

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sun	4 th	Feb	Pre-Season Cricket Nets Start	KLB Sports Hall	1.00pm-2.00pm
Fri	9 th	"	Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper	Village Hall	
Sat	10 th	"	Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper	Village Hall	
Mon	12 th	"	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues	13 th	"	W.I. meeting talk on Family History	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	23 rd	"	Defib Awareness Group	Village Hall	7.00pm

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23rd

Tues	6 th	March	R.N.L.I talk	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	7.30pm-8.00pm
Sat	24 th	"	Come Dine with Me		

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Kingswood Village Association's (K.V.A.) 18th Senior Citizens' New Year's Eve Lunch at Kingswood Village Hall has been hailed by its guests as "the best yet". Entirely free of charge, the guests, present and former residents of Kingswood, were greeted with a choice of Sherry or Prosecco as an aperitif, a full four course lunch, much of it courtesy of Waitrose, Chipping Sodbury's Green Token scheme, washed down with unlimited white or red wines, the kind gift of Accolade Wines, Ria Kendall's legendary hand-made truffles, finishing with Port and Cheese. All this was put on by Kingswood Village Association's 2017 fundraising, Comedy Nights, Come Dine With Me, Open Gardens, Show Day and Wine Festival. None of it would have been possible without its sponsors, the excellent cooking by Leyhill Open Prison and the service of Kingswood Women's Institute and K.V.A. with its many friends.

If the food and drink were much appreciated, so too were the songs from the shows by mother and daughter Rachel and Charlotte Howgego, who kept the guests enchanted between the courses. The guests played their part by singing along and raising no less than £330 for Kingswood Playgroup and the village defibrillators through a raffle of prizes, sponsored by Renishaw. The event was recorded by the worldwide wildlife photographer, Iain Green, whose photos will be available to guests at the next event. Over the year, K.V.A. has raised £5500 for such events and for over a dozen village organisations. It will be delighted to see requests for donations as well as new members or helpers to make it all happen.

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

Guest Speaker Evening - **Tuesday 6th March** - Clifton Suspension Bridge

This year's Guest Speaker evening will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on **Tuesday 6th March** – 7.30pm for 8pm - when Gordon Young, a volunteer tour-guide at the Clifton Suspension Bridge, will present an illustrated talk about this iconic world symbol of Bristol. The talk will embrace the early history, troubled financial matters resulting in construction being abandoned, eventual completion and celebratory opening, plus lively little-known anecdotes of its subsequent history. Along the way, Gordon will show 'props' relating to the bridge and demonstrate (with audience participation), how the chains support the bridge. Tickets (£10 each) for this event are on sale from John Barnett, Andrew Harper (Kingswood) 843529, Westward Travel (Wotton) or via the website www.wuernli.btck.co.uk

Illustrated Talks and School & Youth Organisation Visits – John Barnett

I have several illustrated talks to adult groups booked for the New Year, including two each in Wotton and North Nibley, but still have plenty of free dates for any other group interested in a talk on any aspect of the RNLI (or other maritime topics). I do not charge for these talks, but a donation or collection for the RNLI will not be refused!

I also have school visits arranged to talk about the RNLI and/or water safety, but again have plenty of free dates and also other Education Volunteers upon whom to call. So, if you are a teacher (or youth organisation leader) who would like a visit from an RNLI Education Volunteer to talk with your children about the RNLI and/or water safety – please contact John Barnett (e-mail: jabwrnli@gmail.com ; Tel: 01453 844709)

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all guests at the New Year's Eve lunch and to KVA for contributing the money raised at their raffle to playgroup. It has enabled us to buy some much-needed new furniture. Thank you. Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9:30-11:30) are back in session following the Christmas holidays. Playgroup children delighted their families with a little nativity before Christmas and enjoyed having a VIP come to breakfast. This term the children have already taken home some lovely banana cakes. If you want to find out more about playgroup please visit our new website.

Thank you

A very big THANK YOU from Rod and Sheila Alexander to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Service on 6th January and all those behind the scenes friends who helped to set out the church chairs and prepare the hall for the buffet lunch. A very special thank you to Sarah Beale and her volunteer workforce from Longfield who prepared and served a delicious and varied buffet. On 10th January, Sheila had an operation at Southmead Hospital to replace the plastic stent in her pancreas with a larger, sturdier metal one. As a result, the Surgeon believes she might extend her life by up to a year! A heart-felt thank you to him and his team at Southmead. A special mention to Dr Probert and the team of Receptionists, Nurses and Pharmacists at The Culverhay Surgery for their kindness and care through a difficult and worrying time and to Rev. David Russell for officiating at the Thanksgiving Service. Sheila has received many messages of concern and good wishes and cannot thank everyone enough for helping her and Rod to find the strength and courage to face the future. God bless you all.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2017 contact April Palmer for further info - aprilbarry1@hotmail.co.uk 01453 845679

Charfield Chapel sent 302 Christmas shoeboxes to underprivileged families living in Oradea, Romania and the surrounding villages in December 2017, and a group from Charfield Chapel visited Romania to help distribute them. The Chapel support CASA Grace (Christian Agency for Social Action) which is an on-the-ground charity operating all year round providing advice and support to disadvantaged local families.

If you would like to help, empty shoeboxes are always required and items such as toiletries, hats/scarves/gloves and toys are useful. On behalf of all the Romanian families, Charfield Chapel would like to thank you all for your help and generous giving to the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2017.

Kingswood Defib Awareness Group:

Kingswood Defib Awareness Group [KDAG] 'Learn to Save a Life' **Friday 23rd February** at the Village Hall.

Free CPR and Defibrillator Training for the whole community starting at 7.00pm. Led by the South Western Ambulance Service Trust [SWAST], organised by the KDAG and supported by the British Heart Foundation. For the whole family.

More info contact David Owen: owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com Tel: 844463

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Nets at KLB will run from **Sunday 4th February** to **Sunday 25th March** inclusive. 1.00pm to 2.00 pm on each occasion, allowing ample time for wearing off any Saturday night revelry.

Again, we will be sharing with N. Nibley. Fees not settled yet but will be modest. New members more than welcome, we wish to encourage budding new cricketers of any age or ability.

St Mary's Garden Fete

The annual St Mary's Garden Fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, from 1pm on **Saturday 23rd June 2018**. A new exciting theme is currently in preparation as well as lots of stalls including the ever popular treasure hunt, games, 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. Enquires to Tricia Broadfoot 844436

Kingswood Village Historical Society:

AGM & Next Talk with Iain Green on Wildlife 7pm for 7.30pm **Thursday 1st February 2018**

The Historical Society will be holding its (previously postponed and very short!) AGM followed by a talk from local wildlife expert, Iain Green Thursday 1st February at 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall; refreshments will be available.

The AGM section of the Meeting will be as brief as we can make it, and we will then have what we are sure will be a fascinating talk by Iain with the usual interval for drinks. Please join us - new members of the Society or visitors are always welcome. Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome.

For tickets contact Stella Green on 842497, Jean Dove on 521314, or Peter - peter6booth@btinternet.com 844741

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – Info Jennie on 842803 or email jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk

Website at www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk For up to date information about our morning and evening services check our Facebook page. MESSY CHURCH – **Saturday 3rd February** from 10-12 in the Lower Schoolroom. This time we will learn how Jesus looked at families. Come and join us for a morning of crafts, games, storytelling and song and lots of fun for pre-school and primary school children includes lunch. Inviting you to something new - COFFEE AND CHAT Every Wednesday Starting **7th February** in the Lower Schoolroom, The Walk from 9.30am – 11.00am. (Contact Lin on 01453 843461). Everyone welcome.

Kingswood Parish Council

Wild about Kingswood – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. Volunteers are urgently required please contact the clerk to find out more! ***Please can residents not use the wildlife area to get rid of their grass cuttings.***

Tyndale View – The wooded area in front of Tyndale View has become very messy. Please can we ask that rubbish is not dumped in this area. Please can we also ask for your help in picking up the litter and rubbish this area.

Parish Council meetings- The parish council meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. A meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month if there is business that cannot wait until the 2nd Monday of the next month. Full details of all meetings can be found on Kingswood Parish Council's website.

The next scheduled meeting is on **Monday 12th February** at 7.15pm at the village hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend and take part in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and 'like' the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tel 01453 844659, clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk, www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their JANUARY meeting in the Village Hall, Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed a very enlightening and informative talk with demonstration on the use of defibrillators and how to do CPR from Louise of the South West Ambulance service.

Members were encouraged to "have a go" on the demo models with advice from Dr David Owen, the chairman of the village Defib Awareness group. Although some found performing CPR difficult, all members now feel able to advise in an emergency. At the next meeting at the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 13th February** at 7.30pm, members will be sharing interesting family history. The Book Group meets on **February 1st**. The craft group members are busy knitting for the Sue Ryder hospice garden at the Malvern Show in May (recently featured on Points West) also making prem baby hats for Bath Royal United Hospital and tiddle muffs (sensory bands) for dementia patients in local care homes.

New members are most welcome.

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

