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THE FORERUNNER

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

I will be compiling the Forerunner for the time being whilst Elin is unable to.

Please note that any items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent to Pauline McTear at brianmctear@btinternet.com. Please send copy for the next edition to me by noon on the 20th of the month (01453 861311).

To join the mailing list for parish email alerts and the monthly Forerunner please go to the [Kingscote online website](#) and scroll down to join the mailing list.

In this month's magazine we are mentioning: The **Kingscote & Bagpath Film Club** is showing 'Enchanted April', a classic film starring Miranda Richardson, Josie Lawrence, Polly Walker and Joan Plowright on March 25th at the Village Hall (see Poster). Next Film Night will be 15 April, 7.30 for 8.00pm. This month there is the **Monthly Bar Night** on April 4th at the Village Hall, the usual **Coffee Morning** on the 8th April. **May Coffee Morning** will be on 8th May to tie in with commemorations for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Date for diaries: The talk by Martin Saunders (our retired postman) based on his travels in Namibia, 'The Land of the Long Road' is postponed until 11th October.

WELCOME to the
April 2025
edition of The
Forerunner

VICAR'S LETTER



Dear Friends

Easter day will be celebrated on Sunday 20th April. The church will once again have told the story of the journey through Holy week. Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We come then to Maundy Thursday when we remember Jesus sharing the last supper with his disciples, before Good Friday and the Passion of Jesus, when remember his death on the cross.

During Lent there are no flowers in our churches, but when Easter Day arrives, so does the colour. Flowers often have meanings, they represent qualities or events. Lilies are often chosen to display at Easter as they represent a sign of purity and goodness reminding us that Jesus was pure and perfect when he died on the cross.

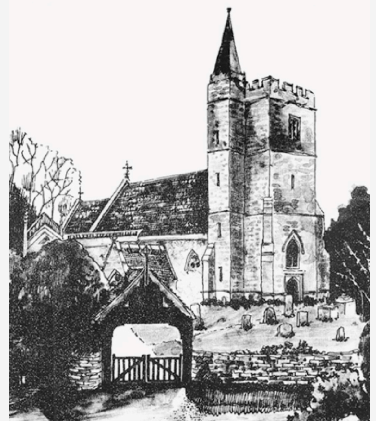
The Passion Flower holds symbolic meaning in Christianity. The parts of the flower telling the story of Jesus' passion and crucifixion. This goes back to Spanish Christian Missionaries who explained each part of the flower with the story of Jesus' Passion.

In the purple flower, which is also the church colour for the season of Lent, the circle of petals (filaments), represent the crown of thorns that Jesus wore. The flower has ten petals, which represent the ten disciples who did not betray or deny Jesus - so minus Judas, who betrayed Jesus and Peter who denied him. The three stigma represent the three nails that held Jesus to the cross and the five anthers, the five wounds of Jesus (hands, feet and side.)

The flower helps us retell the story of Holy Week, of Jesus' journey to the cross and death. But without these events, there would be no Easter. Easter Day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, his rising from the dead. Here the lilies come in, as they are a sign of new life and resurrection.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter,

Reverend Caroline



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**We look forward to welcoming you to
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
on April 9th at 7.00 pm in the Church
with wine/soft drinks and nibbles afterwards.
Everyone welcome**

Come and hear what has been happening at the church in the last year and share ideas for 2025 onwards. We are very fortunate to have so many people supporting the church in different ways - cutting grass, cleaning brass, arranging flowers, opening and shutting the church, giving financially on a regular basis - and we are very grateful to everyone who helps in any of these ways to keep the church running. We would love to see you at the meeting to gain your thoughts and ideas to secure our church for the future. The PCC needs more members to carry on, so if you feel that you could take a role, no matter how small, to either help the ministry of the church, overseeing the upkeep of the building and churchyard or something to help with the administration, please talk to Rev Caroline or one of the PCC members. Whether you are interested in taking on a role, or just finding out more about your church and giving ideas to ensure that it is here in the future, you will be warmly welcomed.

Church Electoral Roll

If your name is on the church electoral roll it means that you can support the church by having a voice and be able to vote at the annual parochial church meeting. Every six years, the preparation of new church electoral rolls take place, so 2025 is that time again when the PCC is required to take everyone off their existing roll, and offer the option to apply to be reinstated or added to the roll. If you wish your name to remain on the electoral roll, or wish to have your name included, please visit the Nailsworth Benefice website, www.thenailsworthbenefice to download a form. Please return your form via email to rev.carolinebland@gmail.com, post to the address below or place in the box inside the church.

Rev Caroline and the PCC

KEY DATES

Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote

Services in March

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

Services in April

Sunday 6th April - 9.30am - **Holy Communion Service**

Sunday 20th April - 9.30am - **Easter Day** - Holy Communion

All are welcome to services and events

Church flowers

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).

6 April	Lent	No flowers
13 April	Lent	No flowers
20 April	Easter	Pedestal - Sheila and Flower Team
27 April	Easter	Pedestal - Sheila and Flower Team
4 May	Easter	Pedestal - Sheila and Flower Team
11 May	Jane Nichols	
18 May	Jane Nichols	
25 May	Pauline Howes	
1 June	Pauline Howes	
8 June	Angela Wooldridge	

KEY DATES

15 June	Angela Wooldridge	
22 June	Naomi Teague	
29 June	Naomi Teague	
6 July	Naomi Teague	
13 July	Teresa Day	
20 July	Teresa Day	
27 July	Jenny Tibbert	
3 August	Jenny Tibbert	
10 August	Tracy Pool	
17 August	Tracy Pool	
24 August	Rachel Grey	
31 August	Rachel Grey	
7 September	Soffi Bond	
14 September	Soffi Bond	



Book Club

April 15th – ‘One Hundred Years of Solitude’
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez
2.00pm at Angela’s

May 20th - ‘Nervous Conditions’ - Tsitsi
Dangarembga
2.00pm. Planned to be at Sheila’s at time of
publication

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

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste - Friday 4th and 18th April.

