

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	9 th	May	W.I. – Mark Cumming of Radio Glos	Village Hall	
Sat	13 th	"	FoSM Chipping Sale	Chipping	10.00am-1.00pm
Thurs	18 th	"	Historical Society – King James I	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	21 st	"	Messy Church	Lower Schoolroom	10.00am
Wed	24 th	"	Jubilee club Annual Meeting	Village Hall	

JUNE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY MAY 26th

Sat	10 th	June	St Mary's Church Fete	Amercombe, 11 High Street	1.00pm
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Walk, Remember, Celebrate

This year's Walk for Longfield (formerly Solstice Walk) will be on **Friday 9th June**, 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 our building in Burleigh Lane from 6.30pm. Entry fees are £10 for an adult and £5.00 per child (4 –16, under 4's go free) but if you can fundraise £100 or more, you will walk for free.

Register today at www.longfield.org.uk or, if you need to know more, call 01453 886868 or e-mail events@longfield.org.uk.

U3A Cam, Dursley & District <https://u3asites.org.uk/cam-dursley>

Thursday 18th May - Monthly branch meeting Dursley Methodist Church. Doors open 10.00 a.m. for 10.30a.m start. VALE OF BERKELEY RAILWAY is our topic this month. Ian Raven will tell us about this exciting project and update us on progress to date. This will also be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Thursday 15th June - Monthly branch meeting Dursley Methodist Church. Doors open 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m.

Will Mansell of Stroud Foodbank, which also covers the Dursley area, will explain the important work of the FOODBANK.

Thursday 20th July - Monthly branch meeting Dursley Methodist Church. Doors open 10.00 a.m. for 10.30a.m.

Our speaker will be Paul Barnett on "THE PURTON HULKS". Paul is an excellent speaker and we received great feedback from his 2016 talk on Operation Tiger.

Refreshments served after the meetings. Visitors welcome. See details of all our activities on our web site.

Let's Talk

Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide and is becoming more common. Depression, anxiety and stress are also the leading cause of sickness absence in the UK, with 70 million working days lost each year. The World Health Organisation chose depression as the topic for World Health Day on April 7th, in recognition of the growing situation, the need to speak more openly and as a way of highlighting the support available.

In Gloucestershire, Let's Talk is a free NHS service for anyone aged 18 and above to seek support and advice.

Evidence shows that if you seek support early, you can recover more effectively and more quickly, and avoid further problems developing.

Let's Talk provides a range of options, from advice over the telephone and educational courses to self-help guides and face-to-face Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

You can find out more by visiting www.talk2gether.nhs.uk or ringing 0800 073 2200.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Sunday, 18th June – Open Garden at Ozleworth Park, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 7QU from 2pm – 5.30pm to raise much-needed funds for Citizens Advice Stroud District.

These beautiful gardens have not been open to the public for some time. The afternoon will include the Nailsworth Silver Band, delicious teas, plants, raffle and tombola. Entrance is £5.00 Children under 16 Free. Guide dogs are the only dogs that can be admitted.

All proceeds will help to fund the support of our wonderful team of volunteers who help over 4,000 people a year across the Stroud District to resolve their problems, whatever they are.

June 18th marks 2 other occasions: it is Father's Day and it is also part of the weekend of 'The Great Get Together' when communities all over the country are being encouraged to join together on the anniversary of the tragic death of Jo Cox MP, to show that, whatever their views, they can still come together in harmony. We hope that many will come together with family, friends or neighbours on this day and enjoy these lovely gardens.

St Mary's Church Garden Fete

On **June 10th**, the annual St Mary's Church fete will once again be held in the garden of Amercombe, 11 High Street starting at 1pm. Our fete this year has a Victorian theme and rumour has it that Queen Victoria herself will be opening the fete. So do come along and join us for what is always a very enjoyable village occasion. Why not have lunch from the BBQ with a glass of fizz from the bar? Or sample our delicious homemade cakes for tea? As usual, there will be a range of stalls, and games, with new entrant this year, a jewellery stall where you can also bring your own jewellery for expert cleaning. Children will once again be intrigued by our famous treasure hunt with ices and sweets on hand to reward their efforts. You can try your luck on the bottle stall or buy a ticket for one of the many prizes in our amazing Grand Draw. And remember, entrance programmes are cheaper when bought in advance and children are free! As usual, we will be hugely grateful for offers of help on the day or the night before and for donations of books, plants, cakes and bottles. Please contact Rosemary Casken on 01453 845076 or email: fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk Find us on Facebook at 'St Mary's garden fete Kingswood GL12'

Maintaining the ministry of St Mary's church in our village costs over £15,000 a year. Our annual fete makes an important contribution to raising this sum - as well as being an opportunity for citizens young and old to have a lovely afternoon out. SO DO PLEASE SUPPORT US!

