

## Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 11th Oct

An Afternoon Harvest Festival at St Mary's

3pm

### Editors Note:

Our thanks must go to the Kingswood Village Association who have donated to the Grapevine to enable us to continue to publish another 6 issues – without these donations we would not be able to continue so thank you KVA!  
Stay safe villagers and don't forget to continue to wear your mask and wash your hands.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

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

**THANK YOU Kingswood.** Hundreds of you came out for a tremendously enjoyable day, safely distanced, in our Grand Village Treasure Hunt. Ice Creams were enjoyed while they lasted and thank you to the kind person who donated a box of Maltesers so that we could continue giving free treats. It wasn't Showday but we hope you had a good time (especially if you were lucky enough to win one of the prizes).

Although other local schemes have paused help during the Covid 19 pandemic, Kingswood Village Association, under the auspices of Kingswood Community Action Group, are continuing to offer physical and financial help at this time. We have funds kindly donated from many individuals and organisations and these are being used to distribute £50 vouchers to be used locally in the SPAR shop. I cannot stress strongly enough that this help is meant only to go to people who have been disadvantaged by circumstances surrounding the pandemic such as redundancies or reduced income due to reduced hours. We will continue to help as long as possible which means as long as funds last, and the current spike in infections is testament to the need for us to continue to offer help. Please ask for help by calling Jim confidentially on 07527813404 or email: [jamesinkinson16@gmail.com](mailto:jamesinkinson16@gmail.com). Conversely, if you do not need help please don't ask, so that those who do can benefit for longer. As always if you are isolating, and/or cannot get out, call Jim and ask for help with shopping etc. Unfortunately, because rules are becoming tighter and infections are rising we have to say that, at this time, the December Wine Festival cannot take place. If this continues to be the case we will reschedule the festival to happen as soon as safe and practicable. Probably even more unfortunately is that, for the same reasons, we feel that we cannot endanger our village Seniors and have therefore made the difficult decision to cancel this years Seniors New Years Eve Lunch. We will however think what we can put on for you next year when it is hopefully safe to do so.

Kingswood Village Association exists for the village and is run entirely by volunteers. All money raised by us in our annual events goes back into the village by donations. For now our full attention is on helping those affected by the pandemic. Stay safe.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

This month the weather has been perfect and allowed us to continue cutting the grass pathways and open up further areas. The hawthorn, which was encroaching on to the pathway in a Charfield direction and past the allotments, has been cut back enabling us to trim the long grass on either side and widen the path. We are starting to cut the hedges and there are lots of beautiful rose hips visible. Some of the apple and pear trees have had bountiful crops. We are delighted to have a new volunteer from the village and are always glad to welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand. We meet on Monday mornings from 10.00am. If you would like to join us just bring our own drink for coffee break and a packed lunch if you are able to help into the afternoon.

### KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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#### NEWS: Kingswood's 6<sup>th</sup> Defibrillator has arrived.

A new defibrillator has been located toward the far end (East) of Walkmill Lane. It is installed on the front wall of No 59 Walkmill Lane, which is on the South East side, (right hand side as you go down Walkmill Lane), and is opposite the footpath, which leads to Golden Lane / Vineyard Lane. Importantly this is now the closest defib for users of The Ash Path.

Huge thanks to Annie and Danny for demonstrating such community spirit by allowing the defib cabinet to be mounted on the front wall of their house. Ideally a defibrillator should be with a patient who is suffering a cardiac arrest within 5 minutes of collapse. You can see why it is so important to have more in the community.

I am still raising funds to meet the cost of this new defib, so if you can Gift Aid a donation, this will be hugely beneficial – I can give you payment details. The position of the new defib will shortly be added to the list and map to be found on the Grapevine website at <http://www.kingswoodgrapevine.btck.co.uk>

*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.

### KINGSWOOD CRICKET CLUB

In spite of the lockdown, the cricket club squeezed in ten games, mostly in glorious weather. Not all were won (well one actually !) but just to be able to play was enough, especially for our young players. We hope that the off season will continue as near normal as possible with the AGM at the Village Hall on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Xmas Draw at "The Dinney" on December 15<sup>th</sup> and nets starting at KLB in February.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Just to let all our members know we are still out there! Due to the continuing Covid 19 situation, we feel we cannot hold the AGM in November. However, the Society's Accounts and the Chairman's Report will be produced as normal and will be sent out to all members by email. If anyone has any items of interest in the meantime, or just wants to keep in touch, please contact [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com). Thank you very much to those members who have donated or offered to donate, items to the KVHS Archive during the Lockdown period.

