

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

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| Tues | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Feb | W.I – Members Craft Evening | Village Hall   | 7.30pm       |
| Thur | 11 <sup>th</sup> | "   | Lent Lunches                | St Mary's      | 12.00-2.00pm |
| Tues | 16 <sup>th</sup> | "   | W.I Coffee Morning          | St Mary's Room | 10.00-Noon   |
| Sat  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | "   | Kingswood Music Hall        | Village hall   | 7.30pm       |
| Fri  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | "   | Comedy Night                | Village Hall   | 7.30pm       |
| Sat  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | "   | Promises Auction            | St Mary's      |              |

## MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

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| Tues | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | March | Village Hall A.G.M      | Village Hall            | 7.30pm |
| Tues | 29 <sup>th</sup> | "     | R.N.L.I talk on Titanic | Cotswold Edge Golf Club | 7.30pm |

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## University of the Third Age, Cam, Dursley & District

First a word about U3A – it is a unique and exciting national organisation with the motto "Learn, laugh and live!" The Third Age is the time after you have finished working or raising a family and can pursue your interests at leisure and make the most of life. We come together to learn, not for qualifications but for the sheer joy of discovery! Members share their skills and life experiences: the learners teach and the teachers learn, and there is no distinction between them. We are Cam, Dursley & District branch, and currently have 170 members. Becoming a member means you can come along to our monthly general meetings, held at Dursley Methodist church on the third Thursday, at 10.30 a.m. when we have a speaker, followed by refreshments and socialising.

Then there are Groups- each focused on a special area of interest. Our branch currently has groups in: art history, bridge, whist, craft, wine appreciation, walking, local flora, gardening, ukulele, tai chi, nia dance, books, discussion, science & engineering, scrabble, theatre, French and tennis - check on the web site "Group" page for the full list - [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley) You can join any of the groups for no extra membership fee - just contact the group leader via the web site to check there is space and when the next meeting is. So if you are a fan of blues music, or model making, or history, or racing, or running, or cycling, or pub lunches, or beer, why not start your own! Visit our web site, email [camdursleyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:camdursleyu3a@gmail.com), or come along to one of our third Thursday meetings.

**February, March & April** meetings are as follows: - **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February**, 10.30 a.m. Monthly U3A branch meeting when our speaker will be Paul Barnett, an accomplished and very knowledgeable speaker, on Operation Tiger, the 1944 wartime exercise on Slapton Sands. **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** 10.30 a.m. U3A monthly branch meeting when our speaker Jan Ryder from Longfield (formerly Cotswold Care) will tell us about their work and recent new initiatives. So if you want to know why they changed their name, this is your chance to find out! **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 10.30 a.m. monthly U3A branch meeting. This month's talk will be about the work of the Cinnamon Trust, a charity that helps people who are in their final years to care for their pets and continue having their invaluable companions with them. Guests very welcome

## What is Paws on Patrol? Dominic Everiss MBE, Senior Neighbourhood Warden, Stroud District Council

Stroud Community Safety Partnership recognises that dog walkers across the District can play an important role in making our neighbourhoods safer by acting as 'the eyes and ears' of their community while exercising their dogs. By joining Paws on Patrol, members are encouraged to record observations of suspicious activity and report it. The initiative is not just about reducing crime, it is also about improving everyone's quality of life by reporting fly tipping, littering and highway offences. **Paws on Patrol** is part of the Stroud Community Safety Partnership that aims to bring statutory and voluntary sectors together to help improve our neighbourhoods and strengthen communities.

The Aims of Paws on Patrol are:

- To reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour to occur.
- To reduce the fear of crime especially for the vulnerable.
- To build a community spirit where all dog walkers can contribute towards the protection of their neighbourhood.

How to Register - If you would like to become a Paws on Patrol member, please visit: [www.stroud.gov.uk/pawsonpatrol](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/pawsonpatrol) to download an application form or alternatively you can call 01453 754276 or send an email to: [community.safety@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@stroud.gov.uk). Each Paws on Patrol member will receive a membership card with useful contacts, crime prevention advice and details about other membership benefits. In the future, members will also be notified of alerts from the Valleys and Vale Neighbourhood Watch Association.

**Police Non-Emergency** Tel: 101 Email: [callcentre@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:callcentre@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Report suspected drug dealing, damaged property, minor traffic collision and to speak to your local Police Team

**Stroud District Council** Tel: 01453 754276 Email: [community.safety@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@stroud.gov.uk)

Report fly-tipping, littering, graffiti and abandoned vehicles. **Crimestoppers** Tel: 0800 500 111 Report crime anonymously

Thank you for reading and we look forward to welcoming new Paws on Patrol members.

## Friends of St. Mary's

Thank you to everyone who has made a promise so far, we still need more promises whether it be offering a service such as house cleaning, gardening, knitting, taxi ride or could your business make a promise, donation of gifts equally welcome such as plants, wine or hamper, bake a cake, how about donating an unwanted Christmas present, however big or small. Anyone making a promise / donation will receive 2 free tickets to the event, details below. We still have a long way to go; all proceeds will go to continuing restoration & improvements to St Mary's. Please come along & join us with Wotton Auction Rooms Auctioneer - Philip Taubenheim, **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, tickets priced at £5 each include a catalogue, a drink & hot food, there will be terrific lots to bid for including a week at a timeshare in a beautiful part of Scotland. To make a promise or donation, buy tickets please e-mail [friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com) or phone Ann 843789, Chris 844162, Stella 842497, and Rod 843398

## Wotton-under-Edge and District R.N.L.I

Date for your diary; **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Wotton-under-Edge Branch RNLI's talk for 2016 will be on the Titanic. Lt Cdmr Geoffrey Carr, an experienced speaker with a background in the Royal Navy's Presentation Team, will give us a fascinating insight into the loss of the Titanic from the angle of a Wiltshire family who were on board. The illustrated talk combines the lives of the Melksham family with some amazing details about the ship itself. All the money raised will go towards the RNLI. The talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf club, starting at 7.30pm. The club's bar will be open before and after the talk so come along a bit earlier and have a drink.

## Slimming World

We have been running for 4 years (opened on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012) and have around 90 members attending each week. In that time, our group has lost a staggering 899 stone! If you would like to find out about how to lose weight whilst enjoying plenty to eat, we are here.



### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their January meeting, the members of Kingswood Abbey W.I. enjoyed a very amusing talk by Rob Carruthers about his journey on foot around the coastline path of Wales.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February** at the Village Hall will be a Members Craft Evening, when we will make small items for sale at the ACWW conference in aid of improving the Agodeke (Togo, West Africa) community's access to clean water.

We will also make green heart badges in support of the Climate Coalition. Wearing these green hearts around Valentine's Day should help to start conversations about what you love and how it could be affected by climate change. From beaches to bees, salsa to snorkelling, we all love something that could be affected by our changing climate. It is the single biggest threat to the things we love. However, it is not yet irreversible. There are many ways we can reduce the threats and work towards a better future.

**Please support our GREEN HEART COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 12 noon in St Mary's Room, Kingswood. All welcome, you do not need to be a WI member!**

### WOTTON MEMORY GROUP

You can find us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in THE CHIPPING CLUB ROOM from 10am to 1pm.

We offer friendship and support to people of all ages, living in Wotton and the surrounding villages, particularly those who are living with, or caring for someone with memory problems. For further information on this and other activities, support, and respite services available please contact Christine on 07870 334553 or Amanda on 07814 692195 or email [dementiaconnections@outlook.com](mailto:dementiaconnections@outlook.com). Transport may be available in some circumstances - "Working towards a safe, friendly, and inclusive community"

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Contact Jennie 843803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com) or on Facebook**

Are we in February already! We are pleased to say that Messy Church is back for a New Year meeting on the **6<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.00am in the Lower Schoolroom. Just to remind you that there is no cost and that children must bring an adult! Hope you will spot the banner and balloons nearer the time. UNITED for young people from age 12 is continuing in the Lower Schoolroom on Monday evenings from 6.30-8.30pm if you fit into that age group please come along you would be very welcome. Our weekly services remain as always 10.30am + Sunday School and 6.00pm. The light in the church window remains to remind everyone that we pray regularly for all things locally and nationally. We would like to thank all those who supported the Christmas Tree Festival a magnificent of £770 was donated to Water Aid, which the Government doubled to £1548. Water Aid is using this money to help women waiting to give birth helping them to give birth in clean conditions. How worthwhile is that!!

