

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick on fire Residents suspect vandalism

As the hot dry spell reached its peak in mid-August, there were at least seven or eight separate fires on Painswick Beacon, causing considerable damage and posing a potential threat to both property and life. The fire service attended at least two incidents and luckily all were contained before they could spread out of control.

All or almost all the fires occurred in the evening or later at night and in a pattern that to many nearby residents suggested deliberate vandalism. The Fire Service has confirmed that at least one



Photos: John Barrus & Roy Wallis

incident they attended on the evening of Monday 15th August is suspected arson. The report from the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group on page 8 this month has more details on the ecological damage caused by the fires.

Photo: Kim Brockett

... and under water

In another sign of the extreme events that scientists expect to become more frequent as climate change develops, the fires and the hot dry conditions were rapidly followed by torrential rain on the evening of 16th August resulting in significant flooding in various areas of the village. Water ran off the hard dry surfaces, the sheer volume overwhelming the drainage system, sending rivers of water down Painswick's steep streets. Several private houses were badly affected, as were businesses, including the Painswick Stores (Premier) in St. Mary's Street. Prompt action there restricted the damage to some cardboard boxes holding bottles of wine.

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Parish Council and Planning News

There were no meetings of the Parish Council or its principal committees in August. Planning applications as listed below continued to be processed as normal.

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.22/1593/TPO Painswick View, Back Edge Lane
Ash tree on the rear lawn - Fell to near ground level and treat stump to discourage re-growth

S.22/1436/FUL Land At Beech Farm, Beech Lane
Erection of a livestock isolation covered yard

S.22/1499/HHOLD Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Replacement of an existing single story extension with a two story extension and new porch. (Resubmission of S.22/0338/HHOLD)

S.22/1418/HHOLD Solway, Cheltenham Road
Replace gates and increase height to 2.1m

S.22/1523/HHOLD Springfield, Catswood Lane
Erection of a timber garden shed.

S.22/1578/HHOLD Cotswold View, The Green, Edge Lane, Edge
Proposed replacement of outbuilding.

S.22/1519/HHOLD 5 Churchill Way
Installation of patio.

S.22/1613/HHOLD Station House, Cheltenham Road
Installation of window and erection of garage

S.22/1247/HHOLD Hill Brow, Kingsmead
Demolition of various existing extensions and erection of single and two storey extensions

S.22/1598/HHOLD Greythwaite, The Highlands
Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory, part garage and loft conversion to habitable space, whole house refurbishment

S.22/1711/HHOLD 22 Gloucester Road
Erection of wood store/ garden shed

S.22/1713/LBC 22 Gloucester Road
Erection of garage, replacement of implement shed, regrade areas of garden - Revisions to garden room

S.22/1757/FUL & S.22/2758/LBC Steanbridge House, Slad

Renovations, alterations and extension to Grade II listed Steanbridge House and the demolition and replacement of existing stabling, swimming pool, pool building, machine store/workshop and greenhouse.

S.22/1783/CPE Packhurst Farm, Edge
The use is the use of an outbuilding for residential purposes, under Use Class C3 of the Use Classes Order, in breach of condition 1 on approval S.04/0942/FUL

S.22/1796/TPO Painswick View, Back Edge Lane, Edge
Ash tree on the rear lawn-This tree has been assessed as having Ash Dieback at Class I with some reduction in crown density and dieback at the tips. Fell to near ground level and treat stump to discourage re-growth. The applicant would wish to replant with a Weeping Blue Atlantic Cedar - a species suitable for the size of the garden

S.22/1736/VAR The Skippets, Damsells, Mill Lane, Sheepscombe
Variation to conditions 2 (materials to be agreed) & 4 (approved plans) of the application S.14/0456/HHOLD - Change to proposed materials. Roof height lowered. Amendments to elevations

S.22/1794/HHOLD Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe
Replace existing rear conservatory with single storey extension. Replace existing single storey rear extension with double storey rear extension. Convert garage to annexe.

S.22/1809/TCA Brooklands Cottage, Sheepscombe
T1 - Dead cherry - Fell. T2 - Chilean pine - Fell to ground level and replant with Gloucestershire apple tree species. T3 - Dead Cherry - Fell

CONSENT

S.22/0954/FUL Upper Greenhouse, Greenhouse Lane
Erection of stables & change of use to equestrian (retrospective), installation of access track & menage.

S.22/1256/HHOLD Extra Cover, Far End, Sheepscombe
Ground and first floor extensions with dormer. Re-roofing and changes to external wall finishes and changes to windows.

S.22/1271/TPO 6 St Marys Mead
T1 chestnut - trim back by 3m.

S.22/1593/TPO Painswick View, Back Edge Lane
Ash tree on the rear lawn - Fell to near ground level and treat stump to discourage re-growth

S.22/1296/HHOLD Rosemary Cottage, St Marys Street
Erection of an extension to the rear and a timber clad garden office

S.22/1297/LBC Rosemary Cottage, St Marys Street
Alterations, repairs and rear extension

S.22/1264/LBC Old House, New Street
Internal & external renovations & repairs.

S.22/1350/HHOLD Yew Trees, Slad Road, Slad
Demolition of two-storey rear wing, erection of two-storey rear extension & single storey side extensions including terrace

S.22/1306/HHOLD & S.22/1425/LBC The Old Vicarage, Slad Road, Slad
Extension to existing annexe and associated internal works The Old Vicarage,

S.22/1590/TCA Woodsend, Butt Green
Norway Maple - fell to near ground level.

REFUSED

S.22/1490/AFPA Longridge Farm, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe
Erection of steel and timber clad barn.

S.22/1239/VAR 3 Stroud Road
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from the application S.21/2956/HHOLD - Addition of dormer window.

WITHDRAWN

S.22/1257/HHOLD Mirfield, Stroud Road
Erection of roof extension & change of external materials. Replacement of garage.

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The Friends of The Croft School (FOTCS)

As we draw a close to the last school year and look forward to the start of a new one, thanks to your participation and generosity, FOTCS is celebrating a successful year of organising events and raising funds to enrich the experiences of the children at The Croft.

Below is a sample of the great activities that the FOTCS committee have organised this year. We have also continued to provide Second Hand Uniform sales, and benefit from your kindness in considering us when shopping at either <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/1030573-0> or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/croftschoolpainswick

This year FOTCS focused on two areas, small in school activities to provide the children with additional fun and laughter, as well as large events to bring the community back together. Events such as Gardening Club, Whole School Disco and Break the Rules Day hopefully provided the children with different experiences and more happy memories. The larger events of the Elf Trail and Summer Fair, really showed the best of Painswick and the surrounding areas. Over the course of a week before Christmas, 870 maps were followed by people walking, skipping and running (adults and children alike) the streets of the village, to find the naughty elves.

The Summer Fair community events were a real highlight, the parents bike race, tug of war competition and several whole school singing performances, brought people together and demonstrated

that our community spirit is still as strong as ever. Thank you for those that participated, it is great to see people together and having fun in the village.

