

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	5 th	Oct	Breakfast Butties!	5 The Chipping	from 10.00am
Sat	5 th	"	KSA Beer Festival	Village Hall	
Mon	7 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30 – 11.30am
Sun	20 th	"	Social Tennis	Tubbs Turf	2.00pm
Sat	26 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30 – 11.30am

NOVEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18th

Tues	12 th	Nov	Kingswood Sport & Recreation Fund AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm
Sat	16 th	"	Supper Quiz	St Mary's Room	7.00pm
Thurs	21 st	"	Historical Society AGM and talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	30 th	"	Christmas Wine Festival		

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## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Thanks to enormous help from many villagers and luck with the weather Kingswood Village Association has had another bumper Show Day. Because of this and its other fun and fund raisers, such as 'Come Dine with Me' and The Christmas Wine Festival, it is in a good position to make donations to needy Kingswood organisations. If you are one of these organisation please feel free to contact either KVA's Secretary, Judi Werrett ([judi\\_rhule@hotmail.com](mailto:judi_rhule@hotmail.com)) or Treasurer, Rod Alexander, ([rodplume@googlemail.com](mailto:rodplume@googlemail.com)) or tel: 843398. KVA will be holding a 'Thank you' event for all its 2013 helpers on **October 3rd.** and Christmas Wine Festival on **Saturday November 30.** Tickets for the festival will be on sale about a month before. KVA's year finishes with its New Year's Eve lunch for Senior Citizens. If you have not been before and have reached 'a certain age' please let Rod know. Once again, thanks to all those, who have helped make this a very successful year.

## JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Are you going to university, college, undertaking an apprenticeship or doing any other form of higher education or training? If so, provided you come from Kingswood, John Mayo's Charity may be able to help you with a grant towards books, equipment, or other expenses you may incur. Applications should be made in writing to Dr David Hatton, c/o 45 Walk Mill Lane, Kingswood, **before 25<sup>th</sup> October.** If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, or a neighbour, or friend would be eligible, then please encourage them to apply.

## WARNING TO ALL DOG OWNERS!! - Information provided by the landowner

"Would dog owners who walk their dogs on the public footpath adjoining Charfield Road (by the new housing estate), please make sure their dog is on the lead at all times. It is not an exercise field; it is a public footpath for users to walk across the field only. YOUR DOG COULD BE SHOT IF FOUND AMONGST LIVESTOCK. PLEASE KEEP TO FOOTPATH."  
"The fields are being monitored and police have been informed."

'Section 9 of Chapter 22 of the Animals Act 1971 provides that the owner of livestock, the landowner or anyone acting on their behalf, is entitled to shoot any dog if they believe it is the only reasonable way of stopping it worrying livestock'  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/22](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/22)

## Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund:

The AGM will be at 8.00 pm, **Tuesday 12 November** in KVH Lounge. Application forms for the committee can be obtained from Mark Roberts 3, Russet Court, GL12 8SG and should be returned by 22 October. For those who do not know KS&RF, it is a Registered Charity "to provide or assist in ... facilities for recreation" etc. for Kingswood. It is not primarily a fund-raiser. Its main advantage is as an incoming channel for donations to village projects or organisations, which are not registered charities, a situation, which sometimes inhibits company donors and cannot attract Gift Aid. The late 90's Tubbs Turf project, not then a charity, had this problem. KS&RF was formed soon after, making donations much easier. The Tubbs Turf Pavilion ten years ago and The Chipping Memorial Finger Post are cases in point. If KS&RF could help your organisation you are welcome to discuss it with Rod Alexander, 843398.

