



MARCH 2025

# THE FORERUNNER

The monthly newsletter for the Kingscote parish- including Bagpath,  
Newington and Kingscote

I will be issuing the Forerunner for the time whilst Elin is unable to. Please note that any items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent to my e-mail address, as the paragraph below,

Pauline (McTear)

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 [brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com) by noon on the 20th day of the month (01453 861311)

This month there is the Monthly Bar Night on March 7th at the Village Hall, the usual Coffee Morning on the 11th and Martin Saunders (our retired postman) is giving a talk based on his travels in Namibia 'The Land of the Long Road'. More details in this magazine.

February's big event was The Snowdrop Weekend which was very successful and very well attended, despite the rather variable weather.

WELCOME to the  
March 2025 edition  
of The Forerunner

# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

As I write this letter in February, there are glimpses of spring, with a few days feeling quite spring like. The snowdrop walk weekend brought many people to Kingscote wood to see the snowdrops and to enjoy the delicious refreshments at the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success.

The snowdrops around Kingscote village and in the wood remind us of the beauty of creation. They are the first signs of spring and the natural world bursting into life and soon, will be followed in the wood by beautiful blue bells and the smell of wild garlic.

It is the time when gardens also begin to 'wake up' and the soil once cold and bare will soon bring forth new growth. If you are a gardener, it is also the time to think about the jobs that will need to be done, preparing the ground for planting, removing weeds and ordering seeds. With thanks to all our talented flower arrangers, there is a touch of colour with beautiful flower arrangements in church all year round. That is, except for two seasons in the church year when there are no flowers. One of these being the season of Lent, which will be soon upon us. The only exception during Lent is on Mothering Sunday, when posies are given to mothers or your mothering person.

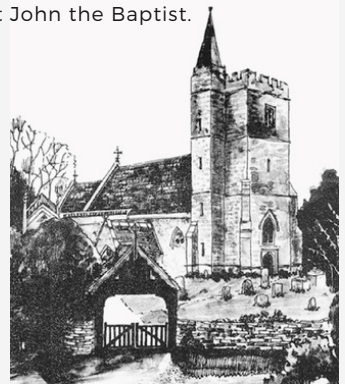
Each church season has a different colour and during Lent the altar frontal will be changed to purple. Purple symbolises the season of repentance and preparation, as Christians reflect on the events that led to Jesus' trial and ultimately to his death on the cross. It is also a time to consider how we might grow in kindness and generosity and deepen our sense of gratitude, as we share what we have with those in need.

On Easter day, the colour will change to white, the colour of joy and a colourful flower display will return to church as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and new life.

Mothering Sunday will be on 30th March and Easter day on the 20th of April. It would be lovely to welcome you to these, or any of the services at the Church of St John the Baptist.

Wishing you a blessed Lent,

Reverend Caroline



# KEY DATES

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

### **Services in March 2025**

Sunday 2nd March at 9.30am - Communion service

Sunday 30th March at 9.30am - **Mothering Sunday** Morning Worship

**All are welcome to services and events. Services are followed by refreshments**

### **Church flowers**

2nd March - Lorna Reynolds

No flowers during Lent (Wednesday 5th March to Thursday 17th 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).

### **February Snowdrop Weekend**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Snowdrop Weekend. Many people came for coffee, walked and then returned for a light lunch, or had lunch and then came back for tea and cake. Over ninety hot meals were served and there were lots of lovely comments about the fantastic choice of homemade cakes. It was a fun event to be involved in, customers looked as though they were having a good time and £1,431.62 was raised to be split 50/50 between the church and the village hall.

The PCC and Village Hall Committee

### **Book club:**

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

April 15th - One Hundred Years of Solitude - Gabriel Garcia Marquez

May 20th - Nervous Conditions - Tsitsi Dangarembga

Future venues to be decided

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 7 March and every Friday in March.

**Recycling and garden waste** – Friday 14th and Friday 28th March.

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:-

·4 Lower Hazlecote Cottages, Kingscote, GL8 8XX- erection of single and two storey side extension to dwelling. Awaiting decision

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.GCC Highways.**

**We are hoping to see some pothole repairs in Hazlecote valley and Kingscote village. We are also pursuing action on other outstanding requests including the missing valve cover at the top of Windmill Lane, a missing sign at the top of Barnhill Lane and blocked drains in the Hazlecote Valley.**

## **2. Village Hall Insurance**

**We are liaising with the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) about revising arrangements for insuring the village hall. The proposal is that the buildings and contents insurance be combined into a single policy held by the VHMC, and that the Parish Council will continue to pay for the buildings insurance via a grant to the VHMC.**

## **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**

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Kingscote Parish Council

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

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## Village Hall March events

**BAR NIGHT - FRIDAY 7 MARCH 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.

## COFFEE MORNING –

**TUESDAY 11 MARCH 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](#)

## 'LAND OF THE LONG ROAD'

**SATURDAY 15 MARCH 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.**



Martin Saunders [talk](#) on his travels in Namibia

With a slideshow featuring the wildlife.

## 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

# TETBURY GOODS SHED

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## GOODS SHED HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH



- March 1**      **Comedy Club:** Spring-Time Comedy Goodness features stand-up comedian James Cook, Bristolian Dani Johns and Jack Campbell for an evening of mirth and merriment. Tickets in advance £13.50. 8pm
- March 8**      **The Importance of Being Earnest:** The first of our partnerships with the National Theatre brings a specially filmed production of Oscar Wilde's classic play. Tickets in advance £15. 7.30
- March 16**     **Charlie Hooper-Williams:** The pianist weaves together music and visuals with the help of Otto, his computer co-performer, to produce stunning visual which mirror the music. Tickets in advance £13. 6pm
- March 26**     **Playtime Theatre:** The Last Baguette Company brings your 2-6-year-olds cheesy tunes from Ratty's band to sing along to in a fun theatre session. Tickets in advance parents £5, children £5 (babies free). 10am
- March 29**     **Coco Tomita & Simon Callaghan:** Celebrated Japanese violinist Coco joins with pianist Simon in an evening of Debussy, Prokofiev and Beethoven. Tickets in advance £24. 7.30

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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