

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Monday	8th	Nov	Parish Council Meeting	
Sunday	14th	Nov	Remembrance Sunday – War Memorial & St. Marys Church	10.55am
Wednesday	17th	Nov	R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning – St Marys Room	10.00am
Monday	22nd	Nov	Deadline for December & January Grapevine	6.00pm
Saturday	27th	Nov	Wine Festival – Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday	28 th	Nov	Christingle Service at St. Marys	6.00pm

Editors' Note:

Advance Reminder: our next issue in December will obviously be the last one of the year but remember that there will be no Grapevine in January so give us your dates and events for January by the next deadline.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

KVA's long awaited Wine Festival will be in the Village Hall on **Saturday 27 November at 7.30pm**. There will be over 20 Wine Society's "Champions' Choices" available. Tickets at £13.00 will cover four glasses of wine and lovely canapes. Tickets will be on sale from KVA members. Any difficulties, please contact Rod Alexander (rodplume@gmail.com) or Judi Werrett (judi_rule@hotmail.com), who will be glad to help.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

We hope those of you who walk regularly through the wildlife area will have noticed the hedges are looking tidy thanks to the hard work of volunteers. Over the last month we have also been cutting some of the areas of grass which we leave long to encourage wildlife, especially butterflies over, the summer. The grass has been cut very short and it will be interesting to see what wild flowers may appear next year. Even through the winter we continue to work on this area and new volunteers are always very welcome. Come along on Monday mornings for a chat about what we do and how you could help.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

I am pleased to confirm that I have been able to provide another public access defibrillator in the parish. With the support of Ed Gambrell and family, and largely funded by **Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch**, this defib is now installed at the end of the drive to Hopyard Farm, on the Wotton to Charfield road. It is **opposite The Round House** at the junction of the road to Bradley Green.

Not only is this an accident blackspot, but, as many will know, it is on the popular footpath between Kingswood and Renishaw. If you want to locate it on a map try what3words: settled.twinkled.towns or postcode GL12 8JP.

Yet again, thanks to Andy Roe for installing another defib. Reminder: the current 8 public access defibs in the village / parish are located at: The Shop, The Primary School (Abbey St), F+G Services Charfield Road, The Village Hall, 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.

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

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact: 01453 844659, clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

KPC has resumed its meetings at the village hall and will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month. The calendar, agenda and meeting papers can be found on the website: www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk. The next meeting will be on **Monday 8th November 2021**.

Persimmon - S.20/0887/FUL - Residential development of 54 dwellings with supporting infrastructure and enabling works including: new vehicular access off Wickwar Road (including the demolition of 24 Wickwar Road), public open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure. Land At Cloverlea Barn Wickwar Road Kingswood Gloucestershire, please see amended plans on the Stroud District Councils (SDC) website. This is the proposed development included in the SDC Local Plan. If its inclusion in the Local Plan is successful, this development will then go ahead. Persimmon are asking for the application to be decided alongside the Local Plan consultation. Please respond to this application to Stroud District Council. It will not be decided until the results of the Local Plan are made. It is however important that you comment on the detail of the application at this time.

Charfield Station - A 12-week consultation on proposals for Charfield Station is due to begin on Tuesday 19 October 2021. The consultation will close at midnight on Monday 10 January 2022. The events are being held on: Monday 8 November – 3pm to 7pm at Wotton Town Hall, Market Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Wednesday, 10 November – 2pm to 5.30pm at Charfield Memorial Hall, Wotton Road, Charfield, Saturday 13 November – 10.30am to 2.30pm at Charfield Memorial Hall, Wotton Road, Charfield. Information about the scheme can be found by visiting: www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation - Please make your comments to South Gloucestershire Council.

14th November 2021 Remembrance Sunday - The annual laying of Poppy Wreaths will take place at the War Memorial. Please can we ask that the area in front of the War Memorial is free from cars from 10am on this date. This will enable the ceremony to take place in a respectful manner.

ANPR - During September the cameras registered 114500 vehicles passing along Charfield and Wickwar Roads. Of these 19,958 were exceeding the speed limit. The numbers of higher speeds has reduced slightly so although 1056 were recorded at 41 mph or over only 4 were over 60 mph. Drivers.... please be mindful of your speed and keep improving the figures.

Litter and Dog fouling - 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 Clerk of the Council
Please visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk for any other information 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.*

THE KEEPERS – COMMUNITY HUB**Contact:** 07585466418 **Email:** thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com

The Keepers Community Hub has been set up to help the communities in Wotton and the surrounding areas to be more resilient, connected and supported. The four areas that we are focussing on are: Social Isolation and Loneliness, Family Support, Meeting Basic Needs and Community Connection. What goes on? Everyone is welcome to pop in for a cup of tea and a chat, at any time, with our volunteers. During your visit you can find out about local groups, support & services in the area, collect food from our community freezer or store, visit our garden, donate food, swap a book or bring items to recycle for reuse. Currently we collect: stamps, bras and coffee pods. We are open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-4pm and Wednesday & Friday 9am-1pm. Drop in Café every Wednesday: 10.00am-noon with tea, coffee and biscuits. (pay as you feel) Our friendly volunteers are ready to welcome you.

