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THE FORERUNNER

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

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)..

To join the mailing list for parish email alerts and the monthly Forerunner please go to the [Kingscote online website](#) and scroll down to join the mailing list.

In this month's magazine:

The Kyneburga award for long service was awarded to Rosemary Sims for her commitment as organist to the church

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

Plus events at Goods Shed, Tetbury

WELCOME to the
August 2025
edition of
The Forerunner

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

It was such a wonderful occasion on Sunday 20th July, as we celebrated Rosemary receiving the Kyneburga long service award for serving the life of the Church in Kingscote. This special recognition means that Rosemary is now a member of the Company of Saint Kyneburga.

But who was Saint Kyneburga?

Saint Kyneburga was the co-foundress and abbess in the eighth century of the first religious community at what is now Gloucester Cathedral. The association with Kyneburga is a reminder that those who are honoured for their service today are the latest in a long line going back 1300 years of those who have built up, maintained and enriched the life of the Church in Gloucestershire.



A full church for this celebration reflected Rosemary's valued dedication and service. Thank you to everyone who made this service so special.

The children helped to act out the bible story of the parable of the talents. In this parable, a man gave his servants talents, different amounts of gold to invest whilst he was away. Two of the servants invested wisely and got a good return for their investment, but the third buried the gold, hiding it in the ground for fear of losing it. In this parable, the gold stands not just for money, but for our God given talents and skills. It is with great thanks that Rosemary didn't hide her talent, but invested her time, and with dedication and commitment developed her skill in playing the organ and using this to support Church worship for over half a century.

Thank you, Rosemary.
Rev. Caroline

KEY DATES

EVENTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, KINGSCOTE

Services in August

Sunday 3rd - 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th - 9.30am - Morning Worship

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).

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 25 July and weekly thereafter.

Recycling and garden waste - Fridays 1, 15 and 29 August.

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.



KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

1. Village Hall Replastering

The parish council has approved a grant of £750 to the village hall committee to cover the second part of the lime replastering. The funds are provided from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

2. GCC Highways

Some road repairs were carried out on Hazlecote Lane on 21st July, but the repairs requested in Kingscote village remain to be done. The council is liaising with GCC Highways about the possibility of SLOW signs on the road to Bagpath from Hunters Hall and improving the signage near Ashel Barn.

3. Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm in Kingscote village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council

Current Planning Applications

1. Erection of sauna units with associated showers and plant room for a Thermal Garden.
Calcot Manor Calcot Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8YJ
Ref. No: 25/01590/FUL | Validated: Mon 30 Jun 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

2. 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 8YJ
Ref. No: 25/01472/FUL | Validated: Tue 13 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

CAN YOU GIVE YOUR TIME TO PUBLISH THE FORERUNNER?

After more than 10 years of lovingly putting together The Forerunner digital newsletter, Steve Tattersall and Alice Cooper are ready to pass on the baton.

We're now looking for someone (or a small team!) to take over this rewarding role and help keep our community connected. If you can spare just 2 hours a month, you could make a big difference by continuing this tradition.

The Forerunner is more than just a newsletter – it's the glue that keeps us all informed about local news, events, and stories that matter. With your help, it can continue to thrive.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch. We'd be absolutely delighted to hear from you!

[Please click here to email Alice Cooper if you would like to help.](#)



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 Pauline McTear brianmctear@btinternet.com

I have received the following letter from a resident of Kingscote who is concerned about the dangers of bonfires and asked for it to be published in this month's magazine:

I thought it might be of interest to all residents of Kingscote to remind them of certain aspects of Kingscote's location that affects them all.

The prevailing wind at Kingscote is South Westerly and therefore it carries all it contains directly to Kingscote's Woodlands and all houses in its path.

The polite message put on the Kingscote App (read by about 50 people) asked the culprits of two bonfires to stop having fires but did not spell out the reason for the request. The response 'We waited until 9.30pm to light the fire' seems to indicate that the culprits were completely unaware of the dangers and discomfort caused.

The bonfire on Wednesday 18th June was lit soon after 8pm and carried high dense smoke directly to tinder dry Kingscote Woodlands and dense smoke into all houses north of the fire.

The bonfire on Sunday evening 29th June again produced dense smoke heading for the Woodlands and again carried dense grey smoke into houses in its path.

Although neighbours convey to each other how distressing it is to have a house full of smoke coupled with the worry of the smoke carrying a spark to the tinder dry Woodlands there is a reluctance to mention this directly to the culprits.

Bonfires cause the same problems even in winter the smoke and all that is carried with it heads for the Woodlands and it still enters all the homes in its path.

There is a free tip a few miles away at Horsley for safe disposal of garden waste which is used by many and a Green Bin can be hired from Cotswold District Council for £69 a year a small price to pay for such convenience. For those who find it difficult to meet the cost CDC will even consider subsidising its provision, and of course there are the Waste collectors licensed to carry away waste for safe disposal. If there is an excess of waste at one point of the year it can easily be stored in large plastic bags and takes little time to refill the bin each time it is emptied.

We have had lots of warnings, the huge loss of property in the USA and Australia and a fire in Scotland and UK news items asking people to take care, and now helicopter pilots are being trained to deal with wildfires.

Please, everyone, keep Kingscote fire and smoke free.

A Kingscote Resident.

VILLAGE HALL

AUGUST EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 13 August 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

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

Squash and biscuits for children.

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



TETBURY GOODS SHED

A R T S C E N T R E

HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST



- 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, story-telling, 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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