



JULY 2026

THE FORERUNNER

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

In this month's magazine:

At the Village Hall:

- Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 14th July**.
- Book Club will be held on **Wednesday 22nd July**.

Services at St John the Baptist will be:

- **Sunday 5th July, 9.30 a.m.** - Holy Communion.
- **Sunday 19th July, 9.30 a.m.** - Morning Worship.

Events at Matara and the Tetbury Goods Shed are detailed.

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Items of interest for next month's magazine should be sent by email to webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk (Andrew Adamson) by noon on the 20th of the month.

WELCOME to the
July 2026
edition of
The Forerunner

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

July is a wonderful month, and our beautiful countryside is alive with activity. For those involved in farming, it is a season of long days and hard work, with much depending on the weather and the hope of a good harvest. Even for those of us who are not farmers, the changing seasons and rhythms of the land remind us how much we rely on God's generous creation.

Living in a rural community teaches us valuable lessons about patience, perseverance, and trust. The Bible often uses farming to illustrate the life of faith. A seed takes time to grow, and a harvest cannot be hurried. In the same way, God's work in our lives is often quiet and gradual. Small acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and faithful prayers may seem insignificant at the time, yet they can bear fruit in ways we could never imagine.

To celebrate the richness of our farming heritage and the beauty of the countryside around us, the church will be running a Holiday Craft Morning at Kingscote Village Hall on Thursday 13th August from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be a variety of farming and countryside themed craft activities for children and their families to enjoy, providing an opportunity to be creative, spend time together, and celebrate our local community.

The celebrations will continue with a special service at St John the Baptist on Sunday 16th August, where we will share and give thanks for all the creativity and artistic talents inspired by God's creation. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and everyone is warmly invited to stay for fellowship and conversation.

I hope you will be able to join us for these events as we celebrate the gifts of our local community, the beauty of the countryside, and the God who blesses us through both.

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KEY DATES

 <p>The Nailsworth Benefice Nailsworth, Horsley & Kingscote</p> <p>The Anglican churches of St George, Nailsworth, St Martin, Horsley and St John the Baptist, Kingscote</p> <p><u>WORSHIP – July 2026</u></p>			
SUNDAY 5th	5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 8 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 12th	6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Horsley	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 19th	7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Morning Worship
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 22 nd	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 26th	8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 29 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion

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Holiday Craft Morning

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The children will have opportunity to share their creativity in the service on Sunday!



Scan the QR code to register your interest

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 (01453 860231).



5 th July	Jenny Tibbert
12 th July	Jenny Tibbert
19 th July	Tracy Pool
26 th July	Tracy Pool

KEY DATES

Book Club

At **1.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 22nd July** in The Reynolds Room at the Village Hall, we will be discussing:

'Man and Boy' by **Tony Parsons.**

Do come along if you're interested.

If anyone else would like to come and join the Book Club, please contact Angela Wooldridge on 01453 860697.

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste – Fridays 10th and 24th July.
Food waste, recycling, garden waste and black bin – Fridays 3rd, 17th and 31st July.

The 2026-27 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 open from 9am to 5pm on all days except Wednesdays.

Book your visit [here](#). Phone bookings are possible only for those without internet access- phone 01452 596 626.

Due to road resurfacing works, customers visiting Pyke Quarry on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July will need to approach from the B4058/Owlpen direction. The site will be open but there will be no access from the Horsley (B4058) side.

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. Safety at Hunters Hall junctions

In discussions with GCC Highways, the hazardous nature of the junctions on the A4135 near Kingscote has been recognised and some safety improvements have been proposed including new junction signs with yellow backgrounds and new SLOW markings on the A4135.

We are also campaigning for a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph, but we recognize that this will not be easy to achieve because of the cost and complexity of the statutory consultations required.

To strengthen the justification for safety improvements, you may have noticed that a community police support officer has been monitoring traffic speeds near Hunters Hall and we are also hoping to arrange for longer term logging of traffic speeds (tube data).

If you have any personal experiences of the hazards at these junctions please would you document these in an email to Simon Hale, our parish clerk: clerk@kingscoteparishcouncil.gov.uk.

2. Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Kingscote Parish Council

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Current Planning Applications

1. Erection of two-storey garage with associated works. Demolition of existing garage

The Grove Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8YN

Ref. No: 26/01411/FUL | Validated: Tue 12
May 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

2. 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.

