

## Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 5th Dec	Gift Service, Congregational Church	10.30am
Sunday 19th Dec	Lessons & Carols Concert, Congregational Church	3pm
Monday 20th Dec	Carols on The Chipping (Outside the Old Schoolrooms)	6pm
Monday 24th Jan	Deadline for February Issue	6pm

### Editors' Note:

We would like to wish all of our distributors, supporters and villagers a very Happy Christmas & a Healthy New Year.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Website: [www.thekva.co.uk](http://www.thekva.co.uk)

This is the wind down of the old year and the run up to the new one. As a village we have endured so much together. We have helped each other where it's been needed and as far as possible stayed safe. Your Kingswood Village Association has helped those in need throughout the year and we would like to end this year by thanking those anonymous people who have donated cash which has enabled disadvantaged people to survive. Huge thanks are due to our Spar Shop who have also freely given, plus local businesses The Car Clinic, Renishaw, Soils(HS) and The Falcon Steak House. The KVA are humbled and immensely privileged to be a part of this wonderful community. We are already planning (in hope) for 2022 and look forward to holding celebrations for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Of course the Kingswood Showday in September, the Wine Festival and, if conditions allow, we can bring back Comedy Night, Open Gardens and The Grand Treasure Hunt. Our AGM will be held in March and we invite everyone to come along and see what we do (and maybe become a KVA member!). Follow progress on planning by visiting our website.

We wish you all a Wonderful, Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The car park at the Village Hall is provided and maintained for those attending events at the Village Hall. There have been problems with overnight parking, including large vehicles, and insufficient spaces for those attending events at the hall. The barrier at the entrance is now being locked to prevent unauthorised parking. Please do not risk being locked in by parking in the car park unless attending an event.

### KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

Contact: David Owen 01453 844463, [owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com](mailto:owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com)

Defibrillators are used to help resuscitate patients suffering a sudden cardiac arrest. The main symptoms displayed by a patient in sudden cardiac arrest are: 1) the patient is unconscious (not responding) and 2) the patient is not breathing (or not breathing normally, e.g. gasping).

If you are faced with this situation, do the following, remembering that every second counts: 1) Start CPR chest compressions *immediately* at the rate of nearly 2 pushes per second. Do not stop. 2) Call 999 for the ambulance. If possible get someone else to do this. 3) Collect the defibrillator. Do not stop chest compressions to do this. 4) Follow the defib's very clear audio instructions. The defibrillator is an intelligent machine. It will decide what needs to be done. Remember: you **cannot** harm the patient by using the defib. You can only do good.

Reminder of the current 8 public access defibs in the village and parish are located at: The Spar Shop, (by the pillar box). The Primary School (Abbey Street – by the main entrance door). F+G Services Charfield Road (opposite Tyndale View ). The Village Hall, (by the main entrance door). Weavers Close, (at junction with Hillesley Road). 59 Walkmill Lane, (opposite the entrance to the old print-works site). Bramley Close Flats' garages, (opposite Russet Court). New Road (B4058) between Wotton and Charfield, opposite The Round House and the junction to Bradley Green, on the driveway to Hopyard Farm.

Note: there are also restricted hours access defibs at KLB and the Wotton Sports Centre; and one by the all-weather pitches in the Wotton Community Parc behind KLB – which is good for the park run and the Wotton Skate Park.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

The wildlife area is managed by volunteers led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. We meet on Monday mornings and new volunteers are always very welcome. This month we have been tackling some of the areas of brambles which spill out of the hedgerows and take over grass areas. Brambles provide a good habitat for wildlife but do need a certain amount of taming. We try to maintain a balance between an area that provides wildlife habitats to protect the great crested newts, encourage birds, insects and wildflowers and one that is pleasant for people to enjoy as they walk through or sit for a while on the benches. Weather and water levels permitting we hope to remove the invasive pond weed from the large newt pond during the winter while the protected newts are not in the pond.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

**Carols on the Chipping** - Carols on the Chipping will take place at 6pm on **Monday 20th December 2021** outside the Old Sunday School. As in the past we will be supported by the Wotton Silver Band and will be collecting for the Stroud Foodbank.



**KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)**Contact: 01453 844659, [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Operations during the Coronavirus** - KPC has resumed its meetings at the Village Hall and will meet on the second Monday of the month. The calendar, agenda and meeting papers can be found on the website: [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) The next meeting will be on **Monday 13th December 2021**.

**Persimmon** - S.20/0887/FUL | Residential development of 54 dwellings with supporting infrastructure. Please see the parish council's response on the KPC website

**Charfield Station** - A 12-week consultation on proposals for Charfield Station began on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The consultation will close at midnight on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. [www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation) Please make your comments to South Gloucestershire Council. **Highways Concerns** - KPC is looking at highway issues within the parish and will be sending out a questionnaire to every household in the community. Please take the time to answer this survey to enable us to understand not only the issues but what the acceptable solutions could be. **Strategic Planning** - KPC is looking at its budgets for 2022/23. The council will also be looking at a three-year strategic plan for the parish. Please advise the Clerk if there are any projects that you think the council should consider for the future.

**Outdoor accessible toilets and Changing Places Unit for the playing field** - KPC has prepared an outline specification for outdoor accessible toilets and a Changing Places unit at the playing field. If you would like to assist with this project and have experience with disabilities, please contact the clerk. **Playing Field** - This is a reminder that the playing field is managed by KPC and is free at the point of use to all members of the community. If you are an organisation or a business user you will need to contact the clerk to the council for the permission and the terms of use.

**ANPR** - The Parish Council continues to monitor the high speeds picked up by the cameras with the police writing to offenders detected by them. Because speeds are regularly still too high the council is going to resume Community Speedwatch at suitable sites previously agreed with the police. Anybody interested in volunteering to help with this should contact the Clerk in the first instance. The sessions are only allowed to take place during daylight hours in fine weather and the more volunteers we have the more often we can do it.

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 any of the community areas to the Clerk of the Council 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. **Communication** - *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP (& above)*

**KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS**

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. This term the children have had fun visiting a maize field then making popcorn and painting by rolling the cobs. They also made apple juice and printed with apples to make poppies for our Remembrance Day wreath. To enquire about spaces for 2-4 year olds please email: [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com) FAO Linzie (Manager). Baby Toddler group provides a host of activities, toys and themed crafts at Kingswood Village Hall on Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am. Check out our Facebook page: [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to or visit our website: [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk)

**KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.**Contact: Sheila Kerr 07743398136 email: [sheila.kerr1355@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.kerr1355@gmail.com)

We recently celebrated our 55th birthday with an American supper and entertainment by the drama group. At the AGM in November Sheila Kerr was elected President for the coming year succeeding Sue McClung. The craft group members have been busy knitting a nativity set for the playgroup, also toys, hats and baby jumpers for the Primary school's Christmas boxes for refugees. The book club members will discuss 'The Carer' by Deborah Moggach later this month. Both the walking group and lunch club hope to resume meeting in the New Year. Plans for next year's programme are being finalised. Anyone interested in learning more about the WI will be most welcome to join us for the meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Chapel)**Contact: Jennie 07934 070167 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto: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 for a Zoom link contact Bob on [robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk) We are holding a gift service on **Sunday 5th December** at 10.30am. Please come and join our Sunday school led family service and bring a gift for a child - the gift donations will be given to the food bank. (Please note unwrapped gifts only). Our lessons and carols concert will be on **19th December** at 3pm Christmas morning service will be held at 10am. You can also visit our Facebook page for information and news. We wish everyone a happy joy filled Christmas..

**FEBRUARY GRAPEVINE DEADLINE:****MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**For an entry please email : [admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk](mailto:admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk)