

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon	5 th	March	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	8 th	"	Historical Society Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	9 th	"	A.G.M of Wotton Branch R.N.L.I	Star, Wotton-under-Edge	8.00pm
Tues	13 th	"	W.I. - "Kiss Chase and Conkers"	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	15 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Mon	19 th	"	Tubbs Turf A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY MARCH 23rd

Sat	24 th	March	W.I. Coffee Morning	i-Vitae	10.00am
Sat	24 th	"	'Come Dine With Me'		
Mon	26 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	27 th	"	Kingswood Village Association A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm

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## Dog Fouling – again!

Grapevine has been asked to remind readers that the grass around the Bramley Close flats are technically the garden of the residents not a dog's toilet! The path between Bramley Close and Golden Lane is well used by all including school children and is again becoming fouled by dog excrement – **NOT PLEASANT FOR ANYONE.**

## Richard Belliss, our Village Agent has sent the following:-

**Managing Memory 2gether** - Are you worried about your memory? Do you have dementia and want to know more about living well with dementia? Are you supporting a family member or friend who has dementia? Then we can help. **Managing Memory 2gether** is holding a series of group information sessions about Managing Memory; Understanding Dementia; Living Well with Dementia; About Services and Support at the Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnam Walk, Laburnam Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2NS. The first session was on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February then 23<sup>rd</sup> February and every Thursday through March. Each session starts at 10.30am and lasts 2 hours including a break for refreshments. Help may be available to cover travel and care costs. For more details, the full programme and to book a place please telephone 0800 694 8800 or email [managingmemory@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:managingmemory@glos.nhs.uk) If you need to contact Richard about Village Agent matters phone 07798 837582.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

Are you new to the village and have a pre-schooler between the ages of 2 and 5 years? If so, our OFSTED rated playgroup may be just what you are looking for! We open every day apart from Wednesday when we hold a toddler group. Our hours are 9.15 - 11.45 am (Monday and Friday), and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have an extended session that includes lunch, finishing at 1.15 pm. We are based at the village hall and have use of all the facilities, and the field outside, so spend much time playing on bikes and trikes or just enjoying the nature around us.

We have close ties with Kingswood Primary School and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our fees are very competitive for the area and once the child is aged three, they are entitled to the Government grant. If you are interested in finding out more about our friendly playgroup please contact our playleader, Julia Wood, on 07855 105 944, or pop along one morning for a visit.

## Fascinating Rhythm Chorus Workshop

Fascinating Rhythm (four part harmony) chorus have just completed a very successful one day Saturday 'Workshop' at Castle School in Thornbury. We welcomed in total 56 visitors, all eager to improve their singing ability and to learn some of the techniques involved in making a good sound. Their challenge was to learn a new song and perform it to their family and friends in the barbershop style at the end of the day. Jo Dean our Musical Director, set about teaching some simple warm up and crafting routines which included exercise of the body and voice, designed to enhance good breathing and posture to enable the best possible sound. The groups were taught a well known song 'One Fine Day' by the Carpenters in four part harmony together with the FR chorus. Dividing the groups into 4 parts was a task in itself, but manageable by our astute musical director. Once divided, they were sent away together with a team leader and chorus members into separate areas to learn their particular harmony part.

Later in the day, visitors were also taught how to enhance their facial expression and movement to portray the song into a performance and perform they did! It was amazing to watch the transformation and confidence of the groups grow during the day. The day concluded in performance to family and friends. This was a day to remember with more than 100 singers giving a show that would make any family member proud. Well done to all who attended. To raise funds we also sold cakes, jewellery, hats, books and our 'Warm-Up and Craft' CD which you can purchase at a cost of £10.00, including p&p from [pm-carthy@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pm-carthy@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk). You can also preview tracks on our website: [www.fascinating-rhythm.co.uk](http://www.fascinating-rhythm.co.uk).

If anyone is interested in singing and would like to know more about us, please visit our website address shown above or if you would like to see us in action you can enjoy 2 of the very best of Gloucestershire's voices when they come together in a fabulous celebration of song. Award winning Fascinating Rhythm and the Dursley Male Voice Choir, one of the most well loved choirs of its genre in the south west, come together in concert on the 24th March in Marlwood School, Alveston. Doors open at 7pm for concert to begin at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 per person or £6 for concessions.

Tickets can be bought on the door or contact Chloe Roberts on [chloe-rony@hotmail.com](mailto:chloe-rony@hotmail.com) or 07719368701

## Wotton-under-Edge Branch R.N.L.I

The A.G.M of the Wotton Branch will be held on **March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm – venue The Star, Wotton-under-Edge. All welcome to come along, see how we have raised, as a group, £103,576.91 in 19 years! And so far from the sea!!

## KKaV

KKaV have been delivering copies of a Future Housing Needs Survey to all village households. The results of this survey will provide the core evidence of the Neighbourhood Plan which the Parish Council are required to draw up for the village. This Plan will be vital in influencing future decisions on development in the village under the new National Policy Planning Policy Framework and the Localism Act. Since this is probably our only chance as residents to have our say about the future development of our village, **please make sure**

