

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	2 nd	May	Produce Sale	Chipping	10.00-1.00
Tues	5 th	"	Village Hall A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues	12 th	"	W.I – Favourite Flowers	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	17 th	"	Town Hall Teas by Kingswood W.I	Wotton-u-Edge, Town Hall	
Tues	19 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30-11.30

JUNE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY MAY 22nd

Sun	7 th	June	Open Gardens		
Sat	13 th	"	Summer Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm
Thurs	18 th	"	Historical Society – The Beachley Ferry	St. Mary's Room	2.00 - 4.00
Sat	20 th	"	St Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe, High Street	1.00pm
Mon	29 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30-11.30
Sat	24 th	July	Jazz on a Summer's Lawn	Amercombe	

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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at the village hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

### Friends of St. Mary's

Summer Wine Winners Festival in St. Mary's Room at 7.30pm, **Saturday 13 June**. There will be six small glasses and canapés per £10 ticket. There will be a choice of 20 wines, chosen from the winners of the prestigious "Decanter", International Wine Challenge and International Wine and Spirits Competition awards. Tickets are available from Rod Alexander (843398 [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)), Simon Wood (845204) and Ann Falcon-Uff (843789).

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

On behalf of the lifeboat crew around our coasts, can I say a great big thank to everyone who came along to our Red Arrows talk on the 26th March and made it a huge success. Our first full house of 100 people heard Andy Wyatt, Red Arrows pilot from 1989 - 92 tell us about the history of aerobatic display teams, the aircraft, the team structure, recruitment and a typical day in the life of the Red Arrows. The evening was a great success and feedback from people who attended was that it was a really interesting talk. The trouble is we are not sure how we can follow that next year! Altogether, the night raised the fantastic amount of £1193 that will go to help fund the many and varied Lifeboats and crew around our coasts. Thank you once again and please look out for next year's talk early in 2016! Andrew Harper, Hon Treasurer and Vice Chairman, Wotton-under-Edge RNLI.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their April meeting Kingswood Abbey WI members spent an hour taking part in a Laughing Yoga session with Kate Sharpe. Great fun was had by all the participants who spent much time giggling at each other's attempts to laugh spontaneously. Next month's meeting on **Tuesday, May 12th** at 7.30pm at the Village hall will have Roger Turner speaking about Favourite Flowers throughout the year. The competition is for a floral embroidery. If you are in Wotton on the afternoon of **Sunday, May 17th**, please join the WI at the Town Hall where they will be running the Sunday Town Hall Teas. Delicious homemade cakes on offer.

### Problem owners and their Dogs Alex Myrie, Animal Welfare Officer, Stroud District Council 01453 754492.

As I am sure most of you will be aware, the dog fouling situation along the 'Ash Path' in Kingswood reached an intolerable level a few years ago. In fact I would go so far as to say it was the worst I had ever seen anywhere in the District! Thankfully, things have improved greatly since then, but my Colleague and I are just starting to receive complaints again. The areas affected seem to be the Ash Path, Vineyard Lane, The Twizzle (cut between the Chipping and Orchard Walk) and the playing field at the village hall. I strongly believe that the vast majority of dog walkers using these areas are extremely responsible and carry out their statutory duty as dog walkers removing their dog's faeces if it fouls. However, there appears to be a staunch minority that clearly feel it is beneath them to pick up poo or that they are above the law and who habitually fail to clean up after their animals. These individuals need to know that Officers are regularly patrolling in the area at various times of the day and night. You will notice, in the coming weeks, yellow street stencils appearing stating 'Pick Up or Pay Up'. This is not an idle threat, anyone caught will not be given a second chance and an on the spot fine of £75 will be issued. Bagged dog waste can be disposed of in any litterbin, dog waste bin or taken home, double bagged and placed in your household waste.

Anyone who would like to report an irresponsible dog owner can do so, in confidence, by contacting me on the number above. So look out dog walkers who continue to flout the law, the net is closing and you will be caught!

### Heaven of the South Mountain Bike event, Saturday 16th May

For the fifth year running, Edge Mountain Bike club are running the Heaven of the South charity mountain bike event, the headquarters of which will be at the Village Hall. We just wanted to let Kingswood residents know that there will be a mass start of around 400 riders at 9.30am on Saturday 16th May. Event participants will ride as a group from the Village Hall towards Wotton, and turn right onto the bridleway leading to Hawpark Farm (just past KLB). There will be a 10 minute period where drivers may experience some delays while we make sure that all the riders cover this section of the route safely. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.

More details about the event are on our website <http://www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk>

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

With summer on the way, villagers may like to use KVA's two 6m x 4m marquees. KVA used to charge but, as a contribution to village life, will no longer do so, though donations will be gratefully received. However, parts are costly to replace. At times they have been damaged or lost. To cover this they will be checked in and out and a £50 cash deposit required. If you would like to use please contact Rod Alexander on 843398 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com).

