

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	6 th	March	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	11 th	"	W.I talk by Philip Taubenheim	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	14 th	"	Charity Bake Off	Dinneywicks	7pm
Sat	22 nd	"	'Come Dine with Me'		
Sun	23 rd	"	Tubbs Turf A.G.M	Pavilion	3.00pm

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 21st MARCH

Tues	25 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	27 th	"	Historical Society talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	27 th	"	Village Association A.G.M	St Mary's Room	8.00pm
Thurs	10 th	April	RNLI Talk	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	8.00pm
Sun	20 th	"	Easter Fun Day at Tubbs Turf		from 2pm
Sat	26 th	"	Kingswood Kurry Klub		

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## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming events for the Kingswood Village Association; - The AGM will take place on the **27th March** at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Room. Please come along and join us to celebrate the achievements of 2013.

Open Gardens will be taking place on **June 8th**. This event is a great opportunity to welcome all into your garden or to visit other gardens for inspiration. If you would like to show your garden please drop a note into 3 The Chipping or email.

Donation requests and ideas are always welcome. Email [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk), website [www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org)

## Kingswood School Association

KSA QUIZ - back by popular demand.... "A Night at the Theatre" - a loosely themed quiz that probably will have nothing to do with theatres!!!! Certainly not your average sort of quiz (probably not your average sort of quiz masters either!) **Saturday 15th March** 7.30 for 8pm @ village school. Entry £2.50 per person, if you don't have a team, no problems we can make them up...we usually do! Licensed bar. Bring a cake, pudding etc for half time (fresh baked ...or pop into the Spar on the way down!). Turn up on the night or beat the queue & get your tickets in advance: phone Chris Sims 521768 or Damian Pacini 521203

**A message from your Village Agent:** [csweet@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:csweet@villageagent.grcc.org.uk) Christine Sweet 07798 837 582

There has been a spate of cold calling in the area, and some people report being contacted on the telephone by a company offering "free" alarms, for which they are asked to pay a substantial sum of money. Trading Standards remind us that you do not have to speak to any unknown caller, and it is OK to ask them to leave. If you have any concerns over any work you have agreed to, or want further advice on how to deal with doorstep callers you can contact the Citizens Advice Bureau on 08454 04 05 06. You could also contact our local police team on 101. I was reminded recently about a good place to find out information. If you are on the internet go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/ask>.

If you look after a family member, disabled child, friend or neighbour....you are a Carer. You are invited to go to the first Stroud District Carer's Forum on **Wednesday 12th March**, 10.30am to 12.30am, The Old Town Hall, The Shambles, High Street, Stroud GL5 1AP. No need to book, tea/coffee and registration from 10.00am, FREE transport and alternate care available on request. You can meet other local carers and find out what local support and services are available to you, and tell the team what is important to you. For alternate care phone Sarah Everitt on 01452 386283 at least 2 weeks prior to the Forum. For FREE transport contact Community Safety at SDC on 01453 754514 at least 2 weeks prior to the Forum. If you are over 50 years of age and have any questions or concerns about finance, home maintenance, activities, home safety checks.....contact me. If I do not know the answer I will find out.

## KINGSWOOD PLAYGROUP

The Kingswood playgroup is holding a pancake afternoon from 3 to 4.30pm on **4th March** at Kingswood Primary School. This is open to everyone so please come along; there will be pancake racing and a pancake tossing competition.

## KINGSWOOD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Winners of the Small Schools Award at Cross Country for the 4th Year running!** - Kingswood School continues to run well and scooped the Small Schools Award at the Cross Country event at KLB in January. Our Junior Girls Team came 2nd, Junior Boys Team came 2nd, Senior Girls Team came 1st and Senior Boys Team came 2nd. Individual positions were: Natalie Pacini - 3rd Junior Girls, Alexander Symanowski - 6th Junior Boys, Anna Symanowski - 3rd Senior Girls, Paige Todd - 6th Senior Girls, Stuart Sims - 2nd Senior Boys and Philip Gunton - 6th Senior Boys.

**Hi Fives Netball** - In November Kingswood entered a year 6 team into the Hi Fives netball tournament at KLB school. The team won all their games and finished top, qualifying along with The British School, for the Level 2 round. This was also played at KLB in January. Three teams had qualified for this round and on the day each team won a game and lost a game. This resulted in all three teams finishing on equal points, but Kingswood had scored the most goals so finished top, qualifying for the Level 3 School Games at Cheltenham College to be held at the end of March.

