

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	10 th	April	RNLI Talk	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	8.00pm
Tues	22 nd	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	26 th	"	Kingswood Kurry Klub		

MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 25th APRIL

Sun	4 th	May	Fun Day	Tubbs Turf	2.00pm-5.00pm
Sat	10 th	May	FoSM Chipping Sale	Chipping	10.00am-1.00pm
Sat	7 th	June	FoSM Summer Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm
Sat	21 st	"	St Mary's Church Fete		

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Date for your diary: The Kingswood School Association annual Beer Festival will be held on **Saturday 4th October 2014** at Kingswood Village Hall to raise funds for Kingswood Primary School.

### R.N.L.I – Surviving an Antarctic Winter

Pete Milner, a professional expedition guide and speaker will be giving a talk at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on **Thursday 10th April** starting at 8.00pm. The talk will be entitled "Surviving an Antarctic Winter" and will be accompanied by some stunning photos of the Antarctic. Tickets are £10.00 each and available from the Cotswold Book Room and Westward Travel on Long Street, Wotton.

Further details are available from Andrew Harper on 01453 843529 or [andrewharper@uwclub.net](mailto:andrewharper@uwclub.net). All money raised will go to the RNLI. (The Wotton branch now has a twitter account called @wottonRNLI.)

### Wotton Arts Festival 25<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May

The 44<sup>th</sup> Festival includes three music concerts, St George's Day celebration with children's workshop, Festival Art Exhibition, two talks, a film, and an evening to mark the centenary of WW1. On Turning the Tables evening Ali Vowles interviews two local celebrities and we play some of their favourite music. The week concludes with Band Sunday on Wotton Hill and the Festival service in St Mary's Parish Church. Something for everyone.

Look out for the Festival Brochure for all the details or visit [www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk)

### Kingswood Parish Council

**Proposed crest Nicholson Development** - The parish council have reviewed the Crest Nicholson proposed 65 houses development for Chestnut Park. The council have considered the details and listened to the views of the community and considered that this development would bring more harm than benefit to the community. The parish council will consider the planning application when it is received and will update the community on this issue.

**Village Design Statement - Wild Life Survey** – Please can you help identify what wildlife there is in Kingswood? This information will form part of the environmental detail in the design statement.

On a recent visit to the village Gloucestershire Wild Trust were pleased to find a colony of Sparrows and Starlings in the Squaws Lake, Hillesley Road area. They were nesting in the gardens adjacent to Squaws Lake. Both of these species are in decline. It is important to note the different types of species to enable us to help influence the landscape to ensure their survival. Please email the clerk with details of wildlife in your garden or the surrounding countryside or put details in the survey box attached to the back of the notice board.

**Youth Activities** - The parish council has arranged two days of youth activities to be held on the playing field on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This will be held from 10.00am until 4.00pm at the playing field. This is a free session available to all young people from the ages of 11 to 18 years of age. Please just turn up on the day if you are interested in attending. If the 2 days are successful it is intended to continue with weekly sessions on a Tuesday evening throughout the summer. More details to follow on this.

Clerk to Kingswood Parish Council [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

### Friends of St. Mary's

The annual FoSM Chipping Sale will take place on **May 10th 2014** 10am to 1pm. If you want to spring clean your bric-a-brac and books, or kindly donate plants, cakes or tombola prizes, Rod Alexander will happily take them for this event - 36 Bramley Close, 843398/<mailto:rodplume@gmail.com> or give to Stella Green - 842497 [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com) on The Chipping. There will be the usual stalls including tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac and books. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of St. Mary's will be holding another Summer Wine Festival in St. Mary's Room at 7.30pm, **Saturday 7 June**. There will be six small glasses of wine and canapés per £10 ticket. There will be a choice of wines from about 15 countries. They will be typical of each country: Chablis from France, Sauvignon Blanc/N.Z., Rioja/Spain, Shiraz/Aus and so on. Tickets will be available late April from Rod Alexander (843398/ [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)), who will be delighted to reserve some for you in advance if you contact him.

### KINGSWOOD KURRY KLUB.

4 course final fling from the original cooks, specialist beers, with dancing to "Broken Ring" at KVH on **Saturday April 26**. Thanks to amazing response there are currently only 20 tickets left! Tickets, singles or tables of 8, available at £18.95 from Rod Alexander, 36, Bramley Close/ 843398/ [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com). Many thanks to these great cooks for their one last effort in raising much needed funds for Village Hall's excellent improvements.

## KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Notes from the last meeting of the Police and Community Panel, where reps from Wotton and surrounding villages discussed policing in the area.

