

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	19th	Feb	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	21st	"	American Evening	Village Hall	7.30pm

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE: FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Sat	21st	March	'Come Dine With Me'		
Mon	30th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	26th	"	R.N.L.I talk by ex Red Arrows Pilot	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	7.30pm
Mon	20th	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm

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We require two new deliverers! Anyone who could spare an hour or so once a month (10 months only) for Crow Meadow and Wotton Road would be very much welcomed. If you could help, please contact Diane on 843783.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

In its 15th year, Kingswood Village Association's (KVA) tribute lunch to its Senior Citizens was voted a resounding success. Over 70 Seniors were greeted with Bubbly, Sherry, soft drinks and nibbles, followed by a three-course meal and nonstop wine. Entertainment was provided with a medley from the superb chanteuse Holly Sands and touching carols from the children of Kingswood's Toddler and Play groups.

All this was made possible by an army of helpers, particularly but not only, from Kingswood W.I. The meal was cooked by Leyhill prison. Financial support came from Waitrose, Chipping Sodbury (a cheque for £225 from its October green token scheme), Accolade Wines and KVA's own Christmas Wine Festival. The guests, members and supporters contributed £250 in a raffle, which KVA matched, enabling a £500 donation to the Toddler and Playgroup. It brings the total donated in 2014 by KVA to organisations in the village to £4000.

The next KVA event is the ever-growing "Come Dine with Me" on **Saturday March 21st**. Any newcomers to the village or other first timers will find it a splendid way to dip into Kingswood's social life. More details at the end of February.

Meanwhile KVA's ever expanding "Funds through Fun" events means it welcomes new members with open arms (meetings at each other's houses over a glass or two). Also a record year's fund raising means it has potential donations for any of the village groups' good causes.

Contact Judi Werrett (Secretary, 07769973072) or Rod Alexander (Treasurer, 843398).

### Music with Mummy and Jolly Babies Classes

New classes started in January. Come and join in our fun singing, percussion and dancing sessions in your area. Charfield Hall- Monday: Jolly Babies 10:00 – 10:30 and Music with Mummy 10:45 – 11:15. Wotton UTEA Hall –Friday: Music with Mummy 10:00 -10:30 and Jolly Babies 10:40 – 11:10. Contact Caroline French: 07757 717073 [carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com). First session free for new parents and children. Hope to see you there.

### RNLI talk March 2015

Do you love watching the Red Arrows and never cease to be amazed by their skill and timing? If so, why don't you put a note in your diary for the **26th March 2015** and come along to our next talk. Our speaker on the night will be Andrew Wyatt, ex-Red Arrows pilot and now a pilot with BA. Andrew is planning to tell us all about "A Year in the Life of the Red Arrows". As usual, the talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club, starting at 7.30pm. As always, the proceeds will go to the RNLI.

Further details will be announced nearer the day, or contact us via our website [www.wuernli.btck.co.uk](http://www.wuernli.btck.co.uk)

Andrew Harper, Hon Treasurer, Wotton-under-Edge Branch RNLI.

### Beaumont-le-Roger Society

I am the Twinning Secretary of the Beaumont-le-Roger Society. Wotton under Edge as you know is twinned with a town in Normandy France; we visit them one year and the alternate year the Beaumontais come here. This year is our turn to travel to France and we go on **Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>** returning on the Tuesday. We travel by coach, or if you prefer you can make your own way by car.

I have been asked to find a family here for M and Mme Berthelin, who have two children of one and three. They would obviously like a family with fairly similar aged children. This is a fantastic opportunity to let your children experience a different culture and for the whole family to build a relationship with a family in France. The Society is very informal and lots of us have been visiting the same family for many years, we have members from all the surrounding villages, so please do not be put off if maybe you do not actually live in Wotton.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further details 01453 842446 or email [tessa.owls11@btinternet.com](mailto:tessa.owls11@btinternet.com)

Many thanks for reading this. Tessa McLusky

## Kingswood Parish Council

**Chestnut Park** - The Planning Officer will make her final decision on both the application for 59 houses and the highway access w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Currently the officer has indicated that she is not happy with the outline planning application for 59 houses. However, we must await her final decision on both applications.

**Village Design Statement, Conservation Area Statement and Environmental Character Assessment.** These documents have now been adopted by Stroud District Council as Supplementary Planning Legislation from December 2014. Thanks to everyone for their help on this and for taking the time to take part in the various consultations.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan. (NDP)** This is the next major project that the parish council wish to achieve with the help of the community. Neighbourhood planning has been introduced through the Localism Act as a way for communities to have a greater say in how where they live and work should change and develop over time. The Act devolves greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods, and gives local communities more control over housing and planning decisions. It is a key reform of the planning system, designed to create the conditions for communities to welcome growth by giving local people a real voice in deciding the look and feel of development in their area - from determining the location of shops, offices and schools, for example, to setting standards of design for new housing.

Neighbourhood planning differs from previous plans as, for the first time, if a plan is adopted by the local planning authority, then very real weight is attached to the community's plans and aspirations. This represents an excellent opportunity for the community to influence and shape change, to address particular concerns, with a strategy grounded in and reflecting local knowledge and objectives. (*Adapted from **Extract from DEFRA Report on: Neighbourhood Planning the rural front-runners: research and case studies April 2013***)

The parish council will be starting work on an NDP immediately and welcome volunteers on to the working party. Please contact the clerk if you can help with this project. Help is needed in evidence gathering, in producing updates for the community, maintaining a dedicated NDP website, organizing consultation, reading reports. To ensure that the community has its say in shaping Kingswood it is important that we get the NDP finished as soon as possible. Currently Crest Nicholson is still a threat and there are other developers discussing planning developments in Kingswood. To volunteer to help please contact the Clerk for more information on how you can be involved.

**Highways** - The parish council has been campaigning continuously to have both the pavement on Rectory Road and the drain on Chestnut Park repaired. The pavement is now scheduled for repair in first week in February. The drain will involve major works and is scheduled for March. This may result in the road being closed. Highways are aware of how unhappy the community is on the length of time these repairs have taken to be scheduled. Lianne Butler from Amey the County Highways contractor has agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss highway matters with members of the community.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - This has been arranged for **Monday 20th April** at 7pm at the Village hall. This is not a parish council meeting but a meeting of the community. Please let the Clerk know what information and speakers that you would like to have at this meeting.

**Dog Fouling** - It has been noticed that there is an increase in dog fouling. Please can all dog owners pick up after their dogs. The dog Warden and Neighbourhood Warden will be doing extra patrols. You have been warned.

*The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tele 01453 844659, Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)*

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

KVH American Evening - **Saturday 21st February** - 7.30 pm 'til late, £10 per person includes American Supper - Band All profits go towards the Hall kitchen refurbishment project.

Tickets available at the Post Office, or via:-

Giles Adams – 07769 670801

David Scott – 07976 521531

David Rothwell - 843789

## St Mary's Church

St. Mary's welcomes you to our services every Sunday at 11.15am, also **1<sup>st</sup> February** at 6pm – Candlemas Carols; **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**, Mini Praise for pre-School children at 2pm 'A Baptism Party!'; Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday, Benefice Service at 7.30pm at Hillesley Church.

Date for your diary – **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, St. Mary's Church Fete at Amercombe, High Street. Offers of help and donations of books, CD's, and children's toys, books and games may be left at the Church.

## Messy Church

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Messy Church 10am – Congregational Chapel Schoolroom (Register in St. Mary's first).

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

