

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	March	Women's World Day of Prayer	St Mary's	7.00pm
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	'Come Dine With Me'		
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	"	R.N.L.I talk by ex Red Arrows Pilot	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	7.30pm
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

**APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY MARCH 27th**

Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

A reminder for the KVA 'Come Dine with Me'. This popular event will take place on **Saturday 21st March**. Please return forms by the 22nd February or ASAP to Dave and Judi Werrett at 1 The High street or Pete and Katie Skuse at 3 The Chipping. For more information, contact Dave on 07970100304  
Calling all village groups and organisations. Do get in touch if you would like to request a donation to support your cause. Contact the kva on [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk)  
Advance notice of Kingswood Village Show day, being held this year on **5 September**. If you like growing, taking part, exhibiting or simply attending please endeavour to remember the date and keep it free.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

All are welcome to the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, which this year is being held in St Mary's at 7pm on **Friday 6th March**. It has been written by the women of The Bahamas.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In January, Kingswood Abbey members enjoyed an informative photography presentation by award winning local wildlife photographer, Iain Greene. They held a celebration meal at Eastwood Park for their February meeting.  
At the next meeting on **Tuesday, March 10th**, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Fiona Eadie from Horsley will tell local stories, traditions and tales.  
On March 21st, Kingswood Abbey members will collect the WI centenary baton at the Old Severn Bridge from members of the Forest of Dean Group WIs. The baton is being transported around all the WIs in England and Wales before being presented at the Centenary AGM at the Albert Hall in June. On Sunday morning, March 22nd, Kingswood Abbey members will accompany a cavalcade of 60s motorbikes and deliver the baton to Cam WI at the Memorial Hall, Cam.  
On Tuesday March 31st, Kingswood Abbey WI will host a group WI quiz at the Village Hall.

### Your vote matters so make sure you are registered!

Ahead of the UK Parliamentary General election and local elections taking place on **Thursday 7 May 2015**, Stroud District Council is urging its residents to get involved by registering to vote.  
Since the law changed in June last year, everyone is now responsible for his or her own registration, rather than registering as a household.  
Anyone who has changed their address or is a new voter needs to make sure that they are registered. Not being on the electoral register could also affect your credit rating.  
Registering to vote is easy and can be done online by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Those registering will need to provide their date of birth and national insurance number. Anyone without internet can contact the elections team.  
You can register to vote at any time, but the deadlines for registration ahead of the election are:

- Last date for Registration – **Monday 20 April**
- Last date for Postal Vote Applications – **Tuesday 21 April**
- Last date for Proxy Vote Applications – **Tuesday 28 April**

The publication of candidates standing in the elections will be available from Thursday 9 April for the Parliamentary Election and Friday 10 April for local elections.  
If you would like to know more about electoral registration, or request registration forms, please contact the elections team. Phone: 01453 754 886 Email: [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) [www.stroud.gov.uk/vote](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/vote)

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Rev'd David Russell, 01454 294267 [davidrussell@gmx.com](mailto:davidrussell@gmx.com)

St. Mary's Church: Services for **March**:

**1st**: Parish Eucharist at 11.15am **8th**: Mattins at 11.15am  
**15th**: Mothering Sunday Family Service at an earlier time of 10.30am  
**22nd**: A service for the Benefice at Charfield at 10am **29th**: Palm Sunday Churches together at the Chapel  
St. Mary's Mini Praise: **Thursday 12th March** at 2pm

All pre-school children are welcome to an afternoon of Songs, Story and activity at St. Mary's. We all enjoyed the pretend baptisms last month and the story of Jonah and the Whale! This month we will be looking forward to Easter!

### LENT LUNCHESES AT ST. MARY'S KINGSWOOD

Lent Lunches are served every Thursday up to and including 26th March, from 12 noon to 2 pm in St. Mary's. There is a choice of homemade soup with roll and butter; cheese and biscuits; grapes and fresh tea or coffee. Minimum donation £3 to benefit Water Aid and the local Food Bank. Everyone is welcome. Do come along for a light lunch and friendly chat in a sociable atmosphere. "Let us eat simply, that others may, simply, eat."

## FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S KINGSWOOD EVENTS 2015

Please make a note of the following dates: as always, your support is valued, and we look forward to seeing you.

All proceeds to the continuing maintenance and refurbishment of our parish church.

