

The Painswick Beacon

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Goddard's Garage to close

Goddard's Garage has been trading as a family business for over 100 years, sadly I am going to take retirement and the business will close its doors by Easter. I will be continuing to offer a Private Hire Taxi Service for the time being.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all customers over the five generations for supporting J.W. Goddard Garage.

If you require any guidance about your car, I will be happy to advise.

Robert Goddard

Fire on Juniper Hill



Friday evening 21st March saw a spectacular fire light up the night sky above the hill. Fire engines rushed to the location which was adjacent to Juniper Field. It is unknown at present how the open grassland managed to catch light at this time of the year. Then on the following Wednesday afternoon another smaller fire started up near the same location.



Parish Council Meeting

The two Parish Councillor vacancies have been filled by co-opting Robin Roberts in Slad and Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkins in Painswick.

The Chairman,

Adrian Gyde, voiced his disappointment at several recent road closures, made worse by several days of inactivity. Sadly, we anticipate more resurfacing of Portway Hill in April, traffic delays as the 40 mph zones are introduced.

Fly Tipping

Prompted by a local increase in Fly Tipping we are all urged to keep a lookout for perpetrators and, without provocation, make sure incidents are reported to the Parish Council and/or Stroud District Council (SDC).

Parking

The meeting agreed to request SDC to organise more parking warden visits in order to discourage a recent rise in parking offences.

Village of the Year Competition

..is for Gloucestershire villages with fewer than 5,000 population. The last time Painswick won such a competition was 2009. The competition has complex application forms for four categories and a challenging closing date at the end of April.

Cash prizes totalling £15,000 will be awarded to the category winners and runners up (as well as a plaque and framed certificate).

Further details are available from the Parish Council office.

District Council Report

Planning

The Council is contesting some of the claims of the Inspectors in respecting the Local Plan. (See your March 2025 Beacon.) For now the 2015 Local Plan is still in place and is used to determine planning applications.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

In Stamages Lane Car Park, four 7kw chargers are in place. They occupy the space previously available for 7 or 8 cars in a frequently overfull car park.

New Council Plan 2025-2029

The plan was adopted on 13th February, with five priorities. Two new ones are: "Housing" and "Working for our communities". Confirmed budget includes £14 million to build 100 new Council homes, plus £5 million to purchase additional Council homes. Also replacement of over 200 litter bins.

Crowd Funding

All 17 projects from the first round of the new Stroud District crowd funding scheme, ("Stroud Funding") have reached this target! The second round of Stroud Funding is now open.

Nature Recovery

SDC has launched a "Nature Recovery Project" initially focussed on Council owned land. However you are welcome to contact the SDC team about other potential sites.

Resources for armed forces

SDC has resolved to provide "better resources" for local veterans and for members of the armed forces.

County Council Report

County Council election

Is on Thursday 1st May There are job opportunities to help at Polling Stations. Apply soon; the deadline to register to vote is 11th April.

Chief Executive

Jo Walker is to become the county's new Chief Executive from 19th May. She is currently Chief Executive of North Somerset Council. Jo began her career as a graduate trainee at GCC and rose to become Director of Highways, Transport and Waste; then Finance and Corporate Services.

Campaigning finally successful

After 20 years of campaigning, residents of Pitchcombe and their various County Councillors over that time are pleased that the areas along the A46 and B4073 (by the notorious "Pitchcombe fork") are finally to have the speed reduced from 50 to 40 mph. After 3 years of asking, the Disabled area near the Town Hall – much valued by the Friday Club and others – has finally been repainted.

Firefighters

GFRS (Gloucester Fire and Rescue Service) are keen to enrol new recruits as "On-call Fire Fighters". Recruits must be over 18 and live within 5 minutes of the on-call community fire station. Interested? Visit the GCC website for more.

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Speed on A46 to be reduced. 40mph to be introduced.

The Parish councillors, residents of Pitchcombe and their County councillor, Sue Williams have received confirmation that the cameras and the 40MPH speed limit signage will be in place in April. This follows the lengthy traffic order application made in 2021 and the lengthy legal process culminating in the order being confirmed last year. The new restriction will be between Painswick and Stroud and the A4173 to Pitchcombe.

The community and councillors have campaigned for many years due to the number of accidents in the vicinity despite a major redesign of the junction some years ago. Evidence provided by the Parish confirmed the prevalence of incidents. The speed reduction was agreed last year but the Parish have been awaiting the installation of the speed



cameras and the additional signage. The Traffic Regulation Order aims to reduce the risk of accidents at the junction. The reduced traffic noise and CO2 emissions will improve the environment for those residing near the junction. Working in partnership with stakeholders and in collaboration with Gloucestershire County Council and the community has culminated in this positive outcome.

Painswick Foodbank Collection



The next collection is on Wednesday 9th April from 10am until 12 noon in the Stamages Lane Car Park.

Items suggested are tinned ham, corned beef, pasta sauce, kidney beans, coffee, long life milk, fruit squash, shower gel, toothpaste and laundry liquid.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support in helping those in food poverty.

The FB collection team

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The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt



The Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt returns on Easter Saturday, 19th April 2025 from 12-4pm. Now in its 17th year, it's a great family day out and raises vital funds for our village Playgroup (Registered Charity Number 900465).

Alongside the egg hunt, the main event on Easter Saturday takes place in the Memorial Ground of St Mary's Church. Join us for face painting, teddy bear tombola, bottle tombola, raffle, cake stall, lots of hot food options, drinks and other stalls. The Church will be open for refreshments. Our wonderful village pubs, shops and cafes will all be open too serving food and drinks.

As per tradition, decorated eggs will be dotted around Painswick for everyone to find. Printed trail maps can be purchased on the day or from local businesses. Digital maps can also be purchased online. The Egg Hunt itself can be completed at any point between Easter Saturday and Tuesday 22nd April - complete the trail and stand the chance to win a John Lewis Voucher!

Calling all bakers - bring your cakes to enter the Painswick Bake-off by 11am on Easter Saturday. Special guest judge Dr Dawn Harper will head up the judging for the Under 16, Best Decorated and Best Tasting categories. All cakes will be sold to raise funds - other cake donations are very welcome too.

The event is organised by parents of the Playgroup, with special thanks to our Gold Sponsor, Hamptons, for the support.

For more information, including how to purchase maps online - please visit <https://www.facebook.com/PainswickEasterEggHunt/>

Juniper Hill Field Update

Another milestone was reached on Juniper Hill Field in late February, the recently acquired 20 acre field neighbouring Frith Wood and now part of an expanded Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust reserve. The field was the subject of a local campaign which argued that the previous owners, Woodland.co.uk, were failing to protect the skylark population and rare limestone grassland. On a wet and very chilly day, a dozen volunteers joined Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust staff to pull up around 120 fence posts which Woodlands.co.uk had installed to split the field to create small 'lifestyle plots' for sale. The posts were a threat to the skylark population, providing the perfect perching points for birds of prey and needed to be removed before the breeding season. The field has a vibrant population of skylarks, a bird which is on the red list as endangered, and signs will shortly be put in place to ask walkers to keep clear to avoid these ground nesting birds.



Earlier in February, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust brought seventeen belted Galloway cattle in to graze the field, a crucial aspect of the effective management of grassland to ensure a rich diversity of flowers and insect life.

The Friends of Juniper Hill Field plans to continue and will work with GWT on plans for the future including surveying so we have a good baseline against which to measure improvements. The Friends are hoping to organise a skylark poetry walk with the much loved Stroud based poet Philip Rush. To keep in touch please sign up for the newsletter on www.savejuniperhillfield.co.uk. Or email buntingmadeleine@gmail.com

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Painswick Community Support

Community Lunches

What a successful season of community lunches it has been this winter! A huge thank you to the various community groups who have taken a turn at hosting a soup lunch throughout the winter, ranging from 10 and 11 year old Croft School Year 6 children to the more senior, Friday Club members!

Many thanks, too, to those who have regularly attended and supported the lunches so generously and to the Parish Council for their support and to Lucas for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs every week.

We are delighted to report that £1800 has been raised for charity from the voluntary donations.

We will be donating £600 each to three worthy charities with a link to Painswick.

These are Longfield Hospice, which has supported many of our villagers, the Alzheimers Society, for which Joe Worsley, a young man from Painswick, has been fundraising by cycling 16,000 miles from Painswick to Bali (he has now completed this -well done Joe!). The third is Crisis, a charity for the homeless, for which Ian Johnston, a Painswick resident, is fundraising by taking part in the London marathon in April (Joe and Ian were featured in the March Painswick Beacon).

We look forward to keeping this longstanding Painswick tradition going with your support and will be in touch with old and new hosts in the Autumn!

Community Supper March 3rd

Our last Community supper for the winter was held on March 3rd in the Church Rooms attended by 60 villagers, both young and old. A delicious two course meal, cooked by our local chef, Matt Black, was served by Painswick Community volunteers and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. In addition, about 20 takeaway meals were delivered and given to people living alone. A big thank you as ever to Matt for his time and effort in helping us put on these popular community suppers.

Good Friday Hot Cross Buns and Coffee

We will be offering hot cross buns and coffee to the community at the Friday Hub on Good Friday, April 18th, 10am -11.30am in the Town Hall. All are welcome

VE Day themed Coffee Morning

Come and celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day! With the support of the Parish Council, we will be celebrating VE Day at the Friday Hub on May 9th, 10am -11.30am in the Town Hall. Scones and other traditional cakes to eat and to buy, music, 40s style or red, white and blue dress optional! Donations to the British Legion. All are welcome.

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

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Probus club Report



Mauro Cantoni, who is a Chartered Engineer and Chartered Project Professional, addressed the Club on Thurs 6th March 2025 on the subject of the Nuclear Industry in UK. Employed by EDF (UK) for 15 years, Mauro is now Head of Central Projects & Programmes.

A capsulated uranium fuel pellet which fuels a nuclear reactor was passed around the audience. It was remarkably small, about the size of a Rowntrees wine gum, yet it could release as much energy as one ton of coal. Uranium is an abundant mineral and is full of energy.

The heart of a nuclear reactor is a tough forged steel vessel that houses fuel elements containing pure uranium fuel pellets. In a process called nuclear fission neutrons are fired at the uranium atoms, causing them to split and release more neutrons, releasing energy in the form of heat. The heat is removed from the reactor by a circulating fluid, typically water. This heat can then be used to generate steam, which drives turbines for electricity production.

Nuclear reactors are very reliable, capable of running for 24 hours a day for many months, if not years, without interruption, whatever the weather or season. Additionally, most nuclear reactors can operate for very long periods of time – over 60 years in many cases.

Radioactive waste is processed for ultimate storage below ground in vitrified (glass). The waste produced to meet the electricity needed by one person throughout their lifetime would fill one Coke can.

Nuclear fusion is the process that powers stars, like our Sun, where hundreds of millions of tonnes of hydrogen are fused into helium, generating immense amounts of heat and light. Research into nuclear fusion has continued since the 1940s. Just like nuclear fission, fusion is a low-carbon energy source, which emits no greenhouse gases or other pollutants.

Henry Hall

County Council Elections - Thursday 1st May

Choose your Councillor for the Painswick and Bisley district

The Labour Party candidate had not been selected by the time of going to print.

Guy Fancourt Liberal Democrat



Sue Williams Conservative



Gary Luff Green Party



My name is Guy Fancourt and have lived in Gloucestershire for the past 11 years. After a career as an accountant, including working for housing associations, I retrained in horticulture working as head gardener for private estates and subsequently for small private gardens. Throughout my life I have been very concerned about social responsibility and more recently the care of the planet.

I have been a member of the Liberal Democrat Party since 2000 and served on a local parish council in Kent and am now a local councillor near Tewkesbury. In this role I help develop a village sign and improved road safety. I am particularly campaigning for wider use of the 20mph speed limit particularly in small villages since this has been proven to reduce accidents with consequent reductions in insurance.

I currently help out with our local 'Warm Spaces' project and help with open space maintenance and am an active participant in my local church community.
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Cllr Sue Williams is currently the County Councillor for Painswick and Vice chair of Gloucestershire County Council. She has held positions on Environmental, Health, Social Care/Communities, Rights of Way and Planning committees which has given a strong voice for our rural communities at county level. Prior to being an elected councillor Sue was a community mental Nurse, NHS for 35yrs.

Sue is a farmer, working alongside her husband on their farm in Bisley but was born and raised in Cranham.

Proud and protective of our local heritage. She champions what really matters in our daily lives actively supportive on issues such as road safety, community services and education. Defending against reckless local housing plans without the proper infrastructure to support them.

Sue will always put Communities first and foremost. She just wants to make a positive difference in her area.

Cllr Gary Luff is the Green Party candidate for Bisley & Painswick in the Gloucestershire County Council elections on May 1st.

Gary is one of the three Green district councillors for Painswick & Upton and chairs Stroud District Council's housing committee. He was re-elected with an increased vote share of 58% in May 2024. He says: "I think Gloucestershire is a fantastic county to live and work in, and I look forward to making sure that the County Council works to make it even better."