Heaven of the South Mountain Bike event, Saturday 20th May

For the seventh 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 450 riders at 9.30am on Saturday 20th 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. For more details <http://www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk>

Jubilee Club

The Club is now into our New Year. We have so far, been entertained with music (ukuleles), amusing monologues and a talk on the River Severn. Our 40th year started on April 1st, but our first meeting was on the 12th with an Easter Tea followed by The Nightingales on the 26th. Our 40th Anniversary lunch at Wotton's Masonic Hall will be on 10th May. No New Year is complete without an annual meeting, which we will be holding on the **24th May**. On the 28th May, we will be hosting Town Hall Teas. We have a full programme to the end of 2017, with choirs, instrumentalists, slide shows (including the ever-popular Iain Green) a cream tea on the 2nd August and Harvest Festival on 13th September. There is still time to join to enjoy our full programme.

KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will be holding a talk by Professor Ronald Hutton on 'King James I' on **Thursday 18th May** at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall; refreshments available. Professor Hutton is the Professor of History at Bristol University and has given talks to the Society on a number of previous occasions that have always been very well received.

Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome.

For tickets contact either stellagreen80@btinternet.com (842497) or peter6booth@btinternet.com (844741).

On **September 21st**, there will be a talk on William Tyndale; details will be announced later...

Kingswood Congregational Church - www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk Also find us on Facebook

Secretary – Jennie Amesbury on 01453 842803-email jennieamesbury@btinternet.com. This month we are joining with St Mary's for an Open Air Service for Christian Aid on the **14th May** at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. Please support our door-to-door collection. Also Messy Church in the Lower Schoolroom on the **21st May** starting at 10.00am. We are holding an Afternoon Tea to round off Christian Aid Week from 3.00pm in the Lower Schoolroom, supporting in particular their East Africa Crisis Appeal visit www.christianaid.org.uk to find out more about what they are doing. As always, a warm welcome awaits you at either of our services at 10.30am or 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service. United at 6.30pm for year 7 and over also in the LSR. Friday Prayers from 7-8pm is open to everyone, if you would like prayer for any specific thing please contact us via website, drop in or put your request through the letterbox.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In April, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed an excellent talk and Pilates exercise programme with Helen Cann of the Courtyard Clinic in Dursley. At the next meeting on **May 9th** we will welcome back Mark Cummings of Radio Gloucestershire. He usually records members doing the time checks for the following morning's radio programme and maybe some stories about Kingswood. Listen for familiar voices on his programme on Wednesday, May 10th 6-9 am!

Many of the members are busy preparing to "yarn bomb" the school playground for the Primary school's 125th anniversary in late June and the first week in July. We have press ganged some parents and grandparents to help with the knitting and crocheting but would be delighted to have more help from anyone in the village, especially from ex pupils of the school. We try to meet each day on the Abbey green at 2.45-3pm (or in the church if it is chilly) to give out wool and patterns. Or get in touch with Liz Coatsworth at 17 Abbey Street for more details.

We are hoping to borrow some old tricycles, scooters or children's bicycles to decorate. Please have a look in your shed or garage to see if you can spare your unused bikes. They will be returned at the end of the July term.

Kingswood Parish Council Email clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wild about Kingswood – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and learn how to manage the land. Volunteers urgently needed to help!

Allotments - Finally, the parish council are very happy to announce that they are ready to hand over the allotments to the allotment holders. If you would like an allotment there is a waiting list, please contact the clerk to be added to this list. There is no public access to the allotment site unless you are an allotment holder. We also ask that you do not use this area as a cut through to and from the playing field and refrain from taking your dog on to this area.

Cemetery - The council has provided a mixed waste bin at the cemetery to dispose of waste created from tending a grave.

Playing Field – The parish council has once again provided a portaloos for the summer period.

Dogs – Please can all dog owners ensure that they are picking up after their dogs. If you see anyone not picking up, please inform the parish clerk. She will then take the matter up and the person reporting can remain anonymous.

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow us on Facebook.

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

Friends of St. Mary's

"POSH STUFF", CHIPPING SALE, **MAY 13th**. No bric a brac, but good 2nd hand items (say £5 sale price) wanted please for this year's FoSM Chipping Sale. If anyone would be kind enough to give such to the church restoration, please get in touch with Rod on 843398 or rodplume@gmail.com for delivery/collection before May 13th.

The Book, Cake and Plant Sale on the Chipping will be held on **Saturday 13th May** 10.00 -1.00pm, donations of plants, seedlings and cakes are much appreciated. Please contact us by emailing: friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk or phoning Chris 844162, Stella 842497, Rod 843398 or John 07761 672926. See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood Date for your diary - Strawberry Teas in St Mary's Room: **Sunday 16th July** 3.00-5.00pm

Bar Steward Required at Kingswood Village Hall.

We can offer an attractive remuneration package. Contact David Scott 01453 845354 for details.

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

