

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	April	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I – Wildlife Photography	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	"	Kingswood Village Hall A.G.M.	Village Hall	8.00pm

**MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY APRIL 20th**

Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	April	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Elvis Tribute Concert	Village Hall	8.00pm

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## World Challenge

My name is Joseph Avis I am 16 years old and study at Katharine Lady Berkeley School. I am saving up to go on World Challenge to India in July 2013 where, in a team, we will go on a long trek to a village where we will be supporting some less fortunate children by helping to build their school and doing some teaching.

I will be available for any odd jobs such as gardening, cleaning cars, dog walking and house work for a donation towards my expedition funds. Please contact me or leave a message on 01453 845659.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Showday is confirmed for **1<sup>st</sup> September 2012**. Kingswood Village Association is currently planning this wonderful annual village event - if you would like to run a stall, maybe have an event which could go into the arena or just want to be a part of the tradition, please email [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org)

## Chipping Manor Dental Practice

Over 75% of the world's population has no access to emergency dental care – leaving millions to suffer on a daily basis. Chipping Manor Dental Practice in Wotton-Under-Edge has been supporting the dental charity – Bridge2aid – for the past 6 years to try to reduce that terrifying statistic. Over that time, 19 of our team have travelled to East Africa to train local health workers in basic dental care. We are running 2 events over the next couple of months to raise money for the excellent work of Bridge2aid. **18<sup>th</sup> May** – we are running a “**The Hope Cider Festival**” at Woodchester Manor. Tickets are only £6 and there is a coach running from Kingswood and Wotton at a cost of £5.50 per person return. There will be a large selection of Ciders and Perries, a band, cider making demonstrations, and a food tent – introducing our very own “Hope Banger”. Call into the practice at 10 Long Street or call 07733102087 for tickets.

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sees the return of the **Hope Ball** at Tortworth Court Hotel. This is a fantastic black-tie event, starting with drinks on the lawn at 6.30, a three-course dinner, band, piano lounge, and dancing till 1. If you are interested in coming, or bringing a table along, email [thehopeball@aol.com](mailto:thehopeball@aol.com) or call 07733101087 for information. Tickets £55 per person.

Practice owners Phil and Shaenna Loughnane are also **climbing Mount Kilimanjaro** in Tanzania in August to raise money for the charity. If you can spare £1, and want to sponsor them, you can go to [www.justgiving.com/mid-lifecrisisclimbers](http://www.justgiving.com/mid-lifecrisisclimbers). If anyone wants to join them on this climb, contact the number above!

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 2nd June 2012.

A collective, made of groups from throughout the village, will be running a number of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be something for everyone so please put the date in your diary! We are also looking for volunteers who can spare 1 or 2 hours on Friday 1st to help set up some of the events, if you are able to help out, please contact Donna on 845527, email [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org)

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Kingswood Village Hall AGM - The Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th April** at 8.00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Please come along and show your support, see the improvements made over the last year, hear what we have planned, have a drink at the bar and as always new committee members welcome! The Village Hall is central to Kingswood and its community and we are seeking villagers who want to play a part in ensuring the future of this valuable facility. From helping behind the bar at fun and often lively events, coming up with fundraising ideas, to getting artistic with paint on the new toilet cubicles - the choice is yours! A little time or a lot of time to offer, please come along and find out about being a Friend of KVH or join the committee! See you there!

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their March meeting Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a nostalgic talk about Children's games from Stroud author, Caroline Sanderson. We were transported back to our schooldays with memories of hopscotch, Spillikins, blow football and Cat's cradle -to name only a few-. Versions of these games have been played for hundreds of years, we hope they will continue to give fun and energetic play to youngsters today. Not sure how to play them? Ask a WI member! The next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 10th** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when local wildlife photographer, Iain Green will show his most recent photographs. Visitors are most welcome to join us for the talk, (admission £3). For more details please contact the President, Val Jones on 842471.

## Elvis Tribute Concert

Come and enjoy a Rock 'n Roll evening featuring live Elvis Presley tribute singer on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at 8pm, in Kingswood Village Hall. Tickets £12.50 including buffet, from Spar Shop, Jan Carter, Rachael Box

(843913/07835054480) or David Roe (843199). All proceeds will go to the Village Hall's much needed funds.

#### **From the Dog Warden**

As I'm sure most of you will be aware, the dog fouling situation along the 'Ash Path' in Kingswood has reached an intolerable level. In fact I would go so far as to say it's the worst I have seen anywhere in the District in the 10 years I have worked for Stroud District Council. My Colleagues and I have been working tirelessly to try and catch the culprit(s). I strongly believe that the vast majority of dog walkers using the path are extremely responsible and carry out their statutory duty as dog walkers in that they remove their dog's faeces if it fouls. 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 must know that Officers are regularly in the area at various times of the day and night, you cannot miss the yellow spray painting and new signs, and yet they would rather run the risk of being caught and fined than clean up after their dogs! It is also my belief that these persons are also responsible for removing and damaging some of the new signage that colleagues and I have erected.

I recently issued a press release that was printed in the Gazette and the Citizen asking for the responsible dog owners and walkers in the area to come forward, confidentially, and name and shame the irresponsible ones amongst them. I have been delighted with the response I have had and some excellent information has been received.

