

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon	10 th	February	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.15pm
Tue	11 th	February	KVCC Nets start at KLB Sports Hall (each Tues for 10 weeks)	9:15 - 10:15pm
Sat	15 th	February	Messy Church – Lower School Room	10am
Sun	23 rd	February	Breakfast Café Church – Lower School Room	10.15am
Tue	31 st	March	KVA AGM – Village Hall	7.30pm
Tue	7 th	April	KV Hall AGM – Village Hall	7.30pm

MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Welcome to our first edition as your new editors – We're sure you will all agree that our thanks must go to Gill & Diane for their 24 years of editing and producing this great asset of our lovely village. Many thanks to our distributors too, your help is much appreciated. For those of you who may not know us, Lesley and Julie have both lived in the village for about 27 years and have raised our families here. We have both been involved with various village organisations over the years. The handover will hopefully be seamless!

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

KVA's 20th NEW YEAR'S EVE SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH. Thanks to wonderful support from village helpers and the W.I., sponsorship from Waitrose, Renishaw, Accolade Wines and local businessmen Dave Werrett and Jason Brady and cooking by Leyhill Prison, the KVA put on a splendid three course lunch, complete with aperitif, wine & a glass of Port. This was backed by carols from Kingswood Playgroup and an excellent tribute to singer Neil Diamond. All this was free to Kingswood's Senior Citizens, 85 of whom attended.

KVA's AGM will be in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 31 March**. All villagers are invited for drinks and nibbles at 7.30, prior to the meeting at 8.00 You are most welcome to see how we raise all the money for donations to village groups through our events. Maybe your village organisation needs a helping hand?. In 2019 KVA gave away £4606; it will have even more available in 2020. Its Secretary, Judi Werrett (judi_rhule@hotmail.com), or Treasurer, Rod Alexander (rodplume@gmail.com), will be glad to hear from you.

KVA COMEDY Night. We are hoping to put on the event on a Friday or Saturday in March or April. Details to follow.

KVA's Dine & Wine, Saturday 2nd May (To be confirmed). This lovely event, where we meet, dine and wine with new people, could have an exciting new start and finish venue too. Again details to follow.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: Jennie: 842803 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

You can also contact us via www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk or visit our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you. On behalf of us at the Chapel we welcome you Lesley & Julie for taking over the Grapevine. On the **15th February** at 10.00am in the Lower School Room Messy Church which is run by Churches Together in Kingswood. Lots of fun for pre-school and primary school aged children includes lunch. All children must bring a parent/carer. On the **23rd February** we invite you to join us for BREAKFAST CAFÉ CHURCH at 10.15am in the Lower School Room. An informal way of 'doing' church. Is there anyone who would like to play the chapel organ to give it an 'airing' if so contact us using the ways above. All our services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm, Family service the last Sunday of the month. UNITED our young people's ministry meet at 6.30pm – 8.30pm for Year 12 upwards. A warm welcome always awaits you.

WILD ABOUT KINGSWOOD

Before Christmas we did a lot of work cutting back the old hedge around the Great Crested Newt Pond. We are now in the process of laying the hedge which will ensure it regenerates new growth. If you regularly walk this path watch out for our progress. We have also been clearing around the Old Dew Pond to let in more light and hopefully improve the water quality. It will be interesting to see the effect this has on the newt surveys which we'll be doing in May. We meet on Monday mornings most weeks (weather permitting) from 10.30am. We are always glad of extra volunteers, and welcome people to stop for a chat about what we do and to watch how we lay the hedges. Finally, there would appear to be one, medium to large, dog which is a regular visitor to the area around the newt pond and is responsible for not training his owners to pick up after him! This is a public area and it is important to pick up after your dog. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Thanks and congratulations to organisers, donators and winners in the 2019 KVCC Christmas draw held at our spiritual home (the Dinneys). 48 prizes and copious ticket selling resulted in over £750 of much needed funding raised for the cricket club, which will help keep us running into the next decade. As ever, we are keen to get as many people as possible playing cricket in the new season, at whatever ability, so please feel free to come along and join in. Nets start at KLB sports hall on the **11th February**, 9:15 til 10:15 (sorry, a bit late for the young ones and anyone over 55!) and run each Tuesday for 10 weeks.

If you want to find out more about us, then search for Kingswood village cricket on Facebook/Twitter, or visit www.kvcc.btck.co.uk/

KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Contact Rod: rodplume@gmail.com

Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch gets more and more messages from the police and villagers about money scams than it does for break-ins and theft. People in the village have suffered significant losses. A church in a nearby village lost £18,000. We all may think that we are too smart to get caught. Some may be but those in the village, who have been, were far from easy targets and yet they were de-frauded. Kingswood is one of the few villages, which publishes warnings (from its own community and the police) of the latest scams. These are sent out by KNhW via email. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be please contact KNhW Chair, Rod Alexander, who will be glad to include you. There is nothing to be lost by being on the list but plenty by not.

TUBBS TURF & MULTI SPORTS FACILITY

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Tubbs Turf is looking forward to another year of exciting sporting activities and events. As a reminder the facility is run as a charity and is available to all the community but if you become a member you get the additional benefits of: booking of both courts, key coded access to the tennis court and pavilion, members evenings, events and tournaments. The membership is very reasonable for village residents: Juniors, full time students - £5, Adult £30, Family £50, guest players £5. (non village fees are slightly more). Membership runs from 1 April - 31 March. These fees help maintain the facility and are kept deliberately low to encourage active use for all.