We also launched the School Lottery for the first time. Every ticket sold provides additional funds for the school and there is also a cash prize for the winning ticket every week. Please see the following website to sign up www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/croft-school

If you are interested in finding out more about FOTCS, we will be holding our AGM on 22nd September at 8pm in the School Hall, where we would like to share with you more detail on the past year and plans for the future. All are welcome to attend, we are a friendly bunch, dedicated to enriching the school experience of the Croft pupils, there is no obligation to get involved with the committee, just an opportunity to get to know more people from the school and local community (there will also be CAKE). We look forward to seeing you there.

And finally a huge thanks to the FOTCS 21/22 Committee; Sophie Jacobs, Mel Curtis, Tasha Cook, Nick Darrock-Fuller, Kathryn Boulton, Kerry Duggan, Maria Bayliss, Lauren Barry, Sarah Draper, Vickie Metcalfe, Lisa Marden, Beth Port, Will Natrass, Alex Hawkesworth, Kate & David McMorrow, Leslie Swanepoel, Jess Confaloni, Ellie Brown.

Amy Conroy - FOTCS Joint Chair



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Tour of Britain Coming on 9th September

The Men's 2022 Tour of Britain cycle race is coming to the Cotswolds on Friday 9th September. The race is due to pass through Pitchcombe and Edge between about 2.30 and 3.30 pm. There will be temporary road closures to allow for it.



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Rosemary,
Resident at Painswick

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Relaxed, entertaining, enjoyable, informative: adjectives used by members of Yew Trees WI to describe the talk given at our July meeting. We were therefore delighted that as a result of much persuasion, and against his better judgement, Guy Tabony gave into pressure and agreed to speak to us on "The Life and Times of a Village Estate Agent".

We hope that as an audience we were not alarming because we so enjoyed his slick presentation, which included the story of the road which led him to join Hamptons and which in turn brought him to Painswick. We learnt how Estate Agency has changed. Those of us of more mature years were delighted to remember the wonderfully entertaining and scurrilous adverts written by Roy Brooks in the 50s and 60s. Also we were reminded of the important part Hamptons plays in supporting charities and the life of the community in Painswick with photographs of the recent Open Gardens day they sponsored, and the Platinum Jubilee bowls competition which has resulted in the Tabony family taking up the game! Guy brought his talk to a splendid conclusion by inviting us all to take part in a quiz where we had to guess the prices of 6 properties, with a bottle of pink champagne for the winner!

September brings you all – yes, ladies **and** gentlemen - the opportunity to listen to Miles Morgan talking on Travel. Miles Morgan is a highly successful entrepreneur and businessman, the founder and CEO of Miles Morgan Travel which in 2022 has been voted the Best Travel Agent for the South West and South Wales for the sixth year in a row and in 2018 won the award as Best Travel Agent for the whole of the UK. We look forward to welcoming visitors (£4) at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 27th September.

Celia Lougher 812624

The Sound of Music

The good news is that at 7.30pm on the 8th September Howard Allen will launch our 2022/23 programme. Once again the Town Hall will reverberate with "The Sound of Music" as he not only explains but plays examples of how "Orchestral Seascapes" have inspired composers. The programme will include, amongst others, excerpts from Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave, Britten's Sea Interludes and many peoples favourite, Debussy's La Mer.



At 7.30pm on the 22nd September Ann Williams will entertain us all with a presentation on "Guitar Music." She will talk about the history of guitar music, playing extracts from both modern and old compositions written specifically for Guitars, covering from 16th Century Spain until 2020! Not to be missed!

As the dark nights draw closer at the start of October we revert to afternoon Meetings, commencing at 2.30pm. On the 6th we pay Homage to Ralph Vaughan Williams in Commemoration of 150 years since his birth. Howard Allen and Dennis Morgan will jointly present a musical extravaganza of this famous composer.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new Members to our Meetings. Come and enjoy not only excellent presentations, supported by the wonders of Classical Music, but the company of likeminded people. Full season Membership is £20 and £3 per session for visitors, light refreshments are included. If you would like to attend a "taster session" before joining there will be no charge. See you on the 8th September!

Mike Kerton

The Neighbourhood Warden introduces himself

Hello, my name is Mark Dodd and after visiting Painswick over the last few weeks of my new job as Neighbourhood Warden I would like to introduce myself to those I have not met yet.



My area includes Pitchcombe, Painswick, Cranham, Miserden, Bisley, Chalford, Bussage, Eastcombe, Brimscombe, Thrupp and all within that boundary with some of Stroud town too. I aim to visit at least once a week and attend community café on Friday mornings every fortnight, giving me time to research and help in any way I can, be it directly or signposting to another department.

Details of my work responsibilities are on the SDC website under 'Communities and Living' but for those without digital access

my main community support role includes helping with and resolving:

- Careline installation and faults
- Supporting vulnerable people
- Fly-tipping/posting
- Antisocial behaviour
- Abandoned/untaxed vehicles
- Support of residents and partners

Should you need to contact me my number is 07876405833 or if required mark.dodd@stroud.gov.uk

Mark Dodd



Energy Sources, Ancient and Modern with the Cotteswold Naturalists



CNFC has a busy Autumn Programme ahead of it. Peter Cornish has organised an excursion by coach to two of the most significant industrial heritage sites in the UK. Our visit on Sunday 25th September coincides with Crofton Beam Engine's final steaming day for

2022. Crofton was built in 1807-9 to pump water to the highest point of the Kennet & Avon Canal. We will also have a private visit to Wilton Windmill, pictured, the only working windmill in Wessex and still producing stoneground flour. Lunch has been organised in the tranquil village of Great Bedwyn. Pre-book with Peter on 01453 823286 or contact Jane on 813228 for a booking form.



The Club is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its foundation with a lunch at Chavenage House on Thursday 22nd September. Dating from before 1576, only two families have owned Chavenage: the present owners, the Lowsley-Williams, since 1891, and the Stephens family before them. The property's unspoilt character has lent itself as a TV and film location on many occasions (e.g., Poldark and Wolf Hall). Members will have the option of a morning tour of this Elizabethan manor house, led by members of the family. Pre-book with Peter.

Finally, we have visits arranged to the Energy from Waste Facility, better known as the Javelin Park Incinerator near Stonehouse. Guided tours are available on 4th and 12th October, with an optional lunch in the Haresfield Beacon & Railway Hotel. Pre-book with Robert Mann on 01453 872243 or contact me for a booking form (and, also for membership information). Our programme of autumn talks begins on Wednesday 5th October in the Painswick Centre at 2.30 pm – more details next month.

Jane Rowe 813228

Traffic lights at Broadham

The temporary traffic lights on the A46 at Broadham have now been in place for over 6 months. So far there has been no announcement that we are aware of, about what works are planned and on what timescale. The Beacon has requested an update from County Cllr. Sue Williams and from the County Council Traffic Department, but no information has been received at the time of writing. We hope to have an update in next month's Beacon.