So look out dog walkers who continue to flout the law, the net is closing and you will be caught!

If you have any information on irresponsible dog walkers, please contact Alex Davies, Animal Welfare Officer, in confidence on 01453 754492.

#### **TUBBS TURF - Resurfacing**

The resurfacing of the courts at Tubbs Turf has begun! Although the work will take a relatively short time, the surface needs to cure for a number of weeks, and is very vulnerable to damage. As a result the courts will be out of use until 7th May at the earliest. It may also be necessary to limit use of the tennis court this summer in the event of very hot weather. The Committee apologises for any inconvenience caused but we hope very much that members and casual users will see the benefit of the renewed tennis court playing surface and the recoated multi-sports court. We would be very grateful for considerate use of the courts to prolong the life of the surface, and ask all to note that the use of scooters, skateboards and bikes on the courts is not allowed.

Many thanks to all who attended our AGM in March. We are about to submit the Inspired Facilities bid to Sport England and are very excited about the possibility of extending the Millennium Pavilion.

Further details will follow. In the meantime, membership fees are now due for the coming year, and continue to be very reasonable. Current members will receive an email, but if you would like a form now, please visit [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk) and download from the membership page.

#### **KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Annual Parish Meeting** - This will be held on **Monday 16th April**. This is not a formal council meeting but a meeting of the electorate. Please come along and see the results of the Housing needs Survey, view details on the Core Strategy, details relating to Neighbourhood Planning, view the Parish Plan and find out more about the candidates standing for the **Parish Council Elections and the District Council Elections**. The following visitors will be there to answer your questions, The Police, Neighbourhood Warden, Village Agent, and The Dog Warden. The Executive Officer of Gloucester Association of Parish and Town Councils will be attending to award the Parish Council with a Quality Status award the 19<sup>th</sup> Council to receive this award in Gloucestershire. Hopefully representatives from the following organisations will attend or provide information but are yet to confirm, Stroud District Council Planning Team, Gloucestershire Highways, The Resilience (current Windmill application) and Taylor Wimpey.

**DOG POO** - This problem is still persisting and could have far reaching consequences if Stroud District Council carries out their threat of banning dogs from the Ash Path. Please pick up after your dog and let Alex the Dog Warden know of any offenders. It would be a shame for the many responsible dog walkers to lose out because of the actions of a few.

**Parish Council Elections** - The Parish Council will have elections on the **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012**. Nominations to stand have to be made to Stroud District Council by **4th April 2012**. The 7 seats on the Parish Council and 1 seat on the District Council are up for Election. Details on how to vote will be sent every household. Please vote on **3<sup>rd</sup> May** and have your say on who is representing you and making decisions on your behalf.

**Planning Applications** - Wind Turbines S,12/0255/ful Mountneys Farm, S,12/0229/ful Cherry Rock Farm. The Parish Council will be viewing this application in its meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Comments on the applications need to be made to Stroud District Planning Department by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. This can be done in writing to SDC at Ebley Mill Stroud GL5 4UB or online at [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) or by emailing [planning@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:planning@stroud.gov.uk)

**The April Parish Council Meeting** - Due to Easter the April meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at the Village Hall.

#### **KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Pastor Adrian Wyatt 07976362615 [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)**

Easter Services – Palm Sunday – 1st April – 10.00am – Procession from Chipping followed by service in St Mary's at 10.30am. Good Friday – 6th April – 10.30am – Communion Service followed by Stations of the Cross at 11.15am. Easter Sunday – 10.30am Family Service – something for all ages. Easter Monday – 9th April – at 2.00pm meet on The Chipping for Easter Monday Walk. A warm welcome awaits you. Our weekly Sunday services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Thank you to those people who supported our coffee morning for Help the Heroes - £82 was raised.

#### **SINGING FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

If you enjoy singing come and join the choirs of St Mary's Church and Congregational Church as we lead the music in the service of celebration on **Saturday, 2nd June** at 10am, which will start the day of village activities. There will be six practices starting after Easter leading up to the service. Music will be provided. Contact Gill Hatton (01453 842483) for more information and if you would like to join this special occasion.

#### **Nia – Ageless Grace**

Held every Friday at i-Vitae from 2.00pm 'Through Movement We Find Health' Love Your Body. Love Your Life

#### **Please help to support Youth Work in Kingswood and Wotton-under-Edge**

Wotton-under-Edge Youth Partnership, which supports the development of youth work in the Wotton-under Edge area, is hosting an evening of authentic Indian food prepared by Madhu Rosoi on **Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>** in Kingswood Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be full bar facilities which will include Indian beers. Tickets are £15 per person and are available from Lynne Harris on 01453 843411

Please do purchase a ticket and come along to this event to enjoy an entertaining evening and learn more about this important venture for the young people of Kingswood. This event is being generously supported by the Kingswood Village Hall Committee

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| <b>Friends of St. Mary's</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Saturday, 28th April</b> , 10 am to 1pm: Plant and Produce Sale on The Chipping. Plants of every description, cake stall, bric-à-brac and tombola. Don't miss it! |
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| The Diary can be viewed on the <i>Grapevine</i> website. For an entry please email <i>Grapevine</i> or telephone Gill on 842734.                                     |