

# The Painswick Beacon

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## A Year of Transformation at The Painswick Centre

At the recent Annual General Meeting, retiring Chairman John Williamson reflected on the remarkable progress made by the new trustees and dedicated volunteers at the Painswick Centre over the past year. "Well, what a difference a year makes!" he exclaimed, emphasizing the collective achievements of the community.

The chairman began by recalling the Centre's founding in 1906 as a facility managed by and for the people of Painswick. He highlighted how the Centre has long served as a vital community hub, but acknowledged that under previous management, a disconnect had occurred. An increasing number of staff were employed to provide services, leading to rising and unsustainable costs. "This resulted in a loss of ownership and a decline in volunteer participation," he said, noting that fewer people felt inclined to support the Centre in its operations.

The tipping point came last year with the alarming announcement of a partial closure, which triggered a major drop in users and income. "The community was understandably concerned," he noted. However, most users quickly returned once we announced that the Centre was open for business, showcasing the community's resilience and commitment. With renewed focus and a prudent eye on expenditure, the new team of trustees were able to stabilise operations.

The treasurer, Adrian Gyde, provided a detailed financial overview, highlighting the Centre's impressive turnaround since the new trustees took over. Initially facing a projected loss of £68,000, the new trustees worked diligently to reverse that trajectory. By the end of 2023, the loss had been reduced to just £5,572, a significant improvement. The income for the year was recorded at £84,000, while cash reserves grew to nearly £59,000, demonstrating the effectiveness of their cost-cutting measures and community engagement efforts. Adrian emphasised that the Centre is now on a solid financial footing, with continued positive trends into 2024. He reported an income of £68,000 for the first eight months of the year, with a surplus of £16,000 and cash reserves increasing to £77,000. "This robust financial position opens doors for future investments in the Centre's infrastructure and programming," Adrian noted.

The rest of the report is on page 6



## Painswick - Goodwill Evening

welcomes one and all to celebrate the Christmas season



At 4.45pm on the 29th November, as the sun drops below the Beacon, the bells of St Mary's Church will ring out to welcome one and all to our annual celebration of Goodwill. Come ready for a fun packed night which is always a highlight of Painswick's calendar.

See page 8 for all the details

## Remembrance Day



The Armistice Day Service will be held at the War Memorial on Monday 11th November at 10.45 am when wreaths will be laid and the names of the fallen in both world wars read out. This annual civic service is organised by the Parish Council.



## Fly me to the moon

Scarlett Johansson & Channing Tatum

Friday 8th November

7pm for 7.45 start, entry £10 incl drink

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - from the meetings held on Wednesday 16th October

## Planning Committee Meeting

Present: Cllr Andy Cash (Chairman), Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Sandra Hunkin, Cllr Ian Massey, Cllr Roey Parker.

In Attendance: Cllr Selina Gibb, Cllr Gary Luff, 7 Members of the Public.

Apologies: None

## Public Question

Several members of the public raised their objection to the planning application for Bentley Cottage all of the objectors have detailed their concerns to the Local Planning Authority and are available on the Planning portal. The owner of Bentley Cottage detailed to the Committee the reasons for the application and that fact that she has modified her original application.

## Matters requiring a decision:

S.24/1664/HHOLD . Little Orchard, Paul Mead, Edge. partial demolition of roof and erection of a first floor extension. Erection of a single storey extension, enlarge existing balcony and installation of cladding. The Committee agreed to support this application

S.24/1737/HHOLD Macs Cottage, Kings Mill Lane. erection of a first floor extension and external raised terrace area. The Committee agreed to support this application

S.24/1747/HHOLD Bentley Cottage, Vicarage Street Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey front extension. Painswick Parish Council

wishes to formally object to the above-referenced planning application for the proposed extensions to Bentley Cottage. While we acknowledge the revisions made following the withdrawal of the previous application, we believe that the current proposal remains fundamentally flawed for several reasons. See details in the Parish Council report.

S.24/1770/TCA Court House, Hale Lane G2- Two Beech trees growing into one canopy to be inner crown thinned by 20%. Cobra brace to be situated within the canopy. T1- Walnut to be felled. The Committee agreed to support this application

S.24/155/HHOLD Stark Hill, Edge, (Revised Plans) Erection of PV solar array in garden. The Committee agreed to support this application.

**Date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday 6th November 2024 in Painswick Town Hall at 7.00 pm.**

## Parish Council Meeting

Present: Cllr Andy Cash Chairman, Cllr Ann Daniels, Cllr Selina Gibb, Cllr Sandra Hunkin, Cllr Gary Luff, Cllr Ian Massey, Cllr Roey Parker,

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public Apologies were accepted from Cllrs James Cross, Rosie Nash and County Cllr Sue Williams.

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Abigail Smith, The Council expressed its sincere thanks to Abigail Smith for her

outstanding efforts, not just given to the Council but also the wider Community, and she will be sorely missed.

## Reports.

County Council. The report is available by using the link below:

<https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/county-cllr-susan-williams-report-october2024.pdf?v=1729245678>

District Council. The District Cllrs report is available via the link <https://www.painswick-pc.gov.uk/uploads/district-cllr-g-luff-report-october2024.pdf?v=1729071756>

Chairman. There was no report given.

Cemetery Lodge update. Cllr Gary Luff reported that currently the Cemetery Lodge would attain an F Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating. Under the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Regulations it is illegal to let a property with a rating of less than E. See full report on the Parish Council web site.

The Council noted the registration process of its land and buildings.

Full report on the Parish Council web site.

## Accounts.

To Approve the Accounts for Payment as per the list circulated prior to the meeting. The Council approved the accounts for payment.

To consider and approve a quotation to undertake remedial works to recreation

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ground play equipment as detailed in the RoSPA Report. The Council approved the quotation from Greenfields Ltd for £575.00 (Ex VAT)

**Reports from other bodies**

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group. Cllr Ian Massey updated the Council on recent activities in particular the cattle on the Beacon.

**Ward Reports**

Sheepscombe. Cllr Sandra Hunkin advised that it is hoped that white lineage will be included in the next year's financial budget for Highways.

Date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 10th November 2024.

# Painswickian of the Year

Readers are invited to put forward names of Parishioners who have given exceptional services to the local community over the years. Nominees should be over 21 and a couple maybe nominated if appropriate. Nominations to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) by Sunday 24th November. Some unsuccessful nominations are being brought forward from last year.



## Painswick - Christmas Fair

.. will take place on Friday 22nd Nov 2pm-7pm and Saturday 23rd Nov 9am-3pm. At Painswick Golf Club

Come and meet Santa and the Randwick Reindeer at the Golf Club

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## The Directory – final call

The Directory is a valuable source of information for residents and for visitors, and, of course, to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are listed. If you run a business, society, service etc it is in your interest to ensure that the details are relevant, correct and up-to-date. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on.

If you are already included, please check the details and let us know if there are any changes to be made. Out-of-date and incorrect information is most irritating for all concerned. If you wish your entry to be removed, or if you are aware of an entry which is no longer valid, you should let us know as soon as possible. There are also one or two services for which there is a noticeable shortage. If you are engaged in a business or activity or know of one where this shortage applies please let us know.

