

The Painswick Beacon

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Gatsby Glamour Comes to Painswick

On 20th June, Painswick stepped back into the Roaring Twenties for this year's Summer Ball. Guests were welcomed to 'A Gatsby Gala' by the sounds of summer jazz and two stunning period-era Bentleys parked up outside the marquee.



Inside the glamour continued, with a drinks reception followed by delicious three-course dinner and dancing to local band Suffolk Parade.

The Painswick Summer Ball 2026 was generously presented by Hewer and sponsored by local businesses The Oak, Core Lighting, Rococo Garden, Prime DCM, Juniper, artist Aly Lloyd, and PIP Hereford.

We were delighted to be supporting the charity Cobalt Health this year, which had



been one of the Ball's beneficiaries supported by the original Summer Ball all the way back in 1984, when it was organised by Joan Warner. The evening's charity auction, expertly led by Will Fair, together with the raffle and the generosity of local supporters, raised just under £10,000.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Without your enthusiasm, generosity and impressive dance moves, the Painswick Ball would not be the success it is. Painswick really does know how to party!

The committee will now be taking a well-earned rest and looks forward to planning the next soir  e in 2028.

*The Painswick Ball Committee
Susie, Kelly, Will, Steve and Ali*



LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS – summarised from the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Wednesday 17th June

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs Robin Roberts, Sandra Hunkin, Fraser Leggate and Roey Parker.

Apologies were received from Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Ian Massey and Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 20th May were approved.

Planning Applications

a. S.26/0718/LBC Fiery Beacon, New Street. Installation of a replacement front door. *The Committee agreed to Neither Support or Object to this application.*

b. S.26/0806/VAR Shetlands, Far End, Sheepscombe. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.25/1431/H-HOLD – alterations to the fenestration, roof materials and design of orangery. *The Committee agreed to Support this application.*

c. & d. S.26/0839/FUL and S.26/0840/LBC Lullingworth, Stroud Road. Subdivision of Lullingworth House to create two dwellings (Class C3) and Internal alterations to block up two door openings. *The Committee agreed to Object to both these applications as it's a listed building and was intended as a single dwelling.*

e. S.26/0629/HHOLD Highcroft Cottage, Gloucester Road, Edge. Erection of a single-storey outbuilding. *The Committee agreed to Support this application.*

f. S.26/0824/FUL Land At Terreno, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Erection of a self-build dwelling (Class C3) with landscaping works. *The Committee agreed to Neither Support or Object to this application.*

g. S.26/0960/CPE Trillgate, Slad. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development for the commencement of works in respect of planning approval S.23/1347/FUL for 'Erection of studio outbuilding, regularisation of change of use to land to domestic (C3 use class)'. The implementation of the associated drainage works & treatment plant for the replacement studio outbuilding. *The Committee agreed to Support.*

h. S.26/0908/HHOLD Frith Way, Longridge, Sheepscombe. Erection of side extension. *The Committee agreed to Support this application.*

The next Planning Committee meeting was set for 15th July at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Sandra Hunkin (Chair), Fraser Leggate, Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, Roey Parker and Robin Roberts.

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Andy Cash and it was agreed that the incoming Chairman would write a letter of appreciation to Andy Cash for his service to the Council and its community on behalf of the Council.

Election of a Chairman: The Council unanimously appointed Cllr Sandra Hunkin as Chairman for the remainder of the Civic Year. The Council agreed not to appoint a Vice Chairman at this point.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs James Cross, Ann Daniels, Selina Gibb, Gary Luff and Ian Massey.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May were approved.

Reports: Cllr Gary Luff detailed his County Council and District Council reports. Both are available on the Parish Council website. Cllr Fraser Leggate asked if the County Councillor could expedite the removal of the unused and unsightly signpost at the junction of Bisley Street and New Street.

Telephone Kiosk Working Group: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin presented the following report: Following approval at last month's Council meeting for the design and production of the stained-glass elements, the working group has arranged a site review with Sarah Davis. Once installation and production timelines are agreed, electrical works and renovation of the kiosk can be scheduled. It has also been agreed that the original 'Telephone' and 'Pull' signage will be retained as part of the restoration.

Cotswold Way Map: Initial engagement has now begun with local artists and illustrators to explore commissioning a bespoke illustrated map of the Cotswold Way, highlighting Painswick as its halfway point, incorporating key local landmarks and heritage features.

A draft Audio Script was presented, to provide visitors with a short introduction to the history of Painswick and the significance of the kiosk and the Cotswold Way map. Further input will be sought from the Painswick History Society, project partners and potential voiceover contributors.

Slad Kiosk: Remains a priority due to H&S responsibilities of the Council. Confirmation of when the new defibrillator will be installed is reliant on an electrician's quote.

Accounts

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

Also approved were: a quote for the installation of the Slad Gateway Signage and grant applications of £125 towards the Painswick Summer Art Walks and a grant of £100 to St John's Church Sheepscombe towards the all ages worker scheme.

The Council noted the Internal Auditor's Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2026.

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the accounts and to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2026.

The Council noted the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as being 19th June to 30th July 2026.

Painswick Library: Cllr Roey Parker updated the Council on Library matters including the newly formed Lego Club.

Painswick Educational Foundation Trust: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin updated the Council.

Ward Reports

Sheepscombe: Cllrs Roey Parker and Sandra Hunkin reported upon

Sheepscombe matters including forthcoming road closures.

Painswick: Cllr Fraser Leggate reported that a new group is being formed called Painswick Civic Pride involving a group of volunteers who will help the village with small maintenance jobs, blooms, weeding etc. Cllr Leggate also reported that signage was not removed after a recent road closure. Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin updated the Council on the GRCC Village of the Year entry, noting that the judges are due to visit the village on Wednesday 24th June 2026.

Slad: Cllr Robin Roberts reported on Slad

matters. In particular he noted that Andy Cash has stepped down from being lead ward councillor and on behalf of the community expressed thanks for all his hard work and that he will be greatly missed.

Community Space in Slad Church: All under way and grant money being spent. Timing may delay work until September. Fundraising ongoing with an Art Exhibition in the church based on writings of Laurie Lee for 6-8 weeks from 9th July to provide some additional funds.

Slad Pond: Steanbridge Mill is now up for sale with the pond and it is hoped that a

new owner may take greater interest in its maintenance.

Cherry Tree Glamping: The site has been checked by Planning Enforcement. To ensure the site is developed in accordance with the Planning Approval the site is being monitored by many parties.

Cemetery Lodge

The Council received a report and agreed quotations for the outstanding works.

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

The Arts Café – a definite must

Painswick's Arts Café is certainly special. With excellent food and beverages, a wonderful array of artistic items for sale and a lovely seating area both inside and outside, it is the perfect place to relax.

Earlier this year Lauren Bryan and Perdi Barrington, who own and manage the business jointly, made some changes to both the furnishing of the café and the food on offer – and the results are definitely beneficial for the customers. Much of the food is now home-made by Lauren and Perdi and is definitely excellent with a good range on offer. The seating arrangements are versatile allowing for both groups and individuals to be accommodated. And, weather permitting, there is seating outside next to some planters full of lovely flowers.

The many items and gifts on sale are not only special but are also largely local. The work of about 50 artists is represented including, paintings, pottery, jewellery, glassware, greeting cards, Painswick candles and bath salts, books and some 'Cotswold Way' clothing. There are also locally made jams and vinegars. For children there are colouring books and pencils available for them to use during their time in the café (and for adults too, presumably!).

Lauren and Perdi are determined to present the best for the benefit of Painswick's people and of course for our visitors. The Arts Café is open seven days a week, on Thursdays from 8am-4pm, on Sundays 10am-3pm. All other days the opening times are 10am-4pm. The room is also available to be rented for parties, craft nights etc and for these occasions alcohol can be served. There is of course, free parking on-site for anyone using the Centre.

The Painswick Centre is our own community centre and has always had a strong connection with local arts and crafts. Perdi and Lauren are determined to continue to provide excellence in both beautiful gift wares and, especially, top quality food and drink. For a relaxed atmosphere, lovely surroundings, excellent service and delicious consumables the Arts Café is definitely a must.

Carol Maxwell



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Village Picnic, Opera and Gnomes

July promises a varied programme of events at Painswick Rococo Garden, with opportunities for local residents, gardening enthusiasts and families to enjoy the Garden throughout the month.



On Friday 10th July, from 5.30–8.30pm, the Garden will host a special Village Picnic Evening exclusively for Painswick residents. The event is a thank you to the local community for its continued support. Visitors are invited to bring family and friends to enjoy free admission, explore the Garden’s historic follies and summer displays, and relax with a picnic while taking in views across the Cotswolds.

Gardeners may be interested in an espalier workshop on 4th July led by Head Gardener Roger Standley. The session will provide practical guidance on training fruit trees and maintaining productive, and attractive, espalier forms.

On 17th July, the Bowling Green will once again provide a picturesque setting for an evening of opera, offering visitors the chance to enjoy live music in the open air surrounded by the Garden’s summer planting.



Families can look forward to the launch of the summer trail, Gnome for the Holidays, from 28th July. Gnomes will be celebrating their appearance at the Chelsea Flower Show. Young visitors will be invited to help the gnomes prepare for their festivities. Further details and booking information are available from the Garden.

Marta Gardner



Painswick and Corinium Community Choirs

are joining forces for a **Picnic in Rococo Gardens on Friday 10th July** to celebrate 15 years of bringing our voices together in harmony. Led by Sophie Sterckx, we practise on Monday nights in the Cotswold Room at the Painswick Centre. We sing ‘a cappella’ – without any instrumental accompaniment. Bring a picnic and join us. The gardens will be open from **5.30-8.30 pm**. Entry is free to those who bring proof of Painswick postcode.



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Norman Rockwell: Great American Artist or Mere Illustrator?



At the Painswick Centre on 11th June accomplished lecturer John Ericson opened his talk by asking ‘where is the boundary between illustrator and art?’ and noted that Norman Rockwell’s work is among the top 20th-century artists valued at auction (\$46m).

The precociously talented Rockwell painted his first *Saturday Evening Post* cover in 1916 followed over 47 years by 321 more. His uncanny ability to create a real but also utopian vision of American life provided a unique social commentary of 20th-century America.

He was a storyteller with a brush, ‘identifying events and details for others who might not have noticed’. He produced fabulous Ad-art for Heinz, Parker Pens, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Kellogg's, Pan Am and many more. All told a story.

His later work away from SEP allowed him greater freedom of expression depicting serious political and societal events. In 1941 the ‘Four Freedoms’ of Roosevelt illustrated Freedoms of Speech, Worship, Want and Fear becoming an iconic legacy of FDR. In 1964 the depiction of little Ruby Bridges entering school with four US Marshals provided a devastating indictment of segregation which Obama later displayed in the White House.

Rockwell was happy to be described as an illustrator, and his overriding style was realism. However, his art was not copy but possessed great originality and his finest paintings are a pride of American Art.

Next Meeting on Thursday 9th July: ‘Koh-I-Noor: the most famous diamond in the world’. Details on website or email painswick@theartsociety.org.

David Cutler

Painswick Gardening Club

Our July members outing, on Wednesday 8th July, will be a visit to Brockworth Court and gardens. They don’t have a gardener and no box hedges despite the information in the brochure, so the garden looks very ‘natural’. There’s a tithe barn to use if it’s wet and Tim Wiltshire is a good host and willing to show us around the house.



RHS Badminton Flower Show is an exciting new RHS Show coming to the beautiful South Gloucestershire countryside in July 2026. Only 40 minutes down the road, it is on from 8th–12th July, 10am–6 pm.

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to being looked after so well by the hard-working female Worker Bees – the ones we see buzzing around our flowers) the male or Drone Bees have a highly relaxed lifestyle while waiting to mate with the Queen. To be fair, once successful they die – a short, idle life!

On Tuesday 28th July we welcome Sally Ferrers to talk on E.T. Wilson, Cheltenham physician and father of Edward Wilson, Antarctic Explorer. 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, ladies do come along.

Celia Lougher 812624



Busy Bees

Yew Tree Members so enjoyed a history walk round Painswick last year that Carol Maxwell was invited to lead another this June. Starting from Gyde Road members who thought they knew their village well were once again delighted to learn facts previously unknown to them.

Congratulations to our team of four who have successfully won themselves a place in the final of the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs quiz. We wish them luck for the final in early July.

Sally Church, Painswick’s very own beekeeper, was the speaker at our May meeting. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and love of the hobby she has been doing for 15 years was clear to see. While many of us in the audience thought we knew a lot about bees, once Sally started talking we soon realised how wrong we were! Yes, perhaps we knew that May was the time that bees start swarming but did we really know why they swarm and what it entails, or that the average colony is made up of 70,000 bees? It was probably just as well there were no men in the audience as we learnt that while the poor old Queen Bee can lay up to 1500 eggs per day (thanks

A lovely day at Paradise

On Saturday, 6th June, Paradise House welcomed many visitors to its beautiful grounds for its annual open day. A truly joyful occasion, the afternoon was both interesting and inspiring.

Paradise House is home to 30 people with learning disabilities. Of real benefit to the residents is the fact that the focal emphasis, the underlying purpose, of the home is the desire for them to lead an active and fulfilling life. This is manifest in the various programmes which are organised involving physical, educational, creative and leisure activities. There is also a strong emphasis on the need to develop a sense of community and the activities therefore take place both on-site and further afield.

With a wide age range, upwards from 20, the residents definitely gain in confidence and a measure of independence from the many on-site activities such as music, dance, pottery, cooking, gardening, drama, yoga and arts and crafts. It is very much about developing skills, self-expression, social interaction and working cooperatively.

This is further enhanced by the encouragement to participate in life outside in the wider community. Residents frequently engage in programmes for example in Stroud, thereby gaining vocational advice and experience. And there are much enjoyed outings to art festivals. One aspect of the community's life which is currently being further developed is the opportunity to work in a voluntary capacity elsewhere. This involves helping when required with events and activities and so far has included working with Hawkwood, Sue Ryder charity, the Sub Rooms Stroud and Guardians of the River Chelt.

At the open day event much of this was evident in the displays of creative work and also the presentation of information. There was joyful music and good food including a barbecue. And the residents as well as the visitors were clearly enjoying the occasion.

Art and Craft

One very significant aspect of the community's active life is the art and craft section. This is both impressive and inspiring and obviously much enjoyed which in turn leads to excellent results. A range of techniques, subjects and art forms are taught and worked on, both individually and cooperatively. Furthermore, the opportunity to participate in this outstanding creative artwork is shortly to be available to Painswick residents in the form of evening sessions.

Art classes in six week blocks are to be held on **Monday evenings 6.30pm–8.30pm** in the art studio **starting 7th September**. Each class will explore a specific technique or creative art form, tutored by highly qualified teachers. There is no fee, just a donation.

The need to establish precious links with the wider Painswick community has long-since been recognised. This is an excellent opportunity to develop your skills and learn new techniques whilst at the same time helping with mutual interaction and supporting this very caring and precious home. Interested? Email takepart@paradise-house.org.uk.

Open day was a lovely, joyful occasion. Paradise House deserves our continuous support so that its residents can continue to lead happy, active and full lives.

Carol Maxwell



Painswick Library Book Club

The Library Book Club will be meeting on Monday 6th July, 1.30–2.30pm to discuss *Fundamentally* by Nussabih Younis. The novel was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for fiction 2025. We will meet again on Monday 3rd August to discuss *The Homemade God* by bestselling author Rachel Joyce. New members are always welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com.

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We would like as many local businesses, producers and organisations as possible to be represented. If you are a producer, you can sell your goods. Or if you are a service provider, organisation, club, society etc, you can use the event to raise everyone's awareness of you, and to engage with the community.

To find out more, and to receive a stallholder application form, drop an email to Gemma Marks on Painswick-feast2026@gmail.com.

Let's make 2026 the Big One for the Painswick Feast and Clypping!

Stephen Aiano

BEACON BENEFICE

Come and welcome our new Curate

A reminder that on **Sunday 5th July at 11am** there will be just one service across the Benefice, a Holy Communion held in St Mary's Painswick. We warmly encourage everyone who is able to join us as we come together to welcome Revd Kate Davies and celebrate her arrival as our Curate. It is the first time we have had a Curate for many years, and it would be wonderful for the whole Benefice to gather in welcome and support as we begin this new chapter in our shared ministry.

Exhibition not to be missed



Painswick's history is intriguing, fascinating and in many respects unusual for a tiny town. Covering a wide range of themes from the personal to the criminal, the architectural, agricultural, industrial, educational, religious, problematic, powerful, cultural, social, horticultural to name but a few, ongoing research continues to reveal more and more on a regular basis. The Local History Society has for some years now presented an exhibition biennially to demonstrate some of this rich history and this year it will take place in the **Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th July, 10am–5pm**.

Learning about the past of the place in which we live certainly helps to develop an understanding of the present and may even change the way we look at some of our local surroundings and practices. This year's exhibition will present much stimulating information and illustrations on a range of topics and will include some recently re-discovered items and artefacts from Goddards Garage, now closed of course but with a long history in Painswick. Children from the Croft School will also be contributing with their own display of local history work undertaken this year – an important learning experience for them.

Do come along and discover yet more about Painswick's rich history. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available.

Carol Maxwell

Christian Aid Week

THANK YOU!

In the recent Christian Aid Week we raised a total of £8,287, including Gift Aid.

On behalf of Christian Aid and the Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee, thank you so much to all those who donated, delivered envelopes and helped at or attended the events in St Mary's church rooms. Your kindness and generosity will enable Christian Aid to help farmers in poorer countries become more resilient in the fight against hunger and the climate crisis.

The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee



Churches Together Around Painswick AGM

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Summer Update

What a different year we are experiencing so far. Last year at this point we were three months into a drought. Early flowering plants had already withered and on the thinner soiled areas the grass had stopped growing and was browning. Some emerging butterfly larva would have had difficulty finding their favoured food plants, potentially impacting on the number of butterflies seen on the wing this year.

This year has seen good rainfall through April and May and consequently the vegetation is looking very lush. It has been quite cool for some of the time, so blooms have lasted well. Overall, I have not seen many butterflies, but hopefully those which manage to breed should have a good chance of producing a successful brood.

The three new cows have settled in very well and the herd passed their recent TB test. Whilst going through the crush we trimmed an overlong horn and replaced two missing ear tags. Lush vegetation means they have plenty to eat. Grazing is being focused on areas we have recently cleared and is called restoration grazing. Now we are grazing all year round, it is important to keep the cows away from the highest quality grassland as much as possible to allow plants to set seed.

Large work parties have finished until the autumn, but there are a few tasks to do. Spot spraying bramble regrowth in areas cleared last winter and revisiting areas cleared the year before is, I believe, so important. Low intensity grazing is not enough to eradicate brambles. Without spraying they become established in the grass structure and cutting them back becomes a bigger task each year, as we clear more scrub away. Scything is an effective way of dealing with hemp agrimony and willow herb and, believe it or not, is a very relaxing occupation. Later in the summer we will spray off old man's beard (wild clematis). This is a highly invasive plant, capable of growing horizontally four or five metres a year and completely smothering other plants we are trying to encourage.

The plant survey team are in full swing, monitoring 10 by 10 metre square for 30 key species and assessing their abundance. The data is entered into a computer program for future analysis. As ever more helpers will make the task easier.

Finally, it is glow-worm time. I am looking for more helpers to do a regular transect counting numbers of glow-worms. This must be done when it is properly dark, so working in pairs is better from a safety perspective.

Paul Baxter

The grass in the churchyard – what an embarrassment!

The uncut grass in the churchyard this spring and so far this summer has been an embarrassment to many in Painswick; visitors and friends trying to enjoy and take pictures in the churchyard are frustrated with the unkempt grass. Picking up dog poo, always a problem, has been made especially difficult so many do not bother.

It is fairly well known that the prisoners who used to regularly cut the grass are no longer able to do so. According to Revd Sarah the costs to do the cutting is now too expensive for the church to pay for it. The Parish Council had agreed to cut the grass on a voluntary basis when resources allow.

Therein lies the problem, however the Parish Clerk has now confirmed that for the rest of the summer the grass will be cut on a fortnightly basis. Hopefully the schedule will be flexible to take into account bad weather and in due course collect the cuttings as well.

John Barrus



Who are our neighbours and how can we help them?

This is the question that Mole Class at the Croft School have been exploring this term.

One of the things we wanted to do was to help make Painswick an even more colourful and joyful place, for the people who live in, and visit it. The children came up with the idea of planting some flowers to help with this, so we linked up up with Mary Parsons who has been heading up Painswick in Bloom. She came into the class and delivered some seeds which we got busy planting.

Over the next few weeks we watered, checked and re-potted our seedlings, with the help of a fantastic parent helper, until they were ready to plant out in the containers that Mary delivered. We decided together to position them just outside the school and playgroup entrance so that they could be enjoyed by as many people as possible.

Victoria Soutar



Four Days of Free Family Fun



This month our churches are celebrating what it means to be one big family under God. On Sunday 5th July we are uniting for worship, having a 'welcome to our flock' service of Holy Communion – 11am at St Mary's Painswick. Here we will welcome Revd Kate Davies, who is coming to serve the benefice as part of our ministry team for the next three years at least. At the service, we will also be blessing Sherlock the Sheep – which has been lovingly crafted by residents from the nearby

Paradise House who are also 'part of our flock'. We are also focusing on supporting the families in our local communities more than ever this month.

In addition to our usual family service at St Mary's at 11am on Sunday 12th July, we will mark the start of the school summer holidays with 'Four Days of Free Family Fun'. This will include a Sherlock Supper in Painswick on Monday 20th July, a Scavenger Hunt and Games in Sheepscombe on Tuesday 21st, a Family Rounders Match and BBQ in Cranham on Wednesday 22nd July and to mark the end-of-school-year St Mary's Mums will take their 'Toddlers on Tour' for fun and games at Painswick Recreation Ground on Thursday 23rd. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please do contact our Beacon All Ages Minister, Victoria Soutar on familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk.

Revd Sarah Haslam

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Sherlock is having fun...

MON 20TH JULY Sherlock Supper 4.30pm - 6.00pm Painswick St Mary's Church & Church Rooms	TUES 21ST JULY Sherlock Family Scavenger Hunt & Games 10.30am - 12.30pm Sheepscombe Village Hall
WED 22ND JULY Sherlock Family Rounders & BBQ 11.00am - 1.30pm Cranham Cricket Club	THURS 23RD JULY St Mary's Mums on Tour 9.30am - 11.00am Painswick Recreation Ground

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Food Vans at the Painswick Centre this July

The food vans return to the Painswick Centre this July, bringing a different street food option to the village each Thursday evening.

The July line-up is:

Thursday 2nd July: Marinades Caribbean

Thursday 9th July: Miniyaki's (Japanese soul food)

Thursday 16th July: Wild Pizza Co.

Thursday 23rd July: Wow Bao Buns

Thursday 30th July: Burgerlish (Art Walk)

The vans are a great way to enjoy an easy evening meal, support independent food traders and bring a little extra buzz to the village. Come along, bring friends or neighbours, and make the most of summer evenings at the Painswick Centre.

Painswick Centre AGM – Save the Date

The Painswick Centre Annual General Meeting will take place on **Monday 21st September at 7pm** in Beacon Hall.

Please save the date. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Looking ahead: Goodwill Evening – Friday 27th November

It may feel a little way off yet, but planning is already beginning for this year's Goodwill Evening at The Painswick Centre.

Jennie, our Centre Manager, is looking to bring together a small group of volunteers who can help get everything organised and make the evening run smoothly. This could include helping with planning, setting up, stalls, decorations, stewarding, clearing away, or generally being part of the 'make it happen' crew.

If you would be happy to get involved, even in a small way, please get in touch with Jennie at the Painswick Centre. More details will follow, but for now please save the date: Friday 27th November.

Could You Help Shape the Future of the Painswick Centre?

The Painswick Centre is looking to welcome new trustees to help support and guide one of the village's most important community spaces.

From Beacon Hall events and Wick-Flix screenings to local groups, classes, food nights and private celebrations, the Centre plays a central role in village life. Behind the scenes, a small group of volunteer trustees helps oversee the charity, support the Centre team and plan for the future.

The Centre is now keen to hear from people who may be interested in getting involved. You do not need previous trustee experience, just an interest in supporting the local community and helping the Centre continue to thrive.

The role is varied and can include helping shape future plans, supporting fundraising and events, contributing professional skills or simply bringing fresh ideas and perspectives. The current Board is particularly keen to hear from people with experience in areas such as finance, marketing, property, community engagement or business, although enthusiasm and commitment are just as important.

Being a trustee is also a chance to meet new people, contribute to village life and support a much-loved local organisation at the heart of Painswick.

Anyone interested in finding out more, without any obligation, is encouraged to get in touch with Ceri Chaplin, current Trustee Chair at ceri.chaplin@painswickcentre.com.

Looking for a venue?

The Painswick Centre offers a range of flexible room hire options right in the heart of the village, with spaces suitable for everything from small meetings to large events.

Beacon Hall: Perfect for larger events, performances, parties and weddings. Standing capacity: 200. Theatre/concert seating: 150. Large stage, lighting, PA system, bar and kitchen facilities.

Cotswold Room: Ideal for meetings, classes and workshops with beautiful valley views. Standing capacity: 60. Theatre seating: 50.

Green Room: A smaller, bright upstairs space for meetings, tutoring or smaller groups. Capacity: 20.

Skittle Alley: A unique and informal space, great for parties and gatherings. Standing capacity: 30.

The Centre also offers WiFi, AV facilities, accessible spaces and options for regular bookings or one-off hires.

Whether you are planning a birthday party, fitness class, business meeting, theatre rehearsal or community event, there is a space to suit.

Find out more or arrange a viewing at: www.painswickcentre.com.

Ceri Chaplin



Wick-Flix returns with Rental Family

After a wonderful turnout for our recent screening of *Hamnet*, Wick-Flix returns to the Painswick Centre in July with *Rental Family*, a warm and thoughtful comedy-drama starring Brendan Fraser. Set in modern-day Tokyo, *Rental Family* follows an American actor who is struggling to find direction until he takes an unusual job with a Japanese 'rental family' agency. His role is to step into other people's lives, playing stand-in relatives, companions or family members for those who need them. What begins as paid performance gradually becomes something more meaningful, as the film explores loneliness, connection, belonging and the different ways in which people create family around them.

The screening will take place on **Friday 17th July**. Doors and bar open from 7pm, **screening starts 7.45pm**. Please note that this is the third Friday in July, rather than our usual second Friday of the month. We have moved the date to avoid clashing with the Wimbledon men's semi-finals, allowing everyone to enjoy both tennis and film without a scheduling tussle worthy of Centre Court.

As always, Wick-Flix offers a relaxed community cinema evening at The Painswick Centre, with refreshments available and a friendly welcome for regulars and newcomers alike. It is a chance to enjoy a good film locally, support the Centre, and spend an evening in good company.

Tickets can be booked in advance, before midday on 17th July, at a discounted rate of **£9.50** using our new booking link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/wick-flix-rental-family> or by using the QR code. Otherwise £10 entry on the door.



We hope to see you there!

Ceri Chaplin

Mutiny on the Bounty and a school trip



On 4th June a packed meeting of Painswick Probus Club was entertained by a talk on the Mutiny on the Bounty given by Douglas Butler, leader of the Cirencester Military History Group. After introducing the subject by showing clips from the five films bearing this title Douglas explained the background to the ill-fated voyage, the purpose of which was to gather breadfruit from Tahiti as a source of cheap food for the slaves working in the West Indian plantations. Tensions between Captain William Bligh and Fletcher Christian came to a head after their arrival at Tahiti in 1789 and Bligh, along with 17 others, was cast adrift in a small tender by the mutineers. Remarkably, Bligh (previously the navigator on Captain Cook's third voyage) was able to sail the 4,000 miles to Timor in 47 days and thence make a successful return to England. The mutineers eventually settled on Pitcairn Island (setting alight to the Bounty) where a few of their descendants still live.

On 18th June a smaller group of Probus members enjoyed a visit to Cheltenham College, guided by former master Dominic Faulkner. The highlight of the delightful afternoon was the magnificent chapel, with its poignant memorials to the 702 former pupils who died on active service in WW1.

In view of the eagerly awaited exhibition which opens at the British Museum in September there has been an alteration to our programme for 16th July; Dr Tim Brain will now speak on the Bayeux Tapestry.

Robin Vick



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Memories of the Pin Mill (1974–1978)

Episode 8: Nights at the Mill

There was a night shift down the Mill. Usually this was just two or three people working on the machines, or on the presses if there was a specific order to complete. I worked on nights in the summer of 1977. Having recently taken my Finals, I hadn't intended to work that summer, but Nigel Hunt (who was working between school and university as I had done three years before) wanted a break to visit the US, so I stood in while he was away.

In charge of the night shift was Jeff Roberts. Outside work, Jeff was particularly proud of his motorbike, which he raced competitively. It was often in a poor condition after a race, but he would clean it up and carry out any repairs that were necessary. He loved that bike.

Jeff and I were the night shift that summer. If one of us had been unable to work, there would probably have been no night shift at all. As a result, I worked on the night of my 21st birthday. I didn't feel that I could drop out – it wouldn't have felt right after the opportunities that the Pin Mill had given me. I also thought that the 'grapevine' would catch me out if I called in sick and partied anywhere near the village. So I literally 'came of age' down there.

There was a risk of falling asleep on nights, but you couldn't afford to let that happen – if a machine broke down and didn't stop feeding, you could be left with 50 metres of bent and unusable wire very quickly. Hypothetically, if this was to occur, it was probably best if Mr Smyth didn't find it in the morning!



I was always intrigued by the people who would wander into the factory after the pubs closed, or even in the middle of the night. Some of them were seriously weird, but generally they only wanted a cup of tea and some company. One of our (less weird) visitors was a Police Dog Handler. He told us he was the only Handler on duty between Dymock and Cirencester. He seemed to enjoy sitting and chatting with us in Painswick while waiting for a call to action.

I used to finish work at 7.30 on Saturday morning, go home, have some breakfast and a couple of hours' sleep before heading off to play cricket all afternoon. This would be followed by a couple of pints and a game of snooker in the 'Stute' (for more recent Painswickians, this was the Institute Club – a much-missed establishment located in what is now the Painswick Centre). I was over 18 by now, so I no longer needed to keep my head down. And even with beer at the ridiculously high price of 30p a pint, I could pay my way thanks to the Pin Mill!

(Image Copyright British Police History)

Eric Harris

Closure of Le Papillon



If you have been along New Street recently, you will have noticed a change in the coffee shop opposite The Painswick Pharmacy.

Le Papillon is now closed. Gemma and Alistair, the building owners who previously operated as the Painswick Pooch Coffee House, are now looking for new tenants to take on the running of this popular village location. They can be reached at thepainswickpooch@gmail.com.

Let's hope that this staple of village life will be open again very soon.

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Don't put it off!

What you need to know about Wills and Powers of Attorney



Nicky Copper from the NHS Falls Prevention Service battled through Painswick's road closures and diversions on 29th May to provide tips on how to reduce our risk of falls. She recommended strength and balance exercises to increase our resilience, as well as casting a critical eye around our homes to reduce hazards. It was an informative, varied and entertaining presentation and we will be inviting Nicky back next year to talk about Functional Fitness MOTs.

Friday Club members also enjoyed a Picture Quiz kindly organised by Steve Chamberlain, Head of Activities at Richmond Retirement Village. Members worked in teams to crack the visual clues, with a generous box of chocolates awarded to the winning team.

Looking ahead, we are keen to stay abreast of the law and practicalities relating to Wills, Powers of Attorney and Probate. We have Janine Guthrie coming to our next meeting on Friday 10th July at 2.30 pm, to talk about these crucial documents. Visitors are welcome to our meetings (£4 – no need to book, just come to the Town Hall).

Friday Club membership is now reduced mid-year to £10, plus £2 per meeting attended. Contact Sylvia on 812104 for more about membership.

Take steps now to avoid the January Blues!

Why not join us for a trip to the **Everyman Theatre**, Cheltenham, for a performance of **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**? The drama is based on Mark Haddon's celebrated novel: 'Christopher Boone is gifted with a brilliant mind for numbers but unsettled by the unpredictability of people and everyday life. When a neighbour's dog is discovered killed, he finds himself under suspicion. Determined to prove his innocence, Christopher becomes both detective and suspect, drawn into a mystery that grows darker and more complex with every clue he uncovers.'

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Tuesday 19th January 2027 at 7.30pm (with the WI)

Thursday 21st January 2027 at 2pm (with the Friday Club).

Members, non-members, partners and friends are welcome to join us. Optional minibus transport available for the afternoon performance.
Jane Rowe 813228

A diverse new season



All is set for the 2026/7 season which will begin on 24th September in the Town Hall. The programme will be more diverse than ever and incorporate some suggestions made by members at the recent AGM.

2026/7 is witness to several anniversaries in celebration of Beethoven to Havergal Brian, Benjamin Britten to the foundation of the United States of America! Distinguished external speakers are scheduled to give musical presentations referencing some of the outstanding composers and poets from our own part of the world. The globe will be covered from the USA to the Cotswolds and from Eastern Europe to the Indian subcontinent. Music from 15th and 16th centuries through to the present day will showcase great singers past and present alongside soloists such as Anna Lapwood, organist, in the Albert Hall and the late Felicity Lott in concert on DVD. As always there will be emphasis on melody and a fascinating talk on preludes and intermezzi which are often better remembered than the stage works they have come from.

The success of the 'bring a disc' session at the AGM has encouraged the committee to schedule a complete meeting devoted to 'member's choice' programming favourite pieces.

Wherever possible some of the celebrated performers who have played in Painswick over the last 80 years of the Music Society will be featured. The basis of this is Martin Woodhead's comprehensively researched *A History of Painswick Music Society* (to request a copy email info@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk).

Michael Grey

Painswick Sports

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Golf

Painswick Golf Club is registered as a community amateur sports club (CASC). It strives to make golf accessible to all. We offer support, with membership fees and access to golf clubs and clothing, to those who would like to play golf, but feel they cannot afford to. We have recently re-established a junior section and are now looking to do the same with our ladies' section. We are always looking to increase our membership. Please get involved and enjoy the wonderful asset we have on our doorstep by contacting the general manager at the club.

Playing golf on the Beacon is not without its challenges. I have, in a previous article, outlined the antisocial biking activity and vandalism. However, there are occasional incidents between walkers and golfers. The club takes its responsibility very seriously and all members and green fee players are instructed that safety and respect to all is paramount. There are warning signs on the site advising walkers to use the outer paths, so the public do need to take some responsibility for their own safety. Details of any serious incidents or vandalism should be reported to the club so that appropriate action may be taken.

Abusive behaviour, from either party, is totally unacceptable, and quite frankly avoidable with a little more empathy. The access situation is complex as the land is a privately owned common and public access was only granted decades after the golf club was founded in 1891. Public footpaths, the Cotswold Way and open access land legislation were established subsequently even though the site had an established golf course. The club pays a lease to the landowner for the right to play.

We have co-existed with the public for over a hundred years and, even with increased visitor numbers, we can continue to do so for the enjoyment of all.

Paul Baxter, PGC Captain

Seniors Golf Away Day



The seniors Golf Away Day this year was held at the Tredegar Park Golf Club near Newport with 36 members enjoying an interesting course. The winners of the team event (see picture) were: Keith French, Brendan Nunan, Paul Walsh, and Paul Baxter. Rob Clarke won the singles. Needless to say the conditions were quite severe with 34 degrees of heat and a long course taking five hours to go round.

Men's Stuff



For the last year or so, we have been holding occasional Men's Breakfasts in the Church Rooms on a Saturday Morning (9.00–10.15am) where we have enjoyed coffee and bacon rolls as well as a short thought-provoking talk. All men are welcome to join us and numbers have grown each time with around 30 at our April gathering.

A date for your diaries: Saturday 18th July for our next one and do feel free to bring a neighbour or friend. We will also be welcoming Jonathan who will share something of his journey through various addictions and New Age practices whilst building a successful career in the corporate world. Stroud is one of the best known centres of New Ageism and drug culture and we will hope to draw out something of what that means (somewhat scary!) as well as Jonathan's personal story of finding freedom from it. Don't miss this one. It would be really helpful for catering if you could let Mike Campbell (07812 000646) or Ian Marsh (07990 578671) know that you are coming and whether you are bringing a guest (or two!)

Ian Marsh

NHS needs you to help shape the future

NHS Gloucestershire has produced a short **survey** to help them deepen their understanding of people's experiences of using their GP practice website and other online health and care services. Your feedback matters and will help shape and develop the digital services provided in Gloucestershire. Here is a link to the survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GPwebs/>

The NHS, including in Gloucestershire, are also promoting their 'GP Digital Front Door' concept. This phrase refers to the range of digital ways that are designed to ensure patients can easily navigate GP services. It includes:

- Advanced cloud-based telephony (call queues, call-back, routing)
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- Online consultation tools (submit medical/admin requests)
- Video consultations
- NHS App (appointments, prescriptions, records, test results, fit notes)
- SMS two-way messaging (secure communication with patients)

The idea is also that these elements work together to reduce the past reliance on a 'telephone first' approach. Our Practice is using all these methods already and we can expect some of them to increase in use over time.

More from Painswick Pharmacy - Adis Kicic, Superintendent Pharmacist

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- Sore throat: 5 years and over
- Uncomplicated UTIs in women aged 16–64 years

The Pharmacist will then prescribe medication, where appropriate. You can walk in, or come via a referral from NHS 111, GPs,

or A&E. **Blood Pressure Service:** For individuals over 40 who have no diagnosis of hypertension – no booking is required. **COVID-19 Vaccines:** This service runs from the 13th April–30th June, available to those 75 years and over. No appointment is required. **Flu Vaccine:** Available from 1st October (pregnant women only) or 1st November (for all other groups) ending on 31st March. Aged 65 years and over or aged 18–65 years and in a clinical risk group. No booking required. Children – please speak to us directly to arrange.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available through some pharmacies as a private service, at varying prices, generally in the median range of: c.£90. We are not offering this service at the moment, but we could launch it if demand requires. Private Flu vaccination was priced at £20 last season, however, I haven't received this year's manufacturer/wholesaler price yet.

