

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I – Caroline Sanderson	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	Annual Village Spring Clean		

**MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY APRIL 19th**

Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	April	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
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### KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

\*N.B Due to the traffic parking congestion on The Chipping and the number of contractor's vehicles, as a temporary measure and in the interest of public safety, it may be necessary for the Mobile Police Station to park at the Village Hall car park.

The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.

### R.N.L.I Wotton-under-Edge Branch

On February 28th Captain John Harper, Master of the RRS Ernest Shackleton, a British Antarctic Survey(BAS) supply ship, entertained 84 residents of the Wotton-under-Edge area to an informative and entertaining story of the work of the BAS and his yearly trip to the continent to deliver scientists and supplies to the bases. The talk was held at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club for the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the RNLI and raised the fantastic total of £1013.00. Subject to the agreement of the Branch committee and to the RNLI receiving planning permission, this money will be put towards the proposed funding of a new lifeboat station at Portishead, near Bristol - this following an approach from the independent Portishead Lifeboat Trust seeking "adoption" by the RNLI. Adoption has been agreed in principle subject to a suitable site being established for a lifeboat station and planning permission has been submitted for this on the site of the old Portishead Masonic Lodge. Once established, Portishead will then be the nearest RNLI station to those living in the Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley areas.

Further information on this proposed development can be found on the RNLI's website at:

<http://rnli.org/NewsCentre/Pages/RNLI-submit-plans-for-a-new-lifeboat-station-at-Portishead.aspx>

### Wotton Arts Festival

Wotton Arts Associations preparations are well in hand for this year's Festival which will take place on **20<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

To kick off the Festival St George's Day will be celebrated at the Town Hall with a dragon workshop for children, Mummers, folk music, and coffee and cakes. Wotton Silver Band will give a concert in St Mary's Church in the evening. The Band will also perform the final event of the Festival on Wotton Hill on May Day morning.

In between these two traditional celebrations will be a variety of events to appeal to all. The Festival Art Exhibition in the Civic Centre will give local artists an opportunity to display their work. The Lea Singers choir from Harpenden will perform a choral concert Haydn's Nelson Mass and the Duruflé Requiem, with organ accompaniment on the first Saturday and also sing at the Festival Service in St Mary's the following morning.

The varied programme includes a talk on medieval paintings in Gloucestershire, a French film to mark 100 years of cinema in Wotton, a poetry evening, "Turning the Tables" with local celebrities Ali Vowles and Rob Collins talking to Philip Taubenheim about their choice of music, and an evening of folk music with Dead Dog Cider. The Bristol Ensemble will give the Festival Concert with Erin White, a local violinist studying at the Royal College of Music, as a guest artist.

Tickets are on sale at the Cotswold Book Room.

Look for more details [www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk) or phone 01453 832499 for more details

### Marathon – Kathryn Lock

I am running the London Marathon on **21<sup>st</sup> April** in memory of my Dad (Martin Kelly) and a good friend Nicola Corry. My chosen charities are [Bristol Area Kidney Patients Association](#) (BAKPA) and [Nicola Corry Support Foundation](#) (NCSF). Both of these amazing charities help relieve a little stress from people when they are already experiencing a difficult time. So if you would like to sponsor me please visit my webpage below, or text KATH58 and the amount you wish to sponsor to 70070 (only allows the following amounts; £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10). I would be really grateful for your support.

<http://www.justgiving.com/KathrynLock>

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their March meeting, Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a talk by Kathryn Smeaton of Marriott Crafts on Rubber stamping. The techniques of using embossing powder and heat on the traditional image made by a rubber stamp producing 3D effects; combined with paper layering, many beautiful images for card and box making were produced. Our next meeting on **April 9th** at the Village Hall sees the return of local author, Caroline Sanderson speaking about her newest book, *'In the footsteps of Jane Austen'*.

A discussion on the WI resolutions for 2013 AGM will also take place at this meeting.

For more details please contact Val Jones 842471.

