

# The Painswick Beacon

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## New church roof on track for early October completion But fundraising still has some way to go, with more events planned

Those passing through the churchyard recently will have noticed the resplendent new Cotswold stone roof over the nave of St. Mary's church. This roof is nearly complete and work has moved on to the chancel. The old artificial slates have been removed, exposing the timbers for the first time in decades. The good news is that they have proved to be in good condition, meaning that little of the contingency will be required.

Nevertheless, the final tenders were significantly higher than the initial quotation of £228,000 that we reported in November last year, and the total project cost is now estimated at £272,000. Over the last few weeks St. Mary's has received grants from two trusts and, with recent generous donations and income from the cream teas, the total raised to date has risen to £243,000, a fantastic achievement, but still leaving a significant fundraising gap.

The work is making a massive difference though, not just preserving the building and keeping the congregation dry, but enhancing what is undoubtedly the architectural centrepiece of the village and a huge draw for tourists and visitors, coming from all over the world.

To help fill the funding gap, a series of events are planned over the autumn and we have early details of two events on our inside pages. On Sunday 22nd October at 3pm Chris



Hall and Robert Burgess will be performing at a concert in the Church (see page 2) and on Friday 17th November there will be a major Promises Auction (see page 3). A fundraising concert with the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice choir is also planned for 13th October. More details next month.

You can also support the project by donating by bank transfer to: Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Painswick, Account No 23438457, Sort Code 20-33-83, through the church's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/newroofforSaintMarys> or by sending a cheque payable to St. Mary's PCC to: The PCC Treasurer, the Lychgate Office, Stroud Road, Painswick, Stroud, GL6 6UT. If a donation is gift aided, the church will be able to reclaim an additional 25% from HMRC.

**Sunday Sept. 24th**  
**Painswick Feast**  
**and Clypping**  
**See page 12**



**Friday Sept. 29th**  
**Wick-Flix returns**  
**'Allelujah'**  
**See page 8**



## Leap for Longfield

Jump right out of your comfort zone this month and parachute two miles through the air at 120 miles an hour. If you can raise £450 for Longfield and get to Salisbury on 16th September you're in! For more information, go to [longfield.org.uk/event/skydive-for-longfield-saturday/](http://longfield.org.uk/event/skydive-for-longfield-saturday/)



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### Or come on an adventure

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### Thanks to Tennis Club

Val, the manager at our Longfield shop would like to thank Joan Griffiths who, with other ladies from the tennis club, arranged a tournament raising £450 for the charity.



## New Street Closure - advance notice 30th October to 3rd November

The County Council have advised that part of New Street, between Edge Lane and Victoria Square, will be closed from 9.30am on 30th October to 3.30 pm on 3rd November, to allow for footway surface works by Gloucestershire Highways. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. The official diversion however will be via Eastern Avenue in Gloucester - a distance of some thirteen miles!



## Glimmers of light at Broadham?



In response to the Beacon's regular request for an update on progress towards removing the temporary traffic lights at Broadham (which have now been there for almost twenty months), the following report from the County Council was received on 22nd August:

"... design works are now complete after considering the feedback from the consultation period. The Highways Structures team will be briefing the local member, parish council and residents on the final design and timelines for delivery of the scheme. It is expected this will occur towards the end of next week or first week of September. The plan is to schedule works towards the end of the summer period which is likely to be towards the end of September."

## Painswick Gardening Club

Our visit to Victoria Summerley's garden in Bibury was a most enjoyable evening. She has created a delightful country garden in a beautiful setting. Our thanks to Barbara Mitchell for organising our visit.



Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 13th September at the Rococo Garden. We would like to welcome all our members, friends, visitors to a behind the scenes tour by the garden's director, Dominic Hamilton, and a talk by Julie from the Exedra Nursery. This will be the first meeting of the Club's year and new members are especially welcome. The annual subscription of £25.00 will be collected at our 11th October meeting in the Town Hall. Our usual charge for visitors is £4 per person. We look forward to seeing you in September.

*Philippa Miller*

## Music for Raising the Roof 3pm, Sunday 22nd October

A date for your diary: on Sunday 22nd October we'll be treated to an afternoon song recital in St Mary's Painswick Church in support of the Church Roof fund. Local baritone Chris Hall and Painswick's own Robert Burgess, pianist, will join forces to give us a recital of beautiful classical music.

They last sang and played for us in 2018 and 2019 and they are delighted to be making their comeback to perform in Painswick and especially to be helping to support the roof appeal. The concert will be free to enter - no tickets required - and the retiring collection will go entirely to the Church roof fund.

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## Back into action?

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

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

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

*Carol Maxwell*

## Community Lunches A reluctant end to a Painswick institution

Community Lunches commenced at Ashwell in 2009, replacing the Austerity Lunches that had taken place at Christchurch Hall since the 1970's, finally moving to the Town Hall in 2020. The format was the same throughout the years, home made vegetable-based soup plus bread and cheese was prepared and served by a wide variety of local organisations on ten Mondays between October and December and a further ten between January and March. The aim was to provide a simple lunch to be shared in a friendly atmosphere whilst raising funds for local charities.

Some of the organisations have loyally supported the Community Lunches for many years but are finding it more difficult now to recruit the required number of volunteers as their members become older and in some cases membership numbers have declined. Attendance has fluctuated and since the pandemic, has never returned to the 25/30 attendance that we had enjoyed in the past.

There is a further problem facing Community Lunches in 2023 as the rise in cost of living affects our key ingredients quite dramatically i.e. vegetables up by 19%, bread by 30%, cheese and butter by 35% meaning that a simple soup, bread and cheese lunch is no longer a cheap meal. We feel it is difficult to ask the groups to donate all ingredients. In the past reimbursement was always offered but seldom taken, this allowed us to donate approximately £1,500 annually to the various local charities.

Reluctantly we have come to the conclusion that Community Lunches can no longer continue. We would like our patrons to support the Community Hub Friday Coffee and other events that they organise, offering support and friendship to local people. Thank you to all who have cooked, served and supported us so loyally over many years.

*Mary Sparks and David Linsell*

## Foodbank

We have received a 'thank you' from the Stroud Foodbank for the 86.4kg of food donated by the Beacon Benefice in July. Your support has made all the difference! After a break in August, our next collection will be on Wednesday 13th September from 10 am - 12 noon. Please note that we will only be collecting in the car park on Stamages Lane. If you have difficulty getting to this donation point, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Please may we ask for some of the following: Gluten or dairy free products, laundry liquid, nappies size 4-6, mayo and ketchup, shampoo and razors, jam, Marmite, washing up liquid and sugar. If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

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Thank you.

*The Foodbank Team Mobile: 07950 651228*

## Raising the Roof Promises auction - Friday 17th November

We are holding an Auction of Promises to continue fundraising for our beautiful Parish church of St. Mary's roof project.

If you would like to support this event, either by giving time, a gift, small or large items, e.g from baby sitting or art classes to holiday accommodation, please contact:-

Joan Warner 01452 812649 / 07970 448426

or

Karen Goddard 01452 812240 (at the garage)

All offers of help will be much appreciated. We hope to have a successful orientated evening.

Everyone is welcome.

More details to follow next month.

*Joan Wells*

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# News from the Beacon Benefice

September is one of those months where there is always a lot happening: the end of summer and family holidays, a new school and college year and a general mood of 'back to work'. Despite the implications, many of us welcome that opportunity for a fresh start with all the potential it brings.



