

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Fri	8 th	Nov	RNLI Christmas Coffee Morning	i-Vitae	10am-12.00 noon
Tues	12 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Tues	12 th	"	W.I.	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues	12 th	"	Kingswood Sport & Recreation Fund AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed	13 th	"	Jubilee Club	Village Hall	2.00pm-4.00pm
Sat	16 th	"	Supper Quiz	St Mary's Room	7.00pm
Thurs	21 st	"	Historical Society AGM and talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	25 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	30 th	"	Christmas Wine Festival		

DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th

Sat	7 th	Dec	Kingswood Festive Fair	Village Hall	2.00pm-5.00pm
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**A new Grapevine deliverer is required for Wotton Road (from Fourways to Kingswood House including Dyehouse Yard and a couple for Pennwood Lodge). Please contact Diane or Gill if you are able to help us out.**

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Village Association has two events in the next two months: The Wine Festival on **Saturday 30 November** and The Senior Citizens' Lunch on New Year's Eve. Both are in the Village Hall. The Wine Festival will offer a choice of 25 wines from the Wine Society and canapés from Cicada Deli. The £10 tickets, to include four glasses of wine and canapés, are available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789) and Dave and Judi Werrett (845515). The proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens' Lunch, details of which will be in the next Grapevine. As mentioned in the last Grapevine, KVA has had a good year fund-raising. Show Day was one of the best ever. This means that KVA can make donations to worthy causes in other village groups. It has already donated £1700 this year. If your group is one of these you may like to contact Rod (Treasurer) or Judi (Secretary).

## LIVE THEATRE ON SCREEN IN WOTTON

### Productions from the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company now on sale

Following a successful screenings of plays from Shakespeare's Globe shown at the Electric Picture House over the summer, the Wotton Cinema is now delighted to announce that it will be showing productions from the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company - with many shows hitting the screen completely live. But first, to coincide with the National Theatre's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, there will be encore NT Live screenings of three of the National's most acclaimed recent productions: **Hamlet**, with Rory Kinnear, on **22 October** at 7pm; Danny Boyle's production of **Frankenstein** with Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Miller, from **31 October** at 7.45pm; and Alan Bennett's **The Habit Of Art**, with Alex Jennings and the late Richard Griffiths, on **7 November** at 7pm.

## KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

If you are aged 60 or over and would like an afternoon out two Wednesdays each month, why not come and join us for good talks and demonstrations, and of course good company + tea and biscuits from 2.00-4.00pm. Our next meeting is **13<sup>th</sup> November**.

Come and see what we have to offer. We also arrange days out, for example our next trip is to Cardiff for Christmas shopping. We run the trips once a month from April to November (These are open to anyone regardless of age or belonging to the club.). Please contact Rita on 843348.

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

Our Christmas coffee morning will take place on **Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>** at i-Vitae, The Chipping, between 10am and 12 noon. There will be Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and the usual souvenirs.

Please come along and support this worthwhile cause – you never know when you might need their assistance!

## Kingswood Nia

Nia is non-impact aerobics for older ladies and gents and takes place every Friday afternoon at Kingswood village hall from 2-4pm. Nia is for everyone, able-bodied or disabled, sitting or standing, and consists of low impact exercises for the older person to music. Each session costs £4 which includes tea and cake/biscuits. Just pop in or phone Sue on 845235.

## KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on **Thursday 21 November** at 7.30 pm prompt in the village hall. Our talk will be given by John Putley and is entitled **"Blood & Guts (and a little off the top)."** A gory title for a gory time in history when your local barber would not only trim your hair and beard (if you had one) but also perform various surgical operations. Don't miss this interesting insight into the days long before the NHS was introduced. Find out what (if anything) has changed! Tickets are free to Members and £5 for guests and non-members.

Subscriptions are due at the AGM and now stand at £10 for families, £5 for Individuals and £3 for Concessions and Students. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to continue your membership, please pay your fees by 1st April 2014 or your name will be removed from our membership list. Contact Sheila Alexander for further information on 843398 or email [sabramley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sabramley@yahoo.co.uk)

## KINGSWOOD KILOMETRES Sunday 29th September

On a glorious early autumn day, a posse of people took to the Cotswold Hills near and far to 'collect' kilometres in aid of Kingswood Village Hall and the Alzheimer's Society. Between them, they cycled, ran and walked nearly 400 kilometres - pretty good for a first time event! The exercise helped all to work up an appetite for the mouth-watering barbecue cooked by Park Mill Farm, the delicious array of cakes provided by friends and family, and the odd beer. People were very generous with time and money and we have so far raised over £380. So, many thanks to all who helped by taking part, by baking cakes, by helping with the cooking and serving, by turning up to eat and drink. For those who couldn't make it, the good news is that we will do it all again next year, so look out for notices, find us on Facebook and Twitter, or email [kingswoodkilometres@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodkilometres@gmail.com) so we can keep you posted.

## KINGSWOOD POST OFFICE AND STORES

We are happy to announce that as from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will be accepting dry cleaning again. We are acting as agents for Ridgewood Cleaners, dry-cleaning and laundry. The collection and return of items will be 12noon Tuesdays and Fridays with the first collection taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. All dry cleaning will be returned to the shop on the next scheduled day. (Collected Tuesday, returned Friday, collected Friday, returned Tuesday.) Thank you.

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## IRONING SERVICE

Are you pressed for time? Flat out? Sounds like you need someone to do your ironing! I can help! I am raising money for World Challenge and can do ironing for 50p an item, with collection and delivery available in Kingswood and Wotton. Either a one-off load or regularly. I am also available for babysitting! Please contact me on 01453 842467 or email [allaboutironing@gmail.com](mailto:allaboutironing@gmail.com).