3. Demolition of conservatory and front porch and erection of additional storey, single storey side extension, porch, extension and alterations to outbuilding, erection of outbuilding and associated works

The Spinney Bagpath Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8YG

Ref. No: 26/00437/FUL | Validated: Fri 13
Feb 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

4. Compliance with condition 3 (Ecology) of consent 26/00640/LBC - Structural interventions to nave walls and roof

Bartholomew House Newington
Bagpath Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8GH

Ref. No: 26/01686/COMPLY | Validated:
Mon 01 Jun 2026 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

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Current Planning Applications (cont)

5. Compliance with condition 5 (Design and details) of consent 25/04049/LBC - 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: 26/01423/COMPLY | Validated:
Wed 06 May 2026 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

6. Compliance with condition 7 (Architectural recording) of consent 25/04049/LBC - 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)

Bartholomew House Newington
Bagpath Kingscote Tetbury
Gloucestershire GL8 8GH

Ref. No: 26/01425/COMPLY | Validated:
Thu 07 May 2026 | Status: Awaiting
decision.

VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th July

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Homemade cakes, coffee or tea, £3.00.

Everyone very welcome.



Several for the Diary

Bring and Share Evening

with pay bar

Saturday 8th August

5.30 p.m. onwards.

Holiday Craft Morning

Thursday 13th August

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

History Evening

Saturday 24th October.

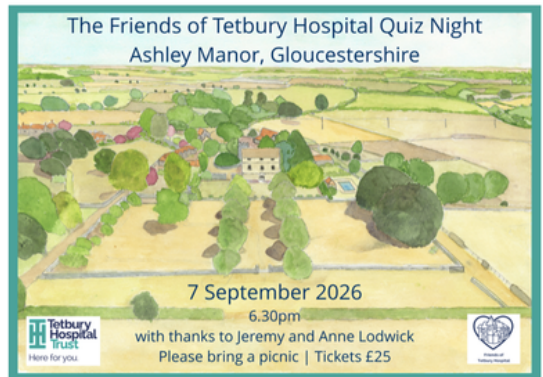
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One for the Diary

We would be delighted if you were able to come to The Friends of Tetbury Hospital Quiz Night on Monday 7 September and bring a table of eight or ten friends.

The evening will be really enjoyable, with a suitably fiendish Quiz Master and space for 22 tables.



We are suggesting a donation of £25 per person for the evening, with each table host kindly collecting for their table and donating to the Friends via the donations link <https://tetburyhospital.co.uk/donate/>. Please use Quiz Night as your reference.

This year, we are raising funds towards the hospital roof, parts of which need replacing as part of our ongoing maintenance programme. Unfortunately, this comes with a price tag of £250k. Every table will make a great contribution to this and help keep us all dry for the next 50 years.

Guests are asked to bring a picnic. Vinotopia will be there selling wine, but you are, of course, very welcome to bring your own drinks too.

Arrival is from 6.30pm, with time for drinks and a wander around the Lodwicks' wonderful garden. The quiz will start promptly at 7.00pm.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

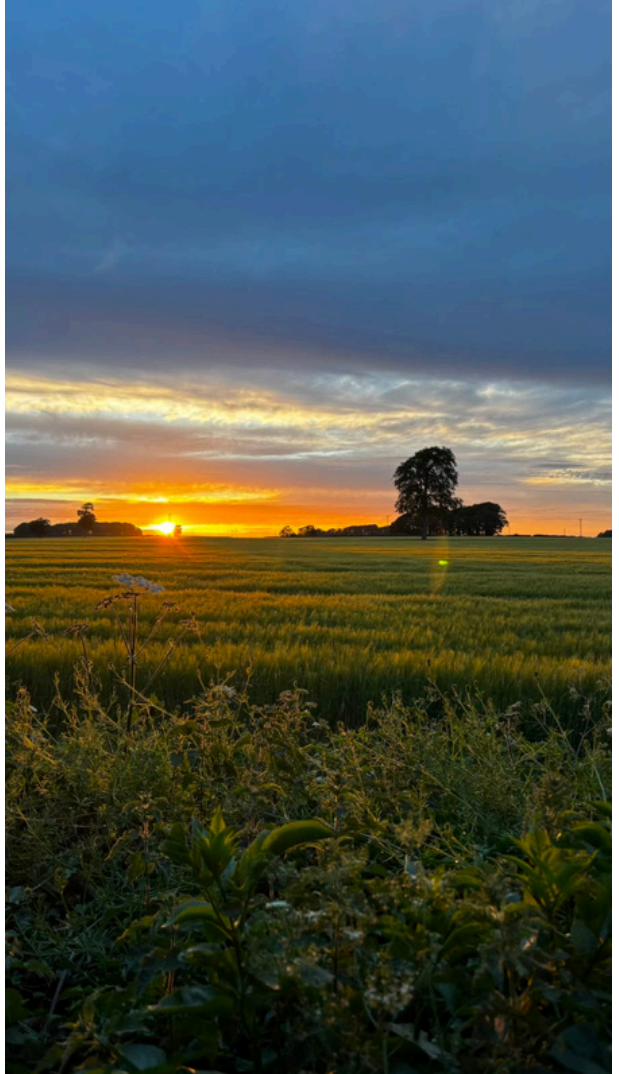
Ashley Manor, Ashley, Gloucestershire GL8 8SX

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This month's sunset photo is a view of the beautiful countryside around us.

