

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	1 st	Sept	Kingswood Village Showday		
Tue	11 th	"	W.I talk by Anthony Young – thespian	Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon	17 th	"	Historical Society/ Parish Council – Mark Corney	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs	20 th	"	Historical Society – Richard Cann	Village Hall	7.30pm

OCTOBER ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th

Sat	6 th	Oct	Playgroup and Toddlers 50 th Anniversary	Village Hall	2.00pm-4.00pm
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## BRIDGE LESSONS

- Are you fed up with the TV and want to get away from your computer screen?
- Come to Bridge lessons instead to learn an enjoyable and stimulating new hobby, make new friends and have fun. I confidently predict that you will be hooked.
- Lessons will be on Tuesday evenings in the Civic Centre in Wotton. You do not need a partner; you can come on your own.
- For details, contact Ian Cooke: 01666 890261 [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com)

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For more details, ring our President, Sheila Kerr on 844865

In August, the members of Kingswood Abbey WI enjoyed a wonderful Summer Garden Party at the home of Jacky and Rob Rayfield, with delicious cakes made by the committee served with Pimms and the inevitable cup of tea.

At the September meeting on Tuesday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we will welcome the talented local thespian, Anthony Young, who will entertain us with stories and music from his career.

Wotton Town Hall teas was a successful event in August and we look forward to serving the masses that will enjoy our homemade cakes at the Village Show on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The Craft group will start a new project in September and now that the weather is not so hot, the Walking group will resume. Book Club members are reading Joanne Harris's book, 'A Different Class'. New members are always welcome.

## 'Bubble Rush' Hits Gloucestershire

Bubble Rush is the unique experience that is sweeping the nation and this year there's only one place in Gloucestershire where you and your family can join the fun. Whether you are 5 or 85, you will love walking, jogging or running through a sea of coloured bubbles, because there is no place like foam!

You will be raising funds for Longfield, the local charity that enables people who are living with life-limiting illnesses to live well and supporting their family and carers, and those who have been bereaved.

Bring the whole family to join the fun on **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester. To sign up or for more information, go to [www.longfield.org.uk](http://www.longfield.org.uk) or ring 01453 886868.

## 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, GL12 8RE before Friday **28<sup>th</sup> September**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then please encourage them to apply.

## Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

In last year's event, cyclists from Kingswood raised over £1949, half of the money going directly to St Mary's Church. This excellent result put us second out of 123 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 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. He also has a list of those taking part if you would like to sponsor someone.

## KINGSWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kingswood Village Historical Society: Next Meeting **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, 7 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall + Parish Council Talk **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

The Historical Society is delighted to be welcoming Richard Cann as our September speaker who will be talking about 'Royal Connections: A Brief History of Gloucester Cathedral'. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome. For tickets contact either Stella on 842497, Jean Dove on 01453 521314, or [peter6booth@btinternet.com](mailto:peter6booth@btinternet.com) (844741).

In addition, all members of the KVHS are very cordially invited to a talk being held by the Parish Council on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018** at 7.30pm on local archaeology, delivered by Mark Corney.

## Kingswood Village Church Fete

This year's fete was a great success with warm sunshine, a visit by Lady Katherine de Berkeley, steel band "Panache" and the usual mixture of stalls, games, BBQ, drinks and teas, ensuring that everyone had a good time. We were delighted to have raised a record total this year of £3800. St Mary's Church would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making the event such a success.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS - 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please come and help celebrate our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on **6<sup>th</sup> October** between 2pm and 4pm, at Kingswood Village Hall. The event will include cakes, cream teas and drinks, crafts and a children's entertainer - Bubbleman. We will also be raising funds for something special to mark the anniversary. We would love to see anyone who has been involved in playgroup over the years, in any capacity, or would simply like an enjoyable afternoon. [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk)

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time. Please email [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com)

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - Contact Jennie on 842803, email [jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.co.uk)**

Visit our website at [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) for up to date information about our morning and evening services, check our Facebook page. This month we would like to tell you about our **Bible Reading Marathon** – reading from Genesis to Revelation, which starts at midday on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and hopefully to finish around **10.30am on Sunday for our Thanksgiving Service on the 9<sup>th</sup> September**. This is our way of giving thanks for the blessing the Lord has given us to be able to restore the chapel windows and fit a lovely new kitchen this year, and previously the new toilets in the schoolroom and various decoration projects. We have to acknowledge the generous donations we have received to enable to complete this very necessary work. Please free to drop into the chapel and support us at any time refreshments will be on hand (you may have to make them yourselves but coffee tea and biscuits will be available). We will have a stand at show day so pop in and see us.

