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The sun shone on the Clypping and Feast 2026



The Clypping

The Painswick Clypping and Feast 2026 was blessed by warm weather on Sunday 20th September. A super day was had by all visitors, who had a great deal to enjoy. The Clypping – a real USP for the parish, in which everyone joins hands in a circle to embrace the church – focuses the whole community. It was led upliftingly by our rector, the Revd Sarah Haslam. More people than for many years actively joined the Clypping circle, which was marvellous to see. This special event enjoyed fine support from the parish choir and the Five Valleys Adult Wind Band, conducted by Chris Swain.

The Feast was also characterised by an encouraging continuity and evolution. As usual, many splendid food stalls, along with local craftsfolk and local organisations were present. All credit goes to Gemma Marx for bringing this together. But food was not the only focal point. The Painswick Orchard Group had children turning our apples into juice. The Dog Show, under Har Houghton, ran a succession of classes and had many excited winners. Mary Parsons, Chair of the Painswick Gardening Club, awarded the silver salver to the Painswick Pharmacy and Madison House as winners of the Painswick in Bloom Competition.

We were privileged to be joined by the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, Dame Fiona Reynolds, who in particular was supporting the Community Garden initiative, in which Greg and Iris McCormick are leading spirits.

Our greatest innovation this year was the inaugural Teddy Bear Ziplining. Teddies courageously zipped to earth from the top of the church tower, and each received a personalised certificate to record their bravery! It was hugely popular, and I think we shall see more of it next year! Thanks for this go to John Elbert, supported by Dylan Davies, and by the bell-ringers. Speaking of bell-ringers, our much-loved Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, our long-standing ringing team under Tower Captain Deborah Foreman, signalled the opening and ending of the Feast, and announced the



Rupert Barnett (7) with apple juice he pressed and Lego apple



High Sheriff of Gloucestershire in conversation with Iris McCormick by the apple press

Clypping, with a magnificent set of peals and changes. We were also entertained



through the day by the bands Nova Boss and The Sofa Kings.

Special mention also goes to Jennifer Pollard who looked after the vital social media dimension, and to Will Fair our incomparable compère.

It was a splendid day, and we look forward to more fun and games next year!

Stephen Aiano

See p. 6 for a brief history of Painswick's Clypping/Feast Sunday

LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS – from the Parish Council meetings held on Wednesday 16th September

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: Cllrs Robin Roberts (Chair), Sandra Hunkin, Fraser Leggate, Ian Massey, Richard Moore, Roey Parker, Selina Gibb, three members of the public and one member of the press.

Public time: Gemma Marx, owner of the Painswick Pooch, spoke on applications a and b.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ann Daniels and James Cross. There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 were approved and signed.

Planning Applications

a. S.26/1454/FUL The Painswick Pooch Coffee House, New Street. Change of use of existing coffee shop (Class E) to residential dwelling (Class C3). The Committee acknowledged the Clerk's guidance regarding the loss of commercial premises, as per the objectives of the adopted Painswick Parish Plan. The Committee agreed to support the application.

b. S.26/1557/LBC The Painswick Pooch Coffee House, New Street. Alterations to internal layout, installation of opaque frosted glass to front elevation and removal of signage. The Committee agreed to support the application. However, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, two or more Members have requested that the decisions reached on a and b be reconsidered. An Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council will therefore be held on Wednesday 30th September 2026, to consider the matter further.

c. S.26/1467/FUL Folly Cottage, Gloucester Road. Change of use of land to residential (Class C3) and erection of a subterranean garage. The Committee agreed to object to this application; due to the loss of Common Land and development in Open Countryside and were concerned regarding a lack of information in the application.

d. S.26/1532/FUL Land at Jack's Green, Jack's Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of a workshop / storage building. The Committee objected to this application on the basis of a lack of information and clarity.

e. S.26/1460/TCA Court House, Hale Lane. T1- Magnolia tree to be reduced by 1.5m all round. It was noted that this application has already been approved by Stroud District Council.

The date for the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting will be Wednesday 30th September at 7pm in the Town Hall. This is to reconsider the planning applications for the Painswick Pooch. All Residents of the Parish are welcome to attend. A period of no more than 15 minutes will be set aside for public questions between 7pm and 7.15pm.

The date for the next Planning Committee meeting was set for 7th October at 7pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs Sandra Hunkin (Chair), Selina Gibb, Fraser Leggate, Gary Luff, Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, Ian Massey, Richard Moore, Roey Parker, Robin Roberts, six members of the public and one member of the press.

Public Questions: Following correspondence received, an update was provided by Iris McCormick on proposals for the possible development of a Community Orchard on the Gyde Field.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ann Daniels and James Cross. There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th July were accepted and signed.

Vacancy on Parish Council (Painswick Ward): Three candidates applied for the vacancy and each gave a short introduction and answered questions from the Council. Members of the public and press were asked to leave to allow discussion. The Council agreed to Co-opt Mary Parsons to fill the vacancy.

Reports: Cllr Gary Luff detailed his County Council and District Council reports which are both available on the Parish Council website.

Chairman's report: the Chairman confirmed that her report was going to focus on the recent Local Government Reorganisation (now paused) that Cllr Luff had already covered. The Chairman reminded everyone to register online for The Strategic Forum, an important meeting on 11th November.

Telephone kiosk: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin updated the Council regarding ongoing works. The stained glass element will start in October. A candidate has been found for the audio. Painswick Library have made a £250 donation, however there is still a shortfall of approximately £1,200. The Parish Council are seeking financial support/sponsorship from local businesses and individuals (see Cllr Mackenzie-Jenkin's article on p. 7).

Cemetery Lodge: The Members were sent a report prior to the meeting. They requested that the Clerk provide an updated breakdown in costs including any predicted outstanding costs. The Members also requested whether a further survey might be appropriate and the date for completion.

Hearing Loop System in the Town Hall: The Council approved the quote to upgrade this using part of the prize funds from the Gloucestershire Village of the Year Awards.

Accounts: The Council approved the accounts for payment.

As part of the payments discussions, an update was requested for the next meeting regarding how much income the EV chargers were generating.

External Auditors AGAR report for Financial Year ending 31st March 2026: The Council noted the report.

Reports from representatives on other bodies: Cllr Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin reported on the Painswick Feast Sunday 20th September and confirmation that the VAS from the Cheltenham Road direction was now working. Additionally, she re-

ported works had been scheduled for the clearing of the footpath Painswick to Stroud direction and other pending items.

Cllr Roey Parker reported on the success of the Library Reading Challenge over the summer and confirmation that the Lego sessions continue to have a good response. Generosity from Gloucestershire County Council was also noted.

