

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	10th	Nov	RNLI Coffee Morning	St Mary's Room	10.00am-noon
Tues	10th	"	W.I. talk 'Help for Heroes'	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	14th	"	Friends of St Mary's Supper Quiz	St Mary's	7.00pm
Sat	14th	"	Frog Race Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed	18th	"	Historical A.G.M	St Mary's Room	2.00pm

DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20th

Sat	28th	Nov	Senior Guides – Coffee Morning	St Mary's Room	10.00am-noon
Sat	28th	"	KVA Christmas Wine Festival	Village Hall	

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Have you noticed that this is the **200<sup>th</sup>** issue of **Grapevine**!! Who would have thought that we would still be going especially as it is still funded purely by donations. Thank you to all who have been so generous, whether organisations or individuals, we could not have done it without you!

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The KVA Christmas Wine Festival will be held at 7.30pm, **Saturday November 28** at the Village Hall. A great success in its previous three years, it will offer over 20 wines, chosen as "Champions" in a blind tasting of over 500 wines by the Wine Society's buyers. 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 Senior Citizens' Lunch on New Year's Eve.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their October meeting, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed an interesting talk on the History of Mr Punch. Memories of childhood watching Punch and Judy on the beach were shared. The competition produced a variety of marionettes, rod, hand and shadow puppets.

The members had a short craft session when decorations for the Christmas Tree festival were tried out.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, 10th November** will be at the Village hall at 7.30pm.

There will be a talk on **Help for Heroes** followed by the A.G.M.

Members are reminded that the poppy wreath laying ceremony at the War memorial will take place on **Sunday, 8th November**.

### Kingswood Brownies

We are looking for new leaders! One of our leaders is off to Australia for a term and we need someone to come and help look after us! We will be holding an open evening from 7-8pm on the **11th November** - at Kingswood Village Hall. Come and see what we get up to and chat with the leaders about what is involved. No matter how much you can commit to; come along and have a chat!

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY (contact Sheila 843398 or [sabramley34@gmail.com](mailto:sabramley34@gmail.com))

will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, **18th November** commencing at 2 pm in St Mary's Room. After refreshment, there will be a talk about "Medieval Pets" given by John Putley. The meeting will end around 4 pm. All Members, friends and neighbours are welcome but to ensure we have sufficient seating set out, please book a ticket with Sheila in advance - they are free to Members and £5 to visitors. Subscriptions are due at the meeting - Family £10. Individual £5 and Concessions £3 and we would be delighted to enrol new members.

### Wotton-under-Edge and District R.N.L.I

On **Tuesday 10th November**, we will be holding our Annual Coffee Morning in St Mary's Room between 10am and noon. As usual, we will have a selection of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries plus stocking fillers. Please come along and support this important and life saving charity. You are all very welcome.

### Claire Failes

Open Studio **Friday 4th to Sunday 6th December** 11am – 4pm Signposted from The Black Horse – North Nibley  
Everyone Welcome.

### Guides Senior Section Coffee morning.

We are having a fundraising coffee morning on **Saturday 28th November**, 10am-12pm in St Mary's room. Please join us for delicious homemade cakes and beautiful handmade Christmas cards and decorations.

### Christmas Tree Festival.

This is a joint undertaking between the Kingswood community and Churches Together to celebrate the build up to Christmas. The decorated trees will be displayed for viewing in both the Congregational Church and St Mary's for 3 days from **4th December to 6th December**. Refreshments will be available in both churches. Any donations from visitors will be given to Water Aid.

### Kingswood Parish Council

#### Planning

Wickwar road – We have no further information on this application Stroud District Council has not yet received the application.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** – The NDP is out to public consultation from the 12th October 2015 – 22nd November 2015. It is important that we hear your views on the draft NDP during this time. You will be able to comment,

show your support or object to the content by writing to the NDP Group via the parish clerk, submitting a comment to the post box on the back of the notice board or by emailing the NDP group at [kingswoodndp@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodndp@gmail.com). The draft NDP will be available to view on line at [www.knp.btck.co.uk](http://www.knp.btck.co.uk) and on the parish council's webpage.

<https://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54>. Hard copies will be available to view at the Dinneywicks and the gym. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the NDP, please contact the clerk who will arrange to make a copy available to you. The NDP Group will be running sessions to discuss the NDP - dates to be confirmed.

