

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	5 th	Dec	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	5 th	"	Christmas Fayre	Primary School Hall	5.30pm-7.30pm
Fri	6 th	"	"After- work" Party	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	7 th	"	Kingswood Festive Fair	Village Hall	12noon - 3.00pm
Mon	16 th	"	Carols on The Chipping	Chipping	6.00pm
Mon	23 rd	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Tues	14 th	Jan	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Fri	24 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

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*Grapevine* wishes all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**A new Grapevine deliverer is required for Wotton Road (from Fourways to Kingswood House including Dyehouse Yard and a couple for Pennwood Lodge). Please contact Diane or Gill if you are able to help us out.**

### Thornbury Area Music Trust

After a really fantastic first term, the Junior Music centre for children aged 4 to 7 at Marlwood School from 9.15am. (Sponsored by John Lewis, Co-operative Community Fund and Old Down Country Park) is looking to increase the number of classes available. Currently there are just under 50 children from 16 primary schools attending. The sessions last 45 minutes and the term will cover 9 weeks. Please register your child's details ASAP so that places can be found in beginner sessions. (Free Old Down Country Park family pass for each child who joins). The new terms starts on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and will cost £27 for 9 weeks. Have a look on our facebook page to see photos of the groups.

**Foundation class:** For reception aged children and involves singing, playing and exploring percussion instruments.

**Music Makers class :** For years 1 and 2 and follows on from the foundation class with the children developing their skills in singing, sound exploration, listening responses and performance skills with an emphasis on playing tuned percussion instruments.

**Recorder class:** For years 2 and 3 - this class provides an opportunity for the children to receive tuition on the recorder and to continue to develop their musical skills in other ways like singing and basic composition.

Thornbury Area Music Centre (also at Marlwood School) will also be starting after the Christmas holidays on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (9.30) – for orchestral musicians aged from 7 to 18 – split into Intermediate (from only a few notes played to grade 2) and Senior groups (from grade 3). This is the best value music centre around, with children coming from large areas of South Gloucestershire and also the southern parts of Gloucestershire. The cost for 10 weeks is £45 with a discount for each additional sibling of £5. Come along for a non obligatory session – you will not be disappointed.

South Cotswold Youth Orchestra - this ensemble of elite musicians, grade 5 upwards, study and perform larger-scale symphonic works, presenting a termly concert – the spring terms dates have not yet been set. Thornbury Area Music Trust senior musicians go on bi-annual tours. Visit our website [www.thornbury-music.org](http://www.thornbury-music.org) or email [info@thornbury-music.org](mailto:info@thornbury-music.org) or like on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ThornburyAreaMusicTrust>. The location at Marlwood School is only 10 miles from Wotton-under-Edge

### KINGSWOOD KURRY KLUB SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2014

Many of us will recall the superb Kingswood Kurry Klub dinners put on annually by a great bunch of cooks and supporters in the Village Hall for well over a decade, starting around 1991. Though there was one more by another group in 2009, the finale by the originals was a magnificent one in Nov 2006, to inaugurate the fund raising for the Memorial Fingerpost. The fruits of that splendid evening can be seen in the Chipping everyday and for years to come. We all thought the cooks, Ian Pratt, Jeff Trueman and Mike Rousseau, had retired. THEY certainly did! However, the need for funds to upgrade the Village Hall has inspired them to ONE last dinner. It will be held on Sat 26 April 2014. Tickets were always a sell out so it will be first come, first served. Details will be published in Jan 2014. Meanwhile, you may wish to head the queue by contacting Rod Alexander (843398 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)).

### Kingswood Primary School – Sporting achievements

Kingswood Primary School continue to excel at the Inter-Schools Cross Country races held at KLB. Natalie, Holly, Alex, Anna, Paige and Stuart are all in the top 10 finishers. Kingswood's overall team position against approximately 24 schools are Junior Girls – 2nd, Junior Boys – 1st, Senior Girls – 1st, and Senior Boys – 2nd. Kingswood is currently in 1st position for Small Schools Champion with two races still to take place in December and January. Huge thanks go to Ron White, Helen Gibson and all the parent helpers including the KSA for providing sustenance for our hungry runners!

