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# THE FORERUNNER

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

## WELCOME

In this edition we have a roundup of which local eateries are open and when. Also, news of more road closures - this time as this time as Openreach (a subsidiary of the BT group) prepares to lay fibre broadband into the village.

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

Sign up here to get your name onto the mailing list for the parish website e-alerts.

**The Forerunner Editing Team**

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## VICAR'S LETTER

It was wonderful in April to be able to celebrate Easter day back in St John the Baptist Church, but also that Easter could be celebrated by churches online for those who were not able to come to church. The season of Easter is the time to celebrate new beginnings, with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day and the new life and hope that it brings.

There is now a great sense of optimism and it feels as if we are at last looking forward to a new life beyond Covid19. We know that the many changes since the beginning of the first lockdown have brought difficult and challenging times with some events that have been devastating, especially if we have lost a loved one. It has also been a time of opportunity, opportunity to show human kindness in supporting others and getting to know and understand each other better. This opportunity has enabled us to learn so much about supporting and loving one another.

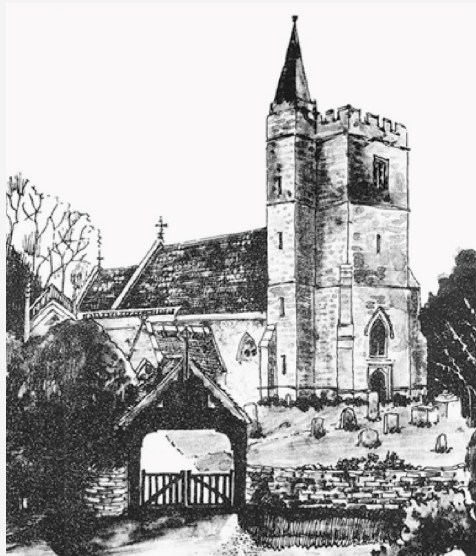
We now have hope that we are moving to a new time of rebuilding. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby in his statement following Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh's death said:

'As we recover and rebuild after the terrible trial of the coronavirus pandemic, we will need fortitude and a deep sense of commitment to serving others. Throughout his life Prince Philip displayed those qualities in abundance, and I pray that we can take inspiration from his example.'

The example of Prince Philip's life is an example for the nation to follow. Serving others is a Christian way of life. May we continue to have a sense of deep commitment to others when life gets back to a new normal.

With blessings

[Rev'd Caroline](#)



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# KEY DATES

## CHURCH SERVICES

As well as the usual pattern of services of the first and third Sunday of the month we have an additional service in May to celebrate Pentecost:

Sunday 2nd May 9.30am Family Service  
Sunday 16th May - 9.30am Family Service  
Sunday 23rd May (Pentecost) 9.30am Family Service

There will also be online or live-streamed Sunday Services from St George's Church, Nailsworth during May. Please check updated information and the on-line service link on the [Nailsworth Benefice website](#).

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

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to those who provide our lovely displays of flowers in the church, leaving their flowers in place until the next person in the rota takes over. The rota for May and June is:

2nd May- Sue Spandler  
16th May - Jane Nichols

6th June - Angela Wooldridge  
20th June - Annabella Lucy

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting was due to be held in May but due to the Covid restrictions this has been postponed until early July, on a date to be agreed by the committee.

We are hoping that the village hall will be open for events, and for hire, if restrictions are lifted on 21st June.

## BOOK CLUB

Book club dates for late April and for May:

APRIL: Book Club is meeting in Angela's garden, rules and weather permitting, on Wednesday 28th April, at 2.00pm to discuss 'Big Sky' by Kate Atkinson and/or 'Precious Bane' by Mary Webb.

MAY: Meeting on 21st May at 2.00pm at Louise Marsh's to discuss 'Shuggie Bain' by Douglas Stuart.



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## KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

### Waste collection calendar

There is still no calendar for the year available on the Cotswold District Council website but we are assured that collections continue to follow the usual pattern, with no changes due to bank holidays. More information will be available on the CDC website [here](#).

### **Food Waste**

Every Thursday in May

### **Recycling & Garden Waste**

29th April, 13th and 27th May 2021

## 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

- Yew tree trimming – Kenelm House, Kingscote, GLY 8XY (no comment closure date provided)
- Replacement and extension to front porch, with the replacement of adjacent bay window. The Moorings Kingscote GL8 8XY. Comment by 12th May
- Erection of garden room. 8 Kingscote GL8 8XZ. Comment by 29th April.

More applications may be made for comment during May. Please check the [Cotswold District Council website](#). There is an option on the website for individuals to receive notifications on new planning applications.

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

1. The Parish Council Annual Meeting will be held by Zoom on May 4th at 7.30pm. Subsequently, we hope that it will be possible for a physical Annual Parish Meeting to be held but the date will depend on the relaxation of Covid restrictions.