We will be holding a consultation event at the village hall on **Saturday 14th November** from 2pm – 4pm. Just drop in to see us and let us know your thoughts on the plan.

**The Charfield Road planning application** for 90 houses has been refused by the planning officer. There is every possibility that Gladman will appeal this decision; they have until January to register this.

**The Chestnut Park appeal** is scheduled for a public hearing to take place from Tuesday December 8th – Friday December 11th 2015. This will take place at Ebley Mill between 10.00am and 4pm. More details on the timetable to follow when we have the information. This is a public event and you are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings.

**Dog Fouling** – Please can all dog owners pick up after their dog. This is becoming a problem again within the village. Please help to solve this problem. If you see any owner not picking up after their dog, please pass the information to a councillor or the clerk who will take up the matter.

The Clerk, Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tel: 01453 844659, Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

### **Sign up for garden waste collections**

The district's households can now sign up to have their garden waste collected and recycled. As part of improvements being made to its waste and recycling services between now and the end of next year, Stroud District Council is introducing an optional, paid for service, which will allow residents to have their garden waste collected

The chair of Stroud District Council's Environment Committee, said: "Residents can sign up to the new service now, although collections will run from February to November each year. There is an initial, one-off £20 charge for the wheelie-bin and an annual subscription fee of £36. Whilst we are already lucky enough to have a large number of residents who are dedicated to home or community composting, this collection service will be a welcome option for many keen gardeners."

Subscribers to the service will receive a brown wheelie-bin for grass clippings, twigs, leaves, bark, hedge cuttings, flowers, plants, weeds, fallen fruit and small branches, which will be collected fortnightly over the 10-month period from February to November. The annual subscription fee equates to a charge of £1.64 per collection.

He added: "When the service begins it will be available to the majority of households, however if you currently have to use a green bag rather than a wheelie-bin for your recycling you should contact the council to see if the service is available to you. Households which generate a large amount of garden waste can have more than one bin and it's also perfectly fine for neighbours to club together and share their garden waste bin."

The introduction of the garden collection waste scheme will see the current system, where paid for garden waste bags are used to collect garden waste and sent to landfill, come to an end in January.

Residents can sign up online at [www.stroud.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/gardenwaste) or by calling the council on 01453 754424.

### **Review of Polling Districts to be carried out**

Stroud District Council is asking voters to give their feedback on the polling district review that starts on Monday 2 November. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England recently created new district ward boundaries across Stroud that come into effect for the whole council elections on the 5 May 2016. Specific focus is therefore being given to polling districts that require boundary adjustments as a result of these new district wards.

Local political parties, councillors and residents will be asked for their views, as well as community groups. These comments will be fed back to councillors at the January 2016 council meeting.

Polling stations also form part of this review to ensure that all electors in Stroud have reasonable facilities for voting. In particular the council wants to hear from people who have experience of disability access.

Hannah Emery, principal elections officer said:

For more information or if you would like to comment on proposed polling districts or suggest an alternative polling station location please respond to this review online at [www.stroud.gov.uk/pollingreview](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/pollingreview) or by email to [polling.review@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:polling.review@stroud.gov.uk). The closing date for responses is Monday 14th December 2015.

Responses can also be sent in writing to: Electoral Services (Polling Review) at Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB

### **Stroud Ambitions back for third year bigger and better**

Stroud Ambitions, one of the county's largest career fairs, is being held at Stratford Park on **Wednesday 11 November**. The early evening event is on between 4:30pm – 7pm and is aimed at all adults looking for a new job or career change, as well as students and older school pupils about to take their first steps into the world of work.

There will be up to 70 stalls with experts from 30 job sectors who can give specific advice on their particular fields and provide advice on training. In addition, independent careers advisers, apprenticeship providers, the National Careers Service, Job Centre Plus, local universities, colleges and youth groups will be on hand. Booking is not required for this free event. Anyone interested can just turn up and there will be plenty of parking available at Stratford Park.

Stroud Ambitions is organised by Stroud District Council in partnership with South Gloucestershire and Stroud College. The selection of careers on offer at the event is considerable. It ranges from construction, where there is a shortage of skilled staff, through to sport and leisure, care work, catering and hairdressing. There will also be experts available who can talk about working in the emergency services, medicine, the law and media. Manufacturing will also be heavily represented, including large local employers such as the engineering firm Renishaw.

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

