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THE FORERUNNER

Digital publication for the Parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote

WELCOME to the
February edition of
The Forerunner.

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One of the young people in our parish is taking the initiative to support the Stroud Food Bank. There's a collection box for donated items outside the village hall and donations can also be picked up from homes. More details can be found in the Community Corner section of this newsletter.

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

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The Forerunner Editing Team

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

February has arrived and the winter season is coming to an end. The evenings are drawing out, snowdrops are beginning to bloom and bulbs are popping up through the soil – spring is on its way!

For the Christian church, February also points to a change in season. The seasons of the church tell the story of Jesus. In some seasons we remember joyous times and in others, times of suffering and hardship. As we leave the joyous season of Christmas and the celebrations of Jesus' birth and Epiphany with the arrival of the Magi, we now make our way to a new season, the Season of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation, coming to an end with Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' final journey to crucifixion, to his death on the cross, before the joy of Easter Day and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

There are different seasons in the church, in the world around us and in our own lives. Some seasons in life are joyful and some are hard and challenging. I wonder what season you are living in at this time.

The coming of spring is often seen as a metaphor for the hope and promise of new life. This we see with the appearance of life after winter changing to spring and in the church, as we look towards new life in the resurrection of Jesus. Whatever life has for you at this time, may you look towards the future with hope to joy.

With blessings

[Rev'd Caroline](#)



KEY DATES

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

6th February 2022 at 9.30am - Communion Service

20th February 2022 at 9.30am - All Age Service

People must wear face masks inside the church (unless they are exempt) and are also asked to use the hand sanitiser provided and to observe social distancing. The church is open every day- with thanks to our team of people who open up and lock it up daily.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The rota for the next couple of months is as follows:

6th and 13th February – Sheila Grey

20th and 27th February – Lorna Reynolds

March- No flowers in the church during Lent:

A request: If you are able to join the rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year, please contact Lorna Reynolds telephone - 01453 860231. Our team has dwindled of late so new people would be most welcome.

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 16th February, at 2.00pm, at Pauline's to discuss: 'The Moonflower Murders' by Anthony Horowitz.

Wednesday 16th March, at 2.00pm, at Louise's to discuss: 'Long Petal of the Sea' by Isabel Allende.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. The Parish Council met on 18 January 2022. It was decided that the precept should be raised by £200 per annum (from £4000 to £4200) to cover increased costs. The telephone box will be repainted and the maintenance of the defibrillators in Kingscote and Bagpath will be checked.
2. A new snow plough operator has been appointed. Since he is based in Uley, Beth Calland has offered to act as the lead snow warden to advise on snow conditions.
3. The accessibility and marking of some of the footpaths and bridleways in the parish are being reviewed in collaboration with the Public Rights of Way Officer.
4. The next meeting of the Parish council will be on Tuesday 26 April at 8pm in the village hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17 May 2022.

Kingscote Parish Council

KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

The calendar for kerbside collection is available when you [key in your postcode on this web page](#).

Food waste - every Thursday in February

Recycling and garden waste – 3rd and 17th February

RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays, but only for pre-booked appointments. [Book your visit here](#). Phone bookings are possible for those only without internet access- phone 01452 596 626

POST OFFICE

The mobile Post Office will be at Kingscote Village Hall every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 10am.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Erection of 2 storey side extension. 4 Lower Hazlecote Cottages Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XX. Consultation expiry date: 31.01.22
- Change of use for storage. Land South West of Hunters Hall Kingscote Gloucestershire. Consultation expiry date : 25.01.22

Note- Only applications classed by CDC as 'current' 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](#).



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).

EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING in the Main Hall

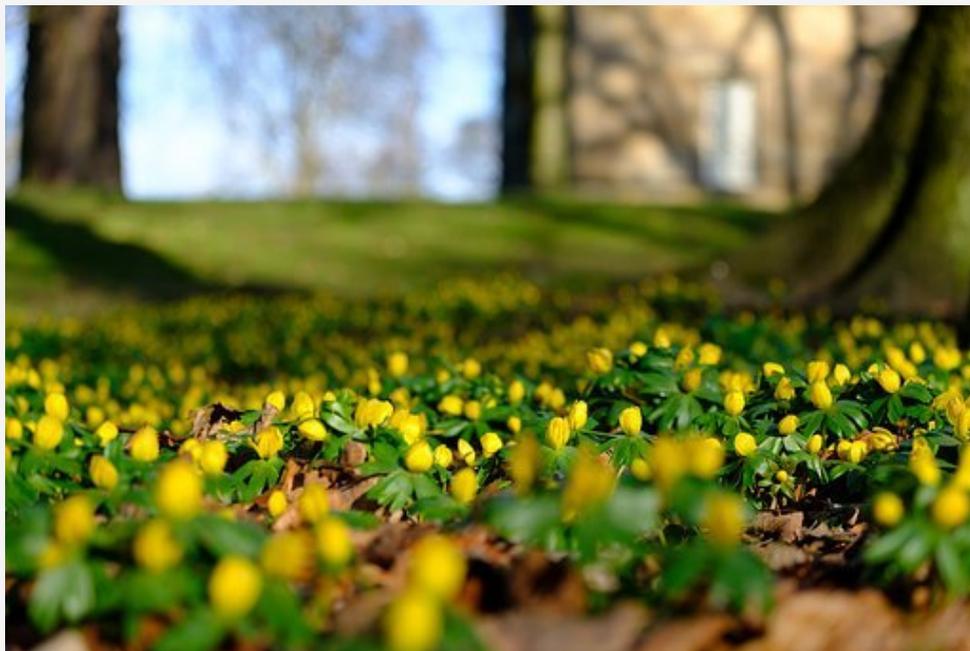
Wednesday 09 February, 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Home-made cake and coffee, £2.00

All Welcome

The March Coffee Morning will be held on 2 March and coffee mornings will be 1st Wednesday in the month, from now on.

FILM NIGHT will recommence March 15th



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REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FOR STROUD FOODBANK

See the message below from local resident Kasey. It would be great if many households could support this initiative to provide more donations for the Stroud Foodbank.

Hi. I'm Kasey. As part of my Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering I am supporting Stroud food bank by collecting food donations on a monthly basis. I will be doing this for the next 6 months.

What is Stroud food bank ?

The food bank helps local people in crisis 1 in 5 of the local population live below the poverty line. Food is donated and then given to those in need.

How can we help?

Raising awareness of the food bank in the Bagpath and Kingscote community. Where we feel able to, we can donate food that is most needed. We can really help those in food poverty.

What to do if you would like to help

Every month we will include a section in the Forerunner and the community WhatsApp group raising awareness. I will coordinate all food donations from our community and take them to the food bank monthly. Any food donations can be made by:

- Dropping them off at the storage box marked 'Stroud food bank' outside the Village hall
- Letting us know and we will collect them from you

Example food donations:

- Tinned vegetables/tomatoes/custard/rice pudding, fruit juice, pasta sauce, savoury snacks (crisps and crackers), Size 5/6 nappies (not smaller), Toilet rolls

Please do not donate:

- Pasta or tea
- Out of date or damaged items
- Food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen

How to Contact me (through Maria Connolly)

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Thank you for your support.



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