Our girls' football team stormed ahead in the 7-aside girls' football district competition. They won all five matches against local schools and will now represent the district at the Gloucestershire County Finals to be held in December. Well done girls!

Please check our website for our latest news and events, [www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk)

### Kingswood Village Hall

After-work Party presents two live Bands: The Medicine Show - Plus Special Guest: The Bad Dads. **Friday 6th December 7:30pm** until late. Tickets £7.50 available from the Spar shop Kingswood or call 07976521531.

### Open Studio

Claire Failes – Open Studio **Friday 6th - Sunday 8th 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.

### KSA

Kingswood Primary School Association warmly welcomes you to our Christmas Fayre to be held in the School Hall on **Thursday 5th December** from 5:30 - 7:30pm. A range of crafts and decorations made by the children will be on sale and we will also have some local sellers with homemade vintage items, offering you the chance to buy some lovely original Christmas presents for friends and family! Mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies will also be available. All proceeds to the school to support outings, trips and

additional activities/equipment to benefit the children. If you are interested in booking a table to sell your own craft items please email Abi Scott: [scott.abigail2@gmail.com](mailto:scott.abigail2@gmail.com) for details.

#### Art Exhibition

Under the Edge Arts on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Jean Dove and 4 others exhibiting paintings and sculptures. Kingswood visitors especially welcome. Come and have a look!

#### New Year Celebration

Why not start your New Year celebrations with our early evening concert. Justine Tomlinson and friends give a light-hearted Prelude to 2014 in St Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge, **Tuesday 31st December** at 6.0pm. Tickets £9.00 before Christmas from It Takes Two, Long Street, or phone 01453 842499, or £10.00 at the door. Interval wine bar.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

**Winter preparations** - The grit bins have been filled and the sand bags ready and waiting! Please be aware that the grit is provided for use on the roads and footpaths and not to be used on private drives. Please contact a councillor or the Clerk if the grit bins need re-filling. Please purchase grit for private use. We are lucky in Kingswood to have a supplier in Walk Mill Lane who stocks grit. A team from Leyhill Prison recently visited the village and swept the roads to clear the leaves. To enable the rain water to continue to drain away please can you check the gutters and drains and try to keep them free of weeds, leaves and litter.

**Dog Poo** – Please can all dog walkers pick up their dog poo from roads and footpaths. The Neighbourhood Warden and the Dog Warden will be increasing their patrols and will issue on the spot fines to any one they see not picking up after their dog.

**Village Design Statement** – A consultation will take place on Friday 29th November 4pm - 6pm and Saturday 30th 10.00-2.00pm at the St Marys Room. Please come along and give your opinion on the information collected to date. This is an important consultation as it will allow the Community to influence the design of any future developments. Please send to the Clerk details of “**What matters to you**” and “**Your favourite place in Kingswood.**”

#### Community Speed Watch

##### October 2013

| Date          | Time   | Location       | Number of vehicles | 30-35 mph | 36-40mph  | 41-45mph | 46-50mph | 50+mph   | Total     |
|---------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 15/09/2013    | 4-5pm  | Charfield Road | 148                | 9         | 6         | 2        | 1        | 1        | 19        |
| 23/10/2013    | 4-5pm  | Wickwar Road   | Not recorded       | 5         | 6         |          |          |          | 11        |
| 24/10/2013    | 8.30am | Charfield Road | 92                 | 9         | 13        | 2        |          |          | 24        |
| 29/10/2013    |        | Charfield Road | Not recorded       | 6         | 4         | 5        | 0        | 0        | 15        |
| <b>Totals</b> |        |                |                    | <b>29</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>69</b> |