A retired insurance company executive who managed a team of more than 100 people and an annual budget of more than £300million, Gary now works in the voluntary sector. He has Masters degrees in Business Administration and Systems Thinking.

Gary lives in Painswick village with his family. He serves on the Parish Council where he is chair of the traffic committee. He enjoys running and cycling.

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Jottings.

Spring should be with us shortly, that's when plant life springs into life followed by flowering of plants everywhere. Why is there so much concern about pollination and pollinators? Pollination is when pollen from the stamen of a flower passes to the stigma of a flower of the same species. Some plants self pollinate, but most cross-pollinate, i.e. need pollen from other plants of the same species, for seed to be produced. If there is little pollination, we get poor crops yields.

The Honey Bee is the Queen of pollination followed by the Bumble bee, wasps, moths, butterflies and other insects. They are attracted to brightly coloured, often scented, flowers. Honey bees pollinate some 80% off flowering plants including 130 types of fruit and vegetables. Butterflies are generalist pollinators, so they don't have a specific relationship with one plant but bees tend to move between flowers of the same species. So they are important pollinators.

In America, now, farmers are having to buy hives of bees each year, to pollinate their crops. With large areas of one crop, a lot of pollinators, the bees, are needed for a short time and there is nothing else for them for the rest of the year, so they die. Climate change is making it difficult to time the flowering and availability of pollinators. Bee keepers in some countries follow the crop production, taking their hives to where needed. There are problems with pesticides such as neonicotinoids killing bees; and bees getting parasites like varroa.

Bees vibrate when they drink nectar from the flowers: This causes the pollen to be released from the anthers of the flowers. The bees move it around from flower to flower as they collect pollen in the "pollen baskets" on their hind legs. The pollen is stored in the hive or nesting holes for their young.

Some plants, like our cereal crops, are pollinated by the wind carrying the pollen from plant to plant. They are not colourful or scented. It was thought that wind pollination was inefficient with a lot of pollen being made and wasted, but current thinking is that it is a lot to do with the height of the crop. The newly bred, shorter stemmed wheat being grown here may not be as well pollinated.

Martin Slinger



A change of programme brought a celebration of the life of the late Lynn Steer. A proud son of Wales he had contributed much to Painswick and PMAG. Some of the most rousing tunes ever written paid tribute to his love of Rugby alongside favourite performers Bryn Terfel and Katherine Jenkins and a leading contemporary composer Carl Jenkins. Music that was both stirring and reflective.

Later in the month was Duncan Richardson's erudite study of Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, major composers of the romantic period, who spanned the 19th century and provided the bridge from Beethoven and Schubert to the impressionism and nationalism of the 20th century. There were well chosen extracts of piano, chamber ensemble, song, choral and orchestra in illustration. Duncan had prepared an exemplary hand out of German lyrics with English translations. Clara Schumann was much in evidence, a composer and performer in her own right, she had provided encouragement and inspiration to her husband during his troubled short life and to the younger Brahms whose death was within a year of her own in 1896.

On 20th March PMAG welcomed back Dr David Lucas who took on the unenviable task of illustrating the life of Igor Stravinsky after his celebrated ballets Petrushka, Firebird and Rite of Spring. The centre piece of his talk was The Soldiers Tale first performed in 1918 in Lausanne and then shelved due to the Spanish flu and not performed in England until 1926 in Newcastle! A dark masterpiece of musical theatre about a soldier trading his soul and violin to the devil. This was tame after hearing some pieces of his later chamber music. Easier on the ear was an orchestrated suite of piano pieces written for his children to play and the later ballet Pulcinella based on music by the baroque Pergolesi. Commissioned by Diaghilev with sets by Picasso it was first performed in Paris in 1920. A major composer introducing the modern age perhaps necessitated PMAG's introduction to this difficult repertoire.

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

Thursday April 3rd	Featuring the Oboe	Joyce Barrus
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Michael Grey

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Food vans Arriving during April

Thursday 3rd April – Ground and Round Burger

Thursday 10th April – Taste of Punjab

Thursday 17th April – Box Kitchen Pizza

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Follies reclothed

The Garden this month is bursting with life, with the auriculas, fruit blossom and later varieties of daffodils to catch the eye, and perhaps a carpet of bluebells by the end of the month, weather permitting. If you’re not already a season ticket holder, why not join as a Friend and visit as often as you like?



Garden visiting hours this month are Wednesday to Sunday 10 til 5 with last admission at 4pm. During the school Easter holidays (12-27 April) we will be open daily. The Cotswold Dragon Conservation Society are back with us for a final time during the holidays and we need the help of dragonologists to find the dragon eggs mislaid around the Garden. No advance booking is needed this month although on peak days (eg Easter weekend) the facility is always there to guarantee admission. You can find out more at rococogarden.org.uk.

Those of you who have been long-term readers of this magazine will be aware that for ten years or so, our volunteer and trustee Tim Toghil wrote a regular piece every month. I am very sorry to have to pass on the sad news that Tim died peacefully last month after succumbing finally to the liver disease from which he had been suffering for many months. As well as helping out behind the scenes with his inimitable writing style, he also volunteered at events, in the Café and on the Welcome Desk. He will be much missed.

Looking forward to summer, booking is now open for our events programme which includes the ever-popular Handlebards, Wild Opera and superstar actor Anton Lesser performing music and words based around the works of Thomas Hardy. For more information and to book, again just visit rococogarden.org.uk

That’s all for now. We look forward to seeing you at the Garden soon.

Dominic Hamilton, Director

I got it wrong!

Fraud Protection and Cyber Security



...a talk by a Fraud Protection Officer from Gloucestershire Constabulary. When I read what was on offer at Yew Trees WI February meeting I must admit to thinking “a worthy subject but I am sure there are more interesting ways to spend an evening”! How wrong I was! Rhiannon Parker proved to be a most entertaining speaker sprinkling her ‘worthy’ subject with a great deal of humour, making it both interesting and educational.

It is horrifying to learn that in 2023 6% of UK adults became victims of fraud. In fact the true figure is probably higher because many victims fail to report the crime as they wrongly blame themselves for it. Rhiannon stressed to her audience that they should not feel guilty; the criminals are so clever and professional. She gave some helpful advice on how to try and avoid being caught. This included the golden rule “Stop! Think!” Take at least 5 minutes to consider whether what you are being asked for, or offered, is true. Make sure you have strong passwords, never use the same password twice, update your devices and keep back-ups. She also left us with some very helpful printed information and made sure we know to whom to report any suspicious activity.

