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Dates For Your Diary



Mon	8 th	Dec	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues	9 th	"	Kingswood W.I. – Land Girls	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	11 th	"	Mobile Police station	The Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	13 th	"	The Saint Cecilia Singers	St Mary's	7.30pm
Mon	22 nd	"	Carols on the Chipping		6.00pm-7.00pm

**FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:****FRIDAY 16th JANUARY**

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We would like to thank all the groups and individuals who have donated funds over the past year, to enable us to continue producing Kingswood Grapevine. **Grapevine** wishes all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fascinating Rhythm 2015 Harmony Singing Workshop**

If you love to sing or want to give it a go and you're looking for something new to get the New Year off to a flying start then come along to the Fascinating Rhythm workshop. Designed to improve your vocal technique, by the end of the session you will have learned to sing in glorious four-part harmony. The day will end with a chance to perform with the Chorus for your friends and family! Whatever your singing ability or experience, you'll enjoy an inspiring day with like-minded people and a chance to feel just what it's like to be part of a big show choir!

Date: Saturday 17th January 2015. Venue: The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury BS35 1HT Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm. Registration 9:30 am. Showtime for friends and family – 3.30pm-4.00pm. Cost: £12 per person. Tea, coffee and biscuits included plus cakes to eat and to take home. Please bring your own lunch.

EARLY BIRD OFFER – book by 19th December 2014: Block bookings of four or more and friends of FR (previous workshop delegates): only £10 per person. Limited places – please book early to avoid disappointment. Closing date for bookings: Friday 2nd January 2015. For information and to book your place, contact Linda Taylor [taylin4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taylin4@hotmail.co.uk)

**Kingswood Congregational Church - Contact: [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com) or 842803**

For up to date info please search for our facebook page "@Kingswood Congregational Church". We would like to wish everyone in Kingswood every blessing for a Happy and Joyful Christmas and that 2015 will be happy and peaceful for you.

This year some of our Christmas services will be shared with St Mary's, namely the Christingle service on the 30th November starting at 5.45pm with hot chocolate and the Christmas morning service at 10.30 both in St Mary's. Our Nativity and Gift Service will be on the 14th at 10.30am when the children of the Sunday School will present the Nativity Story. On the 7th, the church will be open from 2.00-4.00pm for mince pies and teas when you can check out our decorated Christmas carol themed Christmas trees. Please refer to our churches together leaflet for all that is happening in our churches this Christmas.

On Christmas Day 1914, a truce broke out on the First World War battlefields. Troops from both sides sang carols and played football together. At this time of year, let us seek out the Prince of Peace asking him to bring peace to our world.

**Open Studio**

Claire Failes – Open Studio – Fri to Sun 5th – 7th December 11am – 4pm North Nibley, sign posted from The Black Horse Pub.

Website [www.drawingonreality.co.uk](http://www.drawingonreality.co.uk)

**PARISH COUNCIL Mary Leonard, Clerk to Kingswood Parish Council, 01453 844659 [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)**

**Crest Nicholson Application** - Thanks to everyone who has commented or helped to gather evidence for the comment on this application. It has been a great team effort with everyone working for the benefit of the village. The end is in sight! Stroud District Council will make a decision on this application on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Development Control Meeting at Ebley Mill. This is a public meeting and there will be opportunities for objectors and supporters to make their comments to the committee members who will be taking the decision. This meeting usually takes place in the evening but as there are so many applications, the timings will be extended. As soon as we have confirmation of the time, I will publicise the details. The easiest way to keep in touch on this is to be on the Parish Council's email database. Please forward me your email address for inclusion. Notification of the times will also be made via the KKaV membership and on posters. Kingswood Parish Council (KPC) will be meeting on the 8th December at 7.15pm at the village hall to discuss the final details on the comments to be put forward. There will be a public session to take further comments.

**Winter Weather Preparations** - Please can everyone keep an eye on drains and report any which are overflowing. The drain on Chestnut Park is still awaiting repair and we are pushing hard for this to happen. It is important that we ensure that drains are kept clear of leaves and rubbish. Please can you keep a record of any flooding events or drains over-flowing. It is important we have the evidence to support our call for action on these matters. Dates and times are good, even better if you can take a photograph and send to the Clerk. The parish council has a supply of grit and will ensure that the grit bins are filled. This grit is to be used on the public highway and pavements and not on private drives! There is also a supply of sandbags; however, these are the outers and will need to be filled with sand. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a supply.

