

**Dates For Your Diary**

Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	Christmas Wine Festival	Village Hall	
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	"	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	6.00pm
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Carols on the Chipping		6.00pm-7.00pm

**FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:****FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	New Year's Eve Seniors Lunch	Village Hall	
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	"	New Year's Eve Concert	St Mary's Church <b>Wotton</b>	6.00pm
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	January	U3A Open Morning	Dursley Methodist Church	10.30am-12noon



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

**KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

CHRISTMAS WINE FESTIVAL AND SENIOR CITIZENS' NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCH. The KVA has two events in December, the Wine Festival on **Saturday December 3** and the Seniors lunch on **Saturday December 31**, both at Kingswood Village Hall. The Festival features 20 wines, chosen as "Champions" from a blind tasting of 784 by the Wine Merchant of the Year, the Wine Society. The £13.00 tickets, to include four glasses and canapés, are available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789), Judi (07769973072) and Dave (07970100304) Werrett. The proceeds will go to the Seniors Lunch, which is free of charge. Invitations will be delivered soon (Nov/Dec). However, KVA's list is not foolproof! If you or your partner is over 60 but do not get an invitation please accept our apologies and, if you want to come, contact Rod. On the other hand, if you get one and are under 60, please accept even bigger apologies and come anyway! Finally, KVA would like to thank Waitrose and all its customers, who put their green tokens in the "Kingswood Seniors Lunch tub" at the Sodbury store during November.

**Dursley Male Voice Choir**

Our recent very successful concert at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, raised over £8,000 for Southmead Hospital Children's Unit. However, now all our efforts are focussed on our main Christmas Concerts on **16th and 17th December** at Lister Hall, Dursley. With seven new pieces and others taken from many past years, we are expecting to deliver an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Tickets for these dates are available from Bryan Jones 842471.

**KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

At their November meeting, Kingswood Abbey WI heard an interesting presentation from Andrew Sainsbury and Becki Shaw from local company, Taste Connection, on the "natural" flavourings their company produces for many of the UK's prestigious food businesses. We sampled some of the products; some we thought delicious, others had a mixed reaction from the members!

The AGM was held during the evening and Sheila Kerr was unanimously elected as President for the coming year.

Next month's meeting on Tuesday, December 13th will be our Christmas celebration when Philip Andrew and Paul Evans will lead the entertainment. The competition is for a Christmas table decoration.

The Group WI Carol Service will be at St Bartholomew's Church Cam on Monday, December 12th at 2.30pm. It is hoped many of our members will attend.

One or two spaces have become available for new members; please contact the secretary if you are interested in joining the WI. [liz70coatsworth@gmail.com](mailto:liz70coatsworth@gmail.com)

**Kingswood Village Cricket Club**

Sunday (time to be advised later) indoor nets at KLB Sports Hall in the New Year. All ages and abilities are welcome. We have a number of youngsters, playing regularly for us, and are happy to have more from 10 years old upwards. Details from either Steve/Mike Barnes (843069 or [sabsmb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sabsmb@tiscali.co.uk)) or Rod Alexander (843398 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)). We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**Kingswood Village Playgroup - celebrating an amazing 'good' Ofsted inspection last month.**

Well done to all the staff who work so hard every day to make playgroup so special. We currently have places available, so come and experience our fun, happy, educational setting. We make full use of the village hall and surrounding field to offer children a wide range of activities in a safe, friendly environment. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am - 1pm during term time. For more information, please email [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com)

\*\*\* Plus, Kingswood Baby & Toddler Group takes place in the community room of the village hall on Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 during term time. No need to book a place, just come and play! \*\*\*

### Learn, laugh and live with the U3A, Cam, Dursley & District

Learn, laugh and live! is the motto of the University of the Third Age (aka U3A) a unique and exciting national organisation for those who have finished working or raising a family, can pursue their interests at leisure and make the most of life. U3A members come together to learn, not for qualifications, but for the sheer joy of discovery! And you can discover what U3A has to offer at our free, drop-in Open Morning on **19 January 2017**.

Interested in learning something new? Ever wondered what U3A is? Well here's your chance to meet U3A and follow your interests – at the U3A Open Morning where you can find out more about what each of our groups do and the benefits of U3A membership.

Cam, Dursley & District U3A hold monthly branch meetings with topical speakers followed by socialising. Plus we have special interest groups - currently there are over 25 groups focussing on a diverse range of topics including art history, bridge, craft, pub lunches, walking, historic buildings, tai chi, theatre and French with new groups being added frequently. Already a U3A member? This is an opportunity to see how you can get even more from your membership.

We will be at Dursley Methodist Church from 10.30 to 12.00 on **Thursday 19 January 2017** and would be delighted to see both prospective and present members. Pop in, have a coffee, maybe catch a demo by one of our groups and chat to any of our group leaders.

We are always on the lookout for new ideas, so if you are a fan of blues music, model making, history, racing, cycling, beer or anything else, U3A could help you start a new group!

For more information visit our web site [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley), where you can also get in touch. Hope to see you at a U3A event soon.

### Wotton Arts Association

New Year's Eve Concert in **St Mary's Parish Church, Wotton** at 6.0 pm on **December 31st**. Once again, Justine Tomlinson and friends join together to Ring in the New Year. Tickets from it Takes Two, Long Street, Wotton under Edge, £9.00 in advance and £10 on the door. Wine bar.

### Kingswood Congregational Church – Contact Jennie 842803, [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) or Facebook

Firstly can we take this opportunity to wish you every blessing for a happy and peaceful Christmas. The following are our services for December – 4th - 10.30am – Tony Curtis 6.00pm – Lessons & Carols led by our Choir 11th – 10.30am - Children's Gift Service/Nativity 6.00pm – Lin & Len Wills 18th – Bob Hart-England 6.00pm – Sue Philips-Masters 25th – Joint Service with St Mary's. Thank you to everyone who supported the Children in Need Coffee Morning, with special thanks to the Dinneywicks, which raised £217. On Sunday afternoon the **18th December** from 3.00pm – Afternoon Tea with Christmas Goodies in the chapel

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH Memorial to the Reverend Viv Kerner

On a cold but bright Sunday morning early in November the congregation of St Mary's gathered outside the church while the Reverend David Russell dedicated out community's long awaited memorial to the Reverend Viv Kerner. The memorial is comprised of a bench beside the path to the church door and a lantern in the overthrow above the church gates. There is a plaque on the bench commemorating Viv.

We would like to thank all those people who donated to this memorial to a much-loved Parish Priest. We would also like to thank Andrew and Steven Roe who donated their time and skills to siting the bench and to Soils who donated the materials.

The Village's Carol Service takes place in St Mary's Church on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 6 pm and Carols on the Chipping is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** 6pm-7pm. Details of all Christmas services are in the Churches Together leaflet.

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