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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	3 rd	April	Village Hall A.G.M	Village Hall	8.00pm
Sat	7 th	"	Music at St. Mary's - Light		
Tues	10 th	"	Kingswood W.I. – Emmaus	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	19 th	"	Historical Society Film Show	Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm

MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:**FRIDAY APRIL 20th APRIL**

Mon	30 th	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	12 th	May	Friends of St Mary's Coffee Morning	St. Mary's Room	10.00am-12.30pm
Sat	23 rd	June	St. Mary's Church Fete		

WCK Greenway Group

Over 500 responses to the recent local transport survey and huge support by responders for the idea of a safe traffic free route to connect our local communities. A full report of the survey will be published soon. The Greenway Group is working with Sustrans on plans for a feasibility study. This study to take place this summer will research and define an outline route for the Greenway, and assess whether a feasible route is capable of delivery. If so, the study will provide an estimate of the cost of construction of the route to enable a future funding programme. We have become established as a charity, affiliated to the Wotton under Edge and District Community Recreational Trust and we are actively fundraising. In partnership with the Wotton Walking Festival, we'll be sponsoring a 'Greenway Group' walk on **Sunday 13th May** and you can register to take part by contacting Steve Hake Tel 07816 085579

Kingswood Primary School

On Friday 9th February at St Mary's church, there was a huge poetry competition with Kingswood Primary School children in attendance. They had to stand up and recite their stunning poems. When they finished, the judges, Mrs Dove and Miss Smart counted the scores and then Mrs Chandler declared the winners for each year group. After that, Mrs Chandler announced the ultimate winners. The poetry competition was for improving listening skills, speaking clearly and learning to recite poems. The types of poems were famous, serious, funny and weird. There was a poem for everyone! They also included alliteration, mythical, rhyming and religious. When they were at the competition, voices echoed throughout the church. Afterwards, we interviewed the finalists and one of them also called Elizabeth said, "I would like to write rhyming poems when I am older. For further information, check out the Kingswood Primary School website at www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk and look out for information about next year's event. Report by Elizabeth Hendy-Cocker, Year 4, Beech class

Wotton Arts Festival. All details are on our website www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk and in the Festival Brochure.

The dates are 21st April - St. Georges Day Celebrations, 27th April - 6th May Main Festival.

KADS

We are pleased to announce that we are starting up a new drama group and would welcome those interested to come along to the village hall on **Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm**. We are planning a Murder Mystery evening in July, Christmas play and then Pantomime in Jan/Feb. We need people for acting, backstage, front of house, make up, props. The list is endless so if you fancy something a little different please come along so we can once again have a thriving drama group in the village. Hope to see you then.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Info Jennie on 842803 or email jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk

Visit our website at www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk for up to date information about our services and check our Facebook page. For approximately the next month, we will be holding all our services and meetings in the Lower School Room, while we have the windows repaired in the chapel. Easter Services - Easter Sunday 10.30am – Family Service at 6.00pm our service will be led by our Choir. Churches Together for Easter - Good Friday 10.30am Communion Service followed by Stations of the Cross and then back to St Mary's for hot cross buns. Easter Monday Walk meet on the Chipping at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in St Mary's Room. A warm welcome awaits you at all our Easter services. COFFEE AND CHAT Every Wednesday in the Lower Schoolroom from 9.30am – 11.00am. On the 21st April – MESSY CHURCH 10.00am in the Lower School Room

The British Heart Foundation's Wotton and Dursley Area Fund and Awareness Raising Group (BHF WDAFG)

The core membership of this new, local BHF group, formed earlier this year, is from Kingswood. The committee is currently planning a programme of fund raising and awareness raising events. There will be many BHF supporters in the village and if you are one of them and would like to help out at any event please contact Cathie Owen: cathieowen@kingswoodql12.plus.com Tel: 01453 844463

Kingswood Village Association

KVA is offering to publish a list of all the village organisations for newcomers to the village (as advertised in the March Grapevine). A good way to showcase your organisation. If you would like your village group included, please give the group name, website, contact name, phone number and email address and/or house address to Rod Alexander at 843398 or (preferably) rodplume@gmail.com.