Recycling and garden waste – Friday 11th
and 25th April.

Enter your address to check your waste
collection day here:
[https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-
collection-enquiry](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.

Current Planning Applications

Erection of replacement self-build dwelling
Upper Hazelcote Cottage,
Hazlecote Farm Lane, Kingscote, Tetbury,
Gloucestershire GL8 8XX
Ref. No: 25/00333/FUL | Validated: Tue 18
Feb 2025 | Status: 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/](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/)

Parish Council Update

1.Support from District and County Councilors

Although we have continued to have excellent support from our District Councilor, Tony Slater, our County Councilor has been unable to attend our meetings for some time. We are pleased that Stephan Fifield, Deputy Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, has now agreed to act as our County Councilor. He attended our recent meeting, and we believe his support will be very helpful.

2. GCC Highways

We are pleased to note that the sign at the top of Barnhill Lane has been repaired, about a year after it was first reported. Similarly, after persistent chasing, the water utility has replaced the missing cover on the valve pit at the top of Windmill Lane. We have reported some of the recent road repairs in the Hazlecote Valley and Kingscote village as unsatisfactory and GCC Highways has promised remedial action.

3. General Power of Competence

Since our parish clerk, Simon Hale, has recently successfully completed his CiLCA qualification and is now fully qualified, and all five councilor positions are elected, we are now eligible to use the General Power of Competence. This gives us more freedom to act in the interests of the community.

4.Village Hall Insurance

We have agreed that the buildings and contents insurance for the village hall should be combined into a single policy held by the village hall committee, and that the Parish Council will continue to pay for the buildings insurance via a grant to the committee.

5.Next meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council will be the AGM on Tuesday 13 May in Kingscote village hall. This will be preceded by the AGM of the village hall management committee at 7.00 pm and the annual parish meeting at 7.30 pm. 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 Pauline McTear (brianmctear@btinternet.com).

From Rosemary (Sims)

What a treat it is to come down through the village from the Hunter's Hall, and all due to the hard work of people past and present.

The snowdrops have been wonderful and it's thanks to Jutta (Tubbs) who had been planting them over the years also with daffodils in the Windmill Lane.

Daffodils are about to brighten up now and it's thanks to Eddie Broomfield (my dad) who for many years kept the entrance to the village mown and tidy. The Cotoneaster tree was planted in his memory by the Parish Council. It was my dad who planted the daffodils down through the village but he couldn't get them to grow between the Lodge at the Matarata Centre and the Cedars. When he died he had a sack full of bulbs ready to plant – so Jack Streak who lived in Boxwood Close planted them with success.

Also thank to Tim and Irene Sage who now keep the entrance to the village mown and tidy, planting mini daffodils, snowdrops and crocus. Now the wild primroses are starting to flower, so thanks to you two (but please take care of your backs!).

Rosemary

Village Hall - March Events

FILM CLUB - Tuesday 25 March - 7.30pm for 8pm 'Enchanted April'

Free entrance. Pay Bar.

BAR NIGHT - Friday 4 April - 7pm-10pm

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages at reasonable prices. Enjoy time with your neighbours - all welcome. Note that this is a cash only event.

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 8 April - 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Everyone very welcome. Home-made delicious cake, tea and coffee £2.50. Come for a friendly catch up!

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'LAND OF THE LONG ROAD'

Martin Saunders talks about his travels in Namibia - rescheduled to 11 October.

MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to someone who supported the village hall. Over many years, until he sold Rose Cottage in Bagpath, Mr. Garvin Brown made monthly donations to Kingscote Village Hall funds.

We are so grateful for his generosity. It enabled us to install an Air Source Heater and helped with general maintenance of the hall.

We really value your support, as villagers, for events and fundraising generally; so please support us in any way you can.

Many thanks,
Angela Wooldridge
(on behalf of the VH committee)



KINGSCOTE VILLAGE BAR



Kingscote Village Bar

Friday April 4th

7-10pm

**Enjoy a drink with friends and
neighbours.**

Beer, wine and non alcoholic drinks

Cash Bar only. All proceeds to Village Hall

KINGSCOTE FILM CLUB
TUESDAY 25 MARCH
7.30PM FOR 8PM
'ENCHANTED APRIL'
FREE ENTRANCE. PAY BAR.

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GOOD SHED HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL



- April 5** **Music for Miniatures:** music for babies where there is no need to sit still and dancing is encouraged! Enjoy 45 minutes of live classical music with your little ones, ages 0-4. Tickets adults £6, Children £4, under 1free. 1030
- April 6** **Chris Treglown Awards:** An exciting concert featuring 14 up and coming singers from the world of musical theatre and opera competing for the Chris Treglown Memorial prize. Tickets £12.50 in advance. 7pm
- April 10** **National Theatre Live Screening:** Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove, starring Steve Coogan. The story of a rogue US general who tries to start a nuclear war! Tickets £15 in advance. 7.30
- April 12** **Faeland:** Timeless folk meets contemporary Indie with echoes of Jodie Mitchell and Fleetwood Mac but in unique and original formats. Tickets in advance £12.50. 7.30
- April 26** **The Remi Harris Hot Club Jazz Trio:** A spellbinding evening of Gypsy Jazz and Blues inspired by legends like Django Reinhardt, Peter Green, Wes Montgomery, Jimi Hendrix, and Joe Pass. Tickets in advance £15. 7.30

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

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

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