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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	8 th	March	W.I. talk on A-Z of the USA		
Tues	22 nd	"	Village Hall A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues	29 th	"	R.N.L.I – Titanic talk	Cotswold Edge Golf Club	7.30pm

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY MARCH 18th

Wed	6 th	April	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	23 rd	"	Village 'Come Dine with Me'		
Sat	14 th	May	'Sale on the Chipping'		10.00am-1.00pm
Wed	18 th	"	Historical society – 'Turnpikes'	St Mary's Room	2.00pm
Wed	25 th	"	Jubilee Club A.G.M		
Sat	11 th	June	St. Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe	1.00pm

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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Come dine with me will be **Saturday 23rd April** this year. Keep an eye out for entry forms through your door.

### "Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – **Friday 20th May 2016 – Spinal Injuries Association**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on **Friday 20th May 2016** whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Just £50 could contribute towards the support from our Peer Support Service for one hour, in a district general hospital or Major Trauma Centre.

In 2016 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the **Spinal Injuries Association** offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications that enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email

[fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

### The Mobile Library

The mobile library will be visiting Kingswood Bus Shelter, 12:30 until 13:00 on

Friday **18th March** 2016

Friday **15th April**

Friday **13th May**

Friday **10th June**

A good selection of books for both adults and children. Use a computer free of charge

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries) or call the Contact Centre 0845 230 5420. It's free to join the Library!

### U3A - March, April & May meetings are as follows:

**Thursday 17 March** 10.30 a.m. at Dursley Methodist Church. U3A monthly branch meeting when our speaker Jan Ryder from Longfield (formerly Cotswold Care) will tell us about their work and recent new initiatives. So if you want to know why they changed their name, this is your chance to find out! Refreshments follow. Guests very welcome. Information on all U3A events and contact an membership details on our web site [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

**Thursday 21 April** 10.30 a.m. at Dursley Methodist Church. Monthly U3A branch meeting. This month's talk will be about the work of the Cinnamon Trust, a charity that helps people who are in their final years to care for their pets and continue having their invaluable companions with them. Refreshments to follow. Guests very welcome

**Thursday 19 May** 10.30 a.m. at Dursley Methodist Church. Monthly U3A branch meeting. Ever wondered what goes on at Kingshill House? This is your chance to find out as Carol Cother will tell us all about it. Refreshments to follow. Guests very welcome.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Sheila Alexander 843398 or [sabramley34@gmail.com](mailto:sabramley34@gmail.com))

will be holding a talk on "TURNPIKES" (ancient toll roads) in Gloucestershire, researched by Nicholas Herbert, on **Wednesday 18th May** in St. Mary's Room starting at 2.00 pm. Admittance by ticket only - available from Sheila (Members free, Visitors £5).

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

**Tuesday 29th March.** Wotton-under-Edge Branch RNLI's talk for 2016 will be about the Titanic. Lt Cdmr Geoffrey Carr, an experienced speaker with a background in the Royal Navy's Presentation Team, will give us a fascinating insight into the loss of the Titanic from the angle of a Wiltshire family who were on board. The illustrated talk combines the lives of the Melksham family with some amazing details about the ship itself. All the money raised will go towards the RNLI. The talk will be held at the Cotswold Edge Golf club, starting at 7.30pm. The club's bar will be open before and after the talk so come along a bit earlier and have a drink. Tickets at £10 from Westward Travel and Cotswold Bookroom in Wotton, and Andrew (Kingswood) on 843529 or John (Charfield) on 844709.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Kingswood Abbey W.I. enjoyed a "Hands-on" badge-making workshop run by some of their members. Green hearts were cut, woven, needle felted, painted and decorated, patchworked and embroidered. The following week members wore their green heart badges at a Coffee Morning where issues on climate change were discussed. Next month's meeting on **Tuesday, March 8th** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall will include a talk by Paul Willerton of Tewkesbury on the A-Z of the USA. The competitions will be for items beginning with "N" and a bloom from your garden. The Gloucestershire federation of WIs have voted for a resolution in 2016 to encourage the government to provide appropriate care in hospital for people with dementia.

### Jubilee Club

There is much to look forward to this year, not least our A.G.M on the **25<sup>th</sup> May**. On specific dates, we will be celebrating Easter on the **16<sup>th</sup> March**; we will have our American Supper on the **6<sup>th</sup> July**; Cream Tea on the **3<sup>rd</sup> August**; and round off the year with our Christmas Lunch on the **7<sup>th</sup> December**. For the rest of the year, and at the time of going to press, we will have at least 6 musical afternoons, and our other meetings will be taken up with the speakers providing talks (some illustrated) which should be entertaining, amusing and instructive. Several of our guests, both musical and otherwise, will include regular favourites, one or two returnees updating us on their activities, and a few newcomers.

### KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – Contact Jennie, 842803 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

The season of Easter is a special time for the church. Our services will reflect this on Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, please check our facebook page for details of these services nearer the time, or contact Jennie. May the Lords blessings be with you this Easter. On **Friday 4th March**, we invite you to the Women's World Day of Prayer, prepared by the Christian women of Cuba – Receive Children, Receive Me, at 7.00pm. Look forward to seeing you. Visit our facebook page.

### Friends of St. Mary's

Book, cake and plant sale on the Chipping: **14th May** 10.00-1.00pm. Please could you please start saving your books & growing your seedlings for sale, more details in April edition. Wine Tasting in St Mary's Room: **18th June** 7.30pm  
Strawberry Teas in St Mary's Room: **17th June** 2.00-5.00pm Supper Quiz, St Mary's: **12th November** 7.00pm.

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Date for the diary: Garden Fete on **11th June**, St Mary's Church Garden Fete at Amercombe, 11 High St, 1.00pm.

### Kingswood Parish Council

**Planning** - Wickwar Road – We have no further information on this application; Stroud District Council has not yet received the application.

**The Chestnut Park Appeal** – The Inspector has allowed the appeal and has granted outline permission for up to 51 houses. Crest Nicholson will now need to submit a reserved matters application to get permission for the detailed design and scale of the development. The parish council and Stroud District Council are assessing the decision. An update will follow on what if anything can be done to challenge this decision.

**Parish and District Council Election.** - Elections will take place on **Thursday May 5th 2016**.

All seven of the parish council positions will be up for election. The parish council is holding an informal session on what it means to be a parish councillor. This will take place in the St Mary's Room on **Tuesday 15th March** at 7pm. Come along and find out more about this important role.

Please also see separate newsletter, which has more details about the elections.

**Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 6th April**, Kingswood Village Hall at 7pm.

This is the annual meeting of the community and not a formal parish council meeting.

Chief Executive David Hagg has agreed to attend and answer questions on planning in light of the decision on Chestnut Park.

There will also be a presentation on the new arrangements for waste and recycling.

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

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

