

Altar Guild Coffee Morning

Kingscote Village Hall
Saturday 16 November
10 am - 12 noon

50p entrance fee includes coffee & biscuits

Also for sale:

*Homemade cakes & preserves
Books & gifts
Hand knits*

And for your enjoyment:

*Tombola
Children's Lucky Dip
Christmas Hamper Raffle
Christmas Cake Raffle*

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The Forerunner

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Newington Bagpath with
Kingscote

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Calendar for November 2002

Parish Directory

Sunday	3rd	Horsley	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	9.30 am	Family Communion
		Kingscote	11.00 am	CW Parish Communion and Holy Baptism
		Nailsworth	3.00 pm	Remembering loved ones
		Shortwood	6.00 pm	Patronal Evensong
Wednesday	6th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10th	Nailsworth	10.45 am	British Legion Service
		Horsley	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
		Kingscote	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service
Wednesday	13th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th	Nailsworth	9.30 am	Family Service
		Kingscote	11.00 am	Family Service
		Nailsworth	6.00 pm	Evensong
Wednesday	20th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th	Kingscote	8.00 am	BCP said Holy Communion
		Nailsworth	9.30 am	Family Communion
		Horsley	11.00 am	CW Holy Communion
Wednesday	27th	Nailsworth	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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Village Hall: Chairman: Mike Waite

Bookings: Angela Wooldridge

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The next **PCC meeting** will be on **Tuesday 29 October** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The annual **Altar Guild Coffee Morning** will be held on Saturday 16 November between 10 am and 12 noon in the Village Hall. All parishioners and their friends are invited to come and join in the fun. See back cover for more details.

As many residents will have noticed the **Building Restoration work** is proceeding apace, and the scaffolding has already been removed from the turret.

Food for thought - Archbishop William Temple, one of the great Anglican leaders, is reported to have described the church as "the only organisation that exists for the benefit of non-members".

Diocesan Internet News Site www.glosdioc.org.uk

Forerunner Internet Site www.geocities.com/forerunneruk/

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am writing just after spending four days away at the Diocesan Conference at Swanwick. Well over 300 people from the Diocese of Gloucester (ministers and

Memories of my Victorian Childhood at The Ridge

Besides being Deputy Lieutenant and magistrate, my father was a Captain in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, and of the Yeomanry, the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. We had photographs of him in the uniform of the latter - a very striking one, with its high spurred boots, sword and sabretache and busby, and the picturesque much braided Hussar swing-jacket.

My eldest brother was also a J.P. and a Lieutenant in the Volunteers. His coming of age was celebrated by the Volunteers doing manoeuvres in the park and by a Fancy Dress Ball. For the Volunteer manoeuvres that day there was a plan marked out in the park with little red flags, and this brings me to a very important member of our household, Jane 'Niny' Dominy. When my mother married she came to her as her maid, and when we left The Ridge she took over the housekeeping as well. Charming to look at, she was a most faithful friend for nearly sixty years. I was the last member of the family she lived with, and she who had never (from Ridge days on) lived in a house without Servants Hall and Housekeepers Room, shared quite happily with my two maids a little kitchen in the small house I took after my father's death. She died a short time after I went to India as a missionary in 1914.

Niny was always famous for the way she would keep things for years in case they might come in useful, and I remember an amusing instance of this characteristic of hers. Twenty-six years after the Volunteer manoeuvres on my eldest brother's coming of age, I and a small nephew (staying with my father and me now near Southampton) had made a small nine hole golf course in our little fields, and Niny having been consulted about flags for greens, produced the very ones that had been used that day to guide the manoeuvres.

Of games in those young days I think cricket was our favourite outdoor game. We used to play in the park, just outside the flower garden. I can remember being 'in' myself, while tall brothers (four of them over 6 ft) stood in a half circle a little distance away and caught me out every single ball. Of the brothers, one was Captain of the Marlborough XI and one of Rugby. The latter made history in the match v Marlborough at Lords in 1886, when a mistake he made about changing the end when bowling led to the alteration by the MCC of rule XIV. Sir Pelham Warner, writing in the Morning Post in 1931, spoke of the incident as "One of the most curious that ever happened in cricket".

Based on my experience of cricket, that must have been very curious ! Editor.

laity) met and the conference title was '*Passion for God's World*'. We had keynote addresses, seminars, Bible studies, worship and food(!) all delivered to a very high standard, and I would have to write a few pages to explain everything we learnt and experienced together - the body and soul were well fed !!

One of the many comments which struck me was during a Bible Study on a few verses from Revelation 21 (about Heaven). Following the question "*Do you believe in Heaven?*" were the statements "**We must have a passion for Heaven and for the world as it will be**" - as described by St John. In a month when we have special services in our churches to 'Remember our loved ones' (3 November at St George's) and Remembrance Sunday (various times on the previous page) I then recalled another comment which has always stayed with me:

In an interview with a jazz singer which I read some years ago she said that she, after a turbulent early life, had become a committed Christian and she recalled a discussion she had had with a committed atheist - someone who believes there is no God. Questioning her unshakeable faith, the atheist asked her if she had considered the consequences if, when she died, she discovered that he was right - there was no God - and she was wrong. She replied "If I'm wrong in my faith; well I've enjoyed every minute of my life anyway: but if you're wrong, then man you're in **BIG** trouble!!"

