

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	1 st	Feb	Burns Night Supper	Village Hall	
Thurs	13 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY February 21st

Sat	22 nd	March	'Come Dine with Me'		
Sun	23 rd	"	Tubbs Turf A.G.M	Pavilion	3.00pm
Thurs	27 th	"	Village Association A.G.M	St Mary's Room	8.00pm
Thurs	10 th	April	RNLI Talk	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	8.00pm
Sat	26 th	"	Kingswood Kurry Klub		

NEWS FROM KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

KVA has ended its most successful year to date and is looking forward to similar in 2014. Three fun and fund raising events, "Come dine with me", Show Day and the Xmas Wine Festival raised a record breaking £4000, all of which (almost twice the 2012 amount) was donated to a dozen village causes. The year ended with a New Year's Eve lunch, backed by a spectacular donation of £750 from Waitrose, for 80 Senior Citizens. On **Saturday March 22** we will have another "Come dine with me", starting with drinks and finishing with the dessert course (and more drinks?) in the Village Hall. The starter and main course will be at homes in the village. Very popular with previous guests and a great way for newcomers to get to know people. The AGM will be in St. Mary's Room, a new venue in the spectacularly newly renovated church, at 8.00pm on **Thursday 27 March**. We will be delighted to see you.

KINGSWOOD KURRY KLUB SATURDAY 26 APRIL

Thanks for the amazing response to the December Grapevine trailer for the one-off reprise of the Kurry Klub on **April 26**. 60% of the tables have been reserved, even though the tickets will not be on sale for another month. If you would like to ensure places please contact Rod Alexander (843398 or rodplume@gmail.com) before tickets go on sale for £18.95 on March 1st. Places can be booked individually or in tables of eight.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will be hosting a Burns Supper on **Saturday 1st February** 7.00pm for 7.30pm. A week later than usual because of availability of Piper and Band. Tickets at £17.50 are available from The Post Office Stores.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their January meeting Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a most interesting talk on Western Medical acupuncture and chronic pain given by charismatic speaker Adrian Lyster. Adrian showed by demonstration and diagrams how successfully doctors are treating chronic pain with acupuncture.

The next WI meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, **February 11th** at 7.30pm when Susan Marshfield visits us to speak on "You can choose your friends, but...." Susan is a well liked speaker who can always be relied upon to give a hilarious talk.

KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398

Historical Society (contact Sheila 843398 or sabramley@yahoo.co.uk) will have a talk by Alan Pilbeam on "ATKYN'S GLOUCESTERSHIRE (the County's landscape 300 years ago)" at the Village Hall on **Thursday 27th March**, starting at 7.30pm prompt. Admission by ticket (free to members and £5 to guests) from Sheila Alexander.

Friends of St. Mary`s.

With the splendid redecoration and lighting of St Mary's complete, Friends of St. Mary's will be running other events this year, mainly for the fun and pleasure but also for other improvements to the church and its facilities. Dates for diaries are four Saturdays: **May 10th** - sale on The Chipping, **June 7th** - Wine Festival, **July 5th** - Strawberry Teas and **November 8th** - Supper Quiz. The last events will be at St. Mary's. It is a bit early yet but if you are dying to get rid of books, cds. and bric a brac, Rod Alexander (843398) will store them for the Chipping Sale.

Hillesley Ball Saturday 10th May 2014

Ball is being held to raise much needed funds for a new computer suite at Hillesley C of E Primary School. There will be a sit down meal – buffet style main followed by dessert and cheeseboard brought to the table. There will be a live band plus additional 'side' entertainment. Tickets are £45 each and are being sold in tables of 10. Some tables of 8 and 12 are available as are single tickets. Reservations are now being taken. A non-refundable deposit of £10/ticket is required by Sat 15th February with the balance due by Sat 5th April. To reserve your table please forward your deposit together with contact details to Clare Poole at Kingswood Post Office & Stores (cheques payable to Friends of Hillesley School)

Kingswood Village Playgroup

This term the children at Kingswood Village Playgroup have been continuing the theme of 'Seasons and Celebrations', exploring around the playing fields and the 'wild corner' looking for signs of 'Winter' (luckily not too many were found!), although a frosty morning gave us the opportunity to investigate all the frozen puddles, listening to the ice crack as we walked on it and making footprints across the field breathing 'like dragons!' We noticed too that the daffodils are just poking up through the grass in the sheltered bit by the trees, the fat buds soon flowering. Look out for bird feeders hanging in the trees as the children learn about winter animals and the banging of drums as we celebrate Chinese New Year with noisy dragon dances and some tasty Chinese cooking, wishing all our friends 'Kung Hei Fat Choy!'

