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THE FORERUNNER

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the December
edition of
The Forerunner.**

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Welcome to the December edition of our parish magazine.

The magazine contains an update on broadband and plans for Christmas services in the parish. The Community Corner contains details of a Kingscote Community Food Bank Collection appeal; deadline for donations is 4th December. We have photos of the Remembrance tribute at Windy Corner and news on collections for the Royal British Legion. There are also details of the men, listed on Kingscote's war memorial, who died during the Second World War.

All copy for the next edition should be sent to [Elin Tattersall](#) by the 20th of the month (01453 860182).

Don't forget that we are changing the mailing list software for Kingscoteonline.co.uk, which means deleting old mailing lists on 1st December. If you have not already done so [please sign up to the new mailing list to continue receiving email alerts](#), including notification that the latest edition of the Forerunner has been published.

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VICAR'S LETTER



We come to the end of another year, a year where there has been so much that we did not expect, so much change. As we look back we remember the difficulties that have come, we remember those who have been ill, those who have died, those who have lost their jobs and many other difficulties as a result of the pandemic. We also give thanks for the NHS and all those who have worked on the frontline who have cared and supported others in so many ways. It has been a year of uncertainty and we have not been able to plan the future as in the past. It maybe that you are feeling lonely or just in need of a chat, if so please contact me.

We are not able to plan our Christmas in quite the same way as we have in past years. The BBC news headline when Boris brought in the rule of 6, posed the question 'Is Christmas cancelled this year?' Well, Christmas will be different in all sorts of ways, but it will certainly not be cancelled, because the meaning of Christmas is the same today as it was over 2000 years ago. It is the birth of a child - the child Jesus, God's son who brought love into the world. Emmanuel, God with us, is with us, in all times of disappointment, in difficult times and in time of celebration. The story of Jesus' birth has not changed..

We are hoping to be able to be in our church of St John the Baptist for Services in December. Sadly, the Carol Service will not take place in the church this year as the size of our beautiful church means that the number of those attending will be limited, and we are also not permitted to sing! A benefice carol service will however be lived streamed from St George's Church and we will hopefully be able to come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas in church on Christmas day at Kingscote. Please look at the Benefice website (www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk) for updated information on services.

May Christmas bring you joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year and God fill you with his love, hope and peace.

With blessings
Rev'd Caroline



KEY DATES

CHURCH SERVICES

After having no services in November due to national lockdown, services return in December:

6th December at 9.30am - Family service
20th December at 9.30am - Family service
20th December at 6pm - Carol service
25th December at 9.30am - Christmas Day Service

It is not going to be possible to have a carol service at St John the Baptist, Kingscote this year due to the limit on numbers and restrictions on singing. However we are planning to broadcast /live stream a carol service from St George's church, with readings and carols. A small group from the Nailsworth Silver Band and the St George's organist will be providing the music for this service. Go to the [Nailsworth Benefice website](#) or contact our vicar Caroline for links to streamed services.

Outside service times, the church in Kingscote will be open for private prayer each Sunday from 9am to 3pm.

On 27th December at 11am there will be a Benefice Service at Horsley.

CHURCH FLOWERS

There will be no flowers during Advent. Thanks to Soffi Bond for providing the Advent wreath in the church.

KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Food Waste

Weekly every Thursday morning except 31st December.

Recycling

10th December and 24th December

Garden Waste

(If you have subscribed for a licence to cover 1st July 2020 to 31st March 2021)

10th December and 24th December

RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, but only for pre-booked appointments. [Book your visit here.](#)

POST OFFICE

The mobile post office will be at Kingscote Village Hall every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 10am, except on Bank Holidays.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Although there were no current applications, with December consultation deadlines, at time of going to press, more applications may be made, for comment during December. Please check the [Cotswold District Council website](#).

BROADBAND NEWS

On 25th November an online community meeting was convened by Fastershire and Gigaclear to provide an update on the broadband position for our parish area. [Click here for presentation slides](#) and recording of the 1 hour meeting. To see how the network is built, [please click here](#). Key points summary (author Elin Tattersall):

- Fastershire is the organisation which is coordinating broadband improvements across Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.
 - Gigaclear won the contract with Fastershire to provide Fibre Optic infrastructure to areas where BT's improvements to its copper wire infrastructure have not made enough positive difference
 - Gigaclear has already installed Fibre in many rural parts of Gloucestershire.
 - The network area of 'Kingscote' includes Kingscote, Bagpath, Newington Bagpath, Ozleworth, Owlpen, Coombe and towards Dursley - about 850 properties in total. [Click here to check that your postcode is covered](#)
 - Gigaclear will provide full Fibre Optic to the property, superior to copper wire in terms of speed and consistency, giving us Superfast Broadband (30mbps up to 100mbps). VOIP phone calls are possible over this infrastructure, giving a 'no landline' option.
 - Fibre cable infrastructure is underground (i.e. no overhead wires). This requires disruption, e.g. digging up verges, paths and roads, using traffic lights, and getting permissions to go across private land. Any digging disruption will be repaired.
 - Installation to connection pods (was stated in the meeting) to be free to householders/businesses (some exceptions for properties more than 100m from a connection pod, but bespoke discussions about this with Gigaclear).
 - Gigaclear infrastructure is used by a number of Internet Service Providers (ISP) who can offer service to individual households. None of the big companies (BT, Virgin etc) are yet signed up as ISP providers using Gigaclear infrastructure, but Fastershire expects this to change as Gigaclear infrastructure covers more of the country.
 - We will notice the first elements of the build in the coming weeks, digging, by the contracted company Complete Utilities, starting from the Tetbury side of the A4135 to the B4058. Build into Kingscote village expected in February 2021.
 - Letters will be sent by Gigaclear/Complete Utilities to forewarn when build is close to your home. You may see spray markings on the ground to show location of the 'connection pods'.
 - Full rollout completion is planned for Q4 of 2021. Register on www.gigaclear.com for build updates.
 - Fastershire also offers free business support
 - Current Voneus customers will be able to change or remain with Voneus
 - On-surface items include the mini and access cabinets, plus connection pods (which your property will connect to). Around 450 will be installed to cover the 850 properties in the network.
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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 (01453 860182).