This is a valuable community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry to [directory.beacon@painswick.net](mailto:directory.beacon@painswick.net) or to [beacon@painswick.net](mailto:beacon@painswick.net) or to Carol Maxwell at [carolmaxwell@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmaxwell@talktalk.net) or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# Laughter and Rivalry

‘I’m here to entertain you’ were Paul Evans opening words at the Yew Trees WI’s September meeting. I am happy to report he kept his word! At a time when we are surrounded by alarming and depressing news it was a delight to be truly entertained with poems, anecdotes and monologues full of humour and nostalgia. Paul’s captivating delivery ensured his audience forgot the gloom of the outside world and lost themselves in gentle laughter.

When the WIs from Sheepscombe and Painswick meet in the Skittle Alley at Painswick Centre three things are assured: the atmosphere will be friendly, the food will be delicious and Sheepscombe will go home victorious! This was indeed the case when the two rivals met in October though in one round there was only one point between the teams, and as so often happens the highest score was notched up by the member who maintained she had never played before. Shame on the rest of us!

On Tuesday 26th November Stephen Rowley will talk on ‘Dancing with Giants. The Catalan Fiesta’. The talk will be followed by a break and then our Annual Meeting. Ladies do come and join us at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

*Celia Lougher 812624*



# Painswick Valley Probus Club

## Noel Coward

On Thursday 3rd Oct 2024 the Club met to hear from Peter Gill about Noel Coward whom he characterised as ‘A playwright whose work is as relevant today as it was 100 years ago’. Peter’s talk was accompanied by his spirited rendition of several songs and poems written by Coward.

Born in 1899, Coward had little formal schooling but he was a voracious reader. By the age of 7 he had appeared in several amateur productions leading to many child actor appearances over the next few years. He made his professional stage debut in London at the age of 12. Coward proclaimed himself to be ‘an enormously talented man and there’s no point in denying it’.

He could, however, joke about his own immodesty: ‘My sense of my importance to the world is relatively small. On the other hand, my sense of my own importance to myself is tremendous’. Famed for his wit and flamboyance, his works as writer, actor, director, film producer, painter, songwriter, cabaret artist and poet, he was called by close friends ‘The Master’ from the 1920’s. He died peacefully in 1973 in Jamaica.

## SS Great Britain

On Thursday 17th Oct 2024 we were delighted to receive an amazing account by Ian Caskie, a volunteer tour guide since 2007 from SS Great Britain. Ian’s talk was full of detail, while giving his audience a broad appreciation of the scale, opulence and sheer elegance of the steam-powered wrought-iron vessel, and explaining some of the many engineering challenges faced by her designer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806 – 1859). Brunel is considered to be ‘one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history’. When she was launched in 1843, she was said to be ‘the greatest experiment since the creation’.

Yet, extraordinarily, the ship made only 4 luxurious return crossings to New York before running aground due to a navigation error. She was eventually sold for salvage, repaired, and used for much less illustrious roles until becoming beyond economic repair and being scuttled in 1937 at the Falkland Islands. Fortunately, a British naval architect named Dr Ewan Corlett, who was fascinated by the ship, campaigned from 1967 to save the wreck which was returned by barge to Bristol in 1970 for restoration, preservation, and ‘re-launch’ as a multi-award winning museum.

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*Henry Hall*

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# Buses struggling through Painswick

I felt obliged to write about buses in Painswick because we have now reached a ridiculous and dangerous situation. My background experience is that on retirement from my fulltime occupation I used my Public Service Vehicle licence to drive for two local bus companies.



Today, I have great sympathy for drivers on the Stroud to Cheltenham route via Painswick as I will explain. Driving a single deck bus which can be up to 12 metres in length (39.4 feet) from Painswick Church to Abbeydale involves a sharp left-hand movement from A46 onto Gloucester Street. Precise care has to be taken to avoid the offside back corner touching the wall of New Hall on the corner of Bisley Street. A second try is certainly not on the agenda!

I understand that recently some parents have complained because the single deck bus has been full on some journeys and the school pupils were left behind. To counter that problem Stagecoach put a double decker bus on the route. That created a new problem! A double decker is 9.5 metres (31 feet) long but it is 4.95 metres or 16 feet 3 inches high. Going towards Abbeymead (Gloucester) involves driving through the Plantation where the trees have proliferated to form a tunnel. In the old-days the Stroud Bus Company had a decker with the roof removed. A couple of men armed with saws etc would stand on the upper deck and hack down any low branches once or twice a year. NOT anymore! The net result is that Stagecoach are now experiencing broken windscreens on the upper deck when going through The Plantation and beyond. That situation cannot continue!

The next problem comes in Gloucester Street in the vicinity of the Christ Church building. Indiscriminate parking has meant the bus trying to squeeze its way up the road to the detriment of a few car wing mirrors. The only solution to that problem is a length of "No Waiting". There is already a parking shortage problem in the village so the Parish Council needs to deal urgently with that issue as well.

I am very pleased to see increased passenger numbers on the route but WE must insist on action as mentioned here otherwise I can see a VERY reduced service by Stagecoach.

*Trevor Radway*

# The Sisters Cox Trust - Hardship Fund

The Sisters Cox Trust is now accepting applications for grants from its Hardship Fund for the "benefit of the sick and needy of all classes in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Painswick". You do not have to be a churchgoer to apply for this.

Please make applications in writing marked 'Confidential' to Reverend Sarah Haslam at The Benefice Office, The Lychgate, Stroud Road, Painswick. GL6 6UT. Or email Rev Sarah at [beaconrector@gmail.com](mailto:beaconrector@gmail.com) Please apply by the last Friday of November.

*Lindsay Gardiner*



The inclusion of letters, maximum 150 words, does not imply that the Beacon committee endorses the views expressed, or otherwise.

*Ann Williams of Vicarage Street writes*

## Re: Missed appointments

I was horrified to read that 79 patients didn't turn up at the Painswick Surgery for GP or Nurse appointments in August. Even more than in July.

If all appointments are booked it means it can be upsetting for people wanting to see a Doctor or nurse urgently and having to wait even longer than normal.

We are so lucky to have such a good surgery in Painswick. If it closed it would mean people having to go to Stroud or Gloucester.

We don't all have modern phones with reminders (they don't work in my cottage) but surely everyone has a diary.

What can we do? It would be awful to name and shame people.

*David Allott of Stamages Lane adds...*

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# A Year of Transformation at The Painswick Centre - cont.

In his address, the Chairman summarised the key achievements since the new trustees took over in May 2023:

1. **Essential Maintenance:** Significant repairs were completed, including replacing the flat roof, updating gutters, jet-washing drains, and installing a new boiler and radiators. Redecorating the Beacon Hall and artists' studios.
2. **Cottage Renovation:** Remedial work on the cottage addressed damp issues, new windows were installed to meet current regulations, the garden was cleared, and the property was decorated throughout, allowing new tenants to move in as of January this year.

