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THE FORERUNNER

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

Tim Sage
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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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WELCOME to the
February 2026
edition of
The Forerunner

In this month's magazine:

Village Hall:

- Bar Night will be held on **Friday 6th February.**
- Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 10th February.**
- Local History Evening will be held on **Friday 20th February.**

Note. Film Club will recommence in March; please contact Henrietta with any film recommendations.

Events at Matara and the Tetbury Goods Shed Arts Centre are detailed.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

February is a month when the days start to feel a little longer and we can spot the first signs of spring appearing around us. In the Church calendar, February also brings the closing weeks of the church season of Epiphany, when we remember the wise men following the star that led them to Jesus.

Epiphany ends on 2 February with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple, where they meet Simeon, a faithful and patient man who had been promised that he would see the Messiah before he died.

Simeon recognises who Jesus truly is and describes him as “a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God’s people Israel” — a light bringing hope and joy to everyone. This day is also known as Candlemas, reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the world.

February is also the time for pancakes! Pancakes are traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins. This year, Shrove Tuesday falls on Tuesday 18 February. The custom grew from the practice of using up rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and butter before the start of Lent, and it has become a joyful opportunity to gather, share food, and enjoy fellowship before the more reflective season of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent — a season of prayer, self-reflection, and preparation for Easter.

Whether February for you is a time of enjoying those pancakes, taking time for prayer and reflection, or simply noticing the signs of spring as we approach Easter, may the weeks ahead bring moments of warmth, connection and hope.

With blessings,

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KEY DATES



The Anglican churches of St George, Nailsworth, St Martin, Horsley and St John the Baptist, Kingscote

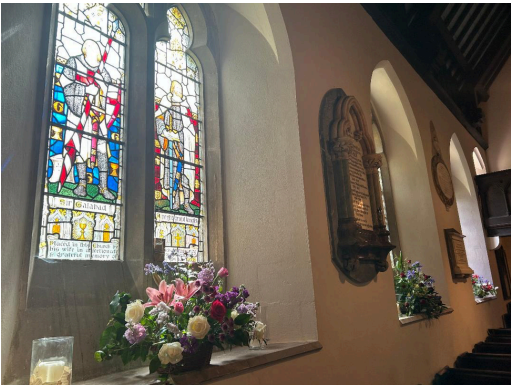
WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY 1st	EPIPHANY 4/PRESENTATION OF CHRIST		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 4 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 8th	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT		
	Horsley	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 15th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and imposition of ashes
SUNDAY 22nd	1st SUNDAY OF LENT		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion

KEY DATES

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).



1 st February	Lorna Reynolds
8 th February	Lorna Reynolds
15 th February	Lorna Reynolds
22 nd February	Lent
1 st March	Lent

KEY DATES

Book Club

Tuesday 17th February (Half Term) at the **Village Hall**.

Books to be discussed:

'Dead Lions' AND 'Real Tigers'
by **Mick Herron**.

Please bring some cash for the hall hire and if anyone wants to bring cake, that would be great.

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

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste - Friday 6th February and weekly thereafter.

Recycling, garden waste and black bin - Friday 13th February and Friday 27th February.

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. GCC Highways

Road repairs: GCC Highways filled some of the worst potholes on Bagpath Lane in January. We recognize that the task of repairing roads is never-ending and are grateful that this lane has been given some attention but will continue to press for a more enduring improvement.

Road safety and signage: We will be requesting an additional SLOW sign on Barnhill Lane just before Windy Corner and a new No Through Road sign for Back Lane in Kingscote. We are still awaiting proposals which might improve safety on the A4135 near Hunters Hall where there are multiple junctions.

Ash dieback on Bagpath Common: A considerable number of diseased ash trees were toppled by the high winds recently and one tree was left precariously suspended on another because it was resting on a BT Openreach cable. We have asked for a review of the policies of BT Openreach and GCC Highways to avoid a similar dangerous situation occurring in future.

2. Village Hall broadband

We have arranged with Gigaclear for fibre broadband in the village hall. The service is fully operational in the main hall where the download and upload speeds exceed the contractual 100Mbps. We have asked for an additional node in the Reynolds Room since the wifi signal is not penetrating the thick stone wall between the two rooms.

3. Parish Council precept for 2026/27

We have decided that the parish precept for 2026/27 should be £5973 which is an increase of 5.3% on last year. The increase includes an allowance for village hall broadband which was previously provided free by Voneus.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in Kingscote village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Kingscote Parish Council

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Current Planning Applications

1. Structural repairs to tower roof. Repairs to nave and chancel roofs including installation of thermal insulation and associated works. Works to tower render and windows. Works to nave window and Norman doorway (part retrospective).

St Bartholomews Church Newington
Bagpath Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8UE.

Ref. No: 25/04049/LBC | Validated: Tue
13 Jan 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

2. Ash Trees - T1, T2, T9, T10, T11, T12 are suffering from ash die-back and in various states of decay. We wish to fell and replant. One ash and seven lime (T3, T4, T5, T6, T7 & T8) we wish to crown lift to approximately 6 metres from ground level. Removing secondary branches only.

