

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	5 th	May	Parish & District Elections		
Sat	14 th	"	'Sale on the Chipping'		10.00am-1.00pm
Tues	17 th	"	Playgroup and Toddlers A.G.M	Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed	18 th	"	Historical society – 'Turnpikes'	St Mary's Room	2.00pm
Sun	22 nd	"	Quiz at the Dinneywicks		8.00pm
Sun	29 th	"	BBQ at the Dinneywicks		5.00pm

JUNE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 20th MAY

Wed	25 th	May	Jubilee Club A.G.M		
Sat	11 th	June	St. Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe	1.00pm
Sat	18 th	"	Friends of St Mary's Wine Festival	St Mary's Room	7.30pm

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## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

**Show day September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - we are looking for volunteers to support on the day. Get in touch if you are available and interested.

**Donations**- the KVA has been busy raising funds - do get in touch if you are a village-based organisation in need of a donation.

## Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers ([playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com))

Playgroup and Toddlers is a registered charity managed by a committee of volunteers. Our AGM will take place on **17th May** at 8pm in the Community room at the village hall. The committee is looking for new volunteers and would love to hear from you if you feel you have skills, experience, fresh ideas or simply enthusiasm to offer this important, long-standing village organisation. You could make a positive difference to Playgroup and Toddlers.

We are also looking for a volunteer(s) to help run our weekly Baby & Toddler group (Wednesday mornings, 10.00-11.30, during term time, in the community room at the village hall) to support the parents currently running the group. You would not necessarily need to stay for the whole session – just 30 minutes would be useful, for example to help set up or to clear away, or help at snack time or with our weekly singing time. If you are interested in supporting us, please email the playgroup address above and let us know how you would like to help. The group have been out and about looking at frogspawn and enjoying the recent sunshine.

Playgroup is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so if you receive any; please remember us!

## Hopkins Hall in Hillesley

We are pleased to announce the return of the brilliant Tia McGraff and Tommy Parnham on **Friday 20th May** to play their blend of American folk, country and bluegrass music. They are huge in the States and we are so lucky that they love playing our village. For the past two years, the concert has been sold out and we would like to do so again. Tickets amazingly are only £10 and we will have a licensed bar. It starts at 8pm but come earlier for a drink. There will be a chance to meet Tia and Tommy to talk about their music and to buy their CDs, including the Tia's latest album Crazy Beautiful. Tickets can be obtained from Peter Whitbread on [peter.whitbread@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.whitbread@btinternet.com), 07833 491242 or message the Jubilee Field Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/hillesleyjfm/>

## Friends of St. Mary's

Summer Wine Festival by Friends of St. Mary's. This year's Festival will be at 7.30 pm, **Saturday 18th June** in St. Mary's Room.

There will be six small glasses and canapés per £10 ticket. There will be a choice of 20 wines; all will be award winners, including the prestigious "Decanter" International Wine Challenge and International Wine and Spirits Competition awards. Tickets are available from Ann Falcon-Uff (843789) and Rod Alexander (843398), [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com).

## Wotton Walking Festival

A group of local people, supported by members of Wotton Town Council, is working together to organise a two or three day walking festival in and around Wotton-under-Edge. It is planned to take place in April 2017. If you are a keen walker and would like to help by joining the organising committee, please come along to the next meeting of the Wotton Walking Festival Working Group, which will take place on **Thursday 5th May** at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, Civic Centre, Wotton-under-Edge. For more information please contact Roger Claydon, Town Councillor, 01453 845603.

## Kingswood Post Office and Stores

Require a Shop Assistant / Post Office Clerk. - Sunday Mornings 7am – 1pm or Sunday Afternoons 1pm – 7pm. Alternate each Sunday, also an option. Duties will include: to carry in and assemble newspapers, write up customer papers, clean kitchen and Utility area, cash up tills and lottery, order in chilled goods, re-stock shelves, reductions and operate the Post Office. You will need to understand and operate tills but only as a backup. You will also be responsible for a young member of staff. You need to be fit, dependable, trustworthy, enjoy and interact with the general public and have a flexible attitude towards working hours due to sickness and holiday cover. FULL Training will be given. Enquire in store or ring 01453 845086 and ask for Clare Poole or Teresa McCorkell.

**U3A** - contact and membership details on our web site [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

**Thursday 19th May** 10.30 am 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. Guests very welcome to all events..

**Thursday 16th June** 10.30 am at Dursley Methodist Church. Monthly U3A branch meeting. An arresting speaker this month - Oliver Clark on aspects of Police work.

**Thursday 21st July** 10.30 a.m. at Dursley Methodist Church. Monthly U3A branch meeting. This month's talk will be about the work of the National Trust, a charity that needs no introduction, but maybe a chance to learn something new about them. Refreshments.

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI members have had a busy time preparing for and decorating the Chipping for the Queen's 90th birthday; we hope you all enjoyed the yarn bombing. The reaction of the young children as they searched for the hidden insects and animals has been gratifying. We also celebrated the 90th birthday of one of our founder members, Rosalie Maunders. Rosalie is a remarkable person, her knowledge of the village is enormous. She takes part in all our activities and is the star of our drama group and quiz team. In April we all enjoyed an enlightening presentation with interesting artefacts from Roger Mellors. He gave a wonderful talk about the Bristol Botanic Gardens. Well worth a visit. Our May meeting on **Tuesday, May 10th** will have a talk by Ruth Armes of Kingswood House on being a Life Coach. We will also discuss the WI resolutions for 2016 on Carers of Dementia patients being allowed to stay with their patient in hospital and also on Food Waste and supermarkets.

## Village Litter Pick

Help to keep Kingswood looking good. Village litter pick on **MAY 21<sup>st</sup>** led by Stroud District Wardens on behalf of Kingswood Parish Council. Meet at Kingswood Village Hall 9.15am (or when you can spare half hour or so) to be supplied with gloves, bags and pickers. It will start at 9.30 until 12.30. Tea and Cake awaits you at Kingswood Village Hall afterwards to reward your hard work. Thank You.

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## Wild About Kingswood by Richard Lewis 01453 753358

Stroud Valleys Project (SVP) in partnership with the Parish Council, plus funding from Gloucestershire Environmental Trust Co. and the local community have begun a new and exciting 'Wild About Kingswood' project to restore / enhance a mosaic of habitats. The wildlife habitats the nature reserve/green spaces consist of are ponds, grasslands, woody areas, an orchard, hedgerows & ditches. As a collective of different types of habitat, it offers great space for newts, other amphibians and wildlife that might live or pass through. Stroud Valleys Project has gained valuable experience and considerable insight into the sensitive maintenance and management required to bring wildlife ponds into a favourable condition for amphibians and other pond life, with both a number of SVP staff and volunteers holding Great Crested Newt (GCN) handling & surveying licences that will support the vital work of the project.

These areas provide habitat for a wide range of wildlife and, as importantly, opportunities for the local community to get involved improving the space for both wildlife and people. During our second visit, we constructed a dead hedge from recycled posts, tree branches and other materials, and filled in to create a good habitat for newts and other wildlife. We plan to extend the natural barrier around the edge of the pond. We have been delighted with the positive comments from some residents of the estate on this work; if you do see us working at the site, please come and talk to us to learn more about what we are doing.

We hope to arrange a number of public events in the near future with newt surveying taking a priority over the next few months. We hope that we will be able to do three newt surveys, making one a public event, over this first season. The dates and times for the public newt survey event are **Friday 13th May**, 7:30pm – 10pm setting traps and lamp surveying and **Saturday 14th**, 7:30am – 9:30am, count and release. Being able to achieve three surveys annually will give the project a better picture of the number and population size of Great Crested Newt living in or around the wildlife areas. More info at [www.stroudvalleysproject.org](http://www.stroudvalleysproject.org) or contact Richard.

### A great walk. A great cause.

This year's Solstice Walk will be on **Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**, with the option of 5km or 10km walks on Minchinhampton Common, plus music, children's entertainment, a barbecue and a bar. All money raised will support Longfield's amazing care for people in Gloucestershire with life-limiting illness and the walks start at their building in Burleigh Lane from 6pm. Entry fees are £18 for an adult and £7.50 per child (£15 and £5 before May 6th) but if you can fundraise £150 or more, you will walk for free.