On Tuesday 22nd April we are looking forward to welcoming Interior Designer Kate van der Meulen who is going to talk on “Understanding your (paint) undertones”. Ladies do come and join us at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms.

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Painswick Patient Group (PPG)

News for April 2025



Obituary

Our recent meeting opened with the Group paying tribute to Anthony Fisher who sadly died in January. Anthony had served on the PPG since it started in 2013. He was also a leader in the use of technology to manage his diabetes and was featured on national radio encouraging others with this. We will miss him for his loyalty and pleasant company.

PPG Meeting

The main points from our recent meeting are:

Jenny Vallely, Practice Manager, reported on a very challenging last 18 months with fewer staff, ever increasing patient demand and extreme financial pressures. Only the willingness of the two remaining reception staff, Mandie and Alice, to work long extra hours carried them through. Three new members of staff have been recruited so improvements should be evident soon. (However, PPG members are concerned about the mental wellbeing of staff working in the Practice under extreme pressure.)

Dr Rhys Evans – the new GP contract

Dr Evans reported on what was known about changes planned for the GP 2025/26 annual contract. Immediately following the meeting he received the following cheering news: “The GP Council for England has now fully agreed changes to the 2025/26 contract [and has] the Government’s commitment in writing ‘to working with GPC England to secure a new substantive GP contract within this Parliament . . .’.”

The new contract includes a maximum of 25 consultations per day for each GP becoming the new normal – twice that has been known at our Practice in the past (and still now) as GPs conscientiously try to keep up with demand but at a cost to themselves.

Our Practice is ahead of many in already offering what Wes Streeting has demanded:

- Appointment requests available online throughout the working day
- Ditto, medication queries and administrative requests
- Patients to be more able to ask to see their regular Doctor.

And we haven’t suffered the much vaunted ‘8am scramble on the phone’ for an appointment for some time thanks to eConsult.

County-wide PPG meetings

The ICB hold regular meetings with representatives of a number of PPGs these have recently focused on the preparation of a new Carers Charter. If you are a carer your views are sought here: Use the Q code bottom of the page.

Other news from the group:

Getting the most out of your appointments – new guide and animation from the Patients Association – is available here: <https://www.patients-association.org.uk/getting-the-most-out-of-your-appointment>

Digital Switchover

Preparation for the switching-off of landlines is in hand under this title, More at: <http://bit.ly/4iifkUM>

Questions & thoughts from you are more than welcome.

PPG members can never be sure we can reflect your needs and opinions as well as we hope to. So we now wish to invite you to send in any items you wish us to raise with the Surgery or to help you with your needs.

Are there any specific issues you would like us to raise?

- Do you need help with accessing the ever increasing NHS digital services?
- What do you think of the physical facilities at the Practice: the front door, Reception, on-screen ‘clocking-in’, the Waiting Room etc.
- Does the NHS App help you make appointments or order repeat prescriptions?

Please let us know by emailing painswickppg@gmail.com (or getting someone else to) or by asking a receptionist to pass on a message to us. Use the same email address to ask to be included on the email list for a lot more information on the above.

David Perry, PPG Chair

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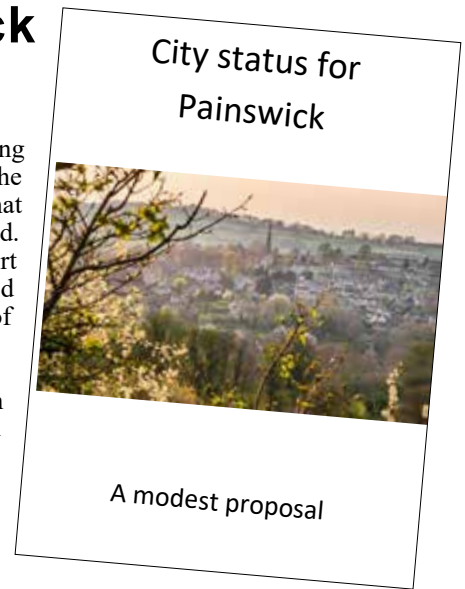
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Plans to create the City of Painswick revealed

The age old debate as to whether we live in a town or a village could soon be a thing of the past, if plans now being drawn up for Painswick to be designated a city are given the go-ahead. The Beacon has seen a dossier, believed to have been drawn up in secret, that outlines the case for city status to be awarded and proposes a process to take the plan forward. It is understood that recent grants of city status to places such as St Asaph in Wales and Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands, each with a similar population to Painswick, have opened up the process to smaller communities. It is also pointed out in the dossier that the area of Painswick parish is considerably larger than that of the City of London.

The plans have not yet been considered by the Parish Council, or at least not in open session, but may be on the agenda soon. It is recognised that any formal application could take many months, if not years, to be realised, but there is believed to be an opportunity created by the coronation of King Charles in 2023. Grants of city status are traditionally associated with royal occasions and in view of the King's links with Gloucestershire, it is thought that he may be considering an award within the county. Painswick was famously visited by the King's late wife, Princess Diana, in 1985 and is also believed to have hosted the first King Charles in 1643.

If the City of Painswick were to be declared, it would mark a major change for the Parish Church, which could become the Cathedral Church of St Mary. Given the historical nature of the Church, its incomparable setting, and the fact that it has more bells than any other church in Gloucestershire, even including Gloucester Cathedral, this would be a well-deserved honour.



An anniversary to be celebrated

A truly significant anniversary is almost upon us, and one which is worth not only acknowledging but also definitely celebrating. Eighty years ago, 1945, after six long years, World War II was thankfully coming to an end and on 8th May, Victory in Europe Day, Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. Communities everywhere celebrated VE Day. And so it was in Painswick.

Everyone, regardless of age, was affected by the war and VE Day was therefore of real importance. To mark this notable anniversary, probably the last one involving those who were actually in the front line, there will be a display in St Marys Church highlighting Painswick's experience of VE Day and the war.

This is a notable anniversary and one which we should all acknowledge as of real importance. VE Day will be celebrated nationally this year on 5th May. Do go into the church and see how Painswick was involved. The display will be there for a few days from the beginning of May.

Carol Maxwell

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Library News

Easter Closure

We shall be closed for the Easter holidays on Good Friday 18th April, Easter Saturday 19th April and Easter Monday 21st April.

However, don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday – the Library is once again sponsoring an egg, so look out for it in the window below the Library.

Our Normal Opening Hours:

Mondays 2.30 pm – 4.40pm
Wednesdays 10.30 am – 12.30pm and 2.30pm – 6.30 pm,
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Friday Club

Painswick: can you help The Friday Club?

