

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	1 st	Nov	Historical Society A.G.M & talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue	6 th	"	Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund	Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds	7 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Fri	9 th	"	RNLI Christmas Coffee Morning	i-Vitae	10.00am-Noon
Fri	9 th	"	Wildlife Photography Open Gallery	i-Vitae	3.00pm-8.00pm
Fri	9 th	"	Indian Curry Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	10 th	"	Wildlife Photography Open Gallery	i-Vitae	11.00am-4.00pm
Sat	10 th	"	Supper Quiz	St Mary's Room	
Sun	11 th	"	Wildlife Photography Open Gallery	i-Vitae	11.00am-4.00pm
Tue	13 th	"	W.I preparing for Christmas & A.G.M	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun	18 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Weds	28 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23rd

Sat	1 st	Dec	KVA Wine Festival	Village Hall
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## Slimming World

Slimming World has been running now for 9 months and our members have lost over 138 stone so far. With such impressive weight losses it has helped a lot of people improve their mobility and general health (and BMI0). Our group runs on Mondays at 7.30pm at Kingswood Village Hall – contact Sarah Haycocks on 01453 521673.

## Fascinating Rhythm

Supported by BBC Performing Arts Fund. Come to a one day Harmony Singing Workshop led by Fascinating Rhythm - a top national award winning all female a cappella Chorus based in South Gloucestershire.

Following on from our very successful workshop in January, we are running a really special Christmas Workshop in December. By the end of the session you will have improved your vocal technique, and learned TWO beautiful Christmas songs in glorious 4-part harmony. In addition, you will be invited to perform with Fascinating Rhythm in our Winter Celebration Show the following Saturday. From sheet music to stage in just seven days! Experience the unforgettable — feel what it's like to be part of a Big Show Choir. Whatever your singing ability, be assured of a warm welcome. You'll have an inspiring day with like-minded people and you get to show your family and friends just how amazing you can be when you perform with us. Date: **Saturday, 1st December 2012**

Gloucestershire's award winning all female a cappella chorus invite you to their Winter Celebration, **Saturday 8th December 2012** at Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury BS35 1HT. Doors & Bar open 7pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Tickets £10 adults, £5 children under 12 - available from Chloe Roberts on 07719368701 or

email [chloe-ony@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chloe-ony@hotmail.co.uk), Box Office: Thornbury Garden Shop, (Tony and Sue's Flowers Ltd), The Courtyard, 8 High Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 2AQ.

## Wotton Electric Picture House

November's film screenings at the Wotton Electric Picture House include; Looper, Hope Springs, To Rome with Love, Now is Good, ParaNorman 3D and at the very end of the month Bond is Back - Skyfall on the 30th. In addition our World Cinema screening is Monsieur Lazhar on Sunday 4th November. For screening times and all other cinema information go to [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Open Gallery

Wildlife Photography Open Gallery at i-Vitae, The Chipping, Kingswood **Friday 9th November** 3pm – 8pm, **Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November** 11am – 4pm

I'm delighted to open my gallery doors once again, on display will be my latest images from the UK and of course a few tigers. Do come and say hello, Iain Green.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL – Indian Curry Night

Enjoy an evening of **Authentic Indian Cuisine** prepared by **Madhu's Rasoi** at the village hall on **9<sup>th</sup> November**, 7:30pm for 8:00pm. Indian and traditional beers available from the bar. Tickets from the Spar and village hall committee members at £15 per head. Limited numbers so get your tickets early.

## TUBBS TURF

Following the announcement in the summer of Tubbs Turf's funding from Sport England, we are delighted to say that planning permission has been granted for running water on site, and an extension to the pavilion which will include a small kitchen area and two WCs. Building work is about to start and the new pavilion should be ready for use early next year. We have been assured that the site will be safe and there will be no problem accessing the courts during the period of the build. If you have any concerns or for further information please email [admin@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:admin@tubbsturf.co.uk).

To celebrate the new pavilion opening and to help raise funds for on-going maintenance and running costs we are planning an evening of fine food and entertainment on Feb 23rd next year - please put the date in your diary and watch out for further news.

In the meantime the committee would like to thank all members and users for their patience during the refurbishment of the courts and for the care and consideration shown in looking after the new surface.

