

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Fri	30 th	Sept	MACMILLAN World's Biggest Coffee Morning	Schoolroom	10.00am-12.00pm
Sat	1 st	Oct	Swishing	Village Hall	10.00am-3.00pm
Sat	8 th	"	KSA Beer Festival	Village Hall	

NOVEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21st

Fri	4 th	Nov	R.N.L.I Christmas Coffee Morning	St. Mary's Room	10.00am-12.00pm
Mon	7 th	"	Kingswood Sport and Recreation Fund A.G.M	Village Hall	8.00pm
Fri	11 th	"	Frog Racing	Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed	16 th	"	Historical Society A.G.M followed by talk	St. Mary's Room	2.00pm
Sat	3 rd	Dec	Christmas Wine Festival	Village Hall	

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### From PCSO Mark Lifton

Dear residents - Users of agriculture vehicles have voiced their concerns during the recent Harvest. Vehicles have been parked in the village causing roads to be very narrow. This has caused problems, as machinery has not been able to navigate through the village. It is not known if this is visitors to the community or local residents. We are aware residents are also concerned about other parked vehicles in the village and Police will be monitoring. If anyone in the village has any concerns over Parking contact Police on '101'.

### JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you are preparing to go to university or college, to undertake an apprenticeship, or to start any other form of further education or training, you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, our charity should be able to help you with a grant towards books or equipment. Please apply in writing to Dr David Hatton, Nampara, Old Rectory Road, Kingswood, before **31<sup>st</sup> October**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then encourage them to apply.

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

- Want to learn how to play this most stimulating and social card game? Or, 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.

### Wotton and District R.N.L.I

Come and join us at our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning on **Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's Room between 10am and 12 noon. There will be cards, calendars, diaries, stocking fillers and of course coffee/tea and biscuits.

### Let's Talk

Free courses to help with stress, anxiety, low self-esteem, sleep problems and other similar issues are all available through the NHS. The courses are being provided by the county's Let's Talk service and are based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). Alex Burrage, of Let's Talk, said: "One in four of us will be experiencing a mental health condition at any given time". Our courses are all held in community venues, and some are during the daytime while others are held in the evenings, so there is usually a course to suit everyone's needs. They are educational in nature and there's no need to share personal information or even speak in front of other people on the course, unless you want to. We have helped thousands of people overcome the most common mental health problems we can all experience from time to time, and the feedback we get from people who complete our courses is fantastic. Many people say they have changed their lives. Let's Talk is an Improving Access to Psychological Therapies service provided by 2gether NHS Foundation Trust. As well as courses, Let's Talk also provides therapy over the phone as well as face-to-face. There are also guided self-help books you can access. To find out more about courses in your area, ring 0800 073 2200 or visit [www.talk2gether.nhs.uk](http://www.talk2gether.nhs.uk)

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

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2 pm on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** in St Mary's Room. After this meeting, there will be a talk by John Loosley about "Almshouses in Gloucestershire". Tickets (free to Members and £5 to guests) from Sheila. To ensure sufficient seating and refreshments, please do get in touch for a ticket. At the AGM Sheila will be standing down as Secretary after 21 years. The Society invites all Members and any villager wishing to be involved in the activities, committee - or would like to be Secretary- to get in touch with Sheila. The committee meets three times a year and arranges three talks per year (one of which follows the AGM in November). It is not a heavy commitment and we hope it can continue for many years to come.

### KINGSWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION FUND.

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall Community Room at 8.00pm, **Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **21<sup>st</sup> October**.

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 those village projects or organisations, which are not registered charities; a situation that sometimes inhibits would be donors and prevents 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, which made donations much easier.

Tubb's Turf pavilion and the Chipping Memorial finger post were cases in point, attracting donations and 25% Gift Aid. If KS&RF could help your organisation please feel free to discuss with its Chairman, Rod Alexander, 843998.

