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# THE FORERUNNER

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**WELCOME to  
the March  
edition of  
The Forerunner.**

## WELCOME

In this month's edition of our parish magazine you will find information on emergency planning from the parish council, including a quiz to find out how prepared you are. There is a request for litter pickers and the chance to support a 'stone stiles' research project for CPRE (the countryside charity). The Community Corner also includes a poem composed by John Giddings from Bagpath which is guaranteed to make you smile.

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

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## VICAR'S LETTER

February saw the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is traditionally a time of giving things up. Since the first lockdown in March last year and government restrictions, we have all had to change our way of life and stop doing some of the things we enjoy. This giving up has made us think about our lives, about our relationships, about change.

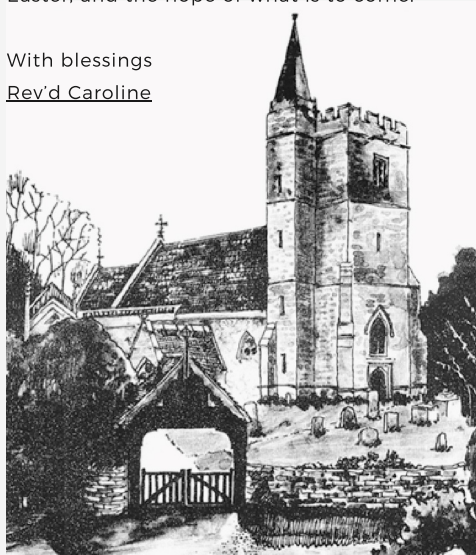
We have also thought about things that we could do, helping others in our community more than ever before, such as looking out for those who live alone, are sick or in need. This has been a time of reflecting on our lives and our relationships with others as we have cared for one another and we have grown closer together as a community.

For the Church, the season of Lent is a time when we remember Jesus spending 40 days and nights in the Wilderness, a time of trial, prayer and fasting. The tradition in lent is to take on a Lenten discipline, to give something up, not because of imposed restrictions, but by choice. Often it is choosing to reduce our intake of food, to fast, not so we can lose weight, but so our minds are brought to focus on God. Instead of, or as well as fasting, nowadays, the choice is often made to do something extra to help others rather than giving something up.

In the Wilderness, Jesus faced the struggle of hunger, thirst, and temptation. A Lenten discipline helps us reflect on our own lives, the struggles, and temptations. It is a time to seek God's forgiveness, to re-evaluate our lives and a time to grow in our relationship with God. The last week of Lent, we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, and then his death before the coming of new hope of resurrection and new life celebrated on Easter day.

We have all faced struggles and challenges over the past year. But let us look forward with hope. We are blessed and thankful for our NHS and care workers, vaccinations are being given in great numbers, government restrictions are going to be slowly lifted and we can all have that feeling of looking towards Easter, and the hope of what is to come.

With blessings  
[Rev'd Caroline](#)



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# KEY DATES

## CHURCH SERVICES

Weekly Sunday Services will be on-line during March. The usual start time of the online service is 11am but please check on the [.Nailsworth Benefice website](#) for updated information and the weekly on-line service link.

The church of St John the Baptist in Kingscote will be open for private prayer and contemplation, from 9am to 4pm each Sunday.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

We will re-start the flower rota when church services resume.



## KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

### Waste collection calendar

#### Food Waste

Every Thursday in March

#### Recycling & Garden Waste

Thursday 4th March

Thursday 18th March

## RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays, 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.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Although there were no current applications with March 2021 consultation deadlines at time of going to press, more applications may be made, for comment during March.

Please check the [Cotswold District Council website.](#)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Litter Picking Volunteers Needed

The Parish Council has obtained some litter picking equipment and is seeking volunteers to pick litter from the lanes in the parish. Due to the Covid regulations we cannot organise communal litter picking sessions, so volunteers will need to litter pick alone or with their household members.

Litter picking will be limited to the lanes in the parish, NOT the main roads. Thank you to those volunteers who have already come forward and cleared certain sections. We still need volunteers for the following sections:

- Hunter's Hall to Windy Corner
- A4135 Junction to Windy Corner past Barnhill Farm
- Windy Corner to Scrubbetts Farm
- Vipers Lane: past Newington Bagpath Church through farm to Newington Barn

If you wish to volunteer, please note the following:

- You should take all reasonable safety precautions and always be aware of road traffic
- Ideally wear some high visibility clothing so that you are easily visible to road users
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing (hats, gloves, warm coat etc.)
- Do not pick up anything dangerous or hazardous (broken glass, needles, dog mess etc.).