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| <p><b>you send in your form</b> - either by post, on-line or by dropping it in to I-Vitae. If by any chance, you have not received a form, please ring 01453 844436.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Friends of St. Mary's</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Dates for your diary: <b>28th April</b> 10 am to 1 pm: Plant and Produce Sale on The Chipping. Volunteers still needed to grow plants from seeds provided: telephone Simon on 845204. <b>30th June</b> 3-5 pm Strawberry Teas in St. Mary's Room. <b>7th July</b> 7.30 pm Wine and Food tasting in St. Mary's Room. <b>29th September</b> 7.30 pm Auction of Promises in St. Mary's Room, conducted by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auctions. <b>10th November</b> 7 pm Supper Quiz in St. Mary's Room.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>The Kingswood Village Collection – Date for your diary – <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> will see a large number of village groups joining together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. There is a full day of events planned with something for everyone so please be a part of village history! If you run a group or association and would like to get involved – or would like to volunteer to help either before or on the day, please contact Donna on 845527. We look forward to seeing you on the day!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Kingswood Come Dine with Me – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.</b> This event has been part of village life for decades and is the perfect opportunity to meet new friends and spend time with those you already know! Don't worry if you are a fussy eater or have special dietary requirements – everyone can be catered for! We know that it can be a bit scary the first time, but hopefully a free glass of bubbly will help steady those nerves on arrival! The cost for a three course meal is only £12.50 per person and the bar will be open before their starters and when we get back for pudding – so a really great night out! Please visit <a href="http://www.k-v-a.org">www.k-v-a.org</a> for more details.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>In February Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed an interesting talk on Yellowstone National Park given by one of their Wotton members, Betty Hebditch. The next meeting on <b>Tuesday, 13th March</b> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall will be about children's games of the past; Caroline Sanderson's talk is "Kiss chase and conkers". Guests are welcome; please call Val Jones on 842471 for details. Later in the month, on <b>Saturday 24th March</b>, at 10am the WI will be holding a Coffee morning with raffle, bric a brac, card and cake stalls at <b>i-Vitae</b>. All proceeds will go to the Cobalt Cancer unit at Cheltenham. Mary Peterson from the Cobalt unit will be there to answer your questions about their work. Please look out for the posters and come and support this very worthwhile cause.</p>                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Kingswood Congregational Church - Pastor Adrian Wyatt - 07976362615</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>This year's Women's World Day of Prayer (interdenominational) will be held in the Chapel on <b>Friday, 2nd March</b> at 7.00pm. This year it has been prepared by Christian Women of Malaysia, under the heading Let Justice Prevail. The speaker will be Tricia Rockey. Lent began on the 22nd February, Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter. During this period Churches Together will be holding a series of talks on Lent to be held in St Mary's Transept from 7.30-9.00pm on Monday evenings. On the <b>18th March</b> there will be a Family Service for Mothering Sunday to which everyone is welcome. Our morning service starts at 10.30am and the evening service at 6.00pm. <a href="http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk">www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk</a></p> |
| <p><b>TUBBS TURF NEWS</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Great news! Thanks to successful fundraising and membership fees, the Tubbs Turf committee has been able to engage contractors to resurface the courts this spring. This means a top class playing surface on the tennis court and a renewed multi-sports court, with upgraded nets and posts. We envisage that the work will be completed by the end of April. Inevitably the courts will be out of action for a few weeks, but this, alongside new planting (with a red, white and blue theme in keeping with the Jubilee) will rejuvenate the facility, and precedes the submission of our Inspired Facilities Funding bid for an extended pavilion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>A grand opening event is in the planning stages but in the meantime, diary dates include <b>Saturday 2nd June</b> for a Jubilee netball match and <b>Saturday 14th July</b> for Finals Day. Details to follow. If you want to know more about our plans, then why not come to the AGM on <b>Monday 19th March</b> at the Village Hall from 7.30pm? We'll provide wine and nibbles, and it's a chance to find out what we do and how the facility is developing. The Committee would like to thank all who continue to support Tubbs Turf through membership fees and in particular our thanks go to Keith Miller for his gardening skills and to those who turned out to help with the hard graft in half term. Further information is available from <a href="http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk">www.tubbsturf.co.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:admin@tubbsturf.co.uk">admin@tubbsturf.co.uk</a></p>                                               |
| <p><b>ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Once again we are holding a series of Lent Lunches in St. Mary's Room which take place between 1200 and 1400 each Thursday from <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>. As before, your donations will go to charities, this year to WaterAid in Mali and Gloucestershire Air Ambulance. Please come, bringing a friend if you wish, for soup, cheese and rolls, and fruit. You will be among friends.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Beginners French</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Would you like to join our small informal group for complete beginners? Come and see if it suits! Price £70 for 10 lessons, 6-7pm on Thursday evening in the Training Suite at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Contact Julie Woods on 01453 842227 or <a href="mailto:jwoods@klbschool.org.uk">jwoods@klbschool.org.uk</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Rock 'n Roll at the hall!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Coming soon to the village hall – Rock 'n Roll to 50/60's music with an Elvis Presley tribute singer. More details in the April issue. All proceeds will go to help much-needed funds for the village hall.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Kingswood Parish Council</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Housing Needs survey</b> - The housing needs survey should have reached you all by now. This is an important document which attempts to find out the needs of the village of Kingswood from the people of Kingswood. <b>Please complete</b> and return by one of the four methods available. The results of this survey will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th April at the Village Hall. It is important that we get as large a response as possible to ensure the greatest accuracy of this survey.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> - The Annual parish meeting is on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> (As above). This is not a formal Council meeting but a meeting of the electorate. Please come along and see the results of the Housing needs Survey, view details on the Core Strategy, view the Parish Plan, meet the Dog Warden, Police, Village Agent and the Neighbourhood Warden who will be present to answer your queries. There will be information on the Parish Council election and information on being a Councillor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>DOG POO</b> - There has been a major increase in dog fouling on the Ash Path and in other parts of the village. This is being taken very seriously by the Dog Warden who is doing regular patrols. Please can all dog owners be responsible and pick up after their dog.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Parish Council Elections</b> - The Parish Council will have elections on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012. Please consider if this is a role you would like to take on. Nominations have to be made to Stroud District Council by 4th April 2012. Please see the Parish Council web site <a href="http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54">http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54</a> for details on the role of the Parish Council and the role of the Councillor. Details will</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

also be available on the notice board and in the coffee shop.

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