David Perry, Patient Group Chair



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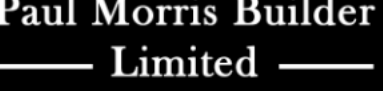


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S.26/1017/AFPA Painswick Lodge, Painswick. Erection of replacement barn and creation of a new agricultural track.

S.26/0971/DISCON Cattle Isolation Unit At Beech Farm, Beech Lane . Discharge of condition 3 (LEMP),6 (CEMP), 7 (operational pollution prevention measures) and 8 (lighting design strategy) from S.26/0047/FUL

S.26/0949/HHOLD Greenacres Cottage, Cheltenham Road. Erection of rear garden room.

S.26/0957/HHOLD High Mead, The Green, Edge Lane. Erection of two storey extension and single storey attached garage.

CONSENT

S.26/0761/TCA Court House, Hale Lane. T1 Walnut tree to be reduced all round by 2m.

S.26/0644/HHOLD Horsepools Piece, Paul Mead, Edge. Proposed new garage with room above and new boundary treatments.

S.26/0576/HHOLD 1 Randalls Field, Painswick. Erection of a replacement front canopy and balustrade.

S.25/2458/LBC Tocknells Court, Cheltenham Road. Internal works and refurbishment.

S.25/2433/HHOLD Seagrims Cottage, Pincot Lane. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey extension to the dwellinghouse.

S.25/2059/HHOLD Painswick Lodge, Stable Courtyard, Painswick. Conversion and extension of garage to provide staff accommodation to Painswick Lodge.

REFUSED

S.26/0449/FUL Hillside, Paradise, Painswick. Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use. Erection of stable block with integral workshop & store.

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Property Report

A short walk down Vicarage Street will show you a fine selection of properties new to the market this month, starting on the left with 1 Hill Cottages, a 2 bed end of terrace cottage, just two down from Hamptons, who are offering it at £350,000. Further down, but set back and hidden away up the hill, where it benefits from great views, is Pear Tree Cottage, a semi-detached 3 bed cottage (Murrays, £500,000). Back on the main part of the street, Dial Tryst (Hamptons, £485,000) is a handsome stone town house with 3 bedrooms and an open plan living area, and immediately below it, Hill View Cottage (Hamptons, £950,000) has 4 bedrooms, a detached studio / workshop and large gardens with great views.

On the way back up Vicarage Street, you might note Dover House (Inigo, £1.1m), Milton Cottage (Murrays, £625,000) and Amesbury (Blue Book, £1.175m), all of which have also gone on the market in recent months.

Elsewhere in the village, Hill House in Gloucester Street (Murrays, £950,000) is an elegant, detached house, dating back to 1799, with 3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, vaulted cellar and landscaped gardens. On Kings Mill Lane, Robin Hill (Hamptons, £815,000) is a 4 bedroom detached house with scope for extension and modernisation and Pathways, a 2 bed detached cottage is tucked away off Tibbiwell (Fine & Country, £455,000). Further out, Murrays have Hillside House in Pitchcombe at £1.35 million, a 6 bedroom house dating back to 1790, thought to have been the UK's first recorded vegetarian guest house. And at Richmond Village, assisted living apartment 3/5 is available at £270,000.

West House in Lower Washwell has recently gone under offer as, for a second time, has Dozmary Cottage in Vicarage Street, both through Hamptons, while Rake Hill at The Highlands has completed through Murrays.

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THE VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinal on cvasp.26@gmail.com

Mondays	Gentle pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 8.45 - 9.45am
	Improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 9.50 - 10.50am
	Beginners/improvers pilates. Info from Heidi 07970 262538	Painswick Centre 10.55 - 11.55am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre 7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. Contact kate-beatty.co.uk/07793 126234	Painswick Centre 12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers. Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545	Richmond 5.00 - 6.00pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House 6.30 - 8.30pm
	Lego Builders Club (excluding Bank Holidays)	Library 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesdays	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre 9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club £35/term. Contact Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942	Church Rooms 9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre 10.00 - 11.00am
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms 6.45pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766. £5.00/person/session	Painswick Centre 7.30 - 9.00pm
	Yoga with Kate. www-kate-beatty.co.uk/07793 126234	Painswick Centre 7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes: Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Painswick Centre 10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre 12.30 - 1.30pm
	After school art classes.Term time only. classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre 3.45 - 5.15pm
	Weds Pop-In. A friendly place to meet for a cuppa, chat and other activities. Sandra Glass 01452 814186	Town Hall 10.00 - 12.00pm
	Croc N' Roll Children's entertainment with Steph and her books, guitar, puppets, story books and bubbles. £1.00/child.	Library 2.30pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre 8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums, Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms 9.15 - 10.45am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 11.15 - 12.45am
	Taichi and Qigong - Perry Loveday 07970 698741	Painswick Centre 2.00 - 3.00pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Painswick Rugby 9.30 - 12.30pm Club
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall 9.30 - 10.30am
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes.Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Town Hall 5.45 - 6.45pm
	Badminton Club. Contact John Barrus - barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre 8.00 - 9.30pm
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre 5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms 9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. cgswein@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church 5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Church Rooms 11.00 - 12.00pm
Sundays	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House 10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club	Painswick Centre 8.30 - 11.00am

