

## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept	Jubilee Club	Village Hall	2pm
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Village Showday	Village Hall	Noon
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Celebration for Pat Harty	Village Hall	Noon – 7.00pm
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Kingswood Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oct	Deadline for applications to John Mayo's foundation		
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct	Music at St Mary's	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm

### Editors' Note:

*The 'Summer' will soon be gone and the nights are already getting longer... Let's hope we get a dry day for our mini Show Day on the 4th so that we can all enjoy a day out with the family. Our new website is taking a little longer than we hoped but everything is being worked on in the background and we hope that by the end of September/beginning of October we will be able to tell you it is ready.*

*There will be availability for any local businesses to advertise at a reasonable rate - if you are interested please do get in touch with us.*

*Judith Harty has asked us to mention that she is " Looking forward to seeing you at the Village Hall on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September - noon to 7pm** to enjoy, and celebrate, Pat's life."*

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

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

**Kingswood Village Showday from midday Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** Includes the Produce and Handicraft Show, the Fun Dog Show and the Classic Car Show. Live music from local band Blowin Smoke. Bar and famous BBQ (card and cash payments accepted). Punch and Judy. Ice Cream. WI teas and more than 25 trader and local charity stalls. Get raffle tickets for the Grand Draw with fabulous prizes. No programmes this year due to earlier lockdown and so free entry! We give massive thanks to our wonderful sponsors Renishaw, Soils(HS) Ltd, In Vino Felicitas, The Car Clinic and The Falcon Steakhouse. Come and enjoy a fantastic afternoon.

Also, plan ahead for the Christmas Wine Festival to be held in the Village Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. A not to be missed event for the warm up to Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS WINE FESTIVAL** After the 2020 Covid hiatus KVA is delighted to be back with this year's Christmas Wine Festival on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Kingswood Village Hall. 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. The tickets will be on sale from KVA members at the end of October /early November. A not to be missed event for the warm up to Christmas. Details will be in the next "Grapevine".

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME.** Kingswood wildlife area is located at the rear of Tyndale View and can also be accessed by following the path opposite the Spar shop. The area was created to provide a habitat for the protected Great Crested Newts, who had made the old pond their home, and to be a quiet green space for local people to enjoy. It is managed by local volunteers and led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project ([stroudvalleysproject.org](http://stroudvalleysproject.org)). Other volunteers from Stroud Valleys Project come and help. We meet on Mondays from around 10am. Volunteering requires no special skills or equipment just a love of the outdoors and of wildlife. Apples, pears and plums are abundant on the orchard trees. The plums are ripening quickly and apples and pears will be ready to pick soon. Come and take a look and take some home for a pie!

### KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

**Contact:** David Owen 01453 844463, [owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com](mailto:owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com)

Lyn and Richard Cole have long wanted a defibrillator sited near their house at 26 Wickwar Rd (the prominent, red brick house on the left as you leave the village). Unfortunately, their house is not a suitable location for a public access defib in a cabinet for a number of reasons - primarily because there is no pavement (enough said!). So Lyn and Richard have bought their own, private defib; but in true community minded spirit, wish it to be known that there is now a defib at this location, which is available whenever they are at home.

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**.

The two new defibs, mentioned last month, and funded by **Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch**, are still awaiting delivery of the cabinets. The hold up is due to manufacturing delays resulting from the pandemic. In brief, the current 7 public access defibs in the village are located at: The Spar Shop, The Primary School (Abbey St), F+G Services Charfield Road, The Village Hall, Weavers Close, 59 Walkmill Lane, Bramley Close Flats' garage.

### KINGSWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Angus McCubbin and Steve Barnes - KVCC Co Chairmen

KVCC would like to thank all who supported, participated in, and helped run this year's Hog Roast and Summer Draw at the end of July. The event was a great success and even the weather played its part. We raised over £1500, which will boost much needed club funds for the coming year and help to keep the village cricket club available to all who wish to participate in our great summer game. A full list of Summer Draw winners is available, e-mail [kvccteamsec@gmail.com](mailto:kvccteamsec@gmail.com). Thanks for all your support.

## JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you are preparing to go to university or college, undertake an apprenticeship, or start any other form of further education or training, you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, our charity should be able to help you with a grant towards books or equipment. Please apply in writing to Dr David Hatton, Nampara, Old Rectory Road, Kingswood, GL12 8RE before **Friday 1st October**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family or a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then please encourage them to apply.

## VILLAGE HALL HANDYMAN REQUIRED

We are looking for someone who can do basic jobs (like mending a tap, replacing bulbs, simple woodwork, fix a broken door, clear a blocked sink, checking work of contractors, etc.) to join the Village Hall management committee. If you have time and skills and would like to take on this role please contact [sec@k-v-h.org](mailto:sec@k-v-h.org)

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

**Kingswood Parish Council (KPC) operations during the Coronavirus:** 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 the website as above. The next meeting will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** Please can 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). I will need a date and a time to find the incident on the camera and then be able to provide the evidence to the Police.

**Playing field:** KPC is now looking at delivering the outdoor accessible toilets at the playing field and it is hoped that this project will be completed by the end of 2022. At the same time as toilets KPC is considering if a Changing Places Facility would be appropriate at the playing field. The Council is interested in your views on this. Please email [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The new fence at the playing field is in place, however we have noticed that people are leaving the vehicle access gate open. Please can you ensure this gate is closed after use.

**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 business 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>

**Speeding:** From the analysis of the data from the Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, we still have some persistent offenders. However, it is good to see that the number of local offenders has gone down.

**Toilets Rectory Road:** We are delighted, after an extended period of closure, that the toilets at Rectory Road are now open again. The toilets have been refurbished and have undergone a deep clean. We now have a new cleaning contract in place. A big thank you to our new cleaner for getting the toilets ready for opening. Please report any issues with the toilets to the Clerk of Kingswood Parish Council.

**Grants:** Please see KPC web site 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/>

**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*

## MUSIC AT ST MARY'S - LIGHT

The latest of our popular concerts, featuring Rachel Howgego and her family and friends was due to take place on 17 April 2020. It had to be postponed due to Covid but now it's back on **Saturday 2nd October** at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Kingswood. The formula is unchanged: light classical numbers and songs from the shows. Do come along and enjoy another varied and sparkling evening. Tickets are £8 (£4 for children) from David Hatton tel. 01453842483, email [dgrhatton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhatton@gmail.com) All proceeds will go to the project to restore the historic William Sweetland organ in St Mary's which should be nearing completion by the time of the concert.

## KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Norval Hawksworth [hnorval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hnorval@yahoo.co.uk) 07377362083

The Jubilee Club has restarted again for which we are really pleased, it is open to senior citizens (over 60s) who like to meet together every fortnight on a Wednesday at 2pm in the Village Hall. Our meeting dates for September are on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> with the 15<sup>th</sup> being our Harvest Festival to be led by the Rev Morag Langley of St Mary's Church, Wotton. Refreshments at the end of the meeting

New members will be very welcome; we are a friendly bunch, so why not come along and join us.

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

For an entry please email Grapevine: [kingswoodgrapevine@googlemail.com](mailto:kingswoodgrapevine@googlemail.com)