

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	3 rd	June	Neighbourhood Watch A.G.M	Village Hall	from 7.30pm
Sat	7 th	"	FoSM Summer Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm
Sun	8 th	"	Kingswood Open Gardens		from 1.00pm
Tues	10 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	10 th	"	W.I - "Wills, Intestate estates and Probate"	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13 th	"	Curry Evening	Blue Coat School, Wotton	7.30pm
Sat	21 st	"	St Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe, High Street	

JULY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY JUNE 27th

Fri	4 th	July	Elvis Tribute	Dinnewicks
Sat	12 th	"	Tubbs Turf Finals Day	
Sat	26 th	"	Cricket Club Annual Hog Roast	Village Hall
Sat	6 th	Sept	Kingswood Village Show	Playing Field
Sat	4 th	Oct	K.S.A Beer Festival	

Many thanks to Neighbourhood Watch for their generous donation towards publishing costs of *Grapevine*.

Kingswood Church Fete – Amercombe, 21st June 2014.

We are looking for donations, please contact: John, to give your vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, books, bottles.

Email johnnigelcook@gmail.com or 07702 447 266

Ann, to donate cakes and plants. Email Annfalconuff@yahoo.co.uk or 0779 367 532

Terri, to donate homemade jams and preserves, children's toys/books videos/DVDs. Email thrsknnsn@gmail.com or 07769 322 480

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to say a very big thank you to the members of the KKK who got back together for a One-Off Curry Evening which was a tremendous success, raising much need funds for the Village Hall.

Friends of St. Mary's

Friends of St. Mary's will be holding another Summer Wine Festival in St. Mary's Room at 7.30pm, **Saturday 7 June**. There will be six small glasses of wine and canapés per £10 ticket and a choice of wines from about 15 countries. They will be typical of each country: Chablis from France, Sauvignon Blanc/N.Z., Rioja/Spain, Shiraz/Australia and so on. Tickets are available from Rod Alexander (843398/ rodplume@gmail.com), who will be delighted to reserve some for you in advance if you contact him.

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch AGM at Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd June**. Drinks and nibbles at 7.30pm, meeting at 8.00pm.

Come and discuss/listen to crime issues with police in a convivial setting.

Please note the Police Information Point has moved from the Post Office to the B&F Fitness Cafe on the Chipping. An officer will be in attendance on 2nd June – 9.30am, 16th June – 11.00am, 23rd June – 11.00am, 21st July – 9.30am or telephone 101. PCSO Ben Rollins.

Independence Day 'Gig'

Elvis tribute gig at "Dinney" on **July 4th**, U.S.A. Independence Day. Put on by Rachael Box and sponsored by "Dinney" and K.V.A. No entry fee but any donations, raffle ticket or food purchase will be great since all the profit will go to Playgroup.

Wotton Youth Liaison Group

Curry by **Madhus' Rasoi**, **Friday 13th June** at Blue Coat School, Wotton-under-Edge at 7.30pm. Cash bar available, auction and raffle. Tickets at £18 available from Paul Hemming (842734), or June Cordwell (842439). Raising funds for the Youth Centre.

Village Agent - Christine Sweet - Village Agent - 07798 837 582 - csweet@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Dear people of Kingswood; Do you care for or support someone who needs some assistance because of physical or mental ill health? Are you worried about your own mental health? This month I thought I would share some ideas for sources of support and information for you. It can be frightening if we think that we, or anyone we know, are showing signs of dementia or mental illness. We may wonder what the future will hold, and how we will cope with managing day to day, or financially. My message is – talk to someone about it. You are not alone and there is a lot of information and support out there. Early action can aid recovery from mental illness, and improve the quality of life for someone with dementia. "Don't Bottle it up" was one of the Dementia Awareness week messages. Here is a sample of people that you could talk to regarding dementia: Your own GP; Managing Memory 2gether 0800 694 8800

managingmemory@glos.nhs.uk

Alzheimer's Society Gloucestershire 01452 525 222 gloucestershire@alzheimers.org.uk

Carers Gloucestershire 0300 111 9000; Your Village Agent

"Are you anxiety aware?" was this year's Mental Health Awareness week focus. Some people you could contact about any mental health worries: Your own GP; Let's Talk 0800 073 2200 2gether.comms@glos.nhs.uk

Crisis Team 0800 169 0398 (if you are already known to their service); Eating Disorders Service 01242 634 242

Suicide Crisis 07975 974455 for a first appointment; Your Village Agent

Other places to find out about resources: Your Circle <http://www.yourcircle.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/yourcircle/home.page>

Healthwatch <http://www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk/>; Your Village Agent

There is a new programme of 6 weekly sessions, organised by **Carers Gloucestershire**, open to family members or friends who are supporting somebody who is living at home. The sessions are free, informal and focus on helping people with their particular issues/problems in coping and planning ahead for the future. Sessions are held in Cam and Nailsworth. For an informal chat you can speak to Chris Cam on 01452 500885 or 07920560650. The programme runs from 3rd July to 7th August. Help is available with replacement care and transport if necessary. To see more about Carers Gloucestershire go to their website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/carers.

Hillesley Ball

The Friends of Hillesley School would like to thank all those who came to the Hillesley Ball on 10th May, despite the howling wind, and helped to make the evening such a great success.

We are pleased to announce that the final total raised for the school, including the children's disco on the Friday evening, was £6220.

Highways Issues - Please could all car owners consider how they park within the village. If parking on the pavement please ensure that pedestrians with wheelchairs and pushchairs can still get by unobstructed. Problems have also arisen with cars parking too close to junctions and driveways obscuring the vision of traffic.

Dog Fouling - There have been a number of complaints on this issue. If you are aware of who the culprits are please can you advise the parish council? If you do not wish to name and shame please give details of the type of dog and when and where the fouling would normally take place. This way we can ask the Dog Warden and Neighbourhood Warden to observe for themselves and to take the appropriate action including issuing a fixed penalty fine.

Youth Sessions - These sessions will be free and are open for any young people age 12 -18.

Kingswood Playing Field 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July, 15th July, 29th July and 12th August.

Charfield Playing Field 27th May, 10th June, 24th June, 8th July, 22nd July and 5th August.

Annual Spring Clean - 7th June 2014 The annual spring clean will take place on the weekend of the 7th June 2014. Litter pickers, refuse bags and Hi-Vis vests will be available to collect from the entrance to the new gym (previously i-Vitae). Please can the following areas be included; The Playing field, The Chipping, Tubbs Turf, Squaws Lake and footpaths such as the Ash Path. Can householders check that hedges are not impeding pedestrians on the pavement. Please check for weeds growing on the pavements and gutters to ensure that the highway drains are not blocked. Could dog walkers help to clean up the footpaths whilst out walking their dogs over this weekend. Thank you to everyone who is able to help to ensure that Kingswood looks as tidy and beautiful as it possibly can.

Porto toilet - The P.C are trialling the provision of a toilet at the playing field. This will be for a period of 3 months over the summer.

Accounts - The accounts for the year ending 2013/14 are available to view on the notice board and on the parish council web site. If any one wishes to view the accounts in more detail they are available to be viewed by appointment and with reasonable notice. Please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council meetings. Kingswood Parish Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.15. There is a public session at the start of the meeting. The parish council also meets on the 4th Monday of the month if required. Agendas for both meetings will be available to view on the web site and on the notice board on the Wednesday before the meeting. Minutes of meetings are posted on the web site and noticeboard. If you wish to receive a copy of the minutes or agenda by email please contact the Clerk.

Crest Nicholson - A consultation on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment has taken place for the proposed development at Chestnut Park. Details of this can be found on Stroud District Council's Web site

<http://www.stroud.gov.uk/PLO/Default.aspx?AppRef=2014/1084/EIAS#s=sectioncontent7>

Mary Leonard Kingswood Parish Clerk, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley, GL12 7RQ, 01453 844659

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The annual Cricket Club Hog Roast will be on the evening of **Saturday 26 July** at the Village Hall.

TUBBS TURF

With occasional promising glimpses of summer to tempt us, it's definitely time to dust off the racket and competitive spirit, and put your name down for the Finals Day tennis tournament. Sign up sheets have been on the notice board for a while - the official deadline is

Monday 2nd June, but if you have missed this then please contact Geoff on 01453 843480. As usual there will be Men's, Ladies' and Juniors' Singles and Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Parent and Junior (U16) Doubles. We are hoping for a lot of participants to give all the competitors some great matches, and an exciting Finals Day on **Saturday 12th July**. Hopefully, the gardens will be in full glory by then too, with both the wooden fence and court fencing repaired. Anyone with green fingers and time to spare is very welcome to join us on our next Gardening Day on **Saturday June 14th**, 10am - 1pm approx when we will be concentrating on landscaping the notice-board area. BYO tools - tea, cakes and team spirit provided. In the meantime, social tennis nights continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6pm, it would be lovely to see lots of players there.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their May meeting Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a Hands-On session run by two of their talented members. Learning about Swedish hand massage and exercises and Japanese Furoshiki - an eco -friendly wrapping cloth. Using techniques similar to origami, Furoshiki can be used for gift wrapping or grocery shopping. Each year billions of plastic bags end up as litter; reusable bags, such as furoshiki can help to reduce the impact to our environment.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the NFWI's resolution to raise awareness, during 2014, of the National Organ Donor register. At the recent WI Group Rally in Dursley, Kingswood Abbey WI was first equal with Dursley WI in the annual craft, photography, flower arranging and cookery competitions, winning the Group Shield. The next meeting on Tuesday, **June 10th** at the Village Hall will include a talk on "Wills, Intestate estates and Probate" given by Previn Doshi.

Kingswood Congregational Chapel – Contact Jennie on 842803 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com or visit Face book page

Messy Church will be held on the 14th June – the theme is The Church's Birthday. Registration in St Mary's at 10.00am and then down to the school room for the rest of the morning. Looking forward to seeing you there. Cream Teas will be served from 11.00am – 2.00pm on **Saturday, 28th June** at the home of Isobel Kelly, 5 The Chipping. Everyone welcome. A warm welcome awaits you at either of our services 10.30am and 6.00pm.

ODD JOBS NEEDED?

Do you need someone to do your weeding, mowing, cleaning...? Or dog-walking, babysitting and ironing?

Or someone to help de-clutter your house? We can help! Call 07870 355236, £5 per hour, references available.

HEAVEN OF THE SOUTH 2014

On what proved to be the warmest of spring weekends, over 400 mountain bikers from all over the country came together on 17th May for one of the best local charity fundraising events, held at Kingswood Village Hall. Riders completed a gruelling 50 or 75km off-road cycle through our beautiful countryside and in the process raised an amazing £10,000 for charity. We would like to thank the people of the village for accommodating this event. Many thanks as always also go to all who donated time and energy, those who marshalled, organised, cooked, cleared up and enjoyed this fantastic event.

Sadly for all, this could prove to be the last HOTS - almost certainly, if the new housing development goes ahead, events of this or other 'public' nature may not be permitted. Please show your support in objecting to this proposal and save our village life and identity.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Our email address is kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk - website is www.K-V-A.org

Open gardens. This event will take place on **June 8th** from 1 pm. Starting from the Chipping House where maps of the routes to gardens can be collected. Tea and cake will be served at the Chipping House from 1pm. A scavenger hunt will also take place for children to take part in. Please get in touch with the KVA if you would like to show your garden.

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

