

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	11 th	June	St. Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe	1.00pm
Tues	14 th	"	W.I. – talk 'Birds of Prey'	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	18 th	"	Friends of St Mary's Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm

JULY ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY JUNE 24th JUNE

Sat	2 nd	July	Walking for Wildlife	Crickley Hill	11.00am-3.30pm
Sun	17 th	"	Strawberry Teas	St. Mary's Room	3.00pm-5.00pm

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### Cam, Dursley & District U3A events

**Thursday 16 June** 10.30 a.m at Dursley Methodist Church

AGM - details of how to make nominations for committee members (to be submitted by 2 June) are on our web site - We will also have an arresting speaker this month - Oliver Clark on aspects of Police work. Guests very welcome.

**Thursday 21 July** 10.30 a.m at Dursley Methodist Church

Monthly branch meeting at Dursley Methodist Church 10.30 a.m.. Our speaker will explain the work of the National Trust. Guests very welcome.

**Thursday 18 August** - Summer outing. A 4-hour cruise on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal from Saul to Sharpness and return with lunch on board. A well-stocked bar will be open throughout the trip.

Information on all U3A events, contact and membership details on our web site [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

**Dates for your diary:** - The annual St Mary's Garden fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street from 1pm on **11th June**. Pressures on church finances are continually growing so we are aiming for a bumper fete this year with the goal of making £4500 for church funds.

We are planning lots of exciting stalls and games as well as the established favourites including Punch and Judy, the ever popular, treasure hunt, bar, Bar-B-Q and teas and for the first time this year a Teddy Bears picnic so please bring your Teddy Bear and enter the competition. ABOVE ALL, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Firstly, please put the date in your diary and ask your friends and relations to do the same. The more people who come, the more money we will raise.

Secondly, please can you let us know if you are willing to help in any way. This could be running a game, organising or helping with a stall, helping to sell entry and raffle tickets in advance, helping to set up and take down before and after the fete and whether you have a van or pick up to help with transport and of course, donating things for the prize draw and stalls.

The event is always great fun so please do help us reach our target if you can. If you are willing to help in any way, please email: [stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com) or phone Chris on 844162 or Tricia on 844436. Remember we are on Facebook! See our Facebook page for regular updates (click on 'Join') on the fete and other related events and a chance to post messages and photos: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMarysGardenFete>

**Jazz on a Summer's Night** - By popular demand Amercombe hosts the 2nd 'Jazz on a Summer Night'- Dress in Style" (we will be in village hall if weather bad). **Friday 22nd July**, Start 7.00pm with food 7.30pm, end to the evening at 10.30pm. Price £12.50 per ticket, which includes food (including vegetarian option), and live music. There will be a pay bar and dancing.

Fun evening, optional chance to 'dress in style', hosted by Tricia and David Rockey at Amercombe 11 High street, GL12 8RS, 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.

Contact John Cook for tickets: [johnnigelcook@gmail.com](mailto:johnnigelcook@gmail.com)

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their May meeting, Kingswood Abbey WI members were introduced to Life Coaching by Ruth Armes of Kingswood House. Through discussion and answering specific questions, we learnt some ideas about identifying those aspects of ourselves that have held us back from realising our life dreams and goals. A most thought provoking presentation.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, **June 14th** at the Village Hall, Tony Bryant will be introducing us to his Birds of Prey and hopefully, if the weather is suitable will demonstrate their prowess in the air.

On Sunday, **June 26th**, we will be travelling to Oakwood Farm, Upper Minety to visit a Plant Fair and Open Garden. This is a NGS garden, which is organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Friends of St. Mary's.

This year's Summer Wine Festival will be at 7.30 pm, **Saturday 18 June** in St. Mary's Room. There will be six small glasses and canapés per £10 ticket. There will be a choice of 20 wines; all will be award winners, including the prestigious "Decanter" International Wine Challenge and International Wine and Spirits Competition awards. Tickets are available from Ann Falcon-Uff (843789) and Rod Alexander (843398), [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@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.