### New Year, New start

You may have spotted a small black car in Kingswood recently with bright red and white logos advertising Red Driving School...well, that's me, Kit Morgan, getting my new business off the ground! To celebrate the New Year, anyone living in Kingswood can take advantage of offers of up to 15% off pre-paid packages, two-for-one introductory lessons and free theory test training by calling 07870355236 or emailing [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com). Flexible pickups (from school or work) plus bespoke packages available in school holidays!

### Kingswood Music Hall 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016

There will be an evening of entertainment in the style of an old-time Music Hall on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at Kingswood Village Hall. Various artistes will be performing both the sung and the spoken word and the emphasis will be on enjoyment and hilarity. Come and join in the fun! The show starts at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 and will be available from the beginning of February from Rosemary (tel 845076), Rachel (07885 958555) and at Kingswood Village Shop.

### Lent Lunches EAT SIMPLY, THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT.

Starting on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** and for the following four Thursdays, we will once again be holding Lent Lunches in St Mary's Room between 12 noon and 2 pm. With the motto "Eat simply so that others may simply eat", our Lent Lunches have now been running for many years and, in that time, they have raised several thousands of pounds for worthy causes both at home and abroad. We offer a choice of two homemade soups with good bread, cheese, fruit and tea or coffee. Perhaps it's not such simple eating after all! Above all we offer the chance to meet with other people in a warm and companionable atmosphere.

### Tiny Tunes – Wotton United Church Hall (Every Thursday, 10-11.30am)

Tiny Tunes is a fun singing and musical instrument playing session, followed by a healthy snack and playtime for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. We run every Thursday (except Christmas) older siblings are welcome to come along during the school holidays. Singing starts at 10am and lasts for around 30 minutes. There are different songs each week including action songs and rhymes. There are also musical instruments for the children to play. We have a huge range of toys, for babies as well as older children. Each week there is also a craft activity or puzzles. For information please look at our website: <https://www.facebook.com/tinytuneswotton> or email: [tinytunes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tinytunes@hotmail.co.uk)

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

This is an early reminder that the annual St Mary's Garden Fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street from 1pm, **11<sup>th</sup> June**. We are planning lots of exciting stalls and games as well as the established favourites of a real steam train, Punch and Judy and the ever popular, treasure hunt, bar, B-B-Q and teas. Please put this date in your diaries & we look forward to seeing you then, further information will follow in coming months.

### Kingswood Village Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-1pm) [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com)

The children at playgroup gave a lovely Christmas performance for their families of the tale 'The Little Christmas Tree' and enjoyed their Christmas party with an appearance of Father Christmas. Among other activities this New Year the children have been busy junk modelling, exploring icy puddles during the frosty weather and working on letter formation driving cars around letter shapes.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Dates for the KVA's next events. The AGM is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** in Community Room, Kingswood Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Comedy night **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** in the village hall 7.30pm tickets £10pp contact David Werrett 07970100304. Come dine with me will be **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** this year. Keep an eye out for entry forms through your door.

### Kingswood Parish Council Tele 01453 844659, Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

**Planning** - Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Thank you to all those who commented. We will be submitting the amended NDP to Stroud District Council this month for Public Examination followed by a referendum in August 2017.

**Wickwar Road** – No further information yet; Application not yet received by Stroud District Council. **Chestnut Park Appeal** – The appeal is now finished. Thanks to all who helped and attended. Inspector's decision expected no later than February 19<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Parish Council Elections** will take place in **May 2016**. Nomination to stand for Kingswood Parish Council will need to be made by April. Please think about becoming a councillor. The parish council will hold some information sessions in March. More details to follow. The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ

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

