

## Dates For Your Diary

Wed 19th May

Deadline for June Grapevine

6.00pm

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### Editors Note:

***We have been enjoying some great weather recently, a chance to get out into the garden and walk in our lovely countryside surroundings. We hope that you are also able to enjoy our next step of the road map and meet some family or friends outside. As always, stay safe.***

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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Once again a timely reminder that the KVA are here to help if you need it. We can help with collecting shopping, collecting prescriptions, a little garden tidying or maybe just a friendly chat. Just 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 email [jameskinson16@gmail.com](mailto:jameskinson16@gmail.com) 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](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com)

### Seniors Vouchers for Dinneywicks Daytime Café

The weather is warmer and Dinneywicks outdoors is open with indoors space imminent. If you have your Dinneywicks Café Voucher, why not get together with a few friends (up to five plus you) to join you for coffee and cake. Your voucher remains valid until at least the end of July. Don't forget to book a table.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

We have had a busy couple of months, despite not being able to meet in person. Hopefully you all noticed the wonderful display of knitted and crocheted flowers around the Village. We meet every Tuesday via zoom for a Coffee and Chat. Our monthly meetings have had some very interesting speakers, from 'The Mercy Ships', to 'how to choose which colours to wear'. We have spaces for new members and it is a great time to join, as the subscription is half price for this year. Please contact Sheila Kerr: [sheilakerr1355@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakerr1355@gmail.com) or on 07718751271 if you would like more information.

### CITIZENS ADVICE - STROUD & COTSWOLD

On 1 April 2021, the energy regulator Ofcom raised the price cap on standard and default energy tariffs. For the average household, bills are set to rise by £96 a year. The new cap isn't the maximum users will pay, the cap sets a limit on the rates you pay for gas and electricity, so the more you use, the more you pay.

This is now a good time to see if you can save money by switching. In the last 5 months, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds Districts have helped 175 households with energy issues. This includes saving money by switching, helping clients switch to green energy suppliers, helping clients understand their energy bills and usage and finding grants and financial support for clients. Our website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information to help you with your energy supply. However, we understand that not everyone uses the internet and that some people have issues that need specialist advice. If you would like help with your energy bills, please get in touch. Your gas, electricity and water bills do not have to be worrying issues. Our service is confidential, impartial and independent.

Call **08081092056, 08088000510 or 08088000511** (Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm) to speak to one of our friendly advisers.

## KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Spring has sprung and volunteers, led by Stroud Valleys Project, are at last able to return to the area. We have started cutting and widening the pathways and the areas around the benches. This will be ongoing throughout the summer while the grass is growing. To protect wildlife the paths are cut using a strimmer and the wider areas are scythed during the summer. The cuttings are raked and collected by hand. For the safety and hygiene of the volunteers, please pick up litter and dog poo and take it home or dispose of it in the nearest bin. There are bins by the play area in Tyndale View, at the Village Hall and opposite the Spar shop. We hope you continue to enjoy the Wildlife Area as a place to walk or sit and reflect over the spring and summer months.

## ONLINE QUIZ

Thank you to those that have already entered but Paul Hemming would love to be inundated with more entries! The total for BHF has now reached £7000, achieved on Pat's 70th birthday. The link for those that need it is:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ph70quiz/home> Thank you, Judith

## KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL (KSA)

Thank you to everyone that took part in the KSA scarecrow trail. You helped raised a massive £507 for the children of Kingswood Primary School. This is such a great achievement and a fantastic start to our fundraising after a year of not being able to do any of our usual events. Again our heartfelt thanks for all your support; it means so much to us and the children - Gemma, Rachel, Leanne and the KSA Team.

## THE DINNEYWICKS

Dinneywicks is back open, everyday from 10am to 11:30pm. Serving breakfast and lunch right up until 6pm Tuesdays to Sundays. Friendly and welcoming atmosphere for everyone from the young to the elderly and families. Fresh homemade cakes with a tea or coffee all day, everyday. We have also brought back our amazing Sunday Roast for good! Lamb, beef, pork and chicken available with beautiful desserts. We would like to apologise to anyone who waited longer than needed during our first week of reopening, our service is now fast, friendly and impeccable. Walk ins are welcome, but for Friday and Saturday evenings, we recommend booking. Our real ales are back! Tribute, Pigs Ear and Butcombe are just some of what we will be serving throughout this month. We are loving the support and can't wait to see you! [www.dinneywicks.co.uk](http://www.dinneywicks.co.uk) [info@dinneywicks.co.uk](mailto:info@dinneywicks.co.uk) 01453 844449

## KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

In these times of worry and isolation the 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 join us on Zoom to listen to inspirational speakers and actually sing while in the safety of your home. For a Zoom link contact Bob on [robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk)

Contact: Jennie – 07934070167 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com) You can also contact us via [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page.

## TUBBS TURF

Welcome to our new season. We are very excited that the courts are up and running again. We have exciting plans for the year and if you want to join or just know more news send us an email at [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk) or visit the website: [www.tubbsturf.co.uk](http://www.tubbsturf.co.uk)

As a reminder membership is very reasonable starting from £5 for Juniors, £30 for adults and £50 for families. Come and enjoy this lovely facility. If anyone would like to help us maintain the gardens we meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am. The more hands the merrier. All covid safe and secure.

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