

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sun	8th	Nov	Remembrance Ceremony – War Memorial (see 'St Marys' for other services)	11.00am
Fri	20th	Nov	Deadline for December Grapevine	6.00pm

Editors Note:

This month we were delighted to receive a donation from St Marys Church. We really do appreciate this support. Thank you very much St Marys Church.

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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

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

Donations made specifically to the Kingswood Community Action Group, means that the KVA can continue to support those in the village who find themselves disadvantaged financially during the current Covid 19 crisis. As government financial support is removed it is more important than ever to help the village get through this and we encourage you to make a request for financial help (via our £50 Spar Shop voucher scheme) if you genuinely need it. Call Jim confidentially on 07527 813404 or email: [jamessinkinson16@gmail.com](mailto:jamessinkinson16@gmail.com)

You can use the same contact details to request physical help in the form of getting shopping/prescriptions etc. Or to refer someone you know who needs help.

Also the KVA are still able to consider donation requests from local groups or organisations that need help. Requests should be made in writing and addressed to our secretary Judi Rhule email [judi\\_rhule@hotmail.com](mailto:judi_rhule@hotmail.com)

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

During October the grass paths have been cut and hedges trimmed, despite showers which threatened to stop the work (and sometimes succeeded!). The grass should not be growing so fast now and the paths are walkable without wellington boots. It was disappointing to have to pick up a bag full of discarded tin cans left behind or thrown in the bushes. Please take all litter home for disposal as this spoils the area for everyone. In the coming weeks we plan to do some work on the large pond, clearing some of the growth and the invasive New Zealand pond weed in particular. Another autumn job is the laying of the second half of the hedge along the path towards Charfield. Anyone interested in coming along to join in and learn how this is done would be very welcome. Join us on Monday mornings from 10.00am weather permitting. Kingswood Wildlife Area is managed by a team of volunteers led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. Most of the volunteers come from Stroud and it would be lovely to have more Kingswood residents on the team.

### KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingswood Primary School are again taking part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture project which this year is The Battle of San Romano by Paolo Uccello. Central to the painting is Niccolo da Tolentino and his flamboyant hat. With this in mind we have decided to make hats the starting point for our work this year. Specifically we are thinking about hats that tell us something about their owners. So we need your hats!!

If you have a hat that is special to you for any reason we would be very grateful if you would share its story with us. We were hoping to welcome guests into school to talk about their hats but as this is currently not possible we hope that you will either: 1) Share a photograph and explanation of the hat's importance in the form of a letter or email. 2) Lend us your hat with an explanation. 3) Record a video about your hat.

We would love to receive your information as soon as possible (initial deadline was end October) so that it can be part of our initial investigation and discussion but if you would like to share your hat any time before Christmas that would still be useful. Please forward anything which may help to [admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk) or deliver it to the school office. We hope you can help!

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The hall is now open and available for hire. Please contact the booking officer on 07810567294 to find out what is required to make your event covid secure.

### STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2021 ELECTIONS - Following the postponement of the 2020 Elections due to Covid-19 we would like to provide you with a brief update as we start to look ahead to Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. Planning is already underway and we would like to reassure you that our highest priority is the safety of our staff and our electorate. We are currently undertaking initial work with regard to all aspects of our Polling Stations.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED - In anticipation of a possible shortfall in our usual Polling Station staffing levels, coupled with the need to be able to offer short notice cover for last minute cases of self-isolation we would very much like to add new staff to our Team. If you think you would enjoy the experience of being right at the heart of the democratic process and would like to find out more about the role and rates of pay, please get in touch direct via email: [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) All applicants must be over 18, not a member of a political party, eligible to work in the UK and available for the whole day and evening of Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Parish Council operations during 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** - Fence consultation: Last year, the parish council consulted with the community on how section 106 funding for the playing field should be used. There was a strong indication that the community preferred: (1) fencing around the play area and (2) outdoor accessible toilets. We are now consulting on the type of fencing preferred. The designs can be viewed on our website or by visiting the notice board at the Chipping. Please complete the online survey to vote for your preferred options. The survey is open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KPCFencing>. Members of the community without web access can contact the Parish Clerk for a paper copy of the designs and survey.