**Wild Life Areas Community Orchard and Allotments** - These areas are still not in parish council ownership. However, we are chasing the legal transfer. Meanwhile the council is working with Stroud Valleys Project on a grant proposal to get funding to take over the wild life areas and for the community to manage them. More details to follow on this, but we will be looking for volunteers to help.

**Highways issues - Community Speedwatch** is still active and we are working with the Police on trying to deter vehicles from speeding in Kingswood. Thank you to the Speed Watch Volunteers for all their efforts on this. **Parking** in the village is becoming an increasing problem we need to ensure that cars are parked safely, not causing an obstruction or blocking the pavement. There is a particular problem in the following locations; Hillesley Road, Chestnut Park and Rectory Road. This is especially important with the dark nights that vehicles are not forcing pedestrians on to the roads. The Police will be monitoring the parking in Kingswood and will be issuing advice to any vehicle owners they believe are causing an obstruction.

**Community Facilities** - The parish council and the Village Hall Management Committee are undertaking a review of the facilities at the playing field and village hall. This is to ensure that the current level of facilities is sufficient for our current and future needs. A survey will be carried out asking for your views. Please respond, as it is important we know what the community wants to enable us to take any projects forward.

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**

**Supper Quiz and Toy Sale** - The supper quiz, which raised over £560, attracted more than 50 people who enjoyed superlative food and offset the effect of mind-stretching questions with restorative glasses of wine. The following week's sale of children's toys and books raised a further £160. All proceeds contribute to the maintenance and refurbishment of our parish church. Our thanks and good wishes for Christmas to all the generous Friends of St. Mary's who support us throughout the year.

**Wotton-under-Edge Arts Association**

**New Year's Eve Concert** - Wotton Arts Association once again invite you to begin your New Year's Eve celebrations with a concert by Justine Tomlinson and Friends. The evening will be light-hearted and include music by Strauss and Lehar.

St Mary's, Wotton-under-Edge at 6.0 pm **Wednesday 31st December**. Tickets £9 before Christmas from It Takes Two, Long Street, £10 on the door or phone 01453 842499.

#### MUSIC AT ST MARY'S

7.30 pm **Saturday 13th December**: The Saint Cecilia Singers will perform a concert of favourite carols and readings for Christmas. One of the UK's most respected chamber choirs; The Saint Cecilia Singers has a strong link with Gloucester Cathedral and performs there regularly. This always includes a Christmas concert repeated in just one other location. This year it is here in Kingswood ! Not only are Kingswood tickets (£10 and £5 for schoolchildren) much cheaper than at Gloucester, but the concert is right here on your doorstep. So do not miss out! This concert has been very nearly sold out to our regular mailing list for some time, but there are a few tickets remaining. To secure your tickets, or for any other information, contact: David Hatton (842483) email: [dgrhatton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhatton@gmail.com)

#### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their November meeting, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed a fascinating talk by engineer, Ian Edwards, on the Restoration of the Stroudwater Canal - this project has won prestigious awards and is well worth a visit. The AGM followed when Judy Jennings-Chick was re-elected President of the WI for the coming year. The next meeting on **December 9th** at the Village Hall will be the Christmas party with an American supper followed by a talk on Land Girls by local gardener, Fiona Warin. *The recent influx of new members has pushed the accommodation capacity to a maximum therefore; we have been obliged to open a waiting list for new members in 2015.*

#### St. Mary's Church Rev'd David Russell - 01454 294267 [davidrussell@gmx.com](mailto:davidrussell@gmx.com)

St Mary's Church Kingswood, **Worship for December**. You are very welcome to join us for any of our services.

Sunday 7th December 11.15am Advent Eucharist.

Thursday 11th December, 2pm - St Mary's Mini Praise, for pre schoolchildren. The Story of St Nicholas and his gifts to children, with pictures, activities, songs, handi-craft and Chocolate Coins! The original Santa Claus. All Welcome.

Sunday 14th December 11.15am Mattins. (from the BCP)

Sunday 21st December 6pm, Carol Service

Monday 22nd December 6-7pm Carols on the Chipping

Christmas Eve 6pm, Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Family Service - A joint service with the Chapel at St Mary's

St Mary's Church on Facebook - Search for 'Kingswood, St Mary's' and 'like' us!!!! for further information.