The Friday Club is fast approaching its 70th year of operation. But we need the help of the community to reach this special milestone. First, we must solve a conundrum! We are recruiting new members to our meetings and outings, and many more people come along as visitors. All are welcome; we love to see new faces. Everyone tells us how much they enjoy our activities, relishing the conversation and companionship, and looking forward to meals and trips together. We also like to think that we provide support and advice through well-chosen speakers on how to live well in our later years.

So, we are very successful at what we do. Our dilemma is, through changes in health and family circumstances, most of our committee need to step down this July. At the time of writing, we do not have any volunteers to take over the organisation of our programme for 2025/26 and beyond. We need a Chairman, a Treasurer, and a Programme Secretary, and some more Committee members. The 'demographic' of our current members means that many are unable to take on the roles.

Are there people in Painswick who would like to join the Committee and provide the necessary continuity for our members? Our current team will remain members and have offered to carry out some of the work they already undertake. Please contact *Joyce (812942), Sue (810878) or Jane (813228) if you can help – in any way!* *Jane Rowe, for The Friday Club Committee.*

Successful start to the New Year

The Friday Club's entertaining and successful start to the New Year continued in March. On the 6th Paul Evans entertained Members by reading a colourful and amusing selection of Poems, Monologues and stories, many written by himself. He explained that it all started years ago when a friend asked him to act as "Best Man" at his Wedding. He prepared and delivered a successful speech and has continued ever since. Members were laughing and enjoying themselves and there was a long and loud round of applause at the conclusion of the afternoon. The laughter continued whilst Members enjoyed their afternoon tea and cakes.

Then on the 21st Members set off in a minibus to explore Gloucestershire's "Golden Daffodil Triangle." Although it was a cool day we all enjoyed the ride around the daffodil fields and visits to the Church of St Edward the Confessor in Kempsey – See attached photo on the left taken in the church -and St Mary's Church in Dymock. To round the day off we had an excellent lunch at The Beauchamp Arms in Dymock. A day to remember!

As Easter falls in April we only have two meetings, the 4th and 24th. The 4th is a talk on "Birmingham City of Culture." At long last "Brummies" like myself are being recognised! On the 24th, included in our visit to Dyrham Park is "Tulipomania." This is a guided Tulip Tour focussing on the history of Tulips and how to grow and maintain them.

What a programme! Why not come and join The Friday Club? We meet fortnightly, on a Friday, in the lower room at the Town Hall. Meetings commence at 2.30pm. Annual Membership is £20 plus £2 per Meeting. Tea, coffee, biscuits and most important of all the chance to chat are provided after the talks. See YOU soon.

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Some weeks ago Le Papillon in New Street opened its doors as one of Painswick's very welcome new businesses. Essentially a tea and coffee shop, and selling fresh bread, vegetables and excellent cheese daily, it was also meant to be a wine bar open until 10.00pm. Unfortunately, the latter feature has not been possible hitherto because of a delay in obtaining the necessary licence.

The good news is that at last Le Papillon is now opening on Friday evenings to serve wine, and within the next few weeks it will also be open on Thursday and Saturday evenings too. A warm, comfortable and cosy café/bar serving excellent fare – definitely a lovely way to spend a relaxed evening.

Carol Maxwell



New Insights on St Mary's



At the March meeting of the Local History Society our members were treated to a fabulous presentation on the history of St Mary's Church. Andrew Leach had preferred to talk in St Mary's itself rather than at our usual venue of The Croft School – as he said "why have pictures on a screen when you can see the real thing?"

Though some of us may have thought we knew quite a bit about its history Andrew left us all walking away with many new insights. Did you know that the pillars of the south aisle were once classical fluted columns; that there was no tracery in the north aisle windows; that the south aisle windows have been changed from rounded openings to their current gothic style? All of this was the work of our Victorian forbears who thought it better to have a consistent style throughout rather than the mix that had formed over the previous centuries.

Other interesting points were that the Church in pre-Reformation times was painted a bright red throughout; that the 'subdued' baroque reredos built by the Bryans in the south aisle, moved from the chancel in the Victorian restorations, and sadly hidden from general view by the current position of the organ is perhaps unique in that it is built of stone unlike general baroque pieces which are made from wood.

In addition to the fabric of the building itself Andrew also put out on display some interesting vestments and chalices that are held and still used to this day. An outstanding presentation enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is back in The Croft School on April 18th when we will have a talk on Tudor medicine by Kirsty Bingham.

Peter Jackson

Conservation and Calculation.



The National Trust is Europe's largest Conservation charity, celebrating their 130th birthday this year. Our lecture on 15th April at 2.30pm at Box Village Hall (GL69HE) will be given by their Warden for Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons,

Richard Evans, who will talk about The National Trust's developing approach to conservation. Then on Wednesday 7th May at 2.30 pm in the Painswick Centre, Painswick, Malcolm Watkins will be giving a talk with the intriguing title 'Casting Stones at Napier's Bones'. Malcolm will describe the history of calculating devices in the late 16th and 17th centuries, when new tools and techniques were developed for commerce, exploration, astronomy, and scientific research. From Napier's Bones to the Pascaline (the first commercial mechanical calculator), he will introduce us to slide rules (invented in the early 1600s) and other tools along the way. Lectures are FREE for Members, non-members welcome (£5 charge), just drop in or contact Paul Wyeth; CNFCLectureSec.pw@gmail.com 07472 021 517.

On Thursday May 29th we have a site visit to the A417 Missing Link at Shab/Crickley Hill. Arranged with the lead contractor, Kier Transportation Ltd., the morning visit will include a presentation, Q&A's, then stepping outside to the safe exclusion zone to view the A417 Missing Link works taking place at the time. For more information and to book (currently members only) please contact Jane Rowe on cotsnats@gmail.com We are also taking bookings for a private tour of Woodchester Mansion on 4th June and, after the popularity of our first tour, we hope to be able to offer a second trip to The Mansion House, part of the Bathurst Estate in Cirencester Park over the summer. We have plans for two canal sidewalks, a guided tour of the historic Trinity Church in Minchinhampton and later in the year a trip to Hopewell Colliery (still worked by freeminers). So, plenty to look forward to!

Membership remains unchanged (£25 individual, £40 couple). For Membership queries please contact John Elbert: CNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com

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Finally, Some Decent Weather.

What a winter we have just had, so much rain and so little sun. As I write this the air is still cool, but the sun is shining and there is warmth in it. Spring has arrived.

The relentless rain has had a negative effect on many parts of the site with surface water forming silty puddles. Our new slitter was used on the golf fairways and many paths at the end of January and the golf club has available funds to hire a tractor and driver again to redo these areas soon.

