

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	2 nd	July	Walking for Wildlife	Crickley Hill	11.00am-3.30pm
Sat	9 th	"	Tubbs Turf Family Fun & Finals Day		
Tue	12 th	"	W.I. – Japanese Sweet Making	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	16 th	"	Cider/Prosecco Festival	Playing Field	5.00pm-11.00pm
Sun	17 th	"	Strawberry Teas	St. Mary's Room	3.00pm-5.00pm
Fri	22 nd	"	Jazz on a Summers Evening	Amercombe	7.00pm
Sat	30 th	"	Cricket Club Hog Roast	Village Hall & Field	8.00pm-11.00pm

SEPTEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY AUGUST 19th

Fri	12 th	Aug	Neighbourhood Watch Garden Party	Chipping House	7.30pm
Sat	27 th	"	Hawkesbury Horticultural Show	Hawkesbury Upton	
Sat	3 rd	Sept	Showday and Classic Car Show	Village Hall & Field	2.30pm-5.00pm



KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Cider/Prosecco Festival Saturday 16th July. 5-11pm Village Playing Field. Live Music, BBQ, Cider and Prosecco, who could ask for more! .Tickets at £7.50pp from Dave on 07970100304 or see any KVA committee member. Do not miss out!

KINGSWOOD SHOWDAY AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW, Saturday 3rd September, 12.30 – 5 at the Village Hall and Field.

Arena events, Fun Dog Show, Music, Dancing, Fairground, BBQ, Pimms tent, Children's Entertainer, Games, Sideshows, etc. Show off your growing and making skills in the Produce and Handicraft competition – Schedules of classes and how to enter will be coming through your letterbox in a few weeks, so watch out for them! A fantastic range of Classic Cars, which come from far and wide to be shown off at Showday by their proud owners. IN ADDITION, Showday gives the opportunity to run your own stall to raise funds or raise awareness – if you are an organisation or individual and would like to book a pitch, please contact us. Showday is a big event to organise, but also enormous fun – if you would like to get involved, please let us know. All help gratefully accepted!!

Contact: 07786 964947, 07590 064668, via our Website at www.k-v-a.org.uk or find us on Facebook – Kingswood Village Association.

Tubbs Turf Family Fun & Finals Day – Saturday 9th July from 12noon until 6pm

Bring family and friends and come and enjoy a lovely fun filled afternoon and garden party at Tubbs Turf. The finals of the highly contested tennis tournament, table tennis knock out competition, shoot the hoop basketball contest, netball match, junior fun tennis, and also... the speed gun challenge – who has the fastest serve? Kingswood school will also be performing their country dancing display. So come and play, watch, relax, enjoy, in the beautiful gardens of Tubbs Turf. Don't forget the delicious refreshments too - BBQ, Local Beer & Pimms, homemade cakes, drinks. Also the raffle with some great prizes kindly donated by local businesses. Lots going on. Look out for the free programme through your door for further details. Fun for all the family and only a walk away.

Jubilee Club

The club recently held its Annual Meeting when, without much surprise, all the officers and committee were re-elected. In his report, the Chairman commented on the improved financial standing of the club thanks to two different grants totalling £1300. However, such grants cannot be expected next year. The finances were further improved by hosting Town Hall Teas on Bank Holiday Sunday, when in excess of £270 was raised. Thanks to club members for helping in whatever way they did and particularly to the three new members. We now look forward to all the interesting entertainers scheduled to come to us, and the Cream Tea in August, financed by grants.

Kingswood Clear-up – held on Saturday 21st May

A very successful clear-up event around the village with many local residents and Parish Councillors attending and together collecting 14 refuse bags full of dropped litter. Leyhill completed a litter pick of the verges leading in and out of the village a few days prior to our clean up, this was extremely successful and over 20 bags were filled. I was delighted to see so many people attending the event and received some brilliant feedback about arranging another in the autumn. I am extremely grateful to everyone who attended and helped. If anyone would like to assist in the autumn please contact me and we can discuss the arrangements.

Mrs Rachel Pratt - Neighbourhood Warden – Stroud District Council - rachel.pratt@stroud.gov.uk Tel: 07834419332

131st Hawkesbury Horticultural Show. Included in the Daily Telegraph's "Best August bank holiday breaks in Britain" 2015.