Whatever the understanding we have of Heaven and Hell, I believe it is perfectly clear from reading the Bible that if anyone chooses to ignore God during their lifetime, He will not force them to live with Him in Heaven for eternity in the life to come; for them that might be Hell ! So, what is the alternative to Heaven ? It seems that anyone who reads the New Testament in the Bible would come to the conclusion that no-one in their right mind would choose to inflict the eternal punishment that the Bible calls Hell on themselves. Those who do read would find more references to Hell than to Heaven (93 to 63) and at the very best would come to the conclusion that Hell is a terrible place separated from any presence of God and all that He stands for - definitely not a nice place to be !

Many people believe that becoming a Christian spoils your fun and prevents you enjoying yourself. The jazz singer above did not think so, and why do so many Christians talk and sing of 'joy' - certainly not a miserable state to be in ?!

I enjoy playing sports and always said that I would take up golf when I was too old to run about ! **How wrong I was.** I started to learn the game a few years ago and wished that I'd started playing years before - it is so frustrating, but like all things - *practice makes perfect*. The same goes for the Christian faith - you miss out on so much by putting it off ! So ask yourself the question "Do I believe in Heaven ?" and if the answer is **Yes** then make sure you are practising as much as possible !

The Reverend Stephen Earley

Church Flowers

Oct 27th and Nov 3rd Mrs L Reynolds
Nov 10 to 24th REMEMBRANCE Mrs S Bradley-Jones
Dec 1st to 24th ADVENT with candle Mrs S Padden

Jo Spash

Sunday Club

We shall meet again at 11.00 am on Sunday 10 the November in the Village Hall. All children resident in the parish are very welcome. Under 3's should be accompanied by a parent.

Janet Davies and Elin Tattersall

Altar Guild

A meeting will be held at my home (Alton House) on the 6th November at 2.30 pm to discuss the plans for the Coffee Morning.

The Coffee Morning this year will be on 16th November from 10 am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. We will very much appreciate homemade cakes and any gifts for the Tombola stall will be gratefully received by Iris Shorey.

Our next church cleaning session will be on 27th November at 2.30 pm in the church as usual.

Vida Sutton

Grumbolds Ash Group

The skittles evening on 8th October was enjoyed by all. It ended with a play off between Joe Spash and Jane Bateman, Jane finally taking the prize. Gill James graced the booby prize.

There will not be a meeting in November but plans are in hand for the Christmas Dinner. Watch this space for date and venue.

Vida Sutton

Late October News

Many of you will know that David, Kay and Hannah Brightley are emigrating to New Zealand. There will be a farewell party at Whiteladies on **Sunday 27 October at 3 pm** where all their friends in the village will be most welcome.

Irene Sage

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper held on Saturday 5 October was a happy occasion shared by some 44 parishioners and guests. The Village Hall had been transformed into a big cosy farmhouse kitchen, and nourishing seasonal dishes were served. Later in the evening ghouls and other fiends gathering for Halloween leered at the happy throng through the dark windows. We thank all of the generous helpers and supporters, including the children who baked the lovely bread loaves, and especially Elin who made it all happen. The proceeds of £196-10 from the meal together with £114-83 raised by the Prize Draw will be sent to the Water Aid charity to assist in the provision of safe drinking water in the third world.

The Editor for the PCC

Road and Footpath access

It's that time of year to prune back large trees/shrubs, especially those that overhang pathways and roads making it difficult to see and walk. It is in the interests of all residents that high sided vehicles, including public service and emergency vehicles, can proceed unhindered, and that footpaths can be used in comfort.

The Parish Council

Mobile Police Station

The Mobile Police Station will visit Kingscote between 1.30 and 2.00 pm on Wednesdays 13th and 24th November.

Post Office

The Post Office is open on every normal working Tuesday and Thursday :
from **9.00 am to 1.00 pm** and from **2.30 pm to 5.30 pm**.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be by The Walled Garden from 9.40 am to 9.55 am on Thursdays Nov. 14th and 28th.

Waste Recycling

The boxes will be emptied as follows:

Newington and Bagpath - Mon. 11th and 25th Nov.

Kingscote - Tues. 12th and 26th Nov.

Magazine

Material for the next issue of the Forerunner please by 20th November to H. Tubbs, 3 The Walled Garden, Tel. 860 194.

The Editor

Return of bedbugs blamed on car boot sales (*how was it for you?*)

CAR BOOT sales were blamed for bedbugs biting back in Britain. The blood-sucking insects were driven out of homes by the 1960's. But Ian Burgess, of Cambridge University, said second-hand sales were helping them to spread.

THE INDEPENDENT, 3rd October 2002

General Interest

(We have a little space to spare this month and return for the fourth episode in the historical series on the large house and estate which previously existed to the right of the road leading to Wotton-under-Edge.)