## DEMENTIA CONNECTIONS

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As the summer draws to a close and we slip into the Autumn Equinox, we thought we'd take some time to reflect on some of the lovely things we HAVE managed to do during these strange times, rather than what we have not. **GROUP ACTIVITIES** - Our regular group activities came to a rather abrupt halt in mid-March, but we kept in touch with our members and volunteers with a combination of social media, emails, and good old Royal Mail. We sent out rainbows to stick in windows, telephoned each other to keep our spirits up, and even organised a remote version of our annual Sunflower Competition. One or two sunflowers nearly didn't make it (thanks to the rather over-zealous franking machine at the depot) but we had some fabulous entries! **ALLOTMENT** - Since restrictions eased a little in June, we have made the most of our allotment space, meeting outdoors in socially distanced groups of 6 was just what we needed to start the ball rolling again. **SWIMMING SESSIONS** - Throughout August, we were thrilled to be able to book Wotton Pool for a weekly slot, where people living with dementia and volunteers took it in turns to enjoy a dip. It was lovely to see family/carers enjoying some relaxing me-time, too. **CHIPPING SURGERY BIG BIKE RIDE** - This took place remotely this year, where participants were invited to walk/run/cycle and donate. An amazing £465 was made for us, thank you to everyone. **OTHER EVENTS** - Sadly all of our other fundraising events have had to be cancelled, and without our doors being open for groups, we have really struggled to generate additional income. We have a number of ideas for events in 2021. Let's keep everything crossed that at least some of them come to fruition. **MOVING FORWARD** - Whilst the outdoor meet-ups have served us well throughout the summer, we need to plan now for the colder months. Unfortunately, that is easier said than done, particularly with ever-changing Government guidance. We are also finding that there are many more restrictions on the hire of our regular venues, which just don't suit the needs of our group. For example, mandatory use of masks, rules on eating and drinking, being responsible for your own deep clean of the hired room etc. We are still waiting for news on when the Dinneywicks will re-open for business. Contact Amanda for more information about our Memory Groups, information, and support or to be kept up to date. - You can also find us on Facebook@Dementiaconnections

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The traditional gathering at 11 o'clock at the war memorial to witness the laying of wreaths and the observing of the two minutes silence is always very well supported in Kingswood. This year, because of Coronavirus, there is great uncertainty about what we will be able to do at this important public occasion. Nevertheless planning is going ahead and we will do as much as we can within the restrictions in place at the time. The wreaths laid that morning will remain as a symbol of remembrance for the whole of our community, even if we are not allowed to gather in the usual numbers at the eleventh hour. Will those organisations who normally lay wreaths, and anyone else who would wish to do so, please go ahead and order their wreaths. One way or another, we will ensure that they are laid with due solemnity. We hope to be able to give firm details of what will happen in the November Grapevine. What is already certain is that the service in St Mary's Church that usually follows the gathering at the war memorial will not take place due to existing restrictions on church services.

## ST MARYS CHURCH

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

**An Afternoon Harvest Festival Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3pm at St Mary's - All Welcome.** Please give your Harvest Gift to the Foodbank, either privately or use the drop box in Church on the day. *Our services are COVID19 managed. Please wear a face covering or mask and adopt social distancing.* Thanks to all who are supporting the church during this different time. If you wish to join our on line Zoom Worship please contact us for the links and details either on Facebook, our website, or phone Wickwar Rectory 01454 294267.

**Remembrance Sunday** - "We will remember them!" - The Church is happy to lead an Act of Remembrance as usual and work with other participants as best we can. It is likely this will be an outside event only as we would be unable to host a large service, safely distanced, in Church. The details and manner of this will be influenced by the regulations applying at that time and any further guidance we get. Please look for details on local notice boards, our website and Facebook.

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mary Leonard Tel: 01453844659 [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Parish Council operations during the Coronavirus** - The parish council is operating normally through the Clerk and meeting via a 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. **Planning** - There are two current planning applications: S.20/0887/FUL - Land at Cloverlea Barn Wickward Road for 58 dwellings. S.20/1083/OUT Land South of Charfield Road for 50 dwellings. Please view the details on [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) **Playing field** - At the beginning of September we experienced a higher level than usual of anti social behaviour at the playing field. Fortunately, we have CCTV and the images have been shared with the Police. Please, if you witness any vandalism, report to the Police on 101 and also let KPC know via our usual contact details. **Please pass on details of dog fouling or littering to the clerk at the time of the incident.**

**Public Toilets** - The toilets remain closed due to a water leak somewhere outside the building; we will replace the mains water pipe that supplies the toilets soon which unfortunately will cause a little disruption. However, the good news is after the work is finished we will be able to re-open the toilets. **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. **Cemetery Bin** - The bin at the cemetery is provided for the use of cemetery holders only and not for domestic waste. **Speeding** - The Police recently provided the August stats for vehicles detected speeding through the village, of the 23 motorists issued warning letters, 8 are from Kingswood. Please can all members of the community observe the speed limit. **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 [Clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) **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,

**NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

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