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# THE FORERUNNER

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

WELCOME to the  
April 2024 edition of  
The Forerunner

We hope that people are enjoying the (slightly) warmer weather and the sight of blossom and leaves appearing on trees.

In this edition of the Forerunner - in the Community Corner section - we have a request for new members to join the village hall committee as Brian McTear retires from his role on the committee. Brian has done a wonderful job over the past 16 years, working with the other members of the hall committee to organise and run great events, and ensuring that the village hall remains a well maintained and attractive venue on our doorstep. Thank you Brian.

Do come forward to help with the Flower Festival as well, as the weekend of 5-7th July is fast approaching.

We offer our condolences to the Davies family, after Barbara passed away during March, and there is a message from Ken in the Community Corner section of this newsletter.

All material 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)

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# VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter in March. By the time April arrives, the church will have journeyed through the season of lent. On Palm Sunday we will have waved palms as we remembered Jesus coming into Jerusalem and journeyed through Holy week, to Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday. We will have celebrated the joy of Easter Day, that great Christian festival celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

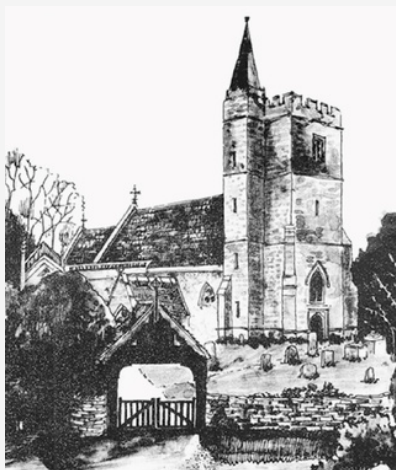
You may have given and received Easter eggs, as well as tasting wonderful, they bring a message as new life hatches from an egg. Jesus also came alive again on Easter day and Easter eggs remind us of new life.

The Easter season now continues as in the church we focus on Christ's resurrection and ascension and look towards the giving of the Holy Spirit, celebrated on the Day of Pentecost, this year on 19th May.

Beginning in April, the churches in the Benefice will be running Alpha. What is Alpha? The word "Alpha" comes from the first letter of the Greek alphabet and symbolizes a beginning or starting point of a journey. Jesus refers to Himself in the bible as the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

Alpha is about beginning, the course gives an opportunity to ask questions about spirituality and faith. At Alpha we will have a meal, this will be followed by a short film and then the discussion in small groups. There will be some key life questions to help with that conversation, but they are not restrictive. It is a safe space to ask questions and share thoughts you may have. If you would like further information, please visit the Nailsworth benefice website, email or call me. All are welcome!

With blessings,  
Rev. Caroline



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## KEY DATES

### **Events at the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingscote Services end March and in April 2024**

Sunday 31st March 9.30am - Easter Sunday communion service

Sunday 7th April 9.30am - communion service

Sunday 21st April 9.30am - All age service

### **Church flowers**

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

14th and 21st April- Jane Nichols

28th April - Lorna Reynolds

5th and 12th May- Elin Tattersall

19th and 26th May - Pauline Howes

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 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.

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## **Kerbside waste and recycling collections**

The calendar for kerbside collection for 2024-25 was not available from the Cotswold District Council (CDC) website at the time of composing the Forerunner, but the web-page did state that there are no changes due to bank holidays so we presume the dates are as follows:

**Food waste** - every Thursday

**Recycling and garden waste** –

Thursdays 11th April and 25th April.

The next collection date details (and hopefully 2024-25 calendar) should be available on the CDC website by the end of March

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

## **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 and it is open over the Easter bank holidays. 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, apart from bank holidays.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

At time of drafting this newsletter there were no applications in the parish classed as 'current' and with a consultation expiry date during April 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/>

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## Parish Council Update

### 1. GCC Highways matters.

The broken signpost at the junction of Barnhill Lane with the A4135 has been reported and added to the work schedule for 2024/25.

