

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I – Bristol Botanical Gardens	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Village 'Come Dine with Me'		
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Parish & District Elections		

### MAY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY APRIL 22nd

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	May	'Sale on the Chipping'		10.00am-1.00pm
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	"	Historical society – 'Turnpikes'	St Mary's Room	2.00pm
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	Jubilee Club A.G.M		
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	St. Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe	1.00pm

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Many thanks to Kingswood Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch and Kingswood Village Association for their continued financial support.

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

**Tuesday 29th March.** Wotton-under-Edge Branch RNLI's talk for 2016 will be about the Titanic. Lt Cmdr Geoffrey Carr, an experienced speaker with a background in the Royal Navy's Presentation Team, will give us a fascinating insight into the loss of the Titanic from the angle of a Wiltshire family who were on board. The illustrated talk combines the lives of the Melksham family with some amazing details about the ship itself. All the money raised will go towards the RNLI. The talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf club, starting at 7.30pm. The club's bar will be open before and after the talk so come along a bit earlier and have a drink. Tickets at £10 from Westward Travel and Cotswold Bookroom in Wotton, and Andrew (Kingswood) on 843529 or John (Charfield) on 844709.

### TLC Support Services

This is a family-run operation based in Kingswood providing care and support to people in their own homes, enabling them to remain living in the place that they love. Our professional care workers are able to assist with personal care, domestic duties and social support/companionship and we are available all day every day. We adopt a person-centred approach; keeping our service users in control of the support they receive. For further information about the services we offer please contact Mel or Tristan on 01453 844080 or [admin@tlc-supportservices.co.uk](mailto:admin@tlc-supportservices.co.uk). Further information can be found at [www.tlc-supportservices.co.uk](http://www.tlc-supportservices.co.uk)

### Wotton Arts Festival 22nd April – 1st May

The 46th Wotton Arts Festival offers an ambitious programme with more performers than ever before. Taking part will be Dursley Male Voice Choir, Bath Camerata and St. Mary's Parish Church Choir. You could say it will be a three choirs festival. Add to this the Phoenix Recorder Orchestra, Bristol Ensemble and Wotton Silver Band - we have a cornucopia of varied musical talent. These, together with talks, walks and exhibitions using local talents and guests from further afield should make this a festival to remember - so don't miss it!

Tickets for all events from The Cotswold Book Room, Long Street.

Enquiries - please phone 01453 842499 or visit [www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk)

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI members listened to a presentation of an A to Z of the USA by Paul Willerton at their March meeting. Next month they will celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday at their meeting on Tuesday, **April 12th** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Roger Mellors, a volunteer at Bristol Botanical gardens will outline recent developments at the Gardens.

### U3A Information, contact and membership details on [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

**Thursday 21 April** 10.30 a.m. at Dursley Methodist Church.

Monthly U3A branch meeting. This month's talk will be about the work of the Cinnamon Trust, a charity that helps people who are in their final years to care for their pets and continue having their invaluable companions with them.

Refreshments to follow. Guests very welcome.

**Thursday 19 May** 10.30 am at Dursley Methodist Church

Monthly U3A branch meeting. Ever wondered what goes on at Kingshill House? This is your chance to find out as Carol Cother will tell us all about it. Guests very welcome.

**Thursday 16 June** 10.30 am at Dursley Methodist Church

Monthly U3A branch meeting. An arresting speaker this month - Oliver Clark on aspects of Police work. Guests very welcome.

### **The Morning Choir:**

A new choir in Wotton-under-Edge for morning songbirds. Fun and informal, all abilities welcome. 9.30am to 11am Tuesdays during term-time. Starting **12th April** at The Swan Hotel. Free taster session, £6 thereafter.

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### **The Hope Ball,**

Tortworth Court, **Saturday 14th May**. 6.30 - late, a glass of bubbly on the lawn on arrival, 3 course meal, piano lounge, band, Tickets £50 each. Supporting Bridge2Aid a locally run charity providing emergency dental training in East Africa. This is a lovely event, a chance to put on your glad rags, have a delicious meal in stunning surroundings and for a great cause. For tickets please contact: Shaenna Loughnane [shaenna@bridge2aid.org](mailto:shaenna@bridge2aid.org) or 07733 102087.

### **Kingswood Primary School**

Kingswood Primary School pupils have had an action-packed term leading up to Easter. Beech and Birch class had a very exciting trip to London where they had a tour of the Palace of Westminster, met Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, and went on the London Eye!

Our older pupils have been busy writing stories, which many of them have entered in to BBC Radio 2's 500 Words competition. We are very proud of them!

For World Book Day, Penn House residents were delighted to receive a visit from our younger pupils who were keen to show off their costumes of their favourite book characters. Photos of our activities can be found on our website,

[www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk)

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Sheila Alexander 843398 or [sabramley34@gmail.com](mailto:sabramley34@gmail.com) )**

Will be holding a talk on "TURNPIKES" (ancient toll roads) in Gloucestershire, researched by Nicholas Herbert, on **Wednesday 18th May** in St. Mary's Room starting at 2.00 pm. Admittance by ticket only - available from Sheila (Members free, Visitors £5).

### **KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Contact Jennie on 842803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com))**

Thanks to Matt & Carmen for organising a very successful cake sale for Sports Relief which raised £248. Thank you to everyone who made our Easter services so special. April sees our youth group, United, along with Thornbury Baptist Church youth group leading a Youth Service so if you are a young person come along and check it out. It is on Sunday 10th April at 7.00pm. The time has come for another MESSY CHURCH this time telling the story of 'Two Tiny Coins' to be held on Saturday **16th April** from 10.00 in the School Room, just down from the chapel. No charge, but all children must bring a parent/carers. On **Sunday 24th April** Steve Hutchinson will lead our Family Service at 10.30am from Scripture Union. A warm friendly welcome awaits you. Check out our Facebook page

### **Kingswood Parish Council**

**Planning - Wickwar Road** – We have no further information on this application Stroud District Council has not yet received the application.

**The Chestnut Park Appeal** – The Inspector has allowed the appeal and has granted outline permission for up to 51 houses. Crest Nicholson will now need to submit a reserved matters application to get permission for the detailed design and scale of the development. The parish council and Stroud District Council are assessing the decision. An update will follow on what if anything can be done to challenge this decision.

**Parish and District Council elections.** - Elections will take place on **Thursday May 5th 2016**. All seven of the parish council positions are up for election. Nomination papers to stand as a Parish Councillor can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or Stroud District Council's Election Officer. All nomination papers have to be hand delivered to Stroud District Council at Ebley Mill between the hours of 10.00am and 4pm by **Thursday 7th April**.

**Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 6th April 7pm.** This is the annual meeting of the community and not a formal parish council meeting. Chief Executive David Hagg has agreed to attend and answer questions on planning in light of the decision on Chestnut Park.

There will also be a presentation on the new arrangement for waste and recycling, Stroud District Council's Neighbourhood Plan Officer will discuss the Kingswood Neighbourhood Plan and what happens next.

Stroud Valleys Project will present on an exciting new Wildlife Project for Kingswood and how you can get involved.

The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ ,Tele 01453 844659,

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

