



Dates For Your Diary

Fri	1 st	Dec	KSA Christmas Fayre & Shopping Evening	Village Hall	6.00pm-9.00pm
Fri	8 th	"	R.N.L.I Christmas Coffee Morning	St. Mary's Room	10.00am-12.00noon
Sat	9 th	"	Music at St. Mary's	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Mon	11 th	"	Parish Council – Public Meeting re: Dinneywicks	Village Hall	**6.45pm
Mon	11 th	"	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues	9 th	Jan	W.I. talk and demo – Defibrillator and CPR	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	26 th	"	Comedy Night	Village Hall	

FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 26th JANUARY

Fri	9 th	Feb	Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper	Village Hall	
Sat	10 th	"	Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper	Village hall	
Tues	23 rd	"	Defib Awareness Group	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	24 th	March	Come Dine with Me		

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

### Wotton and District R.N.L.I

Come and join us at our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning on **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's Room between 10am and 12 noon. There will be cards, calendars, diaries, stocking fillers, books and of course coffee/tea and biscuits.

### Kingswood Village Association

KVA's SENIORS' NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCH: By the time you read this KVA's Wine Festival on November 25<sup>th</sup> and Waitrose's "Green Token" scheme will have raised funds for the coming Seniors' New Year's Eve Lunch. Many thanks to all of you, who supported both events and, of course, to Waitrose. Invitations to the lunch, which is free of charge, will be delivered soon (Nov/Dec). However, KVA's list is not foolproof! If either you or your partner is over 60 but do not get an invitation, please accept our apologies and phone Rod Alexander (843398). Closing date for a place at the lunch is **18<sup>th</sup> December**. Lastly, KVA gets lots of help at this event, especially from the W.I., but still needs more. If you could give an hour of your time, please ring Angela Stephens (07896032202).

#### Dates for your diary:

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| Friday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | January 2018 | Comedy Night        | (Village Hall) |                   |
| Saturday | 24 <sup>th</sup> | March 2018   | "Come Dine with Me" |                | Details to Follow |

### Thanksgiving Service

Sheila Alexander would like to thank God, family, friends and neighbours for her very enjoyable life. A service will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at 11.15 am, followed by lunch at the Village Hall. Sheila and Rod would be pleased to see you there but please let us know if you can come by **15<sup>th</sup> December**. Phone 843398 or email [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com), so we can ensure there is enough seating and catering. Thank you.

### Jack in the Beanstalk-ish

Thank you to everyone who supported Jack in the Beanstalk- ish pantomime, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our sponsors, people buying tickets and contributing to the show. It raised an amazing £13,653 and with money still coming in we are hopeful to break the £15,000, this will go a long way in helping the Southmead Hospital Charity. Thank you once again from the pantomime cast and crew.

### St Mary's Garden Fete

This is an early reminder that the annual St Mary's Garden Fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, GL12 8RS from 1pm on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**. A new exciting theme is currently in preparation as well as lots of stalls including the ever popular treasure hunt, games, bar, B-B-Q and teas. Please put this date in your diaries & we look forward to seeing you then. Further information will follow in coming months. Enquires to Tricia Broadfoot 844436 or email: [fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk). Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryskingswoodfete/>

### Longfield Hospice

This year Longfield Hospice is launching a Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign. Leave the effort of getting rid of your Christmas tree in the New Year to Longfield Hospice Care! Longfield along with over 20 other hospices in the UK will collect real Christmas Trees from your home for a donation to their local hospice. This will be done over a three-day period **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. The trees will be shredded here at the hospice and the majority used in our beautiful gardens. While you are going to Midnight Mass, toasting the Queen, or tucking into your Christmas turkey, our nurses will be in people's homes, supporting them when they need it most. Longfield provides this specialist support every day of the year, night and day, and it is provided completely free of charge - So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas, because we're providing vital services in your community (as well as collecting your Christmas tree in the New Year!) Register your tree for collection <http://tinyurl.com/RecyleYourTree> or contact Julia Mundell/Claire Ellis for more information on 01453 886868

### Music at St Mary's - 7.30 pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - St Cecilia Singers

Under their charismatic music director Jonathan Hope, Gloucester Cathedral's affiliated chamber choir return to Kingswood to present their Christmas concert. With the superb acoustic of St Mary's, they may well sound even better here than in the echoing vastness of the Cathedral. Could it be that this will be the best Christmas concert anywhere in Gloucestershire? Tickets (numbered seats) are £12 (students/children £5). Only a handful remain. Please contact David Hatton 01453 842483 [dgrhatton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhatton@gmail.com) before it is too late.

