

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon	3 rd	April	Village Association A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues	25 th	"	Village Hall A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm

MAY ISSUE DEADLINE: FRIDAY 28th APRIL

Thurs	4 th	May	Gloucester County Council Election		
Thurs	4 th	"	Kingswood NDP Referendum		
Thurs	18 th	"	Historical Society – King James I	Village Hall	7.30pm

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### Kingswood Primary School - News and Celebrations

Many Kingswood Primary School pupils have put their creative writing skills to great use by submitting stories of up to 500 words to Chris Evans' Radio 2 writing competition. The stories ranged from animals and unicorns to spies and witches! Our youngest entrant wrote a fantastic story about a witch called Barbara. Check our website to follow their progress.

Our school will be 125 years old in June! We will be having a celebratory event at the village hall and playing field on **Saturday 8th July**, further details to follow. Many of you will be ex pupils of our school so if you have any special memories, however long or short, or photographs, please email Sallie-Anne Beere on [kingswoodschool125@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodschool125@gmail.com)

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

A great big thank you to everyone who came along to the Wotton-under-Edge Branch RNLI's annual talk which was held on the 22nd February at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club. This year's talk was on the Helicopter Sea and Rescue Service, which recently transferred from the RAF and Royal Navy to a civilian based service under the auspices of HM Coastguard. Our speaker was Capt. Tom Bunn from North Nibley and KLB 'Old Boy' who joined the RAF straight from School and learnt to fly Hercules Transport Aircraft before transferring to helicopters. The evening was a great success and raised £1,254.20, which will go to the RNLI. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Cotswold Edge Book Room and Westward Travel for their help in selling the tickets and a huge thank you to Cotswold Edge Golf Club for once again hosting the evening free of charge. Keep your eyes peeled later in the year for details of next year's talk.

### Dog Fouling

There is still concern with the amount of dog fouling around the village especially on the children's play area at the playing field and on the field itself. **PLEASE** report anyone you see allowing their dogs to foul without collecting it up. There are bins to put the bags in, so there is no excuse! Unless these people are caught, we will never get rid of this problem. You can report the offenders to the dog warden at Stroud District Council online ([www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems)) or by phone 01453 754478.

### Kingswood Village Hall

Kingswood Village Hall has a vacancy for a cleaner. This key position is for 9 hours per week at a good hourly rate. Please contact Sue Evans 01453 8452325 07842503394 or David Scott 01453 845354 07976521531.

### Kingswood Village Hall Annual General Meeting.

**April 25th** at 7-30pm. This is your Village Hall, which has become the envy of many others but more volunteers are needed to keep this superb facility running smoothly. Village Halls nationally are falling into disrepair through lack of support but ours is still thriving please help us to continue maintaining and improving this village asset.

### Wotton Arts Festival 2017 April 22nd - May 7th

The theme for this year's Festival is nostalgia for the 60s. This is reflected in several events. You can dine in 60's style, have those 60's items you have been hoarding valued, hear a talk on the Swinging Sixties and enjoy the musical talent of Wotton's young people singing songs from the 60s and 70s.

New for this year are the Wotton Art and Garden Trail organised by Under the Edge Arts, and a photography competition and exhibition. The programme also includes the usual Festival favourites. We hope you will find something of interest to you and come and support our 47th Arts Festival. Full details on [www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk). Tickets for all events from the Fish out of Water, Long Street. Enquiries - tel 01453842499 or visit [www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk)

### KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The KVHS held a very successful 'Retrospective Kingswood' exhibition over the weekend of 10th/11th April. The attendance on both Friday evening and Saturday morning was very encouraging and we should like to thank all those who visited and participated in the event for making it such a success. As for the future, the Society will be holding a talk by Professor Ronald Hutton on 'King James I' on **Thursday 18th May** at 7:30 in the Village Hall. Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members, who are very welcome.

Professor Hutton is the professor of history at Bristol University and has given talks to the society on a number of previous occasions that have always been very well received. For tickets contact either [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com) (842497) or [peter6booth@btinternet.com](mailto:peter6booth@btinternet.com) (844741). In September there will be a talk on William Tyndale, details will be announced later.

### Kingswood 'amdram'

Panto is coming to Kingswood Village Hall...Oh No it isn't...Oh Yes it is!, in spring 2018 to be exact. Yes, a brand new village amdram group is being formed in Kingswood and we are looking for people like you. My name is Steve Picking and I have been involved in amateur theatre for just over 20 years 5 of those running Charfield amdram, and my associate Steve Yeo has been a professional singer for over 30 years. So, you are in safe hands. More details to follow later in the year but to find out more please drop me an email at [stephenpicking@googlemail.com](mailto:stephenpicking@googlemail.com)

### Party in the Parc

**Saturday 17th June** at the Wotton Community PARC, New Road. A music festival with something for all the family.

A fantastic day out for all the family. Two stages and fourteen top local bands. Children's activity tent, circus skills, Tai Chi and Yoga. There will also be a wide range of food and drink from our own mini beer festival through BBQ, falafel and pizza to hot drinks and fancy cakes. Plus a celebration of sport with a parkrun, hockey festival, walking football, children's five a side and skate/scooter jam. See our FaceBook page on @wottonpartyintheparc.