Saturday 27th August – Showground gates open at 12.30pm, Pay on the gate or buy advance tickets at The Village Shop or The Post Office, Hawkesbury Upton. A wide variety of trade, charity & craft stalls around the arena. Beer Tent, Grand Draw, Pimms Tent, Bath Archers, Hog and Deer Roast, Fairground Rides, Tractor Pull Competition and much more.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY. Friday 12th August – 7.30pm - KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch is delighted to be able to hold its Summer Garden Party at Chipping House, by the kind courtesy of Paul and Joanne Rumley. Tickets, to include three drinks and canapés, are just £7.50 and are available from your NHW rep or the shop. Any profit from the event goes to running NHW. Costs are normally low, leaving a little surplus for security projects, e.g. new doors and locks for the Village Hall changing rooms, streetlights etc. If your organisation has a need let us know. (Rod 843398).

A polite note from a resident of Charfield Road

Could all dog owners using the Charfield Road/Tyndale View area please clean up after their dogs. It is NOT acceptable to leave dog faeces on the grass adjacent to footpaths, where young children walk to and from school.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their June meeting Kingswood Abbey WI members were given an interesting talk then a wonderful demonstration of falconry by Tony Bryant and his birds of prey - to see a Harris hawk flying over our heads in the Community room then returning to Tony's outstretched arm for a treat of raw beef was amazing. We were lucky that the fine weather meant we could also watch an outdoor demonstration of the birds' prowess in hunting. At next month's meeting on Tuesday, **July 12th** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, WI member Kaz Ito will do a demonstration of Japanese sweet making and afterwards we will enjoy a Pimms and Pudding evening. Do join us on **Sunday 10th July** at Wotton Town Hall when we will be serving the Town Hall teas from 2-5pm. The **August** meeting on **Tuesday 9th** at 3pm will be a Garden Party at the home of Sue and Paul McClung.

Kingswood Playgroup

A busy few weeks at playgroup, with our 16 pre-schoolers enjoying regular visits to reception class at Kingswood Primary. They walk to the school one morning each week and stay for around 45 minutes. This week we also enjoyed our summer trip to Cattle Country, involving animal feeding, fun in the sandpit and playbarns, and splashing around in the paddling pool. We've also had a visit from a photographer to get some professional pictures – and the results were just adorable. This term we're also looking forward to the playgroup sports day and leaver's concert to celebrate and say farewell to the children going to school in September.

Friends of St Mary - friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com

We are hosting Strawberry Teas again this year but on **Sunday 17th July** in St Mary's Room, between 3pm and 5 pm, we do hope you will be able to make it and please put the event in your diary. The event will include live music, teas, coffees, strawberries and cream, homemade cakes and scones." See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood.

We are also running a Bookstall at "Showday", please leave donations of good condition fiction and children's books and games at the rear of the Church any day time or bring them to the Strawberry Teas. (We are unable to accept bric a brac). Enquires to Chris Wynn at address above. We are again taking part in the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride on **Saturday 10th**

September, if you would like join us for a leisurely cycle and pub lunch please email friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com and we will send you a sponsorship form and details of our event, also see www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/ for general details.

St Mary's Parish Church

Jazz on a Summer's Night - Amercombe hosts the 2nd 'Jazz on a Summer Night'- Dress in Style" (in the village hall if weather bad). **Friday 22nd July**, Start 7.00pm with food 7.30pm, ends at 10.30pm. £12.50 per ticket, to include food (including vegetarian option), and live music. Pay bar and dancing. Fun evening, optional chance to 'dress in style', hosted by Tricia and David Rockey, with music by 'Barney' as you arrive and later Jazzicle Swing (Kingswood's own John Cook on double bass) and featuring a set by Kingswood songstress Terri Kinnison. All funds raised will go to St. Mary's Church. For tickets: Phone Tricia 844436; Chris 844162; Email: friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com or John Cook: johnnigelcook@gmail.com and from the Spar.

Huge thanks from all at St Mary's to all the stallholders and supporters of the Church Fete. Despite the weather, everyone (including the bears) had a great afternoon and enjoyed the wonderful garden. We are delighted to report that we raised nearly £2 600.

