ecological burn out. The work we do on the Beacon is benefiting the site, and most people agree with what we are doing, but when one looks at the bigger picture our efforts seem pitiful. This is the first time, in twelve years, where I am questioning why we bother. The global picture is so massively complex and big that it can be used as a reason for inactivity. All the data I have seen shows that global warming has been caused by human activity over the last two to three hundred years and the rate of change is happening faster than at any other time in the past. The rate of wildlife extinction is faster than any other time in geological history and it is all down to human activity.

Human civilisation has been punctuated by some key developments. The use of fire, stone tools, agriculture, pottery, wheels are examples which would have occurred in various parts of the world at different times. Later developments of bronze, iron and agriculture were shared because of early trading routes. Global trading exploded with colonisation and the start of the industrial revolution here in Britain. Higher wages with plentiful coal created cheaper goods and started our love of spending and consuming and this is continuing to plot an unsustainable exponential curve.

There is much talk of net zero and plenty of green washing, but what we need is a green revolution to happen very, very quickly. Climate records are being broken on an annual basis, and these are manifested in more extreme droughts, storms and wildfires.

I do not claim to have all the answers. However, manufacturing must become fully cyclical, where goods are made with green energy, made to last, are repairable and then fully recycled. We all need to develop a better understanding of our individual carbon footprint and make a personal effort to reduce it. To me it seems morally indefensible that developed countries are consuming the most while the poorest suffer the consequences. Next month PBCG will have started working again, so hopefully I will feel more positive!

*Paul Baxter*



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# Painswick Sports

assembled by John Barrus

## Mens cricket round-up



Success in the County Cup was rewarded with a final at the home of Gloucestershire CC in Bristol. Having powered their way through the quarter final against Bishopston and then the semi against highly rated Hatherley and Reddings (Greg Ford 91 and 4 wkts), Painswick's men's first team (photo alongside) qualified for the County Cup final at the County Ground in Bristol. Unfortunately our opposition

Dumbleton were too strong for us on the day and Painswick lost by 122 runs. Congratulations to Dumbleton. This was the first time Painswick has earned a place in the county final and to have played at the county ground is something we are all very proud of.



League-wise the firsts have scored victories against Purton and Marshfield but lost to Royal Wootton Bassett, Corsham, Tewkesbury and Goatacre, they do however lie safely mid table in 6th. The second team beat Minchinhampton and Poulton but they did lose narrowly to Hawkesbury and most recently Cirencester 2nds which has probably put paid to promotion. A much improved season though and hopes are high for 2027.

The thirds battle on, a good win over Oldbury on Severn, Mike Pickard (91 runs) and Ollie Moore (66 runs) leading the way. A number of further defeats would indicate that relegation looms this season. For further details and contact info about Painswick cricket club please see <https://painswick.play-cricket.com/home>

Steve Pegram

## Women's cricket at Painswick



There have been many highlights this season but the successful run in the 100 Div 2 KO Cup has to be the tops! The side battled past Tewkesbury, Lucy John scoring 62 and Karen Marment 33, plus some excellent tight bowling by Julie Groves who took 3 wickets. Then a semi-final against Huntley which went down to the last ball, Painswick taking victory by 2 runs. Kim Newcombe's 45 runs was key together with excellent bowling displays by Emily Austen and ever cool skipper Kate Woolway.

The final against Stroud was played at Painswick on 18th August, another absolute thriller in front of a large crowd. Painswick produced their best fielding and bowling performance of the season and restricted Stroud to 97 runs from 100 balls. Eva Holohan, Emily and Kate being the pick of the bowlers. The run chase saw Kim and Lucy start things off well getting to 26 however Painswick then lost a few wickets before Emily and Eva steadied the ship with a vital partnership of 41 runs. By the final set of five (over) Painswick only had 2 wickets left and needed 3 runs. Undeterred, new batter Robyn Tucker arrived to hit the winning four and secure the cup! Much joy!! Emily was not out 35 and Painswick won by 2 wkts. The winning team is pictured above!

