

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	5 th	March	Wotton Branch RNLI A.G.M	Star, Wotton	8.00pm
Sat	9 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	12 th	"	W.I talk on 'Rubber Stamping'	Village hall	7.30pm
Mon	18 th	"	Tubbs Turf A.G.M	Pavilion	8.00pm
Tues	19 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	21 st	"	Historical Society talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	"	Kingswood's Come Dine with Me		
Tues	26 th	"	Kingswood Village Association A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	30 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

Mon	8 th	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	10 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	13 th	"	Annual Village Spring Clean		
Sun	21 st	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am

Many thanks to Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish Council for donations towards the printing costs of Grapevine.

Please remember to change/add your Grapevine internet (Favourites) address – new one now available.

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

***N.B** Due to the traffic parking congestion on **The Chipping** and the number of contractor's vehicles, as a temporary measure and in the interest of public safety, it may be necessary for the **Mobile Police Station** to park at the **Village Hall car park**.

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

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI members enjoyed a most interesting and topical talk from Lara Madge of Parkmill Farm on the Provenance of Food and the importance of buying local. With the horse-meat problems in the news it was heartening to know that we can buy locally bred pork with the knowledge that the well fed pigs lived a happy, contented life and were slaughtered in as humane a way as possible. Lara introduced the members to her latest enterprise, 'Edge veg', which is a community supported agriculture project to supply veg. boxes with low food miles.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, will feature a crafts speaker, Kathryn Smeaton on Rubber Stamping.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Mary's Church at 7pm on **Friday March 1st**. It has been written by the Christian women of France and the theme is, "I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" Everyone is welcome.

Churches Together in Kingswood

It has been decided to hold a house-to-house envelope collection for Christian Aid, during Christian Aid Week 12-18 May. Would anyone willing to deliver and collect please get in touch with Rosalie on 843911.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL Secretary Jennie Amesbury 01453 842803

March is a very special month for the Christian church as we celebrate Easter. A warm welcome awaits you to any of our Easter services which start at 10.30am and 6.00pm as follows 24th March Palm Sunday - commencing with a walk of witness starting from the Chipping at 10.00am, 29th Good Friday Communion followed by Stations of the Cross and 31st March Easter Day. On the 10th March Mothering Sunday Service.

Together in Kingswood are holding Lent meetings in St Mary's Room starting at 7.30pm on Mondays.

We are supporting Stroud District Foodbank if you are able to give to this please bring your contribution to either St Mary's or the Chapel. St Mary's is open during the day and the Chapel on Sunday morning and evening. If you would like us to collect from you please contact our Church Secretary. We are grateful for any contributions. All goods must have a three month sell by date. Examples are tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, cereals, sugar.

Wotton-under-Edge and District R.N.L.I

Your local branch is holding its A.G.M on Tuesday **March 5th** at the Star Inn Wotton-under-Edge at 8.00pm; all very welcome to come along and see how we have managed to raised such significant funds for this very worthwhile charity. We now have a website where you can check on R.N.L.I events in the area and our progress as a branch.

Check out www.wuernli.btck.co.uk

KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Secretary - Sheila Alexander 843398, email sheilaplume@googlemail.com

Our first talk of the year will be by **Slimbridge Dowsing Society** who will not only explain the technicalities of this fascinating age-old activity but will also reveal how it has brought to light some long-buried local archaeological sites. It will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 21 March** at the village hall. Admission by ticket only (members free, visitors £3) obtainable from the secretary.

Kingswood Parish Council

Highways

The parish Council has been aware of the concerns in connection with the lorries and contractor vehicles on Chestnut Park and Rectory Road. After a meeting between Taylor Wimpey the Parish Council and the Police I believe matters have now been resolved. There should be no reversing on Rectory Road or Chestnut Park. The Contractor has put up signs to say no contractor parking on Rectory Road and Chestnut Park. Lorries will not be allowed to wait for access on Rectory Road but will have to wait in the lorry lay-by at Tortworth before they enter the village. Street cleaning and wheel washing should be taking place. If you have any concerns in the future please contact myself or any councillor. To enable the issue to be dealt with it is important to be able to provide details of the problem, such as date and time; a photograph or vehicle details would also be helpful

Village Design Statement

The completion of the design statement does depend on the involvement of as many people as possible in the village. More help if required is available on the Kingswood Village Design Statement Web site <http://www.knp.btck.co.uk/>, or the Parish Council web site <http://community.stroud.gov.uk/pieces/cms.asp>

Please complete and return the form to the Clerk or to any Councillor or at drop off points in the village. Still need these completed! These will be located at i-Vitae, The Dinneywicks Pub and the porch of St Mary's Church.

Clerk: Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane Hillesley GL12 7RQ

email kingswood.parish@btconnect.com Tel: 01453 844659

Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 on Monday 8th April at the Village Hall

This is a meeting for the people of the village to attend and it will include a review of last year and the parish council's objectives for 2013/14.

It is hoped that we will have representatives from all village organisations, there will be information on the new traffic calming for Wickwar road, and we will also launch the new parish council Grant Awarding Scheme. The following people have been invited to present information; The Police, The Dog Warden, Neighbourhood Warden, Village Agent, Neighbourhood Watch, County Councillor, Head of Kingswood Primary School, Wotton Youth Forum, Wotton Swimming Pool. Please come along and find out more about what your parish council is doing for you.

Annual Spring Clean

We will be holding our annual spring clean on **Saturday 13th April**. Litter pickers and sacks will be available from the Chipping. Can we ask that everyone looks at the place they live and check that gutters are free of weed and litter so the rain water can get to the drains. Please ensure hedges are cut back to allow pedestrians to pass by on the pavement. We will also be looking for help to clear the playing field of litter. Thanks to everyone for their help.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Nets continue at Wotton Joint Sports Centre – not very well attended so far, but perhaps you don't feel you need any practice before the season begins in anger!

A week off for Mothering Sunday (reminder!!) on March 10th and then possibly the last week on the 17th.

Please do make the effort to come along.

Tubbs Turf

A big thank you to all those who came to our Gala Dinner on Saturday 23rd February. It was a real success, with Kingswood Village Hall looking resplendent, fantastic food, fun entertainment and a hall full of lively chat! We haven't totted up the funds yet but without doubt we have raised a significant amount, thanks to your generosity, which will enable us to complete relandscaping the gardens and carry out more maintenance work. The event was a huge team effort, but special thanks go to those who gave so generously to our raffle, to Ben Morgan and the England Rugby team for the signed shirt, to Claire Maudsley for her help with the decorations, to the KLB World Challenge students for the table service (and washing up!) and to Fran McCubbin for the delicious food.

Please put **Saturday 13th July** into your diary for a special Finals Day to open the Pavilion, and in the meantime, you are welcome to attend the **Tubbs Turf AGM, Monday 18th March**, 8.00pm in the newly extended pavilion.

(PS Found at the Hall was a pair of reading glasses and a pink scarf, please call 07870 355236 if you think they are yours! I would also appreciate return of any table decorations that got accidentally taken with the balloons.)

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

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