MARATHON DE SABLES

Thank You ! A massive thank you to everyone for their support & encouragement. It was quite overwhelming to get all those messages. It appears that this year's event was a perfect storm of unseasonably high temperatures (even for the Sahara - for the first 3 days the temperatures hit 56 oC) and a gastroenteritis "bug " that was sweeping through the camp even before the first days running. This unsurprisingly seemed to take the organisers unprepared and the medical support was soon overstretched. Nearly half the runners were eliminated with heatstroke or gastro-enteritis by the end of day 3 (in an event where there is normally only a 10% dropout) . Day 1 was tough & the extreme heat was a shock to the system. Day 2 was equally tough & included a 13 km section through some classic never ending dunes (ok they did end after 13k!) and I finished the day pretty good, feeling quietly confident for day 3. Sadly I started the day after a particularly "unpleasant" night in the desert, unable to eat; even drinking was tough. I crashed out after about 22k & spent most of the afternoon lying in the shade (38oC) of the medical tent. Gutted as I am to have not finished, it's been quite an experience as the conditions briefly were, we ran through some pretty impoverished villages/ camps in the desert where water is so precious and life is tough, **every** day. So for everyone who sponsored me through Wateraid a MASSIVE thanks....so far over £1100 has been raised. Thank you again to all the wonderful people of Kingswood for all your support, it was hugely appreciated & helped make this experience even more special. Damian

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB**Contact:** Norval Hawksworth 07377362083 hnorval@yahoo.co.uk

Our speakers for November are: Wednesday 10th - Patrick Howell and on the 24th - Patrick Farley. Both will give a talk with an accompanying film/slide show. There will be Refreshments, Raffle, and Sales Table. Our Visitor on 29th Sept was Mr Phillip Andrews who entertained us with songs from the 60/70s and on 13th Oct we were treated to some comic stories/poems and COVID family escapades from Mrs Claire Greenwood. Our Christmas Meal will be on the 15th Dec in the Masonic Hall. Visitors and New Members will be warmly welcomed.

ST MARYS CHURCH**Website:** www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk**Remembering our Friends and Neighbours - Saturday 6th Nov 10am-4pm & Sunday 7th Nov 10am-3pm St Mary's**

The families of those who have passed away during the COVID period have been invited to help set up a display in St Mary's about their loved one to share with the community, offering a time and place where people can meet, with a chance to share memories and stories with others. **All Souls Service - Sunday 7th Nov 3pm St Mary's**

Each year we mark All Souls Day with a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for 'those we love but see no longer'.

Remembrance Sunday - 14th Nov 10:55 War Memorial & St Mary's

Village organisations lay wreaths at the War Memorial commemorating those who died in the service of the nation, followed by a Service in St Mary's **Christingle - Sunday 28th November 6pm**

CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE PLAYERS WANTED!

Wotton Wind Band is looking for Clarinet and Saxophone (Soprano to Baritone) players. We're a friendly and informal mixed-ability group of around nine players, playing a wide range of music specially arranged for us to suit the abilities of our members.

We play music from a wide variety of styles and eras (at present we're playing pieces by Tchaikovsky and Mamas and Papas amongst others). We give occasional performances but mostly we play for fun. We meet on Tuesday evenings in Wotton, we don't mind if you can't make every rehearsal. We're an ideal group if you're a school leaver wanting to continue playing, or someone returning to music after a break from playing – maybe you picked up an instrument again during lockdown, and you'd like to make music with others.

If you'd like to know more, or you'd like to come along and give us a try, we'll be very pleased to hear from you: please contact Chris Knight on 01454 238661 (chris@chrisknight.org.uk).

COTSWOLD TYNDALE ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. Create a smile for someone in Eastern Europe – our boxes are gifts to disadvantaged children and adults. They are delivered all year round, not just at Christmas. Even with the present difficulties, rotary shoe boxes will always be delivered to your chosen group: Toys/Teenagers/Household/Baby. For gift suggestions and a free box please call rotarian, Paul McClung 01453 842178

WOTTON UNDER EDGE & DISTRICT R.N.L.I.

We're back! After last year's lockdown we are holding our annual Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 17th November** at St. Mary's Room, Kingswood, from 10am -12 noon. Christmas cards etc. and souvenirs will be on sale along with tea and coffee and biscuits. Please come along to support this important charity or just meet up with old and new friends.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS**Website:** 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. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what activities we have been doing during this term....

DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER**

For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk