

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	2 nd	June	Diamond Jubilee		
Thur	7 th	"	Neighbourhood Watch A.G.M	Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Mon	11 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	12 th	"	W.I 'Preparing for Showday'	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	16 th	"	St Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe	

JULY/AUGUST ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY JUNE 22nd

Fri	22 nd	June	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Fri	13 th	July	Summer Neighbourhood Watch Social		

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**Very many thanks** to Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch and Kingswood Village Association for their generous donations to **Grapevine** which will enable us to produce the newsletter for a further 6 months.

## KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012** at Kingswood Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm. All Kingswood residents are welcome to attend as this is **your** Neighbourhood Watch; we share the same desire to keep burglary, drugs and petty crime out of our village. So come along and let us know your views on how to keep Kingswood a safe and happy place for us all in 2012/2013.

The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.

## Gloucestershire LINK

### Have you or someone you know had a stroke? How were the Stroke Rehabilitation services?

There is an opportunity to give your views at a Gloucestershire LINK public event at Dursley Tabernacle on **Friday 22 June 2012**. There will be presentations on Stroke Services with a guest speaker from the Stroke Association and a LINK & Healthwatch update with time for a question and answer session. The event runs from 10am to 12noon.

Further details available from the LINK team on 01452 528491

**ALSO on the subject of Strokes** - The Stroke Association has joined up with Guide & PALS and on **Wednesday 27 June** an Information Bus will be parked in Dursley Sainsbury's Car Park between 10.30am and 4 pm. There will be free blood pressure checks between 11am and 3.30pm and advice on preventing a stroke as well as giving you the opportunity to sign up to the Stroke Association's Life after Stroke Campaign. All are welcome.

Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network (LINK) is an independent, voluntary organisation who gather the views and experiences of local people on health and social care services. These views are fed back directly to the organisations that buy and provide these services for the purpose of influencing, improving or changing the way services are planned and delivered. If you would like more details visit [www.gloslink.org.uk](http://www.gloslink.org.uk) or contact LINK on 01452 528491

## South Gloucestershire's Award Winning Ladies' A Cappella Chorus

Fascinating Rhythm invites you to another **Open Rehearsal Evening on Thursday, 7th June** between 7.30pm - 10.00pm **at the King George V Memorial Hall, Rangeworthy**. Admission is £2.00, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

If you have always wondered what we do or would like to book us for your event, come and join us for an evening of great fun and lovely singing! For more details please contact Chloe on 07719368701 or visit our website: [www.fascinating-rhythm.co.uk](http://www.fascinating-rhythm.co.uk)

We are actively recruiting for women who can sing in the lower register (2nd Alto). If you'd like to be part of our power-house Bass section or you know of someone who might, please do contact us or come along to our rehearsal evening.

You'll be made very welcome. **LADIES!! How LOW can you go??**

## TUBBS TURF

We are delighted that Tubbs Turf is open again following the resurfacing of the tennis court and repainting of the multi-sports court - those who have played on the tennis court are thrilled with the clean bounce and crisp lines - and both courts look very smart. The gardens are also looking spruce, and we have a beautiful new noticeboard. Many thanks to all who have put in a lot of work to make this happen, and in particular to Keith Miller, our gardening expert, and to Sam Doncaster for the notice board.

The slight downside to the new courts is that the surfaces will need TLC for some time. We urge all who use them to follow the guidelines posted on the gates in order to prevent damage while the surface is vulnerable, and to understand that there may be times when we will have to close the courts to protect them. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Just a quick reminder that membership fees are now due - we are a community-funded facility and all fees go towards the running and maintenance of the courts and gardens. Please download a form from [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk).

Tennis Nights have resumed, with Ladies Tennis on Tuesday evenings and Social Tennis on Thursday evenings, both from 6.30pm. All are very welcome, whatever standard your game. Come along and give it a go...

Don't forget to sign up for Finals Day, our annual 'Wimbledon' fundraiser, with the emphasis on fun!

This year it's on **Saturday 14th July**....further details to follow.

The signup sheets to take part in the tennis tournament are on the notice board - last date for entry is **June 4th**. We want as many people as possible to take part in the competition so please go to the courts to register your interest, or email Geoff Mansbridge on [geoffrey.mansbridge@hp.com](mailto:geoffrey.mansbridge@hp.com)

**Competition Sections:** Junior Singles ; Junior Doubles ; Men's Singles ; Men's Doubles ; Ladies' Singles ; Ladies' Doubles ; Mixed Doubles ; Veteran (over 60s)

**\* Please note that you need to have paid your 2012 membership of Tubbs Turf by 4th June to be allowed to enter the**

#### competition.

We need a logo for Tubbs, so have launched a competition for all children of primary school age in the village to design it! Entries should be on A4 paper, and submitted to the Spar shop or Kingswood School by 10th June. There will be a display at Finals Day, when the winner will be announced.

We want to offer more tennis coaching at Tubbs, and there are a number of initiatives on the go for children and adults, please contact Kath on 521724.

Finally, we are now on Facebook and twitter so please find, like and follow us to help spread the word.

#### Wotton Youth Work Partnership Evening of Indian Food

The Wotton Youth Work Partnership wish to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the Evening of Indian Food held in Kingswood Village Hall on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Apart from enjoying the wonderful Indian Food prepared by Madhu Rasoi, guests took part in a raffle and an auction of items generously donated by businesses in Wotton and Kingswood. The total money raised at the end of the evening to support local youth work was £1065.

The generosity of all who came along to the evening was well beyond expectations.

But, there is one omission which we wish to correct, which is that the Kingswood Spar shop and Post Office kindly donated a prize for the raffle but this was not included in the list of businesses which had supported this fund raising event.

We now look forward to the opening of the new youth centre in Wotton at the end of July this year.

#### Friends of St. Mary's

**The Plant and Produce Sale** was a huge success, despite the weather, with over £900 raised. With some sales still in progress, we hope to achieve an amazing £1,000. This will meet some of the costs of redecorating and re-lighting St. Mary's. Thanks to all of you who donated items and braved the rain to buy plants, cakes, bric-a-brac and tombola tickets and to I-Vitae for housing all but the plant stall indoors.

The next Friends' event will be **Strawberry Teas** in St. Mary's Room on **30th June** from 3 to 5 pm. As usual there will be strawberries and cream, home-made cakes, tea and "proper" coffee, all at reasonable prices, accompanied by well-loved melodies played live! Do come and enjoy delicious fare in a congenial atmosphere.

This year's wine and food tasting will be on **Saturday, 7th July** at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room - "**A Taste of Europe**"(well, some of it!). As usual, it will be informal - proceed at your own pace - and the ambience is friendly and convivial. Why not make up a party of friends? This event is usually over-subscribed, so early booking is advised: Tickets £16 per person from 01453 843398 (Rod), 520359 (John), 845204 (Simon) or 843199 (David)

**Auction of Promises, 29th September 7.30 pm:** We should be grateful for donations of services and/ or suitable items, to be offered for sale by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auction Rooms. If you can donate, please contact one of the numbers below. We have brought forward the date this year, so do make a note of it and come along to bid for Christmas presents, antiques, furniture and all manner of services, from ironing to MOTs, plus the star lot - a luxury holiday for four on Royal Deeside.

**Light Lunches** continue on the last Thursday of each month, except in July and August. Judy is always grateful for volunteer helpers, particularly for the June lunch, so if you can help, please ring her on (01453) 520359.

#### Elvis Presley Tribute Singer – 8<sup>th</sup> May

Switched from the Village hall, the event was a great success at a crowded Dinneywicks. Over 31/2 hours of Presley songs and songs from musicals plus an excellent buffet. Thanks to Chris at the Dinneywicks and all who attended, organised by Rachael Box, the event raised over £400 for Christmas Shoe Box Gifts for Orphanages. By demand 'Elvis' has now been booked for **6<sup>th</sup> July** at the Fox and Hounds, Acton Turville.

#### Heaven of the South Mountain Bike Event, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Thanks to all those people who supported the 'Heaven of the South' mountain bike event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, by riding, marshalling, catering, cheering on, or any other way. It was a fantastic event that was enjoyed by all the participants, some of whom came from far outside the area, raising £6000 for local charities. We'll be running the event again next year, and we welcome any riders or helpers. Information for the 2013 event will be published on the website <http://www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk>.

#### KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

We are pleased to be part of the village's DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS and as such we invite you to visit the Flower Festival being held in chapel. As well as on the Saturday 2 June from 11am-2pm will be open from 3-5.30pm on Sunday 3 June and from 11am-4.00pm on Monday 4th June. Refreshments are available and we would love to see you.

Unfortunately this year's Holiday Club has been cancelled. Instead of this we will be holding an Olympic themed FUN DAY on the 18th August at the Village Hall from 10am-5.00pm. More later.

The Church Secretary can be contacted on 01453 842803. Web site [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)

#### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Showday is confirmed for **Saturday 1st September 2012** from 12.30. A full programme of arena events and sideshows is planned, PLUS the fabulous Classic Car Show, Produce and Handicraft, BBQ and refreshments. We are now taking bookings for stalls from individuals and organisations. Stall pitches are located in the field and cost £20 for approximately 3m x 3m pitch. If you would like to book a stall please call 01453 84200, email [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org).

#### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed an excellent May meeting with the story of Flanders and Swann and their musical exploits. June's meeting is on **Tuesday, 12th June** at 7.30 in the Village Hall when there will be a 'hands-on' session taken by members on Preparing for Show day. Details from Val Jones, 842471.

#### Stroud District Council Elections

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| I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who voted at the election on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I am pleased to say that I am back at Stroud and look forward to working in similar areas as before but within the administration rather than the opposition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| There are a few changes planned which promise to move away from a cabinet style operation to a more inclusive policy making body.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Not quite the committee system of old but with executive members making policy decisions based on input from all councillors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I can be contacted at home in Kingswood, by email ( <a href="mailto:Cllr.Paul.Hemming@stroud.gov.uk">Cllr.Paul.Hemming@stroud.gov.uk</a> ) or by telephone (01453 842734)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| As a means of fundraising for the hall a <b>Ceilidh</b> (Barn Dance) is to be held on <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> at the hall.<br>Featuring a Band you may not have seen before and a Caller you probably have.<br>Tickets are available from committee members at £10. This includes a Ploughman's Supper.<br>Please support what promises to be an enjoyable evening three weeks after midsummer's day – so it should have cooled down a bit by then! |
| Also watch out for an Indian <b>Curry Evening</b> on <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> , further details available later.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>The Village Diary can be viewed on the <i>Grapevine</i> website. For an entry please email <i>Grapevine</i> or telephone Gill on 842734.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |