



AUGUST 2026

THE FORERUNNER

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

In this month's magazine:

At the Village Hall, there will be:

- Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 11th August**.
- Holiday Craft Morning on **Thursday 13th August**.
- Book Club on **Wednesday 19th August**.

Services at St John the Baptist will be:

- **Sunday 2nd August, 9.30 a.m.** - Holy Communion.
- **Sunday 16th August, 9.30 a.m.** - Morning Worship.

Events at Matara and the Tetbury Goods Shed are detailed.

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.

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
August 2026
edition of
The Forerunner

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There are record temperatures being recorded across the world. For weddings in particular, couples hope it doesn't rain on their wedding day and I have been asked on more than one occasion whether I might say a prayer that it does not rain on a couple's special day.

It is a lovely request, and of course every bride and groom hopes for sunshine. Yet it also makes me smile, because while the happy couple may be praying for dry weather, the farmer may be praying for rain to nourish the crops, and the gardener may be hoping for a good soaking for flowers and vegetables. The very same weather can be a blessing for one person and a disappointment for another. We are reminded here just how much the weather shapes our lives.

Perhaps life is rather like that. We all experience the same world, but our circumstances, hopes and challenges are wonderfully varied. What brings delight to one person may be something another finds difficult. Some are celebrating new beginnings, while others are waiting patiently for a fresh opportunity. Some are enjoying times of abundance, while others are simply grateful for the blessings of each new day.

In the bible, the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Life is a rich tapestry woven from many different threads. There are times for laughter and times for tears, times for planting and times for harvesting, times for gathering with family and friends and times for quiet reflection. Every season has its own gifts, and every season is held safely in God's loving hands.

VICAR'S LETTER

That is the great encouragement of the Christian faith. God is with us in every season of life. He shares our joys, strengthens us in our challenges, and walks beside us each day. Whether the sun shines brightly or the rain gently falls, we can be thankful for His constant love and faithful presence.

So, as we enjoy the summer months, let us give thanks for the beauty of God's creation in all its variety, for the people who enrich our lives, and for the assurance that whatever season we find ourselves in, God is already there.

May you know His peace, His joy and His blessing in the days ahead.

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KEY DATES

 <i>The Nailsworth Benefice</i> Nailsworth, Horsley & Kingscote The Anglican churches of St George, Nailsworth, St Martin, Horsley and St John the Baptist, Kingscote <u>WORSHIP – August 2026</u>			
SUNDAY 2nd	9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 5 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 9th	10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Horsley	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 12 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 16th	11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Morning Worship
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 23rd	12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 30th	13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion

KEY DATES

Holiday Craft Morning

Kingscote Village Hall

Thursday 13th August 10am – 12.30pm

A celebration of the richness of our farming heritage and the beauty of the countryside around us.



Farming and countryside themed craft activities for children and their families to enjoy,

A special service at St John the Baptist on Sunday 16th August, to share and give thanks for all the creativity and artistic talents inspired by God's creation.



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).



2 nd August	Zoe Nichols
9 th August	Zoe Nichols
16 th August	Soffi Bond
23 rd August	Soffi Bond
30 th August	Catherine Velge

KEY DATES

Book Club

At **1.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 19th August** in The Reynolds Room at the Village Hall, we will be discussing:

'The Names' by **Florence Knapp**.

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 7th and 21st August.

Food waste, recycling, garden waste and black bin – Fridays 14th and 28th August.

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.

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 campaigning for a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph and have submitted a detailed justification to Highways.

We are also exploring other options including "village gates" on the verges and vehicle activated speed signs.

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 8th September at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Kingscote Parish Council

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Current Planning Applications

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Compliance with condition 3 (sample render panel) 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: 26/01958/COMPLY | Received: Thu 25 Jun 2026 | Validated: Thu 25 Jun 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

4. Erection of a two storey rear extension and associated works

The Moorings Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XY

26/01909/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Jun 2026 | Validated: Tue 23 Jun 2026 | Status: Awaiting decision.

VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th August

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Homemade cakes, coffee or tea, £3.00.

Everyone very welcome.



Holiday Craft Morning

Thursday 13th August

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.



The Bring and Share supper proposed for August has been rescheduled to the first Bar Night of the Autumn, in October.

And one more for the diary . . .

History Evening

Saturday 24th October.

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 webmaster@kingscoteonline.co.uk

Rebecca Louise Whitworth (née Bowring)

My sister Rebecca lived for a time at Kingscote House and will therefore have been known to many people in the village.

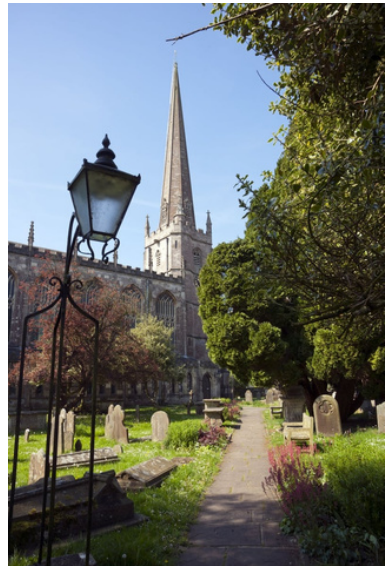
On 13th June, Rebecca died peacefully at home surrounded by family.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Rebecca at St Mary's Church, Tetbury, GL8 8JG.

The service will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd September.

All are welcome, especially as Robert has moved to Hampshire to be near their two sons, Hugh and Mark - a double farewell.

Soffi Bond



COMMUNITY CORNER

This month's photo is of a 'Meadow Brown'.

Many thanks to Paula Pinkney for providing it.



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Didmarton Bluegrass

There are concerts from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon, plus an open mic stage, a bonfire, picking sessions, workshops, dancing, 2 bars stocked full of real ale and cider, stalls and food aplenty and the chance to meet friends old and new!

If you can't stay the whole weekend, then buy your day tickets in advance and you won't have to worry about paying on the gate.

Not only does it give you a full day of fabulous music, but your day ticket will allow you to camp overnight until 10am the following day! So no need to worry about driving home, you can eat, drink and be merry, with some of the best music you'll hear all summer!

Further details and ticket sales can be found at <https://didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk/>

DIDMARTON BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
4TH - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
KEMBLE AIRFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL7 6BQ

BANDS **TRADERS** **WORKSHOPS**
★ REAL ALES ★ GOOD FOOD ★ ★ PICKING SESSIONS ★
★ LATE NIGHT BONFIRE ★ ★ OPEN STAGE ★

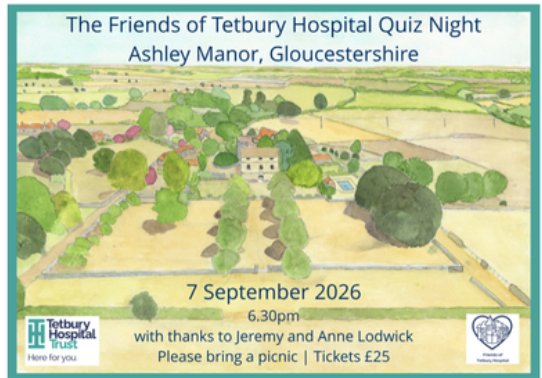
SETH MULDER & MIDNIGHT RUN
JOE HEWBERRY & APRIL VERCH
THE ORIGINAL FIVE
BROOKS WILLIAMS & AARON CATLOW
FLATS & SHARPS
HIPPY JOE'S BOC MOTO'S
OFTEN HERD
FOGGY MOUNTAIN BREAKUP

MIKE MITCHELL BAND
THE CAUTION HORSES
JOFF LOWSON TRIO
PAUL ARMER & THE DAWN CHORUS
THE CHARLOTTE CARRIVICK BAND
ROCKING HORSE MONEY
GREEN TREE
KIDMARTON

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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 at Ashley Manor, Ashley, Gloucestershire GL8 8SX

To book a team table, please contact Amanda Preston on 07876 385441 or at Amanda.lowfield@gmail.com

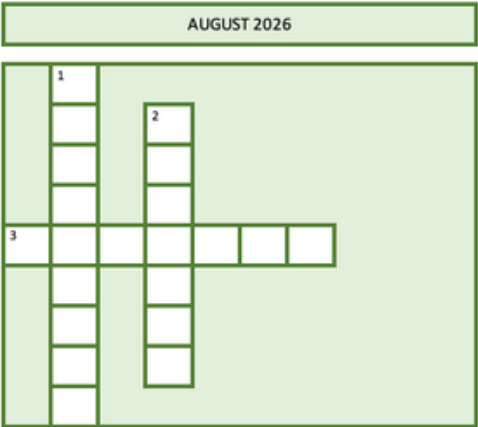
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A Puzzle

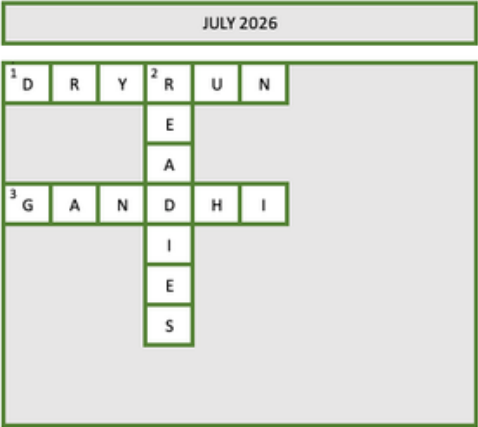
Three cryptic clues to challenge the little grey cells (no prizes!)

Answers published next month.

- 1. Charles and Tesco wrapped us (9)
- 2. Tell if vote is too close to call (7)
- 3. Land collapsing into sea (7)



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



Matara Pizza Pop-Up

Our next pop up pizza night will be on **Friday 31st July, 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.



JULY MENU

13 Inch Pizzas

MAIN MENU

Margarita | £12

Caramelised onions, and blue cheese on butternut
purée base | £13

Chorizo and chestnut mushroom on truffle
Parmesan white base | £14

CHEF'S SPECIAL

Old spot sausage and grilled chicken on bbq base
| £15

A LITTLE EXTRA

Homemade

Caesar dip

or Hot Honey | £2

VE and GF Available

Matara Garden Open Days with Tea & Cake



Wednesday 12th August

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

ARTS CENTRE

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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Jane Nichols, Chris Alford, Jacqui Crew.

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Jacqui Crew.

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