

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon	30 th	Jan	Slimming World	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	4 th	Feb	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Mon	13 th	"	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues	14 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	14 th	"	W.I. talk on Yellowstone Park	Village Hall	7.30pm

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Fri	24 th	Feb	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	25 th	"	Olympic Quiz Night	Kingswood Primary School	7.30pm for 8.00pm
Thurs	8 th	March	Historical Society Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	24 th	"	'Come Dine With Me'		
Tues	27 th	"	Kingswood Village Association A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm

Warning to dog walkers, our dog recently ate some rat poison which nearly killed him, we walk 'the loop' regularly so the chances are he picked it up on one of these walks. Please be vigilant and don't let your dog eat things whilst out walking. We were lucky as we took him to the vets when he passed black faeces (indicating an internal bleed) the vets acted quickly diagnosing ingestion of rat poison and he was given transfusions and vitamin K to increase clotting. I do not want anyone to go through with their dog what we have been through. D Smith

Christmas Tree

A big **THANK YOU** from the village to Rob and Sue Bateman for the wonderful Christmas Tree sited outside i-Vitae. It is always a fantastic focal point, a real feel-good look to the village.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Kingswood Come Dine With Me (aka the Gadabout) – the KVA is pleased to confirm that this year's event will be on **Saturday 24th March**. Details will be dropping through your door over the next few weeks, and there are more details on www.k-v-a.org. Please join your fellow Kingswoodians for a wonderful evening of good food and great company!

The Kingswood Village Association A.G.M will be at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 27th March** at the Village Hall - come along to have your say in what events happen in your village and enjoy a glass of wine at the same time! – Everyone is welcome.

The KVA is now on the internet! Please visit www.k-v-a.org to keep up to date with all the upcoming events!

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations! After the success of the Royal Wedding celebrations last year, the Kingswood Village Collective will be pulling out all the stops on **Saturday 2nd June** to make the Jubilee another fun-filled and action packed day! If you would like to get involved, please email kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.k-v-a.org.

Wotton-under-Edge Concerts

11 February 2012, St Mary's Parish Church Wotton, Mozart's Requiem, 1st Symphony and Thamos King of Egypt. Conductor Ben Hoffnung with the Choir of the Rinaldo Consort. Sponsored by Alderley plc.

19 May 2012, St Mary's Parish Church Wotton, Queens Diamond Jubilee Concert: Divine Music for Trumpets and Voices from the Life of Handel. Conducted by Ben Hoffnung and narrated by Harry Enfield (tbc). Sponsored by Alderley plc.

Tickets for both events from 01453 521 421 or www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk

Slimming World

New – Slimming World is coming to Kingswood! Starting on **Monday January 30th** at 7.30pm in Kingswood Village Hall. For more details please contact Sarah Haycocks on 07891 289391.

Neighbourhood Warden

The new Neighbourhood Warden is Peter Gleed and can be contacted on 07834419332.

Hillesley Ball - Saturday 19th May 2012

(To raise funds for Women for Women administered by the Genesis Research Trust) 7.30pm - 1.00am £45 / ticket. Booking forms now available from Kingswood Post Office. Bookable in tables of 10. Deposit of £10/person required by **Friday 17th Feb**.

Clare Poole and sister Katie Morris are taking part in the twelfth Women for Women cycling event in Central America **1st-11th Nov 2012**. We have to raise **at least** £3300 each to take part and hope the Ball will set us well on our way.

Funds raised by the challenge will be used by the Genesis Research Trust to support women scientists and clinicians to specialise in research affecting women and their babies. They will work in the research centre to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a range of devastating conditions which cause miscarriage, genetic diseases, infertility, cancer and brain damage. With up to 250 babies dying every week in the UK from complications during pregnancy, this work has never been so essential for women and babies nationwide. Book a table, have a great night and support the Genesis Research Trust.

Kingswood School Association

"OLYMPIC" QUIZ NIGHT, **Saturday 25th February**, 7.30 for 8pm @ Kingswood Village School. Entry is £10 (+ cake/pudding) for a team of up to 4. Come along & see if you can knock Al King & his team from last year's gold medal position! Licenced bar. Tickets available on-line from all good Olympic lottery sites! Alternatively, see Damian Pacini (521203) or Andy Symanowski or just turn up on the night!

Wotton-under-Edge Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre will be re-opening after a 'make-over' at the beginning of February with an exhibition called 'Coronation'. For those of you who haven't yet visited call in and see what is on offer, lots of Kingswood related items too.

KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398 or sheilaplume@googlemail.com

Our first Talk this year is on **THURSDAY 8TH MARCH** at 7.30pm in the hall. The subject "**The Mysterious Origins of the Three Choirs Festival**" by Tim Porter will appeal not only to those interested in historical events but also to church and classical music lovers. Admission by ticket only - available from Sheila. Free to members and £3 to others. Refreshments in the interval - and a

guaranteed enjoyable evening out.
KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Kingswood Abbey WI welcomed four new members at the January meeting when Louise Owen of the Wotton Osteopath clinic spoke about her life as an osteopath. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 14th at the Village Hall with a talk and slide presentation about Yellowstone Park by Betty Hebditch. The competitions are for a holiday souvenir and a bloom from your garden. Ring Val Jones 842471 for more details about meetings.
Wildlife Exhibition & Photography Classes
Thank you to everyone who visited my wildlife photography exhibition at iVitae just before Christmas - it was wonderful to see so many people. Following a number of requests, I am planning to hold a series of evening photography classes through the spring - if you are interested and would like more information then please get in touch - email iain@naturebygreen.com or tel: 845042.
Churches Together in Kingswood.
The collection at the Carol Singing on the Chipping raised £141 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Well done everyone.
KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Pastor Adrian Wyatt. www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk
The New Year is well into its stride, but this is the first opportunity we have had as a church to wish readers of the Grapevine a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. It's an exciting year ahead as the country celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As part of the village celebrations on 2 June; we will be holding a Flower Festival in the chapel. If there is anyone who would like to help/contribute to this we would be pleased to hear from them. Contact Lin on 843461. Churches Together in Kingswood will be holding individual Lent discussions for six weeks from the 27th February at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Transept. Everyone welcome. Contact Beth on 844691 if you would like to know more. This month our focus is on the younger generation and what is on offer at Kingswood Congregational Church. During our morning service (10.30am) UnitedMediaChurch, Sunday School and Crèche meet. Every Friday between 6.30 – 7.30pm, during term time, Zion Club echoes to the sound of 5-9 year olds as they play games, engage in craft and watch a DVD with a quiz to follow. Contact Lucy on 07795176019. On alternate Mondays at 7.30pm United meet for age 10-13 with a variety of activities on offer, please visit unitedmediachurch.btck.co.uk to find out more or contact Adrian on 07976362615. (All people who help with children's work in the church are CRB checked and we have a Safe from Harm policy in place.)
Changes to Bristol Bus Services
Since October there have been some changes to our 311 bus service from Dursley via Kingswood to Bristol via Thornbury and Cribb's Causeway. Monday to Fridays the 311 now leaves Wotton at 07.02, 08.03, 08.58, 10.58, 12.58, 14.58, 16.57, 19.08 hrs, stopping in Kingswood and changing at Thornbury to the 309/310 without the need to change buses. (NB The bus timetable only specified the time these buses leave Wotton, not when they are expected to arrive in Kingswood.) On Saturdays the 311 leaves Wotton at 06.56, 08.57, 10.58, 12.58, 14.58, 16.57, 18.58. Monday to Fridays the return bus the 309/310 leaves Bristol Bus Station at 06.40, 08.20, 10.20, 12.20, 14.20, and 16.20 via Cribb's Causeway changing at Thornbury to 311 without the need to change buses. On Saturdays the return bus from Bristol Bus Station runs at 06.40, 08.20, 10.20, 12.20, 14.20 and 16.20.
Friends of St. Mary's
In 2012 Friends are again offering a Light Lunch on the last Thursday of each month between 12 noon and 2 pm in St. Mary's Room at St. Mary's Church in the High Street. All the food is home-cooked and prices are reasonable. Everyone is welcome. The Big Bookstall at St. Mary's Fete in June welcomes your unwanted books - in good, clean, re-saleable condition, please. Telephone Simon on 845204 to arrange collection/delivery. Please see the next edition of The Grapevine for details of further Friends' events in 2012.
TUBBS TURF
The mild weather has meant that the courts have been put to good use this winter, and it is hard to believe that the next season is almost upon us. The Committee has been hard at work with general maintenance and gardening, but more importantly preparing a bid for funding to upgrade the courts and facilities. Thanks to all those who submitted views, which helped to formulate the plans. We are very lucky to have some professional input from Kingswood residents so watch this space for further information on this exciting development. Tubbs Turf membership fees become due in April, so if you are already a member, a renewal form will be emailed to you shortly. If you are not a member and want to join, please visit www.tubbsturf.co.uk for more information and a form. We will also be sending out a questionnaire about Finals Day and the possibility of resurrecting the tennis boxes. Your views on this would be welcome so feel free to contact any committee member or email admin@tubbsturf.co.uk
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH Revd David Russell Tel: 01454 294267
We are now part of the United Benefice of Wickwar with Rangeworthy and Hillesley, and Charfield and Kingswood and our priest, rector, vicar or whatever you want to call him, is David Russell who lives in the Rectory in Wickwar High Street. He should have been supported in this work by Revd Viv Kerner but she, as you probably know, has had to resign because of ill-health. Despite being so short of resources over the busy Christmas season, all the services that people expected to take place in all five parishes did actually happen. It was a great credit to all David's hard work and the way people rallied round to help. In the period up to Easter, David is being supported by the Revd Susan Phillipson-Masters, so life should be a little easier. Also, the benefice will soon advertise for a part time priest to replace Viv on a permanent basis. The news about Viv is that she is continuing to fight her illness with great courage. By the time you read this, she and Steve should have moved from the Rectory to a house in Charfield. If, God willing, she makes a good recovery she plans to continue her ministry in the benefice as an associate priest.
Services: 5 th February 11:00 am Parish Eucharist
12 th February 11:00 am Sung Matins
19 th February 11:00 am Parish Eucharist
26 th February 11:00 am Family Eucharist 6:00 pm Evensong
KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
S.11/1839/ful 27 Houses at Chestnut Park – The decision notice has now been received and can be accessed on the Stroud District Council web site or the Kingswood Parish Council web site. http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54
Stroud District Consultation on Dog Fouling - Details are available on the Parish Council web site. http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54 or the Stroud District Council web site http://www.stroud.gov.uk/dog
The Parish Council did not receive any comments on this consultation, however due to a continuing problem at the playing field the