So register today at [www.longfield.org.uk/solstice2016](http://www.longfield.org.uk/solstice2016) or, more info call 01453 886868 or email [events@longfield.org.uk](mailto:events@longfield.org.uk).

**Kingswood Parish Council** Email [kingswood.pariah@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.pariah@btconnect.com)

**Planning - Wickwar Road** – An application for 61 houses has now been received. This can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) Planning Ref 16/0629/ful. **The Chestnut Park Appeal** – Stroud District Council has applied to the High Court for a Judicial Review of the decision to allow the planning appeal at Chestnut Park. **Charfield Road** – Gladman development has lodged an appeal on the decision to refuse 91 houses, details will be on the Stroud District Council website in due course.

**Parish and District Council elections.** – As there were only seven nominations and there are seven vacancies there will not be a contested parish council election on the **5th May 2016**. The following nominees will be elected unopposed following the parish council elections on the 5th May 2016: Christopher Dunn, Sue Evans, Paul Hemming, Toby Phillips, David Rockey, Jean Simmons and Ken Wood. The first meeting of this council and the Annual meeting of the parish council will be held on **Tuesday 17th May** at 7.15 at the village hall. The parish council meets on the second Monday of the month with a meeting on the fourth Monday if required. An agenda is posted on the notice board and on the parish council website on the Wednesday before the meeting.

There will still be a contested District Council and Police & Crime Commissioner election on **Thursday 5th May 2016**

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

### Heaven of the South Mountain Bike event, Saturday 14th May

For the sixth 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 - last year's event raised £14,000 for local charities. We want to let Kingswood residents know that there will be a mass start of around 450 riders at 9.30am on **Saturday 14th 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 on our website <http://www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk>

### FRIENDS of ST MARY'S

Please note that the Annual Sale is on **Saturday 14th May** on The Chipping, from 10 am to 1 pm. We would be very grateful for any donations of CDs, DVDs, books, plants, or bottles for the tombola (wine, beer, preserves, etc.), please leave book donations at the rear of the Church, otherwise, please email [friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com) or phone ROD (843398, 36 Bramley Close); CHRIS (844162); STELLA (842497, 1 The Chipping); or ANN (843789). We will collect from a local address too.

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** contact Jennie Amesbury 842803, [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

As always, a warm welcome awaits you at our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service to which all children are also welcome. UNITED meet on a Monday evening from 6.30pm for year 7 upwards, this is held in the lower schoolroom just down from the chapel if you would like to know more please email Tracy at [tracy@tletcher.co.uk](mailto:tracy@tletcher.co.uk) or leave a message on our Facebook page. Bible Study is held on a Tuesday evening from 8.00pm at the moment we are studying the book of Daniel. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came along to last week's Messy Church and making it a really enjoyable time.

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

**Dates for your diary:** The annual St Mary's Garden fete will be held as usual in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, from 1pm, **11th June**. Pressures on church finances are continually growing so we are aiming for a bumper fete this year with the goal of making £4500 for church funds. We are planning lots of exciting stalls and games as well as the established favourites including Punch and Judy, the ever popular, treasure hunt, bar, Bar-B-Q and teas and for the first time this year a Teddy Bears picnic so please bring your Teddy Bear and enter the competition. ABOVE ALL 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.

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 whether you have a van or pick up to help with transport 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 email: [stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschurchfete@gmail.com) or phone Chris on 844162 or Tricia on 844436. Remember we are on Facebook! See our Facebook page for regular updates (click 'Join') on the fete and other events and a chance to post messages and photos: [www.facebook.com/groups/StMarysGardenFete](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StMarysGardenFete)

By popular demand Amercombe hosts the 2nd 'Jazz on a Summer Night' - Dress in Style" (we will be in village hall if weather bad).

**Friday 22nd July**, Start 7.00pm with food 7.30pm, end to the evening at 10.30pm. Price £12.50 per ticket, which includes food (including vegetarian option), and live music. Pay bar and dancing. Fun evening, optional chance to 'dress in style', hosted by Tricia and David Rockey at Amercombe 11 High street, GL12 8RS, with music by 'Barney' as you arrive and later 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: [johnnigelcook@gmail.com](mailto:johnnigelcook@gmail.com)

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