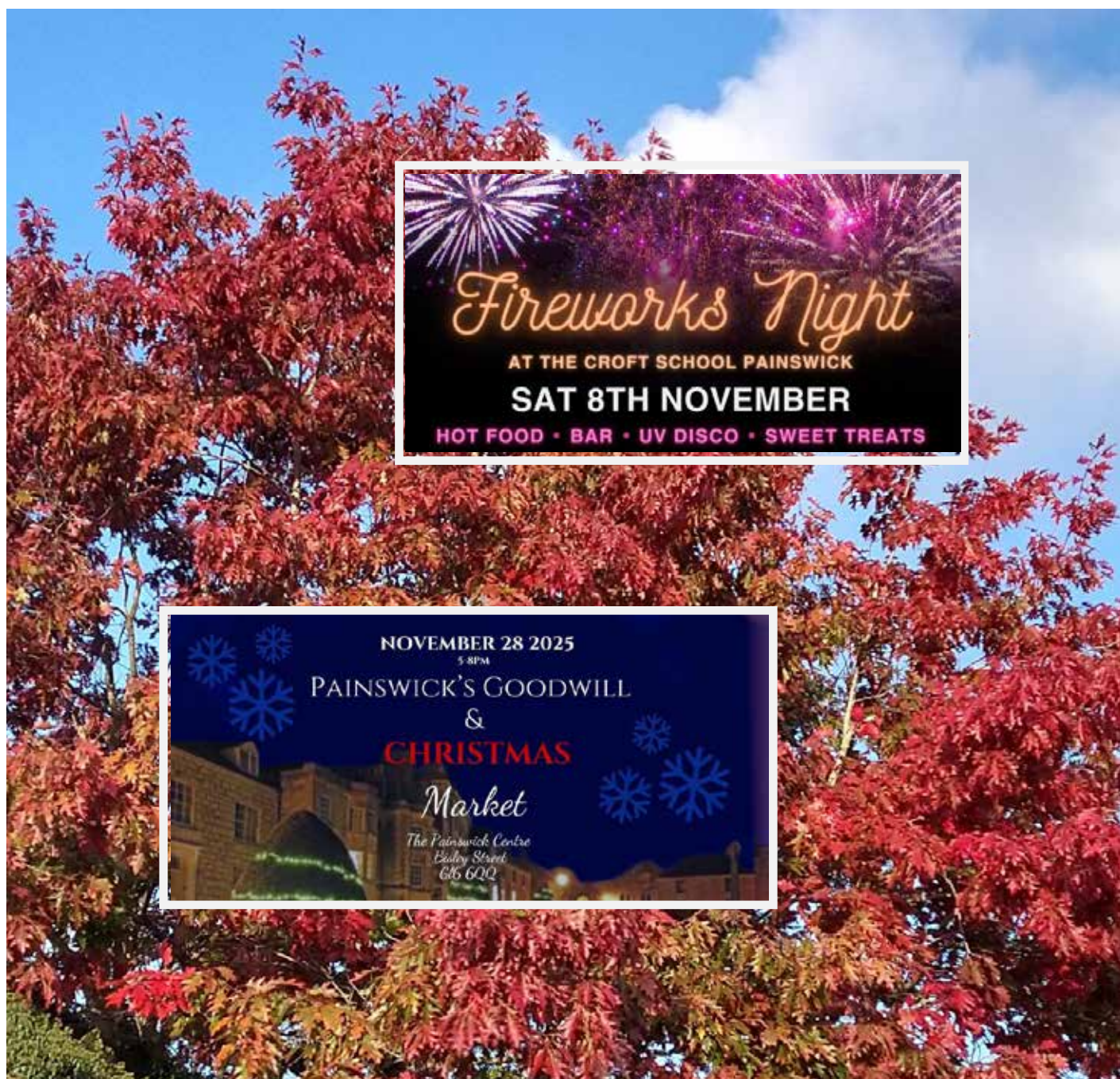


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Remember Remember – Fireworks Night!

Friends of the Croft School will once again be holding their fabulous Fireworks Night at the school on Saturday 8th November. There will be hot dogs, hot drinks, a UV Disco - as well as games. Gates will open at 5pm and the display will begin at 6.30pm. Tickets are available via the QR code or using the link right. We look forward to seeing you there! Friends of the Croft School. <https://friends-of-the-croft-school.sumupstore.com/>



Painswick Goodwill Evening - 28th November 5pm to 8pm

Goodwill is the focus of this special evening in Painswick and the importance of creating a compassionate community is ever present.

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 – a great chance to do some Christmas shopping. There will be a range of hot food and drink sellers in the Centre's carpark.

Parish Council Meeting,

Telephone Kiosk:

The meeting received an illustrated report from The Kiosk Working Party. This contained several interesting suggestions and the names of some potential sponsors and contributors. These included:

- Some stained-glass panels, replacing some of the existing glass, depicting local scene(s).
- A Cotswold Way map highlighting Painswick's location.
- An audio history of Painswick automatically played when the door is opened.
- Opportunities to accept local sponsorship, engage with local societies and trusts, and to involve local creatives.

These proposals were for initial approval. Next will be further discussion and obtaining budget costings for all proposed works as well as any consents needed.

Parish Flood Wardens:

The meeting resolved to recruit and appoint several Flood Wardens. Their task will be to monitor their given areas and to raise the alarm of potential flood risks as appropriate.

District Council

Councillor Gary Luff's report informed us that:

Empty Homes Strategy:

The Council approved a five-year strategy to 2030 to bring more empty homes into use, initially focussing on long-term empty homes, particularly those that are the subject of complaints or other concerns. Currently 986 properties are registered as empty for the purposes of Council Tax. The Private Sector Housing Team is expected to need extra resource to deliver

this new strategy.

New Council Housing:

The Council is currently acquiring 30 "affordable" homes from developers in Kingswood, Cam and Horsley through Section 106 agreements. A planning application for a further 17 units in Dursley is expected in November.

Decarbonisation and energy efficiency of council housing.

Over recent years, the Council has secured over £9 million in Government grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of council homes, along with additional council investment. Works include insulation, windows, 'renewable' heating and solar panels. Data from 160 homes showed an average saving of £600 on fuels per house per year and a total annual saving of 170 tonnes of carbon for the group. A further 850 homes have been added to the programmes. This work area was recognised last year when SDC won an award for the Best Social Housing Led Retrofit Programme.

Subsidy for bulky waste collections:

Following a successful trial in Nailsworth, it was agreed to offer subsidised collection across the District to all who are in receipt of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support.

Customer Contact:

Last year there were over 9,700 visits to Ebley Mill, and 165,00 calls to the main SDC telephone number, the vast majority answered within one minute. Further developments are proposed including a new facility from next summer allowing customers to request a callback instead of waiting on the line. Emails should be responded to as soon as possible and within 10 working days. Most emails to the recycling mailbox have been answered on the same day.

