

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tue	20th July	Kingswood Village Hall AGM, Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat	31st July	KVCC Hog Roast & Summer Draw, 14 Charfield Road	8.00 pm
Sat	14th August	Kingswood Chapel 200 th Anniversary, Lower School Room	2.00pm
Wed	18th August	Deadline for September Grapevine	6.00pm
Sat	4th September	Showday, Playing Field & Village Hall	12.00pm
Sat	11th September	Exhibition – Pat Harty – Kingswood Village Hall	TBC

Editors Note:

Reminder that as usual there is no Grapevine issue in August

We can finally bring you up to date with regard to the Kingswood Grapevine Website. We have been fortunate enough to receive a donation to enable us to build a new website and with this comes a new email address. It is still in the construction phase but we hope that it will be up and running quite soon. There is a holding/contact page currently at www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk and the content will be very similar with some new information built in and the ability for village businesses to advertise. Our new email is: admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk (but the old one will be forwarded on for a short time). Thank you to AP Air Europe Ltd (Ian Beswick) for your very generous donation.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

SHOWDAY 2021 – 4th SEPTEMBER

After a tough 18 months we are delighted to say (all being well) that on **Saturday 4th September “The Show must go on”**. Although a reduced Showday it will have all the ingredients for a memorable and enjoyable day out for the whole family. Classic Cars will still be there in force and we would not be without the Produce and Handicrafts. An extended Dog Show will cater for all our village furry friends, including all the new ones. We would also like to tempt you with our famous BBQ, raffle, sponsored bar and a wide range of stalls and sideshows for your shopping and amusement. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon with a top cash prize plus many others. What else is different for 2021? No programme this year so **FREE ENTRY**. We very much hope you will join us on 4th September from 12.00pm at the village playing field.

If you would like to help on the day, please let us (the KVA) know as extra hands are always welcome.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

The KVA can still help if you need it by collecting shopping, collecting prescriptions, a little garden tidying or maybe just a friendly chat. If you need financial help with your grocery shopping because of the pandemic restrictions affecting your income we can help with the offer of vouchers to be used in our village SPAR shop. Please get in touch. Totally confidential. One phone number 07527 813404 or one email jamesinkinson16@hotmail.co.uk will put you in touch with Jim who will be more than pleased to help. If you would like to donate in order to help others in need the KVA would be more than pleased to accept your offer. Just contact Rod on rodplume@gmail.com Seniors Vouchers for Dinneywicks Daytime Café:- Dinneywicks cafe opens from 10am and they will continue to take your KVA vouchers. To book a table call 01453 844449.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

Contact: David Owen 01453 844463, owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com

Sometimes it takes a major event to raise public awareness. As I write, the near tragic consequences of a cardiac arrest suffered by Danish football star, Christian Eriksen, is in the national and international headlines (fingers crossed that he makes a good recovery).

For many in this village, this news story brings back the tragedy which befell a Kingswood AFC player in Jan 2013.

The sad fact is that for every survivor, there are many deaths. A good proportion of these losses might have been saved if a defibrillator had been rapidly used.

Ideally, a defibrillator should be with a patient who is suffering a cardiac arrest within 5 minutes of collapse. So you can see why it is very important to have more of them in the community. To help lift the gloom, I have GOOD NEWS. Thanks to a fantastically generous donation from Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch, I have ordered 2 more public access defibs – one intended for the centre of the village and one for the parish. I will be able to give full information and a proper ‘thank you’ to KNhW in the next edition. This incredible donation has rightly been spent on additional defibs, but that does leave me with the small problem of still raising funds for the Weaver’s Close defib. Naturally I have applied for grants etc toward this cost, but currently public donations have only reached about 10% of the cost. So if you can Gift Aid a donation, this will be hugely beneficial. Contact me and I will send a GA form.

In brief, the current 7 defibs are located at: The Spar Shop, The Primary School (Abbey St.), F & G Services Charfield Rd, The Village Hall, Weavers Close, 59 Walkmill Lane, Bramley Close Flats’ garage.

KINGSWOOD CRICKET CLUB

At the end of July the cricket club will be holding its major club fundraiser - the annual hog roast and summer draw. The event will take place following our match against great friends *The Send Occasionals* in the gardens of Little Orchard, 14 Charfield Road, on **Saturday 31st July** starting at 8pm

There are some great prizes for the draw of which first prize is a half hour helicopter ride and others include meal vouchers, rounds of golf & various wines.

Obviously we are keeping an eye on the Covid rules as the event will be dependent on easing of current restrictions, although the draw will take place whatever.

