

## Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 5th March	Celebration Organ Recital – St. Marys Church	7.30pm
Tuesday 8th March	Kingswood W.I. – Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 15th March	Kingswood Village Association Annual General Meeting – Village Hall	8pm
Wed 23rd March	Deadline for April Issue	6pm
Monday 16th May	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm
Thursday 2nd June	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – More details to follow	

### Editors' Note:

We are still looking to give local businesses an opportunity to promote your business further on our new website. Please get in touch with us. You can advertise for a very favourable cost of £5 a month (£60 a year). Priority is for village businesses first but will be offered more widely if we need to fill the space on our site. Contact us urgently for more details.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION – SAVE THE DATE – 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2022

In collaboration with other village organisations KVA invite you all to "Save the Date" of Bank Holiday Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Plans are under way for a Kingswood Village Platinum Jubilee event you will not want to miss. More details to follow next month.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

The wildlife area is managed by volunteers under the leadership of Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. We meet on Mondays from around 10.30am and new volunteers are always welcome. Stroud Valleys Project has recently carried out a survey of volunteers from all their projects. The full results are available on their website [www.stroudvalleysproject.org](http://www.stroudvalleysproject.org). In the summary they say "We are delighted to report that, overwhelmingly, our volunteers find working with us to be beneficial both to them on a personal level and to their communities and the environment. Benefits to individuals included improved mental and physical health and a stronger sense of purpose, and volunteers also felt our work helped tackle social isolation." During February we have been clearing and tidying overgrown areas and cutting back a lot of brambles. If you enjoy the outdoors and find it difficult to get motivated to do some gardening at this time of year, pop along for a chat and see what we do.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

[www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://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. This term children at Playgroup have explored frost and ice and celebrated Chinese New Year. Next term promises to be busy with World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter. Each week **Baby Toddler Group** provides a host of activities, toys and crafts based around a weekly theme. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to and come and join the fun if you have a little one under school age.

### KINGSWOOD CRICKET CLUB

We have two recently qualified level 1 cricket coaches at KVCC so in an exciting new development for our club, starting this summer, we are offering ECB approved junior's cricket sessions for girls and boys. 5-8 year olds (Allstars) and 9-11 year olds (Dynamos), Friday evenings starting 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6-7pm at the playing field. Juniors need to be signed up prior to start – sign-up available from 17<sup>th</sup> February. Children will see further details at school very soon. Visit <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/> and search for clubs near your postcode for further information and sign-up details. Any questions, email [neilstacey@mac.com](mailto:neilstacey@mac.com)

### CELEBRATION ORGAN RECITAL – ST MARY'S CHURCH

Contact: David Hatton 01453 842483 [dgrhatton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhatton@gmail.com)

To mark the successful complete restoration of the historic William Sweetland organ in St Mary's Church, we are holding a celebration organ recital. It will be given by Jonathan Hope at **7.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Jonathan is the Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral and is a recitalist with an international reputation. Tickets are £10 and, at the time of going to press, there were just a few left. To do justice to this special occasion there will be a big-screen video presentation of the organist in action, provided by a company that has also screened at the Albert Hall, St Paul's Cathedral and Gloucester Cathedral. A very special occasion not to be missed!

### KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Norval Hawksworth 07377362083 [hnorval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hnorval@yahoo.co.uk)

We had a lovely time with the "Spectrum" singers at our last meeting. In March we will be welcoming Rosalie Lane on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Patrick Howell on the 16<sup>th</sup> and on 30<sup>th</sup> Hugh Thomas. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome.

## KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Burglaries, thefts from vehicles and, by far the most common, financial scams continue apace. Thankfully, many of the latter are thwarted but we get many detailed warnings from the police. Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch is happy to add to your protection and pass these on to you by email. If you would like to receive these please email Rod Alexander at [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com).

## KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Kingswood Abbey WI will meet on Tuesday, **8<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mark Steeds talking on African American Abolitionists and their links with the Bristol families of Elizabeth Blackwell, Mary Carpenter and Mary Estlin in the mid 19th century leading up to the U.S. Civil War. Visitors are most welcome. Admission £3. The WI craft group and friends are busy preparing to decorate the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would be grateful for lots more help from village residents - sewing, knitting, crocheting, glueing gems onto crowns, making pom-poms etc. We are looking for red or purple fabric, old costume jewellery, also round sweet tins to use as crown bases. Gardeners, please start thinking about planting up red, white & blue flowers in tubs for your front gardens. For details please email [liz70coatsworth@gmail.com](mailto:liz70coatsworth@gmail.com)

## ST MARYS CHURCH

The Christian Women of England, Wales and N. Ireland invite you to the World Day of Prayer service to be held on Friday, 4th March at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church, Kingswood.

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact: [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 01453 844659

**Annual Parish Meeting** - This is the annual community meeting hosted by KPC. This will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 7pm. This year we have invited the following organisations to give a presentation; The CEO of Stroud District Council and a representative of the Wotton, Charfield and Kingswood Greenway Project. Is there anyone else you would like to hear from at this meeting? Please email the details to the Clerk to the council.

**Highways Concerns** - KPC is looking at highway issues within the parish. Please access the survey by clicking the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYR2M7K> Please complete by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A copy of the survey will also be delivered to every household in the parish. KPC will analyse the information and feedback the results to the community in the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Community Speedwatch** - KPC has set up the Speedwatch as a visual speed deterrent to support the ANPR cameras. Would you be able and like to help with this initiative? Please email the clerk if so.

**Outdoor accessible toilets and Changing Places Unit for the playing field** - KPC now gone out to tender for the build of the Accessible toilets for the playing field. If any one is interested in tendering, please see the KPC website for details. [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**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.

If you need to report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Over flowing bins then please visit [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) where you will find the relevant links. Please report any problems at the playing field and the community areas to the Clerk to the Council. **Communication** - 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**. *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP*

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CHURCH FETE

The annual Village Church Fete will be held in the beautiful gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, GL12 8RS from 1pm on **Saturday 11th June 2022**. There will be lots of stalls, a Raffle and Tombola with prizes as well as the usual treasure hunt, games, bar, B-B-Q and teas. Further details nearer to the event. Please put this date in your diaries & we look forward to seeing you then, further information will follow in coming weeks. Enquiries please email: [fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) - Find us on Facebook @ "Kingswood Village Church Fete"

## TUBBS TURF

Many thanks for all of the offers of pom poms and pennants for the Tubbs Turf bunting. We have a super team doing this now and we look forward to decorating the courts for the Jubilee and also our 21st anniversary celebrations which will be held at Finals Day on **10 September** so please save the date!. As ever if you would like to help with the gardens do let us know, we are there at 10am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May & 11<sup>th</sup> June. **Easter tennis camp** for 6 - 11 year olds. 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April. Exact times tbc but potentially 3.30pm-5pm. Coaching by Stephen Johnson (coaches at Westonbirt and Tetbury tennis clubs). Cost to be agreed but will be about £8 a session with a discounted rate if coming to all 4. Please contact us if interested. Membership fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and rates are: Juniors/students £5, Adults £30, families £60. Email [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk) or call Sally-Anne on 07769 032 678 for further details.

APRIL GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

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