

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb R.N.L.I talk 'Search and Rescue' Cotswold Edge Golf Club 8.00pm

### MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Supper Quiz	St. Mary's Room	7.00pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Historical Society Exhibition	Village Hall	6.00pm-9.00pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> "	Historical Society Exhibition	Village Hall	10.00am-1.00pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> "	Music at St. Mary's		

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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Nearly 100 Senior Citizens enjoyed a slap up New Year's Eve lunch in Kingswood Village Hall. A record number attended the event, which has been held every year since 2000. Greeted with Sherry or Prosecco, the guests were treated to a turkey lunch with all the trimmings with unlimited wine plus dessert and Ria Kendall's chocolate truffles, finishing with cheeses and Port. During the meal, they were entertained with songs by Kingswood Playgroup and the rich voice of Paul Clark, who generously waived his fee. All this was free to the guests, the costs being borne by the Association with generous donations from Waitrose (Chipping Sodbury) green token scheme, Accolade Wines and Kingswood Post Office. The event would not have been possible without the services of Leyhill Prison's kitchen staff, Kingswood W.I. and many helpers. With splendid prizes, funded by Renishaw, the lunch finished with a raffle, whose £353 went to the Playgroup. A photographer attended, providing memories for the guests.

All this rounded off another successful year for K.V.A., whose role is the provision of fun events in the village: Show Day, Come Dine With Me, Open Gardens, Comedy Night and a Christmas Wine Festival. The £5,500 profits from these provide not just the New Year's Eve Lunch, but donations to village causes. In 2016, these included the Village Hall, "Grapevine" newsletter, Football Club, School Association, W.I., New Generation Dance, Brownies, Poppy Appeal and a defibrillator.

#### KVA's 2017 calendar:

Comedy Night Friday 3 February (tickets from Dave Werrett, 07970100304), Come-dine-with-me Sat 25 March, AGM Mon 3 April, Open Gardens Sun 28 May, Show Day 2 September, Xmas Wine Festival.

### Hillesley Ball 2017

Hillesley Ball 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 hosted by The Friends of Hillesley School Raising funds to improve the outdoor area of the school. Black Tie. 7.30pm. Come along for fantastic evening in a beautiful marquee on the Jubilee Playing Field. Live music provided by Dukes of Havoc - one of the UK's top party bands, fun casino, great food and bar.

Reservations are now being taken. Tables of 10. You can reserve a table via our facebook page 'Hillesley Ball 2017' or email - [clare.poole@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:clare.poole@mypostoffice.co.uk). Deposit together with contact details due by mid February 2017.

### FRIENDS OF ST. MARY

Our Supper Quiz has been re-arranged for 7.00pm **Saturday 25 February** in St. Mary's Room. We have refreshed the evening this year with easier questions and two new question masters. Also there will be time for socialising and enjoying a hot home cooked main course with vegetarian option (please choose when you buy your ticket) and pudding to finish. There will also be a licensed bar and a high quality raffle. Teams will be of four but we can match you to one if you let us know when you book. Tickets are available at the bargain price of just £10 per person by emailing our new address [friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) or from Chris (844162), John (07761 672296), Stella (842497) or Rod (843398). See too, our Facebook page. Finally, we are always looking for new "Friends" and would be delighted to hear from you at any of the above.

### Jubilee Club

The end of another year but not for the Jubilee club. We go on to our Year End at the end of March. We had our Christmas Lunch at Eastwood Park on 7<sup>th</sup> December, when we were entertained by June and Keith (some of you may remember Keith as Mr Dench formerly of KLB), with songs and related questions. We have a rest now over the festive season and met again in January, when we had a little party. Our programme of speakers and entertainers has not been published yet, but we will be having several of our regular favourites and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to look forward to in April (or perhaps later in May). Our Annual Meeting will also be held in May.

### KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR VILLAGE? - Kingswood Village Historical Society will be holding a 'Retrospective Kingswood' exhibition over **Friday 10th** (from 6-9pm) and **Saturday 11th March 2017** (from 10am-1pm) in the Village Hall. Free entry. Refreshments available both days. If you have documents, photos, or any items you would like to share or have displayed, please contact Stella Green in the first instance at [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com) or 842497. Full details to follow...