In addition to these improvements, several other initiatives that have revitalised the Centre were identified:

- **Artists in Residence:** The Centre now hosts six artists and craftspeople in newly renovated studios, which are open to visitors throughout the week. "These creative spaces foster artistic expression and community engagement," he said.
- **Thriving Market:** The Thursday morning market has flourished under the management of volunteer Tom, attracting more visitors and creating a lively atmosphere. "It's a wonderful place for locals to connect and support one another," he noted.
- **Popular Café and Events:** The Café has also seen a significant increase in foot fall. The Thursday evening takeaway meals have become a staple for both visitors and locals. Additionally, community suppers hosted in the Beacon Hall over the winter months have brought residents together for shared meals and fellowship.
- **Engaging Events:** Special events such as Tweedy the Clown have successfully engaged various segments of the community. The trustees are eager to hear suggestions for future events and encouraged more volunteers to step forward. "The more we collaborate, the more we can offer to everyone in Painswick, and we are keen to work collaboratively with other groups such as Parish Council, Painswick Community Support, The Church and other groups such as the sports clubs" he said.
- **Wick-Flixs** This popular film show has returned to the Centre's calendar, drawing in crowds and contributing to the Centre's reputation as a cultural hub in Painswick.

In addition to these community-focused initiatives, the Centre has made strides in governance. The Centre is now registered as an asset of community value and is progressing toward becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). "This modern structure will enhance our operations and governance, making it easier to recruit trustees and manage resources effectively," Treasurer Adrian Gyde acknowledged the complexities of the transition, noting that careful consideration was needed for any changes to the constitution under Charity Commission guidance. "We had hoped to submit these changes sooner, but we believe in taking the time to ensure thoughtful consideration," he emphasised.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking everyone who has contributed time and financial support to these efforts. He urged attendees to consider the "Your Legacy - Our Future" leaflet available at the back of the hall, encouraging them to share it with friends and family. "Next year promises to be exciting as we build on solid financial foundations, transition to a CIO, and foster greater community involvement in the Centre," Williamson said, inviting all to participate in fundraising, volunteering, or organising events. As the Painswick Community Centre moves forward, the enthusiasm and commitment of its community shine brightly, ensuring a vibrant future for this cherished local hub. For more information on how to get involved, residents are encouraged to reach out or visit the Centre's website. The journey is just beginning, and every contribution, big or small, will help shape the Centre for years to come

*John Williamson.*

## Your chance to win

There is always something of interest to be found in Painswick's amazing charity shop, Longfield, and in the October Beacon news of a rare opportunity to win an exceptional prize was reported. Greg Thatcher is an artist with an international reputation – a reputation based entirely on his wonderful meticulous drawings of Painswick's yew trees. He has been coming to Painswick every summer, Covid years excepted, since 1991 and, weather permitting, has spent each day of his time here in the churchyard drawing a selected yew.

This year, before his return home to America, he very generously donated a framed print of one of his drawings to Longfield to be offered as a raffle prize. This is undeniably a very special raffle prize. Greg's yew drawings have gained in value over the years and have consequently done much to further enhance Painswick's image.

There is still time to buy a ticket as the draw will take place on Goodwill Evening, Friday, 29th November. At £3 per ticket or an exceptional offer of five for £10 this is an opportunity to win a very special prize. Furthermore of course, you will be contributing to a very worthwhile cause, a Gloucestershire charity which supports people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Do go along to the shop to buy your ticket, or, better still, tickets. There is still time and you could be the winner.

*Carol Maxwell*



# Painswick Community Support

## Winter Community Supper

Our winter supper, in collaboration with Matt Reekiew-Black, will be held on Monday 2nd December at 6pm in the Church Rooms. This has been made possible by generous donations from villagers at our previous events and Friday Hub. Matt is very kindly providing the following two course menu:

Starter: Fresh baked focaccia with balsamic and olive oil and marinated olives  
Main: Chicken curry and Persian rice or Iranian vegetable stew

We have capacity for 60 guests so to sign up, please either scan the QR code above to take you to the booking form, email us directly or call our community phone (number below).



SCAN ME

## Fareshare

Recently we have received less food from Tesco Stroud supermarket; in part, this may be because they have recently redesigned their fruit and vegetable section and may have scaled down produce during that time. Hopefully this is a temporary glitch and we are working with Fareshare to understand more. We will keep you informed.

## Community Lunches

A reminder that community lunches start on Monday 28th October at the Town Hall from 12 noon to 1.15pm. Homemade vegetable soup, bread, cheese and tea/coffee will be provided by different community groups. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge as these are 'pay as you feel' events.

If you need help or support or have any questions, please call or email us (mobile: 07956203087, email: [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)). Our phone is manned 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

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

# Wednesday Pop-In restarts

Weds Pop-In is restarting on November 6th, 10 - 12 pm, and will be every Wednesday during the winter, downstairs in Painswick Town Hall.

Come and join us for a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Perhaps bring your knitting and join in with the Knit and Natter enthusiasts. Do a jig-saw, draw/paint or have a game of Whist or a board game.

The Post Office is open 9:30 - 11:00 so why not come and see us at the same time as posting your letters or collecting your pension. Donations to Painswick Community Hub.

*For any more information  
Please phone 01452 814186.*

*Sandra Glass*

# Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on Monday 11th November 1.30 - 2.30 and we will be discussing Sweet Sorrow by David Nicholls. This reading choice is a change from what we stated in October's edition of the Beacon. We will then meet again on Monday 9th December to discuss Butter by Asako Yuzuki. Our read for January will be, In Ascension by Martin MacInnes. The date for that meeting is yet to be decided.



If you are interested to joining us on a regular or infrequent basis, please come along to one of our meetings or contact me for further information by email

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*Pat Andrew*

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# Painswick - Goodwill Evening welcomes one and all to celebrate the season of Goodwill



At 4.45pm on the 29th November, as the sun drops below the Beacon, the bells of St Mary's Church will ring out to welcome one and all to our annual celebration of Goodwill. Come ready for a fun packed night which is always a highlight of Painswick's calendar.

The evening begins at St Mary's Church with a festive concert from the children of The Croft Primary School. Here too local artists will judge the children's art competition and prizes will be given! Children can take part in a Goodwill map trail and prize draw with maps available from the church and The Painswick Centre. A lantern parade with Santa and his elves will leave the churchyard and process to the Grotto at The Centre, where Tibbiwell Alpacas will be in situ ready to pose with anyone who wants the best selfie ever! Visits to Santa's grotto are a must on any festive evening, and in the spirit of Goodwill we ask children to bring an unwrapped gift to give to Santa or for parents to make a donation. Santa will be pleased to receive children's Christmas letters to take back to the North Pole!

The Painswick Centre will host a festive market with a wide range of independent sellers offering beautiful and unique gifts as well as edible treats and seasonal flowers. Hot food and drink sellers will be at the Centre all evening and the bar will be open in The Beacon Hall. Raffle tickets will be on sale with a range of tempting prizes. Local businesses around the village will be open all evening and will offer a warm welcome to everyone, so do visit, say hello and support local!