We would be delighted if you could support us. Tickets for the event (£10 per person) and the raffle may be purchased from KVCC team members, the local Spar shop, or e-mail kvccteamsec@gmail.co

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL**Contact:** Secretary, Pat Casken: sec@k-v-h.org

Sorry for the short notice cancellation of the Village Hall Management Committee AGM because of the change in Covid restrictions. The AGM will now take place at **7.30pm on Tuesday 20th July 2021 in the Village Hall**. The Management committee meets about once every 2 months to review what has happened and to plan for the next few months as well as the long term. The village hall is a very valuable resource for the village offering a great venue for parties and events as well as regular meetings such as karate, yoga, drama, etc. We also have good changing rooms for sports events. The hall can also be hired for business meetings. If you are interested in helping run this facility for the village please contact the secretary.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

It has been a busy month cutting and widening the grass pathways. The grass is growing so quickly at the moment and it has certainly been warm work! We hope you are enjoying the winding paths through the wilder areas. In the coming months see how many different butterflies you can spot.

JUDITH HARTY

If anyone is doing, or going to do, Duke of Edinburgh Award I have 2 large rucksacks that I'd like to donate: 1) Cairn100 2) Eurohike 601 Please phone Judith 844016 if you are interested or know somebody who is.

The exhibition of Pat's work at KVH has now been rescheduled for **Saturday 11th September**. Hopefully by then restrictions will be lifted enabling all of you to enjoy Pat's work and imbibe two of his favourite beers, chosen by Paul Hemming, and served from the bar. Looking forward to seeing you all there and also any pieces inspired by Pat whether it be art, photography, poetry or anything else that might have been tried because of him.

TUBBS TURF

The courts are now open for tennis but also on the top court basketball, football and netball. Still only for members due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully 21 June or around then will ease restrictions further. (Editor's note- may now be 19th July)

Membership for the club year 1 April - 31 March 2022 is £5 for juniors, £30 for adults and £50 for a family for Kingswood residents.

If you have any suggestions for improving Tubbs or would like to get involved please get in touch. We are always delighted to welcome new stewards, gardeners and members. Come along and enjoy this lovely facility.

For further details or to sign up for our very exciting newsletter, please email: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk or phone Sally-Anne on 01453 843069

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERSwww.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 only. It has been a busy term so far with looking after frogspawn, singing with Music with Mummy and lots of trips to the allotment. We would also like to say a big well done to all the children who took part in our Bunny Hop Fundraiser. Everyone did some fantastic jumping and we managed to raise £323.00 for our Playgroup funds which is amazing! Check out the Facebook pages kingswoodbabyandtoddlers and Kingswood-playgroup as well as our website to find out more about us!

ATTENTION PLEASE: We Need Your Help! A Treasurer is needed urgently. We are looking to co-opt someone on to our committee to fulfil the treasurer's role. Previous experience is not essential but being comfortable with Excel and numbers will be necessary. There will be lots of support provided to help you learn the ropes. If you think that this could be you or someone you know then we would be very interested to hear from you, please email playgroupkingswood@gmail.com.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)**Contact:** Jennie 07934 070167 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

Kingswood Congregational Church are holding Chapel services that incorporate people attending in person and also on line via Zoom. If you would like to be with us in person you are very welcome into our COVID safe Chapel. Alternatively join us on Zoom to listen to inspirational speakers and actually sing while in the safety of your home. For a Zoom link contact Bob on robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk The 200th Anniversary of the Chapel being on the site will now be held on the **14th August**.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the lower school room between 2pm and 5pm. Donations will go to the NSPCC & UNICEF.

WOTTON WIND BAND**Contact:** Chris Knight 01454 238661 or chris@chrisknight.org.uk

Wotton Wind Band is looking for local woodwind and brass players. We're especially keen to hear from clarinettists, but all are welcome. We're a friendly and informal mixed-ability group of around nine players, playing a wide range of music specially arranged for us to suit the abilities of our members. We play music from a wide variety of styles and eras (at present we're playing pieces by Verdi and Supertramp amongst others). We give occasional performances but mostly we play for fun. We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings in Wotton.

We're an ideal group if you're a school leaver wanting to continue playing, or someone returning to music after a break from playing – maybe you picked up an instrument again during lockdown, and you'd like to make music with others.

If you'd like to know more, or to come along and give us a try, we'll be very pleased to hear from you.

Dinneywicks

We would have liked to announce we are open without any restrictions, but unfortunately we cannot. We are very much looking forward to when we can! Our Sunday Roasts are continuing to grow in popularity, our food is delicious and our staff are welcoming! We are now serving 4 real ales and a beautiful Butcombe IPA on tap permanently. Thatchers Gold is now on tap! Breakfasts are served Monday to Saturday 10am to 12:30pm and are described as "Legendary"! Gilly, Dave and Matt can't wait to welcome you in soon!

SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST**