

The Forerunner – the monthly newsletter for the parish of Kingscote

January 2024 edition

We offer Seasonal Greetings and best wishes for 2024 to everyone in the parish.

In this edition of the Forerunner we have reports on some Christmas activities plus advance notice of an activity for children and young people on 12th February (See church news in Community Corner). There will also be a fundraising Snowdrop and teas event on 3rd and 4th February- see the poster and information in Community Corner (plus a request for people to help serve teas).

On a practical note, please note changes in refuse collection days over the bank holidays.

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



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We were saddened to hear that Alan Roy (“Paddy”) Carpenter from Bagpath has passed away and we send our condolences to Safaya and all the family. Safaya has composed a short description about Paddy which can be found in the Community Corner section below.

Vicar’s letter

Happy New Year

December at St John the Baptist was busy with our Christmas Creations morning, where families came together to do lots of different activities, sing and listen to the story of the Christingle. At our carol service we were delighted with the choir singing Shepherd’s Arise and the singing of wonderful carols accompanied by our organist Rosemary Sims. Finally, our Christmas Day communion service welcomes the Christ Child.

December is always a busy time of year with all that planning, shopping and cooking and Christmas celebrations. With the celebrations of Christmas ended, the decorations back in the loft, 2023 now in the past, the wishing of happy new year said, January can often feel a very ‘flat’ time of year.

Christmas for Christians though is about a beginning, with the hope and vulnerability of a new born baby, Emmanuel, meaning God with us. We celebrate a God who is not just with us on Christmas day, but a God who promises to remain with us throughout the year, throughout the rest of our lives. Our benefice Churches, who drew in large crowds over the Christmas period still provide a warm welcome not just at Christmastime but throughout the year.

Wishing you a blessed New Year, Reverend Caroline

Key dates

Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote

7th January 2024 at 9.30am - Holy Communion service

21st January 2024 at 9.30am- All Age Service

Church flowers

7th and 14th January- Naomi Teague

21st and 28th January- Jane Nichols

4th and 11th February- Sheila Grey

From 14th February to 28th March- no flowers in church during Lent.

Thank you to those who are on the flowers rota to supply one flower arrangement in the church per year. We would love to have a few more people join the team so if you feel you could do this, please contact Lorna Reynolds (telephone - 01453 860231).

Book club:

- Monday 15th January at 2.00pm at Louise's to read 'Milkman' by Anna Burns.

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

Kerbside waste and recycling collections

The calendar for kerbside collection is available from

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

Food waste- Friday 29th December, Friday 5th January, Thursday 11th January, Thursday 18th January and Thursday 25th January.

Recycling and garden waste –Friday 5th January (but no garden waste collection on this day), Thursday 18th January

Recycling centre

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open in the winter for pre-booked appointments. It is usually open from 10am to 4pm on all days except Wednesdays but it will be closed on 25th and 26th December 2023 and on 1st January 2024

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 except on Bank Holidays.

Planning applications

At time of drafting this newsletter there were no applications on the Cotswold District Council for the parish of Kingscote which were 'current' and had a consultation deadline in January 2024.

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/>

Parish council update

1. Our **most recent meeting** was on Wednesday 13th December.
 - We discussed the budget and precept for 2024-25, maintenance of our assets, planning issues and interactions with GCC Highways.
2. **GCC Highways matters.**
 - The rusty signpost opposite the phonebox has been replaced.
 - Some of the potholes in the parish have been filled, but we have requested more remedial work for Scrubbetts Lane.
 - The SLOW markings and H-lines will be actioned when weather and resources allow, and we are investigating '20 is plenty' signage.
 - We await two new salt bins for Kingscote village and a reserve supply of salt.
 - We are asking for more remedial work on trees with ash dieback in Bagpath.
3. **Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kingscote Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

Safaya has composed the following about Paddy Carpenter who sadly passed away last month.

Alan Roy Carpenter. Known to all of us as 'Paddy'

11th February 1943 - 8th November 2023

Paddy moved to Bagpath in 1973 and has loved the area and walked extensively within it ever since as well as campaigning to keep it free of undesirable developments over the years. In Kingscote he contributed to and finally took over the successful monthly film nights and enjoyed the interest and social side that it offered.

He had a longstanding and wide-ranging career in film making, enjoyed private flying and then went back to revisit his initial writing career with two books on the Lockerbie disaster. The first one 'UNSAFE' and the sequel which will be ready for printing later on in the new year. In addition, he had a stint in being manager to the iconic band of the 70s Mud and contributed to specialist magazines with articles on subjects including police vehicle history and insignia.