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# Street Bowls

In glittering August sunshine, teams from across the community came to the Painswick Centre Green for the first round of the 2026 Street Bowls tournament. To a cheerful soundtrack (supplemented by a Hindu Festival next door), and supported by crowds of well-wishers, Gloucester Street, Lower Washwell, White Horse Lane, Kingsmill, Tibbiwell, Kemps Lane, The Painswick Stream, Probus and the Formidable Family Follows all competed for local glory.



The holders, White Horse Lane, began in roaring form against Kingsmill, but met their Waterloo against doughty Tibbiwell Lane. Gloucester Street overcame Kemps Lane and the Streamside, while in the third group Lower Washwell fought to a thrilling draw against the Follows Family, only for the "Formidables" to top the group on score difference.

The three group winners, Tibbiwell, Gloucester St and The Follows, will progress to the finals on 12th September, where they will be joined by White Horse Lane as "best losers." On the evidence of this day, it promises to be a clash of titans indeed.

Thank you to everyone who came, competed, supported, or served the crowd with Pimms, beer and bacon butties! Rarely have I seen so many smiles in a single afternoon.

*John Dickinson*



# Badminton

A new season starts for the Painswick Badminton Club on Thursday 3rd September 8pm at the Painswick Centre. New members are always welcome, just come along to the regular Thursday evening sessions, no commitment. Email John Barrus on [barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk) for details.



Picture shows the annual club BBQ

*John Barrus*

# Pickleball Vandalism to the courts

On Tuesday 25th August some vandals got into the recreation ground tennis courts and vandalised some of the Pickleball equipment. Sand bags were ripped open and sand spread over the court and a Pickleball net was damaged probably beyond repair.



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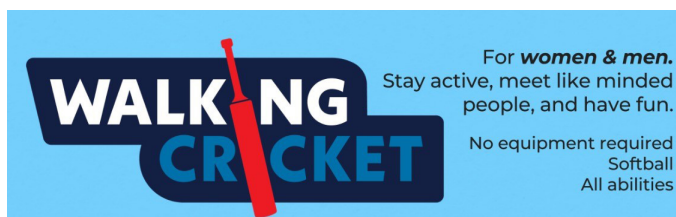
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# Walking Cricket Comes to Painswick

Fancy playing cricket but think your running days might be behind you? Walking Cricket could be just the thing!

Painswick Cricket Club, in partnership with the Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation, is introducing Walking Cricket to Painswick this September. As the name suggests, there's no running involved. It's a slower-paced, low-impact version of the game designed to be fun, friendly and accessible. You don't need to have played cricket before, you don't need to be particularly fit, and all equipment is provided. Walking Cricket is a great way to enjoy some gentle

exercise, meet new people and have a bit of friendly competition along the way. Everyone gets involved, whether batting, bowling or fielding, and you simply play at your own pace.



We're holding two FREE indoor taster sessions in the hall at Painswick Cricket/Rugby Club, Broadham Fields, GL6 6UT: Monday 21st September, 10.30-11.30am and Monday 28th September, 10.30-11.30am

And it doesn't have to end when the cricket finishes. Afterwards, there'll be an opportunity to stay for a while, sit down and have a chat with the other players - making the sessions as much about meeting people and enjoying some company as playing cricket. Men and women are equally welcome, whatever your ability or previous experience. Why not come along and give it a try? You might discover a new way to enjoy cricket - and make some new friends at the same time.

Interested in giving Walking Cricket a try? Scan the QR code alongside to register your interest. If you're unable to use the QR code, or would simply prefer to speak to someone, please contact: Mike Powis (Painswick Cricket Club) Email: [mikepowis@icloud.com](mailto:mikepowis@icloud.com) Tel: 07748 014988

*Mike Powis, Secretary, Painswick CC*

## Property Report

Churchill Way has been a hub for activity this month, with three properties coming to the market and two going quickly under offer. No. 10 Churchill Way has gone under offer through Hamptons and No. 23 through Murrays, but at the time of writing, No. 2 Churchill Way is still available (Murrays, £575,000). Wayside in Victoria Street has also gone quickly under offer through Murrays, but there's still the option of 1 Gloucester Road, a modern detached house with four bedrooms (Hamptons, £775,000).

In Vicarage Street, the opportunity to buy the substantial period cottage called Carmania (Hamptons, £685,000), has not been available for over 100 years, during which time it has been owned and occupied by three generations of the same family. Roseleigh on Cheltenham Road (Murrays, £335,000) may have been bought and sold several times in that period, but has many attractive features including two bedrooms, a courtyard garden and a part-converted attic.

