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# Kingswood Grapevine



DECEMBER / JANUARY 2016

## Dates For Your Diary

Mon	7th	Dec	Village Entertainment Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	21st	"	Carols on the Chipping		6.00pm
Thurs	31st	"	New Year's Eve Party	Village Hall	

**FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY**

Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Village Association 'Comedy club'	Village Hall
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	"	St. Mary's Promises Auction	

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

### New Year's Eve Concert - Wotton Arts Association.

Send out the old and bring in the new with a musical treat of Viennese music – both vocal and instrumental. 6.0pm in St Mary's Church. Tickets £9 from "It Takes Two" Long Street before 24th December or phone 01453 843144, or £10 on the door. This now traditional event will take place on **Thursday December 31st** at 6.0 pm in St Mary's Church, Wotton under Edge.

The programme will include music from Bach, Frank Bridge, Strauss, Gershwin and Lloyd Webber.

The performers are sisters, Justine and Juliet Tomlinson – violin and cello, Robin Biggs – piano, and Helen Kucharek – soprano.

Justine and Juliet are members of Any String Goes and have played together since childhood. They have performed in many prestigious venues in this country and America. Robin Biggs is a former Director of Music at Westonbirt School and now divides his time between concert performances in eleven European countries, accompanying and private teaching. Helen Kucharek is an experienced opera and concert soloist and giving recitals in many European countries, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Australia and America.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION WINE FESTIVAL AND SENIOR CITIZENS' NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCH.

The Village Association has two events in the next five weeks, the Christmas Wine Festival on **Saturday November 28** and the Senior Citizens' Lunch on **Thursday 31 December**. Both are in the Village Hall. The Festival will offer a choice of over 20 wines, chosen as "Champions" in a blind tasting of over 500 wines by the wine society's buyers. The £12.50 tickets, to include four glasses of wine and canapés, are available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789), Judi (07769973072) and Dave Werrett (07970100304). The proceeds will go to the Seniors' Lunch, which is free of charge. Invitations to the lunch will be delivered late November, early December. However, KVA's list is not foolproof! If you or your partner are over 60 but do not get an invitation please accept our apologies and, if you want to come, contact Rod and he will get an invitation to you. On the hand, if you get an invitation are under 60, please accept our apologies and come anyway!

Finally, KVA would like to thank Waitrose and all those customers, who put their green tokens in the "Kingswood Seniors' Lunch tub at the Chipping Sodbury branch during October. We had almost a 1/3 share of the £1000 pool. Not bad considering the other two beneficiaries were Chipping Sodbury organisations. Please start saving your tokens for next year! One more thing: On February 26<sup>th</sup>, KVA will be running a Comedy Club at the Village Hall. Details nearer the time.

### VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT - PRELIMINARY MEETING

An initial "Show of Interest" meeting for the production of an Old Time Music Hall in Kingswood

We hope to find people who would be interested in contributing in any way to a village entertainment in the style of an Old Time Music Hall, to be performed in February 2016. We are looking for actors/singers/backstage and technical support personnel to take part in this exciting project. If you would like to know more, please come to a meeting in the Community Room at the Village Hall on **Monday 7th December** at 7.30pm.

If you are keen but cannot make this date, please contact Rosemary on 845076 or Rachel on 07885 958555 as soon as possible.

**St Mary's Church Kingswood** Revd David Russell - 01454 294267 [davidrussell@gmx.com](mailto:davidrussell@gmx.com)

Worship for Advent & Christmas - You are very welcome to join us for any of our services.

Advent Sunday 29th November.

6pm Christingle Service, Hot Chocolate served from 5.45pm

Supporting The Children's Society

Friday 4th-Sunday 6th December Christmas Tree Festival Sunday 6th 11.15am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 10th 2pm Mini Praise...Saint Nicholas & the Gold Coins

Saturday 12th 8am Drop and Shop - Lower School Room

Sunday 13th 11.15am Mattins

Saturday 19th 7pm Carols by Candlelight at St James Churchend

Sunday 20th 6pm Christmas Carol Service

Monday 21st Carols on the Chipping, Supporting the Food Bank

Christmas Eve 6pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8am An Early Said Communion

10.30am Joint Family Worship at The Congregational Church

Sunday 27th 10am Joint Benefice Service at Hillesley Church

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

### Kingswood Village Playgroup

Children attending playgroup have been busy doing some fantastic fireworks paintings which involved splatting paint soaked sponges and sprinkling glitter. They are now creating decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. The Christmas songs have started, as the children are already preparing for their Christmas performance when not being blown around the field in the stormy weather of late!

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their meeting in November, the members of Kingswood Abbey W.I. enjoyed an interesting and moving account of the excellent work of the charity Help for Heroes by local speakers, Shirley Wyse and Kate Tutty. Next month's meeting on **Tuesday, December 8th** will be the Christmas party with entertainment from the drama group and an American Supper.

The Group WI Carol Service will be on **Monday, 7th December** at the Methodist Church in Dursley. The entire group W.I.s will take part in the service. The members are busy preparing their decorations for the Church/Chapel Christmas Tree Festival on December 4,5 and 6th; all will be home-made, some edible!