Snippets

† SDC is celebrating Recycle Week by releasing a "behind-the-scenes-film" that follows the recycling journey from kerbside collection to specialist processing facilities.

† Remember you can use SDC's Waste Wizard to find alternative ways you can repair, reuse, recycle or dispose of your household items.

County Council

Councillor Gary Luff's report informed us that:

Childcare:

GCC has helped to create over 1,500 new childcare places since April 2024, including 526 Early Years places and 1,128 Wraparound childcare places.

Grassroots:

GCC is set to invest £1.1 million to create a new Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund that will allow each county councillor to invest up to £20,000 in local grass roots projects.

Community Funding:

Community groups across Gloucestershire are invited to apply for a share of £400,000 through the county councils Thriving Communities Grant programme.

Local Government Reorganisation:

Update. Proposals for LGR are continuing to be considered by each of the seven councils before sending proposals to government this month. A public consultation is expected early in 2026 before a likely decision by mid-2026. The three options are:

- A single unitary council for the whole county
- Two unitary councils split, East (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswold) and West (Gloucester, Forest of Dean and Stroud).
- A "Greater Gloucester" unitary council, plus a unitary council for the remainder of the county.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 19th November.

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Planning Meeting

Matters requiring a decision:

a. S.25/1431/HHOLD Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe (REVISED PLANS) Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of two storey extension with single storey glazed link, orangery and garden pergola. The Committee agreed to object to this application and agreed that the original objections and reasons remain extant. The Committee further requested that this application be considered by Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee, should the Planning Officer be minded to approve the application.

b. S.25/1717/FUL Agricultural Building At Hammonds Farm Wick Street Replacement of asbestos roof and side cladding with profile metal roof and steel purlins. Repair/replacement of concrete trusses and columns, and installation of solar panels. The Committee agreed to support this application.

c. S.25/1744/FUL The Byre, The Park Engineering operation to create a new pond. The Committee agreed to support this application subject to there being a net biodiversity gain.

d. S.25/1886/HHOLD Edge Cottage, Edge Road Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey front extension. The Committee agreed to object to this application as it felt that the proposed single storey extension is over dominant and the proposed materials are not in keeping with the current character of the cottage.

e. S.25/1946/HHOLD Kimsbury Villa, Cheltenham Road Erection of a single storey rear extension. The Committee agreed to support this application.

f. S.25/1835/TCA Fieldcroft, Sheepscombe Reduce the height of Maple Tree by up to 7m. The Committee agreed to support this application.

g. S.25/1870/TCA The Old Bakery, 3 Cheltenham Road Prunus Pissardii (Cherry plum) - 1m reduction. The Committee agreed to support this application. Date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday 5th November



November and December Screenings

Wick-Flix is back in November and December with two very special screenings at the Painswick Centre — one celebrating music, one celebrating Christmas!

Friday 14th November – A Complete Unknown

Our next film night features the acclaimed new drama *A Complete Unknown*, starring **Timothée Chalamet** as a young **Bob Dylan**. Directed by **James Mangold** (*Walk the Line*, *Ford v Ferrari*), the film follows Dylan's remarkable rise from small-town Minnesota to the heart of New York's 1960s folk scene, where he reshaped the sound of a generation.

Chalamet gives a captivating performance — singing Dylan's songs himself — and the film perfectly captures the energy, restlessness and reinvention that made Dylan such a cultural phenomenon. With supporting performances from **Elle Fanning**, **Edward Norton** and **Monica Barbaro**, this is a vivid, stylish portrait of one of music's most influential figures.

Whether you're a lifelong Dylan devotee or simply love a great biopic, this is a film not to miss.

(Doors open 7.00pm – licensed bar and refreshments available.)

Friday 12th December – A Muppets Christmas Carol

And for the festive season, we're delighted to announce our **first ever Christmas Wick-Flix screening!** Bring the whole family along for a heart-warming evening with *A Muppets Christmas Carol* — the classic tale of Scrooge retold with all the warmth, wit and musical magic that only the Muppets can deliver.

This much-loved Christmas favourite, starring **Michael Caine** as Ebenezer Scrooge, is the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. Not to mention Kermit, Miss Piggy and the rest of the Muppets crew! Expect laughter, sing-along moments, and plenty of seasonal cheer!

Full details, ticket prices and booking information will follow soon with some family ticket options available — so **save the date** and start planning your festive night out!

Maximum word limits around (250)

Recently many Clubs and Societies have been sending in reports well over the 250 limit, often over 340 words, which leaves the editor with no choice but to edit them down in order to fit in other entries.

December Issue Front Cover

Picture/Illustration for the front page of the December issue required. Please send any photo/artwork to be considered to beacon@painswick.net by 23rd November.

Painswickian of the year

Reminder for any nominations of parishioners who have given exceptional service to the local community over the years to be sent in for consideration to beacon@painswick.net by 23rd November

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Filming in Painswick



Recently a film crew from the BBC were seen filming around Painswick as background to their popular daytime programme "Escape to the country". They needed some information on what life was like in Painswick and as the local village shop was seen as the centre of the village they interviewed Asad Ikram who willingly helped them out.

Pictured on the left is the BBC cameraman and on the right Asad keen to have a go.



Jottings

Over the last month or so you may have seen large tractors running around the roads, with a machine hung on the front and a bigger one on the back. The machine on the front is for disturbing the soil. The one on the back is the drill with an attachment for covering the seed up. The farmers are planting the autumn planted cereals, and patching up the spaces with grass and herbal mixtures where the crops have failed due to the dry weather we had earlier in the year.

Farmers are being encouraged to grow more seed mixtures for wild flowers/birds/hay and grazing. We need to consider the type of soil we have, acid or alkaline; and weather predictions for our area for the next growing season. Are we farming on clay or sandy soil and will it be damp or dry. This will determine whether we plant short or long term seed mixtures.

With grass / herb mixtures for long term, it is best to go for a mixture which contains some twenty-eight different seed species and that may cost £500 per acre for the seed alone. The amount of seed of each variety is done on a percentage scale: this is one of the most expensive ones! Or you go for a less expensive one with less flower species and doesn't include herbs.

You can also get mixtures for field margins that produce maximum pollen and nectar. And, or, seed mixtures to provide maximum seeds for birds. But with all of these seed mixes, you need to plant at the right time of year to get the best crops.