Parish Council are applying for a dog exclusion order at this location.
Housing Survey – the Parish Council are taking advice from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council on a housing needs survey for Kingswood and are looking for a team to help collect the survey. Please let the clerk know if you can help by phoning on 01453 844659 or email kingswood.parish@btconnect.com
Wickwar Road Traffic Calming - The Parish Council reviewed the proposal and the consultation and have asked for option A to go ahead as the choice of traffic calming. We will keep you up to date on what is happening on this once information becomes available.
Dog Fouling – The Parish Council has asked the dog Warden and the Neighbourhood Warden to up the patrols of the village in an attempt to catch the offending dog owners. Please can all dog owners act responsibly and clear up after their dog.
Stroud District Council Core Strategy -Stroud District Council has announced the dates of public consultation events for its forthcoming strategy. The 15-year Local Plan, formerly known as the Core Strategy, identifies key locations in the district for the growth of housing and jobs until 2026. The public's responses will inform the final stages of Local Plan preparation and will help the authority finalize development locations. Please view online at - http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planning_strategy.asp#s%3Dsectioncontent4=&p%3Dspa=&s=sectioncontent3
This preferred strategy' consultation will deal with the council's proposals for how best to distribute 3,200 new homes and encourage up to 6,400 jobs in the district. It will ask for people's views about focusing development at six main locations: Hunts Grove (Hardwicke/Haresfield parishes), North East of Cam, West of Stonehouse (Eastington parish), along the Stroud Valleys, Aston Down and Sharpness.
There will be six drop-in exhibitions, targeted at the main development locations, where members of the public can look at the plans and ask questions. Times and locations are:
Weds 15 February , Hardwicke Village Hall (3pm - 8pm); Sat 18 February , Winterbotham Hall, Cam (10am - 3pm)
Weds 22 February , Brimscombe&Thrupp Social Centre (3pm - 8pm); Sat 25 February , The Subscription Rooms, Stroud (10am - 3pm)
Thurs 1 March , Sharpness Village Hall (3pm - 8pm); Saturday 3 March , Stonehouse Town Council (10am - 3pm)
Libraries - Gloucestershire County Council is carrying out a further consultation on the future of library provision. The library at Wotton-under-Edge is at risk and the mobile library that served Kingswood has been withdrawn.
The draft outline can be viewed on :- http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries2012
Next Parish Council meeting Monday 13th February 2012 7.15 Village Hall
KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
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 <i>Grapevine</i> website. For an entry please email <i>Grapevine</i> or telephone Gill on 842734.