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL Mary Leonard - Kingswood Parish Clerk - 01453 844659 or [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com)

| Community Speed Watch |          |              |                | Speed MPH |       |       |       |       | Total |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Date                  | Time     | Location     | Direction      | 20-30     | 30-35 | 35-40 | 40-45 | 45-50 | 50+   |
| Thursday 15/08/13     | 1600 hrs | Wickwar Road | From Kingswood | 1         | 10    | 1     |       |       |       |
| Thursday 15/08/13     | 1600 hrs | Wickwar Road | To Kingswood   |           | 6     | 1     |       |       |       |
| Friday 16/08/13       | 1500hrs  | Wickwar Road | From Kingswood |           | 1     | 1     |       |       |       |
| Friday 23/08/13       | 1700hrs  | Wickwar Road | To Kingswood   |           | 5     | 2     | 1     | 1     |       |
|                       |          |              |                | 1         | 22    | 5     | 1     | 1     | 0     |
|                       |          |              |                |           |       |       |       |       | 30    |

Two sessions were run in August and the table above shows the speed of traffic recorded. Those cars recorded doing over 35mph will receive a letter from the Police. If you want to be involved in this project we will be running another training session on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 7.30 in the village hall lounge. Please come along, find out more, sign up and be trained as a volunteer.

**Dog Fouling and Footpaths** - Please will all dog owners act responsibly, picking up their dogs faeces. Complaints about dog mess have been received re the playing field, Ash Path and footpath by Orchestra. Please also ensure dogs are under control especially where livestock is adjacent to a footpath. Concerns have been raised by land owners with footpaths running through their fields.

**Core Strategy - Stroud District Council Draft** - SDC will soon be consulting on the pre-submission version of the Stroud District Local Plan which the Council is proposing to submit to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in early 2014. The Local Plan, when adopted, will set out how much development will take place in the District up to 2031 and where its location. It will also include policies which will be used to assess future planning applications. The Local Plan has been in preparation since 2009 and has involved periods of extensive public consultation and engagement. The period for submission of representations will run for six weeks from **Wednesday 4 September 2013** until **Wednesday 16 October 2013**. All comments received will be submitted to the

Secretary of State and considered as part of a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector. The Council expects the examination to be held during spring/summer 2014. Representations at this stage should only be made to the legal compliance of the Local Plan i.e. whether the correct procedures have been taken in its preparation and to the "soundness" of the Plan. i.e. has the Plan been positively prepared; is it justified by the evidence; is it effective and deliverable and is it consistent with national policy. Representations should specify in what respect(s) the plan is considered to be unsound, and what change(s) would need to be made to make it sound. The Council will provide a guidance note to assist with filling in the representation form. Copies of the Pre-Submission Stroud District Local Plan and related documents will be available to view, download and make representations on at: [www.stroud.gov.uk/consult](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/consult) from Wednesday 4 September. It will also deliver paper copies for the public to view to all Town and Parish Councils and Libraries which have previously acted as deposit points. Please note that this is a formal statutory stage of public consultation and no representations will be accepted if received after **5pm on Wednesday 16 October 2013**. If you have any questions regarding the forthcoming consultation please contact the Planning Strategy Team on 01453 754143 or [local.plan@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@stroud.gov.uk) **The Planning Strategy Team** Stroud District Council.

**KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** Contact details to Val Jones on 842471

At their September meeting Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed a hilarious talk by Susan Marshfield on a variety of subjects from wearing size 10 gowns for having an x-ray, to family sailing disasters in the 1960s. The October meeting is our 47th Birthday Party when Fiona Warin will talk about her allotment, followed by an American supper.

MANY THANKS to everyone who joined us for tea and cakes at the Village Show.

**HELP NEEDED!** Did anyone see someone pulling up the 100 hedge saplings that the WI members and the Primary School Eco Group planted along the Playing field border last November? Unfortunately, most of the saplings were destroyed but we hope to have saved about 20 plants. Although the ground had become very dry during the summer months nearly all the saplings were growing well. Now we will have to go through the permission process again and hope that the Woodland Trust will donate some more plants.

**TUBBS TURF**

To round off a truly fabulous summer, Tubbs Turf would like to invite you to an afternoon of social tennis, table tennis and mixed netball on **Sunday 20th October**. Bring along your rackets, bats and trainers and join in the fun! No need to book, just turn up and play. Members and non-members welcome. The cost is just £2, with tea and cake. Activities start at 2pm.

**KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Police Information Point is available in the Post Office should you wish to report any problem to be followed up.