On a much larger scale, Woodlands just off Stamages Lane

(Murrays, £1.15m) is an exceptional modern detached family home with four bedrooms, large open plan living area and great views across the valley. For something even larger, Knowle Cottage in Cranham (Murrays, £1.85m) has 8 bedrooms with two acres of gardens, paddocks and outbuildings. And for something smaller, but with lots of character, how about the Victorian Gothic Lower Lodge at the bottom of Portway (Hamptons, £795,000), once one of the entrance lodges to the Prinknash Estate.

At Richmond Village, two assisted living apartments are available. Apartment 3/5 at £270,000, with a Juliet balcony, looking out over the wildflower meadow and shortly also apartment 3/6 with a spacious living room, flooded with natural light. Richmond was recently named 'Best for Wellbeing' at the Care Home Awards 2026.

As well as those mentioned above, 5 Hyett Close, The Byre at Bidfield and The Crest in Pitchcombe have gone under offer through Hamptons, as have 9 Berry Close, Abbots Leigh on Stamages Lane and Sen Sook in Sheepscombe, through Murrays.

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>    | Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538                                                                                                           | Painswick Centre     | 8.45 - 9.45am   |
|                   | Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538                                                                                                        | Painswick Centre     | 9.50 - 10.50am  |
|                   | Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538                                                                                              | Painswick Centre     | 10.55 - 11.55am |
|                   | Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie<br><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="mailto:kate-beatty.co.uk/07793">kate-beatty.co.uk/07793</a> 126234                                              | 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   |
|                   | Lego Builders Club (excluding Bank Holidays)                                                                                                           | Library              | 3.30 - 4.30pm   |
|                   | Monday Walkers - informal walking group around Painswick area lasting approx. 2.5 hours                                                                | Stamages car park    | 10.00am         |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                        |                      |                 |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                        |                      |                 |
| <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/07793">www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793</a> 126234                                                    | 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.<br><a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a> .                            | Painswick Centre     | 3.45 - 5.15pm   |
|                   | Weds Pop-In 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          |
| <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 |
|                   | Taichi and Qigong - Perry Loveday 07970 698741                                                                                                         | Painswick Centre     | 2.00 - 3.00pm   |
|                   | 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   |
|                   | Badminton Club. Contact John Barrus - <a href="mailto:barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk">barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk</a>                                                   | Painswick Centre     | 8.00 - 9.30pm   |
|                   | 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:cgswn@btinternet.com">cgswn@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 |
|                   | Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only                                                                                                      | Painswick Centre     | 9.30 - 11.30am  |
|                   | Drop in Digital Support Session (First Friday of the month)                                                                                            | Library              | 11.00 - 12.00pm |
|                   | Quaker Meeting for Worship                                                                                                                             | Meeting House        | 10.30am         |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | 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