In the Beacon Benefice, September will bring some important celebrations and new beginnings. Our new Rector, Rev Sarah, will formally take up her role across the six parishes of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe from early this month. The landmark moment though, will be on Sunday 17th at 3pm, when you are warmly invited to her formal licensing service in St Mary's, Painswick.

September 6th sees the launch of 'St Mary's Mum's': a weekly café with toys and activities for little ones and coffee and cake for parents, carers and those with bumps across the benefice (nothing formal happening, just a space to chat and make friends). Do spread the word.

More family fun this month at Cranham Feast (the weekend of 9th and 10th) and the Feast Service at St James the Great on the Sunday at 3pm with a grand parade of cubs, scouts, school children and residents (all welcome to join in) from the school to the church, the hearty singing of the unique Cranham Feast Hymn and of course, tea afterwards!

Then on Sunday 24th it will be Painswick's turn to feast in the long held traditions of puppy dog pie, flower crowns and 'clipping buns' for the children. As usual there will be all sorts of entertainments and stalls in the churchyard with the Clipping Service (nothing to do with yew trees and also with its own unique hymn) at 3pm. Look out for St Mary's own stall with free activities for families and also Sportily, with games and challenges for all ages.

Our prayers across our churches this month will include all those starting the new year at our village schools, those off to secondary schools further afield and all those beginning college courses, perhaps living away from home for the first time. Every blessing!

*Liz Eden, Lay Minister*

# Weaning ourselves off fossil fuels

Like most clubs and societies Probus paused its programme of meetings and speakers throughout August when members tend to be away or distracted by grand-children, but the committee was kept busy planning for the remainder of the year. After the trial of Richmond's auditorium as its new Thursday venue in late-June and mid-July, the Club hopes to confirm the arrangements with Richmond for the period until Christmas, with the Christmas dinner also being held at Richmond, like last year.



The speaker programme is now in place, starting with a highly topical subject on Thurs 7th Sep – Weaning Ourselves off Fossil Fuels, by Geoff King. I think most people, and particularly those with political power, understand the pressing need for global change but find it difficult to make the necessary sacrifices now for fear of losing political power at the ballot box. Hopefully Geoff will help us to understand the answer to his rhetorical question.

If you are retired why not find out if you would enjoy the company of Probus Club members? You are welcome to come along as a guest to see for yourself. Details of the Club are on its website (<http://painswickprobusclub.org.uk>)

*Henry Hall*

# An unexpected treat

What a treat! Knowing that the speaker who was booked for their July meeting had been forced to cancel, the members of Yew Trees WI may have been slightly on edge, wondering what the evening might hold. Their doubts soon vanished when they discovered that retired Consultant Neurologist Harvey Sagar had nobly stepped in to fill the gap. Harvey delighted his audience reminiscing about his early life and reading extracts from two of his books "A Child of the 1950s" and "You can see the Doctor now". It was an evening full of humour, nostalgia and charm.



September heralds the start of a new academic year with many facing change and new challenges. Ladies, if you fancy trying something different why not come and join Yew Trees WI? Here you will discover new opportunities: no jam or Jerusalem, but a monthly meeting with a wide variety of interesting speakers; the chance to make friends and to partake in a wide variety of activities from guided walks and croquet taster afternoons to craft activities and outings. Some of these are organised by Yew Trees others by the Gloucestershire Federation. We can boast the Gloucester Federation's Scrabble champion! Come and give us a try on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms when Philip Wilkinson will give a talk on "Great British Brands". We look forward to welcoming you.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

# Correction Holy Land talk - Tuesday 12th September

Please note that the talk on 'A journey through the Holy Land 2023' with Michael Irving, Denise Magauran, and Ela Pathak-Sen will be in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 12th September 7-9 pm and not on the date shown in the August Beacon.

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## Painswick's past The good and the not so palatable

Painswick has a truly fascinating past in so many respects, from the personal to the general, and the Local History Society is set to offer another season of unmissable presentations by knowledgeable local speakers.

The new programme has been arranged to cover a wide range of topics with broad appeal. Painswick's significance in Gloucestershire is and has been notable and some of the subjects will reflect this. The presence of royalty close by in the 1630s, and the history of aviation locally are two of the upcoming topics. The Bisley Path, significant in the county for many centuries, and, perhaps more ignominiously, our association with the slave trade, are subjects also included.

Stroud Museum, though relatively small is nevertheless a veritable goldmine of local artefacts and information about Painswick, much of it not on display because of lack of space – we will learn more from the collections manager. And, not for the squeamish, we will be treated to a look at local medicine in Tudor and Stuart times – mainly focussed on weird and wonderful cures and blood galore.

The new season of talks starts on Tuesday, 19th September when Jan Whitton will be telling us about the TB sanatorium in Cranham Woods, officially named the Cotswold Sanatorium. Her talk, intriguingly titled 'TB – fun and romance', promises to include rather more than a straightforward history of a health clinic! Croft School, 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Ceawlin The story of a West Saxon King

In the August Beacon notice was given of a forthcoming talk by Alaric Hall on the somewhat intriguing subject of the sixth-century West Saxon king Ceawlin. Alaric is a lecturer at Leeds University and has been researching how Ceawlin's local activities and influence fit in with what was happening generally in post-Roman Gloucestershire. The presentation will take place in the Cotswold Room in the Painswick Centre on Saturday, 7th October at 3.00pm and is open to everyone subject to a limit of 50 in the room.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Varied programme for Field Club

### Gloucestershire's Traditions & Festivals Captured on Film

CNFC's Autumn lecture series starts on Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm with an award-winning videographer, Kate Peake, entertaining us with photographs and short films recording iconic Gloucestershire events and traditions for posterity, including Painswick's Clypping service, Brockworth's Cheese Rolling, and the Gloucester Tall Ships. Visitors are always welcome at our lectures; no booking required - please drop in or contact Paul Wyeth, one of CNFC's new Joint Lecture Secretaries on CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or mobile 07472 021 517 for more information. Meeting charge £5 for visitors, £2 for members.

### Final summer excursion

There remains just one late summer excursion for 2023, now also open to non-members. This 3-night excursion by coach is based at the Durrant House Hotel in Bideford, North Devon from 19th-22nd September. There is a full visits itinerary each day and the cost of the trip including coach, hotel (DB&B) and most entrance fees is £500 (£520 for non-members). Rooms for single occupancy at £15 supplement a night. For last minute places and full details, please contact Robert Mann on 01453 872243.

### Interested in Finding Out More?

Please come along to one of our two New Members' events (Wednesday, 13th September at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre or Wednesday, 6th September also at 2.30 pm in the Minchinhampton Porch Room) when recent and prospective Members can find out more about the Club and its activities. To enable us to provide refreshments, please reserve a place with Jane Rowe on 813228 or email janeerowe2015@gmail.com

Membership costs £20 per annum or £30 for two or more people at the same address. For more information and/or an application form, the contact email for our new Membership Secretary, Clare Woodman, is CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

*Sylvia May, Email: cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com*



## Old farming and new art

We hope that despite the rain in the UK and fires in Europe that you have enjoyed the holiday season! How time flies!

**Friday Club**

The Friday Club's autumn programme starts on the 8th September with an interesting talk by Paul Griffiths, who is a cattle breeder on Edge Common, on "Old Farming Implements and Methods." Then on the 22nd September we welcome the return of the well-known local artist and teacher, Mark Kelland. Christmas has arrived early for the Club as Mark will be showing us how to "Draw our own Christmas Card!" No doubt many of you will be excited to receive a "Hand Drawn Card" this Christmas!

