

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	10 th	Oct	Beer Festival	Village Hall	from 7.00pm
Tues	13 th	"	W.I talk on 'Mr Punch'	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	16 th	"	Harvest Barn Dance	Village Hall	7.00-10.00pm

NOVEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30th

Mon	2 nd	Nov	Sport and Recreation Fund A.G.M	Village Hall	8.00pm
Weds	4 th	"	Kingswood Primary School Open Morning		9.15-11.30am
Tues	10 th	"	RNLI Coffee Morning	St Mary's Room	10.00am-noon
Sat	14 th	"	Friends of St Mary's Supper Quiz	St Mary's	7.00pm
Sat	14 th	"	Frog Race Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat	28 th	"	KVA Christmas Wine Festival	Village Hall	

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KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

KVA's Christmas Wine Festival on **Saturday 28 November** will be based on The Wine Society's Champion Wines. Tickets will be available October/November from KVA members. More details later.

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.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Many thanks to all villagers and friends who came to support the WI homemade cakes and tea stall at the Village Show. At their September meeting at the Village Hall the members of Kingswood Abbey were reminded of the WI centenary celebrations in a talk given by historian, John Dixon from Tewkesbury. He outlined the reasons for the WI starting in the UK and went on to show the work done by the WI in persuading the governments of the day to bring in new policies such as The Keep Britain Tidy campaign, equal pay for equal work, daily parental visiting in hospitals, climate change, saving the honey bees and organ donation. The latest campaign is 'Care not custody...' The WI is certainly not only for elderly ladies making jam or baking cakes!!!!

The October meeting is on **Tuesday, October 13th** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be on the lavishly illustrated history of Mr Punch.

BRIDGE

- 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 Wotton (Civic Centre).
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 will be assured of a warm welcome.
- For details, contact Ian Cooke: 01666 890261 fresham.bridge@gmail.com

Wotton Youth Liaison Group – Curry Evening – 9th October

We will be holding another Fundraising Curry Evening on **Friday 9th October** at the Bluecoat Primary School in Wotton. Raffle and Auction to follow great, authentic, Indian Cuisine once again from Madhu's Rasoi. Bar available. Tickets @ £18 each from Paul Hemming (01453 842734 Kingswood), June Cordwell (Wotton), members of Wotton Youth Club or via www.wylg.btck.co.uk

Kingswood Primary School – news www.kingswoodprimaryschool.co.uk

Kingswood Primary School is delighted and very proud that one of our ex-pupils, Ben Morgan, has been chosen to play for the England team in the 2015 Rugby World Cup. We are all right behind Ben and will be following the team's progress.

Our new Reception pupils have all settled in well to school life and are a welcome part of our school community. It is wonderful to see the new pupils playing alongside our older pupils.

Open day – we will be hosting an Open morning in November for prospective parents to visit our school. Further details to follow.

Beer Festival

Do come join us for a few pints and some tasty pork roast from 7pm **10th OCTOBER**. Do not worry..... for rugby die-hards there will be viewing in the bar and there will be a great band in the main hall too. Tickets on sale in the SPAR or from committee members in school playground. Vegetarian food and alternatives to beer / cider also available, so no excuse not to come and have another fab night at our local primary school's BIGGEST fundraiser! Age 21 and over only.

Friends of St. Mary's Supper Quiz 14th November 2015 at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church

Always a convivial occasion, this year's Supper Quiz features a varied mix of teasing and easy questions, there will be time for socialising and enjoying 3 courses of home cooked food including hot main courses with vegetarian options. There will also be a licensed bar and the customary raffle.

Teams of four, but we can match you to a team. Tickets are now available at £14 per person (the same price as last year) by emailing: friendsofstmarys1@gmail.com or phoning Chris 844162; Rod 843398; Ann 843789; Pat 845076. Numbers limited and always sold out, so book soon.

Jubilee Club

When Iain Green recently spoke at one of our meetings, he showed us many pictures of the varied wildlife in our country, including many from our own village. These included kingfishers and water voles, which are now prolific on the riverbank along the Ash Path. One of these photos proved to be the first recording of a water vole eating a stickleback, which prompted the interest of Chris Packham and BBC's Spring Watch. The club was also pleased to hear that one of our regular speakers, Susan Marshfield a name well known to others in the village, has been awarded an MBE. Clearly in recognition of her services to organisations in Kingswood. Over the next couple of months, several music groups will entertain us, including Nightingales, Philip Andrew, God's Granddads and Spectrum.

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank its hosts Paul and Joanne Rumley, the 70 guests and all its helpers (especially for the lovely homemade canapés) for its Garden Party at Chipping House on August 21. With security in mind, the proceeds have been donated to the Village Hall towards the replacement of the doors and locks in the changing rooms.

The Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund

The AGM will be held in the Hall Community room at 8.00pm, **Monday 2 November**. 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 Oct 16.

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 to those village projects or organisations, which are not registered charities, a situation that sometimes inhibits donors and cannot attract Gift Aid. The Tubb's Turf project, not then a charity, had this problem. KS&RF was formed soon after so that Kingswood would not have this problem again and made donations much easier. The £12k Tubb's Turf pavilion and the £20k Chipping Memorial finger post were cases in point, attracting donations and Gift Aid. If KS&RF could help your organisation please free to discuss with Rod Alexander, 843398.

British Legion Poppy Collection

With Remembrance Sunday looming, do you have an hour or two to spare to sell poppies in the village? Kingswood is known for its generosity for this appeal but our collectors are getting older and we need some replacements. If you can help please phone Gordon Phillips on 01453 842499.

Food waste recycling - November 2016

Many of you will have read in Stroud District Council's annual newsletter, which was sent to all households in the district in September, about the changes to waste and recycling collections that come in towards the end of next year. Fundamental to the changes is the introduction of a weekly food waste recycling service. With the food waste taken care of each week, the council will then collect the remaining waste fortnightly instead of weekly. This should not pose problems because it should no longer contain food waste, which is generally the cause of smells and unpleasantness and because the vast majority of households will receive wheelie-bins for their remaining rubbish instead of bin bags. Capacity also should not be a problem because a third of the waste we currently put out will already be catered for with the weekly food waste collections. The use of bins will also prevent birds and animals from attacking bin bags as they currently do.

However, not all households will be able to have a wheelie-bin due to space or access restrictions. Generally, these will be the same as the ones which currently have recycling bags instead of recycling wheelie-bins. These properties will continue to receive rubbish bags, but they will be beige rather than the current black. Whilst bags are easier for birds and foxes to attack, they should prove less of a target as they will no longer contain the food waste which attracts them.

With a year to go until the new service is rolled out, Stroud District Council is still finalising which households will have bags instead of bins and putting the finishing touches to the scheme. They will be publicising the changes and sending information directly to households nearer the time. To find out more, visit www.stroud.gov.uk/newscheme

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – Contact Jennie 842803 or email jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

This month together with our friends from St Mary's we are holding a Barn Dance on the **16th** at 7pm at Kingswood Village Hall with folk music provided by Bees Knees. Tickets £7.50 - under 16s £5.00 which includes supper, available from the Spar shop. MESSY CHURCH is on the **10th** with a Harvest theme. No need to book, meet in St Mary's before going down to the schoolroom for a morning of crafts, games and stories followed by lunch. All children must bring a parent/carer. On Sunday the **18th**, Gods Granddads will be leading our evening service. On the **25th** you are invited to breakfast in the schoolroom at 9.45am before our Family Service at 10.30, please let Annett know if you would like to join us (0779 5273395).

Zion Club is back up and running at 6.30pm on alternate Friday's, next one will be on the 2nd. A very warm welcome awaits you at of our services either at 10.30am or 6.00pm. **Find us on Facebook**

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH Rev David Russell, 01454 294267 or parishoffice.wickwar@gmail.com

A warm welcome awaits you at our regular services on Sunday morning at 11.15. Children are especially welcome at the monthly family service on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please check the church notice board for further details.