**Apologies if this Issue of Grapevine reaches you late. Due to the 'not fit for purpose' telecommunications infrastructure we have been without telephone or broadband so inhibiting the receipt of this month's contributions. A regular occurrence!**

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The KVA's AGM is being held in the Village Hall on **3rd April** from 7.30 pm. Why not come along if you are interested in joining the KVA, would like to have a say in this year's events or just for a glass of wine!

Open Gardens - **28th May**. If you are interested in opening your garden, or would like to know more please contact us.

Showday - **2nd September**. If you would like a stall, or are interested in helping out at this year's event, let us know.

Donation Requests - If you would like to request a donation for something that is of benefit to the village please contact us using the details below. Forms can also be found on the website.

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[www.K-V-A.org](http://www.K-V-A.org)

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION URGES US ALL TO VOTE "YES" FOR THE KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

KVA is non-political. Its 60 + years have been dedicated to providing fun and funds to a very special village community, which it hopes will continue for many years to come.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we all have the opportunity to vote on The Neighbourhood Development Plan. This detailed document (available at the pub, gym, Wotton library and telephone box on the Chipping) has been put together by a dedicated village team (not part of KVA) after much consultation with the village. It is a firm guide to the village's future.

If we vote "Yes" for the plan on **May 4<sup>th</sup>**, it will carry full weight in planning decisions, though not a guarantee, this means that, where a planning application conflicts with a neighbourhood plan, permission would not normally be granted. A powerful tool.

Kingswood's Neighbourhood Plan is lengthy, over 100 pages. In a few sentences, here are its main features:

**DEVELOPMENT:** Housing, including affordable, within settlement limits, small-scale business and employment, identifying sustainable characteristics.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Conserving habitats and heritage, protecting green space, reflecting landscape character and local views and minimising flood risk.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES:** Key infrastructure priorities, protection of assets of community value, including leisure, sport and education.

**TRANSPORT:** Priorities for improvement: pedestrian connectivity, cycling, traffic management ( traffic speed, travel plans and parking).

If we vote "No" we could get large-scale development and a rejection of all the above priorities.

A 51% "Yes" vote on May 4 guarantees its adoption. The greater the percentage, the greater the impact.

**KVA hopes Kingswood will return an overwhelming "YES".**

Rod Alexander (843398, [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)) on behalf of K.V. A.

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their March meeting, members of Kingswood Abbey WI listened to a most enlightening talk about the Stroud Food bank by founder, Will Mansell. He was pleased to go back to the Food Bank with a car boot full of food donations from the members.

The WI Book Club and Craft group meet once a month. Next book choice is 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen'. Craft group members are preparing for the Primary School's 125th anniversary in June.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 11th** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we will have a talk and maybe a try at Pilates.

Because of a couple of members moving away from the area we now have some membership spaces- if any lady in the village would like to join please contact the President, Sheila Kerr 844865 for more details or just come along to a meeting as a guest to see if you like us!

## Friends of St Mary

This year's Book, Cake and Plant Sale on the Chipping will be held on Saturday 13th May 10.00 -1.00pm, donations of plants, seedlings and cakes are appreciated. Please contact us by emailing: [friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) or phoning Chris 844162, Stella 842497, Rod 843398 or John 07761 672926. See our Facebook page: "Friends of St Mary's Kingswood"

Strawberry Teas in St Mary's Room: Sunday 16th July 3.00-5.00pm

No bric a brac but good 2nd hand items ( say £5 sale price) at this year's FoSM Chipping Sale on May 13. If anyone would be kind enough to give such to the church restoration, please get in touch with Rod on 843398 for delivery/collection before May 13.

## St Mary's Garden Fete

The annual St Mary's Garden Fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, from 1pm on **Saturday 10th June**. Please put this date in your diaries & we look forward to seeing you then. This year's Fete will have a Victorian theme, please feel free to dress up for the occasion which will include a children's Victorian dress parade with prize, Victorian games as well as lots of exciting stalls including the ever popular treasure hunt, bar, B-B-Q and teas. If anyone has shove ½ d, bagatelle and other Victorian games and/or would be willing to run a stall please let us know. We would also like a loan of old Jewellery for the day for the Jewellery Stall. See our Facebook page: "St Mary's garden fete Kingswood GL12".

Enquires to Chris Wynn 844162 or email: [stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com)

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Kingswood Cafe Church is coming to the village. It's at 10.30am on Sunday 30th April in the Lower School Room, The Walk. We don't have a high street coffee shop and so that's the next best thing! Coffee, tea and breakfast pastries are provided free of charge. Any donations offered will all go to famine relief in Africa.

Cafe church is church but not as you know it. It's coffee (or tea!) with a conscience. It's the fresh expression of community in a relaxed coffee shop type environment dealing with issues from a faith perspective. Kingswood Cafe Church will provide a space to discuss and explore everyday issues such as the environment, stress and parenting, together with round table discussions, live music with great coffee and great chat! The first issue for discussion will be around Easter events. You'll find a welcome for everyone including families (there will be a kids' corner). It's a great relaxing start to a Sunday morning. Take a look at [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) and pop in.

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