Kingswood Defib Awareness Group owen@kingswoodql12.plus.com Tel: 01453 844463

Approximately 90 people attended the CPR + Defib training session at the end of February, which demonstrates the high level of interest in this caring village. The village's 3rd public access defib is on the point of being ordered. Thanks are due to those who have supported this project, including Renishaw and the Parish Council. There is still some money to be found, so it is not too late to donate! For the sake of newcomers to the village, there are currently two public access defibrillators; one is on the outside wall of the shop (behind the pillar-box) and one at the village hall, near the main entrance door. If you have any fundraising ideas or wish to make a donation, please contact David Owen

KINGSWOOD CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

Exists to give financial assistance to Kingswood residents at a time of need, hardship or distress. The Trustees can award a donation for goods or services either directly to an individual or, where appropriate, to an organization providing those goods or services. The fund cannot be used where it is more appropriate for public funding to provide support and assistance. A typical example would be travelling expenses for outpatients' hospital visits. For further details or to talk to someone in confidence, please contact Mr David Roe on 01453 843199.

Kingswood Village Historical Society:

The Historical Society will be holding a film show, **Thursday 19th April 2018** at 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall; refreshments available. There will be 3 films to choose from on the night: on Gloucestershire, Weston-Super-Mare, or Severn Beach. Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome. For tickets contact either Stella on 842497, Jean Dove on 01453 521314, or peter6booth@btinternet.com (844741). We will also be having a Summer outing locally in June - full details to be announced.....

MUSIC at ST MARY'S - LIGHT 7.30 pm Saturday 7th April

Last year, in order to broaden the appeal of the long-running MUSIC AT ST MARY'S concert series, we held our first MUSIC AT ST MARY'S - LIGHT concert. With songs from the shows and all manner of popular music, it proved a great success and we have been urged to put on another LIGHT concert. The mastermind behind that first concert, and one of the main contributors to the various items, was Rachel Howgego. Since that concert, Rachel and her daughter Charlotte have had a further Kingswood success at the New Year's Eve Senior Citizen's Lunch. Rachel has prepared another exciting and varied programme for Saturday 7th April, with a wealth of attractive numbers from shows, musicals and operettas. As well as Rachel and Charlotte, it will also feature the tenor Andrew Telford and pianist Joshua Crunden.

Tickets, as last year, are £8 (Children £4) from David Hatton (842483) dgrhatton@gmail.com

Friends of St. Mary's

Friends of St Mary's are hosting a coffee morning in the St Mary's Room, St Mary's Church, High Street, GL12 8RS on **Saturday 12th May** from 10.00am - 12.30pm, which will include a book, plant and cake sale. Donations will be much appreciated, please bring plants to the Church on the morning of the sale. Contact Chris 07802 604389; Stella 842497; John 07761 672926 or email: friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

Facebook Page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood

FOSM (Friends of St Mary's) - we are a small but friendly committee for raising funds for the maintenance, improvement and restoration of the Church building in Kingswood and we are desperately in need of some new members! We usually organise 3-5 events per annum, including the Plant Sale on the Chipping in May, Strawberry Teas in July, a stall for Showday in September, a Quiz Night, occasional Promise Auction, and attendance at a local Charities Fair in November etc. We are usually lucky enough to have plenty of helpers for these events, but could really do with some help with the organisation aspect. If you feel you could help, or would just like to have a chat and get further information first, please contact Stella 01453 842497, or Chris 07802 604389. Meetings are usually fairly short and include plenty of refreshments!

Sheila Alexander

Very many thanks to you all for your lovely cards and messages about Sheila, who died suddenly on 8th March. They are much appreciated and a great help. She would have been glad to have gone quickly. As at her Thanksgiving Service to God and you all on 6th January, she was positive until the end. Nevertheless, she did not relish the thought of a long, drawn out battle between cancer and morphine. She would have been delighted too with her prompt acceptance by Bristol University Medical Dept. Thanks also for all the typical Kingswood support over the years, especially in the last few months, which was a very special time for us. Rod and Millie

Kingswood Parish Council www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Email clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wild about Kingswood – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. We are currently learning how to lay the hedges. Come along and learn a new skill. Volunteers are urgently required; please contact the clerk to find out more!
Please can residents not use the wildlife area to get rid of their grass cuttings.

