

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

1st – 18th	April	Village Scarecrow Trail (KSA)	
Wed 21st	April	Deadline for May Grapevine	6.00pm

Editors Note:

With regard to our website - we are looking to launch a new website by the end of May. We will keep you informed of course and if there is anything specific that you would like to be included, please let us know. We hope that our villagers are remaining safe and well and we look forward to hearing about events starting to run again in the not too distant future. As always, stay safe.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

KVA.btck.co.uk

Reluctantly the country enters another year still in pandemic. However, your Village Association is still here for those in need of help and we will continue for as long as we are able. If you need help with collecting shopping, collecting prescriptions, a little garden tidying or maybe just a friendly chat then let us know and we will arrange for one of our friendly volunteers to help you.

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 jamessinkinson16@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

A note for those Seniors who received a Dinneywicks Daytime Café Voucher please be assured that they remain valid until at least the end of July (we will continue to monitor countrywide opening up information so that your vouchers can be used).

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Do you fancy playing cricket this summer? We have a full season of fixtures arranged against local and touring sides and are always looking to increase the player selection pool (at whatever ability), just as long as you enjoy the game. Matches start mid-April and continue through to early September, so even if you would just like to take part in the odd match-or-two, or do some scoring or umpiring then contact the Team Secretary, Mike Barnes via kvccteamsec@gmail.com and we will add you in. More information about the club can be found on Facebook and Twitter, search for Kingswood Village Cricket Club, or see our website <http://www.kvcc.btck.co.uk/> All matches are played in accordance with the latest Covid rules to Government, ECB and GCB guidelines.

TUBBS TURF

We are delighted that the courts will reopen from **29 March**. Due to covid restrictions this will be for members only. 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. Sadly football and basketball are still not permitted currently but it looks like these could be open from May and we will keep you posted. We are in need of some more helpers to ensure we can keep the facility open. Please would you consider either joining the committee, helping with the stewards rota or helping with the gardening. This is such a lovely facility which is run by volunteers and some additional helpers would be terrific. For further details or to sign up for our very exciting newsletter, please email: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk or phone Sally-Anne 01453 843069

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Volunteers are hoping to return to the wildlife area in April. If you are quiet and patient you may spot the newts as they are returning to the pond to breed in the coming months. Frogspawn has appeared recently a little later than in local garden ponds. The blackthorn is flowering in the newly laid hedge. As the weather warms up continue to enjoy the area and make the most of sitting on the benches to chat with a friend or listen to the bird song.

ONLINE QUIZ

It would have been Pat Harty's 70th birthday in April and, as a lot of you know, he & Paul Hemming loved doing quizzes to raise money for charity. This time the quiz has been done by Paul to raise funds for BHF adding to the £6000 already raised. The quiz can be found by using the link below. Cost of entry is a minimum of £2 - there will be a prize. Entry is now open until mid May. Good luck and thank you Judith.

<https://sites.google.com/view/ph70quiz/home>

Kingswood Parish Council (KPC) operations during the Coronavirus - KPC is operating normally and meeting via publicly accessible conference meetings on the second Monday of the month. Full details of meetings will be advertised on the KPC website and social media pages with details of how the public can join the meeting. The legislation to allow meeting via Zoom ends on the 7th of May 2021. Due to the parish council elections the May meeting will take place on 17th May 2021 the location will be advised on the agenda and on the KPC website.

Playing field and Play Equipment – The playing field and the play equipment remain open subject to Covid 19 legislation. Please keep your distance from others and use the hand sanitiser provided. Please report any concerns to the clerk. Work will take place to install the new fence around the play equipment in April.

Tyndale View - KPC will be installing bollards around the grass area by the play equipment to ensure the safety of pedestrians using this area. Work will take place in April 2021.

Parish Council Elections 6th May 2021 - The parish Council elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 6th May. The term of office is for 4 years. The number of councillors for KPC has been increased to 8. Please see the Stroud District Council's (SDC) website for more details on the process. Nomination papers are now available and can be received from SDC or from the Clerk to KPC. The completed papers can be returned by making an appointment to take the papers in person to SDC offices at Ebley Mill between the 23rd March and 8th April between 9am and 5pm. All completed papers must be with SDC by 4pm 8th April. Alternatively, you can meet with the Clerk to KPC at Kingswood Village Hall between 5pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th March. SDC is carrying out a briefing session via Zoom on 13th April. Please email elections@stroud.gov.uk and a link to this meeting will be sent to you.

Kingswood ANPR Cameras - Our two ANPR cameras continue to record high numbers of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The count for the two is now 41661 since the 1st of January and 12161 since 1st March and including 6 at 52 mph, 8788 travelling away from the village. Please be mindful of your speed. The parish council still hopes to install two additional cameras, on Hillesley and Wotton Roads, but the County Council is currently withholding permission. 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> Or,

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/ community areas to the Clerk.

Communication - Please visit the KPC website on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP*

'Follow and like' the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council **Facebook Page**

THE DINNEYWICKS

The Dinneywicks is thoroughly excited to welcome you back to the pub. Although only the garden space is open, we have put the effort in to make it just as comfortable for you all. We will be open from **12th April** everyday from 10am. Bookings are not necessary, but advisable.

Dave, Gilly and Matt have been very busy during this time. Adding a new real ale pump, loyalty scheme and marquee all for you lucky people. We have our famous Sunday Roast for takeaway or delivery on Easter Sunday (4th April), to book call us on 07501904842 or 07833204771 or email info@dinneywicks.co.uk.

For all those that do not already know, "Still In Sodbury" Distillery has created a **Dinneywicks Gin** just for us, call us for your bottle delivered! We would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support!

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

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 only. Children at Playgroup this term have celebrated World Book Day, St. David's and St. Patrick's Day and raised money for Comic Relief. We currently have Tadpoles who we are excitedly watching grow. We have **spaces at playgroup for 2-4 year olds on all mornings** – please email playgroupkingswood@gmail.com FAO Linzie (Manager).

Baby Toddler Group hopes to restart **Wednesday 21st April**, in line with the Government's Road Map, in a Covid safe manner, with a host of activities, toys and crafts in the main hall. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) for activities to do at home and for news on re-opening.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Kingswood School Association is pleased to announce that the Kingswood Scarecrow Trail is back for 2021! The trail will run from **1st April – 18th April**. Maps will be available from the Spar Shop for £2. Follow the trail, work out the clues, vote for your favourite Scarecrow and collect a small prize! Prize for the scarecrow with the most votes!

MAY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL