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Police report

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

August

Upper Washwell	Violence
Hyatt Close	Criminal damage
New Street	Criminal damage
Hale Lane	Criminal damage
Tibbiwell	Violence
Yokehouse la.	ASB



July

Gloucester Rd.	Violence
Pullens Road	Violence
Tibbiwell	Violence
Vicarage St.	Violence & Public order

June

Ashwell	Public order & ASB
Gloucester St.	Vehicle crime
White Horse La.	Violence
Vicarage St.	Violence & Criminal damage

Violence includes sexual assault, ASB =Anti-social-behaviour.
Locations given mean "in vicinity of".

The Post Office and the Fish Man

The postal service, present in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30-11.00, must continue to be used by everyone if we are to retain it. Use of our Town Hall service is particularly important during the Christmas season. Recommended last posting dates for the UK are Wednesday 17th December for second class and Friday 19th December for first class. Check on-line for overseas dates or with the postmaster in the Town Hall. This year he advises posting your overseas mail early. Do make sure you avail yourself of this service - and note too that there are some excellent charity Christmas cards on sale on the post office table as well.

Pete's Fish will be on sale in the Town Hall car park every Friday 9.00-11.00, up to and including 19th December. In addition to his usual excellent selection of top quality fresh produce there will be specials such as a range of smoked salmon including whole sides, hot smoked salmon sides and portions, smoked trout fillets, fresh salmon, a range of prawns, crab and much more. Pete will take orders up until Friday 12th December and should you want something especially, he will do his best to get it for you.

Carol Maxwell

Dog Fouling- Hambutts Field,

..adjacent to Edge Road, has long been a favourite place for dog walkers and the public in general. Unfortunately there has been an increase in dog fouling recently, making it both unsightly to our visitors on the Cotswold way, and of course a health hazard. The latter has now taken on even greater significance with the arrival of cattle in the adjoining fields.



This year, and hopefully in the future, Hambutts Field will be a source of fodder (hay and silage) for the cows, and any remnants of dog waste hidden in the grass can cause them serious harm. Accidentally ingesting the faeces can cause miscarriages and neurological problems in calves and is a leading cause of bovine abortions in the UK.

For the greater good and in support of our farmers –

Please pick up

Sally Goodman

Dog Fouling - Churchyard

Users of Painswick's beautiful churchyard may have seen the new stencilled notices on the paths. It is sad to have to say it, but this is because dog fouling in the churchyard has plumbed new depths.

The Leyhill working party that used to cut the churchyard grass said that of all the public spaces in which they worked, Painswick churchyard was the worst for dog fouling. The Parish Council have since taken over cutting the churchyard grass and their operatives have had a similar experiences, with dog muck sticking to the machinery and the strimmer splattering it over the operator. This year, for the first time, Tree Maintenance Ltd who cut the yew trees have complained about dog excrement contaminating the tarpaulins they use to collect the cuttings.

Dog walkers are reminded to keep all dogs on a lead when in the churchyard and to clear up after their dog. Dog waste bins are available for the bags. There are sizeable fines, up to £1,000, for those who do not clear away their dog's fouling – don't be the one to "fall foul" of these.



Dylan Davies, Lindsay Gardiner, Churchwardens,

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Painswick Surgery Patient Group (PPG)

News November

Public Health

The group was pleased to welcome Claire Proctor from the GCC Public Health and Communities Hub who helped us understand more about the revised public health national agencies and local provision. The Public Health team based at GCC has a statutory duty to improve and protect the health of their local population. The team are responsible for preventing ill health for all ages focusing on the whole population rather than individuals, providing a number of services in the County.

Patient Survey discussion

The NHS conducts a survey of patients' views of their Practice each year and the results are on the Web for Painswick here: <http://bit.ly/48BD985>. Discussing them we concluded that on all the critical aspects our Practice performs very well given the current circumstances under which they have to operate. Many will criticise the lower figures for ease of contact – via phone or website (eConsult) but we noted that the survey was undertaken early this year while the Practice administration was short-staffed. In general the group felt that congratulations were in order and commended the hard work that had achieved such good results.

Joint Gloucs Patient Groups meeting report

A range of surveys and updates are available from NHS Gloucs to which you are invited to respond as you wish – these are listed in the extended email edition of this bulletin and in our meeting minutes on the website and waiting room noticeboard.

Practice Manager report

Happily, the Practice is currently fully staffed with the latest admin recruit, Debbie, now 2 months in and settled in. Dr Albright is on maternity leave and being covered by multiple locums – Drs Lee, Scott and Bogarva.

A full list of staff and minutes of the meeting can be found on the Waiting Room noticeboard in the Surgery or on the Practice's website.

Digital – digital – digital!

We were also delighted to discover that our humble Painswick Centre is hosting a high level two day conference on digital innovation in health on the 23/24th October (after this bulletin goes to press) which we will attend.

Our Practice has been ahead of the game for some time by using the eConsult digital triage system, however the 1st October deadline to meet the new demands (see below) created some complications which the Practice is having to resolve.

Having shown you in our July news how eConsult provides information for your consultations we hope you are reassured by the way the digital procedure feeds information into your consultation with a GP. Furthermore, the Practice staff are positive that the efficiencies resulting from this system have literally kept the Practice running in the face of ever-increasing demand and ever-reducing funds.

More on GP contract changes

You may have seen posters in the Surgery about the recent contract changes and funding levels from the government. The former makes three core requirements:

- 1 Online consultation tools must be switched on for the duration of core hours (for us: eConsult –and it is)
- 2 The Practice website must include 'You and Your General Practice' which describes what practices and patients can expect of each other
- 3 Developments in connecting patient records to national systems including Pharmacists.

Doctors nationally are unhappy about the way these requirements have been implemented and are actively campaigning for better funding and more careful implementation of these innovations. More here: <http://bit.ly/4nTuzWY>

More information on these topics, especially the Public Health presentation, and others is in the extended version of this bulletin – to receive a copy just ask through painswickppg@gmail.com.

David Perry, Patient Group Chair

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The Arts Society Painswick.

Discovering MacDonald Gill: Architect, Artist and Mapmaker.

On 9th October Caroline Walker, great niece of the brothers MacDonald and his more (in)famous sibling Eric Gill, was welcomed to the Painswick Centre.

Caroline opened by noting that Painswick is adorned with examples of Eric Gill's work but her purpose was to explore the life of his lesser-known brother MacDonald Gill.

He leapt to fame following a commission for a pictorial map of the London Underground Railway which first graced stations in 1914. Six further 'Wonder' maps followed and Gill became the pre-eminent mapmaker of his time. Joining the Imperial War Graves Commission in 1918 he designed the lettering and the regimental badges for all British military headstones. The designs are still in use today.

Between the Wars his poster designs and painted maps were seen across the country and his murals were installed on the great liners Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary. Successful book illustration followed but his fame grew on his grand projects of murals for churches and the Great Exhibitions. Designs for logos of great organisations including the GPO, The Royal Family and Rolls Royce became iconic and an enduring legacy to his art. The Painswick audience appreciated this fascinating story told with wit and enthusiasm by Caroline.

