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# THE FORERUNNER

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

In this edition of the Forerunner there is information about events organised by the village hall as well as the April events at Tetbury Goods Shed.

Any ideas for how we could celebrate the Coronation in the parish? If so – please see the item 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).

[Sign up here](#) to get your name onto the [mailing list](#) for the parish website e-alerts.

**The Forerunner Editing Team**

(Elin Tattersall, Pauline McTear & Alice Cooper)

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# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Spring has arrived! Longer, lighter days, the beautiful yellow daffodils and primroses are in bloom, new life has sprung! This all happens around Easter, it is a time of new life and new beginnings.

I wonder what Easter means to you. You will probably be looking forward to having, or by the time you read this letter, have had an Easter egg or two! Easter day is certainly a day when chocoholics are in their happiest place! I must admit to being a bit of a chocoholic myself!

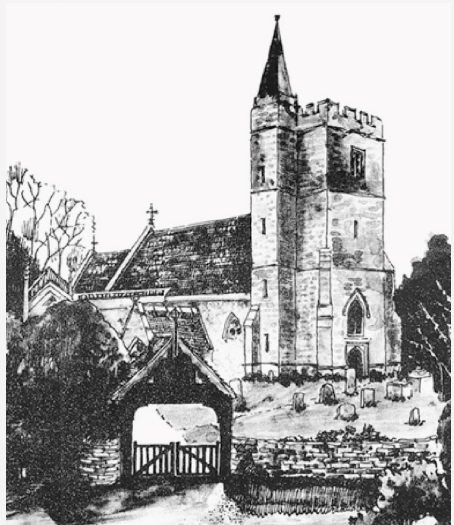
Easter is a time to celebrate new life. Have you ever thought about why we have chocolate eggs at Easter? An Easter egg is a symbol that has a Christian meaning.

The egg is a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection, and the shell reminds us of the empty tomb.

At St John the Baptist, as in other Christian churches, Easter is a great time of celebration as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, a time of celebrating through singing, story and hospitality and all are welcome to find out more and join in.

At this time of year, the church has its 'Easter Vestry Meeting' or Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is a very important meeting that enables our Parish church to function effectively. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports on 2022 activities and parish finance, to elect churchwardens for the coming year and new members of the PCC. Following the retirement of Harry Tubbs, to whom we were enormously grateful to for his many years of commitment as Churchwarden, we have a vacancy for this role. If you would like to find out more about being a Churchwarden or any other information about the PCC and APCM please contact me. The APCM will take place at St John the Baptist on Wednesday 26th April at 6pm.

With Easter blessings,  
Rev'd Caroline



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# KEY DATES

## **APRIL SERVICES AND EVENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE**

2nd April at 9.30am - Palm Sunday All Age service

9th April at 9.30am – Easter Sunday communion service

16th April at 9.30am – All age service

Baptism- Saturday 29th April

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

2nd April- no flowers during Lent

9th and 16th April- The Flowers Team

23rd and 30th April- Elin Tattersall

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, 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 Paraie 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.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. 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.
- 2.2. May Elections. 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.
- 3.3. Litter on the roadside. Cotswold District Council contractors (Ubico) collected 506 tons of litter by hand during 2022, and we are grateful that these teams recently collected rubbish along the A4135. The minor roads in the parish are generally kept tidy – thanks, I suspect, to those unsung heroes who collect litter when out walking. Sadly, there are still some road users who think it is acceptable to dispose of drinks bottles, coffee cups etc on the verge. The roads from Hunter’s Hall to Windy Corner and Barnhill Lane up to the A4135 had become untidy and needed litter picking recently.  
<https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/news/highway-trash-council-calls-out-road-users-for-throwing-tons-of-litter-from-car-windows>
4. Courtesy to other road users. Have you ever heard pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders or motorists criticising each other for dangerous or inconsiderate behaviour? NFU insurance have recently published an interactive video to encourage us all to be more sympathetic to other road users on rural roads. It’s worth a look, and you might be surprised to see the recommendations on reducing speed and leaving a safe gap when passing other road users.  
<https://nfum.tone.co.uk/rural-road-safety-map/>