Why not come along and enjoy not only learning how to draw Christmas Cards and about farming on Edge Common but enjoy our exciting programme of events we have planned up to the year end. These will include not only an Outing but a Christmas Lunch at Egypt Mill. The Club objective is to provide a well-balanced and interesting programme that also encourages Members to participate in practical talks. So we look forward to welcoming you at 2.30pm in the Town Hall, on alternate Fridays, to make new friends, enjoy tea, biscuits and a chat at the conclusion of each Meeting.

*Mike Kerton*



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## Top Technology for the Croft

The Croft School is looking to raise £9,000 for six new Electronic Educational Interactive Display Screens. Each Display Screen is a 65" with touch screen technology, so will be a significant addition to the school's classrooms, enabling enhanced learning opportunities.

Rebecca Gore (Head) says "Modern electronic educational display screens are the top facilities request from our teachers and class assistants. We have visited two other primary schools and seen the difference modern equipment can make, so are keen to get our children benefiting from new technology."

Aaron Wright (Year 5 Seals Teacher and IT lead for the school) says "The teachers are delighted the School has purchased new laptops for each class for the new school year. The next step is to replace all 6 whiteboards with modern display screens so the teachers can make full use of the modern technology when leading the learning for the children in their classes."

The Croft Primary School continues to provide excellence in education as evidenced by children's excellent performance in the recent Key Stage 2 SATS results. The School is keen to build on its past successes and continue to ensure that it offers all children a wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes progress and wellbeing for all. Over the summer holidays, the school has transferred to low energy lighting using a Government grant and a team of volunteers have been in painting Moles classroom.

However to purchase the screens, the School needs a financial boost. If you can help, please send donations to 'The Croft School' bank account, sort code 30-98-29 and account code 00279292 with reference 'Screens' or make cheques to 'The Croft School' and drop them in at the school. If you have any questions please email Steve Courts on 'scourts@croft.gloucs.sch.uk'.

*Steve Courts (School Governor)*



## "Storytime"

Painswick Library are piloting a new weekly, fun-time for children, to fit in with our twice monthly Croc 'n Roll.



On the weeks that Croc 'n Roll is not happening, Clare will tell a favourite story (or maybe more than one!!). Clare is a mum to four boys and a granny to six grandchildren: boys and girls. And she's been a nursery nurse, so she knows how much children love a good story.

"Storytime" will be held in the Library on Wednesdays 2.30-3.00pm. £1 per child. See you there?

*Paul Kenchington*

## Painswick Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Painswick Library Book Club is on Monday 11th September from 1.30 - 2.30, in the library. We will be discussing The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd.

October's meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th October. The reading choice for that month is yet to be decided. New members are very welcome. For further information email [painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com)

*Pat Andrew*

## PMAG's new season

An ambitious programme begins on Thursday 21st September at 2:30 in the Town Hall. We hope potential new members will give us a try and a first gathering is always free of charge to anyone who wants to see if it is for them. Please be reminded that we meet fortnightly at the same time and in the same place and each talk, illustrated with music played on our quality equipment is in two parts of about 45 minutes each with refreshments and much conviviality covering all subjects under the sun.



We have booked a number of external speakers who will bring additional expertise to their subject matter in a year which sees the anniversaries of Cheltenham born Gustav Holst, Prague born Antonin Dvorak (of Hovis fame!) and not forgetting the 70th anniversary of Salad Days. Who wrote that and where might he have come from?

First off on September 21st, we will have a review of our own Gloucestershire composers, 15 at the latest count (excluding a Rolling Stone and the man who wrote Telstar) with musical brief excerpts to illustrate them all. Second up on October 4th is a complete visual performance of the Verdi Requiem to remember our late President, Alex Nichols, and his lifelong love of Giuseppe V or Joe Green as he famously called him.

*Michael Grey (Il Grigio? - Ed)*

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# Social Media at 65?

Even three months ago I did not think social media was for me. After all I was 65. Wasn't social media for youngsters, people with few interests or for those trying to promote something? Hang on to the last of these...

In May 2023, I was at the last stage of having my book 'Tales of a Sussex Family Farm' published. In my pen-and-ink manner, I had prepared a list of magazines, local history clubs and societies. Apart from giving talks, what more could I do in terms of promotion without costly advertising? Naturally, family members were particularly interested as my book neared its conclusion. One younger relative, who works for a large publisher had been very helpful, via emails. In one, I flippantly mentioned that I was side-stepping social media and she quickly replied in no uncertain terms "If you want to sell any books, you'll have to be on social media."

Oh, the penny dropped! These days, social media really is that important. Having worked on my book for nearly two and a half years, I was not going to let this personal fear act as a hitch and ruin my prospects of selling my book. I would just have to get over it. Friends, family and complete strangers were accosted and asked for help and advice. I even had a coffee with a stranger on the Avon and Kennet Canal who told me about a list of best hashtags on Google. Lingo savvy, I progressed albeit at a snail's pace.

It is now August 2023 and I have some sort of presence on Facebook, on my page (Tales of a Sussex Family Farm) and on Instagram (#talesofasussexfamilyfarm). Apparently, consistency is important as followers expect fresh content. Posting daily on Instagram has become straightforward providing I have suitable photos. Answering and engaging with one's audience takes longer.

One unexpected pleasure has been receiving messages from complete strangers saying how much they have enjoyed the book, even to the point of buying additional copies. Book sales also suggest that my efforts have paid off. So, my message is quite simple, take yourself out of that comfort zone and have a go.

*Angela Lerwill*



Angela at a recent book signing



You'd love to sing, but...

You can't. And no one would want you to. You've known this ever since those intolerant neighbours banged on the wall while you were trying it out in the shower. In fact, almost everyone can sing, and almost certainly you can too, but you haven't had the practice. Any tool gets rusty if it's left against a wall unused. Your voice is no different.

You should sing. It is good for the lungs, good for the brain and good for the soul. And there are singing groups everywhere that would be glad to have you along. We're one of them.

On Tuesday, 24th October, the Painswick Singers will host:

An Evening of Sea Songs  
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The Painswick Singers. Contact, John Dickinson [jnp@millstream.plus.com](mailto:jnp@millstream.plus.com); Jean Jones [jeancox@historicans.plus.com](mailto:jeancox@historicans.plus.com)  
*John Dickinson*

## Gates by Alan Evans

The gates to the Quaker Meeting House in Painswick, pictured alongside, are a lasting reminder of Alan Evans, the Stroud blacksmith who was one of the most talented artistic blacksmiths in the country and who died earlier this year. His best known work included the gates for the Treasury in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, but there are several local examples of his work, including this relatively simple but beautiful design in Vicarage Street.

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# Something new, something old ...

## New residents, old favourites returning and a refresh for the Hall

Despite the weather it has been a busy summer at the Painswick Centre. The Trustees have kicked off a number of initiatives to bring the centre back up to full speed. As part of the commitment to the community the trustees have included migratory birds as temporary residents of Painswick - and the more eagle eyed of you will have noticed the newly installed swift boxes on the front of the centre. Swifts migrate at the end of the summer back to Africa, find a mate for life and return to the same location each year to breed. We hope to be able to be able to announce the progress of our success in future issues.



From one new initiative to the return of an old favourite; when we asked the community for their most missed activity Wick-Flix was on the tip of everyone's tongue and we have now set the first two dates for the Autumn Season. The dates for your diary are Friday September 29th and November 10th when we will show *Allelujah* and *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* – both films have amazing British stars. *Allelujah* is adapted from the Alan Bennett hospital play, adapted for the big screen by Heidi Thomas who penned the TV series, 'Call the Midwife'.