Ward reports

Sheepscombe: Cllr Sandra Hunkin reported on: Issues with the pending road resurfacing project and changes in closure dates. Continued issues between Highways and Utilities regarding holes that require fixing and neither confirming liability.

Slad: Cllr Robin Roberts gave the following report:

- Confirmation that the traffic gates were being installed that day.
- A note that the speedwatch sign still

- needs to be completed.
- The footpath by the Woolpack was highlighted as a continued concern.
- Uncertainty over a defibrillator battery.
- Confirmation that the bench had now been moved to the Churchyard and the Community Space project is making good progress (although funds are still required).
- Continued investigations into the Pond.
- Further concern over the Cherry Tree Glamping site and planning adherence.
- A note that the Cider festival is now scheduled for the 26th September 2026.
- Concern at the size of the sycamores on the common land and the potential requirement for a tree survey

Painswick: Cllr Fraser Leggate reported:

- Painswick in Bloom praised for its success.
- Civic Pride events have been success-

- ful with 150 bags of rubbish being collected.
- A note that Richmond Village are keen for leaf debris to be removed from the pavements for older residents.
- Confirmation that the drains have now been cleared.
- Cllr Leggate will correspond directly with Cllr Luff regarding Hambutts Field.
- Concerns were raised over: works required in the Plantation, Cemetery, noticeboard by the phone box, elm trees by the kissing gate on Edge Road and lack of parking in the village.

Edge: Cllr Selina Gibb reported on continued safety concerns regarding the A4173 Whiteshill junction and confirmation that she had been in discussions with Highways.

The next meeting of the Council was set for Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

The Painswick Kiosk – a small building with a big story



A mock-up of the finished kiosk

A familiar landmark on New Street is about to be given a new lease of life. Painswick Parish Council is transforming our historic red K6 telephone kiosk into the Painswick Kiosk – Gloucestershire's smallest heritage centre: a free, accessible community attraction telling the story of our town and celebrating what makes Painswick special.

The kiosk will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing residents and visitors with a chance to discover more about Painswick through a short audio history and specially commissioned artwork. The project will include bespoke stained-glass artwork celebrating Painswick's famous church and 99 yew trees, together with an illustrated 'Painswick on the Cotswold Way' map, highlighting our position as the halfway point of the route.

The project is being brought together through the support and skills of local volunteers, historians, artists and craftspeople. Work is already underway, with repairs and painting of the kiosk progressing and the stained-glass and map commissions now moving forward.

Can you help us complete the project?

The Parish Council is currently fundraising to help meet the remaining costs of the specialist repairs, commissioned artwork and installation. We are keen to hear from local businesses, organisations or individuals who may be able to offer financial support or practical assistance. Every contribution will help us preserve this much-loved landmark and create a lasting community asset for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to support the project or discuss sponsorship, please contact Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, Painswick Parish Council at fionamackenzie-jenkin@painswick-pc.gov.uk.

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Come and join us!

There was no formal WI meeting in August, instead Yew Tree members gathered at Richmond Village for a very enjoyable dinner. Everyone was able to relax and catch up with friends over a pleasant meal.



On **Tuesday 27th October** you are all invited to an Open Meeting – yes, men and women! Andy Mellor will give a talk entitled ‘A Blue Plaque Tour of Gloucestershire – Poets, Pioneers and Performers’. Andy will explore the stories that lie behind some of the host of blue plaques to be found around the county. Andy’s varied career includes being a head teacher, and actor, storyteller and a bookseller while always having a passion for history. He hopes his talk will encourage others to delve deeper into the past.

Do come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30pm, where you will receive a warm welcome. Visitors fee: £4.

Celia Lougher 812624

Russian music beyond Tchaikovsky

Imperial Russia emerged as a centre of European culture during the reigns of Peter the Great and his descendant Romanovs. Moscow had given way to St Petersburg and like Great Britain and others the initial musical influences were Leipzig, Dresden and Vienna. In Great Britain through Parry and Stanford at the Royal College of Music a national determination developed through Vaughan Williams, Holst and their ensuing pupils and not forgetting Cecil Sharp the folk tune collector.



Similarly and some 30 years earlier in Russia building on the success of Mikhail Glinka and in parallel with Tchaikovsky the Mighty Handful comprising five sons of St Petersburg came together to further a Russian style of music less reliant on the influences of Western Europe.

Operas, ballets, chamber works and orchestral music emerged based to varying extents on the folk music in the Russian heritage and containing some of the most colourful orchestrations in the canon. In descending order of popularity Rimsky Korsakov, Mussorgsky, Borodin, Balakirev and Cui gave us amongst others *Sheherazade*, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, ‘Polovtsian Dances’ (*Prince Igor*). They in turn set the bar for Rachmaninov, Glazunov and Khachaturian and on to those regime favourites, the post revolutionaries Shostakovich and Prokofiev. The Five have continued to be performed at the centre of Russian repertoire.

Next meetings 2.30pm in the Town Hall:

Thursday 8th October: Members’ choice (bring a favourite CD) – Jenny Buckland

Thursday 22nd October: Elgar’s great choral works (*Gerontius*, *Apostles*, *Kingdom*) – Richard Westwood-Brookes.

Michael Grey

Civic pride

A MASSIVE thank you to ALL those people that took up their spades, brooms and bags and made such an impact on Painswick pavements and streets last month – very effective and fun working together!

Moving forward I am delighted to report Stroud District Council have requested we notify them when areas require clearance and their street clearance team will attend with appropriate equipment, vehicles and resources to carry it out safely and effectively.

SO a contact for your diaries (and with streets still needing attention) – please contact Mrs L. Uppington, Environmental Contracts Officer on lindsey.uppington@stroud.gov.uk.

Whilst cleaning the streets it was observed many of the drains in Painswick were blocked. Councillor Leggate has contacted Sapphire directly and they are now cleared.

Mary Parsons



Painswick in Bloom

I’d like to express a HUGE thank you to all those involved in Painswick in Bloom. I was approached by the council last November, representing the Gardening Club, met with Stonehouse in Bloom, walked Painswick streets with Roy Balgobin to decide the best locations for planters, submitted sketches to the council and in April was introduced to Fraser Leggate – who when asked for assistance – wasted no time, and everything snowballed, with him approaching Painswick businesses and private householders getting sponsorship and the whole community on board.

I visited Croft School – we discussed the community, what plants needed to grow, how they made us feel etc and I gave them seeds to grow and decorate their school. Unfortunately the large 8ft containers were delayed and at the last minute more of the smaller containers had to be acquired, this meant the planting by volunteers was no longer as planned and too late to install irrigation! Hey-ho!

