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THE FORERUNNER

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

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In this edition of the Forerunner there is a request for people to respect the natural environment in Conygre Woods (Box Wood), plus a request for ideas to celebrate the coronation in May.

There are two opportunities advertised in the Community Corner section of this newsletter as well. One is for a teaching role at Leighterton School, while the other is for a volunteer role to take over management of the Kingscoteonline website.

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

Dear friends,

I write this letter whilst on a retreat day at Brownshill Monastery. We are now in the season of Lent and in the peace and quiet, I am beginning to prepare for my Lenten journey. If I am honest, I find it hard to take myself away for a day from the benefice, as parish life always has more to 'do' rather than just be. Just being is to be in the moment, to put aside the busyness and distractions of life, not thinking of the past or present and for me, it is to be fully focussed and present with God.

I wonder what Lent means to you? I am sure we will all enjoy an Easter egg when Easter finally arrives, but we cannot arrive at Easter Day until we have travelled through Lent.

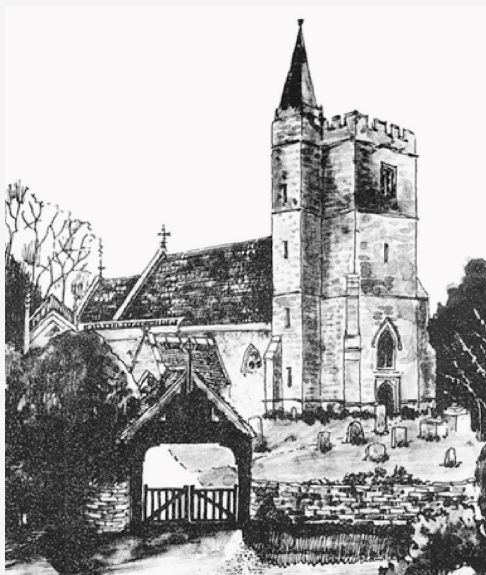
Lent is a season that perhaps many aren't quite sure what to do with, apart from giving up chocolate, alcohol, or something else that we're not quite sure we really want to give up, or understand why we're giving it up anyway!

Giving something up helps Christians remember and reflect on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness facing temptation, it is a time when we reflect on our own lives and temptations we have or may face. For a Christian it is a time of renewing and growing in faith, following the journey to become more like the people that Jesus would have us be.

Appearing in the middle of Lent is Mothering Sunday. A time when we remember our mothers, or the mothering person that has cared, loved us, and given so much to us. Someone who has made sacrifices and put us first.

On Mothering Sunday, 19th March at St John the Baptist we will celebrate and give thanks for our mothers or mothering person at our 9.30am Morning service. Please come and join us to give thanks on this special day and join us for refreshments following the service. Everyone is welcome!

Wishing you a blessed Lent.
Rev'd Caroline



KEY DATES

MARCH SERVICES AND EVENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

5th March at 9.30am - Communion Service

19th March at 9.30am - All Age service

WEDDINGS IN THE CHURCH

17th March

CHURCH FLOWERS

There are no flowers in the church during Lent.

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. More new people would be most welcome. Please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231).

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 8th, at Bella's to discuss 'Greenlights' by Matthew McConaughey.

Wednesday, April 19th, at Teresa's to discuss 'The Marriage Portrait' by Maggie O'Farrell.

Wednesday, May 17th, at Pauline's to discuss 'The House on Vesper Sands' by Paraic O'Donnell.

Wednesday, 14th June, at Sheila's to discuss 'Still Life' by Sarah Winman.

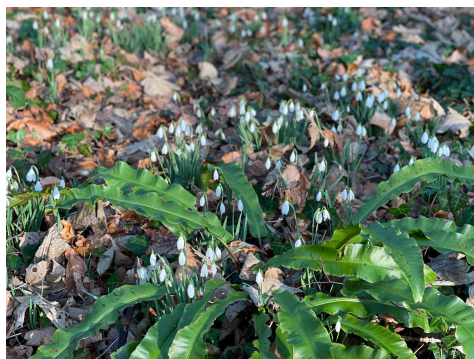
If anyone else would like to come and join us, please contact Angela on 860697.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. The most recent meeting of Kingscote Parish Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall.
2. Our recently appointed parish clerk has resigned due to personal reasons. The chair, Tony Wooldridge, will act as the clerk until a replacement is recruited.
3. We have been liaising with GCC Highways regarding several issues in Kingscote parish:
 - Potholes remain a persistent problem, but we have recently managed to get some of the potholes on the A4135, in the centre of Kingscote village, and on Scrubbetts Lane repaired. We will continue to push for repairs in other areas.
 - We have requested that the salt bins be topped up after the snow in December and are reviewing where additional bins are needed and the arrangements for storing salt for emergency use.
 - Although we were assured for well over a year that the ash dieback at Bagpath Common would be tackled in February 2023, unfortunately, the work has been postponed again.
4. We are purchasing new pads and batteries for the defibrillators in Kingscote and Bagpath. The British Heart Foundation has issued a short interactive training video to explain how to treat someone with a cardiac arrest. This covers both cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of defibrillators. We highly recommend this training aid:
<https://revivr.bhf.org.uk/?shar=1>
5. Elections for parish councillors will take place on May 4. Anyone interested in standing is encouraged to **complete the nomination forms, which are available on the CDC website**. If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact one of the current councillors.
6. Please note that, under the new regulations, anyone voting in person at the elections on May 4 will be required to bring photo ID, such as a photo driving licence or passport.
7. The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall. Anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council



KERBSIDE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

The calendar for kerbside collection for the year is available from the CDC website. Key in your address on [this website page](#).

Food waste - Every Thursday in March

Recycling and garden waste - Thursdays
2nd, 16th and 30th March.

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 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 on Mondays only until 15 March when it is booked in for battery repair, then we hope it will return to every Monday and Thursday at the same time.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At time of publishing the newsletter, there were no applications with a consultation period ending during March.

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](#).

Conygre Wood / Box Wood

We all love Conygre Wood, whether to exercise our dog or to take a quiet stroll, but the natural beauty is in danger of being ruined. Numerous tracks have been made by walkers, which has stopped the natural woodland vegetation from growing. Polite notices to point out where the public footpath is have been ripped down or pulled out, walls have been broken and wire fences have been cut! What started as a few fairies left in trees has now become a trail of plastic toys - dinosaurs, farm animals and Disney characters- littering the area and causing a risk to wildlife.

PLEASE, whether you live locally or are visiting, let nature work its magic in the wood, keep to the public footpath, and if any of the items belong to you, take them home. That way, we can all continue to enjoy this wonderful place.
Thank you.

G & J Nichols

MARCH EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 14 March - 10.30 - 11.30am

To be held in the Main Hall.

All are welcome and delicious home-made cake and coffee available. £2.50

FILM NIGHT - RUNAWAY JURY

Tuesday 21 March 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

We will be showing Runaway Jury, an American legal thriller film

An adaptation of John Grisham's 1996 novel starring John Cusack, Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman, and Rachel Weisz, directed by Gary Fleder

Entry Free, Pay Bar - Come and join us and suggest films you wish to see

CORONATION 'STREET' PARTY

Sunday 7 May 12.00 - 3.00 p.m.

We are thinking about a Bring and Share Lunch with Pay Bar and would welcome any ideas you may have for this special event.

Please e-mail either

brianmctear@btinternet.com or

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with any suggestions and/or offers of help

COMMUNITY CORNER

LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you a teacher looking for a new role?

Leighterton Primary School is seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic and talented teacher. We are looking for a teacher to join us as soon as possible, working on a fixed term contract to 21st July 2023 to cover PPA and subject leadership release.

A passion for learning and teaching is essential with all subject interests considered. Leighterton is a popular school; you will be part of a dedicated and skilled team, who care about the children and school, and are supportive of one another.

We are looking for a colleague who has:

- A record of good/ outstanding practice in teaching and learning
- The ability to raise attainment of pupils, meeting individual needs through exciting and innovative teaching methods
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently and as part of a team

We can offer you:

- An idyllic setting with a mostly new building
- Friendly, enthusiastic, well behaved children with fantastic attitudes to learning
- A happy school with a great team of staff
- Supportive parents and Governors
- Excellent CPD opportunities

Salary – MPR £28,000 – £38,810 pro rata per annum – salary within this pay range to be agreed at interview.

Please apply on a Gloucestershire Council teaching staff application form only.

Leighterton Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

We would welcome visits to the school.

Please contact Claire Davey on (01666) 890273 for more information and to arrange a visit.

Closing date – Friday 3rd March at noon.

COMMUNITY CORNER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN THE KINGSCOTE WEBSITE, PUBLISH THE FORERUNNER AND SEND OUT VILLAGE MAILINGS?

I've been running www.kingscoteonline.co.uk, brilliantly designed by John Carnegie-Brown for 10+ years but I have a new job and now need to hand it on to someone else. Sadly no ££ involved - only your precious time - but **it is a brilliant way to keep the community informed.**

What would it involve...?

1. Keeping the website (Wordpress) updated with posts and news
2. Sending out mailings to villagers using www.mailchimp.com (e.g. a monthly post telling people The Forerunner is ready to read, one-off posts such as letting people know when fireworks are taking place, the snowdrop walk, etc.)
3. Preparing The Forerunner - Elin Tattersall gives you the editorial and you copy and paste it into a software package called www.canva.com and publish it as a post on the website - and send to the mailing list above.
4. You would have your own webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk email for people to contact you too.

Are you interested in doing all or some of this? Please contact me Alice Cooper or email webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk.

It's not difficult - you just need to be shown how to do it.

if there is no interest from anyone, the last issue that I will be publishing will be April 2023.

****Full training happily given!****

Alice Cooper

Could you help manage our website?

- Keep the website updated
- Do posts
- Publish The Forerunner

Have you got some time to help your community?

GET IN TOUCH!

Thank you!

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