## Kingswood Parish Council

**Annual Parish Meeting** - This will be on **Monday 8th April** at the Village Hall. 7pm to look at the information and from 7.30 for the formal part of the meeting. This meeting is not a parish council meeting but a meeting of the community. We have tried to make it as interesting and informative as possible. There will be a presentation from the **Police on Community Speed Watch**. This is a scheme which could make a real difference to the speeding through our village. Please come along and find out more and how you can sign up and volunteer to help get this scheme going. There will also be a presentation from the **Gloucestershire County Archaeologist** on the archaeology found so far at the Chestnut Park site. This should be very interesting and informative and a chance to ask questions on archaeology as part of the planning process. There will also be reports from many of the village organisations and the parish council will have available the accounts for the year 2012/13 and the budget and objectives for the year 2013/14. The Dog Warden, Neighbourhood Warden, County and District Councillors will all be available on the night for you to raise questions or have a discussion on any burning issue that you may have.

**Parish Council Budget** - By now you would have received your Council Tax Bill. The part of the bill relating to parish council has increased by less than 10p a week for band D households. More details of this can be found on the parish council web site. The parish council remain committed to ensuring that Kingswood is maintained to the high standard that you all expect.

**Playing Field** – Over the next few weeks there will be work taking place at the playing field. The parish council has commissioned a drainage survey to ascertain if a solution can be found to the drainage problems. Disruption to use will be kept to a minimum.

**Church Yard** – The much used footpath through the churchyard has deteriorated and is in need of repair. The Parish Council has joined with County Council and the footpath should be repaired in the next few weeks. Apologies for any disruption to use, but I am sure it will be much improved after the essential repairs

**Dog Fouling**- Once again we are receiving complaints for dog fouling on the Ash Path. Over a hundred piles have been identified. Please can all dog walkers act responsibly and pick up after their dog. If you know who is causing this offence please let either a councillor or the clerk know. They can then take action. **The dog Warden** will be at the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss this on-going problem.

**The Annual Spring Clean** – This will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April from the Chipping. Litter pickers, bin bags and Hi-Vis vests will be available for from 10.00am. Please can everyone look to the kerbs, hedges and pavements and remove as much rubbish as possible. Please also pay attention to weeds and leaves blocking drains. It is hoped we can get as much of the village looking clean and tidy ready for the spring as possible. Just turn up on the day or getting going when you are able. Please let the Clerk know if you need any equipment and she will deliver it to you.

**Village Design Statement** - Please Please help with this important survey. Contact the Clerk if you need any help or advice. It is hoped that more copies of the survey will be delivered with this newsletter. It is becoming more important than ever that the community gets involved in the Village Design Statement and Neighbourhood Planning. New Planning Legislation means that without this the developers have a strong say in the amount, location and type of development. However the parish council believe that it is important for the community to have an input to all of the above and this can be achieved by ensuring that there is a Village Design Statement and a Neighbourhood Plan for Kingswood.

## **Kingswood Congregational Church - Contact: Jennie Amesbury 842803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)**

On **Saturday 20th April** from 12.00-6.30pm will be hosting a Youth Day for Year 6 and above. There will be games/sports, workshops, treasure hunt, food, worship. The cost will be £2. We would like to invite any young person who would like to join us. Please contact our secretary for any further information you may require. Our services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School and Crèche are held during the morning service.

## **The Dinneywicks Red Nose Day Bake-off**

The total raised was £212! Winners were – SPONGE section Chris J with his layered fruit and cream sponge, SINGLES – Liz K with her amaretto and triple chocolate tray bake and FREESTYLE winner was Dawn E with her wedding pie. The overall winner was Dawn; it was a lovely, tasty pie!!

Well done and thank you to all who entered and those who bought the goodies. Congratulations to Dee for organising it and the Dinneywicks for hosting the event.

## **Kingswood Village Hall – Bar Manager/Steward**

The Village Hall is looking to employ a bar manager/steward. The role includes arranging bar cover for bookings, ordering of stock, and weekly cleaning of the equipment behind the bar. Full training will be provided. For more information please contact Steve Selby on 07891 906851 or email [chairman@k-v-h.org](mailto:chairman@k-v-h.org)

## **Friends of St Mary's**

St Mary's annual garden fete will be held again this year in the garden of Amercombe, High Street, Kingswood on 22 June when there will be the usual collection of stalls, games and entertainment for all the family including a real steam train! Please note the date in your diary!

We are already collecting books and DVDs for the book stall. If you have any to donate please give them to Chris Wynn, Stella Green or leave them at Amercombe. Thanks!

**The Village Diary can be viewed on the *Grapevine* website. For an entry please email *Grapevine* or telephone Gill on 842734.**