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# THE FORERUNNER

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WELCOME to the  
August 2023 edition of  
The Forerunner

In this edition of the Forerunner we have details about warden led walks nearby plus information on how transcriptions of key words from gravestones in the churchyard in Kingscote are being made available to all - a must for those interested in Kingscote's history and / or who may have family members' graves in the churchyard.

All copy for the Forerunner should be sent to [elin.talersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.talersall@yahoo.com) by the 20th of the month (01453 860182)

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# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The summer months are when we experience the beauty of warmth and sunshine, they are months when the sun rises the highest.

C S Lewis said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." This is true as it is by means of the sunlight we can witness the wonders of God's creation.

Light sources enable us to appreciate what God has created. We can see beauty in the natural world, and also in the creativity of artwork produced by the skill of human hands.

At St George's Church a new stained-glass window, an image of Madonna and Child, (Mary and baby Jesus) was dedicated in July. Each time I look at the window, I realise how it is inspired and reflects the creative skills of the artist.

Stained Glass windows are a prominent feature in churches and cathedrals and the result of a craft that in Britain can be traced back to the 7th Century. Sunlight of course is such an important element in showing the beauty of such windows, as the light travels through the glass, it reveals the beauty of colour and pattern and in churches may draw us into a spiritual connection with God.

I wonder if you have ever had a look at the stained-glass windows in Kingscote Church. What Christian stories you can see portrayed.

St John the Baptist church is open in the day so there is a great opportunity to pop in and have a look at the beauty of these windows. An opportunity to appreciate the sunlight enabling the window to tell a story of creativity and the glory of God reflected in the images that are portrayed.

With blessings,

Rev. Caroline

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# KEY DATES

## **August services and events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote**

The usual pattern of services for the church in Kingscote is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9.30am.

**6th August** at 9.30am- Communion Service

**20th August** at 9.30am – All Age Service

**Wedding:** Thursday 31st August

### **Church flowers: 3**

0th July- Elin Tattersall

6th and 13th August- Tracy Pool

20th and 27th August- Lorna Reynolds

3rd and 10th September – Jenny Tibbert

17th and 24th September – Rachel Grey

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. More new people would be most welcome. Please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231). The rota until the end of the year is on display in the church (initials only shown).

### **Book club:**

**Wednesday 16th August, at 2.00pm** at Jane's to discuss 'Educated' by Tara Westover and/or 'Treacle Walker' by Alan Walker.

**Wednesday 20th September, at 2.00pm** at Angela's to discuss 'Demon Copperhead' by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Wednesday 18th October, at 2.00pm** at Louise's to discuss 'Any Human Heart' by William Boyd.

If anyone else would like to come and join us, please contact Angela on 860697.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The most recent meeting of the Council was on Tuesday 11th July. Our new District Councillor, Tony Slater, attended as well as four parishioners.

### **1. Speeding and parking in Kingscote village**

Following requests from residents, we discussed ideas for reducing speed and facilitating large vehicle access through the village. We will invite GCC Highways for a site visit to help us decide which options might be viable and will then consult residents.

### **2. Maintenance of parish assets**

The two defibrillators in the parish are now regularly monitored to check they are in good working order and both have new pads fitted. Councillors carried out basic maintenance on the bus shelter, phone box and war memorial on July 21st.

### **3. Hazlecote Valley: Potholes and salt bins**

Some of the worst potholes in the Hazlecote Valley have recently been marked for repair and we hope this work will happen soon. Since there are no salt bins in the valley we are liaising with GCC Highways to install one on each hill – the parish council will have to buy them but Highways will supply the salt. We are also buying a replacement for a damaged bin in Bagpath.

### **4. Community engagement with the Matara Centre**

Mr Geoffrey Higgins, the owner of the Matara Centre, is generous in allowing parishioners to access the main field and he would like to increase engagement with the community. We propose to hold a community event to discuss the Centre's long-term vision and opportunities for volunteering to help with maintenance. This is planned for Sunday 1 October at 11.00 and will be followed by a 'bring and share' picnic lunch and a walk around the grounds.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kingscote Parish Council will be on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council

Link to parish council website [www.kingscoteparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kingscoteparishcouncil.co.uk)

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## **Kerbside waste and recycling collections**

The calendar for kerbside collection is available from

<https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-collection-enquiry>

Food waste- Every Thursday in August

Recycling and garden waste -

Thursday 3rd, 17th and 31st August

## **Recycling centre**

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays, but only for pre-booked appointments. Book your visit [here](#).

Phone bookings are possible only for those without internet access- phone 01452 596 626.

## **Post office**

The mobile post office will be at Kingscote Village Hall from 9am to 10am. every Monday and Thursday in July.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

At time of drafting the newsletter, there were no applications listed on the CDC website with a consultation deadline in August

**Note-** Only applications classed by CDC as 'current', using the keyword Kingscote (i.e. the parish), and with relevant consultation expiry dates are included in The Forerunner each month. The standard consultation expiry date seems to be around 21 days after validation of the application by CDC although there are exceptions and sometimes applications do not seem to be listed on the website immediately after validation. Applications may not feature in the Forerunner if both the validation date and the expiry date fall in between Forerunner publications.

If you are keen to keep abreast of all new planning applications, it is recommended that you check the CDC website regularly and/or register to receive email alerts direct from CDC.

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

We welcome your contributions to this, our parish newsletter, in whatever format - photographs, puzzles, recipes, poems and stories and will try to publish a selection each month. Please send them to Elin Tattersall  
[elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com)

## **JULY EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Tuesday 15th August 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

To be held in the Main Hall. Everyone very welcome.

Delicious home-made cake and coffee (or tea if preferred) £2.50

Squash and biscuits for children £1.00

### **TABLE TENNIS and SNOOKER / POOL TABLE**

Available for hire over school summer holidays

Please contact Liz Widdows, [lizwiddows@gmail.com](mailto:lizwiddows@gmail.com)

or Brian McTear [brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com) or telephone 861311, if you are interested

### **FILM NIGHT** to recommence in the Autumn

You are welcome to suggest the films you would like to see



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## **Church news**

Documents showing the Kingscote churchyard map and transcriptions of key information from each gravestone will be available in the next month from the Kingscote online website, with a hard copy available in the church.

We are most grateful to Brian McTear, Harry Tubbs and Godfrey Ainsworth for producing the coded map (done in 2016-17). This included use of a drone to photograph the grave locations plus manually plotting the ones hidden from the drone by trees. Sections of the churchyard and each grave were then coded to produce the final map.

More recently, Sebastian Cooper has undertaken the mammoth task of transcribing key information from each gravestone and painstakingly linking them to the codes in the map.

These two documents should provide valuable information for those seeking to find graves of family members, and they also provide information for those with a general interest in the history of Kingscote.

In due course we will provide a list of gravestones / tombstones noted as being in need of repair as it is the relevant family's responsibility to repair the gravestones / tombstones.

## **Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens in August 2023**

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks, though there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Walks start usually at 10.00 am. and will return to the starting point. A packed lunch is advisable. Please double check for on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website.

The website will also provide details of walks a bit further away, e.g. towards Bath and Chipping Campden. <https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

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**Tuesday, 8th August, 2023 – Start: 10:00 am Hawkesbury Upton**

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: **Hawkesbury Upton Village hall car park**

Discover the area around Hawkesbury Upton where the famous landmark of the Somerset Monument can be seen and explore the beauty of two ancient commons.

**Wednesday, 9th August, 2023 – Start: 10:00 am at Brimscombe**

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5 MILES**

Start point: **BRIMSCOMBE PORT CAR PARK, PORT LANE, BRIMSCOMBE. GL5 2QJ**

The walk will follow trails and roads around Toadsmoor Valley including sections of the Chalford Biodiversity Trail. It provides excellent views not only over Toadsmoor but also the Golden Valley

**Friday, 11th August, 2023 – Start: 10:00 am Sapperton**

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: **Sapperton Village , by the telephone box near the church. GL7 6LG.**

A circular walk in and out (and up and down) the Frome valley, initially towards Edgeworth and its polo grounds, then through the nature reserves of Daneway Banks and Siccaridge Wood.

PARK AT THE BELL INN, BUT ONLY IF STAYING FOR LUNCH, OTHERWISE, PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN VILLAGE.





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## **Tuesday, 15th August, 2023 – Start: 10:00 am Amberley**

Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **1.5 HOURS** Distance: **2.5 MILES**

Start point: **AMBERLEY INN, AMBERLEY. NOT THE INN CAR PARK PLEASE.**

Enjoy a summer meander through Amberley lanes and countryside. With views overlooking the Woodchester valley. An easy walk suitable for families and buggies.

## **Wednesday, 23rd August, 2023 – Start: 12:10 am Miserden**

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: **Miserden Village Centre.**

From Miserden we descend into the Frome Valley and take a wooded path to Edgeworth before returning to Miserden via Sudgrove.

## **Friday, 25th August, 2023 – Start: 10:00 am Sherston**

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **5.5 HOURS** Distance: **10.0 MILES**

Start point: **Outside the Sherston village shop and post office in the village square.**

From Sherston we will walk along the Sherston branch of the River Avon to Didmarton before returning via Sopworth and Luckington.



TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST



- August 13** **Romeo and Juliet:** Sun and Moon Theatre Group present Shakespeare's best loved comedy in a bold outdoor production. The story of the war-torn Montagues and Capulets has been updated to a feud between two family-run movie studios in the 1930s. 6pm Tickets £12.50
- August 16** **Music for Minatures:** This month's baby friendly concert features a Musical Circus with oboe, clarinet and piano for you and your baby to move to! 10.30-11.15 Tickets £6 adults, £4 children Family of 4 £15
- August 18** **Fretless and Friends:** An evening of Jazz with easy listening music from the American song book and some shades of Swing and Latin interludes. 7pm. Tickets £15
- August 30** **Piano Club:** a chance to listen to beautiful music played by accomplished performers while eating tea and cake from our wonderful café! 2-4 Tickets £5

For further information and to buy tickets visit our website:

[www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

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