

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	1 st	Sept	Showday & Classic Car Show	Playing Field	
Mon	10 th	"	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues	11 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Thurs	27 th	"	Historical Society Talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	28 th	"	Mobile Police Station	Chipping	10.30am-11.30am
Sat	29 th	"	Auction of Promises	St Mary's Room	7.30pm

OCTOBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Fri	12 th	Oct	R.N.L.I. Quiz Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	1 st	Nov	Historical Society A.G.M & talk	Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri	9 th	"	Curry at the Hall	Village Hall	

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## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS** - I am running a charity bookstall on Showday. If you have any unwanted used books, cds, DVDs. Please ring 07527 813404. I can collect or you could drop them off at Fairview, 16 Wickwar Road. Jim Sinkinson

Showday **1st September** at the Village Hall and Playing Fields - A fantastic fun-filled day for all the family awaits you! There will be a wide range of events in the main arena as well as a diverse range of stalls where you can pick up a bargain or try to win a fabulous prize! After the success last year, the Dog Show is back! Bring your prized pooches along on the day and join in the fun!

Please remember that your Produce and Handicraft entries need to be in by 30th - entry forms have been posted to all in the village but if you need another copy, please download from the website ([www.k-v-a.org](http://www.k-v-a.org)) or email: [kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodvillage@hotmail.co.uk) or call 845527.

The Kingswood Village Association looks forward to seeing on **Saturday 1st September!**

## Pardon, What Did You Say?

Did you know that one in six of the population have some form of hearing loss and from a total of 3.7 million, two thirds of those are over retirement age? Predictably, more than 70% of over 70 year olds have some form of hearing loss and yet even those who have a hearing aid often use them infrequently. Severe hearing loss which requires daily support can be a criteria to receive Attendance Allowance or DLA Disability Living allowance. I was surprised to learn that in order to get the best use from your hearing aid, YOU SHOULD USE IT ALL THE TIME (yes, I AM shouting!), that means putting it in as soon as you get up and leaving it in until you take it out to clean it and to go to bed. The reason being, the auditory processing of sound takes time to adjust and using the aid as much as possible helps the brain make that adjustment.

You might find the following contact information useful: - Gloucestershire Deaf Association (GDA) Colin Rd, Barnwood 01452 **372999**. Their open equipment morning is held there every Wednesday 10am - 2pm. Additionally they run an advice and maintenance clinic at The Subscription Rooms, Stroud, in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind. Ring them for details.

Action on Hearing Loss (new name for the RNID) FREE phone **0808 808 0123**.

To take a Telephone Hearing Check, call **0844 800 3838**. The Sensory Services Team is a team of social service professionals to support profoundly deaf, deaf / blind and visually impaired people throughout the county. They provide support, advice, advocacy, raise awareness of support available and allot environmental aids. Referral is through the Adult Helpdesk **01452 426868**

**And, of course, you can always contact me on 07798 837 582 – Richard Belliss, your Village and Community Agent.**

## ♠ ♥ 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 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. Contact Ian Cooke 01666 890261 - [ianjcooke@hotmail.com](mailto:ianjcooke@hotmail.com)

## KSA Beer Festival, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Kingswood Village Hall:

Once again Kingswood School Association will be holding its annual Beer Festival this coming October. Thanks to the generosity of a number of local businesses & individuals, together with a great turnout, we raised in the region of £2000 from last year's event. The beer festival is our biggest single fundraiser and at a time when school budgets are being cut, is more important than ever. Over the last school year KSA has been able to fund the out of school trips as well as many of the visits by theatre groups & other workshops. In the present economic climate it is likely that some of these events would not have happened without this funding. Please help us to ensure that our children continue to benefit from these types of experiences. This year's Festival takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Kingswood Village Hall. As always we hope to provide a range of real ales from around the country. Wine, cider and soft beverages will also be available. We have a great band – Monday's Company – who made their beer festival debut last year, as well as the return of the very popular Hog Roast; so it promises to be another great night. How can you help?

