

A male pheasant with a red face, dark blue neck, and brown body is standing in a field of green grass and dry straw. The bird is facing right.

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THE FORERUNNER

The monthly newsletter for the Kingscote parish- including Bagpath,
Newington and Kingscote

WELCOME to the
March 2024 edition of
The Forerunner

Read on to find out the amazing amount of funds raised during the Snowdrop event in early February and the activities enjoyed by the children at the February Holiday Club. The village hall bar was a great success and returns on the first Friday in March (1st March).

Look out for the Mothering Sunday creative event at the church on 10th March. Also- there's news of a new event being planned- a Flower Festival for the weekend of 5th – 7th July.

All details are in the Community Corner section of this newsletter, under village hall news and/or church news.

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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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

February saw the snowdrops, the first flowers of the year break through the winter soil and many people enjoyed a 'snowdrop walk' through Kingscote wood, to see the vast carpets of delicate white flowers. Delicious refreshments were also enjoyed in the Village Hall. Thank you to all who contributed cakes and served refreshments over the Snowdrop walk weekend.

Snowdrops are also called Candlemas bells and are symbolic of new life, new hope, beginnings, rebirth and resurrection. They flower around the time of the Christian festival of Candlemas. Candlemas, or the presentation of Jesus, is when we remember the story from the bible of Jesus being taken by Mary and Joseph to the temple at Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. He was recognised by an old man called Simeon as the one promised by God. On recognising Jesus, Simeon called him 'a light to the world.'



March is the first month of Spring, a month where we see change. As spring bursts into the world, we see daffodils blooming and further beginnings, of renewal and hope. New beginnings come in all sorts of ways. We are now in the church season of Lent, and we look towards the coming of Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, a new beginning, the joy of new life, hope and light to the world.

The church is a special spiritual place to have a wedding and couples are looking forward to their Church wedding at St John the Baptist, to new beginnings as husband and wife. There are new beginnings for new parents who have the joy and challenge of parenthood, and also new beginnings for children and families who bring their children or come themselves for baptism (Christening). Life is full of new beginnings.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring season with new beginnings, life and hope.

With blessings,

Reverend Caroline

KEY DATES

Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote

Services in March

3rd March at 9.30am Communion Service

10th March at 9.30am- **Mothering Sunday All Age Service, with creative activities for children**

31st March at 9.30am- Easter Sunday service

Church flowers

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

31st March Easter Sunday and 7th April – the Flowers Team

14th and 21st April- Jane Nichols

28th April – Lorna Reynolds

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 18th March at 2.30pm to read: **'Eye of the Needle'** by Ken Follett, at Jane's.

Monday 15th April at 2.30pm to read: **'All among the Barley'** by Melissa Harrison, at Teresa's.

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

Kerbside waste and recycling PLANNING APPLICATIONS

collections

The calendar for kerbside collection is available from <https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-collection-enquiry>.

Food waste- Every Thursday

Recycling and garden waste – Thursdays 29th February, 14th March, 28th March.

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.

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 (It was not able to run on 29th January due to staffing issues).

At time of drafting this newsletter there were no applications in the parish classed as 'current' and with a consultation expiry date during March listed on the Cotswold District Council website.

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. GCC Highways matters

- We now have a reserve supply of salt for the parish, and bins in Bagpath which had been missed have now been filled. We are expecting two new salt bins for Kingscote village soon.
- We have enquired about getting some '20 is plenty' signage in Kingscote, but apparently the Government guidance no longer allows any further such signs on the highway.

2. Ash dieback work for Bagpath Common

- Regrettably, GCC Highways Ash Dieback team are having to prioritise urgent work on more major roads and are not yet able to commit to a return visit to continue the work started last year.

3. Village Hall boundary wall

- The wall between the village hall and the adjoining property (The Manor House) needs rebuilding because it is leaning badly, and we are very grateful that the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens have offered to undertake this.

4. Maintenance work in the parish

- The notice board in Bagpath has been removed for refurbishment.
- Councillors recently cleared the gutters of the bus shelter and the drain covers in Kingscote which were blocked by leaf debris.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of Kingscote Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23 April 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



Kingscote Village Hall Bar returns on Friday March 1st 7-10pm

Lovely to see so many villagers last
month, both old and new.

Thank you for supporting this
community fund raising event.

Look forward to seeing you.



