



OCTOBER 2026

THE FORERUNNER

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

WELCOME to the
October 2026
edition of
The Forerunner

In this month's magazine:

At the Village Hall, there will be:

- Bring & Share Supper, Bar Night on **Saturday 3rd October.**
- Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 13th October.**
- Book Club on **Wednesday 14th October.**
- Local History Evening on **Saturday 24th October.**

Services at St John the Baptist will be:

- **Sunday 4th October, 9.30 a.m.** - Harvest Festival & Holy Communion
- **Sunday 18th October, 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](https://www.kingscoteonline.co.uk) 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.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our Harvest Festival celebration at St John the Baptist, on 4th October, will be a time to gather together and give thanks for the harvest and for God's good gifts to us all. It is easy to take for granted the abundance of food we enjoy, and Harvest reminds us to be thankful for all that we have received.

It is also an opportunity to remember those for whom having enough food each day is far from certain. As we give thanks, we are encouraged to share generously, remembering that God's gifts are given not simply for ourselves, but so that we might be a blessing to others.

October is a time for thanksgiving, but it is also a month when our thoughts begin to turn towards remembering. As the days shorten and the autumn leaves fall, we become more aware of the passing of time and the changing seasons of life.

For many of us, this is a time to remember those whom we have loved and who are no longer with us. Our memories may bring sadness because we still miss them, but also thanksgiving for all that they meant to us and for the ways in which their lives enriched our own.

For Christians, remembering is held within the hope of God's love. Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life." Our hope rests in Christ, in whose love we entrust those who have gone before us.

At St George's Church, our annual Remembering Loved Ones Service will take place on Sunday 1st November at 3.00 pm. You are warmly invited to join us for this quiet and reflective service. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one and to have their name read aloud. Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are very welcome. The service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for conversation.

VICAR'S LETTER

As October draws to a close, our thoughts also turn towards Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who gave their lives in the service of others, and all whose lives have been affected by war and conflict. As we remember the sacrifices of the past, we also pray for peace in our world today.

Perhaps, then, October invites us to do two simple things: to give thanks and to remember. To give thanks for God's generous provision and for the people who share our lives; and to remember with gratitude those who have gone before us.

Through all the changing seasons of life, we can place our trust in the God whose love remains constant, and whose faithfulness is from generation to generation.

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 – OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY 4th	18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Harvest Festival & Holy Communion
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Morning Worship - Harvest Festival
Wednesday 7 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 11th	19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Horsley	9.30am	Harvest Festival
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 th	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 18th	20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	Kingscote	9.30am	Morning Worship with the Baptism of Charlotte Cox
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 st	Nailsworth	10.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 25th	LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	Nailsworth	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28 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 (01453 860231).



4 th October - Harvest Festival	Flower Team
11 th October - Harvest Festival	Flower Team
18 th October	Rachel Grey
25 th October	Rachel Grey

KEY DATES

Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collections

Food waste - Friday 2nd, 16th and 30th October.

Food waste, recycling, garden waste and black bin – Fridays 9th and 23rd October.

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 recognized. As if to emphasise the point, there was another accident on September 8th involving multiple vehicles at the bend between Hunters Hall and the turning to Bowldown Farm.

We have asked Highways to deploy speed monitoring equipment as soon as possible, and subsequently to install the new junction signs with yellow backgrounds and extra SLOW markings on the A4135 which have been offered.

We are also exploring other options with Highways including “village gates” on the verges, vehicle activated speed signs and a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph.

2. Local Government Reorganisation

The planned creation of a single unitary authority for Gloucestershire and the elimination of District Councils has been put on hold pending a review. This means that there will now be elections for District Councillors in 2027.

3. Polling Station Reductions

As a cost saving measure, the number of polling stations in Cotswold District is to be reduced. In future there will be no polling stations at Beverston or Ozleworth and these electors will need to vote at Kingscote Village Hall – or vote by post.

4. Cotswold District Local Plan

The second (Regulation 19) version of the Cotswold District Local Plan has been issued for consultation. If you wish to read it or send comments, please use the link: cotswold.gov.uk/localplan.

The consultation ends on November 3rd. Subsequently the Plan will be revised and sent to the Government Inspector by the end of December 2026 who will decide whether to approve it later in 2027.

5. Matara field proposed as a Local Green Space

We are pleased to note that the main field at the Matara Centre is included as a proposed Local Green Space in the Cotswold District Local Plan. If approved, this will provide similar protection from development to that of Green Belt land.

KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Kingscote Parish Council

Current Planning Applications

1. Erection of garage and outhouse to rear garden with associated works

Valley View, Ashcroft Road, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8YG

Ref. No: 26/02464/FUL · Received: Fri 14 Aug 2026 | Validated: Mon 17 Aug 2026.

2. Erection of garage and outhouse to rear garden with associated works

Valley View, Ashcroft Road, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8YG

Ref. No: 26/02465/LBC · Received: Fri 14 Aug 2026 | Validated: Fri 14 Aug 2026.

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3. Installation of staircase within the church tower

Bartholomew House, Newington Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8GH

Ref. No: 26/02479/LBC · Received: Fri 14 Aug 2026 | Validated: Tue 25 Aug 2026.

4. Demolition of 2x existing agricultural workers' dwellings and 1x existing shed. Erection of replacement 2x agricultural workers' dwellings and 2 x new garages

Calcot Poultry Farm, Calcot, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8YJ

Ref. No: 26/02409/FUL | Received: Mon 10 Aug 2026 | Validated: Wed 19 Aug 2026.

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Current Planning Applications (cont.)

5. 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.

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.

7. 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.

VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Bring and Share Supper and Bar Night

Saturday 3rd October

5.30 p.m - 10 p.m.

The Village Hall bar returns!

We start the season with a bring and share supper. Come along and enjoy an evening with your friends and neighbours.



Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th October

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Homemade cakes, coffee or tea, £3.00.

Everyone very welcome.



Book Club

At **1.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 14th October** in The Reynolds Room at the Village Hall, we will be discussing:

'What Can We Know' by Ian McEwan.

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.



VILLAGE HALL

Events This Month

Local History Evening

Saturday 24th October

6.30 p.m.

Last February, the Village Hall was packed for a local history evening where everyone enjoyed a show of old artefacts and pictures, followed by a panel of old residents sharing their memories of growing up in Kingscote and Bagpath.

As many people were disappointed that they missed it, we are holding another evening on October 24th.

We will have a different panel with different memories; so we will cover a lot of new ground.

We are pleased that Michael Kingscote, who spent his early childhood at Kingscote Park, will be taking part, telling of his family's long and illustrious history.

Kingscote & Bagpath have a very rich history dating back to Roman times and beyond.
Come and find out more at our

LOCAL HISTORY EVENING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th
Doors open 6.30
Entrance £5, Children free
Pay bar and nibbles

There will be a display of old local pictures, followed by a panel of long term residents who will share their memories of growing up in post war Kingscote and Bagpath. Special guest; Michael Kingscote with tales of his illustrious family and its history.

VILLAGE HALL

THE TETBURY POISON-PEN LETTERS

In April 1840, a London newspaper report entitled “Rural Police” reported from Tetbury, stating that:



“The rural police of Gloucestershire do not appear to prevent crime . . . for crimes of the darkest turpitude continue to be perpetrated there.”

The main crime was that a poison-pen letter writer was sending letters to various people in Tetbury, threatening to burn their property.

This was a serious issue; earlier in the century, Tetbury had been one of the places where swing riots had taken place. At this time, farm property and implements had been destroyed, and hay ricks burned, causing injuries and financial loss.

In 1840, the letter writer carried out some of his threats, setting fire to several corn ricks and other properties belonging to a Colonel Kingscote and one of his tenants, Mr Morse, who lived in Kingscote. Property was destroyed as a result and 90 ewes burnt to death in a barn.

Colonel Thomas Henry Kingscote JP (1799-1861) was the Lord of the Manor, based at Kingscote Park, and had presumably been targeted because of his position and wealth.

The poison-pen letter writer was never brought to justice, but his actions caused a ripple of intrigue across the community 180 years ago.

Article from the Tetbury Police Museum.

VILLAGE HALL

We're rooting for the Village Hall

Following the success of our spring plant sale, we have decided to install a plant stand at the Village Hall.

Any spare plants you have can be placed here for your friends, neighbours and any passing walkers to buy.

All donations are welcome.

Happy planting!



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

Georgina Harford (once resident at Ashcroft House)

Georgina's daughter Bea has been in touch.

It is with sadness that I write that Georgina Harford died on Friday 11th September 2026.

Georgina was a lovely, energetic and kind lady who contributed so much to the life of Kingscote Church. Georgina would welcome regulars and visitors alike to the Church, including the young couples who were planning their wedding day in Kingscote, making them feel at home and encouraging their attendance at the wedding preparation day.

Georgina was greatly missed when she and her husband, Ben, decided to move to Clifton, Bristol.

Over the last year Georgina suffered with motor neurone disease; but she died peacefully surrounded by her family.

The funeral will be in Bristol, and details will be available shortly.

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A Golden Morning view from Boxwood, courtesy of Sharon West.



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TETBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL

THE FINEST MUSIC IN THE COTSWOLDS

Tetbury Music Festival returns in September with a programme of classical music set against the beauty of one of the Cotswolds' finest market towns.

Festival Dates: **Saturday 26 September - Sunday 4 October 2026**

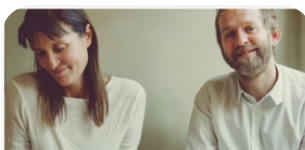
For details and tickets, please see

<https://www.tetburymusicfestival.org/festival-2026>



Ensemble Oblique

Igor Stravinsky - The Soldier's Tale



Viktoria Mullova, violin Alasdair Beatson, fortepiano

Ludwig van Beethoven



Michele Pasotti, Director of La Fonte Musica in conversation with Donald Macleod



Sir Nicholas Kenyon

Elgar and the Spirit of England:
conservative or progressive?



St Mary's Church

Festival Eucharist



La Fonte Musica

Claudio Monteverdi -



The Eusebius Quartet

Franz Schubert Quartet Movement in C Minor D703
Edward Elgar String Quartet Opus 83
Frank Bridge Three Idylls



The Gesualdo Six - Owain Park

Lux Aeterna

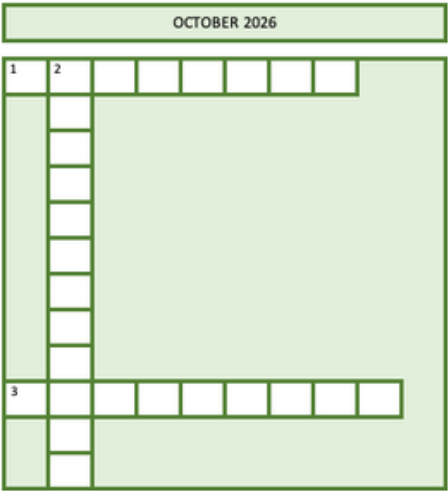
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A Puzzle

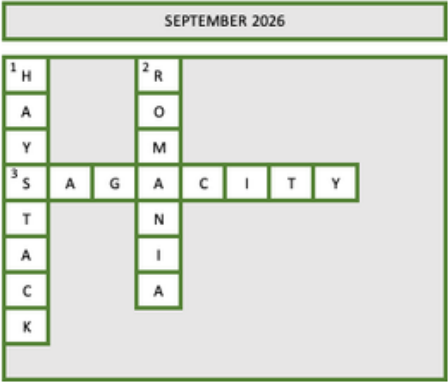
Three cryptic clues to challenge the little grey cells (no prizes!)

Answers published next month.

- 1. Letter (8)
- 2. Number (12)
- 3. Writer (4, 5)



- 1. Rick keeps riding gear around yard (8)
- 2. Country from central Europe. That's madness! (7)
- 3. Wisdom where lots of old people's homes are? (8)



Matara Pizza Pop-Up

Our next pop up pizza night will be on **Friday 25th September, 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.



SEPTEMBER MENU

13 Inch Pizzas

MAIN MENU

Margarita | £12

Portobello mushroom with truffle white sauce and blue cheese | £13

Chorizo with grilled pepper and nduja | £14

CHEF'S SPECIAL

12h smoked pulled pork and sausage, BBQ base | £15

A LITTLE EXTRA

Homemade dips

Garlic Aioli or Hot Honey | £2

VE and GF Available

Matara Garden Open Days with Tea & Cake



Wednesday 14th October.

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

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED



- Oct 11 Tetbury Wool Fair:** A don't-miss occasion for all yarn and fibre lovers, featuring independent yarn makers, spinners and dyers. As well as craft stands there'll be live sheep and alpacas, and silk moths to see. 10-4.30 Tickets: £6am/£4pm
- Oct 18 Reelin' in The Dan:** A tribute to Steely Dan's 1972-80 era. A night of nostalgia with big hits and steep cuts from Can't Buy a Thrill and others. 6pm Tickets from £26.
- Oct 24 Derailed Daytime House Music:** a treat for anyone of 25 and over who likes to dance and remember their youth and still be home for tea! DJ Danny Toft and Mike T and joined by Row Sax. 3-8pm. Tickets from £12.
- Oct 25 Around About Dusk:** The Bristol-based band blend musette, New Orleans jazz with old-time and European folk into an evening full of warmth and charm. 6.30. Tickets from £16
- Oct 31 Red Robin's Winter Song:** Tutti Frutti give us the story of a Red Robin who stays behind as other animals prepare for winter to find new friendships and a special place to call home. Ideal for children over 3 and their families. 11am and 2pm. Tickets from £8.

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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