#### WOTTON UNDER EDGE POLICE COMMUNITY TEAM

The latest Policing priorities for the area have now been set. These will remain for the duration of the next six months before going under review. They are as follows –

1. To reduce anti-social behaviour in and around the areas of Wotton-under-Edge, North Nibley and Kingswood.
2. To address community concerns of speeding, parking and the anti-social use of motor vehicles. This will also include promoting the education of safe driving for young drivers.

**How do I contact the Police?** - Please report all incidents of anti-social behaviour and concerns via the police 101 non-emergency number. You can also use the e-mail [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk) For all emergencies please call 999.

We now also welcome two new members to the community team PCSO Charlotte King and PC Richard Fear, giving us a total of four dedicated team members. Please also feel free to contact me should you wish on my work Blackberry mobile for information only 07703887575 and not as an official reporting number. Regards, PCSO Benjamin Rollins 9105.

**Wotton under Edge - Kingswood - North Nibley**. Crime reduction advice. Please feel free to make contact with the policing team by e-mailing [Benjamin.rollins@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:Benjamin.rollins@gloucestershire.police.uk) for crime reduction advice. We will be more than happy to come and give a home visit. There has been an increase during the months of October - Start of November in attempts of thefts and thefts from garden sheds as well as garages within the areas. There has also been one recorded burglary. Please be aware that the clocks have been adjusted therefore creating the extra hour of darkness. Please report anything of suspicion to the police by calling 101 or e-mailing [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk)

**Wotton under edge - Thefts of number plates from vehicles**. - During the evening of Friday the 31st of October it has become apparent that there had been a spate of number plates removed from vehicles parked around the streets of Wotton under Edge. Of all these thefts, only one person had reported the incident. The number plate for that vehicle was later found and returned to the owner. I encourage all members of the community to report such behaviour as it enables us to establish local trends and patterns within the community. Again by calling 101 or e-mailing the 101 system. All incidents will be dealt with as necessary.

**Suspicious persons – Door to Door Sales**. - I encourage you all to report any suspicious door-to-door sales. Recently within the areas, we have had various incidents of attempts at sales of 'spare garden benches' to 'spare bedroom furniture.' These could be legitimate sales but could equally not be. These persons could be looking at your property layout. Please ensure that you do not let anyone onto your property without the correct Identification. You have a right to say no. If you are able, please take clothing descriptions, person descriptions as well as vehicle details if seen and then forward these details to our team.

#### KINGSWOOD DINNEYWICKS RE-OPENED

The Dinnewicks is proud to announce its recent re-opening under new management, as many of you already know. Now serving a traditional menu, including vegetarian options, seven days a week. However, what you may not know about our food is that the meat is sourced by the many time award winning butcher, Bonners. Alternatively, why not drop by and taste for yourself our range of wines, beers, ciders and well-kept real ales by our open fire. All are welcome, but for those of you over 60, we offer two courses for £6, 12-3 Monday to Friday. So come and enjoy the new Dinnewicks with us, including live music, themed food evenings and quiz nights to come. Contact us at 'Dinnewicks, the Chipping, Kingswood, Wotton-Under-Edge GL12 8RT' or phone us on '01453843328'. OPENING TIMES 12-3 5-11 MON TUES WED THURS, 12-3 5-12 on FRI, 11am - 12pm SAT, 11am -11pm SUN.

#### KKaV - Call to action!!

#### Updated since printed version

A Crest Nicholson application update will be given by the Parish Council on **Monday 8th December** at 7.15 p.m., immediately followed by a Banner Writing Party in preparation for Stroud District Councillors visit to view the proposed site.

The Gazette has been invited and drinks and nibbles will be provided! No artistic flair needed, please come and help - any old sheets, paint brushes etc. welcome! We only get this one chance to show our objection visually and need as many posters and banners on show as possible!

As Grapevine goes to print, we have just been informed that due to an independent assessment of the proximity of the cricket pitch to the proposed development site, the application will now not be decided until February, though they have added a caveat that it could be brought forward to January. So, we need to use this time to our advantage as still LOADS we can do!!

Please, please, please come along for all the details - there is lots to tell you!

Find us on facebook at Keep Kingswood a Village or email [kkav.group@gmail.com](mailto:kkav.group@gmail.com)

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