He was a keen pilot and first met his future wife on a runway at Staverton airport in 1982. He is very sadly missed by Safaya, Maggie (his sister) his entire adopted family, Amelia, James, Harry and Xylia, as well as the many loyal friends he made during the different aspects of his wonderfully varied lifetime.

For more information visit www.paddycarpenter.com

Events at the Village Hall: There will be no village hall events in January but the coffee morning will return in February.

3rd and 4th February - Snowdrop weekend with refreshments in the village hall

We are planning to sell light refreshments in the village hall over the weekend of 3rd and 4th of February to raise funds for the Village Hall and Church. All welcome, so please tell your friends and families about the event and enjoy a drink and snack by the fire in the Village Hall after a snowdrop walk in the woods (optional).

See the poster for timings

Anyone willing to help with providing cakes etc and/or helping for a few hours serving please contact jane@nicholsfarming.co.uk

Snowdrops at Kingscote 2024

**Tea and cake will be on sale at the village
hall Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February
between 10 am and 3 pm**



Enjoy a walk in the woods in Kingscote and admire the beautiful snowdrops and aconites.

The church will be open for visitors.

All proceeds to the Village Hall and Church

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a lead, in line with public footpath regulations.

Church news

Advance notice- Holiday club - 12th February 2024 10am to 12.30pm

Come and have fun - pancakes, stories and activities for children of all ages.

We have a Holiday Club activity for children of all ages taking place on 12th February at the village hall. This will start at 10am and finish with a light lunch served at 12pm for children and parents/ carers. This is the day before Shrove Tuesday and activities for the session will be based around seasonal themes.

Parents/ carers are asked to remain with children. We'd be grateful if you could let us know if you plan to attend as it will help us when planning activities. Please also let us know of any food allergies. elin.tattersall@yahoo.com

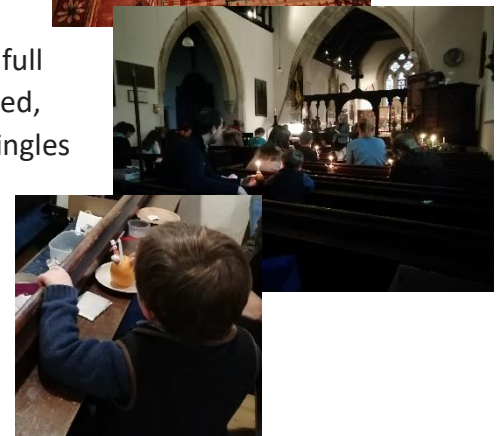
More details about the holiday club on 12th February will follow in January.

Looking back at Christmas 2023 events

We enjoyed lots of activities at the Christmas Creations event at the church on 17th December. Twenty children searched for Christmas themed items in the church, such as the stained-glass windows featured in the church Christmas cards and managed to find all ten items to enable them to set up the crib scene in the church. 'Spot the snowman' also featured in the treasure hunt and children made a range of craft items - from star decorations



for Christmas trees to lanterns and a full crib scene. Even the adults got involved, making fabric and paper stars. Christingles were made too, and these were lit and carols sung. All that work led to hungry tumms, so the party food was quickly demolished.



The candlelight carol service is a special occasion in the church, held annually, and the event on 19th December was no exception. It was great to have the opportunity to come together to sing carols, listen to readings and Christmas messages, and to chat with friends and neighbours over seasonal refreshments.

TETBURY GOODS SHED

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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



- Jan 13** **William Howard:** In concert with Matthew and Emma Denton for a programme of music by Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn. Tickets £22.50 in advance £26 on the door, 7.30
- Jan 19** **The Beatles for Sale:** The Fab Four's music recreated as it was in their 60s heyday by a group who have worked with stars such as Mary Hopkins, Morrissey and Nancy Sinatra! Tickets £20. 7.30
- Jan 24** **Playtime:** Join Ratty and her friends for a gentle intro to theatre with storytelling, music, puppetry and games for pre-school children and their families. Tickets £5 a child. 10-11
- Jan 25** **Film: Oppenheimer** – the award-winning film comes to your local screen! Tickets £7.50 7.30
- Jan 27** **Paprika:** The UK's leading Balkan band fuse together eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and classical music and have played at Glastonbury and the Albert Hall! Tickets: £14.50 7.30

For more details of the above, for information about talks, exhibitions and other events and to book tickets visit the website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

Do you have any photos of the parish? We would love to have more photos of Newington and Bagpath, as well as Kingscote village, for the Kingscote online website and for the Forerunner. Please send them to elin.tattersall@yahoo.com and do let us know if you would like your photo to be credited with your name.

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