Contact [Sebastian Cooper via email](#) or telephone (860 811) to let him know which of the above sections you wish to cover and to arrange collection of your litter picking equipment.

### Retirement of Snow Plough Operator

After 25 years' service as the parish's snow plough operator, Phil Nicholls has now retired from this role. The Parish Council wishes to extend its grateful thanks to Phil for his hard work and dedication to ensuring that the roads in the parish have remained clear and accessible during the harsh winter weather over the past quarter of a century. The Parish Council is currently seeking to appoint his successor. If anyone would like to take on this role, please contact the clerk of the Parish Council via email to [kingscotepc@gmail.com](mailto:kingscotepc@gmail.com)

### Parish Council Vacancy

Since no election has been called in relation to the vacancy on the council following the resignation of Jonathan Bowers, the Parish Council is advertising the vacancy and asking for parishioners to apply so that the vacancy can be filled by co-option. The deadline for submitting expressions of interest in becoming a councillor must be submitted to the clerk via email to [kingscotepc@gmail.com](mailto:kingscotepc@gmail.com) by 5pm on 15th March 2021.

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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).**

## **Keep smiling**

Thank you to John Giddings from Bagpath for sending in this poem which he composed.

### **Smiling**

Smiling is infectious  
You can catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too

I passed around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled  
I realised I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile  
Then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth

If you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Let's start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.

Just smile- it doesn't cost a penny.

*John Giddings*

## **Door to Door Walks**

Thanks for your comments and ideas about door-to-door walks and for the photographs you sent in response to last month's article. The photographs are featured on these pages and on our cover - thanks to Annabella and Geoff.

Lutz from Kingscote has been collecting eggs from Fernley Farm in Ozleworth every week for 26 years and loves the wonderful views along the top of Ashcroft Road, sweeping from the Severn Valley, beyond Hawkesbury and over towards Swindon. Over the last year he has also admired the skills of dry stone wallers as they renew the walls around the estate. A route to enjoy these sights would take you to Windy Corner, along Ashcroft Road then on the road to the left of the radio mast to arrive at the farm.





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Those who fancy a really long walk could then carry on to reach Wotton under Edge, going downhill to pass both entrances to Ozleworth Park and turning right at the lower entrance to walk along Ozleworth Bottom to Wortley, then turning right to walk along the road into Wotton. It is then possible to walk back through Synwell and up the escarpment via Blackquarries Hill (or you could catch a bus from Wotton if available)



Some of you have said how you have enjoyed seeing the snowdrops in the woods in February and another couple mentioned that, after several decades of living in the village, they have appreciated the lovely circular walk from the postbox in Kingscote across the fields to Binley Farm, returning to the village via the footpath around Binley Barn (Hill Barn) and past Boxwood Cottage.



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## Could you help to discover more Stone Stiles in Gloucestershire?

Did you know that in Gloucestershire there are three types stone of stiles - step, squeeze (sometimes known as slit stiles) and slab? For centuries they have provided access across field boundaries to locals walking along ancient pathways as they went about their business. Depending on the structure they would prevent cattle and sheep from literally wandering further afield. Despite the historic value of these stiles scores of them have been abandoned and some lost forever. Examples of each can be found in Gloucestershire, and in our parish. Step stiles are particularly rare.

In 2020 CPRE member Peter Wilson launched 'The Stone Stile Project' as there was no comprehensive record of stiles in Gloucestershire (nor England) and Peter aimed to record every remaining stone stile in Gloucestershire. Through support from CPRE, the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club and other keen walkers almost 500 stiles have been recorded - with probably another 100 yet to be mapped.

When you are out walking, if you spot a stone stile, or if you know of an existing stile, please photograph it, if possible from both sides. Download a Stile Recording Form by going to the CPRE website, <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/> Please give as much information as possible before [emailing the form to Peter Wilson](#).

Any 'duplicate' stiles are fine as you may have taken a better picture than one already on file and provide more information about the stile.

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With the many sightings of stiles across the county, Peter has now launched Phase 2 of the project. He is seeking help on a voluntary basis from local people with an historical knowledge of their own parish; also historians, geologists and archaeologists. The aim is to create a comprehensive record of the history of the stiles before some are 'lost' forever. If you can help with the next phase or have friends who can, please contact Peter. The information received will then be available to develop an interactive App. for the enjoyment of everyone who loves the countryside, including helping wheelchair users and families with children in buggies to plan their walks. If you would like to make a donation in support of The Stone Stile Project please go to the [CPRE website](#) where there is a '[Just Giving](#)' page and [more details on the Project](#).