## Stroud District Local Plan

On Thursday November 19th, councillors unanimously adopted the Stroud District Local Plan, a strategic housing and employment plan that will shape the district's future for decades to come and by which all planning applications will be assessed from now on. The Plan, which encourages at least 11,400 homes to be built over the 25-year period between 2006 and 2031 (7700 already completed), identifies how many homes should be built and their locations. 4,200 homes to be developed on sites identified in the plan. This is the first new plan to be adopted in Gloucestershire. [www.stroud.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/localplan)

## Kingswood Village Association – New Year's Eve Party

Come and see the **New Year** in at the village hall. Entertainment, Dancing, Supper, Bar until late all for just £10. Tickets obtainable from the village shop, booking officer, David Scott on 84534 or Dave Rothwell 843789

## PARISH COUNCIL The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ ,Tel 844659

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**Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** – Thank you to all those who commented. We will now review your comments and reflect them within the NDP if appropriate. The next stage is for the NDP to go forward to Stroud District Council and for a Public examination followed by a referendum in August 2017.

**Wickwar road** – We have no further information on this application, which has not yet been received by Stroud District Council. The Chestnut Park appeal is scheduled for a public hearing to take place from Tuesday December 8th – Friday December 11th 2015. This will take place at Ebley Mill between 10.00am and 4pm. The Parish council have appointed a planning consultant and legal counsel to represent the views of the community. It is important that we show the Planning Inspector that the parish council are representing the views of the community. Please can as many of you as possible attend on **Tuesday 8th December** to show the inspector the strength of feeling from the community against this development. We understand that Thursday may be the day for public speaking but this will need to be registered on the Tuesday morning. We will not get the full timetable for the appeal until Tuesday 8th December. We will circulate details by the NDP Facebook, the parish council website and via KKaV to ensure that everyone is kept up to date. Please let the clerk know if you are available to attend and if you can offer a lift to other people.

**Winter Weather**- We are not sure if we will have a wet or a snowy winter but we are prepared with both grit and sandbags. Please be reminded the grit is to be used on the public highways and pavements not on private drives.

**Volunteers** - The parish council would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard for Kingswood all through the year. Your efforts are very much appreciated. **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Kingswood Parish Council.**

## Kingswood Village Cricket Club

Interested in playing cricket? Kingswood has a thriving village club that plays friendly matches on Sundays and competitive twenty over matches on Wednesday evenings throughout the hot and balmy summer months. We are always looking for new players – of any ability and any age, just a love of the game is required. In preparation for the 2016 season, and to burn off the turkey leftovers, come along to cricket nets and introduce yourself. They start on **Sunday 10th January** at KLB sports hall, midday until 1:00pm and run through until Easter.

This year we are sharing with North Nibley CC and the cost will be £3 for Adults and £1 for Juniors/Students/not working.

Any further information needed then e-mail the contacts below:

Team secretary, Steve Barnes: [sabsmb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sabsmb@tiscali.co.uk)

Club secretary, Mike Wilding: [m.r.wilding@btinternet.com](mailto:m.r.wilding@btinternet.com)

Fixtures secretary, Pat Harty: [patharty@gmail.com](mailto:patharty@gmail.com)

Also, check out the club website - <http://kvcc.btck.co.uk/>

## Dogs! Alex Myrie, Animal Welfare Officer, Stroud District Council 01453 754492.

As I am sure most of you will be aware, the dog fouling situation along the 'Ash Path' in Kingswood reached an intolerable level a few years ago. In fact I would go so far as to say it was the worst I had ever seen anywhere in the District! Thankfully, things have improved greatly since then, but I am just starting to receive complaints again, specifically around Chestnut Park and the Village Hall.

I strongly believe that the vast majority of dog walkers using these areas are extremely responsible and carry out their statutory duty as dog walkers by removing their dog's faeces if it fouls. However, there appears to be a staunch minority that clearly feel it is beneath them to pick up poo or that they are above the law and who habitually fail to clean up after their animals. These individuals need to know that Officers are regularly patrolling in the area at various times of the day and night.

Therefore, my message to the irresponsible few is this... **PICK UP OR PAY UP!** This is not an idle threat, anyone caught will not be given a second chance and an on the spot fine of £75 will be issued and their details given to the Parish Clerk so they can be published in the Newsletter.

Bagged dog waste can be disposed of in any litterbin, dog waste bin or taken home, double bagged and placed in your household waste.

Anyone who would like to report an irresponsible dog owner can do so, in confidence, by contacting me on the number above.

So look out dog walkers who continue to flout the law, the net is closing, you will be caught, fined, named and shamed!

## FOSM Auction of Promises: Saturday 27th February 2016, 7pm at St Mary's Kingswood

If you are feeling fed up and flat after Christmas & New Year, join the Friends of St Mary's and Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auction Rooms for an evening of exciting auction action and interesting Lots.

Food and a Bar will be available. We are hoping to have about 60 Lots available on the night. If you can provide a 'promise' (anything from baking a cake, a taxi ride or shopping trip, to plants, wine, a hamper etc.) or would like tickets, please contact FOSM at [friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com) or Rod on 843398, Ann on 843789, Chris on 07802 604389 or Stella on 842497.

## Kingswood Congregational Church Contact: Jennie on 842803 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com) Find us on Facebook

It is amazing that it is Christmas already, a busy time for everyone not least for us as a church when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. There is a lot going on, as you will see from our Churches Together leaflet. We look forward to seeing you at any of our services and the **Christmas Tree Festival on the 4th, 5th and 6th December** taking place in both churches. Let this Christmas mean a time when the love of God and love of our fellow men prevail over all hatred, fear and bitterness. This Christmas, in the midst of the toys, the tinsel and the clamour, stop and look for Jesus.

"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store" - Dr Seuss.

Whatever you do this Christmas, the members of our church wish you a happy and peaceful time.

## Have you heard about Gloucestershire's devolution bid?

No? Then you can read about it on the County Council's website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/devolution), and for further details visit [www.weareglos.com](http://www.weareglos.com).

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