Buy a ticket(s) - £10 including food - bring along friends & family! Sponsor a barrel, the wine, the band etc. Maybe you are involved in a local business or area kind-hearted individual/family wishing to support the local village school.

Our costs are substantial & your generosity will ensure that all the money raised through ticket & beer sales will go to benefit the school. For more information about becoming a sponsor please contact me (tel. 521203 or email: [dpacini@rspca-bristol.org.uk](mailto:dpacini@rspca-bristol.org.uk)) or speak to Jo Crutchley, Julian Moss, Iain Greene or Louise Hopkins. Tickets are available from KSA members, the Post Office & the school office. Thank you very much for your support. Damian Pacini

## Wotton-under-Edge Branch R.N.L.I

The Wotton Branch of the R.N.L.I will be holding a Quiz Night on **October 12<sup>th</sup>**, Kingswood village Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Teams of 4 required at £12 per team. Contact Paul Hemming (842734) to book your place.

### Village Healthy Recipe Book

I-Vitae are producing a village healthy recipe book. Come on share those family secret ingredients! We would love as many people in the village from all ages in the family to contribute their favourite healthy recipes. Please email Vicky with your recipes at [vickylbird@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vickylbird@yahoo.co.uk) by 15/09/12 also it would be great to have a photo of your dish or even better you with your dish.

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH



**A Letter from Chris Mason – I am delighted to have been appointed as an associate priest in the Wickwar Benefice and I look forward very much to meeting people in the five parish communities of Charfield, Hillesley, Kingswood, Rangeworthy and Wickwar.** The first thing many folk ask when there's a new vicar or curate is, "what's he like?" so I have included a photograph to help but that won't tell you much about me! After a short spell as a social worker, I spent most of my working life in the world of education in Cambridgeshire. I trained for ordination with the East Anglian Ministerial Training Course and was ordained in Peterborough Cathedral just after my 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Having had my gap year *after* retirement and the chance to travel, I now relish the prospect of a new chapter in life, offering a ministry in the Wickwar benefice and contributing to the mission of a gifted ministry leadership team to the whole community. My wife, Bronwen is a former college lecturer in Business Studies who has given much of her time in retirement as a voluntary counsellor and official prison visitor. As I write this letter, I am yet to begin the dreaded task of packing boxes for our move, but it is a challenge that I am happy to undertake, for the sense of God's guiding hand and presence has been a blessing and great re-assurance. ***With my prayers and every blessing Chris***

**Wickwar Benefice Welcomes Chris & Bronwen** - The Revd. Chris Mason takes up his duties as associate priest on **9th September 2012**. Everyone is invited to a **Service of Welcome and Commissioning led by the Archdeacon of Cheltenham**,

**on Sunday 9th Sept at 4pm at Wickwar Church.** In addition to the welcome at Wickwar, during the month of September, Chris will take his first services in each of the other Churches in the benefice in turn, to enable all of our congregations to welcome him.

**Sunday 16th Sept 9.30am at Charfield & 11am at Kingswood Sunday 23rd Sept 9.30am at Rangeworthy & 6pm at Hillesley**

I look forward to working with Chris as he joins the clergy team and the lay team that work across our five parishes and with Bronwen as she joins in with the life of the church. Our prayers are with them both as they start this new chapter of life and ministry in the Wickwar Benefice. ***Revd David Russell***

### TUBBS TURF

The Tubbs Turf Committee is delighted to announce the successful bid for money from 'Sport England's Inspired Facilities' funds. We have been awarded £34,317 to extend the Pavilion, provide running water, build toilets and install a kitchen, which we hope will make the facility more attractive to individuals and groups for both social and sporting purposes. Although the work is still subject to planning permission, we are all very excited about the prospect of improving the Pavilion. The award is the result of much hard work by a small number on the committee, and follows the recent refurbishment and resurfacing of the courts, which has depleted the facilities funds. We hope building work will start in the autumn. In the meantime, many thanks to all who played in and supported Finals Day, and more recently American Tennis. We are also grateful for your patience when, on the odd hot day, we have had to close the courts to protect the new surface. Please continue to follow the Golden Rules as posted on the gate.