**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust** [www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/walk4wildlife](http://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/walk4wildlife)

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is walking for wildlife again! **Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>** between 11.00am - 3.30pm. Returning with our much loved, family (and dog) friendly annual walk, which celebrates the best of Gloucestershire's Countryside. This year we are delighted to present to our supporters our new Crickley Hill reserve and the chance to enjoy everything the site has to offer. Situated between Cheltenham and Gloucester this historic site has some great features. Our 3.5 mile circular route will follow in the footsteps of naturalist and explorer Edward Wilson, who was the chief of the scientific staff on Scott's final expedition to the South Pole and who loved the area. Scott acknowledged that it was Wilson who 'opened his eyes to nature' and Peter, Captain Scott's son, fittingly went on to found Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in 1961.

Our walk will take in some spectacular views, ancient SSSI woodland which hosts rare plants such as the Birds Nest orchid, birds including the Great Spotted Woodpecker and nearly 500 species of fungi! This really will be a celebration of our new site; an opportunity to showcase just how much there is on offer and to hear from expert reserve managers about the fascinating history and ecology of the reserve. The afternoon will be rounded off with a chance to enjoy refreshments, and family fun. We hope you can all join us! Book your tickets now by visiting our website or calling 01452 383333

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** Contact: Jennie on 842803 or email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

Check out our Facebook Page or our recently updated website [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk)  
We have just launched our new Friday Night Prayer Time from 7-8pm. This is an opportunity for anyone to pop in and pray or drop off a prayer request.  
In conjunction with St Mary's Saturday the **4th June** sees the next MESSY CHURCH in the schoolroom from 10am. Children; bring along your mum/dad/grandparent/carer and enjoy a time of making and creating. Followed by lunch. A warm welcome awaits you at our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service. UNITED for year 7 and above is held on a Monday evening from 6.30pm. Bible Study on Tuesday from 7.30pm in the schoolroom.  
Also if you like singing why not come along to the Choir practice on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the chapel.  
ADVANCE NOTICE - Holiday Club will be held this year from **1st - 4th August**. More details to come.

#### **Kingswood Parish Council**

**Planning** - Wickwar Road – An application for 61 houses has now been received. This can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) Planning Ref 16/0629/ful. Please send all comments on this proposed development either by post to Stroud District Council or by accessing the planning web site.  
The Chestnut Park Appeal – Stroud District Council has applied to the High Court for a Judicial Review of the decision to allow the planning appeal at Chestnut Park. A 30-minute hearing has been listed for direction on Thursday 9th June 2016 at the Royal Court of Justice Offices in Stroud. The time of the hearing will be listed on the court web site after 2.30 on the 8th June. [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk). The Court reference is CO1717/2016. I understand this hearing is to decide if the Judicial Review of the decision can be allowed. This is the first stage of the process.  
**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.  
**Wild about Kingswood** – The parish council is delighted to confirm that it has now taken over the land at Chestnut Park and Tyndale View. We have set up an ongoing project to help manage this land. The parish council has entered into a contract with Stroud Valleys Project (SVP) to assist with this. The long-term intention is that this land is managed by the community. We are therefore looking for volunteers to sign up to help with this. Full training will be given by SVP. We will also be setting up the allotment site and hope that we can get these ready to handover to allotment holders in the autumn.  
Please can you let the Clerk know if you are interested in being a volunteer to help with the management of the land. A successful public Great Crested Newt (GCN) count was held. We can confirm that there is a breeding population of GCN found in the new pond. More details of public events to follow.  
**Garden Waste** – Please can all householders refrain from dumping garden waste around the village. Please sign up to the Stroud District Council Garden Waste Scheme or take it to the recycling site. It is unacceptable to dump garden waste in drainage ditches or in the newly adopted land at Tyndale View and Chestnut Park.  
The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tele 01453 844659,  
Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

#### **Kingswood Primary School - 125th anniversary**

Kingswood Primary School will be 125 years old in June 2017! In anticipation of this milestone anniversary we would like to gather memories of ex-pupils ranging from the young, to not-so-young!  
If you would be willing to share any of your memories of your time spent at Kingswood school, maybe your first day, your favourite lesson or an amusing event, please would you email Sallie-Anne Beere at [kingswoodschool125@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodschool125@gmail.com)  
If you have any photos, we would be fascinated to see them.  
We will keep you informed with regard to celebrating our anniversary. Thank you!

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