Arts Society next meeting at the Painswick Centre is Thursday 13th November after the AGM. 'The Judgement of Paris: History of the Myth in Painting.' Coffee from 10am



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Richard Westwood-Brookes, distinguished visitor, told us tales of Peter Warlock and Earnest Moeran who scandalised Kent with alcohol induced exploits on two wheels. Warlock (nee Heseltine), alma mater Eton and Royal College of Music, became a musical journalist and supporter of Frederick Delius for whose fame he and Thomas Beecham share responsibility. However, as Warlock he composed glorious music. Songs predominated but also Tudor inspired music such as Capriole Suite and carols Adam Lay Bounden and Bethlehem Down.

By now living in Ireland, he continued to compose symphonies and concerti (which Richard urged everyone to explore) dying in 1950 of a cerebral haemorrhage resulting from his war injury.

There was a link to Jenny Buckland's excellent well researched presentation "From England's Green and Pleasant Land". Moeran's musical career had begun under the tutelage of one Robert Sterndale Bennett grandson of Sir William Sterndale Bennett whose 1838 Sextet she played. Sir William, a pre-eminent composer from the Victorian era now remerging, was a prolific composer of symphonies, concerti and chamber music. Ranging from Purcell and Handel through to George Lloyd via Alice Smith (wonderful piece for clarinet and orchestra) and Arthur Bliss she managed to include music by Gloucester's own Parry, Holst and Gurney.

Next meetings 2:30 PM in the Town Hall: - (please note programme changes)

Thursday November 13th Music for the violin. John Herbert.

Thursday November 27th To be confirmed

Michael Gray

Christmas decoration workshop

We are running some seasonal workshops at St Mary's. On the 22nd of November we are running a Christmas Fairylight Workshop and a fabric Christmas decorations workshop. Both are suitable for Adults and children of 10 plus (accompanied) they will be really fun sessions with festive treats.

We thought the people of Painswick would like to know that this is being run in their village.

Contact details and booking Sewvintage66@gmail.com www.sew-vintage.co.uk

Secret Stroud

A packed audience at the Local History Society meeting on 21st October heard David Elder talk about 'Secret Stroud', covering a selection of its quirkiest aspects. For once traditional aspects of the town's history, such as its role in the wool industry or its canals and railways got hardly a mention.

Instead David talked of what was said to be the last pistol duel to be fought in England, held in a field in Stroud in 1807 (although a field, which at the time was strictly part of Painswick) and of Edwin Budding, who invented not only the lawnmower, but also the adjustable spanner and a type of revolver. Famous visitors to the town were highlighted, from John Wesley to the Beatles, as was its tradition of protest, from the founding of Extinction Rebellion to the wonderful Eileen Halliday who stood up against Sainsburys when they wanted to demolish her house for their car park. David's book 'Secret Stroud' is available in local bookshops or online.

Next month the new edition of the Painswick Chronicle will be available and Simon Draper will talk about Medieval Manors in the Cotswolds under the title 'Lordship in the Landscape' - Tuesday 18th November at The Croft School at 7.30pm.

Alastair Jollans



Replacing main gas pipes

Major road works at the junction of the A46 and Pullens road have been causing traffic disruption in recent weeks especially in the rush hours. Old gas pipes in the road are being replaced as part of an ongoing renewal programme.



November at Painswick Rococo Garden



As November unfolds, the days grow shorter and the garden begins its gentle transition into winter rest. The last of the autumn colour is giving way to bare branches, revealing the elegant structure that lies beneath the foliage. Deciduous trees are shedding their leaves quickly now, and the garden's form becomes more defined with every breeze.

Across the borders, seed heads remain standing proud, their delicate shapes catching the morning dew and glinting softly in the low winter sun. It is a quieter beauty – one that rewards a slower pace and a keen eye.

The garden remains open at weekends throughout November, from 10am to 4pm (last admission 3pm). And good news for dog owners! During this month, dogs can take an owner along for free!

Preparations are well underway for the return of The Enchanted Garden by Night, opening Friday 28th November to Monday 29th December. This after-dark experience has become a much-loved Gloucestershire tradition. A time for families and friends to gather and make memories. It is an experience that brings warmth and delight to even the chilliest of evenings – a celebration of light, nature and togetherness as winter begins. Expect twinkling lights, an enchanting woodland village and many surprises. Visit www.rococogarden.org.uk for more information and to book your ideal slot. The Rococo Team would love to see lots of locals enjoying the lights! Enter code Local10 for an exclusive 10% discount.

Marta Gardner

Painswick Pantomines of the past

It was wonderful to read in last month's Beacon that Painswick may stage a pantomime. Many Painswickians will recall that this would not be a first for the village. Painswick Players were very active in the early 2000's and staged two pantomimes (2002 and 2003) both written and directed by the late lamented Jack Burgess: "The Dragon's Tale" and "Snow White and Seven Not Particularly Tall People". These were wildly successful and enormous fun. Jack was also, of course, a former editor of the Beacon.

Foodbank

We will be holding our SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION for Stroud Foodbank on Wednesday 12th November and, with your help, will be able to make the festive season just a little happier and brighter for families in the area. Last year, more than 400 hampers were given to those in need in the community and it would be wonderful to think we might be able to help even more this year. Any donation, however small, would be gratefully received and we hope we can show, once again, how generous Painswick and the surrounding villages are in supporting others!

Please may we ask for some the following items:

Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, tinned ham, gravy granules, stuffing, jars of chutney or pickles, Christmas biscuits, boxes of chocolates, tins of sweets and savoury crackers.

Our volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from 10am until 12 noon on Wednesday 12th November and we hope to see you then. As always, if you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:
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Promises Charity Auction

Saturday 15th November at 7.00pm At Painswick Golf Club

In the UK today, it's hard to find anyone who hasn't seen the impact of Alzheimer's or Parkinson's on someone they know. To help support those affected, we're holding a Promises Charity Auction at Painswick Golf Club on Saturday 15th November, starting at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to support vital work in the fight against these life-changing conditions.

We have some terrific lots on offer — ranging from tickets to the Goodwood Revival, Vinotopia membership, and use of a holiday home on the Roseland Peninsula in Cornwall, through spa days, theatre and cinema tickets, to Christmas hampers and rounds of golf at local clubs. With Christmas approaching, this could be the perfect opportunity to find something unique for that “hard to buy for” person — and you'll be supporting a truly worthwhile cause at the same time.

Tickets for the evening are £10.00 per person, including a glass of wine and a vegetarian chilli bowl supper, and can be purchased from Jo Watson on 07807 700990. Libby Graesser 07973 747656.

Churches Together Around Painswick: Compassion in Action

As autumn settles over our hills, CTAP continues its mission of spiritual fellowship and practical outreach. At our September meeting, we welcomed new members and reflected on the power of community — from supporting the homeless in Stroud to planning interfaith prayers for peace.

In October CTAP marked Homelessness Sunday on 12th October, inviting our churches to offer prayers and collections. We also joined the global Week of Prayer for World Peace (13–18 October), with daily gatherings at 10am in the Catholic Church. Thank you to all those who participated.

Looking ahead, we're exploring a new programme called “Ageing Gracefully,” a six-session course rooted in Christian theology and designed to help us reflect on care, dementia, and the physical and spiritual journey of growing older. This programme is open to all so look out for more information.

CTAP remains committed to social justice, interfaith connection, and inclusive worship. If you'd like to get involved, join us at our next meeting on 17th November at Pitchcombe Church at 10.30am

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What we learnt about Maria!

Now we are wiser! When Paul Murphy came to talk at the September meeting of Yew Trees WI he chose four women to illustrate the truth behind the story of The von Trapp family. Agathe Whitehead, granddaughter of Robert Whitehead the inventor of the torpedo, an heiress and aristocrat born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was the first. In 1912 she married George von Trapp a captain in the Austrian navy who became a hero for commanding submarines during the First World War. The couple had 7 children and thanks to Agathe's wealth lived a happy comfortable life until 1922 when she sadly died from scarlet fever.

At no surprise to the audience Paul then introduced Maria Kutschera as woman number 2! Maria was a nun at the Benedictine Abbey in Salzburg, who was sent to tutor the eldest of the von Trapp children. Maria had quite a tempestuous young life and was reluctant to marry Georg von Trapp but followed what she believed to be "The Will of God". The result: a happy marriage and 3 more children. The family formed a singing group and were placed first in the 1936 Salzburg Music Festival. In June 1938 with their singing director, Reverend Franz Wasner, they left Austria by train for Italy then on to London and New York. There, thanks to Franz Wasner's connections, they were able to settle.

The last two women to feature were the actors Mary Martin and Julie Andrews. Mary brought the fictional "Maria" to life in the Broadway Musical 'The Sound of Music' and Julie in the 1965 film, loved by so many. Although Paul's audience were sad to learn that the von Trapps did not escape Austria singing and dancing, while carrying heavy cases across the mountains, they were intrigued to learn the real story.

On Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in The Church Rooms, Pat Furley will entertain us with a magic lantern show entitled "The History of the Titanic". Ladies do come and join us.

Celia Lougher 812624



October News

Focussing on the Local Environment

October has been a busy month for Friday Club Members. On 3rd October, we welcomed Paul Baxter from the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group to talk about the impact of the Group's volunteer workforce on preserving the unimproved grassland of the common, an important home to wildflowers and butterflies. The group has made great strides in removing encroaching scrub, assisted by a hardy group of cattle using 'no-fence' GPS technology.

On 9th October, a group of members enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Javelin Park Incinerator, which generates energy from household waste. As we relaxed over refreshments, our enthusiastic guide Julie Beasant gave an informative presentation.



Mid-month, Rob Tuttle from the Cotswold Canals Trust gave an excellent talk on the History and Restoration of the Cotswold Canals. This followed on from two memorable Friday Club boat trips in the last 12 months: a Thames Cruise starting at the eastern end of Severn-Thames canal near Lechlade, on the CCT's boat 'The Inglesham'; and a trip with the Willow Trust from Saul Junction to Purton on the Gloucester-Sharpness Canal.

Looking ahead, November's meetings include a visit to Stroud Community Fire Station on 14th November, plus a talk on 28th November from local resident, Dr Fraser Leggate, about how a career that began in Marine Biophysics ended in Landscape Gardening and Horticulture.

We meet fortnightly in the Town Hall, at 2.30 pm on Fridays. Visitors are welcome: please just drop in.

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MOD War Detectives and Newport Medieval ship.



To mark Remembrance Day this year, our lecture on Wednesday 5th November at 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre

will be given by Alexia Clark a member of the MOD War Detectives team. This team, based in Gloucester, are tasked with identifying missing British Service Personnel from the two World Wars and the Korean War. With over 582,000 men still missing this is no small task. The team conducts research and genealogy and facilitates DNA testing as part of their investigative work before rededicating graves or ensuring a dignified burial. Come along to hear more about their painstaking and important work.

In a different vein, this is followed on Tuesday 18th November by a talk in Box Village Hall (2.30pm) about the 'Newport Ship'. Built in 1457, this merchant vessel sailed until 1468 when, during repairs, it tipped over, not to be recovered until it was found by accident in 2002. The ship is earlier than the Mary Rose, had three masts and measured over 30 meters. Come and hear the amazing story of the painstaking excavation and conservation of the ship, told by the lead volunteer guide Jeff Gosvenor.



Lectures are free to Members but open to the public (£5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in. Please get in touch if you need further information. Membership costs £25 individual or £40 couple and currently runs to January 2027. For further information please contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

Further information about the Club and its activities (including the full list of lectures confirmed so far) can be found on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club. *Photo caption: Coffin guarded by soldiers of the Royal Regiment of Artillery – MOD*

Sylvia May cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com



Painswick Gardening Club Report

Duncan Coombs returned to talk to us, on Wednesday, 8th October. He is an enthusiastic lecturer, having spent over thirty years sharing his passion with plants at the local Pershore College. This time the subject was "Spring Bulbs". We should be planting daffodils early to allow strong roots to grow before the frost.

But also plant crocuses and hyacinths. Tulips are best left until November to reduce the risk of "tulip fire" fungal disease. What else can we be adding to our spring colour collection? Suggestions included winter aconites which are very good for the bees. Cyclamen prefer damp acid soil as do Leucojums, e.g. "Summer Snowflake". Camasias like damper soil and are easy to grow.

For our next, November, Meeting, Emily and Izzy from Highfield Nursery are coming to talk about houseplants. The original Highfield Nursery site in Whitminster celebrated its hundredth birthday in 2020 and still produces vegetables, seedlings and other seasonal plants for their garden centre: Now it is the leading Independent, family run Garden centre in Gloucestershire with an excellent restaurant. So what recommendations can they offer? And perhaps presents to give or receive for Christmas. Having plants in our homes is therapeutic and especially so during the winter in poor weather and we can't get outside. Come and find out on Wednesday, 12th November at the Painswick Town Hall. We open at 7pm for tea/coffee or perhaps a glass of wine and a chance to catch up before our talk starts at 7:30 pm. All Welcome, guests £5.

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Go Wild in Wick Street

If you want the best, the freshest, the most organic produce available, a farm shop is usually the number one option. It is therefore good to report that Painswick residents now have that option within striking distance, that is, just up the road. WILD – Wick Street Farm Shop and Café is now fully open on a permanent basis.