Village Diary

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

July			
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon published	
	4	The Art of the Espalier - master the timeless craft - guided tour, tea and cake included. Book on rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 10.00 - 2.30pm
Sun	5	Benefice Communion	St Marys Church 11.00am
Mon	6	Library Book Club	Library 1.30 - 2.30pm
	6	The Bible Course	Church Rooms 7.30pm
Tues	7	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church 9.00am
Wed	8	Gardening Club evening out to Brockworth Court	Shared lifts from Stamages car park 6.00pm
Thurs	9	The Arts Society: Koh-i-Noor - Georgina Bexon	Painswick Centre 10.00 for 11.00am
Fri	10	Friday Club: Wills, Powers of Attourney and Probate - Janine Guthrie. Enq 812104	Town Hall 2.30pm
	10	Wickflix: Rental Family	Painwick Centre 7.00 for 7.45pm
	10	Village Picnic + Painswick and Community Choirs	Rococo Garden 5.30 - 8.30 pm
Sat	11	Mark Cummings hosts The Thames Head Singers. In aid of Hollie Gazzard Trust. Tickets from thamesheadsingers.org.uk	St Marys Church 7.00pm
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Marys Church 9.30am
	12	Family Worship	St Marys Church 11.00am
Tues	14	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church 9.00am
	14	Turning Pages. All Welcome	The Falcon 1.30pm
Thurs	16	Painswick Probus: The Bayeux Tapestry and the Battle of Hastings - Dr Tim Brain	Painswick Centre 11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	17	An Evening of Opera. Book on rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden 7.00pm
Sun	19	Deadline for all Beacon Copy	
	19	Holy Communion and Baptisms	St Marys Church 11.00am
Mon	20	Sherlock Supper	Church Rooms 4.30pm
Tues	21	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church 9.00am
	21	The Well	Church Rooms 7.00pm
Thurs	23	Toddlers on Tour	P a i n s w i c k Recreation Ground 9.30am
	24	Lego Spike - coding and robotics with Lego (age 5+)	Library 11.00 - 12.00pm
	24	TinkerCAD 3D design - design a bookmark (age 5+)	Library 2.00 - 3.00pm
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Marys Church 11.00am
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI - ET Wilson, Cheltenham physician and father of Edward Wilson - Sally Ferrers	Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30pm
	28	Morning Prayer	St Marys Church 9.00am
Wed	29	Painswick Probus: Summer Garden Party	Lower Greenhouse, Greenhouse Lane 12.30pm
Thurs	30	Summer Evening Art walks	5.30 - 7.30pm
August			
Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published	

Denise Mary Magauran

(8th November 1940–16th April 2026)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Denise Mary Magauran, who died peacefully at her home in Painswick on 16th April 2026, aged 85.

Born in Cheam on 8th November 1940, Denise was the daughter of Wilfred Magauran, an ENT surgeon, and Dr Iris Magauran, an ophthalmologist. Following the family tradition of medicine, she studied at Charing Cross Medical School in London before specialising in ophthalmology. Early posts in Manchester and Liverpool laid the foundations for a distinguished career dedicated to restoring sight and serving others.

While working in Liverpool, Denise spent a year at St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, an experience that profoundly shaped her life. Returning to the United Kingdom, she was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist at Gloucester Royal Hospital at the age of 33. After many years serving the people of Gloucestershire, she took early retirement in 1992 to return to Jerusalem as Chief Surgeon at St John Eye Hospital, a role she held for seven years.

Jerusalem became much more than a place of work. Deeply moved by the needs of people across Israel and Palestine, Denise devoted herself to preventing and treating avoidable blindness among some of the region’s most vulnerable communities. She believed that restoring sight was not only a medical intervention but an act of dignity, compassion, and hope. Her patients came from every background, faith, and community, and colleagues remember both her clinical excellence and her remarkable ability to bring people together in a shared purpose.

After returning to the United Kingdom in 1999, Denise continued her ophthalmic work in Jersey and later at Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals. Throughout her career she combined professional excellence with a deep commitment to compassionate care, guided by a lifelong Catholic faith and a belief in the dignity of every person.

Denise remained devoted to the work of the Order of St John and its mission, *Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum* – For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity. For almost 30 years she was an active member of the Guild of St John, serving twice as Chair and as County Hospitaller for Gloucestershire. She worked tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for St John Eye Hospital and its outreach services across Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank, remaining one of its most passionate advocates long after retirement.

In 2022 she led a group of Guild members and supporters on a visit to Jerusalem and Palestine. Those travelling with her quickly realised how deeply connected she remained to the place and its people. Former colleagues, patients, staff, and local residents greeted her warmly wherever she went, reflecting the affection and respect she inspired throughout her life.

Yet Denise was far more than her professional achievements. The values that guided her work overseas were lived out daily in the community she loved in Painswick.

She embodied her faith through action rather than words and seemed almost incapable of refusing an invitation, a request for help, or an opportunity to support a local cause. Clubs, societies, church groups, and community organisations all benefited from her enthusiasm, energy, and friendship. Many friends fondly remember the trips she organised to London, Norfolk, Ireland, and beyond, bringing people together through companionship, laughter, and shared experiences.

Within the Catholic community, Denise became a central figure in the life of Our Lady and St Thérèse Church. Through her determination and practical leadership, she helped ensure that parish life remained active, welcoming, and vibrant. She understood that faith flourishes through community and worked tirelessly to nurture both.

Many will remember Sunday mornings after Mass when Denise opened her home for tea, coffee, conversation, and friendship. Her dining room table became affectionately known as ‘The Friendship Table’ – a place where newcomers and old friends alike were welcomed and made to feel at home.

Denise was also an active supporter of Churches Together Around Painswick. She built bridges wherever she went, transcending distinctions of denomination, nationality, background, and circumstance. She possessed a rare gift for helping people discover what united them rather than what divided them.

In January 2026 Denise was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Her courage, independence, and practicality remained undiminished. In her final months she was lovingly cared for by her devoted sister Helen and supported by many friends who travelled from near and far to spend time with her. Their presence reflected the profound impact she had made on so many lives.

What people remember most about Denise is her friendship. She had an extraordinary ability to make others feel valued, included, and cared for. Whether restoring a patient’s sight, organising a parish gathering, supporting a community initiative, or simply sharing a glass of wine, she brought the same spirit of kindness, generosity, and service.

The countless patients whose sight she restored, the communities she served, the causes she championed, and the friendships she nurtured across continents stand as a testament to a life lived for others.

To celebrate Denise’s life and share memories of the many ways she touched our lives, a gathering will be held in Painswick in September or October 2026. Details will be announced in due course.

In the meantime, we would be delighted to hear from anyone who has stories, memories, photographs, or reflections to contribute. Please send these to Ela Pathak-Sen at ela@commotionuk.org.

Denise’s life was guided by faith, sustained by friendship, and dedicated to service. Her example reminds us that compassion knows no boundaries and that a single life, lived with generosity and purpose, can illuminate the lives of countless others.

May she rest in love.

Ela Pathak-Sen



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Painswick Summer Evening Art Walks. From left to right: organisers Sandra Randle & Anne-Marie Randall with artist Aly Lloyd; young artists outside Handmade in Painswick; artists Sarah Boden and Rupert Aker. Next Art Walk 30th July, 5.30-7.30pm.



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