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## Dates For Your Diary

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Thur	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct	Open Day – Kingswood Primary School		9.30am-12.00
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Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	“	Open Day - Hawkesbury Primary School		10.00am-12.00
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	“	K.S.A Beer Festival		
Thur	9 <sup>th</sup>	“	Smartys Ladies Fashion Show	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	“	Tubbs Turf – ‘Gardening’		from 10.00am
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	“	Amethyst String Ensemble	St Mary's	
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	“	Kingswood Sport & Recreation Fund A.G.M	Village Hall	8.00pm
Thur	23 <sup>rd</sup>	“	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am

**NOVEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Supper Quiz at St Mary's	St Mary's	7.00pm
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Historical Society A.G.M and Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	"	KVA Christmas Wine Festival		
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	The Saint Cecilia Singers	St Mary's	

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**KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

KVA Christmas Wine Festival - **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Now in its third year and growing each year! This year's festival, based on The Wine Society's Champion Wines, promises to be a cracking event. Tickets available October/November. More details later. KVA would like to thank all those who came to and contributed to Show Day. Financially, it was a record, making just over £3000 on top of funds raised by all the independent stalls. Because of this and all the other profitable KVA events (Come Dine with Me, Open Gardens and Wine Festival) in the last 12 months KVA has funds available for village organisations. It needs none itself, except to finance further events and, of course, the Senior Citizens' New Year's Eve Lunch. It particularly, but not only, supports those, which help KVA with its events. If your organisation is struggling please contact the KVA Treasurer, Rod Alexander, about a donation. (36 Bramley Close GL12 8SF or 843398 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com) ) Finally, KVA would love to hear from new members. Its motto is "Funds from fun". Why not try it?

## The Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund

The AGM will be held in the Community Room at the Hall at 8.00pm, **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Application forms for the committee can be obtained from the secretary, Mark Roberts, 3 Russet Ct, GL12 8SG, and should be returned to him by 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. For those, who do not know KS&RF, it is a Registered Charity "to provide and assist in facilities for recreation" etc. for Kingswood. It is not primarily a fundraiser. Its main advantage is as an incoming channel for donations to those village projects or organisations, which are not registered charities, a situation, which sometimes inhibits donors and cannot attract Gift Aid. The Tubbs Turf project, not then a charity, had this problem. KS&RF was formed soon after so that Kingswood would not have this problem again. This made donations much easier. The £12k Tubbs Turf Pavilion and £20k Chipping Memorial Fingerpost projects were cases in point, attracting charitable donations and Gift Aid. If KS&RF could help your organisation please feel free to discuss with Rod Alexander. 843398.

**From your Village Agent:** Christine Sweet 07798 837 582 [csweet@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:csweet@villageagent.grcc.org.uk)

With the change in weather, you may be thinking about energy supplies. Did you know about the Priority Service Register? If you are medically dependent, have communication needs, are vulnerable for other reasons such as use a stair lift, bath hoist, or are elderly, you can apply to be on the register. Then, if there is a power cut you will take priority, and have a number and password to make sure you are reconnected as soon as possible and kept informed. You can call 0800 9177953 to register or online at [www.westernpower.co.uk](http://www.westernpower.co.uk). There is also a useful leaflet with tips on what to do if there is a power cut.

For people who use walking sticks, or their family/carers, there is a useful gadget to go on the bottom of walking sticks to prevent them falling over. It not only helps those with a stick but those who find themselves bending down to pick up sticks for others. There are different sizes to fit every stick. Providing there is a medical need a form can be signed which takes off the VAT charge leaving the cost of £9.95. Contact is Mobility Corner, 10 Market Street, Wotton under Edge. GL12 7AE. Tel No: 07811 765 257. Peter Alsegeest who runs the shop also deals with second-hand scooters and their servicing, and numerous other useful gadgets.