Set in what was formerly an agricultural barn, one of amazing architectural beauty, WILD has progressed steadily from its simple beginnings in 2017 to its present day wide ranging offer. Ellie Tremlin has enjoyed a farming background locally all her life and in 2017 she began to develop the idea of a shop and café, albeit initially on a small scale as a one-off Christmas shop. Later, in the summer, she served teas and coffees from a horsebox at the side of the road by the family farm. From then on, as Ellie explains, ‘it has grown organically’.



The range of produce and goods on sale in the shop is certainly impressive and furthermore it is all supplied and made by local farmers and food producers. Ellie feels passionately that this is important for so many reasons. The food items are 100% fresh and definitely seasonal, so vary accordingly, which of course also means good for the environment with little or no transport involved. Meat is sourced from three local farms, bread from Hobbs House Bakery and beers from Stroud Brewery. There are locally made jams and preserves, a deli counter, Tracklement’s sauces, Yoke House ice cream, fruit, vegetables and flowers from local farms and Golden Sheep Coffee ground on the estate at Wick Street.

And that isn’t all! The shop has a lovely selection of other goods on sale. Arts and crafts items locally made are particularly noticeable including work by our own renowned, clever and highly skilled artist, Anthony Lewis Churchill. Jemima, brand name JimJam, a 16 year old artist from Painswick, will shortly be displaying some of her ceramics and linens in the shop. There are cards, books, sheepskins, a range of gift items and so much more.

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Adjacent to the shop is the lovely café. Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm, food is served until 3.00pm. Simple and basic it is all cooked and baked on the premises and served in the delightful café section of the barn. A lovely wood-burning stove makes it cosy in the winter and in the summer there is a delightful seating area outside.

Ellie is a young woman determined to present us with a healthy, interesting and environmentally aware shopping experience. With an emphasis on the local aspect, she points out it is not about being competitive with other local shops as in fact they are working together, mutually supportive and cooperative. WILD - the shop and the café – is certainly special. Our local farm shop, it is definitely worth a visit.

Carol Maxwell

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You could be the winner

Painswick's Longfield charity shop is without doubt a veritable gem – always something of interest for everyone to be discovered there. Well now there is a rare opportunity to win an exceptional prize in a wonderful raffle. Greg Thatcher, a Canadian artist with an international reputation, has been coming to Painswick every summer since 1991 and, weather permitting, has spent each day of his time here in the churchyard drawing a selected yew tree.

This year, before his return home, he very generously donated a framed print of one of his drawings to Longfield to be offered as a raffle prize. (see picture to the right). Greg feels keenly that Longfield as a charity is outstanding in its work and care for the individuals and families with whom it is involved. His own yew drawings have gained in value over the years as his reputation has grown internationally, all based on his wonderful meticulous drawings of Painswick's yew trees. An additional benefit is that Painswick's image has definitely been enhanced as a consequence of Greg's work. This is therefore undeniably a very special raffle prize.

Tickets are on sale in the shop in Bisley Street and the draw will take place on Goodwill Evening, Friday 28th November in the shop. At £5 per ticket or a special offer of three for £12 this is an opportunity to win a very special prize. Furthermore of course, and equally important, is the fact that you will be contributing to such a worthwhile cause, a Gloucestershire charity which supports people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Do go along to the shop and buy your ticket, or better still, tickets. You could be the winner. It is also worth noting that Longfield runs a weekly lottery for which you can buy tickets in the Painswick shop – a weekly chance to be a winner no less! And it's all in such a good cause.

Carol Maxwell



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"SUNDAY LUNCHESES" bookings available, contact Matt at the club - these are always popular and great value and as always we are pleased to welcome new members just ask for Marc at the club.



Rugby

The rugby season is now well under way. The mens team has played a few games with some mixed results but starting to build some consistency which is good! We are always on the lookout for new players, training at Broadham Fields every Thursday from 7pm.

The youth section remains strong and by the end of play on 19th October all age groups U12 and below will have matches and their first tournament of the season. The U14s have also started well and continue to train on Tuesday evenings to increase their time on the pitch.

This is the second season that we have also run the Five Valleys Valkyries conjunction with Dursley RFC, we currently have U12 and U14s The U12s (pictured right) played their first game last weekend Painswick and played some fantastic rugby, in what for 5 of them was their first proper match.

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Congratulations to Malcolm Lockhead and Carole Smith who defeated Vicky Luke and Steve White in a closely fought final of the Pickleball Pairs Round Robin .



Both of our local Bowls clubs offer indoor bowls using their own clubhouses. Pictured right a member of the Falcon Bowls club.



Swimming

From School Pool to the Open Water - Izzy's Inspiring Journey Comes Full Circle

Former Croft School pupil Izzy has come a long way since taking part in school fundraising swims as a youngster. Back then, pupils at The Croft joined forces to swim the distance of the English Channel one year, and Loch Ness the next, all within the school pool. Those early challenges planted the seeds of endurance, determination, and community spirit that have now flourished in an extraordinary way.

Over a decade later, Izzy has completed both of those iconic swims for real this time to raise money for WWF and St Michael's Hospice. In August 2024, Izzy conquered the English Channel solo, finishing in an impressive 16 hours and 57 minutes. This year brought another test of endurance: swimming Loch Ness, battling water temperatures below 14°C, completed in 13 hours and 18 minutes.

What began as a school challenge has now come full circle, a remarkable story. Congratulations, Izzy! A shining example of how planting small seeds can grow into something so big.

Izzy says: 'A huge thank you to everyone who supported this challenge, I would like to thank my fabulous sponsors Dr Monika Gostic Nutrition and Glos Info who made this all possible. And of course my cheerleaders who are always there experiencing these challenges with me in some way, it's a lot of pressure for them too!'

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Probus club report



On Thursday 2nd October Arthur Ball, who had previously addressed the club about the Galapagos Islands, gave a very entertaining talk on "Panama, A Wildlife

Adventure", recounting a recent visit to the country (40% of which is covered in dense rainforest) where he stayed in Canopy Tower - a former US radar tower now converted to an "eco lodge".

After the howler monkeys had sounded a noisy wake-up call at 5.30 each morning, the days and evenings were spent spotting some of the more than 1,000 species of birds including scarlet caciques, tanagers, honeycreepers, hawk eagles, manakins and black-bellied whistling ducks. The many mammals included sloths, nine-banded armadillos, agoutis, kinkajous, woolly opossums and capybaras. Green iguanas were everywhere among the trees but a favourite reptile was the Jesus lizard, so called from its ability to dash across water without sinking.

