

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Every Thursday 27 th +	From 27 th Feb to 2 nd April - Lent Lunches. St Mary's Room	12 – 2pm
Fri 6 th March	World Day of Prayer - Congregational Church	7pm
Fri 6 th March	'Old Skool' Disco – Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue 31 st March	KV Association AGM – Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue 7 th April	KV Hall AGM – Village Hall	7.30pm
10 th – 19 th April	KSA Scarecrow Trail – Details from Spar Shop	
Fri 17 th April	Music at St. Mary's, Songs for a Spring Evening	7.30pm
Sat 2 nd May	KVA "Dine & Wine" – Dinneywicks	6.30pm
Fri 8 th May	VE Day Picnic and Village Photograph	TBC
Sat 16 th May	Spring Coffee Morning – St Mary's Church Room	10am
Sat 13 th June	Church Fete – Amercombe, High Street	1pm

APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

Note from the Editors – Please give special attention to the deadline dates given for every issue of GV. Items should be received by 6pm that day for inclusion. Dates are now more likely to be more mid month depending on how the end of the month falls and together with our great team of distributors we aim to have your monthly grapevine dropping through your letterbox by the first of the month.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Picnic

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May - KVA will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. We hope that the village will enter the spirit of the 1940s and join us when we host a 1940s themed village picnic at the Village Hall and Playing fields. Fancy dress is optional, and the picnic will be "bring your own". We are delighted to be joined by the Vintage Sweethearts who will provide authentic entertainment as well as a Punch & Judy Show. We hope that children will enjoy playing with skipping ropes, hula hoops and hopscotch and any other spontaneous games that crop up during the afternoon.

We are taking the opportunity of this village gathering to take a commemorative Photograph (similar to the Millenium one in the Village Hall) Everyone is welcome to this free afternoon of fun. More details will be published in due course.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The AGM will be in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 31st March**. All villagers are invited for drinks and nibbles at 7.30, prior to the meeting, where they will be most welcome to see how KVA raises all the money for donations to village groups.

With our local comedienne and organiser on tour in Australia, it has been decided that the Comedy Night will not go ahead.

DINE & WINE. An exciting revamp of KVA's successful event. A new name and a new start & finish point. This year diners will start with a glass of bubbly at the Dinneywicks at 6.30pm on **Saturday 2nd May**. Enjoy a glass or two with fellow villagers before going to your surprise venue for starter, another for the main course and back to the Dinneywicks for dessert and, no doubt, a further glass! A lovely way to renew old friendships and make new ones. Flyers with more details will be out soon.

SHOW DAY - Saturday 5th September. The theme this year is Sport and Leisure. KVA has committee members but welcomes help for an hour or two on the day. Please speak to any KVA member if you are able to help out on the day - we would be delighted to hear from you.

DONATIONS. If your village group needs a helping hand by all means get in touch with our Secretary, Judi Werrett (judi_rhule@hotmail.com) or Treasurer, Rod Alexander (rodplume@gmail.com).

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: Jennie: 842803 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

World Day of Prayer service - We invite you to join us on **Friday 6th March** at 7pm at the Congregational Church, Kingswood. A wave of prayer that takes place all over the globe, please come along.

Every Wednesday morning we hold a coffee morning in the Lower Schoolroom from 10am.

Wednesday evenings we have the Wednesday Sharing Group in the Lower Schoolroom 7.30-8.30 - time to share thoughts, prayers and bible readings as well as ask any questions you have.

Our Sunday services are 10.30am (with Sunday School) and 6pm. Family service is the last Sunday of the month.

There will be an extra family service on 22nd March to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Every Monday in term time UNITED youth group meet in the Lower Schoolroom - 6.30pm-8.30pm for year 7 upwards.

A warm welcome awaits everyone and we look forward to seeing you.

You can also contact us via www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk or visit our Facebook page.

WILD ABOUT KINGSWOOD

Hedge laying is now finished at the wildlife area for this season as there are signs of growth in the hedgerows. We plan to tidy the latest stretch with heatherings along the top which will be the finishing touch. There will be many other jobs to keep us busy as the days get longer and warmer. New volunteers are always welcome. More people will mean we can get lots more done. No special skills are required just an interest in wildlife and a love of the fresh air. We meet on Monday mornings from 10.30am.