**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 images to the Police. **Please pass on details of dog fouling/littering to the clerk at the time of the incident.**

**Public Toilets** - A new mains water pipe has been installed for the public toilets. We plan to re-open the toilets soon, we are finalising COVID-19 safe routines with our cleaning contractor.

**Weeding** - Please can we all take a moment to look at the area outside our homes. In particular weeds in the gutter and on the pavement and overgrown hedges. Please can we ask you to take the time to tidy up the area outside your house. The removal of weeds will help with the flow of rainwater and make the roads look tidier. Overgrown hedges can cause an obstruction on the pavement forcing people on to the road. Thank you for your help on this.

**Remembrance Sunday** - There will be a wreath-laying ceremony on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This is likely to be a modified event due to COVID-19 and we ask that residents near the War Memorial move their cars on the Sunday morning by 10am to allow for a socially-distanced event to take place.

**Cemetery Bin** - The bin at the cemetery is provided for the use of cemetery holders only and not for domestic waste. Please report anyone littering or not picking up after their dog to the following; **Litter/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. **Communication** - Please visit the KPC web site on [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://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

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The traditional gathering, just before 11 o'clock at the war memorial, will be conducted in compliance with the new government guidance for Remembrance Sunday. The ceremony will focus on wreath laying and all organisations that traditionally do this are asked to send just one representative with their wreath. Others gathering close to the war memorial will be limited to those participating in the ceremony and any members of the armed forces or veterans. Social distancing must be observed at all times. The ceremony will include the two minutes silence, the playing of *The Last Post* and *Reveille* and the traditional words of remembrance. Members of the public are legally permitted to stop and watch the event as spectators, but must observe the rule of 6 and social distancing rules. To facilitate this, it is strongly advised that people stand on the pavements by the Old Rectory, Tubbs Turf and Abbey Street. As already advised, the strict limitation of numbers allowed in church means that the service in St Mary's that usually follows the wreath laying cannot take place this year.

#### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Website: [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk)

Children able to return to playgroup this term have had fun taking part in many Autumnal activities. We dyed cloth with blackberries and made it into bunting and made some delicious jam. We have spaces available at playgroup for 2 - 4 year olds on all mornings – please email [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com) FAO Linzie (Manager). Baby & Toddler group restarted in mid September in a Covid secure manner, with a host of activities, toys and crafts in the main hall. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to. Playgroup (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15 – 1pm) and Baby and Toddler group (Wed 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only.

#### ST MARYS CHURCH

**All Souls Service** - *A Time to Remember loved ones. Sunday 1st November at 3pm* You are invited to a service at St Mary's Church. A quiet reflective service of words, prayers and music, to remember loved ones, treasure memories and give thanks for lives gone by. Prayers will include the names of any loved ones submitted to the service and we will be dedicating the Memorial Board reflecting donations to the Memorial Garden. Also an opportunity to express grateful thanks once again to all those who have contributed to the Garden in any way. There will be a list in the porch to record names for prayers and you can contact Patricia Broadfoot or David Hatton as well.

**Christingle Service** - This year's Christingle Service will be by bookings only. To ensure safe distancing you are welcome to book a pew for your family. You will be encouraged to bring homemade Christingles. Full instructions and free wax candles will be given out with each booking. Please see Church Notice board for full details. Services for November at St Mary's Church - Sun 1st: All Souls 3pm. Sun 8th: 6pm Evensong. Sun 22nd: 10am Parish Communion. Sun 29th : 6pm Christingle Service. *We are now able to hear hymns sung by a safely distanced small group in the Chancel adhering to the guidelines issued for this purpose.*

DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