Poor Lucas the council handyman didn’t have the promised water bowser for some weeks, and of course this extreme hot weather has fried everyone’s gardens not just our containers, however the community again rallied round and people have helped using watering cans – no mean feat – and tended the flowers.



Our efforts have all added to the ‘climate and environment’ category win in the Gloucestershire Village of the Year. Five months on and people are still commenting on how much they’ve enjoyed the flowers in Painswick. To continue into the spring it would be great to add dwarf daffodils Tête-à-tête, Jetfire or February Gold. If you’d like to donate a bag of these or give a donation to purchase, the Pharmacy have kindly agreed to be a collection point. It would be good to arrange an open meeting where Painswickians can discuss how and if we go forward with Painswick in Bloom.

Mary Parsons



Autumn at Painswick Rococo Garden

As the evenings draw in, the scarce days of spectacular autumn sunlight become even more precious. The colourful flowers in the Exedra Garden continue to bloom until the first frosts, and the autumn leaves of native and exotic tree species look particularly spectacular this month, as they begin to turn to warm golds and reds, revealing more of the garden wildlife as they fall.



From 1st to 18th October, visitors can celebrate Rococo Garden as a historic, working garden. Its Georgian kitchen garden is home to a cornucopia of heritage fruit and vegetable varieties, including some familiar favourites and others that may be more unusual. A seasonal display in the Bothy will showcase the autumn harvest, with a wide variety of produce also available to purchase from the shop.

During October half-term, the garden will be open daily from 24th October to 1st November, with the Big Bat Trail, a family-friendly trail offering the chance to explore the garden, discover fascinating facts about bats and enjoy some autumn fun along the way.

The garden is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, with last admission at 4pm. During half-term, it will be open daily.

Marta Gardner



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Clypping/Feast Sunday explained ...

Painswick's Clypping/Feast Sunday has been a truly lovely event enjoyed by so many residents and visitors for a very long time. But, how many of us know just how long this might have been the case? In brief ...

Clypping is a Saxon word meaning embracing and in Painswick it refers to the annual September event when everyone is encouraged to hold hands and form a circle round the church, thus embracing it and celebrating community togetherness. It is not known how old this custom of clypping the church in Painswick is, but there are occasional references to it from 1820 onwards. Revived by the Revd Seddon, it has been an annual practice since 1897.

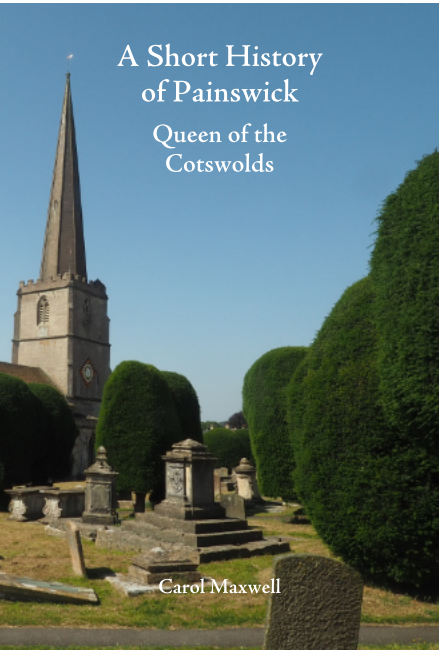
Painswick Feast dates back to 1253 when, as stated in the Charter Rolls, King Henry III granted '... a yearly fair, the feast ...' to Painswick. It was originally a three day fair. Knowledge of this annual event through the ensuing centuries is scarce though by the later 19th century it had apparently become a drunken, riotous occasion and it was only through the intervention of Robert Raikes that it was restored to the calm and joyful community event we know today.

Our annual September occasion is a combination of these two ancient customs.

Carol Maxwell



Not to be confused with clipping!



A Short History of Painswick Queen of the Cotswolds

This new history of Painswick (the first for over a hundred years), by Carol Maxwell, presents aspects of the town/ village's history, from the original settlement to the 20th century, in a readable and well-illustrated book that reflects the author's decades of research into Painswick's past.

Thematic rather than chronological, there are sections on the many varied aspects of Painswick's history – the importance of its location, the lords of the manor, (definitely a rum lot!), religion, industry, commerce, farming, buildings, families, medical matters, the arts, leisure and entertainment, crime, riots – to name but some.

The range and detail of information included offers something of interest to anyone wishing to know more about the history and evolution of Painswick. Asked about the research and writing of the book, Carol replied:

'For the past 35 years I have been researching Painswick's history and the more I looked into it the more fascinating and interesting it became. There was so much more to discover than the two previous histories had revealed and indeed some of the assumptions made in those two books proved to be merely that – assumptions. I have always known it is important to provide real evidence for any written history and that is what I have endeavoured to do in this history.'

'Isn't it interesting that Painswick survived and thrived successfully despite its apparently obscure location before the A46 appeared in 1820? Well not really – it was firmly established on the Bisley Path, one of the most important routeways in Gloucestershire, for many hundreds of years. So, Painswick has been a significant town (yes, a charter of 1253 established its town status) for a very long time. My research into the many different aspects of life here has revealed a most fascinating, interesting and intriguing past. It ranges from the truly good to, I'm afraid, the notably bad. Overall, however, it is a positive and very rich history.'

Carol Maxwell has a BA in History from the University of Leeds and a Diploma in Local History from Oxford University. This is a thoroughly researched, clearly written and beautifully presented history book. It is available from Carol (tel. 813387 or email carolmaxwell@talktalk.net), Painswick Pharmacy, Handmade in Painswick, Painswick Centre Café, Premier and the Tourist Information Office.

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History Society welcomes new members



An extra, available to all, talk by Al Jollans entitled 'A History of Painswick' proved a huge success in a full (standing room only) Town Hall on Saturday 12th September. Fully illustrated with a comprehensive on-screen display Al took his audience from the origins of the Beacon Iron Age Fort through the derivation of Pain and Wiche to the enlargement through the wool trade and subsequent decline in population to the present day. An excellent and detailed talk which one hopes will be repeated regularly every few years. On sale was a new publication by Carol Maxwell, *A Short History of Painswick*, which will be available at future meetings and elsewhere [see details on p. 6] and at modest cost should be snapped up.

Later in the month the new season got off to a tremendous start with a memorable presentation by Tony Conder entitled 'Battlefield Gloucester'. Covering two millennia from early British and Roman times through to the industrial riots of the 1800s he revealed how the West Country was a key witness to our national history through the times of the Vikings, the Anglo Saxons, and the two civil wars.