R.N.L.I. Annual Guest Speaker evening (WUE)

Our annual guest speaker event this year is called "The Flying Doctor" and will take place on the 12th March, at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club. The speaker will be Dr Jules Blackham from the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC). Tickets are on sale at Bennett Jones Estate Agency on Long Street, or from Andrew Harper on 01453 843529 or John Barnett at jabwrnli@gmail.com and priced at £10 each. Why not come along and hear about the fantastic work of our local Air Ambulance. All proceeds from the event will be shared equally between the RNLI and the GWAAC. The talk starts at 8.00 pm but please come along earlier and have a drink at the Golf Club's bar as well as buy your raffle tickets! See you there.

'OLD SKOOL' DISCO for CHARITY

Villagers Ally Bryson, Shona Kelly and 4 friends are taking on a 50k cycle challenge on 23rd May 2020 in London, called Ride the Night. As part of their registration, they have committed to raise £200 each for women's cancer charities.

In order to raise funds they are holding a charity 'Old Skool' Disco at Kingswood Village Hall on **Friday 6th March** from 7.30 pm. To join them for great music and lots of dancing plus a raffle with fantastic prizes, contact Ally on 07854169881 or Shona on 07825296890 to get tickets for just £5 each! If you are unable to attend, you can support them by sponsoring them through their JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wotton-wheeling-warriors

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)Clerk: Mary Leonard Tel: 01453 844659, clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting- Monday 23rd March 7pm. This is a meeting of the community and not a parish council meeting. The following people will give a presentation; Hannah Emery Democratic Services and Elections Officer Stroud District Council (SDC), A representative of Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) on the role of the parish council and English Heritage on its plans for the Abbey Gateway. Plans for the fencing of the play area will be displayed for the community to view

District and Parish Council Elections -Thursday 7th May 20. Nomination packs will be available from **3rd March** and can be obtained from SDC. SDC are holding a briefing session at Ebley Mill on **Monday 9th March at 5.30pm.** Packs will also be available from the clerk to Kingswood Parish Council. KPC is also running a briefing session on **Monday 9th March from 6.30pm at the village hall.** Come along and speak to councillors/Clerk about the role of councillor and stay for a parish council meeting. Packs will also be available at the Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 23rd** and at Kingswood village hall between **10.00 – 4pm on Monday 30th March 20**

All nomination must be **delivered by hand to Stroud District Council's Offices by either the nominee the proposer or seconder between Monday March 23 - Wednesday 8th April 20 between 10.00am and 4pm. Alternatively, the Elections Officer will be at the Kingswood village hall on Monday 30th March from 10.am to 4pm to receive completed nomination papers. If you will have a problem** in delivering your completed papers, please contact the clerk KPC and she will help with this process.

The number of Councillors for Kingswood has increased to 8. A number of the current councillors have indicated that they will not be standing for election. It is therefore important that we have people coming forward to stand at this election. Currently KPC has an additional Power called the General Power of Competence and has achieved the Local Council Award. These will be lost if we do not have enough people prepared stand as a Parish Councillor. Please think about taking on this role and representing your community at a local level. Training and an induction will be available for new councillors. Please see the KPC web site for further information

Village litter Pick- A big thank you to all who took part. The village looks a lot smarter!

St Mary's Churchyard and Kingswood Cemetery – KPC together with a contractor will be carrying out risk assessments of the tombs and gravestones. Any that are considered unsafe will be cordoned off and efforts made to contact the owners to carry out repairs. IF no owner comes forward KPC will make safe or if necessary, remove the gravestone.

Local Plan Consultation- the response form KPC will be available to view on KPC's website

Litter and Dog fouling -Please report anyone littering or not picking up after their dog to the following; **Litter or Fly Tipping**

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-fly-tipping-dumped-litter> **Dog Fouling** <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems>**Over flowing bins** <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-an-overflowing-litter-bin>

Please report any problems at the playing field and the community areas to the Clerk. The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Monday 9th March.** The agenda and meeting papers will be made public on **Wednesday 4th March.** Items for the agenda need to be received by the clerk by **9 am Friday 28th February.**

Communication - Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like the parish council on the **Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page.** *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP*

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCHContact: Patricia Broadfoot 844436, fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

The annual Village Church Fete will be held as usual in the beautiful gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, GL12 8RS from 1pm on **Saturday 13th June 2020.** This year's theme is "The1920's", there will be lots of stalls, a Raffle and Tombola both with lots of prizes as well as the ever popular treasure hunt, games, bar, B-B-Q and teas. Please put this date in your diaries & we look forward to seeing you then, further information will follow. Find us on Facebook at "Kingswood Village Church Fete"

FOSM – FRIENDS OF ST MARY'SContact: Stella 01453 842497 or Chris 07802 604389, friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

Spring Coffee Morning **Saturday 16th May** from 10.00am - 12.30pm

FOSM are hosting their Spring coffee morning in the St Mary's Room, St Mary's Church, High Street, GL12 8RS which will include a book, plant and cake sale. We are looking for donations for this event - please bring plants and cakes to the Church on the morning of the sale, and please leave any recent fiction paperbacks at the rear of the Church. Follow us on Facebook: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood

MUSIC AT ST MARY'SContact: Rachel 07885 958555 or David Hatton 842483, dgrhatton@gmail.com

SONGS FOR A SPRING EVENING - For the third successive year, **Music at St Mary's – Light** is delighted to welcome back Charlotte & Rachel Howgego with their talented friends and family: Andrew Telford and Vicky & Callum Sharp. Last year's audience was treated to a wonderful variety of music, full of sparkle, joy, tears and laughter. This year, the concert will take place on **Friday 17th April at 7.30pm in St Mary's.** The formula is unchanged: all the music performed will be from popular shows, musicals and the lighter side of the repertoire. The Howgegos and friends look forward to welcoming you to this exciting and varied evening! Tickets are £8 (£4 for children) from Rachel or David.

LENT LUNCHEAS IN ST MARY'S ROOMContact: David: dgrhatton@gmail.com

A choice of two home-made soups, good bread, cheese and fresh fruit, tea or coffee. Every Thursday in the season of Lent, starting on **27th February** and going through to 2nd April, from 12 noon to 2 pm.

All the proceeds will go to people in need at home and abroad. Do come along to support this good cause and to enjoy some wonderful fellowship together.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Kingswood Scarecrow Trail: The Kingswood Scarecrow Trail is back for 2020! Enter a Scarecrow for a chance to win a prize - entry forms and instructions available at the Kingwood Spar, to be submitted by Friday 27th March with £2.50 entry fee. Maps to follow the trail will be available at the Spar from **10th - 19th April** (inclusive) for £2. Complete the trail, win a prize and vote for your favourite Scarecrow.

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (Wotton Area)Contact: WottonAreaCAN@gmail.com

Wondering what you can do and how you can help tackle climate change?

Local action is gearing up, and the new Wotton Area Climate Action Network (Wotton Area CAN), is working right across the local area - initiating and encouraging practical actions to reduce carbon emissions and engaging with local people to increase awareness of our changing climate. The network is working towards making our local area carbon neutral by 2030, in support of Stroud District Council's own Carbon Neutral 2030 Vision.

Meetings are monthly on the 4th Thursday from 8 – 9.30 pm in The Chipping Hall (Under the Edge Arts centre), Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7AD. We have a different speaker each time on a wide range of subjects to do with climate change, e.g. carbon reduction, tree planting, community resilience, biodiversity, renewable energy, etc. There are also opportunities to get involved in one of the Project Groups: on land use, home energy efficiency, transport, single use plastic and resources. The Wotton Area is full of talented and energetic people and we are a strong community, just what is required for the challenges ahead. Everyone is most welcome – just turn up and see what we are about. If you have ideas to share, bring them with you. Upcoming meetings: 23 January - Solar Streets project and tree planting update. 27 February - Farming and climate change - 9 million hectares of hope. 26 March - Building a Carbon Neutral Community – learning from Ashton Hayes. Tea & cake is part of everything we do! Email above for further information and to subscribe to a monthly e-newsletter. Follow us at WottonAreaCAN on Facebook & Instagram. We'll provide quarterly updates in future issues of the parish news.

For an entry please email Grapevine: kingswoodgrapevine@googlemail.com The Village Diary can be viewed on the Grapevine website.

web page: www.kingswoodgrapevine.btck.co.uk

