

A close-up photograph of a hummingbird moth hovering over a lavender flower. The moth has brown and white wings and a long proboscis. The background is a soft-focus field of green lavender plants.

JULY 2025

THE FORERUNNER

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

Photo: Matt Wookey

Please note that any items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent to this email address: brianmctear@btinternet.com (Pauline McTear) by noon on the 20th of the month (01453 861311)..

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In this month's magazine:

Rosemary Sims to receive the Kinneburga award for long service as organist to the church. Presentation at Church service, 20 July 9.30 a.m.

Bring & Share Event – 5 July, 4.30 p.m. onwards, at the village hall.
Family Event – please bring a dish to share. Pay Bar.

Coffee Morning – 29 July, 10.30 – 11.30. Please note this is not on usual 2nd Tuesday but instead at the end of the month, for July.

Holiday Club – 25 July, 10.30 – 12.00 at the Village Hall.

Plus events at Matara Centre and Goods Shed, Tetbury.

WELCOME to the
July 2025 edition
of
The Forerunner

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

We have a new church path! It is now much safer and looks good! The church and churchyard maintain an excellent and well-maintained appearance, thanks to the dedicated efforts of everyone involved in their upkeep.

The Church of England has regulations for church buildings and churchyards that parish churches must adhere to. This includes the location of graves, type and size of memorial stones and other items allowed to be placed in the churchyard.

One of the regulations which the PCC must follow is that of the rules on artificial flowers on graves. The churchyard regulations state that 'flowers may only be placed in a removable container and artificial flowers are not allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths.' The PCC are instructed to remove such wreaths from graves within a few months of them being laid.

I realise that if you have placed artificial flowers on a grave, this may not be welcome news. The PCC do not wish to cause you any hurt. However, as you will appreciate it is not the decision of the PCC, but direction from the Church of England that the PCC must request them to be removed or remove them.

The Church of England insist on real flowers because the churchyard is a place of natural beauty, reflecting the rhythm of nature, especially in rural areas. Real flowers, unlike plastic flowers, are also often associated with the transient nature of life and the beauty that eventually fades and decays.

With this said, I hope that you continue to enjoy the natural beauty, peace and calm of the churchyard, especially if you have loved ones buried there.

With blessings,

Rev. Caroline

**The Kineburga award for Long Service
will be presented to Rosemary Sims
Organist at St John the Baptist Church, Kingscote since 1958
at a special service on Sunday 20th July at 9.30am
Everyone is welcome and to share in refreshments following the service.**



Rosemary has been the dedicated organist at St John the Baptist, Kingscote, since 1958, faithfully playing for Sunday services as well as for weddings and funerals. She became organist at 16, having been the only member of the choir able to read music, and continued her training with lessons at St George's Church, Nailsworth. From 1958 to around 1995, she also played for services in the nearby churches of Ozleworth, Horsley, and Bagpath. Her service spans over six decades, marked by unwavering commitment. Rosemary is a joyful and constant presence in the worshipping life of the parish and we are blessed to have Rosemary as our organist!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the church on Saturday May 17th. It was a tremendous effort – all the vegetation around the edge of the church was removed, as recommended in the Quinquennial Report to help keep the church dry, and, at long last, the VERY heavy Bagpath font was brought inside.



The Church of St Bartholomew was closed in 1978, and until now the font has resided outside the vestry at Kingscote, which is why it is quite weathered. The font was situated in Bagpath church at the bottom of the right-hand arch, at the entrance to the Norman bell tower. The choir pews and Altar, that are now in Kingscote Church, also came from St Bartholomew.

Thanks to all the ongoing very hard work from parishioners, these items, along with Kingscote Church and its contents, are being preserved for everyone to enjoy in the future.

With many thanks, The PCC

KEY DATES

EVENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

Services in June

Sunday - Holy Communion 6 July, 9.30 a.m.

Sunday - Morning Worship – All Age Service 20 July, 9.30 a.m. with presentation to Rosemary Sims and refreshments afterwards

All are welcome to services and events

Church flowers

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).

6 July	Naomi Teague
13 July	Teresa Day
20 July	Teresa Day
27 July	Jenny Tibbert
3 August	Jenny Tibbert
10 August	Tracy Pool
17 August	Tracy Pool
24 August	Rachel Grey
31 August	Rachel Grey
7 September	Soffi Bond
14 September	Soffi Bond

KEY DATES

Book Club

July

WEDNESDAY 30 July, 2.00 p.m. at Angela Adamson's.

Meeting to discuss 'Big Sky' by Kate Atkinson (a Jackson Brodie thriller).

August

WEDNESDAY 27 August, 2.00 p.m. at Pauline's.

Meeting to discuss 'Tom Lake' by Ann Patchett.

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste - Friday 27 June and weekly thereafter.

Recycling and garden waste - Friday 4 and 18 July

The 2025-26 calendar is available on the CDC website:

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

Recycling centre

Pyke Quarry (Horsley tip) is open for pre-booked appointments. It is usually open in the winter 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 except bank holidays.





Sand and Sea Holiday Club

Friday 25th July
10.30-12.00

at Kingscote Village Hall

Fun craft activities
For children of all ages.
Refreshments provided!

Please let us know if you'd like to come along to
this free event

rev.carolinebland@gmail.com

Parents or carers are asked to accompany their
child(ren)

This event is organised by church
and village volunteers

KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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1. Village Hall Replastering

Our parish clerk has successfully applied for a grant of £1000 from the Build Back Better Fund towards the cost of replastering parts of the village hall where this was needed. Our new County Councillor, Ian Watson, was also instrumental in helping us get the grant.