Produce Sale: Plants, Cakes, Books, Bric a brac - **2nd April** 10am to 1 pm on The Chipping

Wine Tasting "Summer Wine Winners" - **13th June** 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room

Strawberry Teas - **18th July** 2-5 pm in St. Mary's Room

Auction of Promises - **10th October** at 7 pm in St. Mary's

Supper Quiz - **14th November** 7 pm in St. Mary's

## WANTED, HOUSE TO RENT LOCALLY

We are a professional non-smoking couple with two children who are looking for a two-bed property for a short-term rental of 4 months. Dates required are from the beginning of April until end of July. This will be whilst we carry out building works to our current home in Kingswood. We would need a property that will allow a well-behaved cat and dog.

If you would be interested please contact us on 01453 842755 or 07790 732902

## Kingswood Primary School – staffing news and creative writing

Kingswood Primary School staff, governors and pupils were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Schula Frayne who has taught at the School for 21 years, in some cases she has even taught parents and their children! Mrs Frayne will be very much missed as she brought much warmth, humour and knowledge in all her years with us.

We have recently appointed a new Head teacher, Mr Dan Johnson, who will start with us in April. Mr Johnson comes with a wealth of experience from Woodchester Primary School and went through a very rigorous interview process in which all pupils were involved. Our pupils again showed what fantastic ambassadors they are for our school.

Some of our Y3 and Y4 pupils have entered BBC2's 500 Words Writing Competition after composing stories set in Ancient Egypt. The children's term topic was on Ancient Egypt so they had lots of opportunity to write about what they had learnt. The pupils all worked very hard to get their stories down to 500 words, no mean feat when many of them had written hundreds more! Well done everyone, and good luck!

## LOCAL POLICING TEAM NEWS

There will be a crime prevention drop in on **Friday the 20th of March** 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the Kingswood Village hall.

This will be held within the lounge. There will be handouts as well as other advice regarding how to contact the police.

Your local officers for the area are PC Richard Fear 2272, PCSO Charlotte King 9261, and PCSO Benjamin Rollins 9105.

To speak directly to the team in a non-emergency you can contact the team on 07703887575.

Please note that the above telephone number cannot be used to report incidents and all calls of this nature must be placed via 101 or 999 in order for a recorded incident number to be provided.

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – Contact Jennie on 842830 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

Thank you to everyone who came along to Messy Church on the 14<sup>th</sup>, it was lovely to meet you. The next Messy Church will be on the 28th March with an Easter theme when we look forward to seeing you.

Some dates for special services – 15th – Mothering Sunday, 29th – Palm Sunday (please note that this service will start on the Chipping at 11.00am followed by a service at 11.15am in the chapel), 3rd April – Good Friday Communion service followed by the Stations of the Cross (readings at various places around the village) and 5th April – Easter Sunday.

Morning services start at 10.30am and evening services at 6.00pm. A warm welcome awaits you.

If you enjoy singing then our choir meet every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the church if you would like to know more please contact Isobel on 844283.

## RNLI talk March 2015

Do you love watching the Red Arrows and never cease to be amazed by their skill and timing? Then come along to our next talk on the **26th March 2015**. Our speaker will be Andrew Wyatt, ex-Red Arrows pilot and now a pilot with BA.

Andrew is planning to tell us all about "A Year in the Life of the Red Arrows". The talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club, starting at 7.30pm and as always, the proceeds will go to the RNLI. Tickets at £10 are available from Andrew Harper, 843529 or contact us via our website [www.wuernli.btck.co.uk](http://www.wuernli.btck.co.uk)

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

**Chestnut Park** - The planning officer has now decided that **she will support** the planning application for up to 59 houses at Chestnut Park and the Highway application for vehicle access. The Development Control Committee will make a decision on both these applications on **Tuesday 10th March 2015**. The meeting will start at 6pm and the Kingswood items are the first two on the agenda. This is a public meeting with opportunities for both supporters and objectors to speak for a set amount of time. The parish council will also have an opportunity to speak at this meeting. Comments on the applications can be sent to the officer to be received no later than the **5th March 2015**.

Email comments to [planning@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:planning@stroud.gov.uk) quoting ref S.14/1928/ful Highway access and S.14/1927/out, Up to 59 houses at Chestnut Park.

Alternatively, post comments to Laura Humphries, Ebley Mill, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4UB.

**The Stroud District Council's Local Plan** is out for consultation from **Wednesday 11th February 2015 - Wednesday 25th March 2015**. Detail can be viewed on the following link

<http://consultation.stroud.gov.uk/planning-strategy/local-plan-post-submission-proposed-changes/consultation>

Hard copies of the consultation are also available at Wotton Library. This is an important consultation as the Local Plan sets out the planning strategy for Stroud District up to 2031. This will have a bearing on future development in Kingswood.

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

Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

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