### MUSIC AT ST MARY'S Friday 24th March

Music at St Mary's is back in style! 2017 will be our twentieth season and we are celebrating this landmark with three wonderfully diverse concerts. The first of these will be on Friday 24th March and we are marketing it as Music at St Mary's - LIGHT. It will be full of all manner of attractive light music, including many songs from the great shows. Bringing all this splendid music to us will be Two Turtledoves (Andrew Telford and Rachel Burbridge) ably supported by a female vocal trio Rachel Howgego and friends. The former have performed at venues across Gloucestershire and the latter were among the great successes at last year's Music Hall in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly but do put the date in your diary.

**U3A Meetings at Dursley Methodist Church** Refreshments after the meetings. Visitors welcome. [www.u3asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

**Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>** - Branch meeting, doors open 10.00am. meeting starts 10.30am. This month we will learn about "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN M.P." With Neil Carmichael, M.P for the Stroud constituency.

**Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Branch meeting doors open 10.00am. meeting starts 10.30am. Jim Dewey will be our speaker, telling us about THE CAM WALK/CYCLE WAY and the work of Vale Vision.

**Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>** - Branch meeting doors open 10.00am. for 10.30am. This month THE WORK OF THE POLICE with Oliver Clark.

**ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH** Enquires to Chris Wynn 844162

St Mary's Garden Fete - 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 on **Saturday 17th June**. This year's Fete will have a Victorian theme including a children's Victorian dress parade with prize, Victorian games as well as lots of exciting stalls including 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 CRICKET CLUB

Kingswood Village Cricket Club will start indoor nets soon and will welcome players of all ages and abilities, whether you are a young enthusiast, keen to move on, or a rusty dad pondering a comeback. All with a good social life to match. The nets, shared with our good friends, North Nibley C.C., will be held at KLB Sports Hall's excellent facilities. The first hourly session will be at 11.00 on **Saturday 18th February**, the last on **8th April**. The charge will be modest. Contact Chairman, Rod Alexander, [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com) or Team Secretaries Steve and Mike Barnes, [sabsmb@tiscali.com](mailto:sabsmb@tiscali.com) for more details. Look forward to hearing from and/or seeing you.

## Farewell Yellow, Hello Red & White! - Recent Changes to UK Helicopter Search & Rescue

The Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the RNLI is holding another fund-raising Guest Speaker evening at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club. This year's speaker is Captain Thomas "Sticky" Bunn. Previously an RAF pilot flying Sea King SAR (search and rescue) helicopters from RAF Valley on Anglesey, Captain Bunn now works for Bristow Helicopters, flying helicopters out of Caernarfon Airfield as part of the team providing the civilian SAR helicopter service for the UK on behalf of HM Coastguard.

Captain Bunn's illustrated talk will cover both his experiences at RAF Valley on Anglesey (flying the yellow RAF Sea King) over the coasts and mountainous areas of North Wales and the change to flying the Sikorsky S92 (in the red and white HM Coastguard colours); following the MOD's decision to no longer provide the civilian airborne SAR role. Captain Bunn was brought up in North Nibley and went to Katharine Lady Berkeley School. The talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on **Wednesday 22nd February**, starting at 8:00pm. Tickets (£10 each) are on sale from Westward Travel and Cotswold Book Room (both in Long Street, Wotton-under-Edge). Tickets and further information from John Barnett (01453 844709 - Charfield) or Andrew Harper (01453 843529).

**Kingswood Parish Council** [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Communication** - Kingswood Parish Council's new website. This can be found at [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk). Please take a look, as there is a lot of information on here together with news and updates. The parish council also has two Facebook pages Kingswood Parish Council and Kingswood Neighbourhood Plan. This enables us to keep you up to date. Please take a look and like our page. Please also update your contact address for the clerk to [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Allotments** - We are currently working towards making the allotment site ready for use. Please contact the clerk to confirm that you still want an allotment or register your interest in an allotment. Allotment Meetings will be held with interested parties to take this forward.