Message from Alex Myrie, Dog Warden - With the darker nights comes an increase in the amount of dog fouling we see in our amenity areas and the pavements in general. We strongly believe that the vast majority of dog walkers are extremely responsible and carry out their statutory duty by removing their dog's faeces and disposing of the bag appropriately. However, there appears to be a staunch minority that clearly feel it is beneath them to pick up poo, or that they are above the law and who habitually fail to clean up after their animals. These individuals need to know that Officers are regularly patrolling in the area at various times of the day and night. Therefore, our message to the irresponsible few is this... PICK UP OR PAY UP! This is not an idle threat, anyone caught will not be given a second chance and an on the spot fine of £75 will be issued. Bagged dog waste can be disposed of in any litterbin, dog waste bin or taken home, double bagged and placed in your household waste. Anyone caught littering their bag will also be issued with a £75 fine. Anyone who would like to report an irresponsible dog owner can do so, in confidence, by contacting either of us on the numbers below. Unfortunately, just reporting fouled areas leaves us with very few options. What we really need is for the residents of Kingswood to be our eyes and ears, take pride in the beautiful area you live in and assist us by reporting those individuals who are letting the side down. So look out dog walkers who continue to flout the law, the net is closing, you will be caught and you will be fined. Alex Myrie, Animal Welfare Officer, Stroud District Council 01453 754492. Lisa Ellis, Neighbourhood Warden
Litter - The playing field and the area in front of Tyndale View is looking very messy with lots of litter on the ground. Please can everyone ensure all litter is disposed of correctly in a bin and not thrown on the ground.

Annual Parish Meeting - 30th April 2018 7pm at the village hall. This is a meeting of the community and not a parish council meeting. There will be presentations on the new initiative to enforce the speed limits in Kingswood, Update on development in South Gloucestershire and a presentation from the Dog Warden on the laws surrounding dogs. David Hagg CEO of Stroud will attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss Local Council tax and the central government levy and car parking charges.

Automated Number Plate Recognition Camera (ANPR) - We are very pleased to confirm that 2 new ANPR cameras will be installed in 3 locations in Kingswood. This is a joint initiative between the Parish Council and the Police. The Police have taken on extra staff to help with this project and the parish council have provided the cameras. Work on installing the cameras will take place from the end of March. The cameras will provide a lot of statistics that will be shared with the Police who will use the information to enforce the speed limits. More information will be made available as the project goes live towards the end of April. Information will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Parish Council meetings- The parish council meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. A meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month if there is business which cannot wait until the 2nd Monday of following month. Full details of all meetings can be found on Kingswood Parish Council's website. The next scheduled meeting is on **Monday 9th April** at 7.15pm at the village hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend and take part in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, tel 844659,

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 23rd June 2018**. A new exciting theme is currently in preparation as well as lots of stalls including the ever popular treasure hunt, games, books, bar, B-B-Q and teas and this year's new music event is 'Steel Appeal,' the eventual result of a steel pan workshop and ensuing evening classes run in Kingscote Village Hall by Gill Holmes, director of the highly acclaimed steel band, 'Panache'. Steel Appeal are an enthusiastic team of 8, whose mixed age is reflected in their repertoire which ranges from Buddy Holly to Ed Sheeran. The sound of steel pans somehow makes the corners of your mouth twitch in a skyward direction, and coupled with a strong rhythmic backline, is a complimentary addition to practically any event indoors and out. **Sarah Farwell** will be looking for donations of good quality, saleable items for the "Previously Loved" stall that made a very successful return to the fete last year. China, crockery, paintings, lampshades, linens or similar would also be gratefully received so have a look in cupboards, drawers and even sheds for anything you don't need any longer. Contact: - Sarah Farwell from beginning of June only on 07928461673 thefarwells@uk2.net or Rebecca Graham 07936 426088 bozwue@tiscali.co.uk. Put the Fete date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you then, further information will follow. Enquires to Tricia Broadfoot 844436.

Kingswood W.I.

At their March meeting, Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a most interesting talk and display about CHOCOLATE making and the JS Fry Company. John Gingell had worked for the firm for forty years and had trained chocolatiers all over the world. He explained the methods of making chocolate and the correct ingredients to use. The delicious tasting sessions were proof that his skills as a chocolatier are unsurpassed! Mr Gingell also showed us his vast collection of Frys/Cadburys memorabilia, which included two rare World War One tins of chocolate commissioned by Queen Victoria for the troops at Christmas.

In March we held a coffee morning in aid of the WI College, Denman. Many thanks to all who supported this very successful event.

The speaker at our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 10th** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall will be Julia Crandon from Emmaus, a charity for the homeless. The draw for our annual bursary to Denman will be held that evening. The next Book Club title is *The Virgin Blue* by Tracy Chevalier. The Walking Group plus dogs will visit Rodborough Common and Woodchester Park and hopefully will not have to be cancelled by snow!!

The Craft Group are putting the final stitches to their contribution to the Sue Ryder Hospice knitted Garden at the Malvern Show in May. New members are always welcome. All enquiries to Sheila Kerr 844865. Or just come along and see if you would like to join!

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall AGM will be at 8.00pm on **Tuesday 3rd April 2018** in the village hall. All welcome, especially volunteers for the committee.

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

