

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	29 th	Aug	Hawkesbury Show	Hawkesbury Upton	
Sat	5 th	Sept	Showday	Village Field	12.30-5.00pm
Sat	12 th	"	Sponsored Bike Ride		
Sat	19 th	"	End of Summer Ball		
Thur	24 th	"	Garden Design Plans	St Mary's Room	7.30pm

OCTOBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25th

Fri	16 th	Oct	Harvest Barn Dance	Village Hall	7.00-10.00pm
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Just to remind you that there are links to report problems with water leaks and street lighting failures on the web site.

Kingswood Post Office & Stores

Immediately required a part-time **Post Office/General Assistant**.

We are looking for someone who is reliable and trustworthy to join our small friendly team.

Full training will be given. You will be required to operate the Post Office horizon system. You will also be responsible for the general running of the shop during your shift. This will involve opening/closing the shop, handling newspapers, operating the tills, balancing the tills, ordering stock, putting stock away, date checking and cleaning.

You will need to be capable of carrying heavy bundles of newspapers and fit enough to hand ball stock into the shop.

You will also require a flexible attitude to working hours in order to cover sickness and holidays.

Hours of work: Friday evening 6 -8 pm, Alternate Sunday mornings 7am-1pm.

For further information please enquire within or ring 01453 845086 and ask for Clare.

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 tresham.bridge@gmail.com

Memorial Garden at St Mary's Church.

Plans are being developed for a new garden to be created in the corner of the churchyard between the High Street and Bruton Lane. The hope is that this can be a joint project between the church and the village to provide a beautiful and serene space where people can sit, reflect and be quiet.

As a first step, we have been fortunate to receive outline plans from three newly qualified garden designers through the kind agency of a church member.

All three plans are very beautiful and we would like your views on them to see which has the most support from the village.

The garden designs will be presented by the designers at a consultation event in St Mary's Room at 7.30 on **24th September**. Please do come along to share your views over a glass of wine.

The plans will also be on display for comment in St Mary's Room from 6pm if that is more convenient.

Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE

Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club has now held its Cream Tea at The Farmers Table, the restaurant adjoining the Tortworth Farm Shop, when everyone enjoyed a range of sandwiches, cakes and scones and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to Tony Stevens for organising it. Members are looking forward to our September meetings where Iain Green will be speaking on the **2nd**; our Harvest Festival on the **16th**; a singing duo with songs from the 50's and 60's on the **30th**. It is hoped later in the year, perhaps November, we can hold a sale of pickles. See what you are missing if you are not a member. Why not just come along to one of our meetings as a guest and sample the camaraderie?

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S

7.30 pm **Friday 9th October** – The Gildas Quartet. For our second concert of 2015, we turn to one of the most exciting young ensembles to emerge in recent years. Their programme has three string quartets: Haydn Op. 20 No. 2, Mendelssohn Op.13 and the ever-popular Ravel quartet. The Gildas Quartet maintains our reputation for bringing to Kingswood some of the very best young musicians in the country. Tickets, £15 for adults and £6 for students and children, are going fast. Contact David Hatton on 842483 or dgrhatton@gmail.com.

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 **31st October**.

If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family or a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then please encourage them to apply.

Friends of St. Mary's

We are running a bookstall as usual on Showday which will include a large selection of refreshed books plus CD's, Kingswood tea towels, notepads & pictures, please come along & visit us. We would also appreciate donations of popular modern paperbacks in good condition. Leave them at the back of St Mary's church or in the porch if closed.

Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride - Saturday 12th September

In last year's event, cyclists from Kingswood raised over £1150, half of it going directly to St Mary's. This excellent result put us sixth out of 104 participating parishes in Gloucestershire. What is equally important is that we always have an enormous amount of fun: so why not get out your bike out and join us? The idea is to get sponsorship for every church you visit. We always have a carefully prepared route with lots of churches to visit and very few hills! We usually go in small groups and you can decide just how far you want to go. David Hatton (01453) 842483 has more information and sponsorship forms.

Kingswood Rainbows

My name is Ailsa and I am Girlguiding Rainbow Leader.

Girlguiding is split into many different sections; Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and so on. Kingswood, as I am sure you know has a thriving Brownie unit and I am very keen to open a Kingswood Rainbow unit.

I am trying to spread the word in order to find a unit helper (must be over the age of 18).

Rainbows units are specifically for girls aged 5 to 7 years. It provides a place where girls can be themselves, make new friends, and try out new experiences all in a safe environment. Being a Rainbow is all about learning, developing self-confidence, building friendships and of course, having lots of fun!

At the moment, I have provisionally booked the Kingswood Community room on a Tuesday (during term time) from 4.45pm to 6.15pm; the rainbow meetings would run from 5 to 6pm.

I am hoping to start advertising the unit for potential Rainbows in October and open the unit in January.

If you are able to volunteer for an hour and a half on a Tuesday, then please contact me for more information.

Ailsa Devon. Tel; 01454 261091 or mobile; 07966230810 email , ailsa_devon@hotmail.com)

KINGSWOOD BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Kingswood Village Baby & Toddler group runs every Wednesday during term time from 9.30 to 11.30 at the village hall. We have a variety of toys and books each week plus a craft activity, snack time for the children (and a cuppa and biscuits for grown-ups) and singing time, as well as a dedicated baby area. It costs £2.50 per family and all children from 0 to 4, and mums, dads, grandparents or carers are welcome. For more information email playgroupkingswood@gmail.com , or visit our Facebook page (Kingswood Village Baby and Toddler Group).

Kingswood Parish Council Email kingswood.parish@btconnect.com

Planning - Crest Nicholson - 51 houses at Chestnut Park

The applicant withdrew this application ahead of a decision by the Stroud District Development Control Committee. The first application for 59 houses is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Inspector at a 4-day public enquiry starting on **December 8th 2015**. Full details of the appeal can be found on the Parish Council web site.

Gladman - 90 houses at Charfield Road – Comments should be made to Planning at Stroud District Council and the reference is S.15/1271/out, which can be viewed at www.stroud.gov.uk . We understand that the applicant is seeking a decision on this application in August however the planning officer has indicated it will not go before the development control committee before October. Due to this, the applicant may decide to take this application straight to appeal.

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) – Sections of the NDP will be available to view on Showday. It is hoped that the final NDP will be ready for consultation September/October.

Community Heart Defibrillator – The parish council together with KVA have purchased a community heart defibrillator, which will be publicly available and located on wall of the gym on the Chipping. This equipment will be easy to use, as it will talk you through what to do. However, we will run some training sessions so that everyone who wishes is able to find out more about how to operate the equipment. Details to follow. It is hoped that this equipment will be in place end of September/ October.

Charfield Road Bus Stop - Damaged earlier in the year, repairs and a refurbishment will be taking place in September.

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,

Churches Together

16th October Barn Dance – A Harvest Celebration at the Village Hall with a Ploughman's Supper and live music with caller from The Bees Knees. Bar available. Tickets priced £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for under 16's are available from the Village Shop, Val Abbott (01453 842059) or Anne Collett (07795273395).

A big thank you to all who supported the Open Air Service for Water Aid in July. As a result of your generosity, £285 was raised and this money has been used to build a well in the village of Ashalta in Ethiopia.

Please consider saving your coppers or small change to bring with you next year!

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.

Ticket details and advertising later. www.wylg.btck.co.uk

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