**KSA**

Don't forget it's the KSA Beer Festival on **Saturday, Oct 5th** at Kingswood Village Hall. Tickets are £10 (available from Spar) and includes food and entertainment from local band Monday's Company. Proceeds to Kingswood Primary School.

**The Race of my Life - Clipper Round the World Yacht Race 2013/14**

Some people may probably say I'm having a mid-life crisis but those who know me will realise that I passed my mid-life a long time ago. So what am I going to do? I am going to take part in a Round the World Yacht Race. I'm not going to go all the way round the world (I can't afford the cost or the time!), but I am going to do 2 legs, one in November this year and the second in June/July 2014. This year's leg is one of the most challenging as I will be sailing between Cape Town in South Africa and Albany, Western Australia which will take most of the month of November. Next year will be the final leg of the race, the Glory Leg as it is known, between New York and the finish in the Thames Estuary. I have decided to raise money for 2 charities whilst doing these legs. As my first leg starts from South Africa I thought it fitting that I raise money for a South African charity and, as the second ends in the UK, I have chosen my favourite UK charity. Consequently, I have selected the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund UK (NMCF) as the beneficiary of the first leg and the RNLI for the second one next year. The NMCF was started by Nelson Mandela upon becoming President, to help the children of South Africa, which they do in many different ways (for more information please see their website at [www.mandela-children.org.uk](http://www.mandela-children.org.uk)). If you would like to help me raise money for the NMCF please go to my 'Just Giving' webpage which can be found at [www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Harper2](http://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Harper2). I will be setting up a 'Just Giving' webpage for the RNLI next year. Thank you very much.

**KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Contact Sheila Alexander, 843398 [sabramley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sabramley@yahoo.co.uk)

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** 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.

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.** Contact: Jennie 01453 842803 email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a Youth Worker, Tracy Fletcher. Tracy is taking on the youth work of our chapel and is keen to let any young people of secondary school age know that they would be very welcome to United, the name of our youth meeting, which meets in the School Room, The Walk, between 6.30 and 8.30pm every other Monday. Food such as pizza, hotdogs is provided. There is a plan to get new equipment and there are plans for some exciting activities/events for the coming year. If you fit into this age group why not go along and give it a try. United will meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> September then the 7<sup>th</sup> October and then fortnightly. We are also excited to let you know that Zion Club is back for primary school age children. Many of you may have been to Zion Club when you were children and now have children of your own who would enjoy an hour's fun on a Friday evening. We are starting with a party to relaunch it on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30-7.30pm. We would love to see any children who like fun and games and any who would like to know more about Zion Club on that day. For your information we have a 'Safe from Harm Policy' in place and all members who work with children hold current DBS (formerly CRB) certificates. On the **5<sup>th</sup> October** you are invited to BREAKFAST BUTTIES at Isobel Kelly's, 5 The Chipping, from 10.00am, in aid of the refurbishment of the chapel School Room. You are welcome to join us at our Sunday Services at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sunday School is held during the morning service.

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## **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**

**Music at St. Mary's, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm:** This first concert to be held in the new-look church features Ensemble 42; eight singers from Pegasus, one of London's leading chamber choirs. Each is an accomplished soloist and the variety of music they will be performing is both extraordinary and exciting. They recently received excellent reviews when they performed for a week at the London Coliseum (the home of English National Opera). Some tickets may still be available at £12 per person, Seniors £10, Schoolchildren £5. Please contact Trish 01453 845204 if you have not already booked. **Supper Quiz, Saturday 16th November, 7pm in St. Mary's Room:** Brainteasers for teams of four, plus a hot supper of home-cooked food. An innovation this year will be a music round. We can help you make up a team. Tickets £14 per person, including supper. Contact John on 01453 520359. **Historic Churches Ride + Stride:** St. Mary's team of sponsored cyclists spent an enjoyable day visiting churches in the area, although some fell among friendly locals and went to watch sheep racing.... The final total raised for St. Mary's and the Historic Churches Trust will be revealed in the next Grapevine.

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