New Season for the Friday Club



The 16th September is looming large! Why is that date so important? Because it is the start date of the new Season for the Friday Club! We have an exciting programme of Speakers and Outings planned for Members. So at 2.30pm the doors of the Town Hall will be thrown open and members will stream in to listen to Dr Tim Brain, retired Gloucestershire Chief Constable, talk about "Contemporary Policing Issues." He will discuss, amongst other matters, the challenges to be faced in modern policing, public confidence in the Police and morale amongst the force. Not to be missed! Then on the 30th September, again at 2.30pm, the Club will welcome Guy Tabony from Hamptons Estate Agents, based here in Painswick. He will be talking to us about "Life and Times of a Village Estate Agent."

We are a Club designed specifically for the over 50's providing interesting talks, excellent conversation during our refreshment breaks and exciting outings. Why not come along and enjoy meeting like-minded people. The annual membership of the Club is £20, due in January plus £2 per meeting for refreshments. Visitors are charged £3 but for new members joining in September we have a special offer of £10 which will cover meetings until the year end. You will still need to pay for refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you all back plus new members on the 16th September.

Mike Kerton

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News from St Mary's

I'm something of a newcomer to this glorious area. I moved here from West Sussex about 2 years ago. Now Sussex has its fair share of quirky traditions and legends, but the Painswick 'Puppy Dog Pie' really takes the biscuit. I've read several versions of the folk tale that goes with it; jilted lovers, unscrupulous publicans, not to mention those very unfortunate dogs. Ewww!



I suspect that the real origins of the pie are lost in history. The Painswick Feast is the patronal festival of our village church, St Mary the Virgin and falls on 25th September this year. In Medieval times, the lord of the manor would be responsible for providing food for everyone on this holy day and a meat pie would certainly fit the bill. In later centuries it is a tradition that would have passed to subsequent landowners, perhaps mill owners as well?

But why 'puppy dog'? Probably just a playful variation on the Welsh 'pobi da' which broadly means 'good pie' or even 'holy pie' (because believe it or not, ordinary people round here would have used a lot of Welsh in their everyday speech right up to Tudor times and beyond). And the 'puppy dog' version (no doubt designed to pull the legs of squeamish visitors and children) just added to the fun; along with those wonderful tall tales.

This year, we will once again celebrate our traditional 'clypping' service at 3pm. But why not start your holiday with breakfast at St Mary's before the main programme begins? Our all-age service theme will be "Puppy Dog Tales" and we'll be serving coffee and pastries from 9.45am while the kids do some crafts, followed by a short service of family-friendly worship and apparently, a dog-food eating challenge! Puppy's revenge?

For your diary... You are warmly invited to an afternoon of contemplative prayer and poetry in the tranquil garden of Yew Tree House, Vicarage Street on Saturday 3rd September between 2.30 and 5.30 pm.

Liz Eden

Local Churches seek an Administrator Do you have the right skills?

The Beacon Benefice is looking for an Administrator to help with the smooth running of the benefice, which consists of 6 churches – Cranham, Edge, Harescombe with Brookthorpe, Painswick, Pitchcombe, and Sheepscombe. The aim is to reduce the burden of administration on the Rector, the ministry team and churchwardens, to allow them to concentrate on their proper roles of caring for the people of the benefice and the church buildings.

There is a full description of the role on the benefice website - see <https://www.beaconbenefice.org.uk/benefice-administrator-position-details/> where you can also find an application form. Applications may be sent by e-mail to lychgateoffice@btinternet.com. The deadline for applications is 23rd September 2022 and interviews are intended to be held in late September.

Andrew Leach

Painswick Feast Sunday 25th September

The Painswick Feast will take place in St Mary's Churchyard on Sunday 25th September, 11am-5pm. The Feast was originally conceived many years ago to bring together different traditions, some religious, some pagan, with some folklore thrown in for good measure. Over the years it has proven to be a wonderfully popular event, and an opportunity to bring the entire community together.



Feast & be merry

There will be delicious food from the Hungry Hun and Box Kitchen Pizza, and hot drinks and cake from The Box Coffee, as well as a bar serving local ciders and other beverages. There will be plenty to keep everyone entertained: lots of stalls to browse from flowers and honey to sheepskins and crafts, giant games and face painting, and live music. The Painswick Orchard Group's apple press will be in action: bring your homegrown apples and a bottle, and help to press Painswick's very own community apple juice before taking some home.

Dog Show

The very popular Dog Show will start at 11am, so please come early to register for the classes. £1.50 per class entry (cash please). Three classes for Pedigree dogs (Puppy 6-12 months, Adult dog or bitch and Veteran >7 years) with a Championship for the winners of these classes. Seven classes open to all (Loveliest Lady, Fabulous Fella, Cutest Puppy 6-12 months, Best Cross Breed, Best Young Handler 11+, Best Child Handler 10 and under, and Best Rescue Dog) with another Championship for the winners of these open classes.

Clypping

The Clypping service forms the central part of the Feast day at 3pm as the bells ring out, and the community joins hands to lead a parade around the Church as an act of thanksgiving. This year the ceremony will be accompanied by the Five Valleys Wind Band. We look forward to feasting with you all!

The Painswick Feast volunteers


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Church Rooms host Art Club exhibition

Winner of People's Vote announced

Painswick Art Club held its Annual Exhibition in the Church Rooms on 20th and 21st August. Ten Members contributed work for display on the walls and tables. They stewarded during the two days, interacting with local residents and visitors to Painswick. Refreshments were also available.

Following the "Peoples Vote" Vivien Townsend had 12 votes for her Watercolour of Hales Lane and 9 votes for her Mothcombe Beach. Janet Rose had 7 votes for "Captain" Portrait of a horse.

The Club meets every Tuesday (except in August) in the Painswick Church Rooms which has good lighting, toilet including disabled, close parking and kitchen facilities for tea / coffee. We are fully inclusive, welcoming Members of all standards from the newest beginner to successful professional. We bring and continue our own work, using our own materials. We share and discuss ideas, techniques and help each other in our projects. We are lucky to be able to keep a permanent Exhibition of our work on the walls, to inspire us. Our Subscription is £25 per term of usually fifteen sessions, 9:30 - 12:30pm.



In the past, you may have attended a class or tutored workshop but not followed it up with practice. If you are interested, why not look in and meet us on a Tuesday morning, as from September 6th. Try something new this autumn: Take up art.

Joyce Barrus

Painswick's past is back

Local history programme starts on 20th September

Painswick's past is definitely packed with interest and as from September a selection of fascinating topics from its broad range will be brought back to life via Painswick Local History Society. An unmissable programme of presentations by local speakers has been arranged and everyone is welcome.



John Bellamy, about 1860

Starting the season on Tuesday 20th September, Dr Steven Blake will present the story of John Bellamy, a Gloucestershire travelling showman for many years in the 19th century. In October Martin Bryan will talk about Stroudwater Navigation and why it has been and continues to be so important to the Stroud valleys. Be prepared in November though to be a little shocked when Elisabeth Skinner will tell the story of Stephen Welch, owner of Ebworth Court, involved in the slave trade, wife deserter and all round cad. On a very different note, at the January meeting Stuart Butler will describe the radical history of the Stroud five valleys in the 18th and 19th centuries, and yes, Painswick was involved.

