

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tue	7 th	Nov	KS&RF AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm
Sun	12 th	"	Remembrance Sunday	War Memorial	10.55am
Thur	16 th	"	Historical society A.G.M. and Talk	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	25 th	"	KVA Wine Festival		
Sat	25 th	"	Wotton Charities Fayre	Civic Centre	10.00am-4.00pm

DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24th

Fri	1 st	Dec	KSA Christmas Fayre & Shopping Evening	Village Hall	6.00pm-9.00pm
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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION WINE FESTIVAL Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The KVA Wine Festival will be held at 7.30pm, **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at the Village Hall. A great success in previous years, it will offer 20 wines chosen as "Champions", in a blind tasting of 821 wines, by the buyers at the acclaimed Wine Society. The £13.00 tickets (same as last year, in spite of devaluation!) to include four glasses of wine and canapés, are available from all 20 KVA members including Rod (843398), Judi (07769973072) and Dave Werrett (07970100304).

The proceeds will go towards the Seniors` New Year`s Eve Lunch.

Related to this, we are hoping for a donation from the Waitrose, Chipping Sodbury, Green Token scheme in November so please drop yours in the bin for this event. Details of invitations to the lunch will be in the next "Grapevine".

### Kingswood Defib Awareness Group:

KAFC's defibrillator, currently located inside the Village Hall, is being upgraded to make it accessible to the whole community, 24/7. By placing the existing defibrillator externally, in a proper cabinet, it will become permanently available for all those using the playground, the playing field, the Hall and, of course, nearby housing. The stress is on this being a community 24/7 defibrillator, which will enhance the legacy aspect (to Mike Rodman).

Thanks are due to those generous individuals and especially Heaven of the South for their potentially life-saving donations; and to the Village Hall for its enthusiastic co-operation.

### Kingswood Post Office & Stores (The Spar Shop!)

A change of ownership after 17 happy years running the Village shop, I am delighted to announce that two of my most loyal employees Teresa and Jacqui are taking up the reins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my customers past and present for their custom over the years and trust you will join me in wishing Teresa and Jacqui every success for the future. Clare Poole.

### Friends Of St. Mary's (FOSM)

FOSM will have a stall at the Wotton Charities Fair 10am to 4pm on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at the Civic Centre in Wotton-under-Edge. We will have prints, notelets, tea towels and jewellery available - all making great Christmas gift ideas!

We hope to see you there - why not come along and support the other local charities too.

### KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will be holding our (very short!) AGM followed by a talk from BBC Radio's Mark Cummings on Gloucestershire's Heritage, **Thursday 16th November**, 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall; refreshments including wine and nibbles will be available.

The AGM section of the Meeting will be as brief as we can make it and we will then have what we are sure will be a fascinating talk by Mark with the usual interval for drinks and snacks. Please join us - new members of the Society or visitors are always welcome.

Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome. For tickets contact [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com) (842497), Jean Dove on 521314, or Peter - [peter6booth@btinternet.com](mailto:peter6booth@btinternet.com) 844741.

### Kingswood Primary School

Kingswood Primary School is trying something new this year and would like to invite everyone to join them at their Christmas Fayre & Shopping evening. It will be at the village hall from 6-9pm on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring their family and friends. There will be shopping stalls, mince pies & mulled wine, Christmas crafts & games and Santa will be there in his Grotto.

Visits to Santa cost £2.50 and are pre-bookable only. Visits should be booked by **17<sup>th</sup> November** - please email [kva@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kva@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk) for details.

### Claire Failes

Art Exhibition of local views and a bit of Cornwall. Friday - Sunday **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December** North Nibley follow signs. For more information [claire@drawingonreality.co.uk](mailto:claire@drawingonreality.co.uk)

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Contact Jennie, 842803 or email [jennieamesbury@bitinternet.co.uk](mailto:jennieamesbury@bitinternet.co.uk)**

Alternatively, via our website at [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) for up to date information about our morning and evening services. Also, check our Facebook page

As part of Churches Together in Kingswood, Messy Church for Christmas will be on the **25th November** – Mary and Joseph are expecting a baby. For all school age and pre-school children (all children must bring a parent/carer), includes lunch. Thank you to everyone who supported the Afternoon Tea, donations reached £154, which was sent to Christian Aid for the relief of the Rohingya refugees.

**12th November** - Remembrance Sunday 10.55 on the War Memorial followed by service of remembrance and thanksgiving in St Mary's. No morning service in the chapel.

We would love to welcome you to either of our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm.

**Local transport survey and new Greenway Group**



A local transport survey has been launched to assess the demand for a safe, traffic-free route (also known as a 'greenway') to connect the communities of Kingswood, Wotton and Charfield and the local sites of Renishaw New Mills, Wotton Community PARC and KLB School.

All Kingswood residents, from primary school age upwards, are invited to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. It can be filled out online at [www.wckgreenwaygroup.org](http://www.wckgreenwaygroup.org) or on paper, with copies available at the service stations in Wotton and Charfield and at the One Stop Shop in Wotton. The deadline for completing the survey is 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The results will be used to assess whether there is sufficient demand to undertake a feasibility study to assess options for routes and costs.

The survey has been initiated by the new Wotton, Charfield and Kingswood Greenway Group, which is promoting the idea of a traffic free path for walkers, cyclists and other users. It is supported by Kingswood Parish Council and reflects the need, identified in the Kingswood Neighbourhood Plan, for improved cycle links and footpaths from Kingswood with the local area. There is already reference to a possible local cycle / walking route in the Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and West of England transport plans and the Greenway Group is looking to make this a reality.

If you are interested in finding out more, or getting involved then please contact us via email [wckgreenway@gmail.com](mailto:wckgreenway@gmail.com), via our Facebook page (@wckgreenwaygroup) or come along to one of our regular meetings. The Greenway Group is led by Wotton District Councillor Catherine Braun and Wotton resident Alex King, and counts representatives from the all three parish and town councils, as well as many others who are keen to see this project happen. The next meeting of the group will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 8pm at Wotton Civic Centre (where we will have a speaker from the Cam Dursley Uley Greenway) and on the third Wednesday of every other month after that. Everyone is welcome!

**Kingswood Parish Council**

**Local Plan Review Consultation**

Stroud District Council (SDC) has started its review of the Local Plan; this will cover the period from 2016 to 2036.

It is important for the village to comment if it is to have any influence on what changes are made.

Please visit the SDC website using the following link

[www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review)

**Parliamentary Boundary Review 17th October - 11 December**

The Boundary Commission for England is currently conducting a Parliamentary Boundary review on the basis of new rules laid down by Parliament, which involve a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), the result being the number in the South West reducing by two, to 53. The rules also require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions<sup>1</sup> – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507. The revised proposal is available online for comment and can be found by visiting the website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

Concerns were raised by Kingswood and Wotton under Edge to the first consultation but these appear to have been ignored. In the revised proposals we are still being transferred to a new constituency called Dursley Thornbury and Yate.

**Please note that the new Chestnut Park development has now started.**

**Once again we plea for the dumping of rubbish at Tyndale View to CEASE.** The Parish Council is having to arrange weekly litter picking at present in order to clear this area, which is in full view when entering the village.

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