Alcoholic and non alcoholic
drinks served.
Cash Bar only

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Village Hall events

VILLAGE BAR - Friday 1st March 7 - 10 p.m.

Being run for villagers to socialise and to raise funds for maintenance. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at very reasonable prices. (Cash only). See the poster for more details.

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 5 March 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Everyone very welcome. Home-made cake and coffee (or tea if preferred) £2.50

Come for a friendly catch-up - and a warm up!

Church News

The Snowdrop Weekend

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Snowdrop weekend. The cakes and savouries you made were delicious and all who came were blown away by the TWENTY SEVEN choices - lots asked if this is an annual event because they would like to come again. One couple from the Tetbury area even came back on the Sunday for a second visit because the cakes were so good. Thank you to all the helpers over the weekend, Tim and Irene Sage for the use of their field for parking and The Matara Centre for additional parking if needed or too wet to use the field. It wouldn't have been so successful sociably or financially without all your help.

The total raised of £1,094 has been split 50:50 between the Village Hall and the Church. It has helped pay for the new fire extinguishers in the Village Hall and will be put towards the £14,500 per year that it costs to keep the church running.

Thank you all,

The Village Hall Committee and PCC



Children's Holiday Club

Sixteen children from the parish had a great time at the February Holiday Club, held in the village hall. With ages ranging from 18 months to 12 years of age there were lots of activities for everyone to enjoy – from making Masterchef hats for Shrove Tuesday, and making faces from scotch pancakes to decorating boxes to hold tempting chocolates (will you resist these until the end of Lent?). The event finished with a story and a light lunch for children and parents.

Thanks to the volunteers from the church and village hall who organised and ran this event, plus to the parents who helped with activities and clearing up and, of course, to all the children who attended.

Our next creative event will be at 9.30am on Sunday 10th March at the church for Mothering Sunday. All welcome.



Proposed Flower Festival

We are in the planning stages of holding a flower festival on the weekend of July 5th to 7th. The theme will be All Things Bright and Beautiful and it will be a celebration of all the wonderful resources, skills and talents we have in our parish of Newington Bagpath with Kingscote. As well as floral displays we hope to have exhibits of local skills and crafts, such as painting, pottery and more. There will be children's activities and something for everyone to enjoy. The more people involved the more varied will be the weekend, so if you would like to help in any way from flower arranging to exhibiting a craft, designing an information leaflet for visitors to serving refreshments, baking a cake to helping with children's events, please contact one of the PCC members.

We look forward to sharing this exciting event with you,

The PCC- Rev Caroline, Chris Alford, Jacquie Crew, Jane Nichols, Elin Tattersall, Rod Tibbert

The Annual Parochial Church Council (APCM) meeting will be held on 19th March at the church from 6pm.

If you wish to become a member of the church, there are forms in the church until the end of February, but you can also contact the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Secretary at any time. elin.tattersall@yahoo.com 01453 860182

Kingscote Church Mower For Sale

The churchyard mower is being replaced and we are seeking offers (over £25) for our old machine:

Make: Hayter

Model: Hayterette - 18"/46cms cut; petrol engine; push mower - no drive. No grass collection.

The machine is quite old but has been serviced annually and runs well. It is more suited to rough pasture rather than a house lawn.

Reason for replacement: We are getting a new mower with driven wheels.

If interested, please contact Chris Alford (chrisaalford@gmail.com).

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS AT TETBURY GOODS SHED

- March 2** Ninebarrow: Multi award winning folk duo Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere return to The Shed with their music which is rooted in the English landscape. Tickets £16.50 in advance. 7.30
- March 9** Flotsam and Jetsam: Lempen Puppet Theatre introduce us to two charming puppets from different worlds learning to work together. Children from 4 plus Tickets £8. 1130-1230
- Alder and Middleton: Soprano Louise Alder and pianist Joseph Middleton are squeezing in a special concert before their Wigmore Hall appearance! Tickets £22 in advance. 7.30
- March 16** Comedy Club: This month we feature Susan Murray, Eva Bindeman and Mike Cox in a hilarious combination. Tickets: £13.50 in advance. 8pm
- March 23** The Pirates of Penzance: Set sail with Cardiff Opera on their Tetbury debut with this Gilbert and Sullivan classic. Tickets £ 12.50 in advance. 7.30

For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:

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