### Kingswood Defib Awareness Group

Village Hall: the defib's installation is complete. It is located externally, adjacent to the main entrance door. Gaining access is exactly the same as for the defib at the shop - ring 999 and get the lock code. Abbey Plumbing Supplies is added to the list of generous donors who made this possible. CPR: an ambulance run CPR training session will be held in the Village Hall on **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.00pm**. All welcome

### Support for Carers

If you look after a loved-one with a long-term condition then you may like to know there are support groups in the Wotton area. These are helpful for getting information, swapping coping-strategies and as a chance to share your story with others who understand the stresses and joys of caring. For details contact Roger at 'Carers Gloucestershire' 01452 872241 / [rhare@carersgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:rhare@carersgloucestershire.org.uk)

### Penny Jones

Penny's family would like thank the village for their condolences and support and cards during their recent bereavement. It was comforting to know that she was well respected by her friends in the village, as shown by the large attendance at her funeral. Thank you. The Jones Family.

### Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30PM – SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30 & 7.00PM

CADS is a group of fun-loving like-minded people who have been performing to the general public for about 6 years now. Cast and crew have changed over the years but our main core values are the same as always. We are a non-profit making organisation raising funds for organisations and local charities (this year is Kingswood Village Association) and having a good laugh at the same time. In recent years, we have started working with Stone Primary School and put on a special performance for the whole school on the first Friday morning of our live run, as I believe children can learn many life skills from drama and other performing arts. This year we are delighted to bring you Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper a retake on the modern classic. With plenty of, he's behind you, oh no you're not, and a whole host of what makes panto so unique. We are family friendly and like to think we have something for everyone. Tickets and other information will be published after Christmas. But to find out more and register your interest email myself at [stephenpicking@googlemail.com](mailto:stephenpicking@googlemail.com)

### PARISH COUNCIL

**The Dinneywicks Inn** - The parish council is holding a public meeting at **6.45pm** on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017** at the village hall. The meeting is being held to discuss the closure and proposed sale of the pub. The parish council has applied to Stroud District Council to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value. Representatives from Wadworth Brewery and Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) have been invited to attend. Please come along to the meeting to discuss the future of the Dinneywicks.

**Footpath Working Group** - Calling all walkers! The parish council is setting up a footpath Working Group. Are you a regular walker of the footpaths and would you like to be part of the group? Please contact the parish clerk if you are interested.

**Public Convenience** - The parish council has completed maintenance to the exterior of the toilets.

**Disabled access to village hall** – The parish council has moved the parking barrier at the village hall to improve the access to the village hall for people with mobility issues and parents with children in pushchairs.

**Wild about Kingswood** – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. Volunteers are urgently required so please contact the clerk to find out more! Please will residents not use the wildlife area to get rid of their grass cuttings.

**Tyndale View** – The wooded area in front of Tyndale View has become very messy. Please can we ask that rubbish is not dumped in this area. Please can we ask for your help in picking up the litter and rubbish in this area.

**Parish Council meetings** - The parish council meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. A meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month if there is business which cannot wait until the next 2nd Monday of the month. Full details of all meetings can be found on Kingswood Parish Council's website. The next scheduled meeting is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.15pm at the village hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend and take part in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

**Communication** - Please visit the KPC web site on [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) and follow and like the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tel: 01453 844659, Email: [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their November meeting, the members of KINGWOOD ABBEY WI were entertained by charismatic speaker, Mark Steads of Hawkesbury Upton telling about the Reforming Women of Bristol, from St Werburgh, (yes she was a woman!)... to the suffragettes. The Craft group enjoyed making a poppy cascade for the Remembrance service at St Mary's and have now begun knitting baby hats for the Bath RUH and "tiddlemuffs" or sensory bands for dementia patients. Donations of thick wool will be gratefully received. The Book group is reading Donna Leon's mystery 'Death at La Fenice' for their meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The WIs of Cam, Dursley and Kingswood meet for their Carol Service at St Mary's on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm - visitors most welcome to join us.

The Christmas meal, catered by Sarah Beale will be on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The next WI meeting will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm when members will be instructed by Dr. David Owen and members of the St John's Ambulance on how to use a defibrillator and perform CPR. Visitors welcome.

### KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Contact info Jennie on 842803 or email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk)

or via our website at [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) for up to date information about our morning and evening services check our Facebook page

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the exhibition for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Churches Together Leaflet will be coming through your door, which tells you all about what is happening over the Christmas period. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, happy and joyful Christmas.

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