With an ensemble cast of thespian troopers headed up by Jennifer Saunders as the lead Sister Gilpin, Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi and others this should feel like an evening out with old friends – just the ticket for Wick-Flix! So please join us for drinks, canapés, ice creams and snacks!! We plan for Wick-Flix to be bigger and better running into the new year.



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On a final note, the trustees would like to give a big shout out to all the volunteers from the community for supporting us in repainting the Beacon Hall. For those of you who have been in the hall recently you would have noticed it needed a coat of paint - and thanks to the Friends of the Painswick Centre for bringing a bright new look and feel to the room. As we promised - we are back for business!

*Simon Jones*

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# First Thursday Painswick

## New season of author events at the Painswick Centre

Building on the success of recent author events hosted by Handmade In-Painswick at the Painswick Centre the founding trio, Anne-Marie Randall, Madeleine Bunting and Sandie Randle are excited to announce a fascinating programme of remarkable writers for the forthcoming season October 2023-June 2024. Our in conversation events held on the first Thursday of the month in the Painswick Centre frequently sold out last season and authors commented on the warmth and engagement of our terrific audience. The forthcoming season will be no different.

Over the autumn the work of three acclaimed writers all examine themes of our relationship with the natural world. On October 5th, Sarah Langford will launch the 2023-4 season talking about her book, *Rooted*, a deeply personal account of her journey from barrister to farmer and the future of regenerative farming as a beacon of hope for food production and biodiversity. A Sunday Times bestseller, Langford's passionate and funny take on farming has helped widen the public debate on a vital issue. On November 2nd, we are thrilled that Sue Stuart Smith, a psychiatrist, psychotherapist and gardener will talk about her deeply wise and humane book, *The Well Gardened Mind*, now an international bestseller, which examines the positive impact of gardening on mental health. In December we are delighted to host Stephen Moss, naturalist and broadcaster, who will share his expertise as one of the country's foremost nature writers. His latest publication *Ten Birds That Changed the World*, has just been shortlisted for the prestigious Wainwright Prize. All of the authors will be signing copies of their books and meeting the audience.

The team behind First Thursday have now formed a Community Interest Company with the aim of sharing a love of books and storytelling in Painswick and the Five Valleys area. Last year, speakers included Clover Stroud, Mary Portas and local stars Emily Edwards and Tom Herbert.

In the spring season we will turn our attention to books that foreground voices often obscured from dominant histories. We are excited to showcase three exceptional local writers with the intrepid Katharine MacInnes, discussing the stories of the five women widowed by Scott's Arctic expedition; Sarah Steele's intriguing novel about women of the Italian resistance during WWII and the outstanding Alice Jolly whose historical fictional memoir, *Mary Ann Sate – Imbecile*, recounts the life of a maid servant of all work, who lived out her days through the turbulent histories of the Stroud valleys at the turn of the 19th century.

Guest interviewers will bring a new flavour to our events with Roger Mortlock, chief executive of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (and formerly head of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust) and much loved local poet Philip Rush. We have partnered with Stroud Bookshop as our affiliate bookseller; books by authors will be available at each event. Events will take place in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre from 7-9pm on the First Thursday of the month, commencing in October. Tickets are available on our new website [www.firstthursdaypainswick.co.uk](http://www.firstthursdaypainswick.co.uk). Book early to avoid disappointment! And sign up for our updates on new events. If anyone cannot book online, please email us and we will endeavour to help you.

We are keen to recruit volunteers to help so that we can keep costs and ticket prices down. If you would be interested in various tasks such as helping usher guests (and attend the event for free) please email us at [firstthursdaypainswick@gmail.com](mailto:firstthursdaypainswick@gmail.com). We are always keen to hear suggestions of new authors for the 2024-25 season both local and from further afield, please send in your ideas!

**Programme of Events**

Date/Time	Author	Book
5th Oct 7-9pm	Sarah Langford	<i>Rooted</i>
2nd Nov 7-9pm	Sue Stuart Smith	<i>The Well Gardened Mind</i>
7th Dec 7-9pm	Stephen Moss	<i>Ten Birds That Changed the World</i>
1st Feb 7-9pm	Katharine MacInnes	<i>Snow Widows</i>
7th March 7-9pm	Sarah Steele	<i>The Traitor's Wife</i>
tbc	Alice Jolly	<i>Mary Ann Sate – Imbecile</i>

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# A typical British summer turns to mellow fruitfulness

It may be early September but already, particularly this year, you can feel the turning of the seasons. It's felt like a typically British summer, with the jet stream keeping us in low temperatures. And wasn't it wet at times? But there have been some excellent times for garden visiting and on a sunny day, it was close to perfect. Rococo certainly had its fair share of happy families over the summer and when I last checked, visitor numbers were keeping up well with last year.



I'm really pleased to see that the Kitchen Garden harvest has been very good this year. Run on organic principles and looked after by our expert team of gardeners and around 20 volunteers, it remains one of the highlights for me. I'm always impressed with the variety and range of tastes and colours that our heritage vegetables bring.

I am ever the optimist and look forward to that gentle Indian summer people talk of. This month, the Garden is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm. I'm also looking forward to first hints of autumn, chilly mornings, leaves turning and the mist twisting through the beech trees followed by soft September sun.

Thanks to the phenomenal support from our visitors this year, we are planning to repair and repaint the Exedra this month. It is one of the key and most-photographed structures in the Garden. We intend to repair weather damage caused by the cold and frost of last winter and repaint so it will be looking bright and crisp in time for our glorious show of autumn colours.

If you're looking for the perfect present, don't forget our Shop where you can pick up a card, classy locally-made gifts and a range of goodies made using our own homegrown produce including jams, chutneys, gins and ale. I always say it, but Rococo provides easy hassle free parking too!

*Tim Toghill, Volunteer*

## Nature impoverished Britain

Britain has a dreadful record for looking after its wildlife. We are the worst of the G7 countries and come very low on the list of all nations. Since the 1970s all species have declined by 50-95%. Even so, surveys suggest some of the public think there is enough nature. And while the fact we are facing a climate and ecological crisis is starting to sink home to many people, the scale of it is daunting and can make one think "what's the point, nothing I can do will make a difference?" That is wrong, lots of small actions can make a difference.



I started working with PBCG and Natural England nearly nine years ago helping to conserve local SSSIs and have loved every minute of it. I have learned and now understand what makes them work. They were established to save endangered species but they were essentially small islands of excellence within an impoverished landscape, probably ultimately doomed to failure. Now environmental organisations are thinking 'bigger, better, connected', wilding areas and connecting good sites with corridors to give wildlife the freedom to move. These are usually large scale projects requiring significant funding. Some organisations are scraping funds together, but help from central government is difficult to secure and legislation, which could help, is often kicked into the long grass. For example banning the use of neonicotinamides, controlling fertiliser use, properly regulating sewage discharges into our rivers and seas and banning the use of peat.

On a local basis however we really can make a difference. Britain has 23 million gardens covering 4,300 sq. km. Most are fenced, gravelled, patioed, mown, pruned, raked, dug, fertilised, tidied and sprayed regularly and are virtually sterile for wildlife. By adopting no dig vegetables and messy wild gardens all of this could be wildlife friendly. It is far less labour intensive, much cheaper and has a lower carbon footprint. All that is required is a leap of faith, to accept that what we grew up thinking was normal can change.