Woodchester Mansion, not so far from Painswick, was certainly an unfinished masterpiece, still greatly admired by those who visit it, and Liz Davenport will tell its story at the February meeting. In March John Putley will reveal all about the history of witches and in particular Gloucestershire witches. John's talks are always a wonderful combination of information and entertainment. And completing this section of talks in April Nicholas Herbert will introduce us to some of the mediaeval towns of Gloucestershire of which of course Painswick is definitely a prominent one.

The presentations are held at The Croft School starting at 7.30pm. For more information about any aspect of the Society email enquiries@painswicklocalhistorysociety.org.uk. Do come along to the first meeting on Tuesday, 20th September when Steven Blake, an excellent speaker, will tell us all about John Bellamy.

Carol Maxwell

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Scorchio!

What a summer we are having; three months with virtually no rain and record temperatures recorded. Early spring flowers were good but now they have desiccated and the whole site has been bone dry. Later flowering species such as scabious and knapweeds seem to have flowered and set seed earlier and quicker than usual. There was a beautiful large patch of rare autumn gentians near Jackdaw Quarry, but the thin soils they need have dried out and they have shrivelled and died.



There have been at least seven or eight grass fires so far this year, some of which have been deliberately started and severe enough to call out the fire brigade. Some locals believe the commons were regularly burned. This is not the case. For centuries, regular grazing kept the height of the grass and flowers right down so that in the winter, when plants become dormant, it didn't produce such a dense thatch of dead material which could burn. Burning was often done in the 20th century to get rid of the dense thatch and control scrub. However burning is catastrophic for wildlife; invertebrates, reptiles and small mammals all perish and the resultant ash gives a growth burst for grasses at the expense of the finer forbs* which favour less fertile conditions. We only have something like 2% of our limestone grassland left in the Cotswolds so any fire which destroys any of it is less than ideal. Some invertebrates, such as Rugged Oil Beetles and Chalkhill Blue butterflies rely on very specific parts of it, so, a fire in the wrong place could take out a large proportion of their population. Painwick Beacon has a reasonable number of juniper bushes and was identified as a site worthy of attention, to ensure their long term survival. They are highly flammable and burning seems to be the reason they disappeared from Juniper Hill. We have a number of self generated seedlings on the Beacon which are highly vulnerable to fires.

The drought finally broke with a storm of biblical proportions, approximately 2" of rain fell in about one and a half hours. The ground was so dry most of it flooded straight off. Many paths are now stripped back to bare rock, the fine dry dust washed to the low points to form the sticky mud next winter. Walkers will then avoid this by walking on the adjacent grass, compacting the soil and widening the problem for future years.

There are two events which may be of interest.

10/11th September at Cranham Scout HQ. Natural England are running a celebration of seventy years since the formation of the first National Nature Reserve. Walks, talks, demonstration and a chance to ask questions.

29th September Church Rooms 7.00pm PBCG annual meeting. Guest speaker, Anna Field, to talk about traditional meadows and raptors.

Paul Baxter

* Editor's note: forbs are flowering, non-grassy herbaceous plants

Foodbank

Thank you, once again, for the donations received at our August collection. Since April, the Stroud Foodbank have issued over 600 parcels per month and seen a 76% increase on referrals between January and July 2022 (compared to the same period in 2021.) Since January 2022, 1577 vouchers for children have been fulfilled – a sobering statistic.

Our next collection will be on Wednesday 14th September, 10am-12noon at the Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church. At the September collection, please may we ask for some of the following: biscuits or snack bars, sauces (ketchup, mayo), tinned pulses, instant packet meals, pasta sauces, crackers/crisps, steam puddings, sugar, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, instant coffee, jams and spreads, tinned meat/spreads, cooking oil. If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so to: Stroud District Foodbank CIO
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Your donations are very gratefully received! Thank you.

Jude Lindley for Stroud Foodbank

Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Library Book Club is Monday 19th September 1.30 - 2.30pm. The novel we will be discussing is *Lean, Fall*, Stand by Jon McGregor. If you would like to join us please come along and meet other members of the group. For further information email painwick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

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 Lamb, Christina
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 women changed the world
 Tornado – in the eye of the storm
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 Zephaniah, Benjamin

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 You Choose Your Dreams
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 Big Digger, Little Digger
 The Misadventures of Frederick
 A Gathering Storm,
 and, The Weather Weaver
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 The Notorious Scarlett & Browne
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 The Midnighters
 We Sang Across the Sea,
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Happy Reading!

Pat Pinnegar

Directory 2023

– it's your call



The Painswick Directory is delivered every year in January. 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 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 2023 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 eg house cleaning. 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.

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Leaving the Coach House

One more push needed on the Crowdfunder Appeal



With the summer holidays now behind us, I am looking back at a deliciously busy few weeks, with so many happy children having enjoyed experiencing our wonderful Enchanted Garden trail, featuring gorgeous handmade willow sculptures. What a summer it's been!

Looking ahead, the move out of our operations base in the Coach House this month is one of the most significant steps the charity has taken in many years. Our temporary facilities are taking shape and you can help support this change by donating to our Crowdfunder. We've made great progress and really appreciate all of your donations and kind words of support - but we do need a final push to get us as close to our target as possible. If you haven't yet donated please do so - there are some great rewards on offer and you will be helping the Garden charity to start a new chapter in its history. All the details are here <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/rococogarden>.

On with the Big Move! Our last day in the Coach House is Sunday 4th September. We will then be moving to temporary facilities onsite so will only be open at weekends (with a limited catering service) until Wednesday 21st September. Then we will operate as normal for the rest of the month, opening Wednesday to Sunday 10am until 5pm. For more details see our website. You'll be very welcome to visit us during this exciting time.

I am looking forward to first hints of autumn - chilly mornings, leaves turning, the mist twisting through the beech trees. The Garden team has coped well with extreme warm and dry weather of July and August and the harvest of crops will continue. Our own range of jams and preserves currently numbers ten, including delicious whitecurrant and mulberry. They are on sale in finite quantities in our Shop so do check out what's available before it's snapped up.

As the year turns, we are looking further ahead to Advent. Do make a date to join us for our Carol Concert on Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church, Painswick. It's a joyous occasion to meet friends and celebrate the end of the year. That's one for the diary - meanwhile enjoy all that autumn has to offer here at Rococo!

Tim Toghill, Volunteer

In Conversation With ...

Renowned authors coming to Painswick

Handmade in Painswick will be hosting a series of author events this autumn. Local authors, of national and international repute, will be talking about and reading from their work as well as signing books. We will be serving drinks and nibbles and hope you will join us for these informal literary evenings.

These monthly events will commence on the 8th October with Emily Edwards (formerly Elgar) who will be discussing her second publication, *The Herd*. This is a timely and thought-provoking novel examining the contentious issue of vaccination and herd immunity through the choices of two friends, both mothers to young children. On the 3rd of November we will host Sunday Times best-selling author, Clover Stroud, who will be talking about her latest memoir, *The Red of My Blood*. This fearless, raw account of death and life after loss, draws on Clover's personal experience of grief following the death of her sister Nell.

These evenings will offer the chance to get to know the authors behind some of your favourite books as well as to plan your autumn reading. We are excited about bringing these writers to Painswick and hope you will enjoy the planned menu of events. All books represented are available for sale at Handmade in Painswick. Advance booking for our author evenings will be available through Eventbrite. Further evenings are planned with authors to be announced - these will be featured in the Beacon Diary or follow us @handmadeinpainswick for details as they become available.



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A thankyou to Painswick from the Ukrainians of Slavutych

On behalf of a small team of residents of the Ukrainian town of Slavutych, we would like to thank the Painswick community for their hospitality, kind support and generous participation. We thank you for the words we hear. Thank you for the actions we see. Thank you for the support we feel every day from our host families. For the help we really get from the UK Government and Painswick community. What your country is doing, and in particular people from almost every British city or town, is an example to all.

Currently, Ukrainians are fleeing the war and humanitarian crisis caused by the Russian invasion. Every Ukrainian is very grateful to the British for their open-heartedness and openness. Thanks to every Brit for not leaving us in this troubling and difficult time. Your help is critically important for us now. Thanks to the "Homes for Ukraine" sponsorship programme, there are now many Ukrainians in Painswick, and in particular 12 residents from the town of Slavutych, Kyiv region, who were hospitably welcomed by 4 host families.



The kindness and generosity of the host families touched our hearts during our stay at Painswick. We are also extremely grateful to Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council and Painswick Parish Council. Our cooperation can build the future, combining the great British experience and the bravery of Ukrainians. We look to the future and hope that the friendships between our towns will continue. This is exactly what was discussed during a recent meeting in the Town Hall of representatives of the two towns – Slavutych and Painswick.

The whole world saw that Great Britain demonstratively helps Ukraine against the Russian invasion. Today, Great Britain is the most important ally of Ukraine in the whole world. It's truly more than a partnership – it's a true friendship. Slavutychers, like the entire Ukrainians, can say one thing: we thank you, Britain! Thank you, Painswick! Thank you, friends!

Aryna Starovoitova

Crayfish on the Lawn and other Stories with Joff Elphick

This is the interesting title of the Painswick Gardening Club's talk on Wednesday 14th September at the Painswick Centre. Joff Elphick trained at Pershore and has been a hands-on gardener at the National Collection of Rambling Roses and has worked at Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons and the National Trust Gardens Department. He is currently looking after three Cotswolds gardens and is the host of Pot and Cloche Garden Podcasts.



We would like to welcome existing members, new members and visitors to our meeting which will open at the earlier than usual time of 6.30pm. Subscriptions are now due for 2022/23. We would like the payment of £22 to be made at this meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone from 6.30 when refreshments will be available. The talk will start at 7.30pm.

Philippa Miller

Welcome to Meadows

Having housed a number of businesses over its long history, Black Horse Cottage in St Mary's Street Painswick will be taking on a new and interesting incarnation. Meadows Painswick will be opening on 5th September and offering espresso coffee, Meadows-branded women's clothing and other interesting things.

Meadows is a style of romantic and feminine clothing designed by creator Louise Markey who, together with husband Tom Ravenscroft and their 3 children, have become recent residents of Painswick. Louise is very much looking forward to welcoming local residents through the doors of Black Horse Cottage.

Graham Markey



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AGM on Thursday 22nd September

Our AGM will take place on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm upstairs in the Cotswold Room: everyone is welcome. The Centre is at a really exciting point in its history: we have a strategic vision and working group structure in place, more members of staff employed than for many years, and a busier schedule of activities on offer than ever. Those of us already involved are passionate about securing a future for the Centre for another 115 years, but (you know what's coming)... WE NEED NEW BLOOD ON BOARD! Trustees are the lifeblood of any charity, and we need new energy, new enthusiasm, and new ideas to keep the momentum. It's not a huge time commitment, but if you love living in these valleys and everything that goes on here, then please consider stepping up. Without people doing that, this valley wouldn't be the place it is. If you'd like to know more about what would be involved, please email current Trustees Judie & John at Judie.hill@painswickcentre.com and john.podmore@painswickcentre.com

Food Nights

Don't miss this month's takeaway Food Nights, serving 5-8pm:

Thurs 1st Sep	Soul Fries (handcut fries with homemade toppings)
Thurs 8th Sep	Bella Mia Pizza (woodfired sourdough pizzas)
Thurs 15th Sep	Mama's Family Food (homemade hearty Jamaican & Italian recipes)
Thurs 22nd Sep	Niangs Thai (homemade Thai street food)
Thurs 29th Sep	Burgerlish (organic grass fed beef & vegan burgers)

Other dates for your diary

Every Thursday	Morning Market with local produce, 8.15-9.45am
Fri 9th Sep	Wick-Flix presents: The Duke (see more below)
Fri 23rd Sep	Junction 12 art group exhibition in the Beacon Hall
– Sun 25th Sep	

Keep up to date

Always check our Instagram, Facebook and website (www.painswickcentre.com) for up-to-date listings, and our noticeboards at the bottom of Bisley Street are also a great place to find out what's happening. If you would like to be included on our email list so we can keep you up to date with what's on please complete the form on our homepage or email marketing@painswickcentre.com.

Susie Andrews



Wick-Flix, Painswick's very own community cinema, is kicking off the Autumn season on Friday 9th September with "The Duke", starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. With rave reviews at the box office, this incredible story is based on the real-life 1961 theft of a Goya portrait from the National Gallery by Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver. A uniquely British story told with great humour.

This will be followed on Friday 7th October by "Operation Mincemeat" starring Colin Firth. This fact-based story of espionage is based on the elaborate deception, concocted by the British, to disguise the invasion of Sicily during WW2. Great reviews at the box office and an outstanding supporting cast.

Since reopening our doors in February, we have moved to offer coffee-table seating throughout the Beacon Hall. Although this has meant reducing our capacity by 30%, there is now much more space to enjoy the movies in a comfortable environment. Our ticket price is £9.00 and includes a drinks voucher, which you can exchange at the bar. Doors open at 7.00pm and the screening starts around 7.40pm with notices and trailers. Come early to ensure a seat.

Wick-Flix is hugely grateful to Murrays, Woodchester Valley Vineyard and Goddard's Garage for their generous support in enabling us to reopen. If you have been to Wick-Flix before then do come back and bring your family and friends; if you haven't been before, give it a try and be surprised. Either way you will enjoy a fun evening in good company with a good film. The Wick-Flix team looks forward to welcoming you.

