



Dates For Your Diary

Sat	1 st	Dec	KVA Wine Festival	Village Hall	
Sat	8 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tue	11 th	"	W.I.	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	17 th	"	Carols on the Chipping		6.00pm
Tue	18 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

Tue	8 th	Jan	W.I.	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	9 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	19 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	26 th	"	Burns Supper	Village Hall	TBA
Tue	29 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30pm
Sat	23 rd	Feb	Tubbs Turf Gala Dinner	Village Hall	

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### Open Studio

Claire Failes – Open Studio Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & Saturday, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am – 4pm, North Nibley. Signposted from The Black Horse. Original Paintings/Prints/Cards & More. Many local views/kitchen art/art-gifts, free tea & coffee. Come for a browse.

### JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In the October edition of Grapevine we placed our usual invitation for people to apply for an educational grant to help them with books or equipment. The response this year has been surprisingly low and we are renewing that invitation. So, if you going at university, college, undertaking an apprenticeship or doing any other form of further education or training you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, John Mayo's Charity may be able to help you with a grant towards books or equipment. Applications should be made in writing to Dr David Hatton, 5 Wotton Road, Kingswood, **before 31st December**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family or a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then please encourage them to apply.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

KVA will be delighted to host another **New Years Eve lunch** for senior citizens in the village hall, 1215 to 1500, 31st December. Invitations will be delivered late November/early December. This note is to say that our list is not foolproof! If you or your partner are 60 or over but do not get an invite please accept our apologies and, if you want to come, contact Rod Alexander on 843398 or email [rodplume@googlemail.com](mailto:rodplume@googlemail.com) and he will get an invitation to you. On the other hand, if you get an invitation and are under 60, please also accept our apologies and come anyway!

### CAROLS ON THE CHIPPING. Monday, 17th December at 6pm

Together-in-Kingswood invites all people, young and old, to join them in singing traditional Christmas carols, accompanied by members of Wotton Silver Band. This is a wonderful way to get into the spirit of Christmas. The proceeds from a collection will go to Cotswold Care Hospice. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the pub, and i-Vitae will be open for hot and cold drinks.

### From your Village Agent: - Richard, your Village Agent. 07798 837582.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing and the New Year a time for resolving to do something new! This year why not combine the two by signing up to Fair Shares? Fair Shares is a community based charity that uses two-way volunteering to reward people for the time and effort they put in to their neighbourhood. It enables members to swap their time and skills with other members of the Time Bank. There is no money involved as the only cost is your time. The first Time Bank in the country was set up in Stonehouse and it now covers Stroud, Dursley and the surrounding parishes. When someone joins they provide details of the skills, talents and experiences that they would like to share. This is kept confidentially at the Time Bank. When a participant needs help they call the Time Bank which then matches the right person with the right skills and arranges for it all to happen. For every hour of help the person providing the skill gives they receive one Fair Share time credit. That person can then use the credits to spend on things that they might need help with. The sorts of things participants do is endless:- They give lifts; do shopping; gardening or housework; they visit elderly people; do craft work; one lady collects buttons and stamps and makes them into packs which are to be sold in Fair Shares' charity shop. The Charity shop, which is next to the Co-Op in High Street, Stonehouse also needs clothes, bric a brac etc. So if you're having a clear out especially after Christmas let me know and I will deliver it there. Even if you are housebound you could give your time by phoning someone who needs tuition or is lonely. We all have something to offer, equally we all have needs. The Time Bank staff will be happy to speak to you about how you can join and bring the two together. Phone Chris, Estelle or Emma at Fair Shares, Stroud on 01453 750952. **A Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year**

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Some Kingswood Abbey WI members have been busy this month at the village playing field, planting 105 hedging saplings donated by the Woodland Trust to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They were grateful for the help of husbands and friends as well as the Eco Group from the Primary School. The Playgroup toddlers also helped to plant an oak sapling grown on the Queen's estates. Many thanks to all for their hard work. The WI AGM was held at the November meeting when Val Jones was once again voted in as President. Members joined in a hands-on session run by two members- making sugar craft cake decorations, sweet boxes and patchwork door hangings. The WI Group Carol Service takes place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, December 11th at 2.30, all are welcome to attend. Next month's Christmas Party meeting is also on **December 11th** at 7.30 at the Village Hall. Speaker, Lorraine Parsloe "My life as a TV extra". For more details ring Val Jones 842471. January meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 8th** 2013 at 7.30 at the Village Hall. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

### A MEMORIAL FOR "VIV THE VICAR"

Last month St Mary's Church circulated a letter round the village inviting people who had known Viv Kerner and whose lives had been touched by her to contribute to a lasting memorial. There has been a very generous response to this appeal. If you have not yet made a donation and would like to do so, then please contact any of the following: Rod Alexander, 36 Bramley Close; Judy Jennings-Chick, Mounteneys, Wickwar Road; David Roe, 28G Hillesley Road or David Hatton, 5 Wotton Road. As mentioned in the letter, as well as donations, suggestions about what sort of lasting memorial you would like to see would be most welcome.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Burns Supper at the Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties plus jigging to JIGMADWOLF. Tickets on sale after Christmas. Don't miss out!



## Friends of St. Mary's

**Supper Quiz** A capacity attendance enjoyed Judy's Super Supper and wrestled with John's brain teasing questions, raising £600 towards the redecoration of the church. **Christmas Light Lunch** will be on Thursday, 20th December, 12 noon - 2pm in St. Mary's Room. Home-cooked seasonal dishes at reasonable prices in a convivial atmosphere. Everyone welcome.

**Friends' Gardens Calendar 2013** Have you bought yours yet, to keep or give as presents? Only £7 each - contact Trish on 845204. Thank you so much and a very happy Christmas to all who continue to support, and, we hope, enjoy, Friends of St. Mary's events.

## ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH - Revd David Russell 01454 294267

**A SEARCH FOR PEACE - The Message:** Peace seems very elusive: shortly we will hear again the divine message of peace and goodwill to all.

**The Search:** The story of a baby born in poverty challenges us to search for God. The wise men's search led them to a palace but God was not there. That search led King Herod into a world of murder and violence but God was not there either.

**The Life:** Instead the glow of God was glimpsed in the light of new life shining in that stable and seen through the eyes of parents overcome with the joy and elation that follows the birth of a child. **The Place:** God and peace both seem elusive because we often look in the wrong places and with the wrong motives. We try to create peace by manipulating situations and people instead of looking for it in their hearts. **Us:** Peace, like God, is always with us if we are moved to truly search, often no further than our own hearts and souls. **Together:** Come and search with us this Christmas for that peace which passes all understanding. And pray with us for all who are looking for peaceful solutions throughout the world. David.

**Services for December** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Advent Sunday) 6pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

9<sup>th</sup> 11am Sung Matins

16<sup>th</sup> 6pm **CAROL SERVICE**

23<sup>rd</sup> 11am Parish Eucharist

Christmas Eve

6pm **CRIB SERVICE;**

11.30pm **MIDNIGHT MASS**

Christmas Day

11am **CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE**

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL Secretary Jennie Amesbury 01453 842803

Did you know that because of the International Date Line you can fly from America on December 24th and arrive in Australia on December 26th, missing Christmas Day altogether. But you can also stay at home and miss it, end up exhausted, broke, glad it's over, and not experience the joy it brings. Don't let that happen to you. Before you dive into Christmas why not as a family read the Christmas story together, and think about the real meaning of Christmas" (taken from Word for Today) At the chapel we have a lot on offer and would warmly invite you to come to any of our Christmas services. The Children's Gift Service (children donate gifts to those less fortunate than themselves) is on the 9th in the evening a Christmas Musical Evening featuring our choir. We will be joining with St Mary's Christingle Service on the evening of the 2nd December. On the 23rd in the morning the children will take part in a Nativity service and in the evening will be Lessons and Carols with a modern twist. Christmas Day service will start at 10.00am. We would love to see you at any of these services. On the 30th November between 7pm and 8pm in the Abbey Gateway Churches Together will lead a time of Advent Prayer. Carols on the Chipping will be on the 17th December at 6pm. The members of the chapel would like to extend a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas to all our fellow villagers.

## Tubbs Turf Gala Dinner

Tubbs Turf is hosting a Black Tie Gala Dinner at Kingswood Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd February 2013**, featuring a delicious 3 course dinner plus coffee and mints, with a choice of fine wines and port, followed by entertainment and disco. Tickets are £25 per head, with a free bottle of wine (worth £15) for every table of 8 booked by 31st December.

This promises to be a very special evening, so don't miss out. Tickets, further details (and sample menu) available from Gill Sinkinson 01453 843074 [gill.sinkinson16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gill.sinkinson16@yahoo.co.uk) or Kit Morgan 07870 355236 [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com)

## OFF STREET PARKING

Parking in Kingswood is ever more difficult. We may be able to help. If you would like to rent an off-street parking space in the centre of the village then give us a call. David and Gill Hatton (Tel.842483).

## Kingswood Parish Council - Mary Leonard, Parish Clerk - 01453 844659 - [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

**Highways** - A big thank you to all those who responded to the Wickwar Road Traffic calming consultation. As a result of your feedback the proposed traffic calming will go ahead. I will keep you up to date on the time scales but this will be in the New Year.

As a result of this consultation lots of people commented on other roads with issues. The Parish Council are taking up the issues with the Highways Department and the Police to see if anything further can be done.

There are some things we can do to help ourselves with the problems of Highway Safety and in particular pedestrian safety. Firstly I am told most speeding is committed by local people so be aware of your speed and observe the limits in the village. Please park sensibly to ensure that you are not obscuring the view. This is a particular problem on the Hillesley Road/ Wickwar Road junction and the Hillesley Road / Walk Mill Lane junction. Please can all householders on the Wickwar Road please check that their hedge is cut back to the boundary line and that there is enough space for 2 people to walk side by side on the footway without being pushed into the road.

**Weather** - Sand bags - We are coming into the season of weather related problems. Currently flooding is an issue. I hold a stock of empty bags for use as sand bags. Soils of Walk Mill Lane have stocks of sand. I also have a small quantity of the gel filled bags. Please let me know if you require any supplies and if at risk of flooding please keep a supply at the ready. Grit - The parish council has a supply of grit for use on the highway and pavements only. Stocks are held at The Chipping and Nind Lane. Please let me know if further supplies are required at these locations or elsewhere in the village.

**Volunteers** - The Parish Council would like to thank all its volunteers for all the time and efforts that they put in on our behalf. Thus includes the Water Wardens, Snow Warden, Footpath Warden, Play Equipment checkers and the Flower bed maintenance. Your help is much appreciated.

**Village Design Statement** - The completion of the design statement does depend on the involvement of as many people as possible in the village. Please can you help by taking some time to complete the survey form. These can be obtained from the Clerk or downloaded.

Please take the time to help as this is an important opportunity to have a say in the future of Kingswood.

## SEVERN WYE ENERGY AGENCY - Stroud District Council subsidised surveys.

**SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY IN YOUR HOME! SUBSIDISED HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS IN THE STROUD DISTRICT!** The Severn Wye Energy Agency is a non-profit company and registered charity that has a long track record of helping householders to turn their home into a low carbon, low cost building. For £180 (Inc. VAT) you will receive:

- An experienced technical expert will come out and visit your house
- Full National Home Energy Rating domestic energy assessment of your property
- A comprehensive report outlining the most appropriate actions for your home
- An up to date Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)
- Follow up support and access to our network of local installers

Your home can be warmer, more comfortable and cheaper to run! It can also lead to improved self-sufficiency and resilience to energy prices hikes. Your property will have a reduced carbon footprint and environmental impact as well as giving you the confidence that the energy saving measures suggested are right for you and not based on sales commission.

For more information or to arrange a survey, please contact us: Tel: 01452 835077 or Email: [target2050@swea.co.uk](mailto:target2050@swea.co.uk)

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