### 2. Village Hall boundary wall

The wall between the village hall and the adjoining property was leaning badly and we are very grateful that the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens are now rebuilding it. They make no charge for their labour so that the parish council only needs to pay for any new stone needed. Without this help the costs would have been prohibitive. In addition, Mrs Irene Ingleby-Oddy, who owns the adjacent property, has made a significant donation to cover most of the cost of the extra stone needed for a traditional 'cocks and hens' topping on the wall.

### 3. Maintenance work in the parish

Having renovated the notice board in Kingscote, Councillor Steve Teague has now used his woodworking skills to build a new notice board for Bagpath. We are very grateful for this support.



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## **Parish Council Update**

### **4. Litter picking**

The minor roads in the parish are generally kept clear of litter, and we would like to thank all those unsung heroes who have conscientiously picked up litter whilst walking.

### **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.

**Kingscote Parish Council**

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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)

**A message from Ken Davies:** For those of you who knew Barbara I thought you would wish to know that her funeral will be held at Westerleigh Crematorium on Thursday 11th April at 14.00. The service will be webcast and if anyone wants the details then please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Village Hall events

VILLAGE BAR - Friday 5 April 7 - 10 p.m.

Being run for villagers to socialise and to raise funds for maintenance - come and join us!

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at very reasonable prices. (Cash only).

See the poster for more details and note that after the 5th of April event, the bar will then resume in the Autumn.

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 16 April 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!

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. Tuesday 14 May 7.00 p.m. - directly before the Annual Parish Assembly

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the (very friendly) Committee

Brian is retiring after 16 years of being involved in the village hall committee and there is a need for new members. Please join and get involved, arranging things you would like to see happening in the parish. It involves a short meeting (less than 1 hour) most months. It is vital to have new people stepping forward for the village hall to be able to continue.

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# Kingscote Bar

Will return to The Village  
Hall on

Friday April 5th 7-10pm.

Then there will be a break  
and resume in the autumn.

Come along and join your  
friends and neighbours for  
a chat and a drink.





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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Church News

Thanks to Charlie and Rich for being willing to join the churchyard mowing/ hedge trimming team. This is much appreciated as we head towards the growing season.

The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting was held on 19th March and we are pleased that all the Parochial Church Council (PCC) members will stay on the committee, and that Jenny Tibbert has agreed to continue as our Safeguarding officer. We thank all PCC members for their dedication and support for the church – from planning and maintenance tasks to organising activities and raising funds.

## 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

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# TETBURY GOODS SHED

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

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL AT TETBURY GOODS SHED



- April 7**     **The Bubble Show:** Join Mr Bubbles and his extraordinary soap bubbles of all shapes and sizes for a programme of magic and storytelling. Ages 3+. Tickets £32 for family of 4 or £9 each. 2pm
- April 13**     **Hells Bells AC/DC tribute band:** The Bristol based band is the best known AC/DC tribute band, covering four decades of their music. Tickets: £20. 7.30
- April 19**     **My Mountain Life with Simon Yates:** This talk features spectacular images and film from some of the most remote and rarely visited mountain ranges of the world. Tickets: £18. 7.30pm
- April 20**     **Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri:** These two have been touring their amazing acoustic show for 25 years and feature original songs as well as cover songs by artists like Kate Bush. Tickets: £23. 7.30pm
- April 21**     **Gardeners' Questions:** Join our panel of local experts to get all your horticultural hassles sorted in time for summer! Tickets £6.50. 2pm
- April 24**     **Motorways of the Industrial Revolution: The pioneering Cotswold canals & their revival today.** Illustrated Talk by Louise Nicholson. Tickets £8.50. 7.30pm
- April 27**     **Alice Neary and Viv Mclean:** A cello recital of sonatas by Beethoven, Faure and Debussy by cellist Alice and pianist Viv – two experts in their field. Tickets: £22. 7.30pm

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

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

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