Crime continues to be low, still reducing in most categories, Kingswood having about one incident per month, though Wotton has more anti-social behaviour than Cam and Dursley. A surprise or not? You may have noticed the drop in reports of theft from the Taylor Wimpey site and its consequent spill over attempts into the village. The police think that they have the thieves. Vehicle fuel tanks are regularly dipped for "red" diesel, stolen from such sites. The stats for the speed cameras around KLB are refreshingly law abiding! The police were impressed with the efforts of Kingswood volunteers with the speed gun and have tried to get volunteers from the other communities.

The lay panel, i.e. us, votes on police priorities in the area. It retained the existing ones (Anti social behaviour, parking, speeding A.S.B. in vehicles). The police spend a lot of time in schools to get the message across. They see a good response. In the light of recent tragedies they will add car driving issues for the older ones,

Finally the old favourite, dog fouling. The Neighbourhood Warden, Pete Gleed, can now issue fixed penalty notices.

Contact details: 754514 or 07834 419332; email [peter.gleed@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:peter.gleed@stroud.gov.uk)

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

## ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that the Kingswood Church Fete will be held **21 June 2014**.

We are looking for donations, please contact:

John to give your vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, books, bottles. Can you loan us a Gazebo?

Email [johnnigelcook@gmail.com](mailto:johnnigelcook@gmail.com) or 07702 447 266

Ann to donate cakes and plants - Email [Annfalconuff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Annfalconuff@yahoo.co.uk) or 0779 367 532

## Keep Kingswood a Village

A great deal of concern has been expressed by Kingswood residents at the prospect of another development of up to 65 homes by Crest Nicholson in the village in the fields next to the Village Hall. At a well attended KKaV meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall, residents raised a wide range of issues including the impact on village events and sporting activities; the school, traffic, wildlife, the AONB and not least, the continuing disruption to the lives of people living in the vicinity of Chestnut park. KKaV will be working with the Parish Council to campaign against the latest development but we need as much support as possible. Please help in any way you can if you are concerned. Write with your objections to your MP, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles. And contact KKaV through our FaceBook page or email [kkav.group@gmail.com](mailto:kkav.group@gmail.com). We would be especially glad to have volunteers for our committee to help co-ordinate efforts.

## FUNDAY at TUBBS TURF

Spring is sprung...and to celebrate we are having a FUNDAY at Tubbs Turf on **Sunday May 4th**, 2-5pm (not Easter Sunday as previously advertised). Stalls, kids' activities, refreshments, barbecue and jazz entertainment, plus a Star Wars treasure trail (May the Fourth Be With You...) Join us for some fun and possibly a game of tennis or netball!

If you would like to have a stall, please contact [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com) or [francesmccubbin195@btinternet.com](mailto:francesmccubbin195@btinternet.com) as soon as possible. Stalls are free, all welcome!

## TUBBS TURF

The sun has come out and thoughts turn to tennis...and it's the time of year to root out your tennis shoes, dust off the racquet and renew your Tubbs Turf membership. Fees are still very low and very competitive, and are vital for keeping the facility going, so please see [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk) for details and a membership form. Also see the website for coaching and social tennis nights - a great way to meet people and keep fit!

And if you fancy something a little less energetic but still healthy and sociable then please join us on Saturday 5th April for a spring clear up of the gardens from 10am - bring a fork...Lunch and cake provided!

## Kingswood Congregational Church - email Jennie at [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

We are now on Facebook

On the 12th April as part of Churches Together, Messy Church with an Easter theme will be held in the School Room, The Walk. **It starts in St Mary's room at 10.00am**. All children must bring a parent/carer. No need to book or pay. We look forward to seeing you! On the 13th April - Palm Sunday we will meet on the Chipping and process to St Mary's for the service. On Good Friday there will be a communion service in the chapel at 10.30am followed at 11.15 by Stations of the Cross around the village. Easter Sunday services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Easter Monday walk meet on the Chipping at 2.00pm for a walk in the local countryside, followed by refreshments in St Mary's room. A warm welcome awaits you at any of our Easter events. The true meaning of Easter. ...Love ...Hope ... New Life. Happy Easter everyone!

## Three Peaks for Meningitis Now

In June I'm climbing Snowdon, Sca Fell Pike and Ben Nevis in 36 hours to raise much needed funding for Meningitis Now and to address my middle age spread. PLEASE SUPPORT US and donate whatever you can - our charity is small but does amazing work to spread awareness of meningitis symptoms (and saves lives as a result) as well as research and fantastic support for people of all ages who have suffered from the disease. As a trustee of the charity I see where the money goes and it's a sobering (and inspirational!) mix of therapies, research, prosthetic limbs, counselling and, sadly, headstones for those who can't afford them. You can donate securely online here <https://www.justgiving.com/Richard-Greenhalgh> or, if you prefer, I have traditional sponsorship forms at 2 High Street. Thank you, it'll really motivate me to get off my backside and keep the training going! Richard Greenhalgh

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

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