

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	April	Family Disco	Village Hall	6.00-10.00
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I talk – Laughing Yoga	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	"Swishing" event	Village hall	10.00-1.00
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30-11.30

### MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY APRIL 24th

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May	Produce Sale	Chipping	10.00-1.00
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30-11.30
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30-11.30

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### Music with Mummy and Jolly Babies Classes.

New set of classes starting in April . Come and join in our fun singing, percussion and dancing sessions in your area.  
Charfield Hall- Starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Jolly Babies 10:00 – 10:30 and Music with Mummy 10:45 – 11:15. Wotton UTEA Hall – Starting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Music with Mummy 10:00 - 10:30 and Jolly Babies 10:40 – 11:10.  
Jolly Babies - £25.20 for 6 weeks and MWM £27 for 6 weeks. Contact Caroline French: 07757 717073  
[carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com) First session free for new parents and children.

**Kingswood Parish Council** The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ ,

**Chestnut Park** - As I am sure you are all aware, the members of Stroud District Council (SDC) Development Control Committee refused both the planning applications for Chestnut Park. Thank you to everyone who took the time to comment on the application and who helped to influence this decision. We have been advised by SDC that Crest Nicholson is going to appeal these decisions and take both applications to The Planning Inspectorate. Kingswood Parish Council has indicated that they will act as a Role 6 Party at the appeal. Full information on this and the implications to the parish council will be discussed in the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Village hall.

**Gladman** - Some of you will have received notification from Gladman of their intention to put in a planning application for a 100 houses on Charfield Road. Gladman are not holding a public meeting and are not intending to notify every household in the parish despite the parish council requesting this to happen. Gladman have set up a web site where the details of their proposal can be viewed [www.your-view.co.uk/kingswood](http://www.your-view.co.uk/kingswood) . There is no end date on the pre-consultation but Gladman have indicated they will be submitting the planning application by the end of March 2015. The parish council have managed to obtain some of the Gladman information boards and these will be available to view in the reception of F&B Gym on the Chipping.

**Development in Kingswood and the Annual Parish Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Village Hall** - There are currently three developers who are proposing to build houses in Kingswood at Chestnut Park, Charfield Road and Wickwar Road. The ones currently in the planning system total 159 houses for Charfield Road and Chestnut Park. We are aware that developers are in discussion with the SDC for a further 164 houses. The parish council wish to discuss the Gladman proposal and the other proposed developments in the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish council need to know your views on the scale of the proposals for Kingswood.

Neil Troughton from Highways Development Control has agreed to attend this meeting. He is responsible for the team who make the highway decisions in relation to planning applications. He will be available to answer questions on the part his team play in the decision making process. He will also be able to answer questions on the recommendations made by his team on the recent Chestnut Park applications.

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting** is an important meeting of the community. In addition to the discussion on planning and highways, there will be information from the Police, Neighbourhood Warden and Village Organisations. The parish council are there to represent you so it is important that you let them know your views. Please come along to the Annual Parish meeting **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015** at 7pm Village Hall. [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) Tele 01453 844659,

### Kingswood Primary School – News

Beech class children (Year 3 and 4) had a great morning at Park Mill Farm recently. They are learning about Egypt's Aswan Dam so went to Mrs Madge's farm to have go at building one themselves. The children had fantastic fun gathering sticks and moss and learned a lot about what worked best to make the dam strong. At the end of the experiment, they cleared away all their work and returned to school very happy and extremely muddy! Many thanks to Lara Madge for making us so welcome. Did you know we have a 'Before and After' School Club called Dragonflies? It is held at the village hall and runs every day. We have morning sessions from 7.45 am until the start of the school day, and then afternoon sessions from 3.00 pm until 5.30 pm. The children love going there!  
If any prospective parents would like to visit our school, please call the office on 01453 842197 to arrange a visit – we would love to show you around!

### The Nicola Corry Support Foundation

The foundation is holding a 'Swishing' event at Kingswood Village Hall on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** from 10am – 1pm. This event gives you the opportunity to swap your unwanted items! Such as good quality clothes, paperback books, jewellery and DVD's. If you do not have anything to swap please come along anyway and have a rummage and there will also be yummy cakes on sale! Entry is £2.50 which includes a refreshment, we look forward to seeing you there!