It isn't about doing nothing. There are many excellent internet articles and books on the subject - look them up and give it a go. You will be amazed at the results. I'm only in the second year of wilding but have already noticed the increase in the numbers and types of insects. Instead of working in the garden I often just sit and watch!

*Paul Baxter*

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# Alice Howard

## Dreamed of establishing a Catholic church in Painswick

The building that is now the Catholic Church in Friday Street used to serve a very different purpose. For many years it was a butcher's shop and a slaughterhouse. Photos from the early part of the twentieth century show sheep being driven through the village to it on a one way journey. There's even a story that they were led through the village by a ram, who went by the name of Judas. That the building eventually became a church was largely the result of the determination of one woman, Alice Howard.

She was born in 1876, to one of the most prominent Catholic families in Britain, the Howards, who had been Dukes of Norfolk for centuries and spread widely elsewhere. Both her grandfather and her father had been successful diplomats, so as a child Alice travelled widely and lived in several countries. In 1914 her father, Sir Henry Howard, was recalled from retirement for a special mission to the new Pope, Benedict XV, re-establishing full diplomatic relationships with the Vatican for the first time since 1558. He left this role in 1916, and when he died in 1921, Alice came to live with her uncle Sir Francis Howard at Castle Godwyn, near Painswick.



Sheep in Friday Street

She went on to buy Hale Cottage in Hale Lane, where she converted an attic into a small oratory, where mass was occasionally celebrated.

There were few Catholics in Painswick at the time and most would have walked to Stroud to attend Mass, although the arrival of Benedictine monks at Prinknash from 1925 offered other possibilities. Alice's dream though was to establish a Catholic Church in Painswick itself.

While she looked for ways to do this, she bought the cottage, Thorne, in Friday Street and used it to set up a successful tea and gift shop, also selling a few antiques. The occasional passage of sheep on their way to the slaughterhouse though was not popular with her customers.

Then in 1931 the slaughterhouse and butcher's shop came onto the market and seemed ideal to Alice, despite the dreadful condition it was in, and the reluctance of the owner, Mr Harris, to sell it for the intended purpose. Eventually though it was bought and work started to convert it, the church opening with its first Mass in August 1934. Finding a priest to lead mass and provide pastoral care was another challenge, but again Alice's determination found ways round it.

The one problem she could not entirely solve was the dropping of a stray German bomb on Friday Street on the night of 13th / 14th June



Alice Howard

1941, killing two people and destroying cottages opposite the church, some of them owned by Alice. The church itself was badly damaged by the blast and for a period unusable. The Ministry of Works erected a temporary brick wall to the side of the church, which enabled services to resume from February 1942, but it could only be a temporary expedient. Alice died of cancer in July 1942, her death possibly accelerated by the shock of seeing so much destruction of what she had built up, and so never lived to see the reconstruction of the church after the war and the establishment of what is still a thriving Catholic community in Painswick.



Friday Street in 1941, showing a gash in the wall of the Catholic Church

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# Painswick Feast & Clypping Ceremony

## Sunday 24th September 11-5, St Mary's Churchyard



This September sees the return of one of the most popular events in Painswick, the Feast and Clypping Ceremony. A very special day steeped in tradition, the community is invited to come together in the heart of the village in St Mary's Churchyard to feast, drink and be merry.

### Running order

11am OPENS - Hot food available, bar open, stalls & games  
 11.30am Dog Show starts (registration beforehand)  
 3pm Clypping Ceremony

There will be food and drink aplenty: St Michael's Bistro will be baking the famous Puppy Dog Pie\* if you dare to try it, and Friends of the Croft School will be running a BBQ. We'll also be joined by village favourites Burgerlish, Box Kitchen Pizza, Mama's Family

Food, and Bake It Eat It, and everyone will be delighted to see The Box Coffee make a welcome return. In addition you'll be able to pick up hot sauces from A Wild Garden, Karobi's homemade ghee, and local honey from The Painswick Beekeeper. Painswick Orchard Group will be running a bar, as well as operating their large apple press. Be sure to bring along any local apples you've harvested to add to the press, and a bottle to take home some Painswick apple juice.

The Feast always offers lots to do too. As well as live music including Colin Western, there will be a wide range of stalls to browse, and the Dog Show will start at 11.30am (see alongside for more details on that). For the young and young-at-heart Sportily will be running games and activities as well as a craft area, and Glitter Bomb will be back with their popular glitter face painting.

At 3pm the centrepiece of the Feast will take place: the traditional Clypping Ceremony, believed to date back to the Middle Ages and revived in the village in the early 20th century. Led by the clergy, all members of the Parish are invited to join hands to encircle the Church, to celebrate and express the gratitude to the Church.

Big thanks are due to the Feast's sponsors, Murray's Estate Agents, as well as to all those who are involved in making the day happen. More volunteers are always needed as the event draws close, to help put up posters and bunting, and to set up and clear down on the day. If you can spare an hour of your time to help, please email [abigailsmith275@gmail.com](mailto:abigailsmith275@gmail.com). Many hands make light work.

*Abigail Smith*

\*No puppies will be harmed in the making of the pie!

### Dog Show

The very popular Dog Show will once again take place at the Feast; thanks to Har Houghton for organising once again. It will start at 11.30am, but please register early to take part. Entry is £1.50 per class (cash only).

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- Class 3 - Pedigree Veteran >7 years
- Open to all:
- Class 4 - Loveliest Lady
- Class 5 - Fabulous Fella
- Class 6 - Cutest Puppy 4-12 months
- Class 7 - Best Cross Breed
- Class 8 - Best Young Handler 11+
- Class 9 - Best Child Handler 10 & under
- Class 10 - Best Rescue Dog

## Jottings

What weather we are having! Nothing stays the same. Farmers need dry weather to make hay and good silage. The press and TV tell you that we can make hay in four days. That's alright if it's just grass, but start adding herbs and it takes longer to dry. If it is not dry enough, it could go mouldy and that's not good for your animal's health. Or if it's stored in a barn all stacked up it could heat up so much it catches fire. With the variable weather we've had, with dry spells, the food value will be lower. So some of it will be what we call 'fill belly', filling them up but not nutritious, so the animals lose condition during the winter. You may need to feed some concentrates to balance their food intake to keep them healthy through the winter.

Did you know that, in this Country, so I am told, we eat about 2.5 million cans of baked beans a day and near enough all of those come from Canada and the USA. There they are called 'navy' beans; or we call them the 'haricot bean'. We need to find a bean which is suited to our climate and scientists at the university of Warwick think they have found one to suit our conditions. They have planted a few trial plots to see if it grows in different parts of the country. If it does work, they will be planting bigger plots to build up a seed bank to go on the market to grow our own Baked Beans.

Stinging nettles are high in amino acids, proteins and flavonoids, containing vitamins and minerals and a good sources of vitamin K, which are good for bone building. You only want to eat between 500 to 1000 mg a day and best eaten as a vegetable, picked in the spring (but do not pick when in flower). But be wary of eating too much as this can be harmful to some people.

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# Painswick Community Support

## Update on Fareshare Go Initiative

We are currently waiting for our permanent place with one of the Stroud supermarkets. In the meantime, we are being offered ad-hoc, mostly perishable foods, which we are starting to put in the pantry boxes in the porch of St Mary's church. Please pop in regularly to check what may be in the boxes and take as much as you wish. Remember, this is surplus food so whatever is not taken, will have to be thrown away. Opening times of the church are 9.30am- 6pm during summer, 9.30am- 4pm winter. We will communicate food drops via Facebook, please keep an eye out!

