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Clypping, Feast and Apple Day

The weather forecast a few days before was not encouraging. However by Saturday this had changed to suggest sunny spells and a gentle breeze and in the end it turned out to be a glorious day bathed throughout in sunshine. A sign of the bumper crop of fruit around the village this year was the apple press still going at 6pm.

Grateful thanks go to Stephen Aiano for heading up the team of volunteers who helped make the day such a success. Below and on the back page are some pictures to give a flavour of the day.



🜟 A Painswick Panto? Oh Yes It Is! 🧩

This Christmas, something magical could be coming to the Painswick Centre – and we want you to be part of it!

Local resident George, a former professional theatre director, has been in conversation with the trustees about bringing a much-loved tradition to our village – a pantomime in the run-up to Christmas or later in January. Imagine the lights, the laughter, the "oh yes it is!" and "oh no it isn't!" echoing through the hall… it's a chance to bring people together, celebrate community spirit, and create memories for all ages.

But no panto is complete without its cast and crew – and that's where you come in. We're looking for volunteers of every kind:

Performers (from age 5 to 85+ – no experience required, just enthusiasm!)

Backstage help – sets, props, costumes, lighting, stage management

Musicians and singers to bring the magic to life

And anyone who just wants to be part of something fun, festive, and community-driven.

The plan is to perform across three nights before Christmas or later in January, depending on demand and availability. All proceeds will go straight back into supporting the Painswick Centre, so every laugh and cheer will help sustain one of our village's most loved community spaces.

So whether you've always dreamed of treading the boards, love making things happen behind the scenes, or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you.

To get involved, please email georgebl89@gmail.com and let him know how you'd like to help.

Let's make this winter one to remember and bring the magic of pantomime to Painswick. After all, there's nothing quite like a panto to lift the spirits and bring people together – and we can already hear the audience shouting...

"Oh yes it is!"... but we do need your help!

A Very Happy Birthday Celebration

St Mary's Mums is two years old – and a truly wonderful success story for Painswick. At the birthday party on Sunday, 14th September in the Church Rooms there was laughter, fun and a great sense of joy emanating from all those present. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children happily celebrated this lovely occasion.

The idea of forming a group for children of preschool age and their parents was originally proposed by Rev. Sarah. She understood the benefits to be gained by families with young children of coming together regularly and frequently and realised there was a definite need for such locally. She, together with Victoria Soutar, set about organising the group and making the arrangements for the weekly sessions which have taken place every Thursday morning in the church rooms.

Each week there are about fifteen or sixteen families present. The children range from small babies to those about to start school. The adults are mums, dads, grandparents and carers. Sarah explains that the sessions provide an excellent opportunity for families

to come together and to improve networking possibilities across the generations, so important to the overall welfare of the children and their adult family members.

Victoria organises the Thursday morning gatherings, assisted by three or four volunteers whose help is invaluable. There are toys and games, a climbing frame, a play kitchen, drawing and colouring, craft activities and singing. It is about fun but it is also very much about togetherness – both for the children and for the adults. During the summer holidays Victoria also organises extra sessions on the Recreation Ground to which children who have moved on to school can come along.





One mum's enthusiastic description of the set-up, 'I love it. It's so welcoming and such a wonderful introduction for the children to activities and people.' A dad explains how it's such a good opportunity for children to socialise with their own age group and adds that his daughter really looks forward to it and talks about it very often. He also would like to express his thanks and appreciation to the volunteers for helping to make the Thursday morning sessions so enjoyable.

Asked which bit of the mornings were the best, a two and a half year old replies, emphatically, 'singing'! A grandmother, who accompanies her grandchild every Thursday morning, describes how she sees the little ones developing from babyhood and progressing into childhood, and that the Thursday morning sessions are an excellent preparation for school. She sees it also as the best possible supportive start for the whole family.

With a bouncy castle in the Church Rooms, scrumptious food available and a wonderful happy atmosphere this was definitely a joyous occasion celebrating the birthday of a much loved and appreciated local organisation – St Mary's Mums.

Carol Maxwell







From Yuliia, Anastasiia and Yehor

Dear friends

My family and I are so thankful for all the special people that Holy God chose to put in our life.

We are so happy to have true, trustful and loving friends in our life right now. You are amazing people who support me and my family, who help us, comfort us and bring strength, hope and peace in our life. We will never forget your generosity, kindness, hospitality and understanding.

Over the past three years we've faced many challenges, but your love, care and support have been a constant light. Now I am on my way home, I am on my way to Ukraine—a country which is not safe now, which is still fighting for its own way of development, for its freedom and independence. I will carry home the deep sense of gratitude for the warmth of your hearts I've received here in Painswick. We are blessed here because we have many reliable friends – people who stand right by our side.



Thank you so much for everything you have done and continue to do for us. Your friendship is a special gift - generously given, happily accepted and deeply appreciated!

We would like to offer special heartfelt thanks to Frances Watson. We are endlessly thankful for her presence in our life. Her kindness can never be repaid!

Our thanks are to Liz Burge, Dawn and Jeremy Tyson, Kim Brockett and Tom Stokes, Pippa and John Dickinson, Yvonne and David Rawson, Sue and Simon Pack, Margaret Radway, Caroline and Roger Banks, Phil Taylor, Reverend Andrew Leach, Christiana Paton, Jenny Loose, Delyth Allen, Nicolette Babbs, Joan Warner, Rebecca Appleby-Crabb and many-many others in Painswick who have touched our lives.

You are all incredibly special to us. Your kindness, concern, and generosity always warm our hearts.

It's a true honour for us to be a part of Painswick community, you have become a part of our life.