## Are you ready? Your household's emergency plan

Kingscote Parish Council is making available information and a proforma for people to prepare a household emergency plan.

Emergencies can happen in an instant with no notice, and the fire and ambulance services encourage households to be prepared. Taking a few simple steps now could help you deal quickly and effectively if an emergency were to occur.

One of the most effective steps is for each household to complete an emergency plan which collects most of the information you might need in one place and is easily accessible by you and others in your household. A household emergency plan should include:-

- Emergency contact numbers – particularly useful if you can't access the numbers on your mobile.
- Where to turn off water, electricity etc – it may be obvious to you but would the rest of your family know?
- Radio station frequencies – this could save precious moments and frustration when trying to get an update or latest advice.

There is a [downloadable form on the Kingscote Parish Council website](#) which you can print to set out your household's plans. The proforma is derived from one prepared by the County Council but is personalised for Kingscote Parish.

All households are encouraged to fill this in and keep it handy. If anyone would like help with this, please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01435 860697.

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### Kingscote Parish: Household Emergency Plan Proforma

Emergencies occur with little or no notice. Being prepared can help reduce the effects on your families' lives, reduce the need for support from others and enable you to support the vulnerable in your community.

Disruption to essential services such as electricity and water, telecoms and to regional and national travel are all ways an emergency can affect our everyday lives.

Complete the following sections and keep in a safe place all your household can easily access

If you or your house are not involved in an emergency **incident** but you are close by or believe you may be in danger, in most cases the advice is: **GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN**. Naturally this advice does not apply if your house is affected by an emergency such as fire or flooding.

Station	Frequency	Website
BBC Radio Gloucestershire	104.7 FM & 1413 AM	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/gloucestershire">www.bbc.co.uk/gloucestershire</a>
Hear FM	102.4 FM	<a href="http://www.hear1024gloucestershire.co.uk">www.hear1024gloucestershire.co.uk</a>

What are your contact details for the emergency services or other help to reach you?

#### Your Address and What3Words Code

Address:				
What3Words Code:				
Landline phone:	01453 860811			

\* See introductory note on the website for advice on how to derive the code

#### Phone and email address for you and your household

Name	Mobile	Work (if applicable)	Email address (if available)
Sebastian	07791 987006		<a href="mailto:c-coopersebastian@hotmail.co.uk">c-coopersebastian@hotmail.co.uk</a>
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Sacha	07516 710647		<a href="mailto:sachalovesport@icloud.com">sachalovesport@icloud.com</a>



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## What3Words Code

One of the boxes to complete on the proforma is the What3Words Code for your house. What3Words is a system used by most of the emergency services in the UK which enables them to locate anyone quickly and accurately using just three words. The system locates anyone to a 3 metre square, so it is much more accurate than a postcode, and could help emergency services reach you more quickly. A smart phone is needed to derive the What3Words code for your property using the app but you can give the three word code to emergency services without needing a mobile phone. Again, if anyone would like help with this please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01435 860697.

**To see whether you are ready or need to do a bit more planning in case of emergency, try this quick quiz.** Score 1 point for every question to which you can answer 'yes'.

1. Do you have a personal emergency contact list?
2. Do you have ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact(s) in your phone, wallet or purse?
3. Do you have contact details easily available for an 'emergency friend' - someone unlikely to be affected by the same emergency?
4. Do you have contingency plans for dependents (whether people or animals) e.g. picking up children from school, checking on elderly relatives, looking after pets?
5. Are you able to contact emergency services during a power cut with no broadband?

6. Can you easily locate emergency equipment (e.g. torch, radio, batteries, matches, candles)? Have you identified possible exit routes from every room in your home?
7. Do you know how to turn off supplies such as water, electricity, fuel oil/gas (as applicable)
8. Do you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home?
9. Do you have adequate contents and buildings insurance?
10. Do you have copies of your most important documents stored securely?
11. Do you know the What3Words code for your house to help emergency services locate it?

**If you answered YES to 8 or more questions** - your preparations are going well, congratulations! Just make sure you fill any gaps you've identified through this quiz and keep all your plans and information up to date.

**Scored less than 8?** - it's great that you've started your emergency preparations, however there's more you could do.



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