

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Fri	8 th	Feb	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	12 th	"	W.I. talk by Lara Madge	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	"	Tubbs Turf Gala Dinner	Village Hall	

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

Wed	27 th	Feb	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	28 th	"	R.N.L.I - Antarctica and Back	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	7.30pm
Thurs	21 st	March	Historical Society talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	"	Kingswood's Come Dine with Me		
Tues	26 th	"	Kingswood Village Association A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm

Kingswood Grapevine has a new and improved website (and address), also a new email address.

Wotton-under-Edge Branch R.N.L.I

Thursday 28th February, Cotswold Edge Golf Course: Antarctica and back. An illustrated talk by Capt. John Harper, Master of the RRS Ernest Shackleton, British Antarctic Survey. Capt. Harper will have just returned from his yearly trip taking scientists and supplies to the British Antarctic Survey base in the Antarctic with some wonderful tales and photographs to share. Come along for a thoroughly interesting evening and help the RNLI save lives at sea. The talk will start at 7.30pm and there will be a cash bar available before and after the talk courtesy of the Golf Club. All proceeds in aid of the RNLI. Tickets, at £10, are on sale now at the Cotswold Book Room and Westward Travel, both on Long Street, Wotton-under-Edge. For further details or to reserve a ticket please call Andrew Harper on 01453 843529.

Red Cross project in your area

Do you know someone who would benefit from help to stay warm and prevent falls, fire and social isolation this winter? Could you benefit? If so, contact the Red Cross Healthy Homes team to arrange a friendly and free home visit. (Visits are open to residents of Glos, S. Glos, Wiltshire and Bath&North East Somerset.) Contact *The Red Cross Healthy Homes team* on **0117 3012611** or at **H&SCWAG@redcross.org.uk**.

Wild plant charity Plantlife

(www.plantlife.org.uk), is hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk. The November e-bulletin is out now! The Wild About Plants project aims to help people reconnect with the outdoors and their local green spaces. Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep. In recent years subscribers have been asked to record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for. Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Kingswood Come Dine With Me! **Saturday 23rd March** starting at the Village Hall. 2012 was a huge success and we hope this year will be bigger and even better! Invitations have been delivered through every letterbox, we have also put the entry form on the website for you to download (www.k-v-a.org) - if you need a paper copy, please call Donna on 845527. It is a great, fun-filled evening and a brilliant opportunity to meet new people in the village; some come and 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 26th 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.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI President, Val Jones welcomed five new members and some guests, one from Vancouver, to the January meeting at the Village Hall where Christine Davies spoke about the formation of the Nia Dance exercise routine and her journey to be a Nia teacher. Members enjoyed taking part (both sitting and standing) in some simple Nia routines to music.

Next month's meeting will be on **February 12th** at the Village Hall when Lara Madge, of Park Mill Farm will speak on the Provenance of Food and the importance of buying local. For more details please ring Val Jones on 842471.

Diamond Jubilee Bench - The money collected in donations at the various village celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee during 2012 has been used to buy a teak park bench. As soon as the weather improves, the bench will be secured on the playing field near the children's play equipment with views of Tyndale monument. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the Parish Council for permission to site the seat on the playing field.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Secretary - Sheila Alexander 843398 email sheilaplume@googlemail.com).

Our first talk of the year will be by **Slimbridge Dowsing Society** who will not only explain the technicalities of this fascinating age-old activity but will also reveal how it has brought to light some long-buried local archaeological sites. It will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 21 March** at the village hall. Admission by ticket only (members free, visitors £3) obtainable from the secretary.

COTSWOLD CARE

The collection for the Cotswold Care Hospice, at the Village Carol Singing on the Chipping raised £160. In addition, Jean Simmons' Cake Stall in i-Vitae contributed a further £70 to the same good cause.

Churches Together in Kingswood would like to thank everyone who came along to sing, especially those who put money in the buckets or bought some of Jean's delicious cakes.

KINGSWOOD TODDLERS AND PLAYGROUP

Happy New Year from Kingswood Village Playgroup! We are staying open! There are lots of changes afoot. We are planning to start with this term on a melodic note with parents and carers invited to a Rhyme-Time challenge on Friday 1st March at 11am. Come and enjoy a musical sing along with or without your child and enjoy a cup of tea and cake afterwards to soothe those vocal chords!! We have lots of exciting plans this year to look forward to; a huge celebration to mark our 45 years as a playgroup – watch this space – and lots of outdoor activities planned for the children around our village and beyond. So, if you haven't had a chance already to come and visit us please phone Candi (07730953812) or Ali (07788100171) our friendly Kingswood Village Playgroup manager and chairperson.

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.

TUBBS TURF

The Tubbs Turf committee are pleased that work is well underway on the extension of the Pavilion and apologise to anyone who has been inconvenienced. It is expected that within the next month or so it will be complete and access to the courts and gardens will be back to normal. The new facility will be officially opened on Finals Day this summer, on Saturday 13th July.

Many thanks to all who have bought tickets to our Black Tie Gala Dinner next month. Tickets sold like hot cakes and the final touches are being added.

We are delighted to announce that during the evening we will be auctioning an England RFU Rugby shirt signed by the team, thanks to Kingswood's own Ben Morgan. For those who are not coming to the event, we will be happy to accept sealed bids, so pass the news on to friends and family who may be interested. We will start the bidding on the evening at £50, so please ensure that your bids reach a committee member by **Friday 22nd February**, and include your name and contact details.

For those who are coming, we would appreciate a prompt response to the menu choices to help with the catering, and please note that the bar will be open from 7pm on the evening for anyone who wants a pre-prandial drink or glass of bubbly. We look forward to seeing you for a great evening of fine food and entertainment.

Friends of St. Mary's

Ceiling Squares Sponsorship: Only 21 squares are still available to be sponsored at a cost of £50 per square. If you would like to dedicate a square to a person or special event, please contact Simon on 01453 845204. Rewiring and redecoration are due to start early in April, after which a permanent record of the dedications will be prepared and displayed in St. Mary's.

Lent lunches will be available on 14th February and on every Thursday during Lent from 12 noon to 1 pm in St. Mary's Room. "Let us eat simply, that others may, simply, eat."

Light lunches are usually on the last Thursday of the month from 12 noon - 2 pm in St. Mary's Room.

Diary dates:

<u>Plant & Produce Sale</u>	18 th May,	10am – 1pm on The Chipping
<u>Wine Tasting</u>	8 th June,	7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room
<u>Strawberry Teas</u>	6 th July,	3pm – 5 pm in St. Mary's Room
<u>Supper Quiz</u>	16 th November,	7pm in St. Mary's Room

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends to any or all of these events.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Highways - The proposed traffic calming for Wickwar Road should be completed by the end of March 2013.

The parish council is liaising with the Police on what can be done in connection with speeding through the village. The parish Council is trying to obtain a speed survey gun for the use in Kingswood. More details to follow

Flooding - The parish council is liaising with the environment agency and the District and County Councils in respect of flooding issues within the village. Please let the Clerk know if you have recently had a problem.

Grit - The parish council have installed two more grit bins. These are located at the entrance to the cemetery and the playing field. A reminder that the grit is to be used on the highways and pavements not on private driveways!

Flower Beds - A big thank you to Sian Smith and her team for all their hard work on the flower beds. Sian has transformed the flower beds bringing them up to the excellent standard that they are now at. Sian will be leaving the village so we are looking for someone to continue with the work that she and her team have started. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in finding out more.

Village Design Statement - The parish council still needs more input from the village on the Village Design Statement. The completion of this and a Neighbourhood Plan are important documentation that will help shape and influence future growth and development of the village. The Government are proposing to allocate to town, parish and community councils an element of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), namely 25% where there is an approved Neighbourhood Plan in place. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, Kingswood could be at a financial disadvantage.

The completion of the design statement does depend on the involvement of as many people as possible in the village. Please can you help by taking some time to complete the survey. Keep Kingswood a Village has kindly offered to sponsor the printing of the survey form and should be delivered to every household.

The form should only take a short time to complete. More help if required is available on the Kingswood Village Design Statement

Web site <http://www.knp.btck.co.uk/> or the Parish Council web site <http://community.stroud.gov.uk/pieces/cms.asp>

Please complete and return the form to the Clerk or any Councillor or at drop off points in the village. These will be located at i-Vitae, The Dinneywicks Pub and the porch of St Mary's Church.

Clerk Mary Leonard new Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane Hillesley GL12 7RQ email kingswood.parish@btconnect.com Tel 01453 844659

MEMORIAL FOR VIV KERNER

The donations towards a memorial for Viv are now comfortably over the thousand pound mark. There have been a number of suggestions for what form the memorial should take. Rather than selecting just one of these suggestions, St Mary's Church Council has decided to try to achieve four!

We propose to replace the missing lamp in the wrought iron "overthrow" over the gateway of St Mary's. An old photograph shows that it did once have a handsome lantern which must have been lit by gas or oil. A new electric light, in the same style as the old lantern, will surely be an enhancement to the street-scape that can be enjoyed by everyone. In addition to this, it is intended to improve the flower beds on either side of the path between the gate and the church door, to install a seat by the garden of remembrance in the churchyard and to plant a flowering tree there.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Mary's Church at 7pm on Friday March 1st. It has been written by the Christian women of France and the theme is, "I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" Everyone is welcome.

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

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