|       |    |                                                                                                                             |                                            |                   |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mon   | 7  | Library Book Club                                                                                                           | Library                                    | 1.30 - 2.30pm     |
| Tues  | 8  | Morning prayer                                                                                                              | St Marys Church                            | 9.00am            |
| Wed   | 9  | Gardening Club:                                                                                                             |                                            |                   |
| Thurs | 10 | Painswick Beacon Conservation Gp. - Annual Public Meeting .<br>Talk by Angela Julian - reptiles and amphibians in the area. | Town Hall                                  | 7.30pm            |
|       | 10 | Arts Society: Cotswold School Arts and Crafts - Kirsty Hartsiotis                                                           | Painswick Centre                           | 10.15 for 11.00am |
| Fri   | 11 | Wickflix: Kangaroo                                                                                                          | Painswick Centre                           | 7.00 for 7.45pm   |
| Sat   | 12 | Painswick Music Society AGM                                                                                                 | Church Rooms                               | 11.00am           |
|       | 12 | Painswick Local History Soc: An Introduction to the History of Painswick - Al Jollans. Open meeting                         | Town Hall                                  | 3.00pm            |
| Sun   | 13 | Holy Communion (BCP)                                                                                                        | St Mary's Church                           | 9.30am            |
|       | 13 | Family Celebration Sunday - Church Service followed by party                                                                | St Mary's Church and party in Church Rooms | 11.00/2.00pm      |
| Tues  | 15 | Morning prayer                                                                                                              | St Marys Church                            | 9.00am            |
|       | 15 | The Well                                                                                                                    | Church Rooms                               | 7.00pm            |
|       | 15 | Painswick Local History Soc. Battlefield County - Tony Conder                                                               | Croft School                               | 7.30pm            |
| Thurs | 17 | Painswick Probus: The Battle of Arnhem - Jamie Tabor                                                                        | Painswick Centre                           | 11.00 for 11.30am |
| Fri   | 18 | Friday Club: The RMS Queen Mary. Charlie Oakhill. Enq 813228                                                                | Town Hall                                  | 2.30pm            |
| Sun   | 20 | <b>Deadline for all Beacon copy</b>                                                                                         |                                            |                   |
|       | 20 | Painswick Feast                                                                                                             | Painswick Churchyard                       | from 10.30am      |
|       | 20 | Clypping Service                                                                                                            | St Mary's Church                           | 3.00pm            |
| Tues  | 22 | Yew Trees WI: The Miracle of Bletchley - Gillian Crane                                                                      | Church Rooms                               | 7.00 for 7.30pm   |
|       | 22 | Morning prayer                                                                                                              | St Mary's Church                           | 9.00am            |
| Wed   | 23 | Turning Pages                                                                                                               | Wild, Wick Street                          | 1.30pm            |
| Thurs | 24 | Yew Trees WI walk to 'Home improvements' an art exhibition in a dell. Enq 813228                                            | Stamages car park                          | 10.00am           |
|       | 24 | Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The mighty handful - five Russian composers - Michael Grey                              | Town Hall                                  | 2.30pm            |
| Fri   | 25 | Gardening Workshop: How to make a bulb lasagne. Book via <a href="http://rococogarden.org.uk">rococogarden.org.uk</a>       | Rococo Garden                              | 11.00am - 1.00pm  |
|       | 25 | Community Hub hosted by Richmond Village (transport to / from Richmond from outside Town Hall at 9.45am)                    | Richmond auditorium                        | 9.30 -11.00am     |
| Sun   | 27 | Beacon Praise                                                                                                               | St Mary's Church                           | 11.00am           |
|       | 27 | Evensong (BCP)                                                                                                              | St Mary's Church                           | 6.00pm            |
| Tues  | 29 | Morning prayer                                                                                                              | St Mary's Church                           | 9.00am            |

### October

|       |   |                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                   |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Thurs | 1 | Creating plants for free - hands-on workshop for gardeners who love to grow more for less. Book at <a href="http://rococogarden.org.uk">rococogarden.org.uk</a> | Rococo Garden    | 9.30am - 1.00pm   |
|       | 1 | Painswick Probus: Early Aviators and Painswick Connections - Alexander Norman                                                                                   | Painswick Centre | 11.00 for 11.30am |
| Fri   | 2 | Friday Club: Tips for Drivers (and their passengers) - Klim Seabright. Enq 812104                                                                               | Town Hall        | 2.30pm            |
| Sat   | 3 | <b>Painswick Beacon published</b>                                                                                                                               |                  |                   |



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# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.26/1241/PIP Land Adjoining Stamages House, Stamages Lane  
A phased development of 1 to 5 self-build dwellings.

S.26/1246/FUL Land Adjoining Howbeg, Stamages Lane  
Erection of 7 dwellings (Class C3) and associated works

S.26/1039/HHOLD Old Star House, Gloucester Street

Installation of five replacement windows.

S.26/1369/FUL Site For Proposed Barn, Slad Lane

Erection of a Hay Barn and resurfacing of an access track.

S.26/1335/HHOLD and S.26/1336/LBC Jenkins Farmhouse, Jenkins Lane, Edge  
Alterations to driveway and replacement gate. Associated landscaping including installation of retaining walls. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

S.26/1460/TCA Court House, Hale Lane  
T1- Magnolia tree to be reduced by 1.5m all round.