To find out more about our friendly playgroup, please contact us on 07855 105944 or playgroupkingswood@gmail.com

Kingswood Jubilee Club. Contact Rita 01453 843348

Members have enjoyed many interesting speakers in 2013, plus entertainment with various musical items, including country & western, a ukulele group, a good old fashioned music hall style couple, sing song with keyboard accompaniment, plus a quartet of singing and playing grand-dads. We also had cheese-making, poetry reading and 'In Search of Santas' plus many others. We held a New Year Party, an Easter Tea, T@3, and Harvest Festival finishing with a Christmas Lunch at Eastwood Park Hotel. Our meetings are held at the Village Hall every other Wednesday, commencing at 2.15pm. We are always pleased to welcome new members.

TUBBS TURF

Tubbs Turf AGM **Sunday 23rd March** - It has been good to see the courts being used on the odd occasion despite the appalling weather this winter, but unfortunately the Pavilion has suffered in the wet. Please bear with us while we carry out repairs, which hopefully will not take too long. We aim to be warm and dry by this year's AGM, which will take place in the Pavilion on Sunday 23rd March at 3pm. Please join us for tea and cakes.

There will be the usual review of the year and committee elections, with some key roles becoming vacant this year. Please enquire if you wish to be involved but as always all are welcome just to come along and hear plans for the coming months, which will include revamping areas of the gardens. We look forward to seeing you.

Kingswood Festive Fair

Many thanks to all who contributed to and helped at the Kingswood Festive Fair in December. The event was well-attended, and all enjoyed the Christmassy atmosphere, refreshments and the chance to bag a bargain in the Bring and Buy sale. Thanks too to the members of Wotton Silver Band, to Father Christmas and to those who had stalls with their hand-made crafts and produce. Just under £800 was raised for the Philippines Typhoon Appeal and World Challenge. We are considering a further sale in early summer so if you are planning a spring clean, please consider contacting me on 07870 355236 before throwing out potential treasure!

R.N.L.I – Surviving an Antarctic Winter

Pete Milner, a professional expedition guide and speaker will be giving a talk at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on **Thursday 10th April** starting at 8.00pm. The talk will be entitled "Surviving an Antarctic Winter" and will be accompanied by some stunning photos of the Antarctic, taken by Pete himself during his current season on the frozen continent. Tickets will be £10.00 each and will be available from the Cotswold Book Room and Westward Travel on Long Street, Wotton from the beginning of February. Further details are available from Andrew Harper on 01453 843529 or andrewharper@uwclub.net. All money raised will go to the RNLI

Kingswood Parish Council

Kingswood Village Design Statement - The second consultation on the Design Statement will take place on Friday 7th February from 4pm until 7pm in the St Mary Room in the church. We will be consulting on the parts of the village not included in the last consultation. This will include Chestnut Park, The Chipping, Rectory Road, Wickwar Road and Somerset Close. Please come along and have an input by commenting on the documents compiled so far.

Stroud District Council Local Plan - The public examination of the **Local Plan** will start in Tuesday 1st April at 10.00am at Stroud District Council offices at Ebley Mill. The meeting will be open to the public. Details of the examination will be available on the examination web site <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/localplan/localplanexamination.asp>

Clay Pigeon Shoot - The plans for the application to build sound attenuating bunds are available to be viewed on the Gloucestershire County Councils website. I understand a decision this application will be taken in March <http://planning.gloucestershire.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=neighbourComments&keyVal=MNMHUEHN11000>

Charfield - There is a Planning Application for 140 Houses to be built in Charfield. The details of this application are available to be viewed on the South Gloucestershire web site. <http://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=consulteeComments&keyVal=MW5OMEOK7T000>

Footpath - An application to make changes to the footpath at Haw Farm has been made. Full details can be found on <http://caps.gloucestershire.gov.uk/prow/registerdisplay.asp?RecordFilter=72>

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

Kingswood Congregational Church, contact Jennie Amesbury on 842803 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

A warm welcome always awaits you at either of our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. During the morning service there is Sunday School. Zion Club for 5-11 year old children has now restarted after the Christmas break the next one being 31st January at 6.30pm in the school room. UNITED for young people from age 12 is held every other Monday from 6.30pm in the school room, the next meeting being 3rd February. (The school room is in The Walk). If you would like to know more about our weekly meetings please contact Jennie.

As Churches Together we hope to hold Messy Church on the **15th February** in the school room the concept of messy church is a little different to holiday club as it offers an opportunity for the parents to get involved too. We will let you know times as soon as possible. Please check the Messy Church website to know more www.messychurch.org.uk

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