Some sections of track have been resurfaced. The section by the 2nd green and the drainage borehole behind the 5th green have been paid for by the golf club's Conservation Enhancement Scheme and the section leading towards the trig point was paid for by PBCG. The total cost was just over £11,000. There is more to do, but raising money is hard. An application to Natural England's capital project fund may secure more to fund the section of the Cotswold Way by the Quarry Road this summer.

News from this year's Large Blue meeting has not been the best. National numbers are down about 50%. Excess water damages the ants' nests, destroying the butterfly larvae simultaneously. Unfortunately, the Butterfly Conservation annual report mirrors this trend, showing heavily reduced numbers of most species last year. This is due to the mild, wet winter and spring of 23/24. Half of British butterflies are now on the endangered list. The extreme weather events we are experiencing are putting enormous stress on the natural world, making anything we can do to help even more important.

We are now scaling back work parties to prevent damage to emerging plants and reptiles and to prevent disturbance to nesting birds. However, the vegetation survey has started, and we need volunteers to help. Please contact me if interested.

Paul Baxter pmbaxtersfm@gmail.com 07971 633 242



Painswick Gardening Club

On 12th March Andy Jeanes returned to talk to our group about Clematis. We were surprised to learn that clematis is in the same family as buttercups, along with delphiniums and columbines. He explained the differences between the three groups of clematis: Size of flowers, greenery, flowering periods and pruning tips. In fact he gave us lots of hints to help us succeed with them and we hope to see the plants he brought and sold to us, thriving in our gardens.

This month, Nick Morgan is coming to help us with our greenhouse(s). He hopes to pass on his experiences having looked after the Wisley greenhouses. Nick trained at Pershore, worked with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and retired to Gloucestershire. So, being local, he understands our soil, climate and garden conditions.

We meet in the Town Hall at 7 pm for tea/coffee and perhaps a glass of wine, ready to start the talk at 7.30pm. Come and join us.

Joyce Barrus



Library Book Club

In April the Library Book Club will meet on Monday 7th from 1.30 - 2.30 pm and we will be discussing *The Interview* by J. David Simon. Following that we meet again on Monday 12th May at the same time, to review *In the Full Light of the Sun* by Clare Clark. New members are always welcome. For further information email painswick.library.bookclub@gmail.com

Pat Andrew

Painswick Educational Trust

Are there any young people out there resident in the Painswick area who need financial help with their education or training in these difficult times? We have limited funds but the Trust can help with books, tools, IT equipment etc.

We are meeting soon to consider applications so if you need to know more please contact Antonia Wright by email at painswickeducationalfoundation@gmail.com or Joy Edwards on 07810 476 473.

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Painswick Tennis

Fun Junior Tennis tournament

A glorious Sunday morning at Painswick Tennis Club saw 20 players aged from 10 to 16 from 5 Gloucestershire tennis clubs gather to play several matches of fun tennis. It was fantastic to see so many players, supporters and coaches basking in the sunshine and witnessing tennis at such an enjoyable level (see picture on right). There were some great matches including one between players from Oxstalls and Chalford that came to a dramatic Golden point finish! Massive thanks due to Charlie Ferrett and Katie Harbord for their efforts on the day and to Painswick LTC for supporting this junior event.



Graham Harbord

Summer Tennis season starts

The Club again is entering 4 mens and 4 ladies teams in the Gloucestershire summer league. The Rusty Racquets section night is strongly supported on Thursday evenings. Those interested should contact Ness Fair on nessfair1@gmail.com. Junior group coaching is commencing from 28th April and those interested should contact Charlie Ferrett on charlietennis101@gmail.com for further information..

Prospective new members should contact Ruth Smith on ruthandtreavor@btinternet.com



Come and Try Bowls: The 2025 Inter-Street Competition

Bowls is an easy game to learn. (It's harder to master, but that's not what we're talking about now.) Just a quick lesson and a few practice shots are enough to grasp the basics and open the way to engaging, social afternoons on the green.

The annual Painswick inter-street competition will run from May to September 2025. The Painswick Bowling Club opens its doors to teams from across our community, with the aim of giving everyone a chance to discover what all the fun is about.

If you would like to organise a team from your street, or just want to find out if there's one you can join, please contact me, John Dickinson. I would be delighted to introduce you to the green and organise a free lesson for you or any newcomers in your group.

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Evening of Bowls

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- When? One Friday evening each month
- Where? Painswick Bowls Club
- What to expect? A casual game of bowls, great company, and a drink from the affordable bar
- What to bring? Just yourselves – kick off your shoes and enjoy!

The club reopens in early April, and we've secured permission to use its facilities, so let's make the most of it!

We'll be in touch soon via WhatsApp with more details. Come along, bring a friend, and let's make it a regular night to remember!

See you on the green!

Lucy John & Will Moir (or Matthew)

Painswick Football

Painwick vs Harrow Hill 2-1: On Saturday 23rd March



Painswick FC narrowly beat Harrow Hill to collect the three points. At the start of the game the home team is settling into the match – analysing what type of performance the away team are going to put on. Harrow Hill had some chances in the first half, but Painswick's defensive performance proved too much of a challenge for the away team. Painswick's Myles Cooper had many early chances in the first half, including his fantastic acrobatic attempt that landed in the back of the net from 10 yards out. 1-0 Painswick. Fortunately for Painswick, Cooper's fantastic goal was right before half time, ending the first half on a success.

Despite all the success for Painswick, Harrow Hill gain a goal out of nothing, the result of poor defending. Straight after the goal, Painswick switch on – they attack with ferocity and defend like it's their last match. The away team counterattack and Painswick's defence is looking bruised as a clumsy challenge inside the penalty box leads to a penalty for the away team. Harrow Hill's no.9 has a massive chance to win the game but is denied by the woodwork. Then Cooper is played through on goal and calmly slots it into the bottom right from a tight angle inside the box. The referee blows for full time and Painswick have turned one point into three.

Nesty Coles

Ist team home fixtures in April

5th April v Lydbrook 3pm

22nd April v Kings Stanley 18.30

The Team is currently 4th in Division 2

Pickleball

Pickleball continued to be played at the Recreation courts throughout the winter when weather permitted. Now Spring is here hopefully the weather will be kinder. An additional court is being marked out and another net purchased.

Taster sessions

... will be held on Thursday evenings 10th and 17th April at 7pm, and Wednesday mornings 9th and 16th at 10am. Just turn up, no charge, equipment is provided. The club sessions for the summer for members are Monday mornings 10am, Wednesday evenings 6.30 and Saturdays at 10.30.

