

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	KKaV get-together	St Mary's Room	7.30pm
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	Playgroup & Toddlers Christmas Crafts	Village Hall	2.00pm-5.00pm
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I. Christmas Party	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Christmas Carols on the Chipping		6.00pm
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Village Hall Social	Village Hall	8.00pm
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	January	W.I. talk by Louise Owen	Village Hall	7.30pm

**FEBRUARY 2012 ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 20th**

Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	January	Burns Supper	Village Hall
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## Warning

**WARNING** to walkers who use the public footpath between Kingswood and Wotton. Several people have reported incidents with cows in the first 2 fields from the end of Park Mill Farm drive with at least 3 people being head butted to the ground. Please be vigilant when crossing these fields.

## Open Studio

*Claire Failles – Open studio – Friday – Sunday 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 4pm Come and see my latest work, everyone welcome.*

Looking for an artist or illustrator? Take a look at [www.drawingonreality.co.uk](http://www.drawingonreality.co.uk)

## Kingswood Playgroup & Toddlers - Children's Christmas Crafts

After the success of previous events, Kingswood Playgroup and Toddlers will once again be running a Christmas Crafts afternoon on **Saturday 10th December** from 2.00 - 5.00 pm at Kingswood Village Hall.

There will be many craft activities for the children to enjoy as well as a Phoenix cards stall, Tempest Photographer, raffle and delicious cakes! Entry to the event is free, however there is a small charge for the craft activities which will make ideal Christmas presents for friends and relatives. Come along and join in the fun or just come for tea and cakes! We hope to see you at what promises to be a fun-packed afternoon.

**KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.**

Kingswood Abbey W.I. held their AGM in November when Geoff Peglar spoke about his life playing the bagpipes for Burn's Nights and weddings. He demonstrated his playing then used a practice chanter to explain the intricacies of learning to play the pipes.

The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on **December 13th** at 7.30pm when the members will hold their Christmas Party with 'In House' entertainment. The January meeting is on Tuesday, **10th January 2012** with speaker Louise Owen of the Wotton Osteopath centre. All new members are most welcome to join us. For more details please ring the WI President, Val Jones on 842471.

**KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**S.11/1839/ful - 27 Houses at Chestnut Park** - Permission was given to the building of the houses subject to conditions and the agreement of Taylor Wimpey in paying £10,000 to the village. This is subject to legal agreement and is currently being drawn up. Until this has been completed the full implications of the development remain unclear. If Taylor Wimpey do not agree with the conditions the application returns to the Development Control Committee on 13th December. Taylor Wimpey has not yet withdrawn the appeal.

The Parish Council discussed the decision in a meeting on Monday and took into account the views of the public in attendance. Members of the public and some Councillors expressed concerns with the process and procedures, applied during this application. The Parish Council does not wish to incur any further expense to either Stroud or the Parish but will take advice on the possibility of a Judicial Review. The Parish Council will also bring a complaint through the SDC complaints procedure, the Local Government Ombudsman and also our MP Geoffrey Clifton Brown.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who commented on this application. The comments helped to bring about improvements to what was originally put forward by the Developer.

**Stroud District Consultation on Dog Fouling** - Stroud District Council is holding a consultation on Dog Fouling. Details are available on the Parish Council web site [www.community.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.community.stroud.gov.uk) or the Stroud District Council web site <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/dog> or will be displayed at the in the Ivitae coffee shop . The specific control orders the Council believes would enhance the district relate to:

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| • | Failing to remove dog faeces                                                              | • | Not keeping a dog on a lead |
| • | Not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer |   |                             |
| • | Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded.                              |   |                             |

The Parish Council would like the views of Villagers on how they would like to see this enacted in Kingswood. Please either post your details in the box provided in the coffee shop or email the clerk on [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

**Wickwar Road Traffic Calming.** - Gloucestershire Highways has issued details on a second proposed traffic calming system for Wickwar Road. Details of the scheme will be displayed at Ivitae. Please comment on this scheme in the box provided at the coffee shop or email the clerk on [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) The Parish Council will discuss the results of this consultation in the December meeting to be held on **12th December 2011** at the Village hall.

**Neighbourhood Plan** The Parish Council will be resuming its efforts on producing a neighbourhood plan and taking advice on how best to achieve this. If you are interested in being part of a working party which will help to produce this, please contact the clerk.

**Housing Survey** – As part of the above process the Parish Council is taking advice from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council on a housing needs survey for Kingswood. Next Parish Council meeting **Monday 12th December 2011** - 7.15. Village Hall.

<b>Kingswood Village Hall</b>
<b>Kingswood Village Hall Social – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 8.00pm.</b> The committee would like to extend an invitation to all villagers to join us for a mince pie (or 2!) at the Village Hall during the festive season (bar will be open!). Many improvements have been made to the hall over the last year, including a new cellar cooler (to keep the beer cold), a new heating system (to keep the customers warm), new ladies, gents and disabled toilet, to name just a few. A massive thanks to all those who continue to give up their free time to clean, paint, polish, pick up rubbish, cut the grass, serve behind the bar, design the website etc etc making the hall such a great facility for the whole village. Come and see for yourself, and if you would like to get involved in some way, however small, we would love to have you on board! The Village Hall Website can be found at <a href="http://www.kingswoodvillage.org.uk">www.kingswoodvillage.org.uk</a>
<b>Burns Night Supper - 28th January 2012</b> – A date for your diary! Enjoy haggis, neeps and tatties during this night of traditional Scottish celebration and Village Hall fundraiser – Not to be missed, look out for posters soon.
<b>KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.</b> Pastor Adrian Wyatt - 07976362615 email - <a href="mailto:sherenwyatt@sky.com">sherenwyatt@sky.com</a>
One of our members Candi Williams-Tarling has recently returned from Malawi where she was part of a team visiting churches in that country, if you would like to hear how she got on she will be sharing her experiences on Sunday 4th December at 10.30am at 6pm, and the speaker will be Bill Hewson. The rest of our services are as follows - <b>11th December</b> at 10.30am - Children's Gift Service this service is when children bring presents for disadvantaged children which are then distributed by Muller Homes in Bristol and at 6pm - Adrian Wyatt. On the <b>18th December</b> at 10.30am - Christingle Service and at 6pm - The Nativity Story with items by the Choir. On the <b>24th December</b> - 11.30pm - Welcome in Christmas Day and on Christmas Morning celebrate Jesus' birthday at 10.30am. A warm welcome awaits you.
<b>Attention</b> mums and dads if you need some time to choose your children's Christmas presents why not leave them with us at <b>Shop and Drop</b> , on <b>Saturday, 17th December</b> between 9.30am and 1.30pm, this month's theme being <i>Christmas!</i> Please ring Kirstie on 842309 if you would like to know more.
Our Pastor Adrian, the Deacons and Members wish all our fellow villagers a very Happy Christmas and may your hearts be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk">www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk</a>
'Being Light, Bringing Hope, Building Community'
<b>Keep Kingswood a Village</b>
<i>Keep Kingswood a Village</i> was very disappointed with the decision by Stroud District Council Development Control Committee to approve the Taylor Wimpey Application to build 27 houses on Chestnut Park.
After the magnificent decision to reject the application unanimously last March it was hard to understand why an essentially similar application in overall occupancy size did not prompt another refusal.
However, between them, KKaV and the Parish Council have secured many conditions to be met before building can start. This is a significant achievement and we would therefore like <b>to invite all KKaV supporters to a celebratory get-together on Monday, 28th November at 7.30 in St Mary's Room.</b> Wine and nibbles will be provided and there will be an opportunity to review the outcome and to discuss next steps.
<b>VILLAGE CAROL SINGING</b>
On <b>Monday 19th December</b> Church's Together will lead the Village Carol Singing on the Chipping, starting at 6 pm prompt.
<b>Fascinating Rhythm</b>
Fascinating Rhythm is an award winning all-female close harmony a capella chorus. We are all members of LABBS – Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers, and every year we take part in the National competition in October. This year the competition was in Harrogate and we had our best year, winning two awards. Music Director, Jo Dean, won Director effecting most improvement in the chorus and we also won Most Improved Chorus for 2011. We came 7 <sup>th</sup> overall which is 4 places higher than 2010 and our best result.
We began in 1996 with 8 ladies and have been growing steadily ever since. We are a nearly 50 strong Chorus and 'sing out' at charitable events, weddings and other celebrations, for example, we will have sung in the beautiful Gloucester Cathedral as part of the Meningitis Trust Christmas concerts for two years running.
We recently helped our local WI celebrate their 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in December we will put on an evening of entertainment and delight at our winter show.
<b>Exciting news</b> - Come to a 'One Day Singing Workshop' led by <b>Fascinating Rhythm</b> - a top national award winning female a cappella Chorus based in South Gloucester. Whatever your singing ability, be assured of a warm welcome. You'll have an inspiring day with like-minded people. By the end of the session you will have improved your vocal technique, enjoyed a range of fun warm-ups and will have learned an entire song that you can showcase to your family and friends during a <i>free performance</i> in the afternoon.
<b>Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 - Venue: - The Castle School Park Road, Thornbury, South Gloucestershire BS35 1HT</b>
<b>Time: 10:00am till 4:30pm. Cost: £10 for the day including</b> tea and coffee (bring your own lunch).
<i>Limited places. Closing date for booking: 7th January 2012</i>
For further info and to book your place, please contact: Linda Taylor Tel: 01984 640545 Email: <a href="mailto:lin.taylor148@hotmail.com">lin.taylor148@hotmail.com</a>
Work with <b>Fascinating Rhythm</b> to learn a new song in 4-part harmony and amaze yourself, friends and family!
<b>New Year's Eve Concert in St Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge, at 6.0pm.</b>
Continue the season's festivities with the Wotton Arts Association's New Year's concert, which is becoming as traditional as Vienna's New Year's Day concert. Justine Tomlinson and friends will perform a programme of light music including some familiar melodies composed by the Strauss family. Tickets £10 (includes a glass of wine) before Christmas from The Novel Hovel, and on the door, (£9.00in advance).
<b>KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b>
The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.

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