Many thanks to Paul Mcluckie for capturing it.



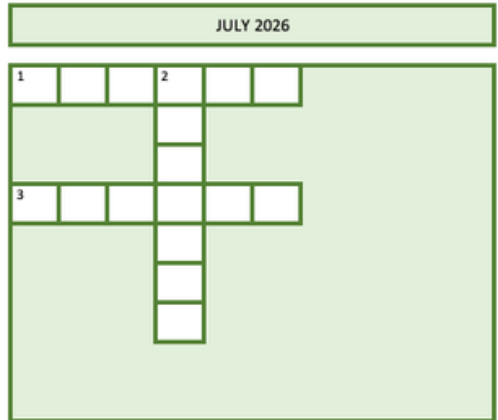
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A Puzzle

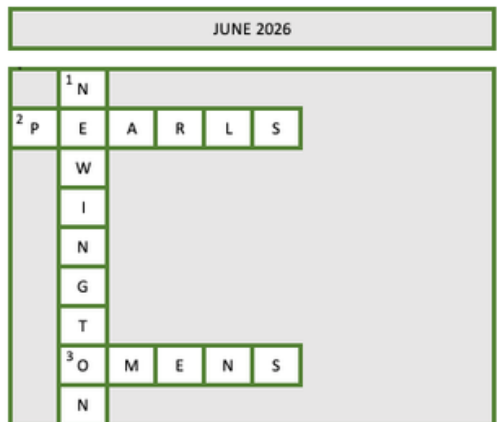
Three cryptic clues to challenge the little grey cells (no prizes!)

Answers published next month.

1. TT race practice (3,3)
2. Prepares dough (7)
3. Neighbouring characters, one that's a civil rights leader (6)



1. Polymath swallows mixed gin for us (9)
2. Aristocrat wearing extremely precious gems (6)
3. Signs round loo (5)



Matara Pizza Pop-Up

Our next pop up pizza night will be on **Friday 26th June, 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

Take-away or enjoy in our front courtyard with a drink from our bar.

Pop in or ring to pre-order (07359 718811) to ensure you don't miss out.



JUNE MENU

13 Inch Pizzas

MAIN MENU

Margarita | £12

Sundried tomato, olives and peppers with fresh pesto | £13

Tandoori lemon chicken | £14

CHEF'S SPECIAL

Honey mustard ham hock and fresh pineapple | £15

A LITTLE EXTRA

Homemade Garlic aioli
or Hot Honey | £2

VE and GF Available

Note.

Pizza night details for July not available at time of publication.

Matara Garden Open Days with Tea & Cake



Wednesday 8th July

Enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cake in the Front Courtyard (10:00am-1:00pm, cash donations), while our beautiful gardens are open all day from 9:00am-5:00pm with free entry.

- Picnics welcome
- Dogs on leads welcome
- Guided tours available (pre book)

Each month brings something new to enjoy in our gardens.

TETBURY GOODS SHED

A R T S C E N T R E

GOODS SHED HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY/AUGUST



- July 2** **National Theatre Live:** *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* is a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel starring Aiden Turner and Lesley Manville. Tickets in advance £15. 7pm
- July 5** **Ryan Wang Piano Concert:** Winner of the BBC Young Musician in 2024 Wang will tonight be playing works by Mozart and Schubert and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Tickets in advance £30. 7.30pm
- July 11** **Don Quixote (is a very big book):** A one-man show where Dik Downey weaves together the crazed delusion of Don Quixote with his own struggles with reality. Tickets in advance £15. 8pm
- July 17** **Forever Springsteen:** Formed last summer by a long-time group of friends this tribute band aims to protect the energy, musicianship and true spirit of The Boss's music. Tickets in advance £25. 7.30pm
- August 8** **Rupert Egerton-Smith Piano Concert:** Starting out out as a strategy consultant Rupert left the corporate world in 2020 to build up a career as composer and pianist – an ambition he has clearly achieved! Tickets in advance £20. 7.30
- August 15** **The Festival Players Comedy of Errors:** This open-air play is one of Shakespeare's shortest and most farcical comedies. Bring a cushion and a picnic but indoors if wet! Tickets in advance £18(U18£12). 2pm/6.30pm.

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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Jacqui Crew.

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