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Celebrate 70 years of National Nature Reserves

2022 marks the 70th Anniversary not only of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, but also of the first National Nature Reserves. To mark the anniversary, Natural England are holding an event over the weekend of the 10th and 11th of September at the Scout Centre in Cranham to celebrate the work that they and their partners do throughout the Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve. Starting on Saturday 10th with a moth talk and moth trapping evening (with free hot drinks and cakes!), the event continues on Sunday 11th between 10am and 4pm with stalls and activities and a programme of walks and talks. There will be pastries and pizza provided by Velo Bakery and the fantastic Coffee Lada will be there selling coffee and hot drinks from the boot. There is something for everyone, families and environmentalists and if anyone wants to volunteer for a few hours on the day please contact us and you will receive a free pizza and coffee.

The Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods NNR was established in 1983 and is the largest nature reserve in the Cotswolds. It is largely made up of a chain of ancient beechwoods and limestone grasslands around the upper slopes of the Painswick Valley. Much of the Reserve was a working landscape for centuries with the beechwoods traditionally managed to supply timber, firewood and charcoal, thus creating diverse habitats within the woods. The majority of the grassland was common land grazed by members of the local community, a practice which allowed species-rich wild flower meadows to flourish.

The Reserve is made up of twelve official sites. Six of these (Rough Park, Buckholt Wood, Cranham Common, Sheepscombe Common, Bulls Cross Common and Rudge Hill (Edge) Common) are managed by Natural England, whilst Rough Bank is managed by Butterfly Conservation and five others (Workmans Wood, Saltridge Wood, Lord's and Lady's Wood, Blackstable Wood and Pope's Wood) are managed in partnership with The National Trust. Two other sites, Juniper Hill and Painswick Beacon, whilst not officially part of the NNR are managed in line with the rest of the Reserve, with the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group voluntarily working and grazing the land on the Beacon over the last twelve years with outstanding results.

Although the events are free, booking for all of the walks and talks is essential. Email GloucestershireNNRs@naturalengland.org.uk

Beth Curl

Sheepscombe Bridge Club

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

Joy Edwards

An Afternoon of Prayer and Poetry Saturday 3rd September, Yew Tree House

Do you ever yearn for peace and time to reflect? Here is the ideal opportunity to spend an afternoon in a beautifully tranquil space with the opportunity to pray, read poetry and listen to God. All welcome from 2.30 to 5.30 at Yew Tree House in Vicarage Street, ending with Compline.

Clare Irving

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Tennis Annual Championships

Painswick Lawn Tennis Club held its annual Championships during the third week of August with a strong number of entries. Players enjoyed competitive tennis throughout the week with a number of the early matches played as a 'round robin' using the shorter Fast4 format. The event was well supported by many club members, family and friends. The finals were played over the weekend of August 20th and 21st.



Congratulations to everyone who entered and the winners were James Barnett (men's singles), Hannah Watkins (ladies' singles), Hannah Watkins and Grace Bertrand (ladies' doubles), James Ashcroft and Marcus White (men's doubles) and Jamie Morgan and Sophie Rees (mixed doubles).

Chris Scott and Ness Fair, Club Captains



Tennis champions (l to r): James Barnett, James Ashcroft, Hannah Watkins, Grace Bertrand, Andrew Harris, Angie Scott, Jamie Morgan and Sophie Rees.

Junior tennis coaching

The new season for tennis coaching starts in September. The coaching programme is for 6-18 year olds. Please contact Charlie Ferrett on: charlietennis101@gmail.com or 07871628773 for more information on how to get involved. We look forward very much to hearing from you.

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Lissey Barnett wins top tennis tournament

Following Lissey Barnett's Wimbledon success, she travelled to Poland with her doubles partner to play in a \$100K tournament. After coming through the first round in a tense tiebreak against a Polish pair, Lissey and Liv hit top form in the next two matches. They won in straight sets to reach the final. In the final, they played the number 1 seeds who are ranked 75 in the World. Lissey and Liv dominated the first set winning it 6-1. The second set was a lot tighter and went to a tiebreak which they won convincingly. This is the biggest tournament win of their careers and increased Lissey's World ranking to 86.



They are now in Canada playing in a WTA tournament and from there they will travel to New York and hopefully qualify for the doubles at the US Grand Slam.

Stop Press: Lissey and Liv have won the Canada tournament too.

Falcon Bowls Club



Hello all you prospective new bowlers! Although our 2022 season is coming to a close there will be plenty of bowls to watch on channel 4 next month from Egham Outdoor Bowling club with Alex Brooker and Yas Hasan. Watch this and pop up to see us behind the Falcon Inn any Monday evening at 6.00pm or Friday afternoon at 2.00pm. We would love to see you!

Falcon have had an active season with all our mixed matches. We had eleven new members and most of them, following training, are now enjoying playing in our mixed friendlies. Bowls is such an inclusive sport which will keep you active both in mind and body. Its great fun too!

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More cricket success Firsts in with a chance of promotion

The First team remain top of the WEPL Gloucester Division with Dumbleton CC hot on their heels with two matches left!! The prize for promotion would be to play in the West of England Premier League Division two. Recent victories over Bourton on the Water, Frocester 2nds, Rockhampton and Gloucester City were countered by a defeat to Dumbleton who are 19 points or so behind Painswick. Basically a defeat by either could easily determine promotion and the title. Top performers for Painswick in the last few weeks have been the ever youthful George Macduff, Reece Morris, Jack Hobbis and Mathew Connelly.



The seconds have cemented their position in the top half of the table with victories over St Phillips North, Ruardean Hill and Cam countered by defeats c/o Tormarton and Oaksey. Top Painswick run getters were Tom Hill, Bruce Walker and Rob Austen with Freddie Hall, Nick Marment, Jamie Morgan and Gav Clark leading the wicket taking.

The thirds just keep winning and are sat on top of Stroud division two. Phil Higgins has been in top form scoring 171 against Chalford and following that up with 71 runs against Tetbury. Phil was ably assisted by batters Dave Nottingham, Julian Telling and Andy Barnard. Bowling-wise the youngsters have risen to the top with Emily Austen taking 4 wickets against Tetbury and Will Alder-Howells taking 3.

Girls Cricket

One of the top projects this season for the club has been to develop a girls section, Adam Brown, girls section lead coordinator reports as follows; Three short months and girls cricket has turned from a dream to a reality at Painswick CC. The team has blossomed from a small first training attendance to regularly having 20 girls training throughout the week. Under the guidance of senior club members, including several first team players, the U15 team have achieved impressive results within their first season, bowling stronger teams out within the overs, scoring over 100 runs in an innings and having batters retired for scoring over 30 runs. The future looks very bright for the team, with team members being nominated for county trials.

Steve Pegram

Painswick Golf Club

The long hot dry spell of weather has temporarily changed the golf course, like much of the countryside. The grass has been scorched to a straw colour and my golf ball now runs much further than usual. (This is a big help for me!) The recent heavy rain is starting to create some welcome new green shoots, but I guess it will take some time to revert to its normal colour. Before the rain, there have been a couple of grass fires on the Beacon – but fortunately not directly affecting the course.



This seems to be the time of year when there are a lot of competitions at the club. In the Seniors section, there were two trophy competitions last month. The Seniors Deva Cup, played on 11th August, was a greensomes competition – in which both players in a team of two tee off, choose which ball they wish to use and then take alternate shots. The winning team was George Paton and Paul Walsh with 42 Stableford points. The Millennium Trophy, played on 18th August, was an individual stableford competition. The winner was Steve Wellon with a score of 41 points. Congratulations to the winners.

