

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday	13th & 27th	October Jubilee Club Meetings – Village Hall	2pm
Saturday	27th Nov	KVA Wine Festival – Village Hall	TBC

### Editors' Note:

We would like to thank the Kingswood Parish Council for awarding 'Kingswood Grapevine' a grant this month which will enable us to continue to print our issues for some time. We are very grateful – Thank you.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

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

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our Showday on the 4th September. A fantastic and fun day for our wonderful village after such a long period of restrictions.

**Kingswood Christmas Wine Festival – Our next event!** Our Wine Festival 2021 is on **Saturday 27th November 2021**. Save that date now in your diary. After the 2020 Covid hiatus KVA is delighted to be back with this year's Christmas Wine Festival. Once again, we have chosen 20 of the Wine Society's 57 "Champions Choice" winners, those in turn picked in a blind tasting of 1102 wines by the Society's buyers. Ticket includes wine and canapés and they will be on sale from KVA members at the end of October/early November. Further details will be in the next "Grapevine" and on the KVA website. The KVA can now accept card payments. Come along for this brilliant and popular evening that will set you up to begin an enjoyable Christmas season. There will be our usual raffle with some lovely prizes and we look forward to seeing you.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

During September we have been making the most of good weather and keeping the footpaths cut. Some of the areas of longer grass have been scythed or cut with a strimmer. Where the longer grass contained thistles, nettles and hawthorn shoots we have needed to use a brush cutter. The hedges are being trimmed and tidied to keep branches away from the footpaths. We meet on Mondays from about 9.45 and new volunteers are always welcome. The more volunteers we have the more we can do so extra hands are much appreciated. A regular commitment is not necessary, anyone who is only available for occasional weeks can still come along and be involved. If you are passing on a Monday stop and have a chat with one of the volunteers and find out more about what we do.

### KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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The electrode pads used by defibrillators last for about 2 years. The cost of replacement pads for most of the village's defibs is covered in the original purchase agreements for the first 8 years. However, the defib pads at the Village Hall, which have just been replaced, needed funding. Because of the model type, both adult and paediatric pads are needed – the latter being expensive. Once again the Karate Club has made a fantastic donation, not only covering the £150+ cost of the pads, but also including a substantial extra amount. Thank you so much Bekki and Rachel.

The other good news is that the recent addition of a defib at the junction of Hillesley Road and Weavers Close is now fully funded thanks both to local donations (as ever, you know who you are, and thank you again) and to a very generous donation from **Renishaw**.

One of the new defibs funded by **Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch** is now in the process of being installed at the end of the drive to Hopyard Farm, on the Wotton to Charfield road, opposite the junction to the Bradley Green / The Round House. Not only is this an accident blackspot, but, as many will know, it is on the popular footpath between Kingswood and Renishaw. By next month it will be added to the list below as the 8<sup>th</sup> defib in the parish.

In brief, the current 7 public access defibs in the village are located at: The Shop, The Primary School (Abbey St), F+G Services Charfield Road, The Village Hall, Weavers Close, 59 Walkmill Lane, Bramley Close Flats' garages.

### TUBBS TURF & MULTI SPORTS COURTS

Our Finals Day and Garden Party was a great success on Saturday 18th September and many thanks to those that came along and enjoyed it with us. The tennis finals were well fought out and the fun walking netball extremely entertaining for both the participants and spectators. The children had a great time trying out the short tennis, even in the rain. The BBQ, Pimms, Beer, cakes and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

The event is both an opportunity to enjoy all that the courts have to offer, relax in the lovely gardens and also raise some funds to help with the maintenance of this great community facility. The recent cleaning and repainting of the courts cost £5,000 so, as a charity, events like this really do help to keep the facility going for all to enjoy.

Many thanks for all of the hard work that went into making the event such a success - to the committee and friends of Tubbs Turf, the sponsors of the programme, those that donated the excellent raffle prizes and the delicious home-baked cakes.

Keep enjoying the courts and if anyone would like to know more about Tubbs Turf or just receive the newsletter, please email [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk) for further details.

\*UPDATE\* - Due to some generous donations/donors we have raised **£1000** – fabulous news, Thank you

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Website: [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. The children at playgroup are busy with Autumnal activities, we took a walk to the Maize field and then made popcorn. Baby/Toddler group is open 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....

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**KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB****Contact:** Norval Hawksworth 07377362083, [hnorval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hnorval@yahoo.co.uk)

The Jubilee Club Speakers for October are Claire Greenwood on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Paul Evans on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Visitors and New Members will be warmly welcomed. Our Harvest Service on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept was conducted by the Rev Morag Langley from St Mary's Wotton, with a message based on Psalm 65 followed by a hymn and a blessing. A ploughman's meal was served plus Apple Pie & Cream. Many gifts were received for the Food Bank.

**KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)****Contact:** 01453 844659, [Clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

KPC has resumed its meetings at the village hall and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. The calendar, agenda and meeting papers can be found on our website. The next meeting will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** - Please will all parents ensure that their children are not causing a nuisance at the playing field at night. We have had complaints of mopeds, loud music and littering. Please report any instances to the Police on 101 and to [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) providing a date and time to assist in finding the incident/evidence on the camera that can then be sent to the Police.

**Playing field** - KPC is now looking at delivering the outdoor accessible toilets at the playing field and it is intended that this project will be completed by the end of 2022. KPC has placed an expression of interest to access government funding to deliver a Changing Places toilet facility at the Playing field. Currently Kingswood Playing Field has been accepted by Stroud District Council as one of two locations within the Stroud District that they will support. KPC is interested in your views on this type of facility so do please contact the Clerk. The new fence at the playing field is in place, however we have noticed the vehicle access gate is being left open on occasions, which may be due in part to the difficulty in closing it. Due to continued issues with the vehicle access gate, we will be installing a second pedestrian gate next to the vehicle gate. The vehicle access gate will then be locked, and access through it will be for contractors only.

**Access** - Please can we ask all householders to ensure that their hedges are not causing an obstruction on the pavements, in particular due to brambles, and that the pavement has not been narrowed due to over growth. It is important that wheelchairs and pushchairs can stay safely on the pavements and in some areas this is proving difficult. Please can all householders also check that kerbs and pavement areas are free of weed thereby ensuring that any rainwater can access the drainage system.

**ANPR Cameras** - From the beginning of September the two cameras have recorded just under 22% of vehicles exceeding the speed limit with the highest speed set by a delivery vehicle at 74 MPH leaving the village.

**Litter bins** - The litter bins within the parish are provided by Stroud District Council and are emptied on a Tuesday. These bins are for the use of the community for their litter and dog poo bags when they are out and about. They are not there for businesses to use for their commercial waste or for residential waste. This has been a particular problem in connection with the bin at The Chipping adjacent to the shop. If you see a **full bin** please report it to Stroud District Council on the following link <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-an-overflowing-litter-bin>

**Grants** - Please see KPC website for information on grant funding. <https://kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Grants-Policy-Final-2020-1.pdf> Please also see details in relation to the Community Wind Turbine fund. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 <https://resilientenergy.co.uk/REMR/>

**Dog fouling** - Please report anyone not picking up after their dog to the following; <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems> **Litter or Fly Tipping** – Report to: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-fly-tipping-dumped-litter> 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) for full 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*

**EYE IN ART EXHIBITION**

To those that gave their expertise and wisdom to enable me to stage the exhibition – Jim Sinkinson, Sarah Farwell, Matt Bigwood, Isobel Kelly and assistants: Chris Wynn, Rich Hall, Hannah Bigwood, Pat Devine, Mike Wilding and Rich Cartwright. Barmaids: Kelly girls, Mistress of raffle tickets: Kim Hughes, Floor walkers: Paul and Gill Hemming, Printing: Sue Bateman. Those that loaned items: Dee Fifield, Richard Greenhalgh, Mary Griggs, Isobel & Shona Kelly, Kathryn Lock, Fran & Angus McCubbin, Judi Werrett and Jacob Wilcox. Those inspired by Pat: Hannah Bigwood, Rosie Connor, Bekki Pacini, Iris & Ada Reynolds and last but certainly not least, all of those that came to see the exhibition and donated so generously to the £519.31 in addition to the £9400 already raised. Thank you to you all for helping to make the day such a success and a fitting tribute to Pat. Judith Harty

**MARATHON DES SABLES (Oct 3 – 9<sup>th</sup>)****Contact:** [68deepee@gmail.com](mailto:68deepee@gmail.com)

By the time this edition of the Grapevine lands in your home, I will be somewhere in the middle of the Sahara desert aiming to complete the legendary Marathon des Sables. It is indisputably the "Toughest Footrace on Earth". Physically, it is six days' running over 250 kms (156 miles) across endless sand dunes, rocky jebels and white-hot salt plains, carrying everything you need to survive on your back (though water is provided!). Not entirely sure why I decided to do it, but it's too late now! Words of encouragement (or other!) would be helpful so if you want to send me a message mid race then go to the [www.marathondessables.com](http://www.marathondessables.com) website and click on 'Ecrire aux Concurrents' (Write to Competitors). There is a form for emails - name, surname and running (DOS) number **708**, tent number **58**, will be required– this facility does not go live until 2<sup>nd</sup> October, so save your "comments" until then! Seriously though, words of encouragement will be hugely motivating after another day of heat, sand and blisters. You can use the same web address to look at each day's results & see if I've made it out of the dunes! Many thanks, Damian Pacini

**NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:****WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**For an entry please email *Grapevine*: [admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk](mailto:admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk)