

## **The Forerunner – the monthly newsletter for the Kingscote parish - including Bagpath, Newington and Kingscote**

### **February 2025 edition**

It's a busy start to February with the village hall bar night on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the snowdrop teas and light lunches served in the village hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. There are requests for cakes and helpers for the snowdrops event – all details are in the Community Corner section.

December and January were months of goodbyes to several sets of neighbours and friends who have left the parish. Our best wishes go to them as we also welcome new families to the parish - in Kingscote and Bagpath.

We have previously let you know that Jutta Tubbs sadly passed away in mid November. There will be a memorial service for Jutta at 2pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

To join the mailing list for parish email alerts and the monthly Forerunner please go to the Kingscote online website and the mailing list page.

Please send copy for the next edition of the Forerunner to [elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month (01453 860182)

### **Vicar's letter**

Dear Friends

In the Church's calendar, this month opens with the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the temple, or Candlemas. Candlemas marks the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple. It is the beautiful moment in the Gospel of Luke that reminds us of how the prophets Simeon and Anna, recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the light to the nations and the one who would bring peace to the world.

Peace is something we all long for. In the bible, in Luke's gospel we read that when Simeon saw the baby Jesus he said: "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus came as the Prince of Peace, offering hope and reconciliation to a broken world.

As we look around us today, we see a world that desperately needs peace, where people cry out to live in peace. Division, conflict runs deep in communities and wars rage in many countries. Our hearts can feel overwhelmed as we find it so hard to understand.

We are reminded at Candlemas, that Jesus came as a light to the world. This light shines when people come together to reflect his love and peace in the world. This light is reflected in those who show love and compassion to others such as those who provide aid, shelter and hope to those affected by war and through leaders who work towards ceasefires and peaceful resolutions.

At the time of writing this letter, there are glimpses of light as hundreds of Prisoners have been released in Ukraine and Russia, and there is news of a ceasefire-hostage release agreement declared in Gaza. There is still a long way to go, but these are glimmers of light shining in the darkness.

Jesus teaches us that peace is not achieved by conflict, but by loving one another. His peace is absence of conflict and not just its absence, but can be seen by following his teachings of love, tolerance and forgiveness. Candles are lit at Candlemas, the symbol of light in a dark world, a reminder of that love and peace of Jesus.

In my February letter last year, I wrote about the beauty of snowdrops and how they symbolise a new beginning. We live in hope of new beginnings, of peace in the world, and hope that for many who have suffered so long, will know a new and peaceful beginning.

With God's love and peace, Rev. Caroline

## Key dates

### Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote

#### Services in February 2025

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am- Communion service

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am- All Age service

All are welcome to services and events

#### Church flowers

2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February- Elin Tattersall

16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Lorna Reynolds

No flowers during Lent (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April)

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. We would love to have a few more people join the team, so if you feel you could do this, please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231).

#### Book club:

Tuesday 11th February at 2.00pm at Louise's to discuss: 'Orbital' by Samantha Harvey.

Tuesday 11th March at 2.00pm at Teresa's to discuss: 'Black Loch' by Peter May

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

#### Kerbside waste and recycling collections

**Food waste** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January and every Friday in February.

**Recycling and garden waste** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The 2024-25 calendar is available on the CDC website

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

## Recycling centre

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open for pre-booked appointments. It is usually open in the winter from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays.

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 except bank holidays.

## Planning applications

At time of drafting this newsletter the following planning applications within the parish were listed on the CDC website page and had a consultation expiry date in February 2025.

- 4 Lower Hazlecote Cottages, Kingscote, GL8 8XX- erection of single and two storey side extension to dwelling. Consultation expiry date of 13.02.25.
- Lower Hazelcote Farm, Kingscote, GL8 8XX - Installation of dormer window and refurbishment of existing dormer window. Consultation expiry date of 5.02.2025.

**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/>

## Parish council update

### 1. Parish Council precept for 2025-26.

The Council met on 14<sup>th</sup> January and decided to set the precept for 2025/26 at £5470. This is an increase of £410 on the current year's precept of £5060. The budget for next year was agreed as £5670 which might require £200 to be taken from reserves, but we may be able to avoid that by careful budgeting.

## 2. GCC Highways.

The GCC Highways Manager has inspected the road in Hazlecote Valley and requested further repairs. We are also expecting a repair in Kingscote opposite the Walled Garden.

## 3. Winter preparations.

When snow was forecast on 4 January, councillors alerted the snow plough operator and prepared the new salt spreader. Fortunately, the snow on the roads soon melted and no action was needed. On 9 January the areas where pedestrians walk in Kingscote were very icy and the salt spreader proved effective in reducing the risk of accidents.