5. Saving Energy: Cotswold District Council is encouraging owners of older buildings who want to make their homes more energy efficient to speak to the council for expert advice on how to do it. They maintain that planners are keen to help people retrofit their homes where possible and this also applies to conservation areas and listed buildings.  
<https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/news/owners-of-historic-buildings-encouraged-to-explore-making-their-homes-more-efficient>  
Kingscote Parish Council

### **Kingscote Parish Council**

### **WEBSITE/FORERUNNER/EMAILS**

We would like to pass on our warm thanks to Alice Cooper for managing the website, email alerts and parish magazine publication over a number of years, combining diligence, efficiency and creativity in equal measures and providing a valuable resource and service for the parish. Alice hands over the baton to new volunteers in the coming weeks and more information will be provided in the next edition of the Forerunner.

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## 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 April

**Recycling and garden waste** - Thursday 30th March, then 13th and 27th April

## 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, every Monday and Thursday in April

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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](#).



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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](#).**

## **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

**G & J Nichols**

## **APRIL EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Tuesday 18 April - 10.30-11.30am**

To be held in the Main Hall. Everyone very welcome. Delicious home-made cake and coffee (or tea if preferred) £2.50. Please note, for April only, we are holding the coffee morning on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

### **FILM NIGHT - FRENCH CONNECTION**

**Tuesday 18 April - 7.30 for 8.00pm**

We are intending to hold this in the upstairs Reynolds Room. If this is difficult because of access problems, we will be very happy to relocate to the Main Hall - please let us know if this applies as we would like everyone who wants to attend.

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



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**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 **Brian McTear** [brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com) or **Angela Wooldridge** [ang.wooldridge@gmail.com](mailto:ang.wooldridge@gmail.com) with any suggestions and/or offers of help.

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## CHURCH NEWS

- We had a lovely Mothering Sunday Service on 19th March, with children making special posies during the service. The Flowers 'station' was well used and candles were lit by members of the congregation in remembrance of mothers, grandmothers, aunts or other carers who are no longer with us.
- The church has its own electoral roll - a list of people who are entitled to vote at church meetings. (Note- this is entirely separate to the Cotswold District Council electoral roll which is to do with voting in general and local elections). We are revising the church electoral roll in April. If you are already on the church electoral roll and wish to stay on it, you don't need to do anything.
- However, if you would like to be added to the church roll, the notice, instructions and forms are available inside the church (noticeboard near the entrance door) and the forms must be returned before 4th April.



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## TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED

**April 1**      **Dire Streets:** The group brings to life the classic songs of one of the world's greatest guitar bands. Tickets £20 Doors open 7 for 7.30.

**April 8**      **Filkins Drift:** Local folk musicians Chris Roberts and Seth Bye weave together intricate melodies from the folklore of their homes in Gloucestershire and Wales. Tickets £12.50. Doors open 7 for 7.30.

**April 15**      **Wind in the Willows:** Box Tale Soup in association with the Everyman Theatre offer a beautiful new adaptation of Kenneth Grahm's much loved book. An ideal family outing featuring puppetry, theatre and a lovely original score. Tickets £10 £30 for a family of four. 2-3 with no interval

**April 21**      **The Stuart Singers:** This popular local choir have been singing together for 30 years and are making their first appearance at the Goods Shed. The show will include well known tunes and some surprises! Tickets £12. 7.30

**April 29**      **Comedy Club:** Featuring the talents of Tony Cowards, Peter Brush and favourite MC Louise Leah! Tickets £12/£10 under 25. 8pm

Don't forget our popular Wednesday afternoon tea concerts and our Thursday Film nights.

For more details and to book tickets visit our website: [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

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