We are a small committee that run the club and maintain the grounds with the help of members and supporters. We would love further assistance with the gardens so if you would be happy to help or suggest how we can best do this please do get in touch. Let's help keep Kingswood looking fabulous. For further details please visit our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee AGM will take place at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 7th April** in the Village Hall. The committee is always keen to welcome new members, so if you want to have a voice in what happens in the village hall come along and see if you'd like to join us. As a formal committee we meet a few times each year but are often running the bar, doing repairs, decorating and other work to keep the facility in good condition for the village. Committee members with new, young ideas are especially welcome.

CAROLS ON THE CHIPPING

Many thanks to all who attended we raised £220 and a wheel barrow of donations on the night which with a cheque for £200 from the Dinneywicks quiz night enabled us to donate £420 to the foodbank.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Clerk: Mary Leonard Tel: 01453 844659, clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Local Council Tax – The parish council reviewed its budget and objectives for 2020 and has agreed a precept increase of 5% from £100,899 to £ 105,945. The tax base has increased from £555.93 to £583.08, as a result the average annual band D amount will increase from £181.50 to £181.70, an annual increase to the taxpayer of 0.11% or 20p for the year.

District and Parish Council Elections: These will take place on **Thursday 7th May 20**. If you would like to stand as either a District or Parish Councillor, you will need to complete the nomination paperwork. This needs to be completed from **Mon March 23rd** and closes on **Wed 8th April 20**. All nominations must be delivered by hand to Stroud District Council's Offices. Nomination packs will be available from **11th February 20** and can be obtained from SDC or KPC Clerk. SDC are holding a briefing session at Ebley Mill on **Mon 9th March** at 5.30pm. The number of Councillors for Kingswood has increased to 8. Please see the website for information on Local Government. If you are interested in standing for Kingswood Parish Council and want to find out more, please attend a parish council meeting or speak to a current councillor or the clerk. It is important that enough people come forward and stand for the council. 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 to stand as a Parish Councillor (There must be an election). Please think about taking on this role and representing your community at a local level. Training will be available for new councillors.

Local Plan Consultation- Thank you to everyone who has completed the parish council survey and who attended the Public meeting. The results of the survey will be displayed on the parish council website. If you have not already done so, please make your comments directly to Stroud District Council. Although the consultation has ended the council has indicated that they are flexible and will accept comments after the deadline.

Section 106 Consultation- Thank you to all took part. The top two choices are a fence around the play equipment and publicly accessible toilets. We will now agree specifications for both projects. Once we have more details, we will share this information with the community. We will also look at further improvements to the playing field as indicated by the community in the survey

The Ash Path– A big Thank you to the Community Resilience Fund which has awarded a grant of £1200 to help pay for the improvements.

Footpath CKD 16 Rectory road (Opposite the Spar) to Chestnut Park. The KPC is funding improvements to this footpath.

Dog Fouling- We are still getting reports of dog fouling throughout the village. We need members of the community to come forward and report offenders and be prepared to give a witness statement to the SDC's Dog Warden. Thank you to all Dog Walkers who pick up or fly not just their own dog, but mess left by others. 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 KPC Clerk. The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Monday 10th February 20**.

The agenda and meeting papers will be made public on Wednesday 5th February 20. Items for the agenda need to be received by the clerk by 9 am Friday 31st January 20 Communication - Please visit the KPC web site at www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like us on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. Postal address: The Clerk, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP

Speeding Vehicles through Kingswood – The number of Vehicles exceeding the speed limit in December 2019 was just over 24,000 with 74 over 50mph and the cameras are still recording speeds in excess of 70mph. The Police continue to send letters to offenders. We really do not want to be recording fatalities on the roads through the village, but that is going to happen if behaviour does not improve. The worst of the winter weather is yet to come, so please be safe and slow down.

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

Contact: Patricia Broadfoot 844436, fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

St Mary's will be marking **Candlemas (2nd February)** with a special service designed for those of all ages. 6pm, so that candles can be lit. Friends of St Mary's are hosting their **Spring coffee morning** in the St Mary's Room, St Mary's Church, High Street, GL12 8RS on **Saturday 16th May from 10.00am - 12.30pm**, which will include a book, plant and cake sale & **Strawberry Teas** on **Sunday 28 June 3.00-5.00pm**, please put these dates in your 2020 diaries. We hope to arrange other events too.

Kingswood Village Church Fete - This is an early reminder that the annual 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**. A new exciting theme is currently in preparation as well as lots of stalls including 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 in coming months. Facebook Page: 'St Mary's garden fete Kingswood GL12'

FOSM – FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Contact: Stella 01453 842497 or Chris 07802 604389, friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk

FOSM are a small and friendly group raising funds for the improvement and restoration of St Mary's Church in Kingswood and we are always in need of some new members! We are lucky enough to have a willing band of helpers for these events, but could do with some additional help with their organisation & coming up with new ideas. If you feel you could help, or would just like to have a chat and get further information, please contact Stella or Chris. Meetings are usually fairly short and include plenty of refreshments! See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who so kindly supported our Tombola at the Wotton Charities Fair at the end of 2019. We are delighted to report we made over £230 which we couldn't have done without everyone's generous support, either through donations or through coming and spending your money with us!

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

Charfield Road 'public access defib': Kingswood's 5th 'community Public Access Defibrillator' (cPAD) has been fully operational since the 8th November, but funds are still being raised. If you can help, please contact David.

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, do the following: - Commence CPR chest compressions *immediately* at the rate of nearly 2 pushes per second. Do not stop, unless you chose to give 2 breaths after every 30 pushes. - Call 999 for the ambulance. If possible get someone else to do this. - Collect the defibrillator. Do not stop chest compressions to do this. Then 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. **The locations of the five 24/7 defibs in Kingswood are listed on the kingswoodgrapevine website which includes a map marking the 5 sites.**

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