Please note that there will be a brief road closure from 5.30-6pm to allow the parade to travel safely from the Church to the Painswick Centre. This will affect Victoria Street, St. Mary's Street, Bisley Street and Friday Street, Vicarage Street and Tibbiwell. There will be stewards on hand to help.

The evening is a not-for-profit event and is hosted in the spirit of Goodwill and giving. Toys given to Santa will be donated to the Salvation Army and onwards as gifts to children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present. Gifts of tinned and dry goods can be dropped off at collection points, which are at St. Mary's Church and the Painswick Centre. These will be donated to Stroud Food Bank. All funds raised will go to St Mary's Church and The Painswick Centre to support their ongoing work at the heart of our community. The organisers would like to thank those who have already extended their Goodwill to support the evening, namely our principal sponsors Murrays Estate Agents and The Oak, as well as The Elgar Family and Goddard's Garage.

Goodwill is the focus of this special evening in Painswick and the importance of creating a compassionate community is ever present. We hope that the evening offers a moment to reflect on what is most valuable and dear within our community and to notice how this celebration of Goodwill is an acknowledgement of its importance every day of the year. Plan your Goodwill evening.

*Sandie Randle*



## Dramatically Low Butterfly Numbers.

This year, whilst I've been working on the Beacon and other local commons, it has seemed that butterfly numbers have been very poor. This year's Butterfly Conservation (BC) annual impact report and quarterly magazine both confirm this has indeed been so. BC are a large, well-funded organisation with professional scientists and ecologists collecting national data – much obtained

through citizen science projects such as the National Butterfly Count. Their butterfly records are the longest running invertebrate records in the world. I believe their interpretations to be accurate and make no apology for quoting some of them verbatim.

“We are witnessing staggering biodiversity losses with species disappearing faster than ever in human history. In the UK we have experienced such losses that we are one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Report after report using biological data from millions of volunteers highlights that we are just not moving fast enough and that our politicians are not listening or acting; we need to change the conversation. Nature is in crisis.”

Last year BC put half of British butterflies on the red endangered list.

“Butterflies and moths are extraordinary indicators of change. We are focusing on more butterflies and moths in recovery, more landscapes improving and more people acting. We have the solutions and we are making a difference.”

The cause of the low numbers is the combination of mild winters and exceptionally wet periods. Mild winters are not good for creatures adapted to hibernating or diapausing, they often awaken too early and cannot find flowering plants to feed on and consequently die. Mild wet weather are perfect conditions for fungal and bacterial pathogens to multiply, resulting in higher mortality of immature insects. Grass growth can be so strong that smaller essential food plants are stifled and harder to find. This means less eggs laid and therefore less adults available to breed the following year. It is easy to see how a struggling species could become locally and then nationally extinct after a succession of these unusual weather events.

On the Beacon we are trying hard to improve the chances of our threatened flora and fauna – preserving it until more of the surrounding countryside becomes potential habitat. We have one of the largest sites in the locality with so much more potential, but we need more volunteers to do it. Why not join us on this fascinating journey?

*Paul Baxter:*

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## Light Show Fizzes and Sparkles at Rococo

We have a spectacular Winter Event from 30 November through Christmas to 4 January. The Enchanted Garden by Night, an awe-inspiring Winter Light Trail! This Christmas, step into a world of wonder at our newly-transformed Enchanted Garden by Night.



The night sky will become a backdrop for a host of mythical creatures waiting to meet you and make this Christmas unforgettable. The Garden is quiet, yet alive with magic. If you stop and listen carefully, you can hear wildlife whispering secrets and the gentle babble of the stream guiding you into the mysterious woodland. During your stroll along winding pathways and through subtly-lit woodland, you'll encounter graceful fairies twirling among the giant dandelions, their wings shimmering. Look out for playful boggarts, their tricks and pranks adding fun and surprising you! Encounter majestic unicorns with glowing horns and gentle presence—a truly wonderful sight. And meet our welcoming dragons, whose warm, glowing breath and kind eyes will charm you.

Tickets cost £9 for children over 4 years old and £17 for adults (including Friends of the Garden and RHS members). Children under 4 are free and do not require a ticket. Well-behaved dogs on short leads are welcome to join the fun too—after all, we wouldn't want them to miss out on the Christmas magic! Numbers are strictly limited to ensure a relaxed experience. As a result, we expect them to sell out fast. Book your ideal time slot after 4pm here: [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk)

We have seasonal Delights and Christmas Shopping to make your visit even more magical. We'll be serving winter warmers such as mulled wine and cider as well as marshmallow-topped hot chocolate. I highly recommend our very own recipe of locally reared pork sausages from Portway Farm Shop, served in a brioche bun. Gluten-free and vegan options will also be available. In the shop, you will find gorgeous locally-sourced gifts, including a range of food and drinks made with produce from the Garden.

In the Garden the days are getting shorter and the garden prepares to go into hibernation over the winter. Our garden staff and volunteers do an excellent job of keeping paths and borders in tip-top shape for visitors. Our deciduous trees are shedding their leaves fast, and the strikingly beautiful skeleton structure of the garden is revealed as they fall. Structural seed heads throw shapes around the garden, illuminated by a combination of morning dew and low winter sun. Reduced admission prices apply during November.

This month the Garden is open Thursday to Sunday day time 10am until 4pm. If the weather is right coming later, at say 3pm, can give you some wonderful early evening atmospheric views. Looking good in the woods are American Sweetgum trees, Beech and Maples. Our garden staff and volunteers will point you in the right direction. Do send us your autumn colours photos. Hoping to see you in the garden at this special time of year.

*Tim Toghill Volunteer*

## Painswick man cycling for charity. London to Paris.

James Pentney from Painswick is fundraising for Myeloma UK after being diagnosed in 2022. The blood cancer affects the bones and during that year James underwent stem cell replacement treatment and chemotherapy. Now on a monthly maintenance therapy, James's personal journey has been a challenge but he has remained positive and values the vital treatment and work staff do at the Edward Jenner Unit in Gloucester. *Visit [ride.myeloma.org.uk/james-pentney](http://ride.myeloma.org.uk/james-pentney) or [pentneyjames@gmail.com](mailto:pentneyjames@gmail.com)*

## Charity Coffee morning

It is taking place at the Church Rooms on Saturday 23rd November between 10:00 and 15:00, and is aligned with Suicide Bereavement Awareness Week. The focus of the event is to create a space for people to come together as a community, share stories and raise awareness about suicide and bereavement by suicide.

There will also be fundraising for the local charity, Sunflowers Suicide Support, of which I am a trustee. You can see more information about the charity here: <https://www.sunflowerssuicidesupport.org.uk/>

*Samantha Goddard*



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## PMAG Unknown by name or rank

PMAG's second presentation of the season proved both engrossing and moving. Entitled Music Inspired by World War 1 Richard Westwood-Brookes, author and champion of the Elgar Birth Museum, illustrated his talk with relevant compositions by Ralph Vaugan Williams, Ivor Gurney, Herbert Howells (our local men), Australian born Septimus Kelly, John Ireland, Elgar and most astonishing of all one Birmingham born Mrs Kennedy wife of a professional violinist who as the 20 year old Lilian Elkington commemorated in music the last journey in November 1920 of the body of the Unknown Warrior across the English Channel to his final rest in Westminster Abbey. Entitled Out of the Mist this nine minute masterpiece was performed many times in the 1920s. Herself a gifted pianist she met, formed a duo and then married Mr Arthur Kennedy in 1926 and gradually withdrew from composition and performance.