## Wotton-under-Edge Dramatic Society

Wotton-u-Edge Dramatic Society presents 'Old Time Music Hall'. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm at the Town Hall in Wotton. Box Office, Cotswold Book Room, W-u-Edge. Tickets £8 (Hall) and £6 (Gallery).

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI celebrated their 47th Birthday with an American supper. They also enjoyed an hilarious talk by Fiona Warin on her work with allotments. If only we had someone with her verve and persistence living in Kingswood we would surely have had an allotment site by now! At next month's meeting on Tuesday, **November 12th**, Kevan Manwaring will talk about "Turning the wheel- Seasonal customs." This will be followed by the AGM. New members are most welcome. Details from Val Jones on 842471.

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL – Contact: Jennie on 01453 842803 or email: [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

The service of Remembrance will start at 10.55am on Sunday, 10th November, at the memorial and afterwards a joint service will be held in St Mary's - Speaker Sue Masterson. On Friday, 22nd November at 7.30pm our choir will be singing in a concert entitled "Sing the Good News" to which you are invited. Donations will be taken for 'Help the Heroes'. As always a warm welcome awaits you at our Sunday services which are held at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service. For the younger members of our community there is Zion Club held on alternate Fridays in the Schoolroom from 6.30-7.30pm the dates being 8th & 22nd November and the 13th December. United meet on alternate Mondays from 6.30-8.30pm the next 8th November.

## DURSLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir has two concerts in December. The first, on **2nd December** at 7.30pm for The Samaritans, in Gloucester Cathedral to celebrate their 60th Anniversary together with Salvation Army Band. The second will be our annual Christmas Concert on **20th and 21st December** at the Chantry Centre, (old Lister Hall), Dursley. Tickets for both concerts can be obtained from Bryan Jones, 842471. The choir rarely see Kingswood people at their concerts even though they have been performing for 35 years. Take a chance and come along, you never know you may enjoy it.

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

### Community Speed Watch

| September 2013             |         |                |                   | Speed      MPH |       |       |       |       |     | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Date                       | Time    | Location       | Direction         | 20-30          | 31-35 | 36-40 | 41-45 | 46-50 | 51+ |       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> August    | 1700hrs | Wickwar Road   | Towards Kingswood |                | 23    |       |       |       | 1   | 24    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September | 0800hrs | Wickwar Road   | From Kingswood    |                | 6     | 4     |       |       |     | 10    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September | 1512hrs | Wickwar Road   | Towards Kingswood |                | 9     | 7     | 1     |       |     | 17    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September | 1615hrs | Charfield Road | Towards Kingswood |                | 5     | 2     |       |       |     | 7     |
|                            |         |                |                   | 0              | 43    | 13    | 1     | 0     | 1   | 58    |

Thanks to the volunteers who took part in the above watches. Volunteers recorded these speeds relating to **some** of the traffic travelling at the time of the watch. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer to take part in **Community Speed Watch**.

**Kingswood Village Design Statement-** We would like to refocus our commitment on producing a **Village Design Statement**. Below is a brief paragraph setting out why this is important for the community of Kingswood. **The CDS aims to do the following;** Identify landscape setting, Shape of the settlement, Nature of the buildings. **It looks at design principles based on;** Distinctive local character, Sense of Place, Type of Community. **Why have a CDS?** It enables a community to identify what is important and distinctive. Enables guidance to be set against which planning applications can be considered. It is evidence based guidance for developers and a starting point for pre- applications discussions. It provides guidance for small applications which may affect the look of a house, open space, paths and hedgerows. **Why is it Important?** It will be adopted by Stroud District Council (SDC) as **Supplementary Planning Advice** to help inform the **process of deciding planning applications** for the parish of Kingswood.

As part of gathering the evidence for this, we invite you to send in photos or pictures along with your reasons for "What matters to me in Kingswood." This could be a place or a building or an area within Kingswood which is important to you.

We will display these at a consultation event to take place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 7pm and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am until-2pm**. We will also have maps and photos of different parts of the parish and will be consulting with you on matters such as design, open spaces, roads and Broadband. Please come along and help with the evidence for this important project. Please either send your items "**For What matters To me**" or any other information for this project to the Clerk, Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ or email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com).

Alternatively there will be drop boxes at i-Vitae and in the porch of the Church.

**Calling all Dog Walkers-** there are 18miles of footpath within the parish and we would like to update the information held on them.

We need photos and information on the different walks. This will feed in to the **Village Design Statement** but will also help update our records on the state of the footpaths and what if any work needs to be carried out. **Would you be able to help with this?** If so please contact the Clerk and she will provide details of all of the different walks within the parish that need to be covered and provide a template for some of the information required.

## Kingswood Festive Fair

**Saturday 7th December** - To kick off the festive season, the Kingswood Festive Fair is going to be a mix of crafts, gifts, food and fun, with the odd mince pie thrown in! The event is still in the planning stages and the emphasis is on local people and products so if you are interested in having a table or helping, please contact me ASAP, either by calling 07870 355236 or email [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com).

## KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The police have issued warnings about respect for people and property at Halloween and have emailed me a poster saying 'no' to trick and treat. If you would like one and have a computer please email me and I will forward one to you. Rod [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com). 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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## **ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH**

### **All Souls' service**

On Sunday, **3rd November** at 4pm, there will be a special service at St Mary's for All Souls Day.

This will be an informal service for all those who would like to spend a little time in church remembering particular loved-ones who have died. Everyone is very welcome.

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