God bless you and your families! We are thankful to each and everyone!

With love and gratitude,

Yuliia, Anastasiia and Yehor

Revisiting the History of Sex and Christianity

On Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7.00pm in the nave of Gloucester Cathedral and hosted by The Severn Forum and Gloucester Cathedral is a talk by Rev'd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Professor of the History of the Church, Oxford University 1997-2019 in the light of his book published in 2024 "Lower than the Angels: a History of Sex and Christianity"

Few matters produce more public interest or dissension than sex and religion. Revolutions in attitudes in the last generations have brought liberation to some and fear and fury to others. Professor MacCulloch seeks to calm fears and encourage understanding by revisiting three millennia of Jews and Christians encountering sex, gender and family.

ALL WELCOME

Michael Irving - Programme Secretary of The Severn Forum

Painswick Directory 2026 – final call

The new Painswick Directory will be delivered with the January Beacon. It is important that the details of all entries are correct and for this we rely on the information provided to us. If you know of any changes that need to be made, any new additions or any entries which need to be withdrawn please let us know immediately. And remember, this is a free service and of great potential benefit to everyone. It is important therefore that it is upto-date, comprehensive and accurate.

Please send details, by the end of October, to Carol Maxwell email <u>carolmaxwell@talktalk.net</u> or the Beacon's email <u>directory.beacon@painswick.net</u> or put in the Beacon box in New Street.

Carol Maxwell







The Genius of Stradivari

On 11th September The Painswick Centre welcomed the return of Toby Faber, scion of the publishing house that bears his name. His enthusiasm for the violin as king of all instruments and the mystery of why some instruments sound magically better than others was brilliantly shared with an enthusiastic audience.

Beginning in 16th Century Italy, the Amati family emerged as producers of the finest violins in Europe. However, in 1666 the name of a young apprentice woodcarver, Antonio Stradivari, appeared on the label of a violin "Made by Antonio Stradiveri of Cremona, pupil of Nicolo Amati". A pupil perhaps, but soon to exceed the teacher.



The young woodcarver soon emerged as a master violin maker initially taking commissions that Amati could not fulfil. His rise to fame and 'the Golden Period' from 1700 until he died in 1737 were explored within the fascinating context of the political upheavals of the period.

Illustrations of Stradivari's design variations and construction techniques using woods such as spruce and maple were intriguing. Then followed fascinating tales of famous instruments, 'The Paganini,''Viotto''Davidov', 'Lipinski', 'Messiah'. Great stories! (my favourite 'The Kevenhuller' linked to the composition of Beethoven's late quartets).

Finally, an amusing and sceptical review of theories behind why these violins are so special. Great craftsmanship, special materials and the ageing process? old and rarely played instruments sound better as the structure matures.

Toby's well told narrative closed to the sound of 'The Lark Ascending 'played of course on a Strad.

Arts Society next meeting at the Painswick Centre is Thursday 9th October 'Discovering MacDonald Gill: Architect, Artist and Mapmaker' Coffee from 10.am

A Day of Special Interest at The Painswick Centre is on Friday October 31st. The Second Elizabethan Age since 1952: Exploring how British Art moved to the forefront of the intellectual avant- garde. Prebook at 'the artssocietypainswick.org.uk/home:aspx'

David Cutler

Painswick Library Challenge



This year we designed our own Library Challenge which was very different from GCC Library Challenge. Last year 12 children signed up to it with very few children completing their bronze, silver or gold challenge. This year we have had 52 children (!) signing up with 27 children completing it, which is absolutely incredible. It might be that we only asked for three visits and to read three books OR perhaps the carrot of offering a £10. 00 book voucher.



The story and drawing competition was equally enjoyed with many children handing in their art work and stories. These will be judged in early October with the winners being notified by 12th October. Both the winning story and picture will be published in The Painswick Beacon November issue.

Thanks to all the children from Cranham, Painswick, Sheepscombe and surrounding villages who all took the time to sign up and then complete the challenge.

See you next year!!!

Gill Hopkins Volunteer and Trustee Painswick Community Library.







Rococo Wins Award

Painswick Rococo Garden is delighted to have been awarded the Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2025, placing it among the top 10% of visitor attractions worldwide. This recognition is based entirely on visitor reviews, and the Garden team would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their experiences online.





As the evenings draw in, the precious hours of autumn sunlight feel more magical than ever. The Exedra Garden continues to delight with late-blooming flowers until the first frosts, while trees across the Garden turn to glowing shades of gold and red. As the leaves fall, they reveal more glimpses of the wildlife that calls the Garden home.

In October, Rococo Garden is open 10am–5pm, Wednesday to Sunday, with daily opening from 22nd October to 2nd November.

Half term will see the return of the much-loved Great Scarecrow Hunt. This year the Garden will host time travelling scarecrows. Each has been created by local schools, groups and organisations, complete with its own backstory. Families and friends are invited to spot them all in this light-hearted autumn adventure.

On Wednesday 1st October, 10–2pm, Head Gardener Roger Standley will lead a "Creating Plants for Free" workshop, showing participants how to lift and divide perennials, with the chance to take home plants for their own gardens.

For more information visit: www.rococogarden.org.uk, Rococo Garden looks forward to welcoming visitors this autumn.

Marta Gardner

Charity Promises Auction

Just to let you know that we have had very positive support from many Painswick businesses including The Oak, The Painswick, The Arts cafe, Richmond care home, Rococo Garden, The Golf Club, Hatton Court as well as personal promises. Hopefully it will be a successful evening for Painswick. Thank you for your assistance and support.

Liz Hall





Week of Prayer for World Peace

Monday 13th to Saturday 18th October

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News from St Mary's

We shall be holding a Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 19th October at 11.00am followed by a simple lunch



in the Church Rooms. During the service we give thanks to God for this year's bountiful harvest from our gardens and farms. We ask people to bring gifts of tinned and packeted food that we shall pass on to the food bank.

Following the service everyone is invited to the church rooms for a free harvest lunch (there will be a donations box). All will be very welcome even if they are unable to be at the service. Lunch will start at about 12.30

Sunday 2nd November 3pm

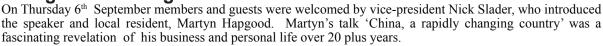


Come to remember close family and friends who have died. It is an opportunity to reflect, feel sad and thankful. The names of those who have died will be read out and there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

If you would like a name read out, please email beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Probus

Living and Working in China





Martyn's expertise in senior engineering management led to his undertaking 5 major assignments in China. He worked in businesses producing large vehicle wheels, components for wind turbines, large scale gear boxes, steel cables and pumping equipment. He encountered a variety of problems: authoritarian management, corruption, quality issues and health and safety issues, caused mainly by cultural factors. He succeeded in resolving these issues and handing over the reins to local persons.

After describing some extraordinary culinary experiences Martyn concluded by looking to the future. Robots are already used in hospitality, and great improvement has been made in travel infrastructure. There has been a rapid take-up of electric vehicles, and cashless shopping is becoming the norm.

Waterloo

Everyone has heard of the Battle of Waterloo, but few know the inside story, as was explained to Probus members on Thursday 19th September when James Tabor gave his intriguing talk entitled 'The Battle of Waterloo, who was the victor?'

On June 15th 1815, the allied army under Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington consisted of a coalition of armies from the UK, Netherlands, Hannover, Brunswick and Nassau (in modern day Germany). Significantly, a separate allied army of Prussians was led by Lt Gen Blücher. By the 16th both the allied army and the Prussians were assembled close to the North Eastern border between the Netherlands and France, whereas the French army advanced northerly from the Charleroi direction.

The French army consisted of approximately 72,500 men, Wellington's allies amounted to 68,000 soldiers and Blücher's Prussians 50,000. On June 16th Napoleon attacked the Prussian army, but they retreated largely unscathed. On the 18th June Wellington, once he knew the Prussian army was intact, offered battle on the Mont-St.- Jean escarpment close to the village of Waterloo. Wellington resisted repeated attacks from Napoleon during the afternoon. At a crucial stage in the battle Picton's 5th Infantry Division were ordered to attack by Wellington. Although this was successful, Picton lost his life. This attack, combined with central attacks by Wellington, and the Prussians' breaking through Napoleon's right flank, enabled the French army to be routed.

The casualties were high, with the French having 24,000 to 28,000 killed or wounded and 7- 9,000 captured. Wellington's army 17,000 killed or wounded and Blücher 6-7,000 killed or wounded.

The statistics suggest that Blücher achieved pivotal success with the smallest army and lowest casualty rate of 13%.

Mike Steed



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Jottings

A radio programme called "Everyday story of Country Folk" started on the BBC in January 1951, intended to teach farmers after WWII. It is still going strong today, six days a week broadcasting on BBC radio, Sunday till Friday for 15 minutes. So far they have broadcast some 17000 episodes and have an average listener age of 56 but, for the 'on demand' programme the average seems to be under 35.

Why am I telling you this? It is because, if you watched "Country file" on the 14th of September on the BBC, this episode was based where the Show farm comes from. One of the main characters on the show was Chris Gittins, known as Walter Gabriel, who played the character for thirty-five years until he died in 1988. He played an Ambridge tenant farmer and played most of the comic relief with catchphrases like:-"My old pal---my old beauty---and oh lor" and many more.

I got to know him because he lived in Painswick for a number of years and happily mixed with the locals and farmers. The Painswick Show had normally been held at Jenkins Farm in a field down by the A46, but the year it was held at Broadham (on what is now the Rugby ground) Walter was there to open the show. He went round the Show ring in a car and stood up in the sun roof with everybody shouting and cheering. I was only a boy at the time. The show went back to Jenkins Farm the following year.

This weather doesn't help the planting of winter wheat in the autumn, so you need to plant wheat in the spring. But not after the end of February because you will not get a good crop; and this applies to also many seeds like grass and flower seed. This weather seems to upset many things around us.

Martin Slinger

The Sisters Cox Trust -**Hardship Fund**

The Sisters Cox Trust is now accepting applications for grants from its Hardship Fund for "the benefit of the sick or needy of all classes in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Painswick". You do not have to be a churchgoer to apply for this.

Please make applications in writing marked "Confidential" to Reverend Sarah Haslam at The Benefice Office, The Lychgate, Stroud Road, Painswick, GL6 6UT. Or email Rev Sarah at beaconrector@gmail.com Please apply by 1st November 2025.

Lindsay Gardiner

Sherlock Supper

Activities, story then payas-you-feel hot meal in the Church Rooms. Children, bring your own adult with you. Cash donations on the door Thursday 23rd October 202 4.30-6.00pm-St Mary's in Painswick We will be serving: Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread followed by

crumble & custard. For more information and to book your place

email Vics Soutar: familyhub@beaconbenifice.org.uk





COTTESWOLD Excursion to a Working Free Mine

Our Autumn excursion will be on 16th October when we have a self-drive visit to Hopewell Colliery, in the Forest of Dean.

Hopewell offers a rare and authentic glimpse into the world of Free Mining, an ancient tradition, legally enshrined, for men living within the boundaries of the former 'Hundred of St Briavels' to open their own gale (small mine) to work coal, iron ore and ochre. Whether or not you want to go underground for the tour, there is still plenty to see on the colliery surface. The day will also include an afternoon visit to the Dean Heritage Centre, where we have a guided tour of the galleries illustrating the history of the Forest. Cost £24 (non-members £27) or £13 for a half-day. For more information, please contact Peter Cornish 01453 823286 or email cnfcsecretary1@gmail.com



The Club's programme continues with a lecture on the incredible winter migration of some 50 billion birds, to be given in Box Village Hall on 21st October at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Andy Lewis, Secretary of the Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society, a group of volunteers who record and analyse the county's natural history.

Annual membership to the Field Club is £25 individual/ £40 couple but join now to get fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve (to January 2027), offering entry to around 20 lectures as well as first refusal on excursions. Lectures are also open to the public (£5 at the door). No need to book, just drop in (light refreshments provided). Please get in touch if you need further information. For further information contact Membership Secretary John Elbert: cNFCMembershipSec@outlook.com Further information on the CNFC website www.cotsnatsfield.club

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PBCG Annual Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held in the Town Hall on Thursday 11th September, with thirty in attendance.

Finance and secretarial.

Martin Collins has worked hard behind the scenes to keep on top of these two subjects. Since registering as a charity, he has put in place the required legal documents regarding our constitution (including a trustee's handbook), a safeguarding policy, organized gift aid collection, updated our health and safety documentation and created an attendance register.

Our finances are currently healthy, and we plan to ringfence a fund, so we always have three years of basic outgoings in reserve. Our annual grant from Natural England has been reduced, in line with their cutbacks, but they have managed to donate a contribution specifically for path repairs.

Cows and grazing.

Richard Aspinall explained that the cows have grazed the Beacon for the second full year in a row despite the drought conditions. They have done exceptionally well on recently cleared areas and the NoFence system, despite a few minor glitches, has facilitated this. Next spring we plan to buy two new calves to expand our herd and upgrade the collars to the latest model. We will be paid to graze Cud Hill again. All clear of TB, so now only need testing annually.

Work Party matters.

Paul Baxter explained the total hours worked at work parties were almost the same as last year, 921hrs. This was split between revisiting areas cleared four or five years ago and clearing trees in new areas. The summer saw a burst of activity to tackle invasive areas of old man's beard. PBCG have been involved with repairing two sections of track and constructing a drainage soak away. Our slitter was used extensively over the

winter and it has reduced the run off of recent heavy rain.



He thought it useful to calculate the total hours spent on PBCG business. This includes work parties, cow checking, committee meetings, vegetation surveys, butterfly and glow worm surveys and "behind the scenes" activities. This totals 2,400 hours plus what the Cotswold Wardens have done.

Butterfly transects.

Joyce Barrus has been doing this for years so now we have an almost unbroken record back to the original ones started by Cedric Neilson. They are scientifically designed and are used by Butterfly Conservation in their national data. Numbers were not as bad as feared but the extreme drought could well affect numbers next year.

Vegetation survey.

This is now in its second year, and Sue Bruce has developed a small, dedicated group to collect data through the growing season. She is learning to use a complex computer program to enter the data into. This will show long term trends caused by climate change or grazing regimes.

Trees and the climate.

Finally, John Parker gave a brilliant talk outlining how trees are so good for many aspects of life and business. He highlighted the need for the right trees in the right place and the negative aspect of the current obsession of planting to quota using grants. He challenged conventional conservation arguing that we may need to plant new species capable of surviving the hotter conditions expected.

Paul Baxter

Tuesday, 28th October: A date for your diary!

Despite the fact that there was no 'official' meeting of Yew Trees WI in August, a number of social activities were arranged for members. The Falcon was the venue for an enjoyable dinner in August. In early September Jane Rowe kindly organised a trip to the Everyman Theatre to see "The Talented Mr Ripley" with some members meeting for dinner in Cheltenham before the performance. A few days later Carol Maxwell's History Walk of Painswick proved a great success. Members who have lived in the village for years were delighted to discover hidden corners and learn stories previously unknown to them.



On Tuesday 28th October Dr Gillian White will give a talk entitled "The most dissolute man in London" The 1st Duke of Devonshire and the building of Chatsworth. Gillian White has visited Painswick many times and has proved to be a most entertaining and popular speaker so please do come along to this Open Meeting. Non-members of whatever gender will be most welcome: £4 entry fee. 7.30 pm in The Church Rooms.

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Painswick Community Support

Community Lunches

Community lunches, hosted by various community groups, will run from Monday, October 27th 12-1.30pm until Monday, December 8th and will start again in January after the Christmas break. Please come along for a selection of delicious homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea or

coffee and support the groups hosting, as well as local

charities.

(See attached poster for more details).

Community Supper

Fish and Chip Night is back on Wednesday, Oct 29th! With the money awarded to us as Gloucestershire Village of the Year, we are providing a fish and chip supper for up to 60 at the Painswick Centre. Doors open at 5.30pm and the food will be served at 6-6.30pm.

The bar at the Centre will be open for drinks. The

order will be delivered from Simpsons Fish and Chip shop in

Stroud this time as the increased cost of hiring the fish and chip van was prohibitively expensive. To book, please scan the QR code on the poster or call us on the number below.

Fareshare

Many of you will have wondered why there has been very little Fareshare available over the last few months; we have simply been waiting for a permanent slot. Fingers crossed that perseverance has paid off as we begin collections from Waitrose every Saturday morning.

Excess food will be available from the Church porch from around 10am. Please bear in mind, foods are shared between organisations and each week we will receive differing amounts. We will keep you updated as to how our experience with Waitrose evolves.

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

Delyth, Hannah and Louise On behalf of Painswick Community Support

Community

A New Society for Painswick?

In the 1950s and 60s aeromodelling was the high tech hobby supported by clubs and competitions, encouraged by three national magazines. Nowadays it still flourishes but mainly with preassembled radio control models. An iconic design for 1950 was the Keil Kraft Senator rubber-powered duration model, which has had an enthusiastic following ever since.

Noting that there was a precision competition for this design on 12th August at The British Model Flying ground at Buckminster, Lincolnshire, I attended and succeeded in winning by scoring 171/180, 3 flights of 60 seconds: a £20 prize and my first success since 1984. If any Painswickians want to revive a youthful interest, I would be glad to help.

As the architect for the Rococo Garden Eagle House and Exedra, I can attest to the usefulness of this hobby – both of these structures started out as models cut out with a scalpel.

Richard Falconer RIBA.











The Painswick Centre AGM

The Painswick Centre AGM was held on Monday 22nd September chaired by Ceri Chaplin and attended by 25 members of the public.

The Centre is now operating at a surplus on a monthly basis and has accumulated cash reserves at over £80,000. The policy is to maintain reserves equivalent to six months expenditure which would be around £45,000. The Trustees are now in a position to look at how the facilities can be further improved and currently there is a project underway exploring how to improve the skittle alley area to make better use of the facility. Any ideas welcomed.

In the financial review total income was £100,745 in 2024 compared to £84,568 in 2023. Room hire and bar income were both up compared to the previous year. Event income was down slightly. Expenditures for 2024 were £78,937 compared to £90,095 in 2023. A sizeable reduction owing to careful management and with repair/renewal costs lower.

A discussion took place concerning the age old problem of parking at the Centre. The chairman outlined the difficulties with taking on a more sophisticated parking control system involving an outside contractor so currently warnings will be put on windscreens and fines given for repeated offences on cars which should not be there. After all it is private land and parking should be for current users only.

The question of the need for greater use by young people was raised. The Trustees were very much in favour of more use of the Centre by young families and would welcome any ideas and initiatives from the young people of Painswick.

The Centre could not survive without the tireless efforts of the many dedicated volunteers. However the Centre would welcome any new volunteers, with even a small amount of time to offer, and new Trustees are always very welcome.

John Barrus(reporting for The Beacon)



Juror #2

Friday 10th October 7.30pm

Juror #2 is a 2024 American legal thriller film co-produced and directed by Clint Eastwood and written by Jonathan Abrams.

A letter from the Mayor of Slavutych

On behalf of Slavutych territorial community, I would like to address you and express our respect. On behalf of Slavutych municipality- the youngest city in Ukraine that was built as a symbol of unity and strength of communities - we sincerely congratulate you on the honourable recognition of "Gloucestershire Village of the Year 2025".

Your achievements in maintaining high standards of the community life, environmental responsibility and creation of an inclusive environment are an example for many towns and villages around the world. It is particularly inspiring that your community not only cares for the beauty and heritage of Painswick, but also demonstrates resilience and unity in today's complicated circumstances.

Slavutych and Painswick, although located in different countries, are united by common values - love for their native land, respect for traditions and the pursuit of sustainable development. We express our sincere respect for you and wish you further success in the development of your community, the wellbeing of its residents and the strengthening of its cultural heritage.

Best regards,

Yuriy FOMICH

Slavutych Mayor









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A growing Painswick business

It is always good to report the presence of a relatively new business in Painswick, especially one which can be essential sooner or later for many people. Cornerstone Surveyors has been Painswick-based for just a few months and is now the only surveying company locally available.

Rhys Knight came to live in Painswick with his family a year ago and established the company here shortly afterwards. A chartered surveying business, Cornerstone Surveyors provides professional advice on the construction of buildings, predominantly houses, and also offers professional valuation services. Rhys explains that this covers a wide range of buildings, historic to modern, though generally the main focus tends to be on surveys for house purchase. All levels of enquiries are of course welcome.

This is a small company at present with five professionals involved. Rhys himself is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Chartered Member of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers. He has an impressive level of experience, is highly qualified and definitely approaches his work with a determination to provide a service of the highest professional standards. The company is regulated by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Firmly based in Painswick, the business in fact operates throughout the south-west from the north Cotswolds to Swindon. Already with an excellent reputation it is growing and needs to take on additional qualified surveyors.

Rhys and his wife, Bethany, with their two young children, Winifred aged 2 and Oscar aged 3 months, came to live in Painswick from Bristol and are now very happily and definitely settled here. He feels strongly that Painswick is a truly good place to raise young children, with an overarching sense of security and with much to offer in so many ways.

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Carol Maxwell



The new season got off to a tremendous start with a memorable presentation by Ray Wilson entitled *Industrial Heritage of the Cotswolds*. Mr Wilson has visited us before and this was evidenced by a huge turnout which required a search for additional chairs. Those present were rewarded with a wide-ranging and fascinating portrayal with accompanying photographs illustrating the surviving traces of the varied industrial past of the Cotswolds. Without reference to any notes Ray's connection to his audience was both immediate and absorbing.



Our present may often seem dominated by tourism but our past contained industry in its widest senses. Although the wool trade predominated it used and gave rise to travel systems of road, rail and water and there are obvious and less obvious traces remaining today for us to see if we know where to look.

In our own area we can still find the remains of early tracks and roads, toll booths, administrative buildings, workshops and even several extinct breweries many of which have been converted over time to other uses often residential. They live on but through Ray's scholarship can also be remembered for their original purposes.

His coverage was of the Cotswolds as a whole and showed us fascinating glimpses of what can still be evidenced from Circncester and Stroud to Chipping Norton and to South Gloucestershire.

Particularly memorable was his coverage of the Sapperton canal and railway tunnels together with a funicular type construction near Crickley Hill. He also told us about the continuing operation from earlier times of the manufacture of paper for filtration still used in hospitals and the use of "tenterhooks" in the wool industry for drying outside in the fields.

The next meeting October 21st is entitled Secret Stroud by David Elder.

Michael Grey

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A Packed October Programme of Talks & Outings

Neena Buntwal and David Perry of the Painswick Patient Participation Group joined members of the Friday Club to help us make the most of the NHS App. Neena explained that she was 'won over' when it took just 6 weeks from entering her medical condition on the NHS App on her smartphone to having an operation. In an informal and buzzing workshop, Neena and David guided members through the simple steps to load the App and get started. We shall ask them back for more tuition to stay digitally included.



The Club has an exciting programme arranged for October. On the 9th we have a visit to Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Incinerator, at Javelin Park. The facility is designed to significantly reduce the amount of household waste landfilled in the County using thermal treatment. It generates the equivalent electricity to power approximately 25,000 homes! We still have space on the visit to take a few more – contact 813228 for details.



Then on the 17th October, Rob Tuttle from the Cotswold Canals Trust will talk about the current restoration project to link the Stroudwater Navigation canal with the Gloucester and Sharpness canal at Saul Junction, including the construction of the Ocean Jubilee Bridge at Stonehouse (pictured).

To round the month off on the 31st October, David Pugh will talk to us about the History of Resthaven Nursing Home, Pitchcombe. After the talk, we will also complete the business of the AGM, adjourned from 19th September.

So why not come and join us? We meet at 2.30pm in the Lower Room of the Town Hall on alternate Fridays. No need to book, just drop in. Our programme is specifically aimed at seniors. What an opportunity to make new friends whilst enjoying tea, biscuits and a chat at the end of the meetings!

Mike Kerton

Baby and Toddler Group

We are kicking off the Friday Painswick Baby and Toddler Group again for this year.



Please come and join us on Friday 3rd October at 9.30 in Beacon Hall, The Painswick Centre (double doors at the back left of the car park).

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, everyone is welcome.

Come and have a play, a chat, a cup of tea and a sing along! £3.50 (+£1 for each extra small person).

Ben Charles

Christmas Lighting in the

churchyard

Volunteers and additional funds required

Last Christmas the Village was impressed with the additional lighting around St Mary's churchyard. This Christmas, the lighting and hopefully some additional lighting can only continue with the help of volunteers to set up and take down the lights and also additional funding.

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Gardening Club



The first meeting of Gardening Painswick Club was held on Wednesday, September 10th. We were amazed as



we entered the Town Hall to see a fantastic selection of plants brought by Tortworth Plants Ltd, Old Lodge Farm, Wotton-under-Edge. Tim Hancock and Rebecca Flint took on a two acre field on Tortworth Estate in November 2012. They did up the old milking parlour, giving them an office and put up their first tunnel. Now they have an extensive online catalogue of plants they grow to sell. Tim selected specimens to illustrate their range and recommendations.

Next month, our meeting on Wednesday, 8th October, is Duncan Coombs talking about "Spring Bulbs". Now is the time to be thinking of planting daffodils and then tulips but what else can we be adding to our spring colour collection? Come and find out - we meet at 7 pm for a tea/coffee or even a glass of wine before the talk starts at 7:30 pm.

Joyce Barrus

Beginning in Painswick in more senses than one!

PMAG got off to a well attended start on Thursday 18th of September with a musical miscellany from around the British Isles. Although mainly following a coastal route the journey began far from the sea here in Painswick, more precisely Church House, the home for some forty years of the Cheltenham born Charles Wilfred (Willie) Orr who died fifty years ago this year at the age of 82. We were reminded of this by Al Jollans excellent article in last months Beacon. In celebration PMAG enjoyed a recording of his only orchestral work entitled unsurprisingly A Cotswold Hill Tune which he appears to have composed in a gentle Delius style shortly after his move from London to Painswick in the late 1930s.



PMAG's next meeting on October 16th is intriguingly entitled Music from England's green and pleasant land. Two weeks later Dennis Morgan is presenting performances on DVD of concerts featuring Maurice Ravel, the major French composer (inter alia Bolero!) of the late 19th and first half of 20th centuries. DVDs in excellent sound on our equipment are always a welcome addition to PMAG's usual programmes and give the opportunity to listen or snooze through longer sections of music and observe the orchestra and its performers.

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

Thursday October 16th Music from England's green and pleasant land Jenny Buckland Thursday October 30th A celebration of Ravel's 150th anniversary Dennis Morgan Michael Grey



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Tennis - club championship finals



Gez Browning 647, Olivia Deshais, Laura Gelder-Robertson and Sarah Scott

The Painswick LTC annual club championships finals were held on Sunday 31st August along side the juniors. There was a great turnout of supporters and the sun shone for most of the day. Nigel Barnett President, Ness Fair Ladies Captain and Adrian McDowell Mens Captain presented the cups and

Captain presented the cups and prizes.

Ladies doubles final - Sarah Scott and Laura Gelder Robertson beat Katie Harbord and Olivia Deshais 6-2 6-2

Mens doubles final - Andy Harris and Jamie Morrow beat Paul Dunckley and Gez Browning (Henry Scott retired due to illness) 6-2 6-1

Mens singles final - James Barnett beat Henry Scott 6-1. 6-1

Ladies singles final - Sophie Rees beat Katie Harbord 6-2. 6-2

Mixed doubles final - Adrian McDowell and Laura Gelder-Robertson beat Sarah Scott and



Gez Browning, Henry Scott, Paul Dunckley, Jamie Morrow and Andrew Harris.

Football

The Painswick football club first team is now 3rd in division 2 of the Gloucestershire northern league. Home fixtures in October are on Saturdays the 4th and 25th October. Anyone interested in getting involved in any of our senior or junior teams please contact Jordan.hutchinson.619@hotmail.com

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Hamptons Inter-Street Bowls Finals



Trophy, for less experienced sides, excellent Tibbiwell Lane triumphed over Kingsmill and Rest-of-the-World. In the Red Trophy, doughty Lower Washwell fought their way past an experienced Brookhouse Mill team to the final, where they met White Horse Lane, who emerged magnificently from a nail-biting semi with Friday Street. Shrewd shots were played on both sides, but White Horse Lane emerged victorious to well-deserved acclaim.

This brought to an end a summer of fun, the fourth annual Hamptons Inter-street Bowls competition, involving teams from across the community. Our thanks go to Hamptons, Painswick supporters and all who competed.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Information received from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

S.25/1641/HHOLD

Pincot Cottage Pincot Lane Erection of a two storey rear and side extension, porch, installation of sewage treatment plant and associated works.

S.25/1717/FUL

Hammonds Farm Wick Street Replacement of asbestos roof and side cladding with profile metal roof and steel purlins. Repair/replacement of concrete trusses and columns, and installation of solar panels.

S.25/1740/TCA

Croft House Gloucester Street T1 - Remove Tree of Heaven to ground level.

S.25/1761/TCA

Downton House Gloucester St. Yew (T1) - Prune back to old pruning points by maximum 7-8 inches.

CONSENT

S.25/1671/TPO

David Allott writes:

Long Finals Stamages Lane TPO 527 - Lime - Crown lift all round to approximately 4.0m and reduce the crown spread back on the road & neighbour's side by approximately 2-2.5m leaving a soft natural shape blending the sides into the top.

What a difference twenty years can make! The Beacon Conservation Group

has gone from strength to strength with

the area quietly transformed. In 2005

there was talk of winding the group up.

Several key members had died, and others were retiring. Annual income was

less than £500 and most of that was spent

on public liability insurance. Work parties, rarely attended by more than five

volunteers only made minor impact on

the 50+ acres. (200 hours over twelve

S.25/1146/HHOLD

Rockleigh Kings Mill Lane Erection of two storey side extension and reconfiguration of parking area

S.25/1299/FUL

10 & 11 Canton Acre Installation of external wall render system.

S.25/1308/HHOLD

Appleways Gloucester Street Erection of rear single storey sun room, raising of existing garage roof.

S.25/1352/LBC

Rosemary Cottage St Marys Street Erection of a single storey rear extension. Repairs to roof tiling and replacement fenestration. Internal alterations.

S.25/1426/HHOLD

Clarelands Golf Course Road Conversion of garage to annexe accommodation inclusive of raising of ridge and eaves to facilitate a new mezzanine floor.

S.25/1483/HHOLD

The Bull Wick Street Erection of detached garage/store.

S.25/1494/TPO

Butt Green House Butt Green 2x Mature beech trees - Reduce height and peripheral margins by 7m. Raise crown to 7m.

Painswickian of the Year

Readers are invited to nominate parishioners who have given exceptional service to the local community over the years. Nominees should be over 21 and can be either a single person or a couple where appropriate. The nominations will then be considered by the Beacon committee.

email nominations beacon@painswick.net by Sunday 23rd November at the latest. Nominations may also be put in the Beacon Box in New Street.

December Issue Front Cover

Picture/Illustration for the front page of the December issue required.

Please send any photo or artwork you would like to be considered to: beacon@painswick.net by 23rd November

S.25/1510/HHOLD & S.25/1511/LBC Mulberry Cottage Paradise Installation of solar PV panels

REFUSED

S.25/1410/PIP

Cheltenham Road Garage Cheltenham Road

Erection of 1-4 dwellings.

Personal column

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

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full morning sessions.) Since then grazing has been introduced, initially a few months a year, now extended to twelve; employing animals ranging from Belted Galloways Gloucester cattle to the current docile Dexters. The electric fencing has now disappeared as have large areas of scrub, hundreds of "weed" trees and lots of ankle-turning tufts of rough grass.

The place is transformed and there are good reserves in the bank. Painswick can be pleased and proud.



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

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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/07793 126234	Painswick Centre	12.30 - 1.00pm
	Painswick Singers . Contact Jean Jones 01452 813545.	Richmond	5.00 - 6.00pm
	Paradise Art Studio evening classes. takepart@paradise-house.org.uk	Paradise House	6.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesdays	Zumba with Martina 07891 194396	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 10.45am
	Painswick Art Club £35/term. Contact Joyce Barrus on 01452 812942	Church Rooms	9.30 - 1.00pm
	Rococo Sprites. See www.rococogarden.org.uk	Rococo Garden	9.45 am
Wednesdays	Strength and Balance class for the over 60s. Contact Trish Tenn on 07956 4666617 or tennpatricia@gmail.com	Painswick Centre	
	Painswick Bridge Club. Contact Peter Sibley on 812126 or Margaret Wilson on 812305	Church Rooms	6.45pm
	Table tennis. Contact David Harris on 07453 027766. £5.00/person/session	Painswick Centre	·
	Yoga with Kate. www-kate-beatty.co.uk/07793 126234	Painswick Centre	•
	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 restart from October 1st . Meet up for a cuppa, chat and other activities.	Town Hall	10.00-12.00pm
Thursdays	Morning Market	Painswick Centre	8.15 - 9.45am
	St Mary's Mums, Contact 07833 727701. Term time only	Church Rooms	9.15 - 10.45am
	Nurturing yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Kim on yoginikim@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
	Badminton Club. Contact John Barrus - barrusjp@yahoo.co.uk	Painswick Centre	
	Takeaway Food Night	Painswick Centre	5.00 - 8.00pm
Fridays	Yoga for Backs. Contact Kim on yoginikim@icloud.com	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
	Ballet with Claire Tracey. Contact BalletClaire@outlook.com	Church Rooms	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Painswick Community Hub Café. All welcome	Town Hall	10.00 - 11.30am
	Church Choir Practice. cgswain:btinternet.com or 01453 822998	St Mary's Church	5.30 - 6.30pm
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	Painswick Baby and Toddler Group - Term time only	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
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

Octok	er	r			
Sat	4	Painswick Beacon published			
Mon	6	Library Book Club	Library	1.30 - 2.30pm	
	6	First Thursday Painswick in collaboration with Stroud Book Fest. Conversation with Amber Massie-Blomfield. Tickets from www.firstthursdaypainswick.co.uk	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm	
Tues	7	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am	
Wed	8	Painswick Gardening Club: Bulbs - Duncan Coombs	Town Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm	
Thurs	9	Friday Club visit to Glos. Energy from Waste Incinerator+ optional lunch.	Javelin Park GL10 3ET	9.45am	
	9	Prebook 813228 The Arts Society: Discovering Macdonald Gill - Caroline Walker	Painswick Centre	10.00 - 10.45am	
Fri	10	Wickflix: Juror#2	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.45pm	
Sat	11	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm	
Sun	12	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's Church	9.30am	
	12	Family Worship	St Mary's Church	11.00am	
Tues	14	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am	
Wed	15	PBCG working party	TBS	9.00 - 12.30pm	
Thurs	16	Painswick Music Appreciation Group: Music from England's green and pleasant land - Jenny Buckland	Town Hall	2.30pm	
	16	Painswick Probus: The Royal Yacht Squadron - Col. Tony Singer OBE	Painswick Centre	11.00 for 11.30am	
	16	Cotteswold Naturalists: Visit to Hopewell Colliery and Dean Heritage Centre	Hopewell Colliery	9.45 or 10.45am	
Fri	17	Friday Club: Talk - Restoration of the Cotswold Canals - Rob Tuttle Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm	
Sun		Deadline for Beacon Copy			
	19	Harvest Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am	
Tues	21	Cotteswold Naturalists: Bird Migration - Andy Lewis. Enq 07798 817193	Box Village Hall	2.30pm	
	21	Local History Society: Secret Stroud - David Elder	Croft School	7.30pm	
	21	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am	
	21	The Well	Church Rooms	7.00pm	
Wed	22	Midweek Communion	St Mary's Church	11.00am	
Sat	25	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm	
Sun	26	Beacon Praise	St Mary's Church	11.00am	
Mon	27	Community Luches - Monday Walkers	Town Hall	12.00-1.15pm	
Tues	28	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church	9.00am	
	28	Yew Trees WI: 'The most dissolute man in London' the first Duke of Devonshire and the building of Chatsworth - Gillian White. Open Meeting - visitors 4.00	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm	
Wed	29	PBCG working party	TBC	9.00 - 12.30pm	
	29	Community Supper - Fish and Chips Night	Painswick Centre	5.30-7.30pm	
Thurs		Painswick Music Appreciation Group : Ravel on DVD celebrating his 150th anniversary - Dennis Morgan	Town Hall	2.30pm	
Fri	31	The Arts Society: The Second Elizabethan Age: British Art since 1952 Prebook at theartsocietypainswick.org.uk	Painswick Centre	9.45 - 3.00pm	
	31	Friday Club: History of Resthaven - David Pugh. AGM Part 2 Enq 813228	Town Hall	2.30pm	
Novem	November				
Sat	1	Painswick Beacon published			
Mon	3	Community Lunches - Beacon Conservation Group	Town Hall	12.00-1.15pm	

Art Exhibition at Le Papillon

Paddy Robinson's beautiful exhibition is adorning the walls of Le Papillon until the 11th October and if you wish to talk to her she will be at Le Papillon on Sunday 12th October to take the exhibition down.

She studied ballet at the Elmhurst Ballet school in the 1950s before studying art at Brighton Art School. In the 1970s she worked both as a textile designer and lecturer at both Chelsea School of Art and Portsmouth College of Art.

In the 1980s and 90s she retired from teaching and moved to the Welsh Borders where she painted for herself and exhibited at the Kilvert Gallery in Hay on Wye. In 2003 she moved to Andalucia in Spain where she painted and taught in her village house studio for some 20 years and exhibited her work at various open studios.

In 2025 She moved back to the UK living in a studio at the end of her son's garden in Birmingham. Her works on show in Le Papillon clearly show the influence of her time in Andalucia.



Perhaps the biggest news to the relief of many is that Wine Nights are back for the Autumn & Winter! - Every Friday & Saturday from 6pm-10pm. This follows on the back of some much needed newly hired staff, Kitty, Mina and Tara joining the team, meaning we will have consistent opening hours and you can be sure to find us open every day from 9-5pm (Sundays 10-4).

Emma Leyfield

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