

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	R.N.L.I Christmas Coffee Morning	St. Mary's Room	10.00am-12 noon
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Supper Quiz at St Mary's	St Mary's	7.00pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	"	W.I. – Stroudwater Canal	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	"	Christmas Sale- Books, games etc.	St Mary's Room	2.30pm-5.00pm
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Historical Society A.G.M and Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	"	KVA Christmas Wine Festival	Village Hall	

**DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25th**

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec The Saint Cecilia Singers St Mary's

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## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Village Association has two events in the next two months.

The Christmas Wine Festival on **Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>** and The Seniors Lunch on **New Year's Eve**. Both are in the Village Hall. The Festival will offer a choice of over 20 wines, chosen as "Champions" in a blind tasting of 500 wines by The Wine Society's buyers. There will also be homemade canapés. The £12.50 tickets, to include four glasses of wine and canapés, are available from Rod Alexander (843398), Dave Rothwell (843789), Judi (07769973072) and Dave Werrett (07970100304). The proceeds will go towards the Seniors Lunch. Invitations for the lunch, which is free of charge, will be delivered in late November / early December. However, KVA's list is not foolproof! If you or your partner are over 60 but do not get an invitation please accept our apologies and, if you want to come, please contact Rod and he will get an invitation to you. On the other hand, if you get an invitation and are under 60 please accept our apologies and come anyway! Finally, after another year's good fund raising KVA can donate to village organisations that are short of funds. If your club or society is in need or considering a project, please contact Judi or Rod.

## Speaker Available

Are you a local organisation looking for interesting speakers? If so, I might be able to help. I recently took part in two legs of the Clipper 2013/14 Round the World Yacht Race and I would love to share my experiences with you. If you would like me to come along to your group meetings please do get in touch, either email ([andrewharper@uwclub.net](mailto:andrewharper@uwclub.net)) or telephone (01453 843529).

## Kingswood Primary School news

Kingswood Primary School is pleased to report our new Before and After-School Club "Dragonflies" will commence after half term. This will be to provide wrap-around care for children of working parents and will take place every day during term time. Before-school sessions will start at 7.45 am. After-school sessions will run until 5.30 pm. Further details can be found on our website, [www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk)

Our school has spaces in Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. If you know someone who is looking for a school place, please let him or her know. If you were unable to attend our recent Open Morning but would like to look around our school, please contact the office on 01453 842197 to arrange a suitable time, we would be delighted to show you around. In partnership with Tesco, we will be collecting tokens from special tubs of Flora and Stork margarine as part of the Tubs4Tablets scheme. Just 50 tokens can earn us a Samsung Galaxy tablet helping to bring further technology into the classroom. If you have any tokens, please post them through the school office letterbox, or pass on to one of our parents.

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their October meeting, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed their 48th birthday celebration with birthday cake and listened to a hilarious speaker, Richard Cornock of Tytherington telling them about a year in the life of a dairy farmer. Richard completed his talk with an amusing film of the antics of cows being let out onto grass in the Springtime after being inside for three/four months in their winter quarters.

The November meeting is on **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Village Hall when Ian Edwards will speak about the ongoing work on the Stroudwater canal. The WI A.G.M. will follow this.

## Music with Mummy and Jolly Babies Classes.

New classes starting in November! Come and join in our fun singing, percussion and dancing sessions in your area. Jolly Babies – Charfield Hall Monday, 10:00 – 10:30 and Wotton UTEA Friday 10:35 – 11:05. Music with Mummy, Charfield Monday 10:45 – 11:15 and Wotton UTEA Friday 10:00 -10:30. Contact Caroline French: 07757717073 [carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinefrench.musicwithmummy@hotmail.com)

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

Come to our Christmas Coffee Morning on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at St Mary's Room from 10.00am – 12 noon. Christmas cards, calendars and stocking fillers on sale. Please support this worthwhile cause; you never know when the Lifeboat may be needed!

## KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398

On **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**, we hold our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by refreshments and a jolly entertaining talk by JOHN PUTLEY called "STAND & DELIVER", about Highwaymen. Those who attended our AGM last November will recall what a great time that was. Do not miss out on this one - it promises to be a delightful and enlightening evening. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Sheila - Members free and Visitors £5 each.

