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# THE FORERUNNER

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WELCOME to the  
December 2023 edition of  
The Forerunner

In this edition of the Forerunner we have news of all kinds of Christmas activities and events in the parish. This includes storytelling and coffee morning in the village hall, and the carol service, plus- new for 2023- a Christmas Creations session in the church on 17th December for families.

On a practical note- please also note changes in refuse collection days.

All copy for the next edition of the Forerunner should be sent to [elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com) by noon on the 20th day of the month (01453 860182)

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

**Merry Christmas from the Forerunner team.**

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# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



Have you heard the phrase. The reason for the season?

We are now in the season of Advent, the season of great anticipation and preparation, as we look towards Christmas Day and the Christmas season. Advertisements are all around us, they convince us that during this time of preparation we should make sure we get the best presents, the best bargains, the 'must haves', spend money and maybe buy gifts that perhaps, we can't really afford. We buy food to prepare for a Christmas feast. Many retailers attempt to convince us that they can somehow, make Christmas magic or special in some way. The true meaning of the seasons of Advent and Christmas become somewhat overtaken by the world view.

Over Christmas our church buildings will be fuller than almost any other time of the year. The reason for the season becomes clear as we gather to sing carols and to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child.

The Christmas story takes us through the journey made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the great joy of Jesus' birth in the lowly stable, the visit of the angel to the Shepherds and their journey to see Jesus. We then move to Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the wise men after their long journey to visit the babe.

Christmas is a season of great joy, but despite its message of joy, can be a difficult time for many people for various reasons. So for all of us it is also a time of giving a gift, not of the latest gadget or 'must have', but the gift of time and company which is one of the greatest gifts you can give, not just at Christmas time but all year.

Christmas day comes, presents are opened, the food consumed, Epiphany with the arrival of the wise men comes and then we once again begin a new calendar year.

With Christmas blessings,

Reverend Caroline

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# KEY DATES

## **Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote**

3rd December at 9.30am - Holy Communion service

17th December 9.30am to 11am Christmas Creations. Family fun at the church-treasure hunt, lucky dip, party snacks, making decorations and Christingles

19th December at 6pm – Candlelight Carol Service

25th December at 9.30am – Christmas Day Communion Service

## **Church flowers**

December- Advent – Soffi Bond

Christmas Day- Flowers Team

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, 13th December at 14.00 hours at Sheila's to discuss 'Jane Austen at Home' by Lucy Worsley.

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

## **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

### **1. Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss planning issues at Walnut Farm, Bagpath**

A special meeting was arranged for 3 November 2023 to discuss planning matters relating to Walnut Farm, Bagpath. This was attended by the County and District Councillors as well as most Parish Councillors and six members of the public. A report was sent to Cotswold District Planning Department after the meeting.

### **2. Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kingscote Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council

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## **Kerbside waste and recycling collections**

The calendar for kerbside collection is available from

<https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-collection-enquiry>

**Food waste-** Thursday 30th November, Thursday 7th December, Thursday 14th December, Thursday 21st December, Friday 29th

December, Friday 5th January

### **Recycling and garden waste –**

Thursday 7th December, Thursday 21st December, Friday 5th **January (no garden waste collection on this day)**

## **Recycling centre**

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open in the winter for pre-booked appointments from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays. According to the Cotswold District Council website the recycling centre is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Book your visit [here](#). Phone bookings are possible only for those without internet access- phone 01452 596 626.

It may be possible to drop off your Christmas tree at a recycling centre or include with your garden waster. See

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/recycling-bankscentres/#> for details.

## **Post office**

The mobile post office will be at Kingscote Village Hall from 9am to 10am every Monday and Thursday except bank holidays.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

At time of drafting this newsletter there was 1 recent application listed on the CDC website.

Calcot Manor, Calcot, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8YJ - Retrospective application for the installation of 3 above-ground gas storage tanks and associated works to rear of the former grain store. Consultation expiry date – 13.12.23

**Note-** Only applications classed by CDC as 'current', using the keyword Kingscote (i.e. the parish), 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.

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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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

[elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com)

## Events at the Village Hall

### DECEMBER EVENTS

#### **FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 12 December 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.**

Everyone very welcome.

Sausage rolls, Mince pies, crackers and hats! £2.50

Coffee Morning with a seasonal twist!

#### **STORYTELLING EVENING - Evening Event - Thursday 14 December 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.**

Local storytellers will be regaling us with seasonal stories - mulled wine and nibbles

Event is suitable for adults and accompanied older children.

£5.00 Proceeds to local Foodbank

Unfortunately we are unable to run a children's Christmas party at the village hall this year. However the good news is that there will be a Christmas Creations event at the church for children and families from 9.30 to 11am on Sunday 17th December.

#### **Village Hall Bookings: Please note change of details for bookings**

Liz Widdows is standing down from taking bookings after this year. We would like to thank her for all her hard work to date.

Please contact Pauline McTear, 01453 861311 e-mail

[brianmctear@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmctear@btinternet.com) if you would like to book the Village Hall in future

**The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for all their support in 2023 and welcome everyone to 2024 Events in the New Year**

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# **KINGSCOTE VILLAGE HALL**

## **MIDWINTER TALES**

**JOIN US FOR STORIES, MULLED WINE & NIBBLES**

**THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

**7.30 – 9.00 p.m.**



**We present an evening of traditional seasonal stories around the world to get you in the mood for Christmas**

**Told by local author and storyteller Geoff Mead (Folly Cottage) with special guest, international storyteller Sarah Deco**

**Our stories are suitable for adults and accompanied older children**

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**Communities gathering to tell and listen to stories in the dark hours of winter since the world was young**

**All you need to bring is curiosity and a sense of wonder**

**Books suitable for Christmas presents will be for sale**

**Entry £5.00**

**All proceeds to local Foodbank**

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## CHURCH NEWS

We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our December services and events.

We are excited about the Christmas Creations event for children and families we are organising for Sunday 17th December from 9.30-11am. This will involve making Christmas decorations and a Christingle, plus activities such as a treasure hunt around the church, and a lucky dip. Refreshments and Christmas themed snacks will further add to the party atmosphere.

The Carols by Candlelight service starts at 6pm on Tuesday 19th December and our Christmas Day communion service will start at 9.30am.

## CHURCHYARD

We received an enquiry from someone who wanted to locate a war grave for Private A.G. Gulwell, 94th Training Reserve, who died on 5th April 1917.

Thanks to the excellent transcription of the gravestones and coding map completed by Kingscote residents, we were able to point her in the right direction and she is taking a photo to pass on to the War Graves Commission.

We were asked whether this was a local family so if you have any information on families in the area with the surname Gulwell, please can you let Elin know (01453 860182 or [elin.tattersall@yahoo.com](mailto:elin.tattersall@yahoo.com))

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# **Christmas Creations**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**from 9.30 to 11am**

**at St John the Baptist Church**  
**Kingscote**



Come along for a fun-filled time -  
treasure hunt, lucky dip, making  
decorations and Christingles



**Open to all, with activities suitable  
for children of all ages.**

**Refreshments and party snacks  
available.**



# TETBURY GOODS SHED

## A R T S C E N T R E

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER AT TETBURY GOODS SHED



**December 2/3**

**Craft Fair:** Two-day Christmas Craft Fair at Tetbury Goods Shed Open to the public 10.30am to 5.00pm

**December 8**

**All On A Winter's Night,** Johnny Coppin - one of England's finest singer/songwriters- presents another feast of traditional carols, new songs, stories, folklore and superstitions. Tickets £20/£10 under 25. 7.30-9.45

**December 9**

**The Bon Jovi Experience:** The official tribute band to Bon Jovi, endorsed by the man himself, fronted by a lead singer so familiar, you won't believe he's not the real deal! 7.30 – 10.00 Tickets £20 |

**December 15**

**Comedy Club:** Come and enjoy to festive fun at the Goods-Shed in the company of these comedy Christmas Crackers Tom Glover, Samantha Day and Morgan Rees! 8-10. Tickets £12.50/£10 under 25

**December 16**

**Jack and the Bean Stalk:** Join Jack on his GIANT adventure as he climbs the beanstalk to an enchanted land to rescue his friends and family from one very hungry giant! 2 -4.15. Tickets £12 adults, £9 under 14, £35 family ticket for 4.

For details of our films, talks and other events and to book tickets visit our website:

[www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

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