**FREE ONLINE COMPUTER TRAINING.** The GRCC 'In Touch' Project has an online resource that teaches you what you want to know about computers. Free to people in Gloucestershire. You create an account and it takes you step by step through the course. To access this, please look at the following website: [www.ukonlinecentres.com](http://www.ukonlinecentres.com) . Click on the button that says "Learn My Way". At the top, you will see a link to 'create an account'. Click on this to create your account. Enter your name and create a user name and password. The Online Centre is: GRCC 3456108. You then start the training package called "ONLINE BASICS". Complete each section of this. You will then have a certificate to print off once complete. If you have any questions contact Katie Lake or Julie Pritchard on 01452 528491. I will be completing the online course as well, as I still have a lot to learn. I am told it starts with very basic things and gradually builds up. The good thing about doing it online is that you do it at your own pace. If you would like me to come and help you create your account, or you want to know where there are computers that you can use, let me know.

**GRCC's FREE 'In Touch' Activity Events - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Whitminster Village Hall (Stroud District)**

All events take place from 10am until 1pm, with refreshments. Come along and try a new activity, speak to local agencies and meet new people. I will be at the Stroud District one on 18<sup>th</sup> November. You can phone to ask for transport to be arranged.

**Wotton Carers Support Group** meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, 10.30 to 12 at the United Church Hall, Bradley Street.

Would you like to meet with others to share stories, swap coping ideas, gain helpful information and relax over coffee and cake? Ring 01453 521358 for details or transport help.

I hope some of you will find the information useful. I learn about new events, activities and offers all the time, so if you are not sure if I can help with your query, do give me a call or email me. If I don't know the answer, I can find out. If you would like me to come to meet you at a group, event, or your own home let me know that too.

## Kingswood Mobile Library

As the new Mobile Library service has been running for over a year we have reviewed the timetables and will be implementing some changes. These will ensure that we can serve as many customers as possible. The mobile library will continue to stop at Kingswood on a Friday, but from Monday 6th October, the time will change to between 11.50am and 1.20pm.

Dates for the rest of 2014 are as follows:      October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>      November 28th

## Kingswood Primary School – Open Day

On **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, Kingswood Primary School will be having an Open Day. We would be delighted to welcome any prospective parents/pupils to visit our school anytime between 9.30 am and 12 noon to look around the school, and meet pupils and

staff. If you are unable to make this date, please contact the office on 01453 842197 to arrange an alternative date. For further information regarding our school, please visit [www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk). We look forward to meeting you!

**BRIDGE •** For details, contact Ian Cooke: 01666 890261 email: [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com)

- Do you want to learn how to play this most stimulating and social of card games? Or, do you already know the basics, but want to improve?
- I will be giving lessons again this autumn, at both levels, in the Wotton area. My courses are designed for anybody who wants to have fun, learn an enjoyable hobby and make new friends.
- Come on your own or with a friend, you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

#### KINGSWOOD PLAYGROUP

Kingswood Village Playgroup would like to thank Rachel Box, Rod Alexander, KVA and everybody who so kindly donated to the Elvis night, on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. We were totally overwhelmed by your generosity, and have big plans for the money. Watch this space for further details. Thank you once again on behalf of the Children, Committee & Staff x

#### 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). Tickets are now available at £14 per person (the same price as last year) from John 520359; Rod 843398; Chris 844162; Stella 842497; David 843199; Trish 845204. Numbers limited and always sold out, so book soon.

#### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI. September's meeting was well attended to hear Paul Evans from Wickwar tell stories, monologues and anecdotes. His amusing impersonations of local characters were well received by an appreciative audience. The next meeting, the 48<sup>th</sup> birthday of Kingswood WI, is on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall when farmer, Richard Cornock will speak about "A Year on a dairy farm". Many thanks to all villagers and visitors who visited our tea and cake stand on Show Day.

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

On **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**, we will present a talk titled "THE NESS OF BRODNOR" about archaeological digs on Orkney. Those who have watched the TV programme "COAST" may have seen something of this already but we have one of the archaeologists MIKE COPPER coming to give us his first-hand experiences. The talk starts promptly at 7.30 in the village hall.

Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Sheila - Members free and Visitors £5 each.

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. Don't 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.

#### TUBBS TURF

Thanks to all who regularly commit time and energy to the gardening at Tubbs Turf. With the weather about to turn, we need a big push to finish the first phase and be ready for planting next spring. Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** from 10am, and enjoy a chat and a piece of cake. Bring your own tools and muscle!

#### Ladies Fashion Show and Clothes Sale

Kingswood Village Hall **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm Tickets are selling fast for this chance to snap up High Street label clothes at bargain prices, with 50-75% off brands such as Monsoon, M&S, Next, White Stuff, Fat Face, Per Una, Boden, Zara and more. Sizes 8-22, all from last year's autumn lines so there should be something for everyone. Come along with some friends and enjoy the short fashion show, followed by the opportunity to try on and buy anything you like! Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and nibbles, with proceeds from the raffle going to World Challenge. Available from the Spar or by contacting [kitmorgan@f2s.com](mailto:kitmorgan@f2s.com).

**Kingswood Parish Council** [Kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:Kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) or tel: 01453 844659

**Crest Nicholson Planning Application for Chestnut Park** - There are two applications, one for outlying planning permission for up to 59 houses and one for the creation of a vehicular access. The applications can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site at [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) the ref is S.14/1927/out and S.14/1928/ful. Please take the time to view the application and make comments. The planning Officer needs to have received all comments by the **10<sup>th</sup> October**. The Parish Council met on the 8th September and has formally voted to object to both applications. The parish council has appointed consultants to help with putting forward the objections. However, we need evidence to back up our claims. Please send me any pictures of flooding or Highway problems at Chestnut Park, Rectory Road and Wickwar Road. Thank you to everyone who helped with the traffic survey on Rectory Road. The results will be available soon and will be helpful evidence. The Parish Council will meet again on the **6<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.15 at the Village Hall to consider the full details of its objection. Members of the public are welcome to attend and take part in the public questions section of the meeting.

**Village Design Statement** - The consultation period runs until Monday **6<sup>th</sup> October**. The documents can be viewed online at [www.knp.btck.co.uk](http://www.knp.btck.co.uk). There is a permanent stand in the B&F coffee shop with hard copies of the document to read. Please take the time to view this important consultation. Comments can be made at the coffee shop and online to [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com). Please comment even if it is "I have viewed the documents and have no comment to make".

**CCTV at the Playing field and Village Hall** - The first part of the CCTV is now in operation at the Playing field.

**Community Speed Watch** - If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the speed watch team please contact the Clerk. We should have more 30mph and 20mph signs available at the end of the month. Please contact the Clerk if you would like a sticker.

**Cemetery** - It has been noted that someone is dumping garden waste at the cemetery. Please can this stop with immediate effect. Stroud District Council do not pick up garden waste for free. Failure to comply will mean that the PC will incur costs from SDC.

#### KKaV - It can be done!!

Action group Save Slad Valley in Stroud District have done exactly that, with Stroud refusing planning for 112 houses and the refusal being upheld at appeal (July)! Now it's our turn and in order to emulate their success we too must inundate Stroud District Council with 100's of letters of objection before **10<sup>th</sup> October 2014**! To help things along we're hosting a letter-writing party on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** from 3.00-5.00 p.m. at the Village Hall (refreshments available) - all welcome! But don't wait, as there are no restrictions as to how many objection letters you can submit, or who can submit them (anyone, anywhere), start writing now and the postie should need a lorry to deliver them! If we get the access refused under application S.14/1928/FUL, they won't get application S.14/1927/OUT approved for 59 houses. No access, no houses! So make sure you write a letter(s) for each application. In addition, a massive thank you for the many volunteers who made the traffic survey a complete success with a fully comprehensive set of data - this is being analysed and when available the results will be shared. For more info on the applications, reasons to object, or how you can help, email [kkav.group@gmail.com](mailto:kkav.group@gmail.com) or find us on facebook at Keep Kingswood a Village.

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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