

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	May	FoSM Chipping Sale	Chipping	10.00am-1.00pm
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm

## JUNE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	June	FoSM Summer Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	St Mary's Church Fete		
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	Elvis Tribute	Dinneywicks	
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	"	Tubbs Turf Finals Day		
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	K.S.A Beer Festival		

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Thanks to Kingswood Village Association for the generous donation towards Grapevine which is funded entirely by donations.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

**Open gardens.** This event will take place on **June 8th** from 1 pm. Starting from the Chipping House where maps of the routes to gardens can be collected. Tea and cake will be served at the Chipping House from 1pm. A scavenger hunt will also take place for children to take part in. Please get in touch with the KVA if you would like to show your garden.

Kingswood Show Day **6th September**- the KVA's most prestigious event. A jam packed event of stalls, produce and handicraft, the annual dog show, arena events and much much more.

Our email address is [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk) - website is [www.K-V-A.org](http://www.K-V-A.org)

## Wotton-under-Edge Branch R.N.L.I

Seventy seven supporters attended the talk given by mountaineer and British Antarctic Survey team leader Pete Milner. He described what it is like to work in the Antarctic and showed some stunning photographs of the scenery and wildlife. The talk raised the fantastic total of £922 which will go towards the RNLI's newest and what will be our closest Lifeboat Station at Portishead. Thanks to Westward Travel and Cotswold Book Room for selling the tickets and to the Cotswold Edge Golf Club for allowing us to use the clubhouse.

## Friends of St Mary's

Friends of St. Mary's will be holding another Summer Wine Festival in St. Mary's Room at 7.30pm, **Saturday 7 June**. There will be six small glasses of wine and canapés per £10 ticket. There will be a choice of wines from about 15 countries. They will be typical of each country: Chablis from France, Sauvignon Blanc/N.Z., Rioja/Spain, Shiraz/Aus and so on. Tickets now available from Rod Alexander (843398/ [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com))

## Elvis tribute

Elvis tribute gig at "Dinney" on **July 4th**, U.S.A. Independence Day. Put on by Rachael Box and sponsored by "Dinney" and K.V.A. No entry fee but donations, raffle ticket or food purchase will be great with all the profits going to Playgroup.

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their April meeting, the members of KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I had great fun working with holistic therapist, Caroline Staunton who demonstrated healing and working with the body to enable people to experience well-being, excitement and gratitude for their lives through free dance and movement.

At the May meeting on **Tuesday, 13th May** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm there will be a hands-on session run by members on hand massage, Japanese paper work and working with flowers.

## Walk – celebrate – remember

Last year's Solstice Walk was such a brilliant success for Cotswold Care Hospice we are doing the same again this year, giving you the chance to support your local hospice and enjoy the rolling hills and open spaces above the Stroud Valley.

**Where:** The walk sets off from Cotswold Care Hospice, Burleigh Lane

**When:** **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** at 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm, depending on the distance you want to walk

**How far:** 5km or 10km, it's up to you!

**How much:** Registration is £15 for adults or £7.50 for children. Under 5s go free. Entry includes a Solstice Walk T-shirt, ribbon to remember a loved one, bottle of water, walk number, a welcome pack and a complimentary glass of fizz.

**Don't miss the fun – register today** - Young, old, families, companies, lots of people will be taking part on the Solstice Walk to raise vital funds for the Hospice. If you'd like to join them and get sponsored for the walk please call the Hospice for an entry from on 01453 886868, email. [events@cotswoldcare.org.uk](mailto:events@cotswoldcare.org.uk) or go to the website at [www.cotswoldcare.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldcare.org.uk)

**For further information please contact [vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk](mailto:vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk) Tel. 01453 886868**

## ODD JOBS NEEDED?

Do you need someone to do your weeding, mowing, cleaning...? Or dog-walking, babysitting and ironing? Or someone to help de-clutter your house? We can help! Call 07870 355236 £5 per hour, references available.

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

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. Thank you to all who supported Churches Together Easter Messy Church – I do think a good time was had by all! Look forward to seeing you at the next one which will be on 14 June. For any young people from year 7, please note that UNITED will now run every Monday from 6.30-8.30pm in the School Room, The Walk. If you would like to know more, why not go a long and check it out. A warm welcome awaits you at either our morning service, 10.30am or our evening service 6.30pm.

If you would like to keep up to date with what goes on at our church please check out our Facebook page.

**Annual Parish Meeting.** It is a legal requirement that this meeting is held annually. It is not a parish council meeting but a meeting of the community. This year the meeting will take place on **Monday 19th May 2014**. The doors will be open at 7pm to enable you to view the information available. The formal part of the meeting will start at 7.30. The following people will be in attendance at this meeting. Phil Skill, Head of Planning at Stroud District Council. Phil Skill will be discussing the recent changes in planning laws and how they affect villages like Kingswood. He will also be covering how Neighbourhood Plans can help. Some of Kingswood's young people will talk about the recent youth events held at Easter on the playing field. Gloucester Wild Life Trust (GWT) will discuss the importance of local wild life and how we can help to protect it. The Police, Neighbourhood Warden, Village Agent, Dog Warden, a representative from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and both the District and County Councillors will be in attendance and able to answer your questions. There will be reports from village organisations and a report from the parish council. Last years' minutes are available to view on the parish council web site on the following link; <https://community.stroud.gov.uk:4443/agenda.asp?pid=54&pgid=1546&userYear=2013>

They are also currently displayed on the notice board and a copy will be available in the coffee shop.