The golf club welcomes visitors – both golfers looking to test their skills on the challenging course or members of the public looking for meals or refreshments at the clubhouse. Please call 01452 812180 for further details.

Peter Rowe

Local boy in England team Selected for Masters World Cup

John Boydell is in the England Masters Hockey Team to play in the World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa, in October. He grew up in



Painswick and went to the Croft and on to Marling School, and as a schoolboy he played for Stroud Hockey Club.

John, who is 46, is a Chartered Surveyor and now lives in Kent with his wife, Claire and two sons, who are also keen hockey players.

Bill Boydell (John's father)

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Table Tennis

Table Tennis starts again on Thursday 15th September 6.15 to 8pm in the Beacon Hall at the Painswick Centre. Price still only £5 when you play.



The club supplies tables, nets, bats and balls. You supply sports or soft shoes, a sense of humour and a willingness to have some fun. Please do come and join us in this hand/eye co-ordination exercise and get fit at the same time.

Contact Scott Johnson 814216, David Harris

Badminton

Painswick Badminton Club starts the new season on Monday 5th September at 8pm. The club plays on Mondays and Thursdays evenings at the Painswick Centre.



Boo Hussain

Local teacher to run Marathon Help her raise funds for Epilepsy Action

Painswick resident and Stroud High School teacher, Kimberley Newcombe (nee Pullon) is running in this year's TCS London marathon in order to raise money for the charity, Epilepsy Action. She will be running in memory of a student from school who tragically passed away this year and is hoping to raise as much money as possible for this fantastic charity.



This will be her first marathon having recently represented Gloucestershire in the National Cross-Country Championships and she will also be competing for England in a masters race a week before the marathon.

Having always disliked running anything over the distance of 10k this is certainly going to be a challenge, but one that she is very much looking forward to.

Any contribution to this amazing charity will be gratefully received and please follow this link to her Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kimberley-PullonNewcombe>

Join a friendly Bridge club?

Painswick Bridge Club meets at the Church Rooms on Wednesday evenings, 7pm to 10pm, for a friendly session of Duplicate Bridge. New members, ideally with at least a modest level of experience, would be very welcome to join us. Why not try us out?

Contact David Harley (01452 813150 or 07887 892857), Margaret Wilson (01452 812305) or Peter Sibley (01452 812126)



Jottings

With all the current news of getting the wheat out of Ukraine, it is worth looking at whether we are buying it. Wheat is one of the most important cereal crops grown in the UK and we are about 90% self sufficient. We import almost no wheat from the Ukraine and Russia - most of it, about 15%, comes from Germany and Canada. There are 6 main types of wheat including the Hard Red spring wheat, and the Hard Red winter wheat. Then we have the Soft White, the Hard White wheat and the Durum for making things like pasta.

Good quality British grown milling wheat is ground down and provides flour for bread, cereals, pasta, cakes, biscuits and many other foods. Sometimes a little good quality imported product is added. Over a third of our wheat production is used in the production of animal and bird foods. We use low quality wheat for straw board, paper, adhesives, cosmetics and pharmaceutical products; and export some. Wheat and corn, particularly the straw, are the main products to produce ethanol and additives in gasoline. The straw is of low commercial value but the production of plant-based ethanol is still expensive and at a very early stage. Wheat straw from the old varieties is used for thatching but has to be cut by the old binder then put through the threshing machine to get the long straight stems for thatching.

It's a popular crop because it can be grown in the autumn or the spring. If grown in the autumn, yields are higher, but, of course, sometimes the ground is not ready for crop sowing. There are 8 main diseases of wheat which can damage the crop and reduce yields. With climate change the yield losses could be between 1% and 8%. The lack of water could make this even worse with yield losses of between 4% and 30%. It's not so much the warming as the erratic swings in our weather from drought to flood conditions as well.

Martin Slinger

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Regular Village Activities. Please contact Vicky Aspinnall 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 (primary grade modern). Info from Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact Sophie sophie@sophiesterckckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. For beginners and experienced players. All equipment provided. 2.00/session to cover refreshments	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesdays	Drawing classes. Info from Susan Skester skester@outlook.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club	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	Church Rooms	10.00 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 9.30am
	Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45pm
	Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782	Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
	Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com	Church Rooms	10.00 - 12.00pm
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: serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. Contact Chris Swain cgswain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes with free taster. Whole body workout for all ages and ability. Contact Jo on 07768 799741 or info@joannedaleypilates.com . Started on August 19th	Painswick Centre	11.00 - 12.00pm
Saturdays			
Sundays	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	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

September

Sat	3	An afternoon of Prayer and Poetry. All welcome	Yew Tree House	2.30 - 5.30pm
Sun	4	Benefice Holy Communion - farewell service for Rev Janet Turville	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Wed	7	Painswick Probus; AGM	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30pm
Fri	9	Wickflix: The Duke	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sat	10	Natural England: An evening of moth trapping	Cranham Scout Hut	8.00pm till late
Sun	11	Natural England: Nature walks, talks, stalls and activities	Cranham Scout Hut	10.00 - 4.30pm
	11	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Fri	16	Friday Club: Contemporary Policing Issues - Dr Tim Brain	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	18	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	10.00am
Mon	19	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm

Tues	20	Painswick Local History Society: 'John Bellamy - Gloucestershire Travelling showman' - Dr. Steven Blake	Croft School	7.30pm
Wed	21	Parish Council meeting	Town Hall	7.30pm
	21	Painswick Probus: Medical dogs	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.30am
Thurs	22	Cotteswold Naturalists: Tour of Chavenage House and celebration lunch. Pre-book 01453 823286	Chavenage House	10.15am or 12.15pm
Sun	25	Painswick Feast	Church Yard	11.00 am onwards
	25	Beacon praise	St Mary's Church	10.00am
	25	Clypping Service	St Mary's Church and yard	3.00pm
	25	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engine, Wilts. Pre-book 01453 823286	Stamages Lane	
Tues	27	Yew Trees WI: Travel with Miles Morgan. Open meeting £4.00 per visitor	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	30	Painswick Community Hub. Note change of venue	Richmond auditorium	9.30 - 11.00am
	30	Friday Club: Life and Times of an estate agent - Guy Tabony	Town Hall	2.30pm

Personal Column

Maurice Maggs

Many of you will know Maurice Maggs who following recent health issues, has moved to Newbury to be near his family. He lived in Painswick for 22 years and was much involved in the music of our village. He sang in the church choir and was an enthusiastic member of the Music Society, writing insightful programme notes for the Spring concerts. He was also a member of Painswick Music Appreciation Group. We are sorry that he is leaving Painswick and wish Maurice well for the future. From September, his new address will be Argyles, Room 20, Pound Street, Newbury. RG14 6AE

Thank you

June Gardiner would like to thank all those friends and Painswickians who came to the funeral of John Hogg and to the cricket tea afterwards. She also extends her thanks for the very generous charity donations to the Alzheimer's Society and to Mindsong and for 'the cricket lads' who, she says, have placed a bench in memory of John at Broadham, 'his second home', overlooking the cricket pitch. John, who lived most of his life in Painswick and was known to so many here, died on 10th June.

Write a Will Local hospice scheme

To encourage local people to write a will, Longfield Community Hospice has teamed up with three local solicitors, who will be giving their time free in September in return for a donation to the charity. For more details, visit www.longfield.org.uk/write-a-will or call the team on 01453 886868.

Jo Fairburn

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

Support Rococo Yoga at the Equinox

Join Kate Beatty and Kim Brockett on Saturday 24th September between 8 and 10 am at the Rococo Garden for an early morning practice of yoga, breath work and relaxation to celebrate Mabon, the Autumn Equinox. This is a special event to raise funds for the Rococo Gardens charity to help them relocate their visitors facilities, and it will be held outdoors on the lawn, weather permitting. The cost is £25, fully refundable in the event of cancellation. Contact Kim - yoginikim@icloud.com 07973 504593 or Kate - photo@kate-beatty.co.uk 07793 126234.



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Property Report

Demand for housing in Painswick is still well ahead of supply, although a few new houses have come onto the market this month. Westmorland House in Kingsmead, off Edge Lane (Hamptons, £1.85m), is a pre-war detached house with 5 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, gardens and great views. Tall Trees in Randalls Field, off Kings Mill Lane (Murrays, £695,000) is a more recent detached 4 bedroom family house with double garage and gardens, and at the bottom of Vicarage Street, Troopers Rest (Hamptons, £400,000) is a refurbished 2 bedroom cottage. Closer in to the centre of the village is 4 White Horse Lane (Murrays, £375,000), a terraced 3 bed family house, with large garden to the rear, leading out onto the Rec. At the same price, Hamptons have 16 Upper Washwell, a 2 bedroom semi-detached property with the option of extending it to a 4 bedroom home.

There are several properties in the surrounding area as well, perhaps most impressively, Tump Farm at Holywell, Edge (Murrays, £2.5m), a 6 bed farmhouse with 20 stable equestrian centre, 3 cottages and 17.5 acres. Kingshead House in Birdlip (Murrays, £1.1m) is also a substantial property that was once a coaching inn and later a restaurant, now a 5 bed family house. On Wick Street, 4 Juniper Cottages (Murrays, £525,000) is a 3 bedroom semi-detached cottage with far-reaching views, while two properties on Lurks Lane in Pitchcombe have gone quickly under offer through Murrays with interest from multiple buyers.

Also going under offer recently through Murrays have been 8 Brookhouse Mill, Lavender Down on Cheltenham Road, Suttons Mill in Cranham and Tunley Cottage in Sheepscombe. The New Drive Field has gone under offer with Hamptons, as has The Hayloft in Birdlip. Contracts have been exchanged on the Old Inn in George Court, Little Mundays in Vicarage Street and Corner Cottage in Bisley Street.

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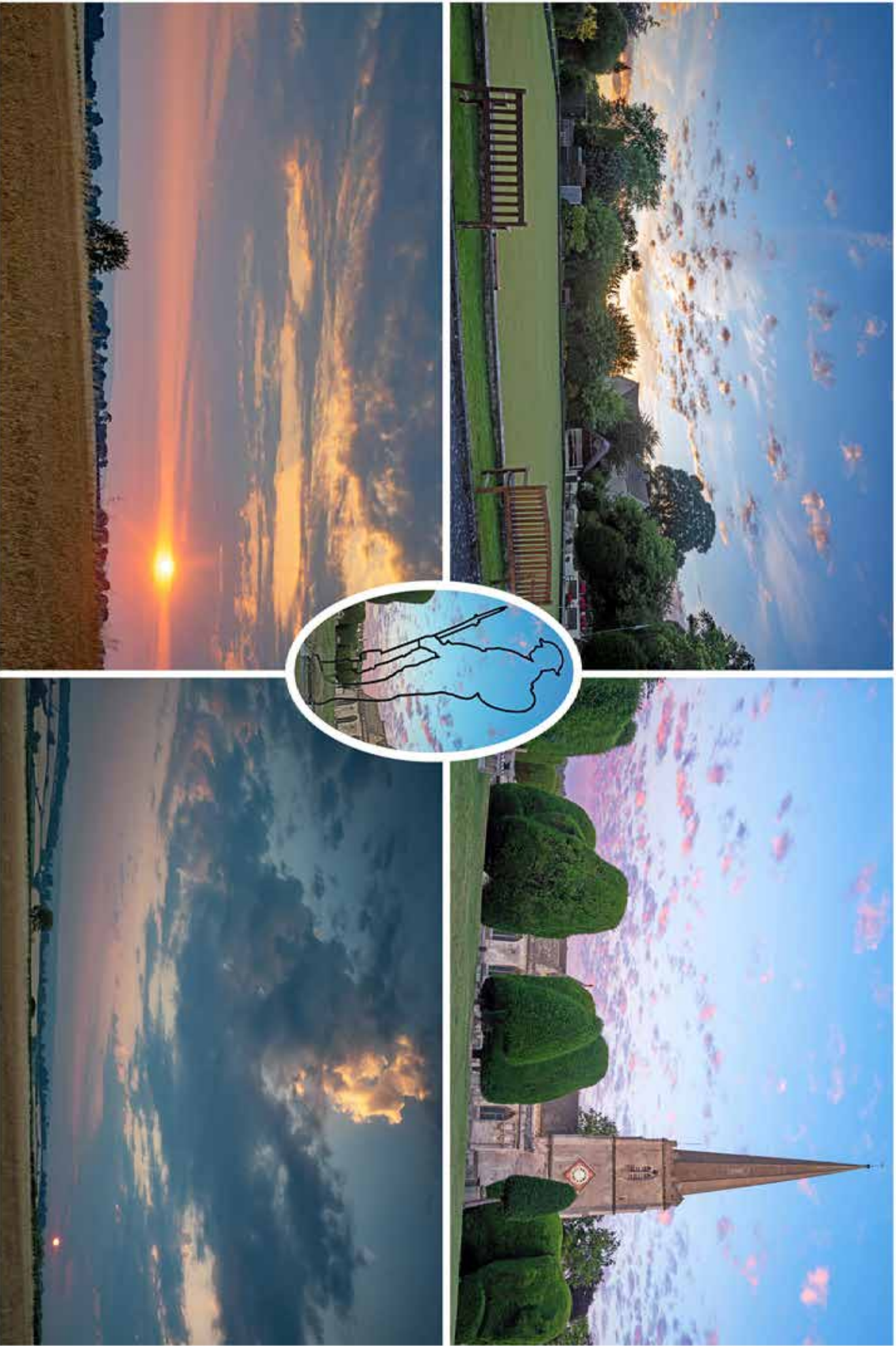
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One welcome aspect of the hot dry weather was a succession of spectacular evening skies, as captured here by Pete Llewellyn