**Open Gardens** - Kingswood Village Association will be hosting its second open gardens event on **Sunday 7th June**. A great opportunity to view some wonderful gardens in our village or a chance to show your own. A great family event. Tea, cakes, and children's entertainment at the village hall. There will also be a scavenger hunt for children to take part in. For more info or to request for your garden to be shown please contact the KVA via our website, email ([kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk)) or Katie Skuse on 07900983660

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

Our first talk of this year will be held in **St Mary's Room** in the afternoon of **Thursday 18th June** entitled **"THE BEACHLEY FERRY."** It will start at 2.00 pm and end at 4, with refreshments part way through. Before the M4 motorway bridge at Aust was built, the ferry was the quickest means of getting to Wales by car from this side of the Severn, saving a long drive up to Gloucester. As well as some very interesting film of the ferry being loaded with cars and passengers, there is archive film of the bridge itself being built. Admission is by ticket, available from Sheila, and is free to members and £5 to guests and visitors.

**Kingswood Congregational Church - Contact Jennie 842803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com) or facebook**

A very warm welcome awaits you at the Congregational Church - our services are at 10.30am with Sunday School taking place during this service and 6.00pm. Every week there is a different speaker so lots of variety into how God's word is presented. Other activities include United for year 7 upwards, Zion Club for years 1-6, plus regular prayer meetings and bible study. If you would like to know more please contact Jennie.

**Kingswood Parish Council, Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, 844659**

**Gladman** - A decision has been made on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Stroud District Council has decided that an EIA is not necessary. We can expect to receive the planning application for this development any day.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan** - The working Group are now working full steam ahead on this. Please can you view the Vision and Objectives by either reading them on the notice board or by viewing them online at

<http://www.knp.btck.co.uk/> Please feedback by leaving your comments in the survey box located at the back of the notice board or email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com). Feedback forms can be downloaded online or there will be copies available in the pub and the gym. It is important that we receive your comments on this by 30th May 2015. This is your plan so tell us if you agree with the Vision or if we have missed something. The group is planning to do two further consultations one on the 20th June 2015 at the Church Fete and one at the village show on 5th September 2015. It is hoped that we get the plan to examination by December 2015. To enable this to happen it is important that you respond to the consultations and tell us if you agree with what is proposed. You can keep up to date with the NDP on Facebook; look for the Kingswood Neighbourhood Plan Group and on Twitter [@KingswoodParishNDP](https://twitter.com/KingswoodParishNDP). If you would like to help put the plan together, please contact the parish clerk.

**Dog Fouling** - There has been an increase in dog fouling. The Dog Warden will be visiting Kingswood and will take action. See item (Problem Dogs and Their Owners) by the dog Warden.

## Kingswood Parish Church

This is an early reminder that the annual St Mary's Garden fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe in the High Street from 1pm on **20th June**.

Pressures on church finances are continually growing so we are aiming for a bumper fete this year with the goal of making £4000 for church funds. We are planning lots of exciting stalls and games as well as the established favourites of a real steam train, Punch and Judy and the ever popular, treasure hunt, bar, Bar-B-Q and teas. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! Firstly, please put the date in your diary and ask your friends and relations to do the same. The more people who come, the more money we will raise for church funds. Secondly, please can you let us know if you are willing to help in any way. This could be running a game, organising or helping with a stall, helping to sell entry and raffle tickets in advance, helping to set up and take down before and after the fete and of course, donating things for the prize draw and stalls. The event is always great fun so please do help us reach our target if you can. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Patricia Broadfoot on 01453 844436 or 07771996495 or [patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com). We are now on Facebook! See our Facebook page for regular updates (click on 'Join') on the fete and other related events and a chance to post messages and photos: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMarysGardenFete/>

Amercombe hosts "Jazz on a Summer's Lawn - Dress in Style" evening of **24<sup>th</sup> July**. Price £15 which includes first drink, hot food (including vegetarian option) and live jazz. There will be a pay bar and dancing. Fun evening, optional chance to 'dress in style', hosted by Tricia and David Rockey at Amercombe with music by Jazzicle Swing (Kingswood's own John Cook on double bass) and featuring a set by Kingswood songstress Terri Kinnison. All funds raised will go to St. Mary's Church. Contact John Cook for tickets: 07702 447 266 or [johnnigelcook@gmail.com](mailto:johnnigelcook@gmail.com)

**St Mary's** church is also delighted to have secured the opportunity to visit the unique and rarely opened gardens of Swinhay House by kind permission of Sir David and Lady McMurtry on **Sunday, 28th June** from 2-5. Set within panoramic views of the surrounding Cotswold escarpment, the extensive grounds are an outstanding example of contemporary planting and garden design, providing a delightful setting for this 21st century mansion. Numbers are limited and tickets will be available in advance at £12 each to include tea and cake from members of the fete committee.

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