As this is a pilot phase of learning if/how much interest there is in the village, please bear with us; we will do our best to monitor and make adjustments. Our current goal is to offer non-perishable foods, however, until we have a permanent slot with one of the supermarkets we will be accepting whatever they offer, which is mostly perishable foods.

## Blister Packs

Unfortunately Friday Hub are no longer able to receive used blister packs and take them for recycling as Superdrug have advised the system has been misused (public depositing other items). Therefore, Superdrug can only take bags of blister packs from individual members of the public. Our village pharmacy also does not have the storage capacity to receive them.

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

*Louise Smith, Painswick Community Support*

## Swift Nesting Boxes for Painswick

In Painswick we're lucky that a few of the increasingly rare European Swifts spend the summer in the village. The British Trust for Ornithology has 'red listed' swifts because the population has dropped by over 80% in the last 20 years.

Climate change and decreasing insect populations play a part, but by far the most significant cause is loss of nest sites. Traditionally, swifts have nested in the crevices under the eaves of old houses. As we repair roofs, insulate lofts, and generally improve our old homes, these spaces disappear and the swifts – who always return to the same nesting sites – have nowhere to go. With their very short legs and long tapered wings, swifts need particular locations as they are incapable of landing on the ground and taking off again. Once fledged, with the exception of when they breed, swifts never stop flying – eating, sleeping, drinking and mating on the wing.

Fortunately, there is a proven solution – the installation of specially designed nesting boxes. (See photo) These must be positioned high on walls – 5+ metres high – with a clear flightpath to and from the box. Inspired by Winchcombe's successful installation of over 150 swift nesting boxes in the past 18 months, I would like to hear from anyone prepared to consider having a nesting box installed on their house.

If you are interested in helping to save our swift population, please contact me at: john.petrie17@gmail.com. and I will gladly provide further information.

*John Petrie*

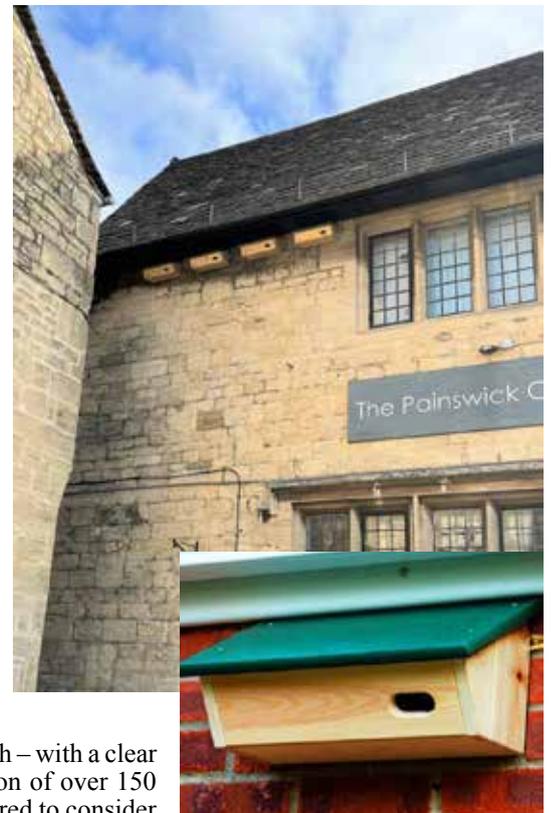
Note: Penny Govett reports five swifts seen on 2nd August this year over Painswick, relatively late for their departure to Africa.

# Sheepscombe Bridge Club



The new season starts in September on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting promptly at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. We are a small friendly club and are always pleased to see new players so if you have recently moved here or want to get back to bridge playing and need to know more do telephone Hugh Tarran on 01452 814081 or myself on 07810 476 473. We can often find someone a partner if they are coming on their own. Look forward to seeing you on 8th September.

*Joy Edwards*



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## Tennis Club

### Very competitive tennis club finals

The annual Painswick Tennis Club championship was held over the middle week of August in fine weather, great spirits and some very tight matches with a good crowd of supporters. Special thanks go to our Painswick British number one doubles specialist and Grand Slam player Lissey Barnett for presenting the trophies.

The winners were:

- Men's singles James Ashcroft beat James Barnett
- Ladies doubles Charlie Gravestock and Angie Scott beat Ness Fair and Christina Hussey
- Men's doubles James Ashcroft and Andrew Harris beat Damian Barwick and Andrew Rodda
- Mixed doubles Angie Scott and Andrew Harris beat Ness Fair and Andrew Rodda

If you're thinking of joining the club please look on our website and try out our club evenings or rusty rackets session on Thursday.

*Ness Fair and Chris Scott, team captains*



## Juniors

We are coming towards the end of another great season for the Junior Tennis Teams at Painswick LTC with fantastic results in three Glos. County Divisions.

The U11 Girls won every match, not dropping a single set along the way. In achieving this they have now won their Division. Along with the U11 Girls, the U14 Girls also won all their matches and Division and the U14 boys came joint top of their Division. Huge congratulations to all involved.

If you would like further information regarding coaching at Painswick LTC please email [Charlietennis101@gmail.com](mailto:Charlietennis101@gmail.com)

## Badminton Club



Painswick Badminton Club starts the new season at the Painswick Centre on Monday 4th September. The Club welcomes new members, please contact Mahboob Hussain email [smh801@gmail.com](mailto:smh801@gmail.com)



Left to right: Angie Scott, Christina Hussey, Charlie Gravestock, Ness Fair, Lissey Barnett, James Ashcroft, James Barnett.

## Painswick Golf Club

Last month saw the completion of three Seniors trophy competitions. The Centenary Cup is a stableford competition played over three rounds with the best two rounds counting. The first round was won by Paul Gobey with 40 points, the second by John Bentley with 46 points and the third by Peter Rowe with 40 points (after countback). The overall winner was Paul Gobey with the best two round score of 80 points. The Millenium trophy – a single round stableford competition – was won by Nigel Barnett with 38 points. The Deva Cup is a greensomes pairs competition, where players play alternate shots. Three teams ended with 41 stableford points. John Barrus & Paul Baxter emerged winners after countback, from Gil Locke & John Hitchcock and Paul Gobey & Peter Rowe. Congratulations to all the winners.



Visitors are welcome at Painswick Golf Club. For more information about booking tee times, please call 01452 812615 or visit the website [www.painswickgolf.com](http://www.painswickgolf.com).

*Peter Rowe*

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# Cricket Club

## Firsts bounce back with vigour

June and July have seen our first team stumble on occasion, partly due to the weather and also due to some pretty tough opposition. However on 29th July they travelled to table toppers Thornbury CC. This challenge seemed to bring out the best in the side with all-rounder Jon Connolly top scoring with 81 not out and then taking 5 wickets for 46. A match winning performance that saw Painswick win by 15 runs. On 12th August, the firsts faced second placed Burbage and Easton Royal, another formidable outfit, who had outplayed us earlier in the season. Yet again however, Painswick rose to the occasion, producing a fantastic victory, winning by 10 runs. Highlights included wonderful centuries by both Matt (115) and Alistair Connelly (109). Reece Morris plus Jon and Matt Connelly then shared the wickets with Nath Fagg taking a memorable catch to dismiss the dangerous Burbage batsman, David Cope.



The Seconds have also found some form and have claimed several victories which in turn has found them in the promotion race. They had a fantastic day on 29th July beating Eldersfield, Nath Fagg scoring 51 and Nick Marment 57 runs with Emily Austen topping the wickets with 3 for 34. Then they beat Poulton on 12th August by 7 wickets with the ever young Julian Telling scoring a massive 71 runs.