St Marys' Church Vision for the Future Day July 6th - Together with churches across the Diocese of Gloucester, St Mary's church is seeking the views of both churchgoers and non-churchgoers about what our church community should be doing in the future and what we could do to achieve this. Among other conversations that will be taking place during July, we are holding a 'Vision Open Day' in St Mary's on Wednesday 6th July. There will be a number of sessions throughout the day. 8.30-9.45 Morning prayer followed by coffee and croissants. 2-30 -4.30 with tea and cake on offer. : 7-8.30 with wine and nibbles finishing with a short act of worship. The church will also be open as usual between these times and there will also be prayer stations around the church for private prayer. Please drop in for a chat to give us your views about what you would like St Mary's contribution to the village to be like in the future

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL kingswood.parish@btconnect.com Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ ,Tel: 01453 844659

Planning - Wickwar Road – Application for 61 houses now received and can be viewed on the SDC website www.stroud.gov.uk

Ref 16/0629/ful. Please send comments on the proposed development by post to the District Council or by accessing the website.

The Chestnut Park Appeal – Sadly, the High Court ruled that the application to apply for a Judicial Review into the decision to allow the 51 houses at Chestnut Park has been refused. The Parish Council is in talks with SDC about this and will update further in due course. Crest Nicholson has now submitted a full planning application. This will soon be available to view on the S DC website.

Charfield Road – Gladman development. The appeal into this application will be heard either later this year or in early 2017. The parish council is pleased to confirm that the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) will be acting for the parish council at this appeal. The Statement of case for this appeal should shortly be available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website - <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3147478>

Comments can also be viewed on the Stroud District Council's web site at <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning>

Wild about Kingswood – The Parish Council is managing the land at Chestnut Park and Tyndale View in partnership with Stroud Valleys Project for the first year. The intention then is that the parish council with the community will manage the area. Please can you let the Clerk know if you would like to volunteer to help. The following free events have been organised on the land at Chestnut Park. Please put the dates in your diary, come along, and find out more about the varied wildlife that we have here.

Pond Dipping - **Saturday 23rd July** 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Bird Walk - **Saturday 30th July** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.

Bat Walk **Thursday 25th August** 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm (International Bat Week)

Garden Waste – Please will all householders stop dumping garden waste around the village. Please sign up to the SDC Garden Waste Scheme or take it to a recycling site. It is unacceptable to dump any waste anywhere in the parish.

Fly Tipping – There have been a number of incidents of fly tipping. If anyone sees any fly tipping within the parish please can they report it either to the parish clerk or directly to Stroud District Council <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/#report>

Hedges – Please will all householders check that their hedges are not overgrowing onto the pavements and causing pedestrians to step into the road. It is understood that this is a particular problem on Hillesley Road and Wickwar Road.

Dogs- Reminder for all dog owners: Whilst dogs are allowed at the playing field, they are not allowed by the play equipment. All dogs should be under control. Owners, please ensure all dog mess is picked up and disposed of either in a bin or taken home with them.

Facebook – Please take a look and like the new Kingswood Parish Council Facebook account. It is hoped that by using Facebook we can keep members of the community up to date with activities in the parish.

Allotments – Those of you who have been in the village for a number of years will know that the parish council compiled a list of people who wished to rent an allotment in Kingswood. The land for allotments has now become available and the parish council is working on the details to enable the allotments to be available to the community later this year. Due to the proximity of the allotments to the wild life area and in particular to the protected Great Crested Newt (GCN), the allotment site will have to be managed in a very sensitive manner. It would now be helpful if you are still interested in an allotment to do the following;

1. Confirm your original interest or register a new interest in an allotment.
2. Indicate if you would be interested to sit on a managing committee to help manage the allotment site.
3. Indicate if you are willing to volunteer to help get the site ready for use. Please send this information to the clerk

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB – Hog Roast

Come and join the Cricket Club for its annual Hog Roast, not forgetting beer and wine. **Saturday 30th July** from 8pm until 11pm at the Village Hall and Playing Field. Tickets £10, £5 juniors. Available from any club member. If in doubt, Rod (843398) will have plenty.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – Contact Jennie on 01453 842803 or email jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

Firstly, this month there will be an Open Air Service on the Abbey Green on the **3rd July** at 6.00pm for Water Aid. Our services each Sunday are at 10.30am and 6.00pm with Sunday School during the morning service. We have recently started Friday night prayers between 7 and 8.00pm, this gives you an opportunity to join us in prayer or leave your prayer request. Each week we major on a different theme, this is will be found on our website or weekly on our Facebook page and there is an opportunity to pray for people and current situations. Advance notice for our Churches Together HOLIDAY CLUB, this year's theme is Sports Academy which will be from **1st-4th August** in the Village Hall from 10-12noon. Application forms available in school bags and from the churches. Please make it known to your friends. Please contact us if you would like to know more and check out our website and Facebook page

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