As ever, we are committed to raising funds for essential day-to-day maintenance of the courts and appreciate any help in doing so. We are planning a fund raising event next spring, so we look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy the rest of this summer of sport.

**Kingswood Congregational Chapel Pastor: Adrian Wyatt 07976362615 Secretary: Jennie Amesbury 01453 842803**

We here at Kingswood Congregational Chapel warmly invite you to our Harvest Festival services on **16th September** at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in **1843**, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the service. The produce that is used to decorate the chapel will be donated to the Dursley Food Bank.

### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Charfield Chapel

Supported by Charfield Congregational Church. A small group meet regularly to wrap and fill shoe boxes for under privileged children and the elderly in Eastern European countries. These shoe boxes will be collected from Charfield Chapel the last week of October. We support the charity, Blythwood Care, who combine the Christian message with practical help for those in need ([www.blythwood.org](http://www.blythwood.org)). Shoe boxes should be filled with items, such as, toothpaste, toothbrush, sponge, soap, scarf, gloves, sweets and a toy. Christian literature is also put into each box. We are looking for willing helpers, donations of items or shoe boxes ready wrapped and filled. We managed to send 200 boxes in 2011, this year our target is to send 300. For more information, please contact April Webb 845679.

### Friends of St. Mary's

**8th September Historic Churches Ride and Stride.** A sponsored ride or walk, visiting some of the area's historic churches. Make your own way, or join a group of cyclists, of all levels of ability, starting from Kingswood. Contact David 842483 or Simon 845204 for details and to obtain a sponsorship form. Half the money you raise will benefit your parish church.

**29th September 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Room: Auction of Promises**, conducted by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auctions. Come and bid for all kinds of desirable items, including house cleaning, an MOT, taxi service and two lovely holidays. More items are needed - please offer a service or good quality item to support St. Mary's redecoration and refurbishment. Contact Simon. Licensed bar.

**£50 sponsors the redecoration of one square of the church ceiling**, which can be dedicated to your chosen person or special occasion. Why not commemorate your marriage, child's baptism or a loved-one? Contact Simon for details.

**Diary date: 10th November 7 pm: Annual Supper Quiz.** This year numbers will be limited to the first 46 people to apply, so that supper can be enjoyed in greater comfort! As usual Judy will supply a gourmet 3-course meal with choices and hot main course and there will be a licensed bar. The food alone is worth the ticket price! And there are prizes for the cleverest brains.

Tickets available soon at £14 per person. Contact John 520359 for details.

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| <b>Kingswood Parish Council</b> |
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| <p><b>Village Design Statement</b> - The work on this is on- going and will include more events such as the one in August. The Parish Council hopes that many of you will see the work completed to date on the stand at the village show. This document needs to reflect the views of the village so please let the Clerk know if you are able to help with this. <b>Wickwar Road traffic Calming consultation</b> - Highways department have submitted new plans for traffic calming at this location. This is in response to listening to the views of the people of Wickwar Road who did not wish to have multiple speed cushions at this location. Please see the proposed new plans on the notice board and on the website. The plans will also be displayed at i-Vitae where a box will be available for your comments. Please respond by <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> either in the box or by sending the response form to the Clerk at <a href="mailto:kingswood.parish@btconnect.com">kingswood.parish@btconnect.com</a> . The plans encompass the moving of the Vehicle activate sign, the visual narrowing of the road and a speed cushion.</p> |
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| <p><b>The Ash Path</b> - A reminder to all dog walkers to please pick up after your dog, or risk the consequences!</p> |
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| <p><b>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.</b></p> |
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