

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues	30 th	Oct	KS&RF A.G.M	Kingswood Village Hall	8.00pm
Thurs	15 th	Nov	R.N.L.I Coffee Morning	St Mary's Room	10.00am 12 noon
Thurs	15 th	"	Historical Society A.G.M and talk	Village Hall	7.00pm

DECEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE: FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Sat	1 st	Dec	K.V.A Wine Festival	Kingswood Village Hall
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KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION WINE FESTIVAL AND NEW YEAR'S EVE SENIORS' LUNCH.

Two more KVA events this year. On **Saturday December 1st** we will have the ever-popular CHRISTMAS WINE FESTIVAL at the hall. There will be 22 wines, chosen as "Champions", in a blind tasting of 819 wines by the buyers of the Wine Society, the 2018 wine retailer and wine club of the year. The tickets are still £13.00 (in spite of devaluation and increasing wine prices) to include four substantial glasses and superb canapés. Tickets are available from all 20 members of the KVA, including Rod (843398), Judi (07769973072) and Dave Werrett (07970100304).

All proceeds will go towards the SENIORS' NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCH. So too will the donation from Chipping Sodbury Waitrose. In November every green token put in the Perspex bin, marked "Kingswood Lunch" near the exit will count towards the donation. The other bins, probably for Sodbury groups, will be very popular with Sodbury locals. If you shop at Waitrose in November please be sure to favour our Seniors. More details of the lunch in the next "Grapevine."

Wotton and District R.N.L.I

Come and join us at our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning on **Thursday 15th November** at St. Mary's Room, Kingswood, between 10am and 12 noon. There will be cards, calendars, diaries, stocking fillers, books and of course coffee/tea and biscuits.

BRIDGE LESSONS

- Are you fed up with the TV and want to get away from your computer screen?
- Come to Bridge lessons instead to learn an enjoyable and stimulating new hobby, make new friends and have fun. I confidently predict that you will be hooked.
- Lessons will be on Tuesday evenings in the Civic Centre in Wotton. You do not need a partner; you can come on your own.
- For details, contact Ian Cooke: 01666 890261 tresham.bridge@gmail.com

Kingswood Village Historical Society - AGM & Talk Thursday 15th November 2018 7pm Village Hall

We are delighted to have Roger Turner joining us to give his talk on the history of the Gloucestershire landscape. Proceedings will kick off at 7pm in the Village Hall with the (very short) AGM first, followed by the talk and including the usual festive wine and nibbles. We hope to see everyone there - new members very welcome. If anyone would like to help or join the committee, please contact Stella on stellagreen80@btinternet.co.uk

Churches Together in Kingswood

A weekend of special events to mark the Centenary of the Armistice has been arranged with considerable support from both the local schools and the wider community.

The events are-

PRAYERS Abbey Gateway on **Friday 9th November** 7-8pm. Prayers for those who died or suffered during the war.

EXHIBITION Congregational Church - Opening Times **Saturday 10th** - 10am-4pm, **Sunday 11th** - 12pm-4pm. Find out how it would have felt to be in a trench as you enter the church.

Displays created by village organisations include

- * Time Line - Of events leading up to, during and after the war
- * War Memorial - Find out more about the people listed on the Village War Memorial
- * The Home Front - What was happening in and around Kingswood
- * Family Stories - Villagers share their family stories of the war
- * The War to end all Wars - Sadly it wasn't and we look at the impact of ongoing conflicts around the world
- * There will also be a Children's Quiz and Refreshments

SUPPER TALKS - St Mary's Room **Saturday 10th** at 7pm starting with a light supper, followed by two talks from invited speakers contrasting the role of the church for those in the armed forces and in communities affected by war.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - War Memorial & St Mary's **Sunday 11th November** 10.55am

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE - St Mary's 11th November 6pm. The weekend ends with a simple act of worship based on Taizé verse with a candle lit procession to the war memorial. If you would like to contribute family stories, memorabilia, photographs to the exhibition, please contact Rick Williams, 01454 260476 rickatcharfield@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AT WOTTON CHARITIES FAIR

FOSM will have a table at the **Wotton Charities Fair Saturday 24th November** 10am to 4pm at Wotton Civic Centre. There will be a Tombola, handmade cards and FOSM memorabilia including tea towels, notelets, prints and period photographs. If you would like to make a donation for the Tombola or could help on the day, please contact Chris on cmwynn@btinternet.com or Stella on stellagreen80@btinternet.com

Please come along and support us, have lunch and/or tea and cake provided by the local Scouts, and do some Christmas shopping - there are many other stalls for local charities!

First year update from the Greenway Group

Since its first meeting in September 2017, the Wotton, Charfield and Kingswood Greenway Group has undertaken a transport survey, attended local events, run a walking festival walk, received grants for over £3,000 (including a donation from Kingswood Parish Council) and started work on a feasibility study, led by Sustrans. We have gained charity status (thanks to affiliation to the Wotton-under-Edge & District Community Recreational Trust) and formed a working group, which includes representatives of the local Parish and Town Councils to steer the Group's activities.

On **24th November 2018** the Greenway Group will be at the Charities' Fair at Wotton Civic Centre. We would love to see as many people as possible and would welcome contributions from bakers! Please get in touch if you would like to bake a cake for the stall, or alternatively, come along and say hello on the day. We are also looking ahead to next year and if you have any suggestions for events that the Greenway Group could attend to help spread the word, then do drop us a line.

In the meantime, the feasibility study is progressing well, and our Sustrans researcher is liaising with the relevant stakeholders. The Greenway Group is also engaged in the local discussions with developers about their proposals for 1200 new homes in Charfield - and the importance of new transport and community infrastructure, such as the Greenway, if this development goes ahead. There is more information on our Facebook page: @wckgreenwaygroup – or contact us at wckgreenway@gmail.com

St Mary's Church

November is a month for remembering – both those loved ones we have lost and those who died in war. **On November 4th** at 4pm we will be having our annual 'All Souls' service when we remember those people who have been special to us. Please let Patricia Broadfoot know on patricia.broadfoot@gmail.com if you would like a name(s) included in the list of names to be read at that service. All are very welcome.

On **11th November**, we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial at 10.45 and afterwards in church. Again, everyone is very welcome to this special remembrance of 100 years since the end of the First World War.

If you have passed St Marys' recently, you will have seen the large yew trees at the front of the church have been substantially reduced as they had become overpowering. They will quickly re-grow and be shaped into a more beautiful and appropriate shape.

Work is about to begin on the construction of St Mary's Memorial Garden. We still need to raise another £12,000 to complete this work. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please find details on the St Mary's Church website at <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk> or contact Patricia Broadfoot as above. All names will be recorded in a permanent register in the church unless the donor wishes to be anonymous.

Flask – Friendly, Lively and Still Kicking

Flask has been meeting on the last Saturday of the month for a while now. Our next Flask meeting is on **24th November**. If you are lonely please phone Sue on 07770937844 and join us for a few hours of fun and laughter. You will be very welcome.

Kingswood Defib Awareness Group: David Owen owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com 01453 844463

There are two reasons for the ongoing need to fundraise. First, there are some maintenance costs – for example the Village Hall's defib recently needed a new battery pack, at a cost of £238. Second more defibs are needed - two areas of Kingswood would benefit from having locally positioned 24/7 defibs.

In Wotton we have recently raised enough funds for 9 extra defibs (with 3 more in the pipeline). I am sure Kingswoodians are at least as generous as Wottonians, what can be achieved in Wotton we can more than match.

The three 24/7 defibs in Kingswood are located at:

- i. The shop: behind the pillar-box.
- ii. The village hall: on the outside wall, adjacent to the main entrance door.
- iii. The Primary School, Abbey St: on the front wall, next to the main entrance.

Defibrillators are used to help resuscitate patients suffering a sudden cardiac arrest.

The main symptoms displayed by a patient in sudden cardiac arrest are:

- 1) the patient is unconscious (not responding) and
 - 2) the patient is not breathing (or not breathing normally e.g. gasping).
- Remember: you cannot harm the patient by using the defib. You can only do good.

Kingswood Parish Council

Wild about Kingswood – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along and say hello and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. The parish council has received reports of littering in the ponds. This has damaged the breeding site. If you have any information on this please let the Clerk know.

Local Plan Review - Stroud District Council is carrying out a review of the Local Plan for the period 2020-2040. SDC will be carrying out road shows and meetings to explain the review. **The Exhibition is on Monday 26th November at Kingswood Village Hall (2.30pm onward). There will also be a public meeting on 26th November at 7pm also at the Village hall.** Mark Russell the Planning Strategy Officer will present the Local Plan review and how it affects Kingswood. There is a proposal within the review for 2 housing allocations sites within Kingswood. It is Important that members of the community engage with the review and let both SDC and the parish council know their views on this and other questions raised. Details of the Local Plan Review can be found on the Stroud District Council website and the Kingswood Parish Council website.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras (ANPR) - The council is pleased to observe that there has been a decrease in the excessive speeding recorded by the cameras. The Police will now be looking at the persistent offenders who may not be driving at high speeds but are regularly speeding through the village.

Please observe the speed limit when driving through Kingswood, and elsewhere. The Police will visit and take action on vehicle owners who persist in exceeding the speed limit through the village.

Thank you to all of you who have commented on the cameras via the Kingswood Notice Board or on the parish council Facebook Page. The council has noted your comments and will be consulting all residents of the parish on highways concerns and on what solutions could be implemented.

Playing field - The parish council has installed a new rubbish bin on the far side of the playing field. Can all users please ensure they use the bins provided or take their litter home. Thank you to all the members of the community who help to pick up litter at the playing field. The parish council will be carrying out a consultation with all residents on the playing field and other community facilities.

Tubbs Turf Boundary Wall - The parish council need to consult with members of the community on the taking out of a Public Works Board Loan (PWBL) to pay for the repair to the boundary wall at Tubbs Turf. A newsletter from the council will be delivered to every household in the parish. Full details of the repair and the details relating to the PWBL can be found on the Kingswood Parish Council website. A survey has been set up via Survey Monkey asking if you support the loan or not. Postal responses can also be sent to the parish council. The consultation is open to all residents of Kingswood parish. The link is as follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KingswoodPC>

The consultation runs from **1st November until 30th November 2018**

Postal Address - The parish council has a new contact address as follows: Kingswood Parish Council, PO Box 113, Wotton-under-Edge, GL11 9BP. Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page.

Email clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk, www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers – contact - playgroupkingswood@gmail.com

Thank you to all who came for making our 50th anniversary celebration such a successful event. We really hope you enjoyed it. Thank you also for your generosity, we raised over £270 for our anniversary outdoor learning base project. Please look at our website www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk for photographs of the event and progress on our outdoor learning base.

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

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