Tony is a humorous and well researched speaker with a variety of locally relevant topics and communicates with his audience without notes and enviable fluency. Particularly absorbing were his description of events and battles prominent in the 12th century during the wars of the Anarchy and half a millennium later in the times of the Civil War which saw Charles I's unsuccessful siege of Gloucester, notably passing through Painswick where his failures in 1644 proved the turning point to his eventual demise.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th October, 7.30pm at the Croft School, a talk by Kirsty Hartsiotis entitled 'Arts & Crafts in Cotswold Churches' and following on from the huge attendance at Al Jollans' excellent 'History of Painswick' talk we hope to welcome some new members.

Michael Grey

Probus The 'Missing Link' and the Battle of Arnhem



After our summer break the club resumed on 3rd September with a presentation by the popular Kate Peake entitled 'A417 – the Missing Link'. Her commentary and aerial film clips were of particular interest to our members and covered all aspects of the major project to connect the M5 and M4. Apart from the remarkable feats of engineering involved, Kate also discussed the sensitivity with which the archaeology, history and ecology of the affected area was treated. Although many trees were necessarily felled they have been replaced by the planting of some 130,000 native British species, and a bat underpass and cattle-crossing bridge constructed. Although the scheme was originally proposed 30 years ago, site clearance only began in 2023 but the entire project has already been nearly completed.

On 17th September the club was treated to a fascinating talk by our fellow member Jamie Tabor (ably assisted by his successor as Recorder of Gloucester Judge Ian Lawrie) on the Battle of Arnhem – the extraordinarily brave but ultimately doomed operation (codenamed Market Garden) which commenced 82 years earlier to the day. Beginning with an account of the largest airborne invasion ever mounted and proceeding with the advance from Eindhoven and Nijmegen to Arnhem, it was stressed that despite the heroic acts of many personnel (including General John Frost who, in the absence of working radios, communicated with his men by sounding a hunting horn) the failure of the operation was largely due to the poor planning decision to land the allied troops some 8 miles away from the intended target, forfeiting all element of surprise. The talk ended with a poignant illustration summing up the misadventure: the headstone of pilot R.A. Adams, aged just 19.

Robin Vick

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2026 Autumn dates

26 th October	Monday Walkers
2 nd November	Painswick Local History Society
9 th November	Painswick Dog Training
16 th November	Library Book Club
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Wick-Flix: Use it or lose it!

Wick-Flix returns to the Painswick Centre on Friday 16th October with *Tuner*, a stylish crime drama starring Leo Woodall and Dustin Hoffman. Woodall plays a gifted piano tuner whose extraordinary hearing gives him an unexpected talent for cracking safes. It is not, perhaps, the most obvious career progression from piano tuning, but it soon draws him into a much more dangerous world. *Tuner* mixes crime, tension, romance and music, and offers something a little different from the usual big-screen fare. The film is rated 15, and as always the Wick-Flix bar will be open before the screening from 7pm (screening starts 7.45pm).

We would also like to make a small plea to the village. Wick-Flix has now been bringing films to Painswick for almost 10 years, but community cinema only works if people use it. We know there is plenty competing for everyone's time, but if you value having a regular cinema night on your doorstep, please do support it. So if you have been thinking, 'We really should go to Wick-Flix again sometime', perhaps make Friday 16th October that sometime. Bring a friend, have a drink and enjoy a film without having to drive to Gloucester, Cheltenham or Stroud.

Help choose our 10th anniversary film

And speaking of 10 years, November will mark the 10th anniversary of Wick-Flix, and we want the audience to help us choose the film for our anniversary screening. We have launched a short poll and would love as many people as possible to take part, whether you are a regular, an occasional visitor or someone who has not been for a while. After 10 years, it seems only right that the village gets a say in what appears on the screen.

Cast your vote here:



Support your local cinema. Use it or lose it.

Ceri Chaplin



A new season

Children going back to school sees the start of our winter work party season. As always there is plenty to do to ensure the Beacon SSSI slowly returns to a 'favourable condition'. There are four main elements to this work:

- Cutting back woodland growth on the edges of the grassland to encourage more open grass and edge habitat.
- Revisit recently cleared areas to deal with invasive species like brambles, hemp agrimony, willow herb and old man's beard. Regrowing trees will be coppiced.
- Continuing path and track repairs.
- Continuing all-year-round management of our small herd of cows. This is vital to keep the existing high-quality grassland in good condition and help the restored areas improve.

Lend a hand

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with this important work. If you regularly use the Beacon, why not make this the year you come and give us a hand? Please contact Paul Baxter on 07971 633242 if interested.

Vegetation surveys have now finished for the year. Sue Bruce and her team of helpers deserve huge thanks for their efforts this summer. They have surveyed two hundred 10x10m squares and entered the data into a long-term survey project.

Paul Baxter

An exciting season beckons – all welcome



Lectures begin on Wednesday 7th October, 2.30pm in the Painswick Centre with a talk by Martin Woodhead, Chair of Painswick Music Society, entitled 'The Eighty Seasons: rediscovering the History of Painswick Music Society 1946–2026'. The Society was founded just after WWII, by a famous local violinist, Mercia Stotesbury. This talk will explore how it survived – and thrived – as a small local charity with big ambitions! We will celebrate the 80 years of the society with music and stories from its chamber concerts, including the composers and musicians from Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds who have featured.

On Wednesday 4th November, 2.30pm at the Painswick Centre we will welcome back local historian and storyteller Andy Meller, who will be speaking to us about 'Cider making in Gloucestershire – from foxwhelps to firkins!' Cider and its production is woven into Gloucestershire's history, shaping the landscape around us and influencing our customs and traditions. From its use as a means

of payment, to the cider riots of the 1760s, to the recent growth of artisan producers, it continues to play an important role in the county.

In Box Village Hall lectures start on Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm with returning lecturer Tony Conder, speaking to us about 'Gloucestershire and the Atlantic Slave Trade'. In his presentation Tony will discuss the ways in which Gloucestershire's county estates, businesses and individuals both benefited from the slave trade and were influential in its eventual abolition.

All welcome – members free, visitors £5. No need to book. Membership runs from January to January but join now to get membership until January 2028; enjoying entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions, for just £25 individual/ £40 couple. Enquiries, please contact Membership Secretary John



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Elbert: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com. Further information (including the full list of lectures confirmed so far) on CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club.

Sylvia May

Gardening Club blooms again

Painswick Gardening Club held their first meeting of the 2026–7 season on 9th September with Josh Eganwyer coming to talk through his enthusiasm for reliable perennials such as Penstemons and Caryopteris, Salvias and Sedums, starting with Agapanthus. He brought sample plants of each for sale after his talk. These are core basics for any borders.