The Thirds battle on in tough Stroud Div 1. Despite some difficult results, there have been some good individual performances. Highlights include Tig Galvin scoring 69 runs not out at Hawkesbury and youngsters Ruby Elkins, Will Alder, Alex Hawkins, Jack and Eva Holohan not only bowling well but taking wickets.

Cricket week was a notable success with some fantastic cricket and fun events. The club would like to thank the rugby club for its support, plus all supporters and members who attended and worked behind the scenes to produce such a wonderful week for players and guests. The sixes competition was won by Painswick CC against the BTC team in the final. A nail biting final ball affair, congratulations to Luke Woolway and his team. This exciting season continues ...

*Steve Pegram*

# Are you struggling with damp and mould?

Our Research and Campaigns team have been gathering evidence about the problem as we have seen a significant increase in the number of people coming to us about it.



There are many types of damp, the most common ones being rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)) there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

It is important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated to prevent damp and mould – you may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home.

If you are a tenant it can be difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible - check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure.

If you cannot access the website or need further help after looking at it, you can contact us on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our local website ([www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)).

*Elizabeth Hall*



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# Some historic Painswick crimes

Crimes committed in Painswick in September in past years have varied widely in severity and in the sentences given out. The following are just a small selection.

**1843** Thomas Gyde, 47 and John Gyde, 20, both labourers, guilty of damaging withy trees the property of H. Broadstock of Painswick. One month hard labour or pay 5/- fine, 2/6 damages and 11/- costs.

Thomas Smith, 13, labourer, guilty of stealing apples the property of Rev. Bussell of Painswick. 14 days hard labour or pay fine of 1/- and 6/6 costs.

**1863** 'Body in Well. On Sunday afternoon a boy, Jesse Wood, was drawing water from a well called 'Phippas Well' in a field known as Broadham. When he drew up the bucket the body of a child was found in an advanced state of decomposition. It had evidently been thrown there at the time of birth, being entirely naked. ... an inquest was held upon the remains at the Falcon Hotel ... Mr Richard Gardner, surgeon, pronounced the child had been born alive some six weeks ago.

P.C. Harris apprehended a girl named Eliza Trow, who was suspected of having given birth to a child about July last, and she was taken before the Magistrate at Stroud. ... She was employed at the pin factory at Painswick and prior to July was believed to be enceinte. A surgeon examined her and declared her to be so. One morning she was taken ill and went home, but next day came back to work as usual. She denied having had a child but looked thinner. There was no evidence that she had been confined or to connect her with the body found in the well. She was discharged.' Gloucester Journal 12th Sept. 1863.

**1883** Henry Milton charged with hawking without a licence in Painswick. PC Smith said he found defendant hawking at Painswick. He carried a basket which contained a variety of little things. He asked him if he had a Pedlar's Certificate, and he produced one which had however expired a year previously. Prisoner said he was only exchanging his goods for rags but was told by the chairman that this was illegal. On prisoner undertaking to discontinue the practice he was discharged. Stroud Journal

**1893** The following summoned for non-payment of the Painswick parish poor rates:- George Swayne, Albert Creed, William Gibbons, Elizabeth Whiting.

Ann Creed summoned for having been drunk and disorderly in Painswick. It was stated that last July the defendant was sentenced to 21 days for a similar offence, and that her children were now in the workhouse. Defendant sentenced to a month's imprisonment. David Foxwell, 13, Alfred Vines, 15, William Swayne, 13 and George Cooke, 12, charged with stealing a quantity of walnuts, value 1/- from enclosed land of Edwin Trotman, Dell Farm. They pleaded guilty. Prosecutor stated he lost 2,000 walnuts in 24 hours. Defendants ordered to pay 1/6 each to cover fine and expenses. Gloucester Citizen

*Carol Maxwell*

## Property Report

This month Hamptons are offering Dormer Cottage in Butt Green (£500,000), a two bedroom semi-detached cottage close to the Croft School, but on the edge of open countryside. Murrays also have a 2 bed cottage - April Cottage in Vicarage Street, detached but in need of some modernisation (£400,000). Brambles, at The Park, is another 2 bed semi-detached stone cottage (Hamptons, £475,000) that might make an interesting comparison, and in the same price bracket, but a larger and much more contemporary option, is 1 Painswick Heights (Murrays, £475,000), part of the former Painswick Squash club development.

Moving to more expensive properties, Highcroft, up on the Beacon, is a detached house sheltered by woodlands and with far-reaching views (Hamptons, £825,000), while back in the village, St. Mary's House is a Georgian property on the corner of Stamages Lane and Stroud Road (Murrays, £845,000). And

for top end properties, over a million pounds, the market is still very busy. Murrays brought two such properties to the market this month, with both Pincot House in Pincot Lane and Halfpenny Cottage in Tibbiwell going very quickly under offer, with several buyers interested.

Other properties recently under offer include Westholme in Bisley St, 1 Hillview Cottages in Gloucester Street and Sen Sook in Sheepscombe, all through Hamptons, while Lovedays House in St. Mary's Street, School House in Stroud Road, Freshfields in Cotswold Mead, 4 St. Mary Mead, Little Acre in Kemps Lane and Eden Cottage, have all exchanged and/or completed.

The return of Wick-Flix in September is being sponsored by Murrays, as is the Painswick Feast on 24th September. Hamptons meanwhile are a sponsor of the Frampton Country Fair on 10th September and would love to see you there.



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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 (primary grade modern). Info from Julie <a href="mailto:ballyhoochalford@gmail.com">ballyhoochalford@gmail.com</a>	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation <a href="http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk">www.kate-beatty.co.uk</a> / 07793 126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm
	Painswick Bootcamp. Details contact Becca Meadows 01452 451505 or <a href="mailto:info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk">info@beccameadowsnutrition.co.uk</a>	Broadham Field Rugby Pitch	7.30 - 8.30pm
	Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester <a href="mailto:skester@outlook.com">skester@outlook.com</a>	Painswick Centre
Zumba with Martina 07891 194396		Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
Painswick Art Club		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
Wednesdays	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	7.00pm
	Table tennis. Contact David on 01452 812464	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Yoga with Kate. <a href="http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793_126234">www.kate-beatty.co.uk/07793 126234</a>	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or <a href="mailto:josephinedaley@me.com">josephinedaley@me.com</a>	Church Rooms	12.30 - 1.30pm
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. <a href="http://www.lovelifeladies.co.uk">www.lovelifeladies.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45 am
	After school art classes. Email <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a> . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@cloud.com">yoginikim@cloud.com</a>		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>		Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
Qi Gong Classic Exercise - contact Jeff Docherty on <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:josephinedaley@me.com">josephinedaley@me.com</a>		Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
Takeaway Food Night		Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>	Painswick Centre and via Zoom	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: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain <a href="mailto:cgswain:btinternet.com">cgswain: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:josephinedaley@me.com">josephinedaley@me.com</a> .	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido <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