## 3. Next meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 11 March at 7.30pm in Kingscote village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Kingscote Parish Council**

## 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)

### Village Hall February events

**BAR NIGHT - FRIDAY 7  
FEBRUARY 7.00 - 10.00 p.m.**

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages at reasonable prices. Enjoy time with your neighbours. Cash only. This event is to raise money for Village Hall maintenance. Everyone welcome.

## Village Bar Friday February 7th 7pm - 10pm



**Come along and enjoy a drink with Friends  
and Neighbours.**

**Fine selection of wine, beers, alcohol free and  
soft drinks.**

**Cash Bar. All proceeds to Village Hall**



**Future Bar Nights  
Friday March 7th  
Friday April 4th**

## **COFFEE MORNING - TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.**

Everyone very welcome. Home-made cake and coffee (or tea if preferred) £2.50. Come for a friendly catch up with delicious cakes

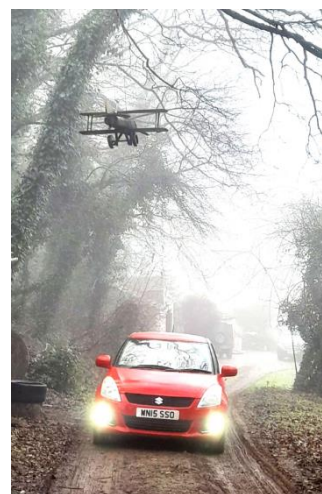
### **Leavings and arrivals**

Several new families have settled in the parish over the past few months. We welcome them into the community and offer our best wishes to those who have left to start a new chapter in their lives.

The following photographs show John and Ann Giddings as they left their home in Bagpath to move to Tetbury in January, having lived in Bagpath since the 1980s. The plane in one of the photos is a replica of the Sopwith Camel single seater that John's father flew in World War 1. It had been hanging over the



drive of John and Ann's house for several years and it was lowered as they drove out of the drive for the last time. They then sat at one of their favourite spots in Bagpath- Windy Corner, an area which they have tended for years, renovating the bench there with the inscription 'rest but do not rust'.



### **Church news**

The parochial church council (Newington Bagpath with Kingscote PCC) is aware that a tree has come down in Bagpath churchyard and will try and sort this as soon as possible.

### **SNOWDROPS IN KINGSCOTE 2025 – event on 8th and 9th February**

Enjoy a wooded walk to admire the snowdrops and aconites in the woods.

Teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light lunches will be on sale in the village hall during the days. Please see the poster for further details.

### **Can you help at this event please?**

We would be really grateful for offers of help from people for the following:

- Could you make a cake for the event? If yes, please bring your cake to the village hall by 9am on Saturday 8th February. It would be handy if you could let Jane Nichols know in advance and label your cake (e.g. contains nuts, gluten free, vegan etc)

- Could you spare an hour or more to help serve teas/ coffees/ light lunches on either day, or do a stint of washing up? If yes- please contact Jane Nichols who is drawing up the rota

Jane's contact details are [jane@nicholsfarming.co.uk](mailto:jane@nicholsfarming.co.uk) or telephone 01453 860534

Thank you and hope to see you at the event



## **Snowdrops in Kingscote 2025**



Enjoy a walk in the woods in Kingscote and admire the beautiful snowdrops and aconites

**Tea/coffee and home-made cakes will be on sale at the village hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 3.30pm**



**Light lunches and glasses of wine will also be available between 12pm and 2.30pm**

**All proceeds to the Village Hall and Church  
CASH ONLY PLEASE**

**The church will be open for visitors**

Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a lead, in line with public footpath regulations.



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb 1**                    **Very Santana:** An authentic re-creation of music from guitar master Carlos Santana and his band. The evening spans the entire musical legacy from early days to modern era hits like Smooth. Tickets £20 in advance. 7.30
- Feb 7**                    **Swing from Paris:** Vintage jazz from this talented quartet re-captures the music of the 1930s and 40s. Tickets in advance £16/under 25s £10. 7.30.
- Feb 15**                  **Classical Series:** Cellist Tim Posner and pianist Mishka Rushdie Momen play Beethoven, Faure, Liszt and Saint-Saens. Tickets in advance £24/under 25s £15. 7.30
- Feb 26**                  **Playtime Theatre:** Join Ratty's band for cheesy tunes and fun theatre for 2-6 year olds from the Last Baguette Company. Tickets in advance adults £5, children over 1 £5 babies free. 10am
- Feb 26**                  **Blue Whales – the Return of the Giants:** a film and talk by Hugh Pearson, producer of Blue Planet. Tickets in advance £8.50. 8pm

**Check our website for further details of films, Wednesday afternoon concerts and talks and to book tickets**

**[www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk)**

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