Special services and events this month include

Sunday **October 4th** at 11.15 Harvest Festival

Friday **October 16th** Barn Dance hosted by Churches Together in the Village Hall

Sunday **25th October** 'The Wallpaper Man' - a special joint family service at the Congregational Church

On **November 1st** we will also be holding our annual "All Souls" service at 4pm. This quiet service is a time to reflect on those we have loved but see no more.

On **November 8th** we will be remembering those who have died in action as usual at the War Memorial at 10.55 and afterwards in a joint service at St Mary's church. In the evening, our 'Sunday@six service offers a different perspective on conflicts and suffering, concluding with a candle-lit procession to the war memorial.

Culverhay Surgery

Appointments are available for patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination on Saturday morning **10th October**. Please contact the surgery to book your appointment. Further clinic dates will be arranged shortly.

Frog Race Night

Kingswood Village Hall, Saturday **14th November 2015** 7.30pm, 1st race at 8pm. £5 per ticket which includes chilli & rice with veggie option available. All proceeds going to the Nicola Corry Support Foundation Tickets available from Kingswood Spar Shop, Kath Lock 07974 141630 or Shona Kelly 07827 296890

Summer Ball 2015:

The Ball Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the event on 19th Sept and contributed to a fantastic evening raising over £1,200. This amount is very generously being doubled meaning almost £2,500 will be donated in support of St Peter's Hospice, a charity close to the hearts of many across the village.

We would like to extend huge thanks to all of our sponsors and donors, including Dribuild, The James Dyson Foundation, JA Brady Construction, Bristol Rugby, KSA and many more, without whose generosity the evening would not have been as much of a success. Special thanks go to Lara and Oli Madge for their help and kind support for the smooth running of the night and to Angus McCubbin for being such a fabulous and entertaining Auctioneer. Planning for the 2017 ball starts soon so get ready to put a date in your diary...the sun always shines on Kingswood!

Kingswood Parish Council - Email kingswood.parish@btconnect.com

Planning - Wickwar road – We have no further information on this application only that the applicant wants a decision before Christmas but Stroud District Council has not yet received the application.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – The NDP will be going 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. The draft NDP will be available to view on line at www.knp.btck.co.uk and on the parish council's web pages <https://community.stroud.gov.uk/default.asp?pid=54>. Hard copies will be available to view at the Dinneywicks pub 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.

Charfield Road application - we are waiting to hear the Officer's decision on this application or if this will be decided by the Development Control Committee (DCC). If this is the case, it is likely to be heard at either the October or November meeting. The dates are as follows - 13th October or 10th November. Once we have more information we will let you have the details

Dog Fouling – Please can all dog owners pick up after their dog. 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 this matter.

The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tele 01453 844659,

KKaV

Keep Kingswood a Village exists to support and promote the Village's own vision of how it would like to evolve as outlined in both the Village Design Statement and the NDP, which is currently being developed. It seeks to help protect Kingswood from unsustainable, inappropriate and disproportionate development, whilst supporting developments that would deliver housing identified as being needed by the residents of Kingswood.

If you would like to support the work of the KKaV, you could join our 100 club for which there are still numbers remaining. Entry into the 100 club is £1 per month payable annually in advance. Draws will take place on the 1st of each month and the winners listed on the KKaV Facebook page.

For more details, please Natalie Adams at natalie1970adams@hotmail.com

Kingswood Primary School – Open morning

Kingswood Primary School will be holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 4th November, 9.15 am – 11.30 am, for prospective parents.

This is an ideal opportunity for you and your child to experience a real taste of life at our school.

Please come and visit us to see our facilities, meet staff and current pupils, and ask questions. There is no need to book and you are free to drop in during the course of the morning.

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If you are unable to make this date, please contact the office on 01453 842197 to arrange an alternative visit. We look forward to meeting you!
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The Village Diary can be viewed on the <i>Grapevine</i> website. For an entry please email <i>Grapevine</i> or telephone Gill on 842734.
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