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK APPEAL **A message from Roxy Knights**

Dear Kingscote Community,

It is safe to say we have all experienced one of the most difficult years in living memory. Whether it has been protecting our own health, impact to our jobs, or attempting to home school for the first time, 2020 has brought many unknown challenges for everyone. I for one have found the lockdown restrictions much easier from living in such an idyllic village location. It is a very special area of natural beauty with such a caring community and I feel fortunate to have spent so much of the year at home in the countryside. In the UK, many have unfortunately suffered a much greater impact due to the continued restrictions and health implications of Covid-19. Currently, more than 14 million people are living in poverty, of which 4.5 million are children and this number is continuously rising.

Foodbanks support those who have been referred in crisis, which is even more widespread in 2020. They offer aid through both food donations and food vouchers, along with a broader network to help people break free from poverty.

This winter, I am asking for the support of our community to give back to those less fortunate. I am sure you may be making your own charitable contribution, but if you would like to make even a small donation to the local Stroud foodbank, this will be a small step we can all make together to aid those less fortunate. To make this easier, I will be collecting donated items and/or funds to transport to the local foodbank. Drop off slots at Kingscote Village Hall will allow a safe area to do this but we welcome donations directly to our home for anyone who cannot make these timings. I hope you will be able to offer your support to this vital charity scheme and wish you all the best ahead of the festive season!

Roxy Knights (the pregnant girl with the springer spaniel!)

Drop off options:

Kingscote Village Hall

Thursday 3rd December: 12-2pm / 6-7pm.

Alternative drop off: 8 Kingscote (on the road leading into the village from Matara, house is located directly next to the disabled parking space marked on the road). **Please do not donate after 11am Friday 4th December.** Funds should be given in cash in a sealed envelope.

Donation suggestions

Sweets/chocolates, luxury crisps, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, hot chocolate, nuts, gravy granules, tinned ham, dried stuffing, cereal, soup, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, lentils, pulses, UHT milk, fruit juice, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.



POPPY APPEAL NEWS!

I am very pleased to report that despite the extraordinary difficult times we are experiencing at the moment we collected a grand total of £553.86 in our district of Kingscote, Hazelcote, Bagpath, Lasborough, Newington, Boxwell and Leighterton. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Weyman in particular, but also Calcot Manor, Hunters Hall and The Royal Oak. The amount collected was just under 50% from last year, but nevertheless respectable in these strange times.

Annabella Lucy

WINDY CORNER REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE

Thanks to the Giddings and Bowers families for setting up a remembrance tribute on Windy Corner which features the Gloucestershire poet Ivor Gurney, who served with the uncle of John Giddings (Cyril W Giddings) in the 5th Gloucesters during the 1st World War. Cyril died at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. A selection of poems written by Ivor Gurney before, during and after the 1st World War can be read on the [Poetry Foundation website](#) and audio recordings from his collection, Severn and Somme, can be heard on [You Tube](#).



SECOND WORLD WAR SOLDIERS HONOURED ON KINGSCOTE'S WAR MEMORIAL

Last month Sebastian Cooper provided details of fallen First World War soldiers listed on Kingscote's war memorial. This month we publish details of Sebastian's research into the six Second World War soldiers listed. As with the First World War soldiers, they came from varied backgrounds, some had very close associations with our parish and others less so but all of them deserve our respect and gratitude for making the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. If anyone can find information on the featured soldier N Carter, please do send it in to us for publication in the magazine.

1939 - 1945

M R J ARTHURS: Michael Raymond Jack Arthurs, born 1920 in Tetbury registration district. Son of Alfred Daniel and Elsie May Arthurs of Calcot. Sergeant (Air Gunner) in the Royal Air Force, died 17th June 1943 in Swindon registration district, aged 23 and buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Beverston.

N CARTER Unable to find any records.

R N KINGSCOTE: Robin Nigel Kingscote, born in London in 1919, son of Major Edric Thomas Kingscote and Frances Kingscote of Malmesbury. Captain in the 9th Queens Royal Lancers, Royal Armoured Corps, and his residence at time of death is recorded as Kingscote Park. Died at El Alamein 22nd July 1942, aged 23 and buried in El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. His parents are buried in the churchyard.



D RICKETTS: Daniel Ricketts, born in Gloucestershire in 1913. Private in the 1st Gloucestershire Regiment. Died 7th March 1942, aged 29 and commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Burma.

S WATHEN: Stanley George Wathen, born in 1917 in Tetbury registration district. Nephew of Albert Edward Kinson, listed in the Kingscote 1914-18 roll of honour. Stanley was Lance Corporal in the Royal Engineers and his residence at time of death is recorded as Calcot Cottages. He died as a Japanese prisoner of war 6th July 1943 and buried in Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.

A T WICKHAM: Anthony Trelawney Wickham, born in Surrey in 1913, the son of Colonel Thomas Wickham of the Royal Horse Artillery. In 1939 he was a farmer at Hazlecote Hill Farm and became a Flight Lieutenant (Pilot) in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. He took part in the first daylight raid on Berlin carried out by Mosquito aircraft of Bomber Command in January 1943, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). Killed on a training flight on 14th June 1944 when his Mosquito crash landed in a field near RAF High Ercall in Shropshire and buried in the family burial plot in the churchyard of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Rusper, West Sussex.

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