

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	10 th	June	St. Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe, High Street
Tue	13 th	"	W.I. meeting – Butterflies, Moths and Gardens	Village Hall

JULY/AUGUST ISSUE DEADLINE: FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

Sun	16 th	July	Strawberry Teas	St. Mary's Room	3.00pm-5.00pm
Fri	21 st	July	Comedy Night	Village Hall	
Sat	2nd	Sept	Showday		
Sat	16 th	"	Village Ball	Park Mill Farm	



KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Comedy Night **July 21st** @ Kingswood Village Hall. After the huge success in February 2017, we are back with more top rated comedy acts! Cerys hosting again, plus, among others, two Edinburgh Fringe acts.
 Tickets: Dave Werrett, 07970100304

Do not forget: Kingswood Village Showday Sept 2nd

The Kingswood Village Ball Committee

The Kingswood Village Ball will be held at Parkmill Farm, **September 16th**, £50 pp; £200 deposit will secure you a table of 10. All profits will be donated the Nicola Corrie Foundation.
 For tickets and further details, contact Dave Werrett 07979100304.

Appeal for Bric a Brac – St. Mary's Church Fete

A traditional Bric a Brac stall will make a welcome re-appearance at this year's summer fete at Amercombe for St Mary's Church on **Saturday 10th June**, but we need lots of lovely things to sell!
 We would welcome any good quality household, garden or novelty items that you feel will be of real interest to buyers, for example pretty crockery, decorative accessories, useful garden tools or ornaments, pictures, mirrors and so on. We are keen to make this an attractive stall offering interesting, good quality items to tempt buyers to part with some pennies!
 Please give us a call and we can arrange to accept items or come and collect if that is easier.
 Rebecca Graham 07936 426088 or Sarah Farwell 07928 461673

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their May meeting, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI were entertained with anecdotes and stories about Gloucestershire, by Radio Gloucestershire presenter Mark Cummings. He then mentioned us many times in the following morning's programme! We look forward to hearing Mark again at the GFWI Christmas concert. A very engaging speaker.

 In June, members will visit the University of Bristol's Botanic Gardens and the Jinny Ring centre in Worcestershire. The speakers for the next meeting on **Tuesday, June 13th** at the Village Hall will be Sue talking about Butterflies, Moths and Gardens. Guests are most welcome to join us (£3 admission).
 Yarn bombing for the Primary school's 125th anniversary is going on well with lots of help from parents and grandparents of the pupils and from some villagers. Walk along Abbey Street during the last week in June to see some of the results.

U3A - Find out more about us on www.u3asites.org.uk/cam-dursley

Thursday June 15th U3A Monthly branch meeting at Dursley Methodist Church. Meeting starts 10.30 a.m.
 This month the important work of the **FOODBANK** will be explained by Will Mansell of Stroud Foodbank, which also covers our area. Refreshments served after the meeting. Visitors welcome.
Thursday July 20th U3A Monthly branch meeting at Dursley Methodist Church. Meeting starts 10.30 a.m.
 Our speaker will be Paul Barnett on "THE PURTON HULKS". Paul is an excellent speaker and we received great feedback from his 2016 talk on Operation Tiger. Refreshments served after the meeting. Visitors welcome.
Thursday August 17th Our usual U3A monthly branch meeting at the Dursley Methodist Church will be replaced by a summer outing - a cruise on the Monmouth and Brecon Canal with Applegates coaches.

Friends of St Mary's

We look forward to seeing you at our delicious Strawberry Teas on **Sunday 16th July** in St Mary's Room, between 3pm and 5 pm; we do hope you will be able to make it so please put the event in your diary. The event will include live music, teas, coffees, strawberries and cream, homemade cakes and scones.
 We are starting to collect books for our stall on Showday on 2nd September. Please note we are only able to take good quality recent fiction, paperback or hardback format. Please leave books at the rear of the church. Please contact us by emailing: friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk or phoning Chris 844162, Pat 845076, Stella 842497 or John 07761672926.
 See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood

St Mary's Church Garden Fete

On **June 10th**, the annual St Mary's Church fete will once again be held in the garden of Amercombe, 11 High Street starting at 1pm. Our fete this year has a Victorian theme and rumour has it that Queen Victoria herself will be opening the fete. So do come along and join us for what is always a very enjoyable village occasion.

Why not have lunch from the BBQ with a glass of fizz from the bar? Or sample our delicious homemade cakes for tea? As usual, there will be a range of stalls, and games, with new entrant this year, a jewellery stall where you can also bring your own jewellery for expert cleaning. Children will once again be intrigued by our famous treasure hunt with ices and sweets on hand to reward their efforts. You can try your luck on the bottle stall or buy a ticket for one of the many prizes in our amazing Grand Draw. And remember, entrance programmes are cheaper when bought in advance and children are free!

