

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon	14th	Dec	Kingswood Sports & Recreation Fund AGM (Hall lounge/zoom)	8.00pm
Mon	21st	Dec	Carols on The Chipping (venue TBC)	TBC
Wed	20th	Jan	Deadline for February Grapevine	6.00pm

Editors Note:

Reminder that as usual there is NO issue in January 2021.

We are very much looking forward to sending you details of all our usual village events in 2021 and we wish all villagers a Merry Christmas with best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021 from Lesley & Julie

This month we were delighted to receive a donation from Judith Harty, one of our distributors. The Grapevine is something that she and her late husband Pat appreciated. We really are grateful for this generous support.

Thank you very much Judith.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Website: www.kva.btck.co.uk

The Kingswood Village Association would like to wish you all a very **Happy Christmas** and look forward to a safe and normal New Year in 2021. Please remember that the KVA through the Kingswood Support Action Group will continue to offer support to those in need during this holiday period. Our volunteers remain on hand to help on a day to day basis – even a friendly voice on the phone for a chat. Anyone disadvantaged financially due to loss of income due to COVID 19 can request a £50 voucher to use in the SPAR shop. The number to call confidentially remains unchanged as Jim on **07527 813404**.

Finally, it is really important that we look out for our neighbours. That we don't just assume they are alright. Keep in touch with each other. It's what village life is all about. Thank you, Bob Hart-England, Chair KVA

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Regular walkers will have seen the progress made with hedge laying, which is nearly complete for this year. This is an old hedge which has presented challenges partly due to the amount of dog rose it contains. Preparations were made last year when it was cut so it would be possible to lay it this autumn. Hawthorn, which spreads via roots around the site, has been dug up and replanted to thicken the newly laid hedge. The dog rose will grow back next spring with a beautiful display of flowers in the spring and hips in the autumn. Dog rose flowers are an important nectar source for insects and its fruits are a food source for birds like blackbirds, redwings and waxwings. Thank you to all who are taking your litter home and clearing up after your dogs.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL (KSA)

Friends and families of Kingswood Primary School have published a cookbook – it's jam-packed with over 50 tried and tested family favourites, and the recipes are all very simple to make. Beautifully illustrated by the children in Years 5 and 6, this fabulous book costs just £5.99. Never be stuck for tea-time inspiration again! To order, please email ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk, or buy from Kingswood Spar. All proceeds go towards funding resources for the children at Kingswood Primary School. Delivery will be COVID-safe. Thank you for your support.

THE DINNEYWICKS

Gill and Dave (the new managers and who hold the lease) are very humbled by the support the community has already given them. They are welcoming people who pride themselves on customer relations and quality of beer. Earning themselves the Best Bar award from The Restaurant Guru in 2019 and a certificate of excellence from TripAdvisor, both at The Horseshoe, Chipping Sodbury. The Horseshoe was once their house they decided to turn into a pub and have never looked back. Have been in the Good Beer Guide 3 years consecutively. They stand by their motto "come in as a stranger, leave as a friend". So they are eager for pubs to reopen, meet everyone and welcome everyone back through those doors.

KINGSWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION FUND (KS&RF)

Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund handles gift aided donations for village projects. If you would like to know more, please contact Judi Werrett at judi_rhule@hotmail.com

KS&RF has its AGM in the village hall lounge at 8pm on **Monday 14th December 2020**, depending on the national or regional COVID19 restrictions in place at the date of the AGM, the meeting may need to take place via Zoom video conferencing rather than in person, in such circumstances, any interested parties should submit their email address to Judi Werrett on the above mentioned email address, and you will be sent joining details for the Zoom meeting. Application forms to join the committee can be had from the secretary Mark Roberts at 3 Russet Court. The closing date is 30th November 2020.



CAROLS ON THE CHIPPING

Monday 21st December - Who knows what the Government will allow this year but we hope to go ahead either on the Chipping as usual or in the Village Hall car park. We will have the Wotton Silver Band to accompany us. There will be the usual collection for Stroud Foodbank who certainly need what we can spare this year. Watch for posters around the village closer to the date for confirmation of venue and time.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mary Leonard Tel: 01453844659 clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council operations during the Coronavirus - The parish council is operating normally through the Clerk and meeting via publicly accessible conference meetings, as necessary. 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.

Playing field -Dog fouling / litter / vandalism - Please, if you witness any vandalism at the playing field or any anti-social behaviour, report to the Police on 101 and also let KPC know via our usual contact details. We have CCTV at the field and can pass the images on to the Police. **Please pass on details of dog fouling or littering to the clerk at the time of the incident.** The reporting to KPC of any incident is important so that we can build up a record of when incidences are occurring. This will enable us to review the CCTV and ensure that we are targeting our resources to catch any offenders. Sadly, despite a huge outpouring on Facebook we rarely receive any reports of either dog fouling or litter. **Parking** - We have received many complaints of inconsiderate parking especially on Wotton Road, Abbey Street and High Street. Please park considerately and in accordance with traffic regulations. When parking please be aware that pedestrians and people with wheelchairs and pushchairs need to be able to access the pavements and move around the village safely.

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

A MESSAGE TO THE VILLAGE FROM ELIZABETH HOOPER

As the end of 2020 approaches, I should like to thank the many villagers who sent me letters and cards following Alan's death on March 23rd, my long standing friends, kind neighbours, fellow allotmenters and WI members, and not least, my wonderful Village Association volunteer, who have supported me with phone calls and in so many other ways ever since the first lockdown. I have been fortunate to be living in such a caring community. It is the hope of Alan's family that we shall, in time, be able to celebrate his life with you, in the way that he deserved. May we all celebrate Christmas safely, looking forward to better times.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact Jennie 07934 070167 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

The Congregational Church run on-line Sunday services via Zoom whenever Government restrictions do not allow churches to open for services. These run from 10.30am each Sunday and last approximately 45 minutes. If restrictions are lifted from December 3rd then the Congregational Church will open safely for services each Sunday morning from 10.30am. Those unable to be there can join the same service on-line via Zoom. If you wish to join a Zoom Service on line you must request access by emailing Bob on robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk. You will then be given instructions on how to join. On Christmas Eve the Congregational Church will hold a Christmas Reading and Carol Service starting at 3pm. This will be in the chapel building (Government restrictions allowing) and online with the chapel via Zoom. Note that congregation singing is still not allowed – although you can sing as loud as you want on line! Similarly the Congregational Church will celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day at 10.30am, both in the chapel (if still allowed) and on-line. You can also contact us via www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk or visit our Facebook page

PAT HARTY

To all Pat's friends young, old and all in between! To commemorate Pat's life I have decided to hold an exhibition of his work both Art & Photography in May 2021. The reason for this advance notice is threefold 1) to give us all something to look forward to 2) anyone who has bought or been given any of his work is invited to have that included in the exhibition 3) I would also be delighted if anyone was inspired by Pat whether it be art, photography, writing, a memory or indeed anything and would like to have something included please email me at judithharty@gmail.com At the moment I'm just trying to ascertain how many people would be interested in sharing how they were inspired by Pat. Thank you, Judith

FEBRUARY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY



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