In October, Pam and Debbie are coming to talk to us about 'Stonehouse in Bloom' having won gold and winner of the Best Small Town Category of National RHS Britain in Bloom in 2024. Stonehouse has been selected as one of Britain in Bloom UK Finalists this year: this RHS Competition looks for improvements in the local areas of villages and towns. The groups will be judged against criteria with the environment, community engagement and horticulture at their core.

Come and join us on **Wednesday 14th October** – we meet at 7pm in the Town Hall for tea/coffee or perhaps a glass of wine before our talk at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

Joyce Barrus



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Church news

Following a fabulous Clypping and Feast Day, this month your church is continuing to focus very much on the community and bringing people of all ages together. As well as our usual services, on **Sunday 4th October at 5.30pm** we will hold a special **Harvest thanksgiving** service at St Mary's followed by a hot supper in the Church Rooms, to which everyone is warmly invited. Donations of store-cupboard food items and cash will be collected at the service for the Foodbank, and cash donations for the supper will be collected in aid of the International Nepal Fellowship.

Then, on **Tuesday 13th October, 4.30–6pm**, families are invited to come to our next **Sherlock Supper** in St Mary's, and on **Wednesday 14th October from 2–3pm**, we are inviting **grandparents** to join us for an afternoon of tea, cake and prayer in the Church Rooms in Painswick.

With half-term and Halloween coming up at the end of the month, Vics and our All Age team are busy making plans now for a **Light Party** in St Mary's on **Saturday 31st October**, which will be a fun alternative to trick or treating for some of our primary school-aged children – please keep your eyes peeled for more information on this in the coming weeks.

And finally... This month we are gathering a team together to bring the Bible to life with dramatised Bible stories for the children in our village schools. Some people in our village will be familiar with 'Open the Book' having experienced it themselves as a child – or perhaps you were roped in a number of years ago, as I was. It was so much fun, and a great way to help your local school, get to know different people from around the village as well as to find out a bit more about what's in the Bible yourself as you 'Open the Book' to others. If there are any budding actors, prop-makers or seamstresses, if you have a couple of hours to spare each month, please join our team! For more information contact Vics Soutar at: familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk.

Revd Sarah Haslam

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Cream tea for Foodbank



Following a CTAP visit to the Stroud District Foodbank warehouse in May, on Sunday 9th August CTAP hosted a cream tea in the churchyard of St Mary's to raise funds for, and awareness of, the work of SDFB. We were blessed by fine weather, extremely generous visitors and hardworking volunteers. We served over 60 cream teas including 100 home-made scones. A special thank you to Curate Kate who was a whirlwind of energy serving teas, clearing up and wielding a dish cloth. Thank you to our honorary members Harvey and Ishaan who collected money, set up and took down tables and of course our stalwarts Pippa, Frances, Jane, Mary, Pat and Sue.

We raised approximately £500 for the Foodbank who were very grateful. We hope all you lovely visitors enjoyed it as much as we did! There is something so special about being able to bring people together and we made new friends and renewed old friendships.

You can find out how to donate food and get involved at strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk.

Sunday 4th October is Homelessness Sunday – we will be collecting for Gloucester City Mission and will be at the Pitchcombe Church service at 11am.

Frances Watson, Pippa Medcalf, Ela Pathak-Sen

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Friday Club Highlights of Cranham Church

At the end of September, Jan Whitton and Helen Daltry held a book launch for their new publication *The History of Cranham Church and its Community*. They have kindly agreed to give members of the Friday Club an illustrated bespoke talk on Friday 16th October at 2.30 pm, which will cover the church's highlights. These



include the 16th Century triptych, pictured, and its remarkable restoration; the recently refurbished 1894 T.C. Lewis organ; and the church's link to Gustav Holst.

Jan is a well-known local historian, and Helen has become a matchless fund-raising expert, raising substantial sums to pay for the specialist craftsmanship that has gone into conserving the church's treasures.

Please join us for this talk, no need to book. We charge £4 for non-members, £2 members, which includes refreshments after the talk. Enquiries to 812419.

And later this autumn, the club will be Going Potty and preparing for spring 2027, by potting up some tulips.

Jane Rowe, 813228

Ever-expanding Arts Society

Painswick Arts Society is reaching an increasing and appreciative audience with 140 members and guests attending the Painswick Centre on 11th September. That support should continue on Thursday 9th October. 'Defying the Odds' has James Vaux telling the fascinating story of how Nordic Women Artists focusing on unique Nordic light plus heady experimentation achieved their modern breakthrough.

The bar has been set high by Kirsty Hartsiotis, curator of Swindon museums and Arts and Crafts curator at The Wilson, Cheltenham, with her enthusiastic presentation of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the Cotswolds. Noting the origins of the movement with Morris, Burne-Jones, Philip Webb and the Birmingham set of Oxford students, Kirsty laid out the extent of the movement both in time and artistic spread. Peak output may have been up to the First World War, but craft workshops, buildings and artistic designs continued as important influences into the 1960s.

Kirsty's beautiful visuals illustrated the range and quality of furniture, embroidery, jewellery, ceramics (stunning Wedgwood) and architecture (Rodmarton Manor and Owlpen Manor). The Cotswold links grew from the communities of Jewson at Sapperton and the Craft Guild move from East London to Chipping Camden and spreading to our own local villages including Painswick. Their influence is still apparent today.

By way of contrast on 29th October at 10.30, a double bill of Sherlock Holmes and his contemporaries followed by a portrait of his creator Arthur Conan Doyle and the Boer War. Everyone welcome to these intriguing stories: book on the website or email Painswick@theartsociety.org.

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Library news

Librosaurus Reading Challenge

Thanks to all the children who took part in our Librosaurus Reading Challenge this summer – 32 children completed the challenge, submitting a poem, picture or story. The standard was extremely high which made judging very difficult. So many five-year-olds took part that we made it a separate category. All the winners have now been contacted and their artwork is on display in the stairwell. Congratulations to all the winners who each win a £10 book token. Here's to next year everyone!

Our summer activities were superb and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Apologies to those children who had signed up for the final Lego Spike session as this had to be cancelled. We are hoping to run this again during Autumn half-term.

Halloween

Wednesday 28th October 4.30–5pm: Spooky stories and songs for all ages. Come dressed up and wear your witches' and wizards' hats and outfits with a prize for the best nose!

Lego Builders Club

This continues **every Monday from 3.30–4.30pm** however if children wish to play with the Lego at any other time please ask the Volunteer on the desk to get it out and they will be happy to do so.

Gill Hopkins, Trustee and Volunteer

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is on **Monday 5th October from 1.30–2.30pm**, to discuss *Daughters of the Bamboo Grove* by Barbara Demick. This is a non-fiction book. The author is a journalist who investigates the Chinese One Child Policy and its consequences. On 2nd November we meet to discuss *The Eighties* by Joanna Miller.

