

The Annual Canvass 2016/17

During August, the Elections Team will be sending out Household Enquiry forms to 52,600 properties in the district asking residents to confirm or update their details for the electoral register, which will be republished on the 1st December 2016.

The annual canvass is important because residents who are not on the register will be unable to vote in any future elections. Many people also do not realise that their credit score may be affected if they are not registered at their current address and may have difficulty obtaining credit or opening a bank account. This year residents are encouraged to respond either by telephone or text if they do not have any changes to their details or online, where changes can be made, using a unique security code. To ensure as many people register as possible, legislation requires us to employ canvassers during October and November to visit those properties which have not yet returned their canvass forms. Please make sure you return your canvass form to avoid a visit!

Refreshing Churches Together in Kingswood

Sunday 25th September - 4pm Village Hall, Kingswood. In September 1998 the churches asked the village to share ideas about what the churches should be doing as we moved into the 21st Century. Since then both churches have been actively working together to fulfil the goals we set. On the 25th September we are asking the village to help us refresh our plans by providing an opportunity to come along to the village hall to see what we have been doing, give us feedback, and offer some fresh ideas. The afternoon is being led by Suzanne Nockels from Sheffield. Starting at 4pm and finishing just after 6pm.

Displays of; • what we have done • what we might do next • the work of the individual churches

A taster of Messy Church for parents and children to take part

Talks – Discussion – Feedback (Videos/crafts for younger Children) A period of Worship, reflection and praise

Supper (Baked potatoes – various fillings, Dessert). This is a great opportunity for you to come along to meet and make friends, share ideas and help us to shape the work of the churches in our community for the next decade.

TUBBS TURF

We had a lovely Finals Day on the 9th July. It was well attended, the tennis matches were tightly fought, the table tennis whizzy, the basketball challenging and the netball match great fun. The refreshments went down a treat and the country dancing by Kingswood School was very entertaining and even more so when the parents attempted to join in. Many thanks to all involved and the fantastic sponsors including: the Grapevine (helping with the programme distribution), DCL Printing, Manor Printing, Heaven of the South, Abbey Plumbing, Loxley Solicitors, Rowe Vets, B&F Fitness, Franks Garage, the Car Clinic, Chipping Manor Dental, RD Benson, Gillie Evans & Jason Boon. The day raised £642, which will help enable the facilities to be maintained and improved over the next year.

If you are interested in joining or want to find out more about the facilities available and hiring of the pavilion please see our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk. If you would like to join and want a membership form, or would like to receive a copy of our regular newsletter 'Tubbs Turf Times' please email membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Swishing

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 and there will also be yummy cakes on sale! Entry is £2.50, which includes a refreshment; we look forward to seeing you.

Kingswood Congregational Church– Contact Jennie 842803, Facebook or www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Services as usual during September at 10.30 and 6.00. Sunday School during the morning service. Our Youth Group UNITED meet on a Monday from 6.30pm from year 7 upwards in the schoolroom. Friday night prayers between 7pm and 8pm please feel free to use this time for prayer or leave your prayer requests. Please check out our website for lots more information about us. Our Harvest Festival Services will be on the 18th September. Details of our weekly meetings can also be found on our notice board on the front of the church building. On the **30th September** between 10am-12noon we will be hosting a **MACMILLANS WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING** in the school room, please come along and join as we raise funds for this very worthwhile organisation. UNITED have a stand at show day showcasing what they do so if you are year 7 upwards pop in and say hello and find out all about it. Messy Church leaflets and information will also be available. Our choir meets on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the chapel so if you enjoy singing why not go along and see what they get up too. A warm welcome always awaits you.

Kingswood Parish Council - kingswood.parish@btconnect.com The Clerk, New Rose Cottage, Hillesley. Tel 01453844659

Planning - Wickwar Road – An application for 61 houses has now been received. This can be viewed on the Stroud District Council web site www.stroud.gov.uk Planning Ref 16/0629/ful. Please send any comment on this proposed development either by post to Stroud District Council or by accessing the planning web site.

The Chestnut Park Development – S.16/1555/discon and S.16/1272/rem. The details of these applications are 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 that we assess the application against the conditions to ensure that the conditions have been applied correctly by the applicant and to highlight any concerns that we may have. Please make your comment to Stroud District Council on the Stroud District Council's web site at <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning>

Wild about Kingswood – The following free event has been organised on the land at Chestnut Park; Bat Walk Thursday **25th August** 2016 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm (International Bat Week)

Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan - There will be a public inquiry into the Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan held on **Thursday 8th of September** and **Friday 9th September** at the village hall from 10am until 5pm. The inquiry has been called by the Examiner to look into the unresolved objections made to this plan. Members of public are welcome to attend to observe the proceedings. More details will be made available on the web site.

Culverhay Surgery

Culverhay Surgery at Wotton, as part of a countrywide initiative, is introducing a programme of several additional benefits for patients who already have some responsibility for the extra care and support needed by another person. The surgery hopes these will cumulatively make a difference. Please tell reception or a doctor if you are helping to look after a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who is disabled in any way (physically or mentally), or frail, or has issues with substance abuse. In addition, for a whole range of free, expert support services, please do not hesitate to ring Carers Gloucestershire on 0300 111 9000.

Flu Vaccinations for patients registered at Culverhay Surgery.

The annual flu vaccination season starts in October with the first clinic being held on **Saturday 8th October**. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination please contact the surgery on 01453 843893 to book your appointment.

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