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Property Report

As one outstanding country house, Greenhouse Court, goes under offer, two more are being offered for sale. Washwell House on Cheltenham Road, a 7 bedroom house with 1 bed annexe, swimming pool and 4 acres of land, was once the home of the Wemyss sisters, commemorated by the Memorial Garden birdbath. It is offered by Murrays at £2.35 million. Hamptons meanwhile have Holcombe Barn, a detached barn conversion with heated outdoor pool and views over rolling pastures, at £1.95 million. Almost in the centre of the village, Acacia House by Goddards Garage is a Victorian detached house with 5 beds, good-sized garden and parking (Murrays, £895,000). Almost directly behind it, Appleways on Gloucester Street is a 3 bed link-detached bungalow hidden away from view (Hamptons, £750,000 – already under offer). On Stamages Lane, Abbots Leigh is a 3 bed semi with good-sized garden (Murrays, £695,000) and just round the corner, Hale Lea on Kings Mill Lane is a 2 bed detached stone cottage offering views over the valley (Hamptons, £520,000).

Two other stone cottages with views across the valley are 2 Prospect Terrace off Tibbiwell with one bedroom (Murrays, £200,000) and in the other direction, Beacon View at Longridge with three beds and scope for improvement (Hamptons, £700,000). Meanwhile Bopoto, a 4 bedroom detached house with views across the Slad Valley is being offered by the ‘Modern Method of Auction’ at a guide price of £675,000 through Hamptons.

No. 4 Richmond Village, a one bed independent living apartment, is now available at £480,000 (no. 11 having gone under offer) and there is also an assisted living apartment (No. 3/4) available for rent – see Richmond website for details. As well as Greenhouse Court, other properties going under offer through Murrays this month include Croft Orchard on Gloucester Street, Woodside on Kingsmill Lane, St. Mary’s House on Stamages Lane, the Bank Flat and the Apartment at the Old Fleece, both Bisley Street, Cranham Close at Prinknash Corner and Tragarth in Cranham. 1 Canton Acre has completed.

Through Hamptons, 6 Stamages Lane, Appleways on Gloucester Street and Hillfield in Edge have gone under offer, while contracts have been exchanged on May Cottage, Edge Road, 3 Gloucester Road, Station House and Beacon Lodge on Cheltenham Road, Spring House in Sheepscombe and Crofters in Cranham.

Exedra Nursery

We have a shiny new polytunnel in place which means the production of more plants and to help with this, we’ve taken on an extra horticulturalist whose sole job will be propagation. We continue to produce a wide range of perennials on site, from the classics to the more unusual and this year have 250 different varieties growing on. We’re also working with specialist nurseries from across the country to offer quality plants that are a little different.

We’re again working with the Rococo Garden team to run horticultural workshops offering advice and inspiration, from apple tree grafting to container planting and autumn lifting and dividing. You can find out all about the courses on our website – www.exedranursery.co.uk. Thank you for your support and happy gardening!

Julie Dolphin.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN PAINSWICK TOWN HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

Matters requiring a decision:

a. S.24/2282/HHOLD Painswick Lodge, Painswick (Revised Plans) Internal alterations & refurbishment, upgrading of existing services. Remedial works to retained walls, partitions & ceilings. Removal of inappropriate rainwater goods. New entrance doors to north elevation (replacing an existing window) & reinstatement of historic doors. Existing opening door opening closed up. Landscaping works. The Committee agreed to support this application, subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

b. S.24/2283/LBC Painswick Lodge, Painswick (Revised Plans) Internal alterations & refurbishment, upgrading of existing services. Remedial works to retained walls, partitions & ceilings. Removal of inappropriate rainwater goods. New entrance doors to north elevation (replacing an existing window) & reinstatement of historic doors. Existing opening door opening closed up. Landscaping works including reconfiguration of access drive. The Committee agreed to support this application, subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer

c. S.25/0289/HHOLD Tibbiwell House, Tibbiwell Lane Erection of a replacement garage. The Committee agreed to support this application, subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

d. S.25/0290/LBC Tibbiwell House, Tibbiwell Lane Erection of a replacement garage. The Committee agreed to support this application, subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.

e. S.25/0363/HHOLD Dry Knapps House, Edge Road Erection of a garden building. The Committee agreed to support this application. f. S.25/0342/FUL Land At Sheepphouse, Stepping Stone Lane Change of use of part of an agricultural field to sui generis, erection of a wildlife observation shelter & the construction of a small pond created by damming two minor watercourses (Retrospective) The Committee agreed to Support this application, subject to the agreement of both the Land Drainage and Biodiversity Officers.

Village Diary

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

April

Sat	5	Painswick Beacon published		
Sun	6	Benefice Communion and Confirmations	St Mary's Church	10.30am
Mon	7	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm
	7	Silent Meditation	St Mary's Church	6..0pm
Tues	8	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Weds	9	Mid Week Communion	St Mary's Church	12.00pm
	9	Gardening Club: Making the most of your greenhouse - Nick Morgan	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thurs	10	The Arts Society: Rupert - the anthropomorphic bear - Howard Smith	Painswick Centre	10.00 for 10.45am
Fri	11	Christian Aid Lent Lunch hosted by Francis Watson @ Cranwood, Lower Washwell 01452 812071/07779 173373	Cranwood	12.00 - 2.00pm
	11	Wickflix: Paddington in Peru	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm
Sat	12	PBCG work party	TBC	9.00am
	12	Painswick Music Society: contemporary and trad. works for brass and woodwind - Neoteric Ensemble.	St Mary's Church	3.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	13	Quaker Meeting will hold a vigil for peace	Quaker Meeting House	9.50am for 10.00 - 10.20am
	13	Palm Sunday - Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	15	Local History Society: Tudor and Stuart Medicine - Kirstie Bingham	Croft School	7.30pm
	15	Cotteswold Naturalists: National Trust and conservation - Richard Evans Enq 07767 014957	Box Village Hall	2.30pm
	15	Holy Tuesday - Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
	15	Prayer and Praise	St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Thurs	17	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Requiems - Ann Williams	Town Hall	2.30pm
	17	Painswick Probus Club: Opera/Singing - Susan Black	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
	17	Maundy Thursday - Eucharist and watch	St Mary's Church	7.30 - 10.00pm
Fri	18	Good Friday - Procession of witness in Painswick		10.30am
	18	Good Friday devotion	St Mary's Church	2.00pm
	18	Painswick Community Friday Hub: Hot cross buns and coffee will be served. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
Sat	19	Painswick Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt	Churchyard and around the village	12.00 - 4.00pm
Sun	20	Deadline for Beacon Copy		
	20	Easter Sunday - Family Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Tues	22	Yew Trees WI: Understanding your (paint) undertones - Kate van der Meulen	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
	22	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
Fri	24	Friday Club: Outing by minibus to Dyrham Park for 'Tulip Mania' Prebook 812942/813228	Stamages car park	10.00am
Sun	27	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tues	29	Cotteswold Naturalists Visit to Glos Energy from Waste Incinerator + optional lunch. Pre book 01453 823286	Javelin Park, Haresfield	9.45am
	29	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am
May				
Thurs	1	Painswick Probus: Life Stories & Behaviour of the Tudors - Kirstie Bingham	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am
Fri	2	Friday Club: Managing Memory Together. Enq 812942	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	3	Painswick Beacon published		