**Wild about Kingswood** - Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Please contact the clerk if you are interested. Help is also needed in designing the information boards and in planting hedges, wild flowers and bulbs in the area to make it attractive to wildlife and also the community. A picnic bench and seat has been placed in the community area next to the shed and a bench on the verge at Tyndale view. Richard from Stroud Valleys project is at the Chestnut Park site every Wednesday from 10.30am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time join in and learn how to manage the land.

**Local Council Tax and Budgets** - The Parish Council has set the amount of Local council tax to for Kingswood in the year 2017/18 at £86,900. Based on a house in band D this is an increase of £1.18 per month. This equates to an annual increase of £14.27 which is a 9.31% increase on 2016/17. Councillors are finalising the budget in the February meeting and full details of the budget will be available shortly after the parish council meeting on Monday 13th February 2017.

**Car Parking at Squaws Lake** - This area is owned by the parish council. Please ensure that any cars parked here are fully taxed, insured, and legal to be used on the highways. It is not an area for cars to be parked up and mechanical works undertaken.

**Planning** - All applications can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk)

**Wickwar Road** - An application for 61 houses at Cloverlea Barn has now been received and a decision is expected at soon. Planning Ref 16/0629/ful. **Chestnut Park Development** - S.16/1555/discon and S.16/1272/rem

New plans showing the proposed footpath link between the development site and the playing field can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site, application S.16/1272. **Wotton Planning Application of Interest to Kingswood** - S.16/2895/ful Land South of the Chipping Surgery Symn Lane, Wotton-under-Edge. Construction of 10 houses with access road and car park for 96 cars and 2 coaches. Although the above application is within the parish of Wotton, Kingswood Parish Council has been asked for its comments. The application can be viewed on the Stroud Website. Kingswood Parish Council is interested in your views on this application.

**Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** - The Examiners report will be received in January. Full details will be made available on the Neighbourhood Plan web site, on the parish council website and on both the Neighbourhood Plan and Parish council Facebook page.

The Clerk, Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley, GL12 7RQ, Tel: 01453 844659

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Information Jennie 01453 842803 or email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

Highlighting this month - UNITED - 6.30-8.30pm in the Lower Schoolroom, The Walk, a mix of all sorts for young people aged 11+. There is an entry fee of £1.50 which includes a free drink. There is a tuck shop for any extras and once month hot food is provided at no extra cost. There is a full size pool table and table tennis table, an Xbox and a room to just sit and chat. The evening ends with Youth Alpha, a course where there is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith for those who wish to stay (this is not compulsory). Please contact Tracy at [tracy@fletcher.co.uk](mailto:tracy@fletcher.co.uk) if you would like to know more. All helpers are DBS checked. Our services are at 10.30 and 6.00 with Sunday School during the morning service, refreshments and chat follow both services. You would be very welcome to join us. Our website [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)

## MURDER MYSTERY EVENING - Saturday 18th February 2017

Come and try out your detective skills at our "Murder Mystery Evening" on Saturday 18th February, in Kingswood Village Hall. Some of our local Thespians will perform "Death At The Granby Arms": the doors will open at 7.45pm and Act 1 will commence at 8pm. In the interval, over desserts, cheese & biscuits and drinks from the bar, the audience is invited to consider who the murderer might be and to participate in a Murder Quiz. In Act 2, all will be revealed. Tickets cost £6 per head and are available from Kingswood Village Shop, Rosie Casken on 845076 and Rachel Howgego on 07885 958555

## Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com)

Do you have a baby or toddler and would like to meet other parents in the area? Come along to Kingswood Village Baby Toddler Group at the village hall every Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am (term time only). This welcoming, friendly group has a dedicated baby area, weekly craft activity, role-play area, play dough, reading corner, and lots of playthings and construction toys. Just £2:50 per family includes a healthy snack and drink for the little ones and a cuppa and biscuits for adults. Kingswood Village Playgroup runs every weekday except Wednesday 9.15am-1pm during term time. Email [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com) for more information. We would whole-heartedly like to thank the Kingswood Village Association and their guests at the New Year's Eve lunch who bought raffle tickets to raise a fantastic sum of money for Playgroup. We hope all the guests enjoyed the children's singing, despite the stage fright of a few!

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

