

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat	5th	Sept	Grand Treasure Hunt – The Chipping	10.30 - 2.30pm
Mon	7th	Sept	Planning meeting via zoom (see log in details below)	7.15pm
Wed	23rd	Sept	Deadline for October GV entries	

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Website: www.kva.btck.co.uk

By the time this reaches you the **Grand Village Treasure Hunt** will be ready to go. Starting from the Chipping on Saturday **5th September** families, individuals, children and teams can register and take part (no entry fee is required). Registration is from 10.30am until 2pm. This is safe enjoyment in the outdoors so please come along. There will be some great prizes for the winners of each category and there will be a free ice cream for each participant (while stock lasts).

We continue to plan for the Annual Christmas Wine Festival so long as circumstances and adequate safety measures can be catered for. Please keep Saturday 5th December free in your diary and hope for the best! This is another not-to-be-missed KVA Event that creates wonderful memories of an evening well spent with friends, canapes and, oh, wine! 120 bottles of wine are in the KVA cellars, awaiting your pleasure!

As the economic situation begins to bite even harder we are forever conscious that some will find the weekly food bill hard to meet due to job losses etc. If you or someone you know is in need of food vouchers (to be used in our local Spar Shop) please call Jim confidentially on 07527 813404. This scheme will only continue to benefit those affected by the Covid 19 situation. Please though, if you are being helped by another scheme it would be best to remain with that scheme only, so that as many people as possible can benefit. As always we continue to offer help of all kinds through our band of volunteers and the same telephone number will enable us to put a volunteer in touch.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

During the early days of lockdown Kingswood villagers often commented how very grateful they were to be living in such a lovely area. When we were restricted to our homes, with only an hour of 'outside time' a day for exercise, we came to ever more appreciate having the village and surrounding countryside to enjoy. In the quiet, with little traffic and no aircraft noise, the wildlife area was a peaceful haven to escape all the uncertainty. Over the last few weeks volunteers have been able to return on Mondays (from around 10.00am), led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. There is a lot of catching up to do and we have made a start by strimming the grass footpaths to make them wider, and some of the longer grass areas and around the benches. New volunteers would be really wonderful to help us catch up on the work that needs doing. If you are interested in helping, please come along on a Monday morning, have a chat and see what we are doing. There is no need to make a regular weekly commitment and you can come for an hour or as long as you can spare. All help will be appreciated and you may find you feel the benefit of seeing the results of your efforts, and enjoying some fresh air and exercise. We could do so much more if we had more volunteers. Together we can work to keep this precious area a sanctuary for wildlife and villagers.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Chapel) Contact: Jennie 07934070167 or jennieamesbury@btinternet.com

We are very pleased to say that the chapel is now open for a Sunday morning service at 10.30 this is a short service of approximately half an hour. All measures are in place in accordance with government guidelines - you will be required to wear a face mask unless you are exempt. We are also continuing with our zoom services on a Sunday morning. If you would like to join please email robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk

We would love to share our services with you and you would get a warm welcome.

We are holding coffee mornings on a [Wednesday from 10.00am](#) - again with measures according to government guidelines which include social distancing.

You can also contact us via www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk or visit our Facebook page

MUSIC WITH MUMMY

Booking now for September – Monday mornings at Kingswood Village Hall. Lively, fun classes with singing, movement and percussion. Contact: Katie 07912617818 or musicwithmummykatie@hotmail.com

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Contact: Val Abbot; valabbott0@gmail.com or 01453 842059

The Memorial Garden was created for the benefit of all members of our village community, as a place of peace, in an historic setting, where anyone can sit to reflect and to remember loved ones.

Maintenance: we are looking for some more volunteers to help with the work of keeping this garden haven looking pristine. We are so fortunate to have several dedicated volunteers already and they have been doing a wonderful job of cutting and tending the grass, etc. However, more help would be most welcome. So if you feel you could spare the odd hour when needed, and would like to be involved in nurturing and gradually developing this community garden, I would love to hear from you.

A suggestion has been made that we could make part of the gardening a social event in our calendars, meeting on, say, one Saturday morning per month and include refreshments. Again, if this is of interest, do please contact me.

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: The council have received details of a planning application for the residential development of 58 dwellings at Cloverlea Barn Wickwar Road. The application was only available to the public for viewing in August. Please view the details on www.stroud.gov.uk S.20/0887/FUL

The Planning Officer is happy to take comments from the community throughout August and September. Please ignore the consultation end date on the Stroud District Council website. KPC will be holding a public meeting via Zoom to find out more about the application on **Monday 7th September** at 7.15pm. Joining details are;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88638298345?pwd=TzNGMGNDbkISMVl4Y25nYkhjR0xtQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 3829 8345 Passcode: 327905 Dial by your location +44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom +44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom. To help with holding the meeting via Zoom can questions be sent to the clerk by Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Playing field: There is still a high level of litter bottles and cans left on the field. Please report to KPC via the clerk any issues you see. We have CCTV and can review the images and pass on details to the Police. **Please pass on details of dog fouling or littering to the clerk at the time of the incident.**

Fence for the Playing field: The parish council has now received plans from three different contractors for the fence at the playing field to enclose the play equipment. These range from a basic fence to a fence with added play value. KPC would now like to set up a working group of users of the play equipment to review the designs and make comments and suggestions. This group will need to meet via Zoom. Please email the clerk if you are interested in assisting with this. Once the final specification has been agreed the designs will go out to public consultation for the community to select the preferred design.

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 cameras are picking up more vehicles speeding through the village. 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 **Communication** - Please visit the KPC

web site on 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

JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you preparing to go to university or college, or to undertake an apprenticeship, or to 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 25th September.

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.

KINGSWOOD SPORTS AND RECREATION FUND

Kingswood Sports & Recreation Fund (KSRF) are pleased to announce the appointment of Judi Werrett as their new Chairman and Ian Beswick as a new Trustee. Rod Alexander has stepped down as Chairman but remains a Trustee. KSRF would like to thank Rod for all his hard work, leadership and commitment as Chairman over the years.

TUBBS TURF

With the school holidays still in full swing we are pleased both courts are available for mixed household tennis, sadly not football or basketball at this stage. To ensure we comply with covid restrictions all users must be members and the pavilion will need to remain closed. Hand sanitisers have been installed by the courts and surfaces and hands must be cleaned when using the facility.

Sadly we will not be running our finals day in September for obvious reasons and will hopefully look forward to having a super event next year to make up for the cancellation. We held a remote AGM on 12 August and re-elected the committee. If anyone else would like to join our small but very lovely team it would be great. We don't bite, promise. Have fun on the courts. Stay alert, stay safe and if any users do fall ill with covid please can you alert the committee asap. For membership, to receive the newsletter or any queries please email: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**