New members are very welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com.

Pat Andrew

Emergent Generation

Farm walk at Good Small Farms

On Saturday 24th October, Emergent Generation, a network of young people (18–35) building a food system that nourishes people and planet, visits Good Small Farms, a pioneering mixed regenerative farm in Stroud. The day starts at Stroud Farmers Market at 9am where the group will meet Good Small Farms founder Eric Walters before walking to the farm together.

Good Small Farms, based at Hammonds Farm, Wick Street, was a beef farm until 2021. Since then, its team has planted around 30,000 trees, restored hedgerows and ponds, set up a market garden, established a pasture-based livestock system, and introduced layer and broiler chickens, achieving full organic and Pasture for Life certification.

This event is predominantly for Emergent Generation members (18–35). Not a member yet? Join for free and get subsidised tickets. Over-35s are warmly welcome too.

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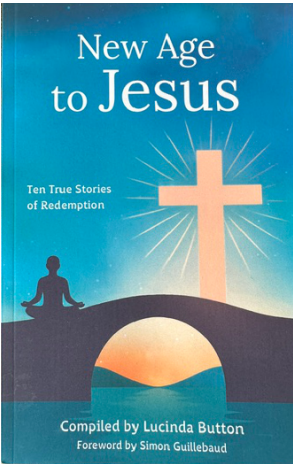
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Men's Stuff

Around 25 of us gathered on Saturday 18th July for chat and catching up over fresh brewed coffee and bacon rolls in the Church rooms. Mark Riding and Francis Sanville gave Mike Campbell a break from kitchen responsibilities whilst Damon Blandford manned the coffee station.

As usual, we had asked someone to share something of their 'life journey' with us and this time Mike interviewed Jonathan to draw out his extraordinary story. Responses were a mixture of shock (that someone could be introduced to hallucinatory drugs as young as six years old and then hard drugs by the age of 10), surprise that the drug addiction and strange New Age practices are so rife on our doorstep in Stroud, and wonder that someone could survive such a journey whilst developing a successful corporate life before having their life transformed by an encounter with the Lord Jesus. Jonathan wrote one of the 10 accounts in the book *New Age to Jesus* available through Amazon and elsewhere for those unable to be with us and interested to know the whole story.



Our next breakfast is scheduled for **October 24th at 9am in the Church Rooms** as usual when we hope that Dr David Pouncey will share his story. All men will be so welcome.

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Painswick Surgery Patient Group

Annual NHS patient survey of GP practices

Each year the NHS conducts a survey of patients in each GP Practice by contacting them direct. Our Patient Group do not have any involvement unless one of us is randomly chosen. The latest was in summer 2026 with all results here: gp-patient.co.uk. Search for Hoyland House and the results will show that 259 surveys were sent to our patients (out of over 4000) and about half responded. The survey covers a wide range of patient concerns and comparisons on each score are made with both the national and Gloucs NHS averages (the latter referred to as ICS).

As with past years Painswick outperforms both the national and Gloucs averages on many fronts. Particularly notable successes were to do with actual experiences in making appointments and during them. This was however marred somewhat by under-performance in both comparisons with respect to 'the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to was good at considering their mental wellbeing.'

Most satisfying in this era of excess pressure on GPs was 84% of our patients responding to the survey describing 'their overall experience of this GP practice as good'. There is a lot more detail available if you look online and clearly, overall our stalwart medics are doing us proud in trying times. If you have any comments, the Patient Group will welcome hearing them on painswickppg@gmail.com so we can carry them forward to our next meeting with the Practice for open discussion.

Help with the NHS App

Still worrying in the Survey (above) was the result saying only 51% 'find it easy to contact this GP practice using the NHS App'. This may mean that respondents didn't recognise eConsult as what was being referred to, or indeed that they don't find eConsult easy. If you are still daunted by the App, come along to our regular help sessions on the first Friday of any month in the Town Hall Community Library. We will ensure you get connected to the surgery and can then access your patient record, see what appointments you have coming up, order repeat prescriptions etc. You can use this service for a little help at a time and get used to new aspects between sessions, gradually building up your familiarity, month by month. We don't want to overwhelm you!

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Painswick Music Society Youth Concert

Saturday 17th October at 3pm at St Mary's Church.

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Painswick Tennis Club Championship



The Men's Final was of a very high standard. Both Romeo Tobias and James Barnett played outstanding tennis. The match went to a 10-point tie break which with James' experience, he came out on top. After 2½ hours, they had given everything.

All other matches were of a very high standard too:

Ladies' Singles: Sophie Barnett beat Sarah Scott.



Men's Singles winner James Barnett and Ladies' Singles winner Sophie Barnett

Men's Doubles: Andy Harris and Jamie Morrow beat Henry Scott and Paul Dunkey.

Ladies' Doubles: Laura Gelder Robertson and Olivia Deshais beat Hannah and Sarah Scott.

Mixed Doubles: Laura Gelder Robertson and Andy Harris beat Romeo Tobias and Olivia Deshais.



Ladies' Doubles players Laura Gelder Robertson, Olivia Deshais, Sarah Scott and Hannah Scott with Alicia Barnett

The Junior Tournament was run alongside it, which produced very competitive matches:

Under 12s: Bianka Golembka beat Rhys Walker.

Under 14 Girls: Arianne Harbord beat Sophie Clifford.

Under 14 Boys: Niall Walker beat Henry Wilson Copp.

Under 18 Boys: Francis Stuart-Menteth beat Uday Singh.

Congratulations goes to Laura Gelder Robertson and Andy Harris for winning two titles each.

All trophies were presented by recently retired professional tennis player Alicia Barnett.

The Committee would like to thank Ness Fair for organising a very successful tournament.

A big thanks to everybody who took part.

Nigel Barnett

Rugby



After a promising end to last season the men's pre-season is well underway, training from 6.45pm on Thursdays. We are bolstered this season by some returning players which brings rise to some excitement at the prospects for the year. New players are always welcome, please get in touch by email: secretary@painswickrugby.co.uk or come along on a training evening.

The juniors started back on Sunday 6th September at 10am and are running teams from U15 downwards, again new players are always welcome.

The girls' teams (Five Valleys Valkyries) continue to thrive and for the first time have a team in the U14 league as well as a strong U12 team coming through. For all youth rugby get in touch as above.

Chris Coombs

Golf

Captain's Charity Meal

Friday 16th October, 7pm

You are warmly invited to my charity meal at the Painswick Golf Club on 16th October, raising money for Read With Me which is a very worthwhile local charity and your support would be much appreciated.