Starting back every Wednesday **from 13<sup>th</sup> September will be a Coffee Morning** (previously Coffee and Chat) with an earlier start time of 8.45am – no charge but there is a nominated charity each month for donations. Homemade cakes and other homemade items will be for sale at various times. Looking forward to seeing or meeting you at any of the above.

**ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH**

***Can you help us create a Memorial Garden at St Mary's Church Kingswood?***

The churchyard surrounding our Parish Church is a beautiful space in the heart of our village, but there is currently nowhere to sit and enjoy it. Therefore, St Mary's Church has decided to create a Memorial Garden in a rather overgrown and untidy area of the churchyard, which faces the Abbey Gateway. We hope that local residents will welcome being able to sit and relax in what will be a peaceful and beautiful setting and perhaps enjoy a chat with a neighbour. The garden will also offer a place where loved ones can be remembered.

Plans for the professionally designed garden are now well advanced and we hope that construction can begin soon. We have already raised over £10,000 but we need to raise at least another £15,000 to build the garden and to maintain it into the future. Can you help us with a donation to make this vision a reality? Would you like to make a gift in memory of a particular loved one or special event? All donations over £10 will be recorded in a designated register that will be retained in St Mary's church (unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous). If you would like further details of the garden, there is a display in St Mary's room in the Church or visit the St Marys' Church, Kingswood webpage at: <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk> or email: [memorialgarden@stmaryskingswood.org](mailto:memorialgarden@stmaryskingswood.org) Donations can also be made by BACS to St Mary's Church Kingswood Memorial Garden Fund account number 02933860 sort code 30:98:29. (If donations can be registered for gift aid, their value will be increased by 25%. Gift aid forms are available in the church or from the treasurer, David Rowe). Thank you for any help you are able to give. There will be regular updates on the project's progress in future issues of Grapevine.

**Kingswood Defib Awareness Group: David Owen [owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com](mailto:owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com) 01453 844463**

**News:**

- **Showday 1st Sept** : KDAG will be giving free CPR and defib demos.
- Wickwar now has a 24/7 defib (community public access defibrillator - cPAD), located on the Social Club at 35 High St.
- KDAG's sister group, Wotton DAG, can report that 3 additional cPADs have been ordered for Wotton, thanks to 3 most generous donations. Details when they have been installed – and there are more yet to come, courtesy of a major fundraising campaign by The Lions, The Royal Oak, et al!
- In Kingswood we are raising money for a 4th cPAD. As ever, help with funding will be much appreciated.

**Accessing Kingswood's cPADs:** The three 24/7 defibs in Kingswood are located at:

- i. The shop: behind the pillar-box.
- ii. The village hall: on the outside wall, adjacent to the main entrance door.
- iii. The Primary School, Abbey St: on the front wall, next to the main entrance.

To access the defibs you will need a mobile phone to contact the ambulance service on 999 to get the lock code, **AND** you may need your reading glasses. Think ahead – be defib aware.

**Kingswood Parish Council [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**Wild about Kingswood** – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. The parish council has received reports of littering in the ponds. This has damaged the breeding site. If you have any information on this please let the Clerk know.

**Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras (ANPR)** - These are up and working. The Police have sent out 119 letters and have made several visits to vehicle owners travelling over 60mph in a 30mph limit. The statistics are revealing that weekends seem to be a key time for speeding through the village. Please observe the speed limit when driving through Kingswood. The Police will visit and take action on vehicle owners who persist in exceeding the speed limit through the village.

**Playing field** - The parish council has installed new football nets at the playing field. The council will also be installing a new litterbin by the football stand. Thank you to all the volunteers who pick up rubbish at the playing field. Once again, rubbish is becoming a big issue, can all users please ensure they use the bins provided or preferably take their litter home.

**Tyndale View** - Please can I ask that if anyone sees any fly tipping or littering in this area that they report it straight away to Stroud District Council and the clerk of the parish council. This will enable us to take action and to ensure that this area is safe for members of the community to enjoy.

**Tubbs Turf** - The parish council is currently working with the adjacent landowner on the specification to repair the wall. This is going to be an expensive project and one that will be jointly met by the parish council and the adjacent landowner. The parish council is currently looking at how it can meet this expense and is considering taking out a Public Works Board Loan to meet this cost. The council will consult with the community on this.

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) and follow and like the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ, Tele 01453 844659.

**MINI-DINNEY LIBRARY**

Very shortly, we all will be able to browse or take away a book from the Mini-Dinney Library in a quiet corner of the pub. The service will be free of charge and open seven days a week. The bookcase and books have been donated by the W.I. and K.V.A. in memory of their one time secretary, Sheila Alexander. As yet, the bookcase is small but there is room for a bigger one. We can always enjoy a coffee, drink or meal while browsing or choosing a book.

