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Kingswood Grapevine



DECEMBER / JANUARY 2019

Dates For Your Diary

Sat	1 st	Dec	K.V.A Wine Festival	Kingswood Village Hall	
Tues	8 th	Jan	W.I.	Kingswood Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	14 th	"	Parish Council	Kingswood Village Hall	7.15pm

FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE: FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

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

Many thanks to Neighbourhood Watch for their generous donation. Grapevine would not exist without donations such as this.

### Longfield Christmas Tree Campaign

Collecting your Christmas tree – for charity!

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity.

Longfield will collect the tree from your home between **January 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** and recycle it for you, in return for a donation.

All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on **Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>** and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day!) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).

### Kingswood Village Church Fete

This is an early reminder that the annual Church Fete will be held as usual in the beautiful gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, GL12 8RS from 1pm on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**. 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 and we look forward to seeing you then, further information will follow in coming months. Enquires to Patricia Broadfoot 844436 or email: [fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk)  
- Find us on Facebook at St Mary's garden fete Kingswood GL12

### Friends of St Mary's

Friends of St Mary's are hosting their Spring coffee morning in the St Mary's Room, St Mary's Church, High Street, GL12 8RS on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.00am - 12.30pm, which will include a book, plant and cake sale & Strawberry Teas on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** 3.00-5.00pm, please put these dates in your 2019 diaries. We hope to arrange other events too.

FOSM (Friends of St Mary's) are a small but friendly group for raising funds for the improvement and restoration of St Mary's Church in Kingswood and we are always in need of some new members! We are lucky enough to have a willing band of helpers for these events, but could do with some additional help with their organisation & coming up with new ideas. If you feel you could help, or would just like to have a chat and get further information, please contact Stella 01453 842497, or Chris 07802 604389.

Meetings are usually fairly short and include plenty of refreshments!

Please contact us by emailing: [friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk). See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood

### Kingswood Defib Awareness Group: David Owen [owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com](mailto:owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com) 01453 844463

There are now 13 community public access defibrillators in Wotton. When the last one currently planned (No. 14) is installed, I will circulate a plan showing the locations.

In Kingswood, I am looking for more funds in order to progress the plan to install 2 more cPADs. If you or your organisation can help, please do contact me.

The three existing 24/7 defibs in Kingswood are located at:

- The shop: behind the pillar-box.
- The village hall: on the outside wall, adjacent to the main entrance door.
- The Primary School, Abbey St: on the front wall, next to the main entrance.

Defibrillators are used to help resuscitate patients suffering a sudden cardiac arrest.

The main symptoms displayed by a patient in sudden cardiac arrest are:

- 1) the patient is unconscious (not responding) and
- 2) the patient is not breathing (or not breathing normally, e.g. gasping).

If you are faced with this, do the following:

- Commence CPR chest compressions immediately at the rate of nearly 2 pushes per second.
- Do not stop, unless you chose to give 2 breaths after every 30 pushes.
- Call 999 for the ambulance. If possible, get someone else to do this.
- Collect the defibrillator. Do not stop chest compressions to do this.
- Then follow the defib's very clear audio instructions.
- The defibrillator is an intelligent machine. It will decide what needs to be done.
- **Remember: you cannot harm the patient by using the defib. You can only do good.**

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their November meeting members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed a "hands-on" evening of basic origami. Taught by world famous origami teacher, Judith Laing, they mastered the art of making boxes and stars, also tricky folded envelopes and cards.

The AGM followed when Sue McClung (842178) was elected President and Sheila Kerr (844865) took on the role of secretary.

This month the Walking group enjoyed a ramble over to Nibley monument; the Craft group are making hats for premature babies born in Cheltenham hospital; the Book group will discuss The Expats by Chris Pavonne and the newly formed cinema group watched a live theatre production of Funny Girl at Wotton Cinema. The Group Carol service will be on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at Dursley Methodist Church and the December meeting will be a Christmas meal catered by Sarah Beale. Any lady wishing to join the WI will be most welcome at the January meeting on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## News from St Mary's Parish Church

Christmas is fast approaching with all its wonderful seasonal services to celebrate the birth of Christ. To mark the beginning of Advent there is the annual Christingle Service on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6pm.

This is always a joyous occasion for all the family and we look forward to welcoming you. Details of all these services are available on the church website and in the leaflet being distributed around the village.

**Memorial Garden** - As many people will have seen, work has now started on the construction of the Memorial Garden in St Mary's churchyard. This will be a beautiful and peaceful space for everyone in the village to enjoy. We still need to raise another £15,000 for the project. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, details are on the St Mary's website at <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk> or contact Patricia on [memorialgarden@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:memorialgarden@stmaryskingswood.org.uk).

Memorial donations will be recorded in a permanent record inside the church.

There is also the opportunity to donate specific items in memory of a loved one such as a tree or bench.

These will be named in the Garden. Please contact as above for details.

**Donations to the Nelson Trust** - St Mary's is collecting items for the Nelson Trust this Christmas which works to support people with addiction problems. The Women's Centre in Gloucester provides a 'one stop shop' approach to the wide range of problems faced by women in the criminal justice system.

Many women are completely overwhelmed by domestic violence, homelessness, addiction and mental health issues and need any support we can give.

We are collecting new: women's underwear, children's clothes, toiletries, and toys for Christmas.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS FESTIVE ELF HUNT 14th Dec – 6th Jan

Ten of Santa's mischievous elves will be hiding in Kingswood from 14th December- and we need your help to find them!

An emergency Elf-Spotting HQ has been set up at the village shop.

For a small donation of £2 to Kingswood Village Playgroup & Toddlers, you can obtain a map with the location of the elves' favourite hiding spots. Each naughty elf you find will show you a letter - collect all ten to spell out the name of their leader!

Take the name back to HQ to claim your reward. The elves must be rounded up and returned to Lapland by 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Good luck!

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00 – 1pm) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) run at Kingswood Village Hall in term times. If you would like to find out more please visit our website [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk).

## 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) or our Facebook page for up to date information.

Christmas Services for December - Please check out the Churches Together Leaflet that comes round to everyone where you will find all the details.

A warm welcome awaits you to all the services over the Christmas time. We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Every Wednesday Coffee Morning 9.30-11.00am. We have a nominated charity each month for donations. Homemade items will be for sale at various times. Looking forward to seeing or meeting you.

Next year we will be starting an Alpha Course – Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

Details of times and start date will be found on our website in the New Year.

Visit [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk) to find out more.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Local Plan Review** - Stroud District Council are carrying out a review of the Local Plan for the period 2020-2040. Please see full details of the Stroud District Council's consultation at [www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview).

The consultation runs from 16th November 2018 until 18th January 2019.

Kingswood Parish Council is also keen to know the views of members of the community.

An information letter will be sent to every household together with a survey. There is also a link to the Kingswood Consultation <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KingswoodLP> or return the survey by post to Kingswood Parish Council PO Box, 113, Wotton under Edge, GL11 9BP.

Kingswood Parish Council consultation takes place from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. The parish council's response to the Local Plan review will be discussed in the meeting of Kingswood Parish Council on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Tubbs Turf Boundary Wall** - Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. The results will be available in December and will be in the next edition of Grapevine.

## Automate Number Plate Recognition cameras (ANPR) –

Wickwar Road

4,897 Vehicles recorded above 35mph in October

Charfield Road

5,375 Vehicles recorded above 35mph in October

**Winter Weather** - Ice and snow has been forecast. Grit has been provided at locations within the parish.

Please use this on pavements and public Highways but **not** on private properties.

**Thank you to all Volunteers** - A big thank you to all the members of the community who volunteer and help with litter picking, the waterways, footpaths and many more tasks.

**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 manage the land.

The parish council has received reports of littering in the ponds. This has damaged the breeding site.

If you have any information on this please let the Clerk know.

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, Kingswood Parish Council, PO Box 113, Wotton under Edge, GL11 9BP, Tele 01453 844659, Email

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