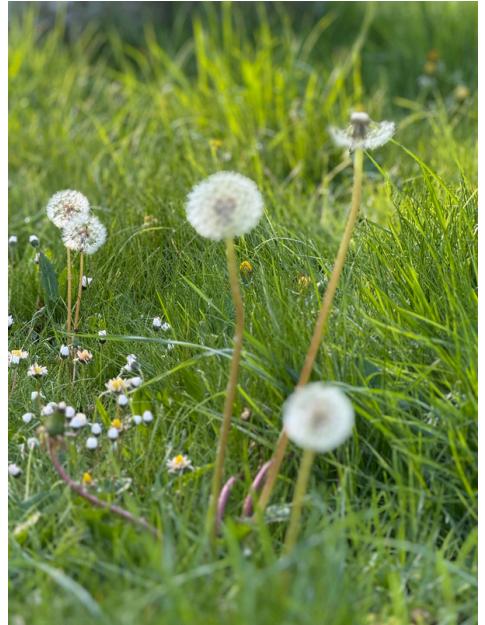
2. GCC Highways

After we reported that the ditch alongside the A4135 was silting up again, GCC Highways arranged with the adjacent landowner to get this cleared out. We are grateful for the quick response from both parties since this will reduce the risk of the road to Bagpath getting flooded in heavy rain.

3. Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm in Kingscote village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council



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Current Planning Applications

1. Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans), 3 (Sample materials), 5 (Landscaping), 7 (Lighting scheme), 8 (Tree protection) and 9 (Biodiversity) of permission 22/01818/FUL - Erection of four 'hides' for use as hotel guest accommodation.
Calcot Manor Calcot Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8YJRef. No: 25/01472/FUL | Validated: Tue 13 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

2. Repairs to barn, removal of natural stone slates and replacement with artificial tiles, new floor, new car charging points
Lower Hazeltote Farm Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XXRef. No: 25/01383/LBC | Validated: Thu 01 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

3. Repair/replace cotswold stone tiles with man made reconstituted roof tiles. Replace gutter and downpipe. Replace rotten windows and change a window on 1st floor into a Juliet balcony with French doors
1 The Park Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XYRef. No: 25/01408/FUL | Validated: Wed 07 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision
4. Demolition of single storey double garage, workshop and section of drystone wall at vehicular access; erection of two-storey self-contained residential 1-bed ancillary annexe with integral garden store to ground floor.
Alton House Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XZRef. No: 25/01359/FUL | Validated: Wed 14 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

5. Compliance with conditions 5 (Contamination) and 7 (Bat and barn owl) of permission 24/01616/FUL - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and conversion and extension of existing barns to form 1. no dwelling house and annex
Scrubbets Bagpath Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8YGRef. No: 25/01817/COMPLY | Validated: Thu 19 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

6. To upgrade the Existing 11,000v overhead line to three phase by adding a third wire under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989 at Scrubbetts Lane, Bagpath Scrubbetts Farmhouse Bagpath Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8YGRef. No: 25/01560/OHL | Validated: Wed 21 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

VILLAGE HALL

JULY EVENTS

Kingscote Village Hall Summer Family Supper Saturday July 5th From 4.30pm.

**Bar and Bring and share supper.
Come along and enjoy an evening with
friends and neighbours.
Everyone welcome
Hope to see you there.**



COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 29 July 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Everyone very welcome. Home-made cake, coffee (or tea if preferred) £3.00.

The external painting is now complete. The plastering is due to be finished shortly when we will redecorate and recarpet, ready for FILM NIGHT and BAR NIGHT in the Autumn

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the outside tidying up on 21st June, and thank you to Naomi for providing her delicious chocolate and blueberry muffins afterwards



WHAT'S ON AT MATARA



Matara

PIZZA POP-UP

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

MENU

BBQ Chicken & Sausage | 14

Margarita | £11

Chorizo & Parmesan | £13

MONTHLY CHEF'S SPECIAL

Portobello Mushroom & Truffle | £13

A little extra..

Dips: Hot honey | Roasted garlic aioli £2

Served Matara's Stable courtyard from 5pm - 8pm.

Pre-order or walk-in, take-away or eat-in.

Pre-order number - 07359718811

TETBURY GOODS SHED

A R T S C E N T R E

HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST



- July 5** **Alfie Moore: A Face For Radio:** a surprising career shift in his mid-40s turned Alfie Moore from a street cop to the star of his own Radio 4 show "A Fair Cop". It proved an immediate success and his wealth of hilarious stories come from experiences you couldn't make up! Tickets £18 | [in advance](#). 8pm
- July 25** **The Wild Robot (U):** A [children's showing](#) of an adaptation of Peter Brown's New York Times bestseller, *The Wild Robot*. Follow the adventures of Roz the Robot shipwrecked on a desert island. Tickets £7.50 in advance. 6pm
- July 26** **Jazz with BD Lenz Trio and guest Kim Cypher:** Enjoy an evening of jazz, blues funk and soul with the acclaimed guitarist and his popular guest. Tickets £15 in advance. 7.30
- August 16** **As You Like It - Festival Players Open Air Shakespeare:** Probably the bard's most entrancing performance of mistaken identity and romance in the forest is ideal for a summer evening. Tickets £17 in advance. 7pm
- August 31** **Off The Rails:** Our popular summer festival day for all the family with music, storytelling, impromptu entertainers, street food and a beer tent. [...all](#) we need is you! Tickets £8.50 in advance, under 18s free. 11-6.

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

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

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Elin Tattersall

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