St Bartholomews Church Newington
Bagpath Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8UE.

Ref. No: 25/03906/TPO | Validated: Mon
08 Dec 2025 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

3. Compliance with conditions 3 (Bat mitigation strategy), 4 (Drainage), 7 (Sample materials) and 8 (Sample panel - stonework) of permission 25/00333/FUL - Erection of replacement self-build dwelling.

Upper Hazelcote Cottage Hazlecote
Farm Lane Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8XX.

Ref. No: 25/03167/COMPLY | Validated:
Tue 21 Oct 2025 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Bar Night

Friday 6th February

7.00 – 10.00 p.m.



Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th February.

Homemade cakes, coffee or tea, £3.00.

Everyone very welcome.



VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Local History Evening

Friday 20th February

7.30 p.m.

£5.00 to include light refreshments – with pay bar.

You can find out more about Kingscote and Bagpath's rich history at a Local History Evening on February 20th. As well as photographs and exhibits, we will have a panel of senior residents who will share their memories of growing up in post war Britain and telling of the changes they have seen in the village. In those days, most of Bagpath belonged to the Ozleworth Estate and the Kingscote Estate comprised several farms and many of the houses in the village.

If you have any old photographs or items of interest to add, please contact Tim Sage at timfsage@yahoo.co.uk 07748104238.

Photo of Kingscote's village bobby, Chris Hogg.

DID YOU KNOW?
Kingscote was a large Roman settlement
and is mentioned in the Domesday Book
Find out more at
a

**LOCAL HISTORY
EVENING**
at
**Kingscote Village Hall
Friday, February 20th
7.30 pm.**

Come along to hear about our village's long history and
enjoy a panel of locals sharing their memories of growing
up in Kingscote and Bagpath in the 1950s.

**NIBBLES
PAY BAR
ADMISSION £5. UNDER 16s free**

Display of old photographs
and exhibits from times gone by
in our village



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

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We have received the following message from Sandy Childress who you may remember from Church Cottage:

Some kind soul left a wreath at the headstone of my late husband in the churchyard. Not only that, the Christmas-time photograph sent to me reveals a pot of the sort that would hold a small plant. I have no idea who this thoughtful, generous person might be and would ask that he or she come forward so that I may thank them.

The headstone is that of Robt Brooks Childress who passed away in 2011. His grave is next to a hedge, and on the other side is Church Cottage, our happy home for thirteen years (15 years for me).

I would be very grateful if you would place a note in the next Forerunner on my behalf with many thanks.

Best wishes and Happy New Year.

Sandy Childress.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Author Lavinia K. Darcy has contacted us about her most recent work.

Hello, I wrote a historical romance based in Kingscote Parish and Gloucestershire. It's called "Return to Kingscote" and is about a second son who inherits a dukedom and the companion he falls in love with during a house party at his estate, Kingscote Park. I did a ton of research about the area and know there wasn't a dukedom there but still decided it would be the perfect setting. I included a lot of details about Kingscote, Tetbury, Owlpen, Puzzlewood and Gloucestershire in the story, weaving in as much historical accuracy as possible.



Lavinia's novel is available on Amazon at

https://www.amazon.com/Return-Kingscote-Gallants-Gloucestershire-Book-ebook/dp/B0FXB62B96?ref_ast_author_mpb

A Puzzle

Answers published next month.

[illegible]

1. He's in jail again (3)
2. Naples marketplace without a Neapolitan (5)
3. Cure for love-sickness (8)

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1. Hidden room at a rated venue (6)
2. A king getting badly hurt? (6)
3. One quietly doing a stocktake (7)

Matara Pizza Night

Our next pizza pop-up is happening on Friday 30th January!

Join us for delicious fresh made pizzas and a cosy evening at Matara.



TETBURY GOODS SHED

A R T S C E N T R E

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



- February 1** **Sound Bath Experience:** Join Rosie from Rose Seeds Alchemy for a relaxing sound experience. Experience the powerful vibrations of the gong, accompanied by crystal singing bowls, drums and chimes. Tickets in advance £25. 7.15pm
- February 7** **James Morton's Groove Den:** Join saxophone player James and his band for an evening of soul, jazz, hip-hop and tough grooving beats. Tickets in advance £16.50. 7.30pm
- February 13** **Tango ~~Salsa~~ and Dance Workshop:** Join us for a special Valentine's Day milonga – Latin music and dance night – with Bristol's own Tango ~~Calor~~. The workshop at 7 will teach you to tango for the milonga. Tickets for both in advance £30, workshop £15, Milonga £18.50 7pm and 8pm
- February 21** **Fail ~~Fail~~ ~~Fail~~ ~~Fail~~ Win!** A fun family circus show for ages 3-10 with circus performers Mark and ~~Loz~~. And you'll find it's okay to fail as long as you try! Tickets in advance £12 (family of four £40) 2pm
- February 28** **The Amy Experience.** Back to Black: A tribute to the often misunderstood and sadly missed Amy Winehouse. The show is modelled on her 2007 show 'I told You I was Trouble'. Tickets in advance £25. 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.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

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