### **Friends of St. Mary's Supper Quiz 8th November at 7 pm in St. Mary's**

Always a convivial occasion, this year's Supper Quiz features slightly easier questions and fewer rounds, allowing more time for socialising and enjoying the food. There will also be a licensed bar and the customary raffle. For teams of four, but we can match you to a team - contact John (520359. Some tickets still available at £14 per person. Contact (01453) John 520359; Rod 843398 or Trish 845204.

Friends of St Mary's are holding a **sale of children's books, toys and boxed games** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, 2.30pm - 5.00pm in St Mary's Room. Some of the games are new; all are in good condition. This is an ideal opportunity to get your children/ grandchildren an extra present for Christmas at a greatly reduced price. So come and browse and have a cup of tea while you do so. Tables available at £5, contact John on 520359 for more details.

### **DURSLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR.**

The choir's Christmas Concert will be held at Lister Hall, Dursley on **December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for this very popular event will be available from Westward Travel in Wotton or from Bryan Jones on 842471. Come and experience good male voice singing.

### **Kingswood Congregational Church - Secretary Jennie Amesbury; [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com); 01453 842803**

Thank you to all those who came to Messy Church, we hope you had a great time. On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, the Remembrance Sunday service will be a joint one with St Marys. Please meet at the memorial for 10.55am when wreaths will be laid, followed by a service at the Congregational Church. We also have a service at 6.00pm.

A warm welcome always awaits you at our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. You may have seen the light in the window of our church; this is to remember those affected by the conflicts around the world, especially the Middle East, for whom prayers are said on a regular basis.

### **Kingswood Parish Council**

#### **Crest Nicholson Planning Application for Chestnut Park**

There are two applications, one for outline planning permission for up to 59 houses and one for the creation of a vehicle access. The applications can be viewed on the Stroud District Council's web site at [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk). The reference is S.14/1927/out and S.14/1928/ful. Please take the time to view the application and make comments. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to comment. The Planning Officer has advised that the earliest this application will be reviewed is the 18<sup>th</sup> December at the Stroud District Council Development Control meeting. This meeting is open to the public and is held on an evening. I will let you know the details near the time. If you are not receiving email updates from the parish council, please send your email details to the Clerk.

#### **Village Design Statement**

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the Village Design Statement and for all the comments received. Stroud District Council's Environment Committee will review this on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped the policies will then be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

#### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The next stage is to complete a Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) for Kingswood. This is an important document and will carry significant planning weight. It will have the same legal status as the Stroud District Local Plan. The sooner this is in place the sooner Kingswood will have protection from speculative planning applications such as the Crest Nicholson one above. To enable this to be in place by the end of 2015 we need to start work on this now. There is already a small working party in place consisting of the people who worked on the Village Design Statement. However, this is going to be a big task to undertake and would be made easier if we had more volunteers to help. Please can you email the Clerk if you are willing to help with the NDP. Whiteshill and Ruscombe parish have made a good start on their NDP please access link:

<http://www.wr-neighbourhood-plan.co.uk/>. This will give you a good idea of what we are trying to achieve.

Email: [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) or write to Kingswood Parish Council, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley. G12 7RQ

### **Wott-ON**

Wott-ON is a project for young people aged 11-21 who live in or near Wotton-under-Edge. We are looking for six great ideas to make life in and around the town better. We want to know what kind of activities, facilities and opportunities are wanted and needed and we are looking for people ready to take on the challenge of making them a reality. Live music events? Places to hang out with friends? Opportunities to learn new skills? Whatever you want to see happen, tell us and we will do what we can to help you bring your ideas to life. The deadline for submitting ideas is **8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**. After that, six projects will be chosen by public vote during November and the young people who have suggested them will be offered a free package of mentoring, professional development and access to funding to help them get their ideas off the ground. To find out more, please visit the project website at [www.wott-on.org](http://www.wott-on.org). Hundreds of local young people have already got involved - have you?

### **Stroud District AMBITIONS CAREERS EVENT 2014**

A unique careers education opportunity at Stratford Park Leisure Centre - **Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**, 4.30pm – 7.30pm  
Open to all and admission free.

Last year's event was tremendously successful and this year the event promises to be the same.

With 50 or more Employers, 10 Regional Universities, an Impartial Careers Guidance Hub and Colleges and Training providers this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Employers will once again provide hands-on practical experiences and advice.

For further information, please visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/LSP](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/LSP)

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