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| <b>R.N.L.I Wotton-under-Edge Branch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Our annual Coffee morning will be held on <b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b> at i-Vitae (The Chipping, Kingswood) from 10am -12 noon. Please come along to buy your Christmas cards, calendars and souvenirs to help raise funds for this very worthwhile charity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| To celebrate their 46th birthday in September, members enjoyed a delicious meal at the Farmer's Table at Tortworth. The next meeting at the Village Hall on <b>November 13th</b> will include the A.G.M and two hands-on sessions, when members will prepare for Christmas, making sugar decorations and a patchwork door hanging. <b>HELP NEEDED.</b> To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Woodland Trust has donated 105 hedge plants to our W.I. We will be planting these on the playing field during the week of <b>November 12th - 17th</b> . We will be most grateful for any help from villagers. We plan to meet outside the Village Hall each day at 10am. For more details contact the President Val Jones. 842471.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| KVA will be putting on a <b>WINE FESTIVAL</b> at Kingswood Village Hall on <b>Saturday December 1st</b> . All wines will come from the Wine Society, the winner of the Best Wine Club award for the second year running. Tickets at £10 to include four glasses of excellent wines plus canapés. Further glasses available at a modest price. There will be at least 30 wines to choose from. Tickets available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789) and Jim Sinkinson (843074).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>KSA Beer Festival, "Thank you!"</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| A huge thank you to all the very generous sponsors of our recent Beer Festival. Thanks also to everyone who came along on the night & supported the event, as well of course to all the KSA members who helped organise it. We raised just over £2000, all of which will go help the village school provide opportunities & equipment that the children would otherwise not get. The evening (& beer!) was enjoyed by all & the band (Monday's Company) even came back for an encore!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.</b> Contact Jennie Amesbury 01453 842803                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to our Pastor Adrian. Adrian has done a tremendous job during his time with us not least for the work he did in setting up United Media Church for the young people of the chapel and the village. We wish him well and every blessing for the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| We will be holding the joint service for Remembrance Sunday on <b>Sunday 11 November</b> , please gather at the War Memorial at 10.45am followed by service in the chapel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The successful reading out loud of the bible from Genesis to Revelation without a break carried out between Thursday 18th and Sunday 21st October proved to be a wonderful experience. This came about from a desire by one of our members Andrew Williams-Tarling to raise money for the Oases School in Kenya; this school is supported by our young people's United Media Church. If you would like to know about Oases School visit <a href="http://www.oasescommunitycentre.com">www.oasescommunitycentre.com</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Our usual Sunday Services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Village Design Statement - The Parish Council needs your Help to complete A Village Design Statement.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| This will describe Kingswood Parish as it is today and highlight the qualities valued by its residents. The Statement has to be written by residents so that local knowledge, views and ideas may contribute to the future, and the high quality of their environment. The aim is to ensure that further development and change, are based on a considered understanding of the villages' past and present. This will contribute positively to a sustainable future for the Parish and protect and enhance its unique and special characteristics. A Design Statement will be arranged in sections that will typically include; Settlements; Landscape and Wildlife; Buildings; Highways and Economy, with each containing descriptive text followed by a series of guidelines. These guidelines will represent the key points that users of the document are encouraged to take into account at an early stage when planning or implementing development or change within the Parish. The document may also contain "Local View" entries, which reflect the views of local residents expressed during any consultation work. The objective is for the Design Statement to be adopted by Stroud District Council as Supplementary Planning Advice. Please visit the Parish Council web site <a href="http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54">http://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54</a> or the Neighbourhood Planning website <a href="http://www.knp.btck.co.uk/">http://www.knp.btck.co.uk/</a> to find out more. There are forms available at these sites which will help you in commenting and contributing to the statement. Please take the time to fill out the forms and send them to the Parish Council. We need your help. |
| <b>Wickwar Road Traffic Survey</b> - With this newsletter you will have received details on a consultation on a proposed traffic calming for Wickwar Road. Please take the time to comment on the proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| This is the second scheme put forward by Highways as the first scheme was not well supported. The money for the scheme has been provided as part of the recent development within Kingswood. Unless we can agree on the proposal the money will be returned to the developer and there will be no traffic calming for Wickwar Road. Please make your comments on the proposal to the Clerk by email or in writing by <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Litter Bins and Dog Bins</b> - Please can I ask that if you notice a bin not emptied that your report it to the Clerk so it can be taken up with Stroud. There is also a Report IT site on the Stroud District Council's web site which will allow you to report the problem direct. <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/machinery/reportit.asp">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/machinery/reportit.asp</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Mary Leonard Parish Clerk New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane Hillesley Road GL12 7RQ. Email <a href="mailto:Kingswood.parish@btconnect.com">Kingswood.parish@btconnect.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Friends of St. Mary's</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Supper Quiz 10th November</b> at 7pm in St. Mary's Room: brain teasing questions and a three-course hot supper of home-cooked dishes. Teams of four (prizes for the winners). Tickets £14 per person from (01453) John 520359, Rod 843398, David 843199 or Simon 845204. |
| <b>Gardens Calendar 2013:</b> A4 size wall calendar, 13 colour photos, £7. Details from Patricia 845204 or any of the above numbers. All proceeds to St. Mary's refurbishment.                                                                                              |
| <b>The Village Diary can be viewed on the <i>Grapevine</i> website. For an entry please email <i>Grapevine</i> or telephone Gill on 842734.</b>                                                                                                                             |