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
	Ballyhoo modern dance classes. Julie ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	from 3.45pm
	Community Choir. Contact sophie@sophiesterckx.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Short Mat Bowls. All equipment provided. 2.00/session	Town Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mindful Meditation with Kate. kate-beatty.co.uk/07793126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	5.00 - 6.00pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
	Tuesdays	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre
Painswick Art Club £35/term. Contact Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942		Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
Wednesdays	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
	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/07793126234	Painswick Centre	7.30 - 8.45pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Painswick Centre	10.30 - 11.30am
	Strength and Conditioning Circuits. www.lovelifeladies.co.uk	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.30pm
	After school art classes. Term time only. classes@painswickcentre.com .	Painswick Centre	3.45 - 5.15pm
	Weds Pop-in. A warm space to join others over a cuppa and perhaps try a new skill. Contact Sandra Glass on 814186	Town Hall	10.00 12.00pm
	Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre
St Mary's Mums, Contact 07833 727701. Term time only		Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45am
Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com		Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@cloud.com		Painswick Centre	11.15 - 12.45am
Tai chi. Contact Joe on 07960 753782		Painswick Centre	1.30 - 2.30pm
Dog Training Club. Contact Fiona Chapman on 01452 812462 or fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com		Painswick Rugby Club	9.30 - 12.30pm
Qi Gong Classic Exercise - jeffdocherty@yahoo.com		Town Hall	9.30 - 10.30am
Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk		Town Hall	5.45 - 6.45pm
Takeaway Food Night		Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays		Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. cgsvain@btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
	Classical Pilates Mat Classes. Contact Jo on 07968 799741 or info@daleypilates.co.uk	Church Rooms	11.00 - 12.00pm
Sundays	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Youth Pavillion	9.30 - 11.30am
	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	Quaker Meeting for Worship	Meeting House	10.30am
	Aikido www.gloucestershireaikido.club .	Painswick Centre	8.30 - 11.00am

Personal Column

Congratulations

To JESS BARNETT AND ERIC ALLARD who are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Laurie, who was born on 28th February. A little brother for Rupert and Rowan and another grandson for Nigel Barnett and for Linda and Peter Allard.

Condolences

To the family and friends of TIM TOGHILL who died peacefully on March 6th. Tim was a trustee of the Rococo Garden from 2014 to 2024 and with his energy and positivity was key in supporting its recovery and development. He also wrote the monthly Garden reports

To the family and friends of PETER ROBERTS who sadly died peacefully on Thursday 20th March after a long illness with his family at his side.



His flying career spanned 35 years. During that time he flew many types of aircraft ending on his beloved Tristar L1011, and Boeing 757/767. He retired from BA aged 55 and then flew for GO Fly with his daughter Alex before retiring in 2001.

He moved to Painswick with his wife Mary in 2009 where he immersed himself in village life which included a successful pub quiz team, trying his hand at bowling, joining the ATEIC Investment Club and becoming President of Painswick Probus in 2011/12. Sadly his wife, Mary, died in 2017. He is survived by his daughter Alex and grandchildren Emily and Olivia.

His funeral will be at St Mary's Church, Painswick on Thursday 24th April at 12.00. Following the service a reception will be held at The Painswick Hotel to which friends are most welcome but are specifically requested to confirm likely attendance to his daughter alexormiston@mac.com prior to 21st April in order that catering arrangements can be finalised.

MINI-ADS

For sale Garden Polytunnel. Haygrove Polytunnel 6M x 3M. Steel Frame. Rollup and roll down ventilation system. Door. To buy new £2450. Dismantle and collect. £250. Call 07977 913630.

For sale: 1. Thule bike rack. Holds 2 bikes. Hardly used £60. 2. Salomon ski boots in original box Performa 7.0. Size 27.5. Used twice on dry slope. £90. Call 07432 620343.

South Devon Holiday Rental. A lovely four-bedroom house to rent in Thurlestone, South Devon. Ideal for beach, walking, golfing holidays and exploring the stunning South Hams region. Call Vicki 07789 963886.

FREE: Would anyone, Francophiles especially, be interested in collecting a quantity of beautiful "France" magazines? Tel. 07904 892045.

FREE: Logs for wood-burning stoves and wood chippings for bedding mulch. Come and collect from Beggars Roost, Golf Course Rd, Painswick.

For Sale: 40m long Hozelock hosepipe housed inside sturdy wheeled Fastcart. Quick and smooth to rewind, reducing tangles and kinks. £45. Tel 07971 264513

Help in the House. Do you need help with your housework, your ironing, doing your shopping? If so give Jo a call on 07777 177071.

Need a Compassionate live-in Carer in Painswick

Maureen Baker is a valued independent live-in carer who has been a comforting presence in Painswick for the past five years. Having provided exceptional care to two local families, Maureen seeks a new live-in caring position in Painswick from the end of April.

If you or someone you know in the Painswick area needs a compassionate and experienced independent live-in carer from the end of April, Maureen welcomes your contact for further information about her work and availability on 07531 929832.

Mini-Ads

Primarily for Painswick residents. Text maximum 30 words. Flat charge £6. Free to subscribers for private sales. £6 for business use, holiday rentals. etc.

Provide text, your name, address and contact details with payment in advance. More info call Peter Rowe, or mail:advertising.beacon@painswick.net

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Electricity supply failure

A major failure occurred in an electrical supply line for Painswick which was eventually located in Victoria Street which it caused the road to be closed for over a week whilst repairs were carried out. A generator was quickly installed in Stamages Car Park to keep power flowing.



New charging points

Preparation started a few weeks ago for the installation of 6 electric charging points in Stamages Car Park



Yellow lines appear overnight

On Friday evening 14th March a council team gave the double yellow lines in Painswick a repaint. For once no cars appear to have been parked on the old lines as there are no noticeable gaps.