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Cash charity raffle on the night.

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Contact Paul on 07971 633242.

Paul Baxter



Painswick Cricket Club round-up of 2026



The club has pushed on in many areas in 2026, here are some team wrap-ups:

Fabulous success for the Women's team, league finish and cups:

- Won the 100 Hard Ball T2 Cup Div2 beating Stroud CC in the final
- Topped the hard ball pairs league (16 overs a side)
- Top Bowler in hard ball pairs league was Painswick's Kate Woolway
- Finished 4th in the T20 North hardball league
- Finished 2nd in the Softball T20 North
- Lost in the first round in the Softball 100 T2 Cup Div2

A fantastic season for the women topping it with a magnificent cup victory. Plans are already in full swing to take this progress forward and develop further.

Street Bowls Finals – a clash of titans



The skies were grey when the titans met. Gusts blew along the limestone streets. The ground trembled to the whisper of woods rolling across the green. The crowd, like the hosts of Homeric Olympus, looked down to see how Fate decided the day. Four teams from around the community had fought their way through to the final. Gloucester Street had experience, White Horse Lane had the flair and swagger of holders, the Follows

Family were Formidable and Tibbiwell were steady of hand and eye.



White Horse Lane unleashed their thunder. In end after devastating end, they built an unassailable lead. It was late in the game before Tibbiwell could reply, and by then the issue was decided. White Horse Lane lifted the Street Bowls Trophy for the second successive year. The Follows Family claimed the bronze, and Gloucester Street were an honourable fourth.

Thanks and congratulations to all who gave us such a thrilling afternoon.

John Dickinson

8 and lost 5

- Most runs was Mike Green with 326 runs
- Most wickets was skipper Nath Fagg with 16
- Best solo performances in league matches: bowling was Dan Headband Wilson 5 for 32 and batting was Mike with a 119 not out

Third team

Relegated from GCL 8G in a league of several first teams, the thirds battled on. Well led by skipper Bruce Walker the team spirit didn't dim throughout. Lots of good debuts for many youngsters and several standard out performances as follows:

Batting: Bruce finished in 7th spot and Mike Pickard 9th in the whole division both gents averaging over 30.

Bowling: Rich Wadner (19wks) and the ever improving Will Alder Howells (18wks) finished 14th and 16th respectively.

Steve Pegram

First team

- Finished 6th in the highly competitive West of England Premier 2 having won 7 and lost 9
- Reached the Gloucestershire County Cup final, played at the Gloucestershire ground at Bristol
- Most runs in league matches was Reece Morris with 475
- Most wickets in league matches was Jono Conolly with 23
- Outstanding individual performance: Greg Ford hit 185 not out against Downend in the County Cup

Second Team

- Finished a creditable and improved 4th in County Division 6 having won



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S.26/1557/LBC The Painswick Pooch Coffee House, New Street. Alterations to internal layout, installation of opaque frosted glass to front elevation and removal of signage.

S.26/1467/FUL Folly Cottage, Gloucester Road. Change of use of land to residential (Class C3) and erection of a subterranean garage.

S.26/1532/FUL Land at Jack's Green, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe. Erection of a workshop / storage building.

S.26/1518/HHOLD Falkland House, Gloucester Street. Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension. Erection of an outbuilding.

S.26/1519/LBC Falkland House, Gloucester Street. Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

CONSENT

S.22/0437/LBC Hambutts End, Edge Road. Retrospective permission for the demolition of domestic garage & integral stone wall

S.22/0636/LBC Hambutts End, Edge Road. Replace window to kitchen, reception room 1, bedroom 1 (sash window and small side window) and bedroom 3 (attic side window), repoint rear and side elevation. Replace plastic guttering to side and rear elevations. (Retrospective)

S.26/1086/HHOLD Mulberry Lodge, The Highlands. Erection of a single storey front extension, two storey and single storey rear extension, replacement front dormer window and erection of new rear dormer window. Erection of a replacement rear porch.

S.26/1080/HHOLD 3 Court Cottages, Butt Green. Erection of a replacement single storey extension

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

REFUSED

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

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

Property Report

The local housing market has been relatively quiet this month and while there is activity at lower prices, higher value houses may be taking a bit longer to sell. Blakewell House though may be just the property to buck that trend. Tucked away on Edge Road, it has Arts and Crafts style architecture, five bedrooms, large quiet gardens and easy access to the village centre (Murrays, £2.25 million).

Meanwhile, Woodham Cottage on Tibbiwell (Murrays, £425,000) has quickly gone under offer, and on St Mary's Street, Fourways, a double-fronted period house with three storeys, looking down Tibbiwell, is available through Hamptons at £475,000. Hamptons also have two period properties available through the Modern Method of Auction – Red Lion House on St Mary's Street with a guide price of £475,000 and Smalls Mill at Pitchcombe, with a guide at £800,000. The Cider House at Sheepscombe has recently gone under offer using this same method.

In Prinknash Park, after the entrance lodge featured last month, this month brings Prior's Croft, with three bedrooms, adjoining outbuildings, a tranquil walled garden and, an unusual feature in the area, a three acre lavender field (Kingsley Evans, £1.1 million).

At Richmond Village, recently named 'Best for Wellbeing' at the Care Home Awards 2026, two one-bedroom assisted living apartments are available – apartment 3/1 at £340,000 and apartment 3/6 at £280,000. Residents can enjoy on-site facilities including a restaurant and spa as well as social activities. And at Hyett Court, the over-55s development just off Churchill Way, where Property Manager Amanda is available on-site two days per week, the two-bedroom Flat 4 is available through Hamptons with a guide price of £195,000.

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Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinall 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
	Monday Walkers - informal walking group around Painswick area lasting approx 2.5 hours	Stamages car park 10.00am
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie: ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre from 3.45pm
Tuesdays	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: 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 6.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesdays	Lego Builders Club (excluding Bank Holidays)	Library 3.30 - 4.30pm
	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
	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre 10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms 6.45pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766.	Painswick Centre 7.30 - 9.00pm
	Yoga with Kate. 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
Fridays	After school art classes. Term time only: classes@painswickcentre.com	Painswick Centre 3.45 - 5.15pm
	Weds Pop-In. Do join us for T&C. A friendly meeting place for a chat or perhaps a board game. Sandra Glass 01452 814186	Town Hall 10.00 - 12.00pm
	Croc N' Roll Children's entertainment with Steph and her books, guitar, puppets, story books and bubbles. £1.00/child.	Library 2.30pm
	Morning Market	Painswick Centre 8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums. Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms 9.15 - 10.45am
Sundays	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre 9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinaya 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 Club 9.30 - 12.30pm
	Qi Gong Classic Exercise - jeffdocherty@yahoo.com	Town Hall 9.30 - 10.30am

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

October

Sat	3	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	4	Harvest service and supper	St Mary's Church	5.30pm
Mon	5	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
Tues	6	Morning prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	7	Holy Communion	Richmond	11.30am
	7	Cotteswold Naturalists: The Eighty Seasons - the history of the Painswick Music Society - Prof Martin Woodhead. Enq 690989	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	8	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Members Choice - Jenny Buckland	Town Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	8	Arts Society: Nordic Women Artists - James Vaux	Painwick Centre	10.15 for 11.00am
Sun	11	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	11	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	13	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Wed	14	Gardening Society: Stonehouse in Bloom - Pam and Debbie	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
	14	Cotteswold Naturalists: Trip to Sussex and Glynebourne. Enq 690989	Brighton	Pick up in Stamages car park
Thurs	15	Bingo Quiz Night	Painswick Centre	Doors open 6.00pm
	15	Painswick Probus: The Rocky Mountains of North America - Geoff King	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	16	Wickflix: Tuner	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm start
	16	Friday Club: Highlights of Cranham Church - Jan Whitton and Helen Daltry. Enq 812104	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	17	Painswick Music Society: youth spotlight showcasing competition finalists of Glos Young Musician of the Year. Tickets www.painswickmusic.soc.co.uk	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
Sun	18	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	20	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	20	Local History Society: Arts and Crafts in Cotswold Churches - Kirsty Hartsiotis	Croft School	7.30pm
	20	Cotteswold Naturalists: Gloucestershire and the Atlantic Slave Trade - Tony Conder. Enq 07798 817193	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	22	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Elgar's Great Choral Works - Richard Westwood-Brookes	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	24	Bat Trail begins until November 1st	Rococo Garden	10.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	25	Deadline for all Beacon Copy		
	25	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Mon	26	Community Lunch provided by the Monday Walkers	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Tues	27	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	27	Yew Trees WI: A blue plaque tour of Glos - Andy Mellor. OPEN meeting visitors 4.00	-Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	30	Friday Club: Going Potty - Tulips from Amsterdam. Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm
November				
Sun	1	Last day of the Bat Trail	Rococo Garden	10..0 - 4.00pm
Mon	2	Community Lunch provided by Local History Society	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.15pm
Wed	4	Cotteswold Naturalists: Cider making in Gloucestershire - Andy Mellor. Enq 690989	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
Thurs	5	Painswick Probus: Edith Cavell - Mike Bottomley	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	5	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Britten 50 years on - Liz James	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	7	Painswick Beacon published		

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After the success of last year's show, Painswick's very own pantomime is back for a second year, and this time it's an all-singing, all-dancing production of *Rapunzel*. Whether you've always dreamed of treading the boards, want to belt out a show-stopping number, or would rather lend a hand behind the scenes, there's a place for you.

Rapunzel takes to the stage on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd January, and again on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th January. Are tickets on sale yet? Oh no they're not! But details are coming very soon, so keep your eyes peeled.

Auditions

will be held on **Tuesday 6th October** at the Painswick Centre:

Ages 5–11 : 4–5pm

Age 12+: 5–6.30pm

Let us know if you want to come along: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/h0BE-wzCgyg>

What's involved

Rehearsals will run for a couple of hours, two to three times a week. A full rehearsal schedule will be provided after auditions. You won't be needed at every rehearsal, but if you're down for one, you'll be expected to be there. Cast members will also be needed for a full day over the weekend of 16th and 17th January for the final dress rehearsals.

Help wanted: join the team behind the scenes

A panto doesn't happen without a small army of volunteers, and we're looking for the following:

- Production assistant: a general organisational and logistical lead to support the production. Perfect for someone who loves a spreadsheet and keeping everyone on track!

- Set lead: someone to head up the set

design and build, with a team to support them

- Costumes lead: someone to take charge of costumes, with a team to support them
- Props lead: someone to take charge of props, with a team to support them
- Fundraiser: someone to lead on raising funds to help bring the production to life
- Chaperones (4–5 needed): to look after our young cast members. A DBS check will be required
- Backstage crew (8 needed): to keep the show running smoothly

If you'd like to get involved in any of these roles, please get in touch with George at georgeBL89@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

So dust off your dancing shoes, Painswick. It's going to be a hair-raising good time!

George Bancroft-Livingston

DIRECTORY 2027 – please help us keep up to date!

The Painswick Directory is delivered every year with the January issue of the *Beacon*. It is free of charge. Providing a very valuable source of information for both residents and our visitors, it is also, of course, of great benefit to those businesses, services, clubs, societies, agencies etc which are included in its pages. A copy is posted on our website too which continues to receive 'hits', not least from people moving into the area.

If you run a business, service, society, club etc it is in your interest to ensure that the relevant and correct details are entered in the next edition. We depend entirely on the information given to us by club secretaries, business proprietors and so on, and need these details as soon as possible if you wish to be included in the 2026 edition. Inclusion costs you nothing.

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

This is a free community resource and it is important that it is up-to-date, comprehensive and accurate. Please send your details, or relevant information about any entry to directory.beacon@painswick.net or to beacon@painswick.net or to Carol Maxwell at carolmaxwell@talktalk.net or post in the Beacon box in New Street as soon as possible and definitely by the end of October.

Carol Maxwell

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Personal Column

Condolences

To the family and friends of QUENTIN MATHIAS who died on 7th September in Gloucester Hospital after a fall. He had lived in Painswick for over 40 years.

Lost ...

... a brooch, on Clypping/Feast Sunday. Round, about 1½" in diameter, black set with very small red glass stones. If you found it, please contact Carol tel. 813387.

Celebration for the Life of Denise Magauran

Thursday 29th October, 3–6pm, St Mary's Church Rooms

Please join us for drinks and canapés as we share our memories and give thanks for Denise's life.

Donations are being raised to purchase a memorial bench for Denise in Painswick. Minimum donation £15.

Attendance is by registration only. To register, please contact either Jane Burt: burt.jane@outlook.com 07854 489273 / 810935 or Sue Leighton-Boyce: suelboyce@gmail.com 07375 421548. Cash and cheque donations may also be given to Jane or Sue. Cheques payable to CTAP. Photos and memories to Ela@commotionuk.org by 20th October.

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



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We are looking for a festive full-page image for the front cover of the December *Beacon*. This could be either original artwork of any medium or a photograph. If you have artistic flair and fancy seeing your work on the front page we would be delighted to receive your submission by email: beacon@painswick.net. Submissions welcome from all ages!

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