S.26/1454/FUL The Painswick Pooch Coffee House, New Street

Change of use of existing coffee shop (Class E) to residential (Class C3)

## CONSENT

S.26/0595/LBC The Buddings, Slad Road  
Replacement of 5 windows

S.26/0806/VAR Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.25/1431/HHOLD - alterations to the fenestration, roof materials and design of orangery

S.26/0839/FUL and S.26/0840/LBC Lullingworth, Stroud Road

Subdivision of Lullingworth House to create two dwellings (Class C3) and internal alterations to block up two door openings.

S.26/0629/HHOLD Highcroft Cottage, Gloucester Road, Edge

Erection of a single-storey outbuilding.

S.26/0960/CPE Trillgate, Slad

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development for the commencement of works in respect of planning approval S.23/1347/FUL for 'Erection of studio outbuilding, regularisation of change of use to land to domestic (C3 use class)'. The implementation of the associated drainage works & treatment plant for the replacement studio outbuilding.

S.26/0908/HHOLD Frith Way, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Erection of side extension.

S.26/0879/LBC Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe

Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of two storey extension with single storey glazed link, orangery and garden pergola.

Resubmission of S.25/1432/LBC

S.26/0949/HHOLD Greenacres Cottage, Cheltenham Road

Erection of rear garden room.

S.26/1045/HHOLD Croft Edge, Hollyhock Lane

Erection of a garage / outbuilding.

S.26/0870/HHOLD Marlowe, Back Edge, Lane Edge

Erection of single storey side extension.

S.26/1119/TCA Flat 1 Gyde House, Gyde Road

T1 Cherry - reduce all over back to the previous points, approximately 2 metres.

S.26/1149/TCA Lullingworth, Stroud Road

T1. Pine tree – Fell.

S.26/1205/TCA Castle Hale, Stamages Lane

2 Lime Trees - Fell to near ground level.

S.26/1220/TCA Dry Knapps House, Edge Road

T1 - Copper Beech tree - reduce 1 x limb back to the fence line by 2m

## REFUSED

S.26/0824/FUL Land At Terreno, Longridge, Sheepscombe

Erection of a self-build dwelling (Class C3) with landscaping works.

## WITHDRAWN

S.26/1171/AFPA Site For Proposed Barn Slad Lane

Erection of a hay and straw barn and resurfacing of an existing track.

## Taking Pride in Painswick

### Could you help? Saturday September 5th from 10am

Where has the pride in Painswick gone? That's the question Mary Parsons asked herself, looking at the weeds growing along many of the pavements, and remembering the days when people used to sweep outside their own houses each morning. If people just kept their greenery level with their boundaries and didn't let it overhang pavements, she says, it would stop the breakdown of leaves creating compost and allowing seeds to take hold. Overhanging vegetation also breaks down the pavements quicker.

But Mary didn't just ask the question, she took matters into her own hands to provide the answer. She has personally weeded large stretches of the Cheltenham Road, which looked like one of the worst areas and encouraged others out to help. Between them they have filled forty or more bags with weeds. Stroud Council has provided the bags and agreed to collect them.

Now she wants to take it a stage further to clear other streets, particularly around the central areas of the village, and is organising a Pride in Painswick action day on Saturday 5th September.

The council are providing hi-vis jackets (on loan) and bags. If you're free any time from 10am, and can bring your own spade and gloves (maybe a brush too), you can collect these from the town hall steps, choose your street and let Mary know where the filled bags have been left on the pavement when you return the jackets.





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# Personal Column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of JUDY REED, who has died after a short illness. The family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and friendship towards Judy in the more than 60 years that she has been a resident in the village. The funeral service will be at 2pm on 16th September at St. Mary's Church.

## Congratulations

To JOHN BOYDELL, who was raised in Painswick and whose father still lives in the village. John was in the winning team in the Hockey Masters World Cup in Rotterdam. England defeated

the firm favourites, the Netherlands, in the final. Twenty teams took part in the competition and en route to the final, England overcame the other favourites Germany and France.

To DOMINIC HEWETT, who grew up in Painswick and has become an expert at quiz shows. Following earlier appearances on University Challenge and Mastermind, he appeared on Only Connect on 17th August as part of the winning 'Knitwits' team and will feature again on a later episode, probably in October.

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)



## MINI-ADS

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A new Vodafone mast was installed in late August close to the Golf Club

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