## Gardening Club

On Wednesday, 9th October Paul Green from Greens Leaves Nursery at Newent gave us a knowledgeable, amusing talk on plants - foliage and stems. He spoke of dark leaves with enthusiasm, loving tactile plants. We came away thinking we need to stroke our plant leaves more.

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 13th November is on Raised Beds and vegetable growing with Marion Stainton. She is involved in a broad range of horticultural projects for domestic, commercial and community gardens. She has published in The Horticulturalist and The Plantsman.

This is a 'back to basics' talk which focuses on a practical approach to planning and managing your vegetable growing. Marion is interested in an environmentally friendly approach to gardening with integrated pest management. Not organic gardening, but where chemicals are only used as a last resort. Prevention is better than cure.

On 7th December we are having a fun filled morning crafting for Members, a get-together in the town hall from 10 am. Ione will lead and guide us in making simple arrangements for our tables, or you can bring your old wreath frames to reclothe in greenery, and I'll show you how to make gate/door garlands out of potatoes. Bring Christmas cheer, scissors or secateurs and any special greenery you want to use. Session with coffee, mince-pies for £10. Please book and pay in advance. You can do this at our meeting on the 13th November.

*Joyce Barrus*

Predeceasing her husband and daughter in 1969 Kennedy was said to have disposed of her manuscripts, all except three, which by some miracle, were discovered in the 1970s in a Worthing bookshop. The full score of Out of the Mist was one of these and after performance lead to an interview on Woman's Hour where her daughter declared that she had never known that her mother had been a composer. This truly remarkable story about one of the most emblematic pieces of these post war years.

Later in the month PMAG commemorated Gustav Holst's 150th anniversary with a complete DVD Prom performance of The Planets provided by Dennis Morgan alongside some lesser known compositions before 1920 and up to his death in 1934 itself a 90 year anniversary. In the Bleak Midwinter to the tune Cranham was not forgotten.

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

Thursday November 14th Beethoven Friday night Proms programme 70 years ago  
Howard Allen

Thursday November 28th JS Bach chorales, keyboard and modern adaptations  
Craig Dunn

*Michael Grey*

## Remembering



"Remember, remember, the 5th of November". It's an odd children's ditty, isn't it - in fact it's a rather extraordinary thing to celebrate, when you consider that it's really all about gunpowder, treason and plot. Guy Fawkes was attempting, with the help of a gang of other Catholics, to blow up Parliament and with it the King. It was an age of intolerance, suspicion and violence.

Not unlike our own age, with war between Russia and Ukraine, escalating conflict between Israel and Palestine (with, it would seem, much of the Middle East in the wings), and increasing discontent around the refugee crisis as it affects this country. News reports are sadly full of intolerance, suspicion and violence.

That's why it was good to be encouraged in October to pray for Peace. And that's also a good reason this month for Remembering the Armistice on the 11th of the month and continuing to pray for Peace at services on Remembrance Sunday on the 10th. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends", said Jesus - who knew what true Love cost.

So, there are good things to look forward to this month around the Benefice: there's a chance at All Souls on 2nd Nov 3.00pm to remember our loved ones at a Christians Together service in St.Mary's. Then the Painswick Goodwill Evening is on 29th Nov, when we remember those who are less blessed than ourselves as the children contribute foodbank items for their map and give gifts to Santa to distribute to other children. There's also another Praise & Prayer evening in St.Mary's on Wed 13th Nov at 7.00pm. And there is a new Explorer's Bible Group that's just got started (details from the Beacon Benefice Office).

*Paul Kenchington*

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# Jottings

Cockchafers are a serious pest to farm and garden crops. The female lays some sixty to eighty eggs in the soil. They hatch into larvae and live underground for at least two years before coming back above the ground as May bugs. We see them flying around then, especially in the evenings.

In the 18th and 19th century people would go out to catch and destroy them. Whilst they are underground they gnaw the roots of garden plants and are a pest of fruit trees. We can see cereal crops disappearing before our eyes over a couple of weeks. Since the decrease of pesticides the number of cockchafers has increased dramatically.

Daddy long legs are the most common of the Crane flies. They are around between April and September. They are attracted to house and street lights. The female lays fifty to a hundred and fifty eggs straight into the soil. These hatch as larvae known as Leatherjackets. They are a serious soil pest which attacks the roots of plants. After a warm summer and autumn, the damage can be evident in fields and your lawns as bare patches. After some six to nine months they emerge as adults and can live for up to twelve months. Starlings love digging them up and they make good bait for using when fishing for trout.

If a farmer can plough a grass field in the autumn and leave it bare, the bird life over winter can have a field day scratching the soil for these bugs.

*Martin Slinger*



## Friday Club - Train trip



Unfortunately our Speaker on the 4th October had to cancel at short notice. The Committee quickly sprang into action by serving an early tea. Members enjoyed not only the tea but also slices of cake kindly donated by the "Hub" Also we took the opportunity to catch up on all the local gossip! Hopefully your ears weren't burning!

Then on the 10th we met at Stamages Lane carpark to be transported by coach to the Railway Station at Cheltenham Race Course. We exited the coach and excitedly clambered aboard a steam driven train for a return trip along the recently extended line to Broadway. It certainly stirred memories of our younger days watching smoke from the engine pouring past the windows! Not only was the scenery stunning but we had our own guide who pointed out where we should look and answered many questions raised by Members. The Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway is run entirely by volunteers – currently a team of 950! We rounded the day off with a lunch at a Webbs Garden Centre.

So what does November hold in store for Members? On the 1st, appropriately the day after Halloween, we have a talk by John Putley on the History of Witches and tales of Gloucestershire witches – Members beware!! Then on the 15th we have our AGM and a Picture Quiz. On the 29th we have a return visit by the ever popular Ukuladies who will be "Getting us in the Mood for Christmas."

What an exciting programme. Why not join us in the Lower Room in the Town Hall. Meetings commence at 2.30pm. See YOU on the 1st November.

*Mike Kerton*

## Painswick Singers

We, at Painswick Singers are looking for new members to join us. We are a friendly choir, who all enjoy singing. The members are ladies and gentlemen of any age, who meet once a week, on a MONDAY evening, 7.30 to 9.30pm. We rehearse at Richmond, Painswick, who kindly let us use their auditorium. The autumn term started on Monday, 28th October, we sing during school terms and not during school holidays. We use sheet music, but it isn't necessary to be able to read music (I don't!). We tend to sing appropriate music for the season ie. Christmas Carols, Easter music and, in the summer, perhaps music from shows. We have a leader, also our accompanist, who was a professional musician.

We would very much like to increase our numbers, and will welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please come along to the reception, Richmond at 7.30pm on 28th Oct. I shall be there and will be delighted to see you. If you would like to speak to me beforehand, you can ring me on 01452-813545.

*Jean Jones. (Membership Secretary.)*



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## The Fleece revealed

At the October meeting of the Local History Society members were treated to a fascinating delve into an architectural investigation of The Fleece, Westgate Street, Gloucester. Architectural investigator Rebecca Lane, from Historic England, began with an outline of how such an investigator works. The evidence as to the development of buildings comes in various forms: Exact evidence from contemporary documentation, scientific dating, architectural styles, analysis of the fabric - the structures to be found in roof spaces, windows and fireplaces all can show the development of a building.

The Fleece itself closed in 2002 and is within the Westgate Street heritage zone. The 12th century undercroft (one of three in Gloucester) was for much of the 20th century a bar called 'The Monk's Retreat' building on the idea that it had been a pilgrim inn around the 15th century though in fact there is no documentary evidence of it being an inn until the 17th century. However tree ring analysis shows that much of the roof structures do indeed date to the 15th century.

The undercroft would originally have been a place where a rich merchant may have stored and sold his goods. Above this there would probably have been a mediaeval hall - the main room of the merchants house. The Fleece was acquired by St Peter's Abbey in 1475 and a substantial rebuild took place providing three ranges which are largely intact today. It was leased out by the abbey to merchants and gentlemen who traded themselves or sub-let the property.

In the 19th century it was bought by Samuel Jones who built a brush factory on part of the site and then sold off the inn. In the 20th century it was acquired by the Rich family who enhanced its historic nature by adding a fake gallery to one of the ranges in 17th century style timberwork, a fake timberframe front to the building and a fake fireplace (indicated by the fact that it never had a flue!).

For anyone wishing a more detailed account it can be found on the Historic England website under references Fleece Hotel 19, 19a and 21. Rebecca was an outstanding speaker who held us gripped for the whole talk.

Our next meeting is on 19th November when Kate Peake and Angela Rendell will be taking us on an Aerial tour of Gloucestershire.

*Peter Jackson*

## Cranham Local History Society

Invite you to a talk by Tony Condor about 'The Chosen Trio' Herbert Howells- Ivor Gurney- Will Harvey.

Cranham Village Hall – November 28th - starts 7.45pm

Visitors - £4 inc. refreshments

*JanWhitton*

## Dennis French items in auction

The Cotswolds' idyllic landscape has been the inspiration for many designer craftsmen, most notably during the Arts & Crafts movement.

Dennis French was trained using the traditional Cotswold Arts & Crafts making techniques and is part of Painswick's local history. He began his apprenticeship in woodworking and furniture making at only 15 under Owen Scrubey. He has been producing items from his workshop for over fifty years, his work setting a high standard for fellow woodworkers to aspire to.

Today he is known for designing and making turned pieces using traditional lathe-work which are both beautiful and useful. These pieces include burr wood bowls, mirrors and bookends in a variety of timbers such as oak, elm and yew. His minimalistic designs fit into any setting, contemporary or traditional.

Dennis was a familiar face in Painswick for many years selling a variety of his works in his shop. Today, he sells through his website, also offering a bespoke service designing and making individual pieces.

Chorleys' auction of Modern Art & Design on 19th & 20th November includes four pieces of walnut furniture by Dennis French, alongside works by many other well-known makers. The pieces stem from a private collection; each signed and dated, and exemplifies the ideals of the Arts & Crafts tradition with their honest designs and craftsmanship, clearly showing the influence of his early training.

If you are interested in seeing these pieces, do visit Chorleys' website, or view the sale in person on Sunday 17th 10am-4pm and Monday 18th November 9am-4pm.

*Scott Capener*



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# A Memorable trip to Norfolk and Autumn lectures to enjoy.



Members had a fantastic week visiting Norfolk in September, enjoying sights like the stunning Ely Cathedral, Houghton Hall and of course the wonderful Sandringham Estate with all its riches. They also enjoyed natural wonders

like Cley Nature reserve and Holkham's 40 miles of beach (seeing no fewer than four kingfishers during a boat trip on The Broads!). Despite moments of challenging weather, a great time was had by all!



The next lecture at 2.30pm on November 6th in the Painswick Centre will be given by John Parker (CEO of the Arboricultural Association) about his work growing the Stonehouse Community Arboretum. This is followed on November 19th, 2.30pm in Box Village Hall (post code GL6 9HE), with a talk given by Tony Roberts about the work of Archeoscan, a Gloucestershire based organisation providing opportunities for the public to get involved in archaeology. He will talk to us about 'Roman finds in Gloucestershire'. Then on 4th December, 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre, Lois Frances will share her knowledge about the history of the Stroudwater Canal as told through their extensive archives (available online). These lectures are now FREE for Members and are followed by light refreshments. All are welcome, (£5 charge for visitors) just drop into the meeting. For more information contact Paul Wyeth; CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com or 07472 021 517.

The Field Club URGENTLY needs more volunteers to ensure its future viability. Would you be prepared to organise a day trip or activity (with support from existing volunteers)? Or perhaps you would consider helping to organise our lecture series or taking a role on the Club's management committee? For an informal chat please contact David Thackray (01453 873262) or Denise Magauran (01452 814 570) or talk to any of our existing volunteers.

Further information about the Club, its activities and how to become a Member can be found on the CNFC website [www.cotsnatsfield.club](http://www.cotsnatsfield.club). Photo Caption: Ryeford Double Lock with its cottage: built for the lock keeper in 1784 and little altered since.

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

## Foodbank

The following quote (for March 2023 - April 2024) comes from the Trussel Trust website: 'Food banks Trussell's UK-wide community distributed more than 3.1 million emergency food parcels to people facing hardship – this is an increase of 94% over the past five years. More than 1.1 million of these parcels were distributed for children.' Please keep these children (and all those in need) in mind as we prepare for our BIG CHRISTMAS COLLECTION on Wednesday 13th November!

The management team from Stroud District Foodbank team will be joining us in the car park. Do come and meet them and ask any questions and hear what happens to your donations.

For our collection, we would be very grateful for boxes of chocolate, boxes of savoury crackers, large packets of crisps, nuts, cranberry sauce, pickles, tinned ham, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits and large tubs of sweets. Volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am - 12 noon. If you are able, please give so that we can support those in our community who would otherwise struggle this Christmas.

There will NOT be a collection in December but we will back on 15th January 2025. As always, if you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details: Stroud District Foodbank CIO Sort code: 09-01-29 Account: 21994911 Thank you! *The Foodbank Team Mobile: 07950 651228*

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# Painswick Sports

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## Girls Cricket

A fabulous season for Painswick girls cricket as the side welcomed 8 new players to the team as we lost some of our older girls to ladies cricket and welcomed some who had moved up from Dynamos. Highlights included a very close match with Dumbleton on a beautiful summer's evening and our girls leading the performances in the boys/ mixed u15 side and contributing well in the club 6 a side competitions. Our new players competed against much older girls but showed immense promise for the future.



Thank you to former captain Eva who offered great support in coaching alongside her

role model contributions to the men's teams. This year's inspirational captain Hollie was a deserved Player of the season and the wicket-keeping skills of Sophie saw her awarded the Most Improved player. We continue to build our girls section and will be looking to welcome new players when we restart next year for girls in Years 6-10.

Please see the website and social media for further updates and thanks to all those who contributed to a growing and important part of our club.

*Steve Pegram*

## Painswick Cricket Club

### Painswick CC 2024 End of Season Awards Seniors

The Painswick Cricket Club dinner and presentation evening was held at the Edgemoor Inn on 28th September. A super lovely evening and massive thanks to our host Chris and his merry helpers. The following received awards, many congratulations to you all;

#### First team

Jon Connolly won the bowling award, he took 41 league wickets, 21 catches and 5 run outs during the season. Jon was also voted the player's player of the year. Luke Woolway won the batting award and also 'match performance of the season' for his match winning innings of 117 runs against Dumbleton CC. Luke hit 7 fours and ten sixes in that game.

#### Second Team

Nath Fagg for his match winning bowling performances and Jacob Moore won the batting award.

#### Third Team

Bruce Walker won the batting award. Eva Holohan won the bowling award. Will Alder Howells and Toby White were both highlighted as the most improved players

#### Ladies awards

Lucy Walton won the batting award and Eva Holohan won the bowling award. Most improved player went to Robyn Tucker.

#### The John Hogg Shield award

Was awarded to Reece Morris for all his amazing efforts throughout the season on behalf of the club both on and off the field.

*Steve Pegram*

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# Painswick Golf Club



## Painswick Golf Open

The postponed Open took place on Wednesday 2nd October with 122 competitors. Owing to hill fog the start was delayed 1 hr but most had an enjoyable game of golf although the weather could have been better.

The sum of around £2000 was raised plus another £585 from the raffle.

The winning pair were Richard Gillott and Charlie Grim with 43 points winning on count back from Ray Handley and John Frame also on 43 points.

The seniors matches are now completed with 10 wins, 5 losses and 3 draws. A very successful season under captain Ian Broderick. The A team will be in division 2 next season in the North Gloucestershire Golf League.

# Tennis

## Junior Tennis Festival

The autumnal gloom was lifted temporarily at Painswick tennis club earlier this month. A Junior Tennis Festival was held at the club and for once it was not all about winning, medals and trophies. This was an opportunity for children aged 10 to 18 to take part in fun match play and to mix with people from other parts of Gloucestershire. Twenty two players took part coming from tennis clubs in Chipping Campden, Prestbury, Chalford, Cirencester, Minchinhampton and of course a strong contingent from Painswick. (see photo)

Over the course of two hours each person took part in four doubles and singles games. Without exception they showed tremendous behaviour, tried hard and enjoyed themselves.

The children even helped in sweeping the courts and tidying the clubhouse afterwards without any prompting! Many thanks to the adults who brought them along and all at Painswick Tennis Club for their sincere and continued support of junior tennis.



*Graham Harbord*

# Falcon Bowls Club

**Great Winter Activities - All Welcome.** All events are at our lovely club house behind the Falcon Inn



November 2024

Sunday 3rd - Presentation Lunch - 2 course buffet £15, 12.30pm sit down, all welcome, Open event. Friday 22nd - Quiz Night & Food - Teams of 6, Lots of fun promised, food £5 & entry £3, Teams & Individuals welcome, teams can be made up on the night. Open event.

December 2024

Friday 6th - Carols at the club, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & plenty of festive cheer, song sheets provided, all ages welcome to help bring in the Festive Season. No charge. Donation would be appreciated. Open event.

Short Mat Bowling evenings will start in November. With a recent welcome increase in enthusiastic new playing members Falcon Bowling Club will return to Sunday League Bowling & will welcome all players who would like to participate. Contact Sylvia Steer Membership Secretary -Steer5@tiscali.co.uk or any member of the committee.

*David Cutler*

# Painswick Football Club



## Relaunching Painswick youth football

The aim to provide local talent with an opportunity to develop their skills and foster a passion for the sport. Painswick Youth officially was relaunched in early October after 10+ years of no footballing opportunity in the area and will begin training soon. A second taster session took place at 'The Rec' on Saturday afternoon 26th October and more are planned. Contact [painswickyouthfc@outlook.com](mailto:painswickyouthfc@outlook.com) for more details.

Directors of the youth set up said "Our goal is not just to create a Club, but to build a community that supports youth development both on and off the pitch".

The club is also looking to form partnerships with the local schools and attain sponsors to support its long-term growth and impact on the community. With big dreams and a strong commitment to youth development, Painswick Youth is ready to make its mark in the local football scene. With strong ties to the already established Men's football club, the hope is we can offer a pathway for anyone with a passion for football in Painswick.

*Jordan Hutchinson*

# Property Report

Again, little new in Painswick itself and the market seems a bit becalmed as it awaits the Budget. There is though 1 Canton Acre, a four bedroom semi-detached family home within easy reach of the school, the surgery and the village centre (Murrays, £475,000). Then right in the centre of the village, the Old Fleece apartment, a substantial two storey apartment with open plan vaulted sitting dining room (Murrays, £245,000). There are also two houses over at Longridge. Longridge House is a substantial 5 bed period house on the market for the first time in over 50 years (Hamptons, £1.3 million) and Beechwood Cottage is a 4 bed stone cottage that has been renovated (Hamptons, £860,000). And in Sheepscombe, Brynteg is a detached modern house with 4 bedrooms (Hamptons, £580,000). Back in Painswick, Flat 7 at Hyett Orchard is available at a new price of £150,000, which Hamptons believe may be the best value apartment in this over-55s block for over 20 years. Or if you are looking for something a bit different, there is a selection of plots at Prinknash Park, including a 3 bedroom house with outbuildings and a walled garden, the former bird park or various bits of agricultural land. Contact Bruton Knowles for more information.

Bears Den on Cheltenham Road and Woodfield in Vicarage Street are both now under offer through Hamptons, as is Maryland at Sheepscombe through Murrays, who report that Hale Bank and Wayside at Pitchcombe have exchanged and completed. The Croft Fireworks on 9th November will be sponsored by Murrays and The Croft School's Naughty Elf Trail in December by Hamptons.

## PLANNING MATTERS

*Information received from the Parish Council*

### NEW APPLICATIONS

S.24/1664/HHOLD. Little Orchard, Paul Mead, Edge

Partial demolition of roof and erection of a first floor extension. Erection of a single storey extension, enlarge existing balcony and installation of cladding

S.24/1737/HHOLD Macs Cottage, Kings Mill Lane

Erection of a first floor extension and external raised terrace area.

S.24/1747/HHOLD Bentley Cottage, Vicarage Street

Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey front extension

S.24/1770/TCA Court House, Hale Lane

G2- Two Beech trees growing into one canopy to be inner crown thinned by 20%. Cobra brace to be situated within the canopy. T1- Walnut to be felled

S.24/1773/HHOLD 3 Cheltenham Road Installation of replacement windows and removal of chimney.

S.24/1833/DEM Highfold Farm House Demolish redundant former cow shed and lean-to.

S.24/1679/HHOLD 32 Ashwell Erection of front porch.

### CONSENT

S.24/1226/FUL Land At Edge Road Installation of hardstanding to existing stable yard and erection of a retaining wall. (Retrospective).

S.24/1485/LBC Butt House, Butt Green Replace existing dormer window.

S.24/1484/HHOLD Butt House, Butt Green

Replacement of existing dormer window. S.24/1565/CPL Folly Acres, Folly Lane

Proposed construction of the 'artist's studio' as detailed within approved application reference number S.15/1865/FUL which is considered to remain extant

S.24/1554/HHOLD Stark Hill, Edge

Erection of PV solar array in garden.

S.24/1662/TCA Flax Cottage, Vicarage Street

T1 Rowan - reduce crown by 3m and shape to contain crown size. T2 Cotoneaster - reduce crown height by 3m and lateral branches to shape.

### WITHDRAWN

S.24/1422/HHOLD Beech View, The Park

Erection of a rear extension and alterations to landscaping.

S.24/1458/HHOLD Junipers, Edge Road

Extension and conversion of existing garage into an annexe

### REFUSED

S.24/1261/FUL Snows Farm, Slad Change of use of section of first floor of barn to domestic accommodation (bathroom and landing) to serve attached annexe (retrospective).

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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 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact <a href="mailto:sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk">sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. <a href="http://www.kate-beatty.co.uk">www.kate-beatty.co.uk</a>	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	7.30pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. Contact <a href="mailto:takepart@paradise-house.org.uk">takepart@paradise-house.org.uk</a>	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
	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 in a block of six lessons. Info from Hannah Dyson at <a href="mailto:dyson_hannah@hotmail.com">dyson_hannah@hotmail.com</a>	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club -. Contact Joyce Barrus 01452 812942	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.30pm
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	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_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: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. Email <a href="mailto:classes@painswickcentre.com">classes@painswickcentre.com</a> . Term time only	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Wednesdays Pop-In. A warm space to meet up for coffee and a chat. All welcome. Contact Sandra Glass on 814186	Town Hall	10.00 12.00pm
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre
St Mary's Mums - for mums, bumps, babies and toddlers. Contact 07833 727701. Term time only		Painswick Centre	9.15 - 10.45am
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@icloud.com">yoginikim@icloud.com</a>		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on <a href="mailto:yoginikim@cloud.com">yoginikim@cloud.com</a>		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or <a href="mailto:fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com">fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com</a>		Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
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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
	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:cgsuain@btinternet.com">cgsuain@btinternet.com</a> or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. <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	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

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November

Sat	2	Painswick Beacon published		
	2	All Souls - CTAP	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	3	Benefice Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	4	Community Lunch - Painswick Parish Council	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	5	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	6	Holy Communion	Richmond	11.30am
	6	Cotteswold Naturalists: Stonehouse Arboretum, John Parker. Enq. 07472 021517	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	8	Wickflix: Fly Me To the Moon	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	9	Firework Night	Croft School	From 5.00pm
	9	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 1.00pm
Sun	10	Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church	10.45am
Mon	11	Remembrance Day Service	War memorial	10.45am
	11	Community Lunch - Painwick Community Support	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
		Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	12	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Weds	13	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	13	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
	13	Gardening Club: Raised beds and vegetable growing - Marion Stainton	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	13	Painswick Probus: Walking the Coast + AGM - Steve Tilley	Painswick Centre	11.00am
Thurs	14	The Arts Society: AGM followed by Chinamania - Jane Gardiner	Painswick Centre	10.30am
	14	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: The Friday Night Proms 70 years ago - a Beethoven Concert - Howard Allen	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	15	Friday Club: AGM and picture quiz. Enq 812942	Town Hall	2.30pm
	15	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 1.00pm
Sun	17	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	18	Community Lunch - Painswick Bowling Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	19	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	19	Cotteswold Naturalists: Roman finds in Gloucestershire - Tony Roberts. Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
		Local history Society - An Aerial Tour of Gloucestershire	Croft School	7.30pm
Fri	22	Painswick Christmas Fair	Golf Club	2.00 - 7.00pm
Sat	23	Painswick Christmas Fair	Golf Club	9.00am - 3.00pm
	23	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 1.00pm
Sun	24	<b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
		Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	25	Community Lunch - Library Book Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	26	Yew Trees WI: Dancing with Giants - Stephen Rowley followed by Annual Meeting	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	26	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Thurs	28	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: JS Bach as trend setter - Craig Dunn	Town Hall	2.30pm
	28	Painswick Probus: Wood carvings in Gloucestershire - Steven Aiano	Painswick Centre	11.00am
Fri	29	Painswick Goodwill Evening	Painswick Centre.	5.00 - 8.00pm
	29	Friday Club: Getting in the mood for Christmas with the Ukuladies. Enq 812942	Town Hall	2.30pm
	29	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 -1.00pm
Sat	30	Enchanted garden lights open to the public until Jan 4th. Selected days. Pre-booking essential. Check website Rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	4.00 - 7.00pm

December

Sun	1	Advent Carols Service	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Mon	2	Winter Community Supper book by phone, email or scan QR code	Church Rooms	6.00pm
Tues	3	Morning prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	4	Holy Communion	Richmond	11.30am
	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: Cotteswold Naturalists: Stroudwater Archives, Lois Francis. Enq. 07472 021517	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Fri	6	Rococo Garden carol concert - all welcome. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Rooms	St Mary's Church	6.30pm
Sat	7	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 1.00pm
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# Personal Column

## Condolences

To the family and friends of JOYCE HUNT, who had lived in Painswick for 57 years and passed away peacefully at home on the 30th September two days shy of her 97th birthday. Sometime ago, she was an active member of the Horticultural Society (now Gardening Club) and enjoyed creating flower arrangements for the Church and socialising whilst exercising in "Puffins" club that was.

The last ten years have not been kind, but Joyce remained content and resilient throughout her battle with dementia, whilst being cared for at home by her sons. A special thanks to all at Penna Homecare in Stroud for their wonderful support during this period.

To the family and friends of MARTIN TRANTER, formerly of Vicarage Street, who died recently.

## Congratulations

To JANET AND GRAHAM LILLEY of Edge, who were married 60 years ago on the 24th October at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church. With love from all their family.

To BRIAN and JULIA PAINTING of Greenhouse Lane who celebrated their marriage in Cheltenham on the 25th October.

To ELLIE DANGERFIELD and JAMES TREMLIN of Wick Street, who were married on Saturday August 24th at St Andrews Church Miserden. It was a beautiful service followed by an amazing "Wedfest" weekend back at Ellie's parents' home in Wick Street. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in helping with all of the preparations and making it such a special and happy occasion.

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Some pictures sent in of the recent Northern Lights, Autumn colours and a spectacular sunset all seen from Painswick.