### Beer Festival

Do not forget KSA Beer Festival, **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** with live band Vinyl Generation. The usual top quality beer and cider will be available along with wine and Prosecco. Many thanks to our fantastic sponsors so far. If you or your organisation would like to sponsor a barrel, please contact us on [KSA@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:KSA@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk)

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Frog Racing at the Village Hall **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.00pm – all proceeds to go to refurbishing the stage at the hall.

**U3A** Information on all U3A events, contact and membership details on our web site [www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/cam-dursley)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Monthly branch meeting at Dursley Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m. Our speaker will be from the Stroud Valleys Project - an environmental charity working to make the Stroud valleys a better, healthier place for present and future generations. NOTE this is a change of speaker as David Tandy is no longer able to make this date. **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Monthly branch meeting at 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Hugh Tipper on the history of Listers. **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Monthly branch meeting at 10.30 a.m. It's Christmas again - join us for mulled wine, mince pies and a fun quiz. Guests are welcome to come along to any of the branch meetings.

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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### **Jubilee Club – 2017 is our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Since the last report on the club's activities, we have enjoyed our Cream Tea at The Farmer's Table (Tortworth); and our annual T@3, or American supper, when we raised £100 for Longfield. Our most recent meeting was addressed by Iain Green showing us pictures of the wildlife around us especially in Kingswood, explaining his work with schools, taking children to nature reserves and showing us pictures taken by some of the children. Over the next three months we will be having a talk on beekeeping, four different musical events including Nightingales (from Berkeley); Spectrum; both choirs making a return visit this year, and Philip Andrew. This year closes with our Christmas Lunch on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. We start up again on the **4<sup>th</sup> January** with our New Year Party.

### **Swishing - Entry is £2.50, which includes a refreshment; we look forward to seeing you**

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation is holding a 'Swishing' event at Kingswood Village Hall on **Saturday 1st October** from 10.30am-3pm. This event gives you the opportunity to swap your unwanted items (good quality clothes, homeware, toys etc) with someone else's! If you do not have anything to swap please come along anyway and have a rummage. There will also be yummy cakes on sale!

### **More Parking Issues from a High Street resident!**

After last month's entry on parking, I want to appeal to residents of the High Street to be more thoughtful and considerate whilst parking their vehicles. Too often cars are not parked up to the end of marked bays, or leave large, wasteful and unusable spaces between cars. Whilst those who do not work, or work shorter hours may not appreciate it, it has a huge impact in the whole street especially to those returning later. Also, I am aware that some residents have off-street parking; it would be sensible to use this and allow parking on-street for those residents who really have no choice? I don't want to make this into a big issue, but I'm aware others feel the same, and parking is now even more under pressure with people using the local gym and The Chipping being constantly full. Thank you.

### **Friends of St Mary**

Our Supper Quiz will take place at 7.00pm on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**; we have refreshed the evening this year with we think easier questions and two new question masters. Also there will be time for socialising and enjoying a hot "home cooked" main course with vegetarian option and pudding to finish. There will also be a licensed bar and the customary raffle. Teams of four, but we can match you to a team if you let us know when you book. Tickets are now available at a lower price of £12 per person by emailing: [friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) (Our new e mail address) or phoning Chris 844162, John 07761 672926 or Stella 842497. See our Facebook page too: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood. Friends of St Mary are always looking for additional helpers contact us as above.

**Kingswood Parish Council** Tele 01453 844659, Email [kingswood.parish@btconnect.com](mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com) The Clerk Mary Leonard

**Planning - Wickwar Road** – An application for 61 houses has now been received and a decision is expected at the end of October.

This can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) Planning Ref 16/0629/ful.