### Friends of St. Mary's

Please note that the **Produce Sale** is on **2<sup>nd</sup> May** on The Chipping, from 10 am to 1 pm, and **not 2<sup>nd</sup> April** as stated in last month's Grapevine. If you have unwanted CDs, DVDs, books, bric-à-brac, plants, or bottles for the tombola (wine, beer, preserves, etc.) or wish to make a donation, please contact John 520359 to arrange delivery or we will collect from a local address. Other dates for your diary:

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| Wine Tasting "Summer Wine Winners" | 13th June 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room |
| Strawberry Teas                    | 18th July 2-5 pm in St. Mary's Room  |
| Auction of Promises                | 10th October at 7 pm in St. Mary's   |
| Supper Quiz                        | 14th November 7 pm in St. Mary's     |

**We look forward to seeing you.**

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their March meeting, Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed an evening of folk tales told by storyteller, Fiona Eadie from Horsley. On March 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup>, they celebrated the centenary year of the WI by taking part in the baton relay. On a chilly Saturday evening a group of members led by President Judy Jennings-Chick and one of Kingswood Abbey WI's founding members, Rita Pollard (83) walked across the old Severn Bridge to meet members of Tutshill and Woolaston WIs to receive the centenary baton ( a replica of the 2012 Olympic baton and made by the same company). The next morning, after a photo call at the Abbey gateway, WI member Jacky Rayfield rode pillion on a 1961 AJS motorbike to deliver the baton to Cam WI. The baton was then taken round other groups of Gloucestershire WIs. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we will be introduced to the techniques of Laughing Yoga!

### Kingswood Congregational Church - Contact Jennie on 842803 Find us on Facebook

Join us this Easter and celebrate the joy of the risen Lord. This Easter our services will be on Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 10.30am – Communion Service followed at 11.15 by Stations of the Cross around the village and Easter Sunday at 10.30am will be a Family Service. On Monday, meet on the Chipping at 2.00pm for an Easter Monday walk followed by refreshments in the School Room, The Walk. We may overlook some of the important things in life, when other things that keep us occupied carry us away. It is good to step back and slow down, so we can recall all of the things we should be grateful for. Easter is a good time for recollection and being thankful for all the blessings that we have in our lives. Fill your life with new hope, new goals, and new aspirations this Easter. Have a meaningful Easter celebration! We hope you like our newly refurbished clock tower and newly working clock.

### TUBBS TURF TENNIS AT TUBBS TURF - Spring is sprung and the tennis season has begun!

At last week's AGM, the Chairman extended a very warm thank you to all those who supported the facility last year. Our main aim this year is to continue with the revamping of the gardens and to maintain the top court.

As with all community-run facilities, maintenance is an ongoing expense, and funds continually need to be raised through membership fees and proceeds from events, so please help us by rejoining promptly this April, or consider becoming a member if you use the courts. Fees are incredibly low in comparison to other sporting/tennis clubs and we really have something special at Tubbs Turf, which we want to maintain.

To this end, we would also welcome anyone with an interest in fundraising or publicity, and in particular any young person who would like to help the committee with ideas on attracting younger members. It would be a great addition to any aspiring sports leader's CV and would not be too time consuming for students. Please email [admin@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:admin@tubbsturf.co.uk) if you can help. In the meantime, we are looking forward to another great summer of tennis! Further details about Tubbs Turf, including fees, membership, tennis nights and Finals Day can be found at [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk)

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Date for your diary: evening of **24<sup>th</sup> July**. Fun evening hosted by Tricia and David Rockey at Amercombe with music by Jazzicle Swing (Kingswood's own John Cook on double bass) and featuring a set by Kingswood songstress Terri Kinnison. All funds raised will go to St. Mary's Church. Details to follow.

This is an early reminder that the annual **St Mary's Garden Fete** will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe in the High Street from 1pm on **20<sup>th</sup> June**. Pressures on church finances are continually growing so we are aiming for a bumper fete this year with the goal of making £4000 for church funds. We are planning lots of exciting stalls and games as well as the established favourites of a real steam train, Punch and Judy and the ever popular, treasure hunt, bar, Bar-B-Q and teas. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Firstly, please put the date in your diary and ask your friends and relations to do the same. The more people who come, the more money we will raise for church funds. Secondly, please can you let us know if you are willing to help in any way. This could be running a game, organising or helping with a stall, helping to sell entry and raffle tickets in advance, helping to set up and take down before and after the fete and of course, donating things for the prize draw and stalls. The event is always great fun so please do help us reach our target if you can. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Patricia Broadfoot on 01453 844436 or 07771996495 or [patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com).

### Family Disco

Raising funds for Kingswood Football Club, Family Disco on **4<sup>th</sup> April** 6-10pm at Kingswood Village Hall, with music, food, raffle etc and maybe a special appearance/event especially for children. A night to remember, an event not to be missed.

### KINGSWOOD TODDLERS AND PLAYGROUP

Kingswood Village Baby & Toddler group runs every Wednesday during term time from 9.30 to 11.30 at the village hall. We have a variety of toys and books each week plus a craft activity, snack time for the children (and a cuppa and biscuits for grown-ups!), and singing time. It costs £2.50 per family and all children from 0 to 4, and mums, dads, grandparents or carers are welcome. For more information email [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com), or visit our Facebook page (Kingswood Village Baby and Toddler Group).

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

