

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tue	14 th	May	W.I. Open Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	15 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	18 th	"	Cider Festival	Woodchester Mansion	

JUNE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY MAY 17th MAY

Wed	29 th	May	Mobile Police Station	Chipping*	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	8 th	June	Summer Wine Festival	St. Mary's Room	8.00pm
Sat	22 nd	"	St Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe, High Street	

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### 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.

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

St Mary's annual garden fete will be held again this year in the garden of Amercombe, High Street, Kingswood on **Saturday 22nd June** when there will be the usual collection of stalls, games and entertainment for all the family including a real steam train!

Please note the date in your diary!

We are already collecting books and DVDs for the book stall. If you have any to donate please give them to Chris Wynn, Stella Green or leave them at Amercombe.

If you feel you could help in any way, please contact 844436 or email Stella on [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com)

**The Lent Lunches** raised just over £500, two thirds of which will be going to The Air Ambulance and one third to The Kenyan School Project. Thanks to all who helped in any way and of course all who came along and enjoyed the lunches.

### Friends of St. Mary's

**Redecoration and New Lighting** - Good news! Redecoration and new lighting works are under way in St. Mary's and will continue for some weeks. The church will be closed during the week, but Sunday services will take place as usual in St. Mary's Room. It will not be possible to offer **Light Lunches** while the work is being carried out; they will resume in September.

**Ceiling Squares** - Every square of the church ceiling has now been sponsored. Dedications will be shown on a wall chart, to be displayed in the church, and full details of each sponsorship will appear in a commemorative book. To all who supported this project, thank you so much for your help in contributing so generously to the refurbishment costs.

### Events 2013

**Plant and Produce Sale Saturday 18th May, 10 am to 1 pm on the Chipping, Kingswood:** Despite appalling growing conditions we shall have plants for sale but please bring along any surplus you can donate. There will also be bric-a-brac, gifts, cakes, bookstall and tombola. Please contact Rod on (01453) 843398 if you have books or bric a brac to donate, or John on 520359 if you are able to donate bottles for the tombola. Do come along and stock up. Nearby i-Vitae will be able to supply you with a cup of coffee after shopping.

**Summer Wine Festival Saturday 8th June 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room:** Choose from 24 wines: Old World Classics and New World Stunners, specially selected by Avey's of Bristol. Tickets £10.00 each, to include six small glasses of wine and canapés.

**Strawberry Teas Saturday 6th July, 3-5 pm in St. Mary's Room:** Come and enjoy strawberry cream teas and delicious home-made cakes, tea and coffee, with live music accompaniment, all at reasonable prices.

**Supper Quiz Saturday 16th November at 7 pm in St. Mary's Room:** Brainteasers for teams of four, plus a hot supper of home-cooked food. An innovation this year will be a music round. We can help you make up a team. Contact John on 520359.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as you can manage to support. As usual, tickets and information from (01453) John 520359; Rod 843398; Simon 845204 or David 843199.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

For nearly 60 years, the Kingswood Village Association has put on a variety of events in the village. Any profits from these events have been used to benefit the village.

In 2012, the events raise valuable funds to allow the KVA to give back to the village by putting on the annual Senior Citizens New Year's Eve Luncheon, and giving donations to Tubbs Turf, Moves and Coos, the Jubilee Seat, Poppy Fund, Kingswood Village School and the Grapevine. In total, £2,271 was donated in 2012.

The Kingswood Village Association is fortunate enough to have funds raised through events so if you're a part of a village organisation and would like to apply for a grant, please contact us via the website, [www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org) or send an email to [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk). We are also looking for new members to join the Committee who enjoy a laugh and a joke, cheeky glass of vino and want to put on some great events in the village, new ideas are always welcome! If you're interested in becoming a part of this fun fundraising team, please email us!

### Tubbs Turf

With spring finally here and the Pavilion nearly complete, we are pleased to see the courts getting lots of use. Ladies' Nights have restarted on Tuesdays from 6.30pm and in response to requests from the more competitive members of the club, we are arranging matches with other clubs on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. All are welcome to either session.

Hopefully all this practice will lead to a really exciting Finals Day, this year on **Saturday 13th July**, where we will have the usual mix of tennis, netball, table tennis and football, plus a BBQ, cakes, Pimms and beer - lots of fun for all the family!

Members should have received an email reminding them that fees are now due. We remain one of the best value clubs around, and the fees are vital for the maintenance of the facility. If you would like more information and a form, please visit [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk). Finally, a quick reminder that the court surface is still vulnerable, and the use of 'wheels' on either court is not allowed. In the heat of the summer that is imminent (!) please remember to check the surface is not soft. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Kingswood Primary School – website

Kingswood Primary School has a new website! Check out [www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk) or follow the link on the Grapevine home page and add to your favourites to see what events and exciting activities the children at school have been doing recently.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is looking to employ a bar manager/steward. The role includes arranging bar cover for bookings, ordering of stock, and weekly cleaning of the bar equipment. Full training will be provided. For more information please contact Isobel Kelly or Ian Beswick or email: [secretary@k-v-h.org](mailto:secretary@k-v-h.org)

### Cider Festival

Chipping Manor Dental Practice is running their Cider Festival on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at the beautiful Woodchester Mansion to raise money for Bridge2Aid and CHICKS. There will be a large selection of local ciders and perries to try, with entertainment both afternoon and evening. Following the success of last year, there will be two sessions. 2.00p.m - 6.00p.m (£5 a ticket) and 7.00p.m - Midnight £6 (over 18s only) only £10 for both sessions. Tickets are on sale from Chipping Manor Dental Practice, Long Street, Wotton u-Edge, GLOS. Tel. 07733102087 or email [hopeciderfest@aol.com](mailto:hopeciderfest@aol.com)

### Kingswood Parish Council

**Annual Report** – With this newsletter you should receive a report from the parish council setting out achievements last year and the objectives for 2013/14.

**Annual Parish Meeting-** Thank you to everyone who attended I hope you found it an informative meeting. The Annual parish meeting is a meeting of the community so any ideas on how to improve the format for next year and suggestions for presentations are welcomed. The minutes are now available and will be on the notice board for April and the beginning of May. They are also available online. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to receive a copy.

**Grant Awarding Policy** – The parish council has reviewed its grant awarding policy. This is in line with comments from you that were made during the Parish Plan Consultation. The parish council wish to ensure that there is an open and fair process in applying for grant funding. The parish council invites applications for grant funding from village organisations. The policy and application form can be downloaded from the web site or contact the Clerk for a copy.

**Playing Field** – Works will commence in April on the drainage survey. This will necessitate the drilling of trial holes. We apologise for any inconvenience but we believe that it is important to find out the reason for the problem so that we can begin to work towards implementing a solution.

**Dog Fouling-** Once again we are receiving complaints for dog fouling on the Ash Path. Over a hundred piles have been identified. Please can all dog walkers act responsibly and pick up after their dog. If you know who is causing this offence please let either a councillor or the clerk know. The cost to clean the Ash Path is mounting please take responsibility for your own dog mess.

**The Annual Spring Clean** – Thanks to everyone who took part in this clean up.

**Stroud District Council Core Strategy-** Stroud District Council are consulting on the policies that will be used to decide all planning applications up to 2032. This is an important consultation and will influence future development for Kingswood and the surrounding area. Please take time to access the document and make comments. It can be found at the following link: -

<http://consultation.stroud.gov.uk/>. There will be hard copies of the consultation and feedback form available at i-Vitae, Dinneywicks and Wotton Library. Please contact the Clerk if you are having difficulty gaining access to the document.

The Clerk Mary Leonard can be contacted at New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane Hillesley GL12 7RQ Tele 01453 844659 email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) or web site <http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54> ..

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Kingswood Abbey WI meeting in March, local author, Caroline Sanderson gave an illustrated talk about Jane Austen. She told the story of Jane's life and showed examples of Jane's acid tongue in extracts from her letters written to her sister, Cassandra. Members were asked to vote on the next WI resolution. Committee member, Elizabeth Hooper outlined the resolution to support local high streets and suggested that we try to keep our high streets individual, not clones. We now await the results of this resolution which will be further debated at National WI level at the AGM in June.

Our next meeting is an OPEN MEETING. On **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Jon Mason of Highfields Nurseries will demonstrate Planting Summer Pots and Containers. He will also have plants for sale at reasonable prices.

Visitors are most welcome to join us for this talk. Admission £3.

For more details please contact WI President, Val Jones on 842471.

### Katherine Lady Berkeley School Summer Festival

KLB Summer Festival, **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, is going to be a fabulous fun day for all the community. There will be bands playing throughout the day, taster sports sessions, displays from local clubs and schools, lots of stalls, bouncy castles, traditional fayre stalls and refreshments, a BBQ and Pimms and Beer tent. Donations of raffle prizes would be welcomed and stall places are available at £10 a stall for local arts, crafts, charities and businesses. Helpers are also required for on the day. The event will be run from 11am – 4pm. If you would like further information please email [klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk](mailto:klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk) or phone Sally-Anne 01453 843069.

### Wotton Community Sports Foundation (WCSF)

is pleased to announce that the long awaited development of sports facilities on the New Road Site has finally commenced. Thanks to a most generous donation from Sir David McMurtry, WCSF are now able to commence construction of much needed sports facilities for the people of Wotton-under-Edge and the surrounding area.

WCSF Chairman Barnaby Beere said "It has taken a long time and an enormous amount of work, but we are really pleased that we will soon be able to provide a full-sized, floodlit, artificial hockey pitch, and a floodlit 3G pitch for football and rugby training.

We have formally appointed local construction firm Swinhay Ltd, and construction has just begun so that facilities will be available for the sporting season beginning in September 2013.

This is an exciting time for us, since Katharine Lady Berkeley's School are also refurbishing and improving their sporting facilities, and we are looking forward to working together with them in managing the two sets of facilities. "The planned Skate and BMX area has by no means been forgotten and funding is currently being applied for separately to top up the funds already in hand for this much needed part of the project. We are extremely grateful for the long term support of KLB School, Wotton Town Council, Stroud District Council, Kingswood Parish Council, and the many other organisations and individuals without whose input and encouragement we would not be in the exciting position of being able to say: It's a new dawn for sport in Wotton!"

For further information or to see how you can help continue the work of the Wotton Community Sports Foundation, please contact Barnaby Beere on 07894 207 780. [beere.mail@tesco.net](mailto:beere.mail@tesco.net)

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