

MAY 2025

THE FORERUNNER

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

Credit: Sharon Hodgkins (Aurora Borealis)

WELCOME to the
May 2025 edition
of
The Forerunner

Please note that any items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent to this email address: brianmctear@btinternet.com (Pauline McTear).

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.

Please send copy for the next edition to me by noon on the 20th of the month (01453 861311).

In this month's magazine Sebastian Cooper discovered an interesting article about the **Kingscote family**.

This month there is a special Coffee Morning which will be held on the **Thursday** instead of the usual Tuesday, as we are tying it in with commemorations for the **80th Anniversary of VE Day, 8th May**.

We are including notices for **Open Gardens in Horsley** and **What's on at Tetbury Good Shed**.

Notice of **Parish Council A.G.M.** and **Village Hall Committee A.G.M** on 13th May which parishioners are welcome to attend

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Although Easter day celebrations have passed for another year, we are still in the Easter season. We are reminded of the beauty of creation and the continual renewal of new life that God brings as the earth awakens in full bloom.

The church of England follows the lectionary readings each day. They provide a structure that reflects each church season and take us through the story of God. The story over the past weeks, has been one of travelling with Jesus on his journey to the agony and death on the cross, and then to the joy of his resurrection and new life. The Easter season and joy of the resurrection continues to be heard not just in the Easter Season, but throughout the year in our Sunday morning services through the words of our liturgy.

May is also a month traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, especially in the Catholic Church, but also in some Anglican churches. Her example of faithful obedience, love, her quiet strength and deep devotion is a model that Christians are called to reflect in their daily lives. In the church there are festival days. These are days that are set aside to remember and celebrate key people, events and truths of the Christian Faith. Mary is celebrated on the 31st of May.

Life is full of story and each one of us has our own story. For people of faith, the story of Jesus is of course central to the Christian faith, and one to be followed as an example of love, compassion exemplified through his teachings. His sacrifice, was the ultimate demonstration of love for us, enabling forgiveness and new life in resurrection.

Reverend Caroline



KEY DATES

EVENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

Services in May

Sunday 4th - Holy Communion

Sunday 18th - Morning Worship

All are welcome to services and events

Church flowers

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

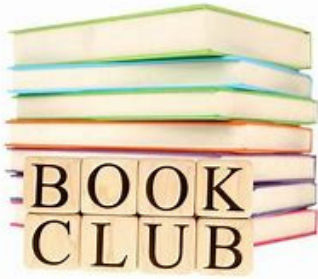
Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. We would love to have a few more people join the team, so if you feel you could do this, please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231).

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	

KEY DATES

8 June	Angela Wooldridge	
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

Tuesday 20th May at 2.00pm at Sheila's
'Nervous Conditions' by Tsitsi
Dangarembga.

Tuesday 24th June at 2.00pm, at Louise's:
'Slow Horses' (the first book of the
Slough House thrillers) by Mick Herron.

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

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste - Friday 2 May and weekly
thereafter.

Recycling and garden waste - Fridays 9
and 23 May.

The 2025-26 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.



KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

1..GCC Highways and flooded roads.
We are pleased to report that the drain by Lower Hazlecote Farm where the road routinely flooded has finally been cleared and is now working properly.

The drain near Hunters Hall where the road to Bagpath joins the A4135 is in danger of getting blocked again because of debris in the ditch, so we have asked GCC Highways to arrange for the ditch to be cleared.

2. Village Hall Insurance
Zurich Insurance were unwilling to combine the buildings and contents insurance for the village hall into a single policy held by the village hall committee. Consequently, we have agreed that the Parish Council will continue to pay for the buildings insurance, and we have negotiated an improved rate with a 3 year tie-in.

3. Favourable internal audit report
Our parish clerk, Simon Hale is to be congratulated on achieving a faultless internal audit report for all our activities during 2024/25..

4. 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 7pm and the annual parish meeting at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend

Current Planning Applications

1. Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with an orangery extension

Lower Hazelcote Farm Kingscote
Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XX

Ref. No: 25/00826/FUL | Validated: Tue 18 Mar 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

2. 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

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).

Sebastian Cooper forwarded the extract below about the early history of the Kingscote family, found in a cricket magazine from 1902 which you may find interesting:

NEWS of the death at Worth Park, Crawley, on September 22nd, of Sir Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, G.C.V.O., of Kingscote, Gloucestershire, recalls the fact that two members of that ancient and well-known family distinguished themselves as cricketers. Henry Kingscote, the old Harrovian who died in 1882 aged 80, played for the Gentlemen from 1825 to 1834, and in 1827, when only twenty-five years of age, was President of the M.C.C. He was 6 ft. 6 in. in height, and a mighty "Nimrod." His nephew, Col. H. B. Kingscote, was an excellent wicket-keeper and well above the average among batsmen. He played several times for Gloucestershire, and was at least once asked to assist the Gentlemen. Military duties, however, prevented him from appearing in first-class matches as frequently as could have been wished. The Kingscotes are of extremely ancient West Country lineage, tracing descent to Nigell Fitz-Arthur, grandson to Ansgerus the Saxon, who was living in 985. The said Nigell married Adeva, daughter of Robert Fitz-Hardings, grandson of Sueno, or Swayne, the third King of Denmark, by Eva, a niece of William the Conqueror. With this lady the fortunate Nigell received as dower the manor of Kingscote—called Chingscote in Domesday Book—which has been in the family ever since. The

VILLAGE HALL

MAY EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning **8th May** will be on Thursday this month to tie in with commemorations for the **80th**

Anniversary of VE Day.

You are welcome to bring your stories, memorabilia or anything else of interest to do with VE Day, if you wish

Everyone very welcome. This month, for these celebrations, there will be a selection of home-made cake, scones and coffee (or tea if preferred).

We are now charging £3.00

FUTURE EVENTS

5 July - FAMILY SUPPER EVENT - Bring and Share supper, with pay bar.

FILM NIGHT and **BAR NIGHT** will return in the Autumn

'LAND OF THE LONG ROAD'

Martin Saunders talk on his travels in Namibia has now been rescheduled to

11 October.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. will take place Tuesday 13 May in Kingscote village hall, 7.00 p.m. directly before the Parish Council A.G.M.

Everyone welcome.

This is a time to hear about what is going on at the Village Hall, ask any questions and let your views known on how you would like the Hall to continue to benefit the Parish.

TETBURY GOODS SHED
ARTS CENTRE

GOODS SHED HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY



- May 2 Deeper Purple: The band deliver the most authentic tribute to the giants of classic rock that have influenced generations of musicians and music fans for over 50 years.
Tickets £22 in advance. 7.30pm
- May 10 Red Priest: Following their last, sold-out, appearance at the Goods Shed, be prepared for another stunning programme of classics arranged in their own unique way.
Tickets £24 in advance. 7.30pm
- May 17 Drawing Class with Claire Sanders; Whether you are looking to hone your skills, re-ignite old enthusiasms, or have a go at something new, you will come away feeling refreshed and inspired. Tickets £20. 10am
- May 17 The Haar: This folk band of high-level improvisers produce ever-changing musical soundscapes, while Molly Donnery lets her sublime vocals flow to stunning effect.
Tickets £16 in advance. 7.30pm
- May 24 Julie July Band Acoustic: With over a decade of gigging and recording experience, Julie July Band make their debut performance at Tetbury Goods Shed.
Tickets £14.50 in advance. 7.30pm
- May 28 Playtime Theatre; A play-along theatre adventure for 2-6-year-olds and their grown-ups. This month: "A Woodland Wonder" – join Ratty as she learns about the environment.
Tickets £5 under 1s free. 10am

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

www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Horsley Open Gardens

Saturday 10th May
11am to 4pm
&
Sunday 11th May
2pm to 5pm



Admission
£7.50 pp
Children
Free

- 17 locations around Horsley village ranging from cottage gardens to small holdings & allotments.
- Children welcome at most gardens but must be supervised at all times.
- No dogs please.
- Starting point is at St Martin's Church in Horsley Village centre.
- Refreshments & plant stall
- Ticket valid for both days.
- Parking limited - please arrive on foot if possible.

All Proceeds in aid of St Martin's Church 3 in 1 Community & School Space.
Disclaimer: Visitors enter all gardens at their own risk.

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