**Village Design Statement-** Thank you to all who sent wild life details these are most helpful. There will be a display of the draft design statement for you to comment on at the Annual Parish Meeting. Please come along and take the time to view this and comment on it. It is important that we get this right and your views and comments are essential.

**Wild Life Species Recognition Session-** Gloucestershire Wild Life Trust will be running a species recognition training day on Tuesday May 6th at 6.30 starting at the playing field. The purpose of this session is to help us identify birds, insect, wild life and plants that we have in Kingswood. The session will cover how to identify and record the information. This session will be free to anyone who wishes to attend. It will be helpful to have numbers of those who wish to attend to ensure that we have enough equipment. Please either email the Clerk or drop a note into the survey box attached to the notice board to let us know that you wish to attend

**Youth Sessions -** Following on from the successful youth activity days over Easter there will be youth sessions at Kingswood and Charfield Playing fields on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 9.30 as follows. These sessions will be free and are open for any young people age 12 -18.

Kingswood Playing Field 6th May, 20th May, 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July, 15th July, 29th July and 12th August.

Charfield Playing Field 13th May, 27th May, 10th June, 24th June, 8th July, 22nd July and 5th August.

**Annual Spring Clean -** The annual spring clean will take place on the weekend of the **7th June 2014**. Litter pickers refuse bags and Hi-Vis vests will be available to collect from the entrance to the new gym (previously iVitae) Please can the following areas be included; The Playing field, The Chipping, Tubbs Turf, Squaws Lake and footpaths such as the Ash Path. Can householders check that hedges are not impeding pedestrians on the pavement. Please check for weeds growing on the pavements and gutters to ensure that the highway drains are not blocked. Could dog walkers help to clean up the footpaths whilst out walking their dogs over this weekend Thank you to everyone who is able to help to ensure that Kingswood looks as tidy and beautiful as it possibly can.

The cemetery -There is a problem with the water supply at the cemetery. We apologise if this has caused you a problem whilst attending to graves. There should be water available in the water butt. We are currently investigating the problem and hope to have water available from the tap as soon as possible.

**Crest Nicholson -** The application for 65 houses at Chestnut Park will be made in the next few weeks. Crest Nicholson have advised that there has been a delay to the original timescale but they are still intending to submit this application.

Mary Leonard Kingswood Parish Clerk, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley, G12 7RQ, 01453 844659

## TUBBS TURF

**BANK HOLIDAY FUNDAY -** We regret to say that unfortunately the Funday at Tubbs Turf on **Sunday May 4th** has been **cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances. Let's hope for good weather and a great weekend anyway!

Many thanks to those who braved a chilly day and helped with gardening at Tubbs Turf earlier in the month - it makes an enormous difference and is much appreciated by the Committee. Another half-day is planned for **Saturday 10th May** from 10am, when we hope to see the fence repaired and further beds created. Coffee and cake will be provided! Please email [admin@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:admin@tubbsturf.co.uk) if you can help. Weekly social tennis evenings are starting on Tuesday May 6th (Ladies Night) and Wednesday May 7th for something a little more competitive. All welcome, please turn up and play from 6pm.

Finally, a date for the diary - **Saturday July 12th** is Finals Day. Sign up sheets will go up on the noticeboard at the beginning of May for members who want to take part. Further information is available from Geoff Mansbridge or by email as above.

In the meantime, enjoy tennis in the sunshine.

## This is a most unusual Grapevine item in that it is advertising a concert that is already sold out! Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Over the past sixteen years that Music at St Mary's has been putting on chamber music concerts here in Kingswood, we have built up an a mailing list of keen supporters. When this concert was announced, given by one of the finest chamber ensembles in the country, those on the mailing list bought all the tickets in a matter of days. We then worked out how to fit a few extra seats in to St Mary's, but they have sold out too. We have now decided that we can place a further ten seats at the back of the church. The sound there will be excellent but the view will be restricted. If you want to come to this concert, with trios by Haydn and Mendelssohn and Beethoven's glorious "Archduke" trio, then get in touch without delay. Telephone 01453 842483 or email [dgrhatton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhatton@gmail.com). Best of all, join our mailing list by sending me your own email and avoid disappointment in the future.

## KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

## Dog Poo

As an owner and walker of two dogs I am shocked and disgusted by the amount of dog mess left around the village. Not only is it left where it's been deposited by the dog, it's also left in bags along our lanes, on drives, outside properties and even hanging in the breeze on church railings - height of a small child's face! Please when walking your dog(s) watch where they poo, bag it and put it in a bin whether it's a bin on your walk or your own bin when you get home. Don't give all dog walkers a bad name!!

Dee Smith

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