Sat	<b>2 Painswick Beacon published</b>		
	2 Summer evening wine tasting event - postponed from last month. Pre booking on <a href="http://rococogarden.org.uk">rococogarden.org.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	5.30 - 8.30pm
Sun	3 Benefice Holy Communion	St Marys Church	11.00am
Wed	6 Cotteswold Naturalists: New members event. Enq 813228	Minch. Porch Room	2.30pm
Thurs	7 Painswick Probus: Weaning ourselves off fossil fuels - Geoff King	Richmond Aud'm	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	8 Friday Club: Old farming implements and methods - Paul Griffiths	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	10 Holy Communion	St Marys Church	10.00am
	10 Woodcarving workshops with Natasha Houseago. £40 pp. To book contact <a href="http://wtscollective.co.uk">wtscollective.co.uk</a>	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Mon	11 Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	12 A Journey Through the Holy Land - a conversation with Michael Irving, Denise Magauran and Ela Pathak-sen. Tickets £10.	Church Rooms	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	13 Painswick Gardening Club: Talk by Dominic Hamilton and Julie Dolphin.	Rococo Garden	7.00pm
	13 Cotteswold Naturalists: New members event. Enq 813228	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	14 Arts Society: The Spanish Gallery and Bishop Auckland - Gail Turner	Painswick Centre	10.00am for 10.45am
Sun	17 Licensing Service for Sarah Haslam - the new rector	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
Tues	19 Local History Society: TB - fun and romance. The sanatorium in Cranham Woods - Jan Whitton	Croft School	7.30pm
	19 Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club: Excursion to North Devon, based at Bideford. Prebook on 01453 872243	Stamages car park	
Thurs	21 Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	7.30pm
	21 Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Local Gloucestershire Composers - Michael Grey	Town Hall	2.30pm
	21 Painswick Probus: Building a garden railway - David Reed	Richmond Aud'm	10.00 for 10.30am
Fri	22 Friday Club: Draw your own Christmas Card - Mark Kelland	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	24 Beacon Praise for Patronal Festival	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	Painswick Feast	Churchyard	11.00 am onwards
	Clypping Service	Churchyard	3.00pm
	24 <b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
Tues	26 Yew Trees WI: Great British Brands - Philip Wilkinson	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	29 Wick-Flix 'Allelujah'	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm

### October

Wed	4 Cotteswold Naturalists: Gloucestershire's traditions & festivals on film - Kate Peake Enq 07472 021517	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	5 Painswick Probus: A year in the life of a Mayor - Chris Witts	Richmond Aud'm	10.00am for 10.30am
	5 Painswick Music Apprec'n Group: Verdi Requiem - Dennis Morgan	Town Hall	2.30pm
	5 Stroud and District Philatelic Society	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Fri	6 Friday Club: Poems that you might have written at any time.	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7 Heart Centred Singing Day Workshop. To book <a href="mailto:andrewjbclark@outlook.com">andrewjbclark@outlook.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00am
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# PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.23/1364/HHOLD 9 The Croft, Painswick

Proposed first floor rear extension and loft conversion.

S.23/1470/LBC Recreation Cottage, Slad Road, Slad

Repair/refurbish set of 4 windows at ground floor.

S.23/1456/HHOLD Rose Cottage, Damsells Mill Lane, Sheepscombe

Erection of a single storey rear extension and an outbuilding.

S.23/1461/HHOLD Chartwell, Back Edge Lane, Edge

Erection of a single-storey and two-storey side and rear extensions, with integral double garage and rear garden terrace. Existing dwelling to be clad in natural stone.

S.23/1458/TCA The Painswick Pharmacy, New Street

T1. Hornbeam - clearance of up to 60cm. T2. Cherry - reduction by 1 metre. T3.

Cherry - reduction by 1 metre. T4. Rowan - reduction of 1.5 metres.

S.23/1468/HHOLD and S.23/1469/LBC Horsepools House, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge

Removal of garage and erection of single storey extension.

S.23/1494/VAR Dutchcombe Farm, Yokehouse Lane

Variation to condition 2 (approved plans) from the application S.20/1654/FUL for Replacement dwelling and access.

Variation proposed addition of a porch and stone chimney to replacement dwelling.

S.23/1351/HHOLD 11 White Horse Lane

Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear.

S.23/1439/HHOLD Endways, Sheepscombe

Erection of a single storey and two storey extension, porch and installation of cladding.

S.23/1501/LBC and S.23/1500/FUL Painswick House, Gloucester Road

Conversion of former Coach House to 2 no. residential dwellings. Resubmission of S.23/0566/LBC and S.23/0565/FUL

S.23/1474/LBC West Hayes, Far End, Sheepscombe

Replacement of 5 wooden windows and replacement of 1 Critall window.

S.23/1511/HHOLD Beech View, The Park

Erection of a rear extension and alterations to landscaping.

S.23/1341/FUL Skinners Mill Cottage, Stepping Stone Lane

Change of use of an agricultural building to residential dwelling (C3 dwelling)

S.23/1568/LBC Steanbridge House, Slad

Proposed replacement fenestration, new window and partial roof recovering.

S.23/1553/HHOLD Trillgate Farm, Slad Road, Slad

Installation of a balcony

S.23/1536/TCA Downton House, Gloucester Street

Prune Yew tree (T1) by 15 - 20 cm.

S.23/1607/HHOLD Washbrook Mill, Edge Road

Replacement garage. Resubmission of S.22/2235/HHOLD

S.23/1630/TCA 22 Gloucester Road T1 (Ash) - fell. T2 (Ash) - reduce height by 20-25 feet.

## CONSENT

S.23/1151/HHOLD The Red House, Lower Washwell Lane

Erection of twin extension to rear roof slope and replacement conservatory (resubmission of S.22/2456/HHOLD).

S.23/1181/HHOLD Byways, Cockshoot, Sheepscombe

Erection of a timber clad garden building.

S.23/1265/HHOLD Park House, The Park

Single storey extensions, re-model, re-roof, partial overlaid of existing house.

Relocate swimming pool and associated landscaping.

S.23/1295/FUL and S.23/1296/LBC Lullingworth, Stroud Road

Installation of a 21-panel ground mounted solar panel

S.23/1289/TCA Gyde House, Gyde Road

Remove T1 - Silver Maple (Acer Saccharinum).

S.23/1458/TCA The Painswick Pharmacy, New Street

T1. Hornbeam - clearance of up to 60cm. T2. Cherry - reduction by 1 metre. T3.

## REFUSED

S.23/1057/FUL Land Adjacent To Beechcroft, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe

Erection of shed.

S.23/1039/FUL Whitehall Cottage, Stamages Lane

Garage conversion to provide holiday let.

## WITHDRAWN

S.22/0797/LBC Snows Farm, Slad

Use of section of existing barn as living accommodation.

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# Personal Column

## Welcome

To JANE AND ANDREW BROWN at Eden Cottage, Cheltenham Road, who moved in in July.

## Congratulations

To ROSEBUD MOIR AND JONTI DAMPNEY who were married at St. Mary's Church on Saturday July 29th.



The Beacon is always willing to publish in the Personal Column, news of births, weddings, significant birthdays or anniversaries, new arrivals in Painswick, people leaving the village to live elsewhere, or of deaths. There is no charge for this service.

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)

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# Tour of Britain Saturday 9th September

On Saturday 9th September, stage 7 of the Tour of Britain Cycle race is coming to Gloucestershire, starting at 11 am in Tewkesbury and finishing around 15.19 in Gloucester. Inbetween those times, the riders will ride a 170km circuit up and down the Cotswolds, with the final stretch coming into Gloucester through Stroud, Pitchcombe and Edge. The route was originally planned for last year's race, but was then cancelled as a result of the Queen's death.



Riders are expected to pass through Stroud around 14.58, reaching Pitchcombe four minutes later and Edge at 15.04. However timings could vary by 20 minutes or so either side depending on the speed of the race and the impact of weather conditions. The climb from Stroud up to Edge could be one of the key parts of the stage, with only about 10km to go after Edge, including a long descent into Gloucester.

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