On Thursday 16th October our fellow member Colonel Tony Singer gave an informative and amusing talk about the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which he has been a member since 1986 and is now its Senior Race Officer. This August institution in West Cowes was founded in 1815 as the Royal Yacht Club, becoming the "Squadron" in 1833 at the instigation of King William IV. The aristocratic founder members employed crews to do the actual business of sailing.

The Squadron was at the forefront of design and development (encouraged by the first Vice Commodore the Earl of Belfast) which led to greatly increased speeds for its royal patronage (stretching from the Prince Regent to Prince Philip and now the Princess Royal) the membership has included a rich and distinguished cast, and not a few eccentrics. Sir Claud Champion de Crespigny, in his eighties, liked to bathe from the RYS steps and was the subject of a Bateman cartoon.

Robin Vick



Painswick Library Challenge – the Results!

Thank you so much to all the children and families who visited Painswick Community Library over the summer holidays, compared to last August we had an 84% increase in visitors!!! The Lego Inventors days were extremely well supported and enjoyed by all the children who attended the sessions. We will repeat this next year. The Painswick Library Challenge was equally successful with 52 children signing up for the challenge, 27 children completed it with a large proportion of children entering a picture or story.

Gosh it was hard to choose winners for the artwork and stories they were all so fabulous, original and thoughtful. However, we did choose the winners, they are sisters from The Croft School Painswick. In the age 3-6 yr group is Annie Townley-Knibbs for her artwork from the book *How long is that dog?* by John Bond, and the winner of the story is Alena Townley-Knibbs in the 7-12yr old group. Both the picture and the story are reproduced below. Congratulations to them both they each win a £20.00 voucher for Little Ducklings Toy Shop in Stroud. We will definitely repeat this next year but probably in a slightly different format.

Croc 'n Roll and Story time

With the autumn clearly upon us, this is a good time to remind everyone of the sessions we run in the library, on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm for pre-school children. Croc 'n' Roll is a lively music based fun time, and Story Time is what it says on the tin. We would welcome more children; the cost is £1 per child per session. For the dates for each, please check on the website: www.painswickcommunitylibrary.org.uk and click on "library events".

Ian Cridland / Gill Hopkins

A SUMMER YOU'LL NEVER FORGET by Alena Knibbs age 7-12 category.

One rainy Monday in the 'meant to be' Summer Holidays, I headed to the village library. The familiar scent of unread books filled the air as I wandered inside. While browsing the shelves, a book called "Disney Princesses Magical Worlds" caught my attention. Without hesitation, I sat down and started flicking through its colourful, creative pages. Suddenly, I felt a salty breeze on my face and realised I was looking at the Moana page. To my astonishment, the seagulls seemed to flap their wings and Moana's boat bobbed gently. The tiny characters began to move, and before I could react, Tamataya the giant crab claw reached out from the page, grabbed me, and pulled me right into the book! Suddenly, I was in Moana's world, caught in Tamataya's grip and fearing he might EAT ME! Just then, Moana sailed towards us on her boat, speaking to the ocean itself. Although I was being thrown in the air and couldn't hear her exactly, I understood she was calling for help. The ocean lifted Moana and her boat, and she shouted for me to aim for her deck. I soared through the air and landed with a thud on her boat, escaping the furious crab.

Safe at last, Moana took me to her tropical island. She explained that falling into the book was not unusual – it happened to all sorts of people! After a brief tour of the island, it was sadly time to leave. Moana led me to a secret portal hidden behind some vines at the entrance of a cave. I stepped through and, just like that, I was back in the library. No one noticed I'd been gone. As I returned the book, I saw a sweet Grandma pick it up and whisper, "Good luck." It truly was a summer I'll never forget!



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Village Diary

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

November

Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	2	Benefice All Souls service	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Mon	3	Community Lunch hosted by Beacon Conservation Group	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.30pm
Tues	4	Morning prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: The work of the MOD War Detectives - Alexia Clark. Enq 690989	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	6	Painswick Probus: The Mystery of the Last Caravaggio - Paul Butler	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	6	First Thursday Painswick: Conversation with Amber Massie-Blomfield about her book 'Acts of Resistance'. Tickets from firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
	6	Stroud and District Philatelic Society: Tongo to Togo. Visitors welcome	Church Rooms	2.30pm
Sat	8	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Sun	9	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church	10.45am
Mon	10	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	10	Community Lunch - provided by the Dog Training Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	11	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	11	Remembrance Sunday	War Memorial	10.45am
	11	The Well	Church Rooms	7.00pm
Wed	12	Gardening Club: Highfield Houseplant Ladies - Emily and Izzy	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	12	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Thurs	13	Arts Society: AGM followed by The Judgement of Paris - Rupert Dickens	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am start
	13	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Music for the Violin - John Herbert	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	14	Wickflix - A Complete Unknown - biopic of Bob Dylan	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
	14	Friday Club: Outing to Stroud Community Fire Station and optional lunch. Pre-book 717163	Stamages car park	9.15am
Sat	15	Promises Auction in aid of Alzheimers and Parkinsons	Golf Club	7pm
Sun	16	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	17	Community Lunch provided by the Library Book Club	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	18	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	18	Cotteswold Naturalists: Newport Medieval Ship reveals her secrets - Jeff Grosvenor. Enq 07798 817193	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	18	Local History Society: Lordship in the Landscape - Simon Draper	Croft School	7.30pm
Thurs	20	Painswick Probus: Charles Dickens - improper and indelicate times - Paul Murphy	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	20	Stroud and District Philatelic Society: India. Visitors welcome	Church Rooms	7.30pm
Fri	21	Painswick Christmas Fair - meet Santa from 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Golf Club	2.00 - 7.00pm



Village Diary continued - No regular activities page this month

Sat	22	Painswick Christmas Fair	Golf Club	10.00 - 4.00pm
	22	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
	22	Exedra Nursery Christmas Season begins	Exedra Nursery @Rococo Garden	10.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	23	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
	23	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	24	Community Lunch provided by Painswick Parish Council	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	25	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	25	Yew Trees WI: A magic lantern show given by Mr P Furley followed by the AM	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	26	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
	26	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm
Thurs	27	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: TBC	Town Hall	2.30pm
Fri	28	Goodwill Evening	Painswick Centre and	From 5.00pm
	28	Goodwill Service	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
	28	Friday Club: A life in seaweed and flowers - Dr Fraser Leggate. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	30	Family Communion	St Marys Church	9.30am
	30	Advent Carol Service	St Marys Church	6.00pm
December				
Mon	1	Community Lunch provided by Painswick Community Support	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	3	Cotteswold Naturalists: Your Church Newly Built - Chiz Harward. Enq 690989	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	4	Painswick Probus: Christmas Dinner (Black tie or lounge suit)	Painswick Centre	7.00pm
	4	First Thursday Painswick: Conversation with Caroline Sanderson about her book 'Listen with Father'. Tickets from firstthursdaypainswick.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	6	Painswick Beacon published		
	6	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm

Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra

Sunday November 16th at 3pm in St Mary's Church Painswick
Come and hear this fabulous group of dedicated and talented young musicians, whose performance last year in Painswick was a huge success. Their programme includes works by Gorecki, Vivaldi, Florence Price, Alexander Taylor (student composition) and music from Bridgerton.
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Property Report

There are several million pound plus houses newly for sale in Painswick, but it's some of the lower priced cottages that seem to have attracted most interest. Little Jasmine Cottage off Edge Lane (Murrays, £195,000) went under offer on its first viewing, while Ivy Cottage in Pitchcombe (Murrays, £495,000) went viral on social media with over 200,000 views and was also quickly under offer. At the time of writing the two bedroom Fourways Cottage on St. Mary's Street (Hamptons, £340,000) is still available, as is Shoestring Cottage on Tibbiwell (Murrays, £745,000) with 4 bedrooms and 3 reception rooms. For a more modern 4 bedroom semi-detached family house, Murrays have 38 Ashwell at £375,000, but 12 Berry Close, which Hamptons were offering at £265,000, has gone under offer.

None of those houses though can offer 5/6 bedrooms, 5.5 acres of land and an outdoor pool, which is what you would get for your money with Park House at The Park (Murrays, £1.65 million). And probably none can match the dramatic conversion of the Old Church at Jacks Green (Hamptons, £725,000) into a modern 3 bedroom house, or the stable and pony paddock that comes with Grey Gables (Murrays, £1.25 million) on Cheltenham Road, up near the Royal William.

High Warren (Murrays, £1.225 million), set in an elevated position at The Highlands, has 5 bedrooms, including the possibility of a self-contained annexe. Facing it across the valley at Longridge, Van Barr (Hamptons, 900,000) also has 5 bedrooms and may have scope for extension or remodelling.

At Richmond Village, Independent Living Apartment 4 is available at £450,000 and they also have an Assisted Living 'Experience Apartment' available for 'try before you buy'. See the Richmond website for more details.

As well as those mentioned above, Murrays report that Lantern Cottage on Tibbiwell, The Malt House on Vicarage Street, Tragarth at Cranham and Highcroft on Cheltenham Road have gone under offer, while Greenbanks in Blakewell Mead, Hill View on Beacon Close, Meads in Pitchcombe, Tanglewood on Longridge and Badgers Walk in Slad have all exchanged and/or completed. Through Hamptons, 9 Hyett Close, 25 Churchill Way, Highclouds at Queens Mead, Beacon View at Longridge and Pound Cottage at Cranham have all gone under offer, while Hale Lea on Kings Mill Lane and Juniper House at The Highlands have completed.

PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.25/1744/FUL The Byre, The Park Engineering operation to create a new pond.
S.25/1886/HHOLD Edge Cottage, Edge Road
Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey front extension.
S.25/1946/HHOLD Kimsbury Villa, Cheltenham Road
Erection of a single storey rear extension.
S.25/1870/TCA The Old Bakery, 3 Cheltenham Road
Prunus pissardii (Cherry plum) - 1m reduction.

CONSENT

S.25/1426/HHOLD Clarelands, Golf Course Road. Conversion of garage to annexe accommodation inclusive of raising of ridge and eaves to facilitate a new mezzanine floor.
S.25/1458/HHOLD Dry Knapps House, Edge Road
Erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Replacement windows and roof tiles. Installation of air source heat pump.
S.25/1459/LBC Dry Knapps House, Edge Road. Erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Replacement windows and roof tiles. Installation of air source heat pump
S.25/1494/TPO Butt Green House, Butt Green
2x Mature beech trees - Reduce height and peripheral margins by 7m. Raise crown to 7m.
S.25/1511/LBC Mulberry Cottage, Paradise Installation of solar PV panels.
S.25/1671/TPO Long Finals, Stamages Lane
TPO 527 - Lime - Crown lift all round to approximately 4.0m and reduce the crown spread back on the road & neighbour's side by approximately 2-2.5m leaving a soft natural shape blending the sides into the top.
S.25/1633/TPO Lullingworth, Stroud Road T1 - Semi mature Beech tree - fell to ground level.
S.25/1740/TCA Croft House, Gloucester Street
T1 - Remove Tree of Heaven to ground level.
S.25/1761/TCA Downton House, Gloucester Street Yew (T1) - Prune back to old pruning points by maximum 7-8 inches.

Personal Column

Condolences

It is with great sadness the family of SUE LENDON announce her passing on 8th October 2025, aged 83. An active parishioner for over 46 years, happily living and raising 2 daughters at Capp Mill, where she and husband John hosted a number of local events. A dedicated occupational therapist, long-time contributor to the flower guild, trustee of the Painswick Centre and many-time participant to the Painswick show. She will be greatly missed. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church at 2 o'clock on Tuesday 4th November 2025 and afterwards at the Painswick Centre.

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

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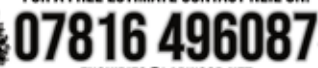
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Pictured left to right
Sue Bruce, Paul Baxter,
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Joyce Barrus



Award for Excellence.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group have been awarded a plaque and certificate for our long-term efforts towards improving the overall quality of the Beacon. Richard Aspinall and I received the award from Madeline Bunting, president of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). We were one of seven organisations to be recognised. Projects ranged from a small group of affordable housing, a sensory park, an outdoor play area and fitness equipment, a regenerative farming project, a community art space in an old chapel and the restoration of an old mill for community use.

The event took place at Elmore Court in the very impressive Gillyflower venue. This building has very green credentials being built from materials obtained from the estate and heated by a bio boiler. It received an award from CPRE a few years ago.

CPRE is a charity that has worked tirelessly to protect what makes the English countryside so unique. It celebrates its centenary next year and will be planning plenty of high-profile events.

Certificates were also awarded to key individuals associated with the success of PBCG. Joyce Barrus. For her tireless effort in reinstating the butterfly transects originally started back in the 1990s by Cedric Neilson, one of our founder members.

Sue Bruce. For her commitment to organise the newly established vegetation survey project and for getting to grips with the complexities of the computer program to map all the data. Paul Hackman. For his decades of effort promoting the Beacon and finally getting a lease arranged with the landowner, giving Natural England ultimate control of key areas of high ecological value.

Dave Simcox and Sarah Meridith, of Habitat Design. For their countless hours of survey work culminating in the Implementation Plan which is the blueprint for our work party schedule and the goal of establishing a viable population of large blue butterflies.

This report would not be complete without acknowledgement of the thousands of hours worked by our volunteers over the years, hard graft, often on challenging terrain and in inclement weather. Also, the cows. Without them I doubt we would have gained this award.
Paul Baxter

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