**Photography awards** - We are delighted that Kingswood won Best School entry at the Gloucestershire Young Photographer 2014 competition out of 201 entries from 22 schools. Congratulations to Anna Symanowski who won 1st prize and £50, Alex Gunton 2nd prize and £30, and to Hannah Bigwood who was Highly Commended.

## KINGSWOOD KURRY KLUB.

4 course final fling from the original cooks, specialist beers, with dancing to "Broken Ring" at KVH on Saturday April 26. Thanks to amazing response. 3/4 of places already booked. (These bookings will be held, pending payment, until 15 March and then released on open market.) Tickets, singles or tables of 8, now available at £18.95 from Rod Alexander, 36, Bramley Close/843398/[rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com). Many thanks to these great cooks for their one last effort in raising much needed funds for Village Hall's excellent improvements.

**KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398

Historical Society (contact Sheila 843398 or [sabramley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sabramley@yahoo.co.uk)) will have a talk by Alan Pilbeam on "ATKYN'S GLOUCESTERSHIRE (the County's landscape 300 years ago)" at the Village Hall on **Thursday 27th March**, starting at 7.30pm prompt. Admission by ticket (free to members and £5 to guests) from Sheila Alexander.

### Friends of St. Mary's

The annual FoSM Chipping Sale seems far away in this Noah-like weather, but if you want to spring clean your bric a brac, Rod Alexander will happily take it for this event on **Saturday May 10th**. 36 Bramley Close/843398/[rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com). Cakes, plants, raffle prizes very welcome nearer the time.

### Live Music, Kingswood Village Hall 8th March – 7.45pm

For anyone who loves live music and a great night out, **Saturday 8th March** is not to be missed. Up-and- coming young band Rusty Shackle, whose infectious, enthusiastic performance went down a storm at Nibley Festival last year, are bringing their lively mix of folk, rock and Celtic rhythms to Kingswood Village Hall. They will be supported by home-grown local band The Bad Dads, so the event is guaranteed to have everyone up and dancing - what we need after a long, wet winter. Tickets are just £7.50 from Al's Cyclery, Kingswood Spar and Nibley shop. 7.45pm. Bar and food available. All proceeds to Rory's Well and World Challenge. Don't miss it!

### TUBBS TURF Please visit [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk) for a membership form and for the fees for non-residents.

At last there is a welcome break in the rain, and Tubbs Turf is gearing up for a new season of tennis and community sport. The Pavilion has undergone some essential repairs and is now ready for use again so please join us for tea and cake at our AGM on **Sunday 23rd March** at 3pm, and there will be chance for a game of social tennis too! All welcome. There are some key posts on the committee up for grabs so if you think you might be able to help out then please let us know. If you are a regular user of the courts, please consider joining as a member. Tubbs Turf is a community-funded and volunteer run facility, and fees contribute significantly to the maintenance and running costs. Members can use the courts free of charge and can book in advance. Non-members can also use the courts, but cannot book in advance and should pay the 'casual use' fee of £5 per hour. Membership of Tubbs Turf is payable yearly and runs from April 2014 to March 2015. We aim to keep fees as low as possible and in comparison to other facilities of this nature, it represents excellent value for money. Please note that there is no increase this year. Kingswood Resident;

Junior (under 16) - £5      Adult - £20      Family - £35

### Easter Funday at Tubbs Turf, Sunday 20th April from 2pm

Easter Sunday is Easter Funday! Join us for tennis, table tennis and netball, hunt for Easter eggs, listen to live Jazz, watch a Birds of Prey display - all with refreshments, barbecue and cream teas....perfect for spring....put the date in your diary!

### Need a helping hand?

We can help! Kingswood teenagers raising money for World Challenge offer babysitting, dog walking and odd jobs! All with references. Please contact 07870 355236

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - W.I. president Judy Jennings-Chick tel; 520359

At their February meeting the members of Kingswood Abbey WI were well entertained and amused by a talk given by Susan Marshfield "You can choose your friends, but....". The members also celebrated their unofficial birthday with a special cake. The next meeting on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7.30pm at the Village Hall is an Open Meeting when guests are welcome to join us (admission £3) for a talk given by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auctions on his experiences in the Antiques trade. Details from Judy. The WI have been fortunate in being allocated another 100 hedging saplings by the Woodland Trust to replace the ones planted in the Diamond Jubilee year which were vandalised last summer. The members plan to plant on the village playing field during March. Any societies who use the playing field who have strong views on where we should site the new hedge please contact the WI President ASAP.

### KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

### Kingswood Congregational Church Contact: Jennie on 01453 842803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

We held our first Churches Together Messy Church last Saturday and we are pleased to say it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came and took part we hope like us you had an enjoyable time. The next one will be held on Saturday, 12th April 10.00am and 12noon with an Easter Theme. If you would like to know more please contact us. Our services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service. Everyone is most welcome to join us. The next Zion Club (5-11 years) is on Friday, 28th February at 6.30pm in the Schoolroom. The next UNITED (12+) is on the Monday, 3rd March in the Schoolroom.

### Bake Off

The Dinneywicks is holding the second Bake Off for charity on **Friday 14th of March** for NCSF and Kidney Research. If you think you are the next Mary Berry, or just want to join in the fun, come along and showcase your favourite bakes. Entries will be judged in 3 categories; Sponge/whole cake; Individuals (cupcake, muffins, brownies, shortbread); Savoury. Entry is £2 per item (entries to be booked in at the Dinneywicks prior to event). Prize for the best bake in **each** category.

### Kingswood Jubilee Club Contact Rita on 01453 843348

Our members have so far enjoyed a New Years Party with a group of Granddads entertaining us, bingo and a storyteller keeping us on our toes; this is just at our first three meetings. We are starting our coach outings in April with a visit to a garden centre, May sees a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, and in June we go to Weston-super-Mare. Contact Sue on 845235 for details of the outings.

### Kingswood Parish Council

**Post box** – To enable us to carry out surveys the parish council has fixed a post box to the rear of the notice board. This will be checked twice a week.

**Village Design Statement** - A big thanks you to all have helped with this to date your input has been invaluable. The second consultation was well attended so thanks to those of you who attended. The information from these consultations will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan Website [www.knp.btck.co.uk](http://www.knp.btck.co.uk) Folders with the information will also be available to view in the pub and the coffee shop. The final consultation document will be available to view at the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014. We still have a lot of work to do and we are interested in collecting information to help with the **Environmental Survey**. Please inform us of birds and wildlife that you have spotted in Kingswood. We are also working on the **Conservation Area Statement** and would be interested in your comments on the Conservation Area. Details on the Neighbourhood Plan web site [www.knp.btck.co.uk](http://www.knp.btck.co.uk) if you would like to help work on this please contact the Clerk.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Kingswood Parish Council has applied to Stroud District Council to designate the parish as a Neighbourhood Development Area. Stroud District Council will carry out a 6 weeks consultation. Details of this will appear in the local press. The agreed designation will enable the community to produce a plan which will shape the community for the future. The final Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to consultations, a referendum and an independent inspection. Once it is adopted it will become part of Stroud District Councils planning legislation and will have the similar weight in law as the Stroud District Councils Local Plan.

**Crest Nicholson** - have held a consultation into a proposed housing development for Kingswood. Kingswood Parish Council will discuss the proposed development and take a decision on the proposal at the parish council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 in the



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Village Hall. Please come along to this meeting and let us know your views. There is also a survey form that you can advise us if you support or are against the proposal. The form will be available in the coffee shop, pub, village hall and the back of the notice board. Or download it from the parish council web site and email it back to the clerk on [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) . It is important we know your views. The parish council will need to inform the planning process to ensure the best possible outcome for Kingswood.

## **R.N.L.I – Surviving an Antarctic Winter**

Pete Milner, a professional expedition guide and speaker will be giving a talk at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on **Thursday 10th April** starting at 8.00pm. The talk will be entitled "Surviving an Antarctic Winter" and will be accompanied by some stunning photos of the Antarctic. Tickets are £10.00 each and available from the Cotswold Book Room and Westward Travel on Long Street, Wotton.

Further details are available from Andrew Harper on 01453 843529 or [andrewharper@uwclub.net](mailto:andrewharper@uwclub.net). All money raised will go to the RNLI

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## **KKaV**

Keep Kingswood a Village - Firstly, welcome to the many new faces that have chosen to make Kingswood their new home - we hope you will help us look after it!! KKaV was formed in 2010 by residents with the primary aim of promoting and protecting the physical environment of the village and, more importantly, the vibrant village community. Both of these aspects continue to be threatened by inappropriate and unsustainable development. But not all development is bad; if it meets local housing needs and offers local economic value, it can add value. Either way, it is important for residents to stay informed and get involved where they can, as it can make a real difference. We would encourage everyone to attend the Parish Council meeting on 10th March at 7.15 p.m. at the village hall where you will have the opportunity to give your views on the Crest Nicholson proposals. If you have an interest in keeping Kingswood a village and would like to be kept informed about developments, please email [kkav.group@gmail.com](mailto:kkav.group@gmail.com) ; you can also find us on Facebook and our website is being updated and relaunched shortly at <http://www.kkav.org.uk>

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