### 2. Fibre Broadband

- a. Gigaclear contractors have completed installation of fibre broadband through the central part of Kingscote village. We believe this work will be extended to the remaining parts of the parish but we have not yet received a schedule for completing the work.
  - b. BT are also planning to install fibre broadband in Kingscote! BT (Openreach) will be closing the road between the phone box and the church from 14-25 June to install a new duct, and subsequently the road from the phone box to Hunter's Hall will be closed. There will be signs in place and a contact number available before the work starts.
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### 3. Highways issues

Gloucestershire Highways have jetted the drains near Hunter's Hall, so we hope they will cope with the next downpour. Blocked drains in the Hazlecote Valley remain listed for jetting in the future.

The worst of the potholes in the Hazlecote Valley have been patched and the large one on the road to Windy Corner in Bagpath is marked for repair.

### Kingscote Parish Council

**Editor's Notes re Broadband** (with thanks to residents who have shared information they have discovered from a variety of sources - which they provide with the caveat that these are the responses they received at the time; not all points may represent the formal position and things can change).

Gigaclear have confirmed that the main cabinet serving Kingscote is now live. This means that residents in the village should be able to place an order for fibre broadband service by 28th May. If they have registered on the website at gigaclear.com, they will be notified that their connection is ready for service via an email.

Regarding other parts of the parish and Gigaclear broadband supply rollout, the message received from Fastershire is - 'For other properties in this section the network build continues and is currently projected to complete in quarter 3 this year'.

Openreach (BT) fibre provision - Those who have already contacted Fastershire and Gloucestershire County Council to query this second fibre broadband installation in Kingscote are being informed that although Fastershire conducted a full industry consultation at the procurement stage to check commercial companies' plans, those private companies can amend their plans and choose to invest to provide their own fibre broadband infrastructure as they wish, and regardless of Fastershire's plans, as it is a competitive market.

Openreach is providing the upgraded infrastructure (5 new poles on the A4135 and around 500m of ducts in the village). Ducts are scheduled to be dug during June and cabling completed by September 2021. The contractors will erect the necessary signage before any road closures. Initial enquiries indicate that no new green cabinets will be erected in the village itself and no further 'black boxes' (the roadside pots) will be needed outside premises. As with Gigaclear a number of partner organisations will use the Openreach infrastructure.

Residents making specific enquiries to Gloucestershire County Council about road closures in the village during June seem to be getting slightly different information about which roads cannot be accessed and when, but details will hopefully become clearer during May.

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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).**

## GOING OUT

Now that the roadmap to lifting lockdown restrictions is under way we've done a bit of research to find out which of our local pubs and restaurants are open and when (all subject to government guidelines of course).

Calcot: The Barn is open for alfresco dining at present. From 17th May The Gumstool and The Conservatory should be open, as guidelines permit. <https://www.calcot.co/alfresco-dining/> 01666 890391

Hunters Hall: Opening its doors and 'making a comeback' with the beer garden being open from 29th April. You can book a table online <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/gloucestershire/hunters-hall-inn/>

The Hog, Horsley: Food and drink table service has been available since mid April. It is recommended to book a table for meals <http://www.hoghorsley.com/> 01453 833843

Royal Oak Leighterton: Open Friday to Sunday at present for outdoor dining and drinks, and opening for meals and drinks indoors in mid May. <https://www.royaloakleighterton.co.uk/> 01666 890250

Tipputs Inn: Will be opening on Fri 21st May indoors and out. Please book ahead. <https://www.tipputsinn.co.uk/> 01453 834365

Wild Carrot, Chavenage: Open now with seating outdoors including a covered area for eating and drinking. Planning to be fully open indoors as well from 17th May, as guidelines allow. <https://www.wildcarrot.co.uk/indulge>

Obviously all our nearby market towns will have venues open as well.



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## **Request for people to join the mowing team**

The churchyard is a credit to our community and gives great pleasure to residents and visitors.

We need a few new members of the mowing team and we invite some of the newcomers and others in the village to join us. The general process is as follows:

- Members select a section of the churchyard which they would like to take on. Obviously in times of vacation others may help.
- The church has one robust Hayterette mower and a Makita strimmer which are stored in the shed in the churchyard. These machines are given a full professional service at the beginning of each year and repaired by the church when necessary.
- Cans of fuel and oil are kept in the shed.
- Some members of the team prefer to use their own machines which they service at their expense.
- The keys to the mower shed are normally kept in the church beneath the tower, although at the moment this may be locked so the key can be borrowed from 3 The Walled Garden.

**If you can help, please contact Harry Tubbs, Churchwarden, Tel. 01453 860 194.**

It's great to see that the tree planted near the Lychgate in Kingscote, to celebrate the **Queen's 90th Birthday** in 2016, is in glorious bloom at the moment.



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