As usual, we will be hugely grateful for offers of help on the day or the night before and for donations of scarves, handbags, books, plants, cakes and bottles. Please contact Rosemary Casken on 01453 845076 or email:

fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk Find us on Facebook at 'St Mary's garden fete Kingswood GL12'.

Maintaining the ministry of St Mary's church in our village costs over £15,000 a year. Our annual fete makes an important contribution to raising this sum - as well as being an opportunity for citizens' young and old to have a lovely afternoon out. **SO DO PLEASE SUPPORT US!"**

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Secretary – Jennie Amesbury on 01453 842803 email jennieamesbury@btinternet.com . Also, find us on Facebook.

Thank you everyone who supported the Afternoon Tea for Christian Aid, which raised £135. The collection boxes are still being counted, but thank you to those of you who kindly donated. This month we are holding another Café Church on the **25th June** from 10.30am in the Lower Schoolroom, to which everyone is welcome. Advance notice - Churches Together Junior Heroes Holiday Club will be held in the Village Hall from **25th - 28th July** and the Water Aid Open Air Service will be on the Abbey Green on the **2nd July** at 6.00pm. A warm welcome awaits you.

Kingswood Parish Council

Wild about Kingswood – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Wednesday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and learn how to manage the land. Volunteers are urgently required please contact the clerk to find out more!

Scything Course: Date: Saturday 24th June, (10am – 2pm). About the course: Come along, enjoy and learn the art of scything, the traditional way of making hay with Fred Miller, Stroud Valleys Project Officer. The course, designed for the beginner, will give people an introduction to the use of the Austrian style scythe, its use, sharpening and maintenance. If you sign up to the course you will not only be learning a new skill but helping to manage the site for the Great Crested Newt population and other wildlife, that live or use the local nature reserve. The course is open to 12 attendees, a reserve list being drawn up.

Please wear appropriate clothing (footwear: wellington or work boots). We will provide light refreshment (tea & coffee) but bring along a packed lunch. Booking essential for this FREE event as numbers are limited (12). However, donations are really appreciated. For more details on this event and to book places contact Stroud Valleys Project on 01453 753358 or visit our website: www.stroudvalleysproject.org

Accounts for the year 2016/17 are available to view on the parish council website and on the notice board. As per the Notice of Date of Commencement of Period for the Exercise of Public Rights to view the accounts for the year ended 2016/17. The accounts can be viewed from 5th June to 14th July 2017 by appointment. Please contact the clerk if you wish to view the accounts to arrange a convenient time.

Allotments – The allotment site is up and running! If you would like an allotment, there is a waiting list. Please contact the clerk to be added to this list.

There is no public access to the allotment site unless you are an allotment holder.

We also ask that you do not use this area as a cut through to and from the playing field and refrain from taking your dog on to this area.

Dogs – Please can all dog owners ensure that they are picking up after their dogs. If you see anyone not picking up after their dog, please inform the parish clerk. The parish clerk will then take the matter up and the person reporting can remain anonymous.

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk , follow and 'like' the parish council on Facebook.

The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ ,Tele 01453 844659,

Email clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk Web site www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk



Kingswood Village Hall

Make time to take a close look at the Village Hall which many now believe has become the best facility locally for all sorts of different events. The Hall already caters for Playgroup, Lace Making, Toddlers, Womens Institute, Karate, Zumba, Brownies, Jubilee Club, Slimming World, Yoga and Parish Council meetings. There are regular bookings for the Blood Transfusion service, for use as a polling station. It accommodates annual events like Heaven of the South Cycling, rated amongst the best of its kind in the country. Bristol Churches hold an annual get-together. The National Trust have recently used the Hall for a regional conference and fully appreciated the facilities. Youth and adult sports organisations use our changing rooms and shower facilities on a regular basis. We now have a stage and sound system rated to professional theatre standards and we have bookings and further interest from many local amateur dramatics groups.

The Hall is fully licensed for music and there is a well-stocked bar and a dance floor in the main hall that was recently refurbished.

The Hall is often booked for special events such as christenings, birthday parties and wedding receptions.

It could be hired for yours.

We have a web page, www.k-v-h.org, a Facebook page and our booking officer, Isobel Kelly, can be contacted on 07810567294 or 01453844283.

Please consider Kingswood Village Hall for your special occasion, you will not be disappointed.

Bar Steward still Required at Kingswood Village Hall

We offer an attractive remuneration package. Contact David Scott 01453 845354 for details.

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