A big thank you to all the volunteers for giving up their time for this initiative. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved. We are hoping to do at least 1 Speed Watch a week. With enough volunteers this should mean that each volunteer is only in action for an hour a month. We are looking to roll **Speed Watch** out to **Hillesley Road and Wotton Road** but need a safe location to locate the volunteers. Please contact the Clerk if you would be happy for the volunteers to stand in your garden whilst carrying out a Speed Watch. The final decision on the safety of a location is with the Police. They will risk assess any proposed location before authorising its use. Clerk: Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL1 7RQ 844659 email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

#### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

has two events in the next few weeks. There is the Wine Festival on **Saturday November 30** and the Senior Citizens lunch on **December 31**, both in the Village Hall. The Wine Festival will offer a choice of 25 Wine Society wines and canapés from Cicadi Deli. The £10 tickets, to include four glasses of wine and the canapés, are available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789) and Dave and Judi Werrett (845515). The proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens Lunch, for which invitations will be delivered in late November/early December. However, KVA's guest list is not foolproof! If you or your partner are 60 or over but do not get an invitation please accept our apologies and, if you want to come, please contact Rod Alexander on 843398 or email [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com) and he will get an invitation to you. On the other hand, if you get an invitation and are under 60, please accept our apologies and come anyway! Finally, there is still money in KVA's kitty for deserving donations. Please contact Rod or Judi.

#### Kingswood Congregational Chapel - Contact: Jennie 01453 842803 or email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

A warm welcome awaits you at all our Christmas services. These are the main ones: - **1<sup>st</sup> December** at 6.00pm we will be joining with St Mary's for a Christingle Service. **8<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am – Children Nativity and Gift Service. **22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christian Aid Christmas Service and at 6.00pm Carol Service. Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Christmas Eve Midnight Service. Christmas Day – 10.30am - Short Family Service. The story's told of a child who was chosen to play the innkeeper in the Christmas nativity, telling Mary and Joseph that there was no room for them at the inn. But on the night of the big event, he stood onstage, looked into the faces of the audience, froze in fear, then smiled and announced, “I'm not supposed to do this, but come in any way!” So room was found for Jesus to be born. Will you find room for him this Christmas? ‘You will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart.’ We will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival for which the date is to be arranged, so please look out for the posters.

Everyone at the chapel wishes you every blessing for a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

#### Friends of St. Mary's

Christmas Light Lunch, Thursday, **19th December**, 12 noon to 1 pm in St. Mary's Room. Delicious home-cooked food at reasonable prices - everyone welcome. Come along and bring your friends.

#### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI members were able to listen to a wonderful storyteller at their November AGM. Anthony Nanson, a lecturer in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University told interesting Folk Tales from Gloucestershire in a charismatic way. The three stories he told moved many of his listeners to tears. The AGM followed, Judy Jennings-Chick taking over from Val Jones as President for the next year. Members will celebrate their Christmas meeting on Tuesday, **10th December** with supper and entertainment from Jean Dove (monologues) and Philip Andrew (singer/guitarist). The WI Dursley Group Carol Service is on Monday, December 9th at St. Bartholomew's Church, Cam at 2.30pm. All visitors are welcome to attend.

#### Typhoon Fundraising Festive Bring and Buy Fair!

**Saturday 7th December**, 12-3pm, Kingswood Village Hall. The Kingswood Festive Fair has morphed into a fundraising event for the Philippines Typhoon Disaster Appeal, and includes a Bring and Buy sale, plus all sorts of festive stalls, activities and refreshments. Rumour has it that Santa will turn up with presents for the children, and members of Wotton Silver Band will play carols for a good old sing-along. We have lots of local support, with yummy food from Park Mill Farm, pottery painting from Pots of Potential, handmade Christmas cards, decorations and jewellery, Christmas trees, books and toys, and much more.



# ***Kingswood Grapevine***

So please, dig deep and donate quality jumble, cakes and tombola prizes..... And more importantly come along to bag a festive bargain, indulge in mulled wine and mince pies, say 'Hi' to Santa and kick off the festive season with a fundraising bang! Please drop donations at KVH from 8am on the day or to 4 Abbey Street in advance, or contact [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com) / 07870 355236 if you need us to pick up.

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