**Chestnut Park Development** – S.16/1555/discon and S.16/1272/rem - details now on the Stroud website. Outline planning permission has been granted on appeal for up to 51 houses. This application now shows the details of the development. At the appeal several conditions were put into place to mitigate against the harm on noise, ecology, the view and cricket. It is important to assess the application against the conditions to ensure that they have been applied correctly by the applicant and highlight any concerns. Please make your comment to Stroud District Council on the Council's web site at <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning>

**Charfield Road** – Gladman development. The appeal into this application will be heard at Stroud District Council Ebley Mill from the 22nd November for 7 days. The parish council is pleased to confirm that the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) will be acting for the parish council at this appeal. <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3147478> ref 3147478 Comments can also be viewed on Stroud District Council's web site at <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning>

**Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan** - Thanks to all who attended the Public Inquiry. We now await the Examiner's report and his recommendations. If we are able to accept them all we hope to submit the NDP to Stroud and get to referendum before Christmas when your views are requested. A vote of 51% in favour gives it full weight to become a statutory planning document.

**Wild about Kingswood** – The following free event has been organised on the land at Chestnut park. Pond Restoration between 10.00am and 2pm on **Saturday 22nd October**- Work is needed on the old field pond; clearing rubbish, cutting back encroaching branches as well as clearance work to plant a wildlife friendly hedgerow. As it will be in October please bring along suitable wet weather clothing wellington boots/work boots and a packed lunch. Tools will be provided and if the weather stays dry we may have a bonfire! For more details contact Stroud Valleys Project on 01453 753358 or visit our website: [www.stroudvalleysproject.org](http://www.stroudvalleysproject.org). Richard from Stroud Valleys project is at the Chestnut Park site every Wednesday from 10.30am. Please go along and say hello.

**Allotments** - An informal meeting for anyone interested will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Fly Tipping** - Please will members of the community refrain from randomly disposing of grass cuttings and rubbish. There appears to be a problem at Chestnut Park and Tyndale View. Please dispose of all rubbish in the proper manner.

**Dog Fouling** - Can all dog owners please pick up after their dogs. There is an issue around Chestnut Park. The Dog Warden and Neighbourhood Warden have been informed. They will be monitoring and will issue a fixed penalty fine for any one observed not picking up. They will also be checking that dog walkers have poo bags with them.

### **KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

An interesting talk on "Being a magistrate" by Celia Hargraves was enjoyed by members of Kingswood Abbey WI at their September meeting. Thanks to all the visitors to Show Day who braved the dreadful weather and who patronised our tea and home made cake stall. Also congratulations to Sue Furby on winning the WI cup. The October meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall is our 50th birthday party - we hope the church bells will be rung in our honour as they were 20 years ago. Members and some ex members will meet to reminisce over the past 50 years. We are proud of our two founder members, Rosalie Maunders and Rita Pollard who still take an active role in the life of the W.I. Reading through the minutes of 50 years of meetings one learns how much the WI has done for the village. From providing bulbs, trees and flowers, running innumerable Jumble Sales, Coffee mornings, and lunches for visiting handicapped people, to yarn bombing, poppy making and taking part in school pancake races, a comic football match and for many years running the competitions at the Village Show. Read about our exploits on Kingswood Abbey WI Facebook.

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Facebook, [www.kingswoodcongregationalchurch.org.uk/](http://www.kingswoodcongregationalchurch.org.uk/) Jennie 8442803**

A warm welcome awaits you at our services at 10.30am and 6.00pm (Sundays) when we welcome different speakers. Family Service is on the last Sunday of the month. Sunday School is held during the morning service. Friday evening 7pm - 8pm is an opportunity for you to join us for prayer or leave your prayer request. UNITED for year 7 and over is on Monday evenings in the lower school room from 6.30pm we are pleased to have acquired a new pool table to add to table tennis, craft, cooking as some of the activities on offer.

### **KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

Thanks to all who turned up for the very wet Show Day. Much appreciated. Income down, but certainly enough to put on the next New Year's Eve lunch for the Senior Citizens as well as having some to donate to village organisations in need. If you are one of those please contact our secretary, Judi Werrett or treasurer, Rod Alexander. Our annual Christmas Wine Festival, based on The Wine Society's Buyers' Champion Wines, in the Village Hall on **Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Tickets available from KVA members in late October/early November. Details in the next "Grapevine".

