

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 5th April	Village Hall Management Annual General Meeting - Village Hall	7.30pm
Thurs 7th & 21st April	Cuppa & Natter – Village Hall Lounge	2 – 4pm
Wed 13th & 27th April	Jubilee Club – Village Hall	2pm
Monday 16th May	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm
Thursday 2nd June	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Playing Field & Village Hall	12 – 5pm

### Editors' Note:

We were delighted to have our new website go live in March! We do hope that you like it and would welcome any ideas you may have for other information that you might like us to include. Take a look: [www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk). We are still looking to give local businesses an opportunity to promote your business on our website. Please do get in touch with us, you can be added at any time....

### PLATINUM JUBILEE – VILLAGE PICNIC – THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE, 12 noon – 5.00pm

The KVA in conjunction with many other village organisations are excited to invite the **whole village** to join them to celebrate the Queens 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for a village picnic at the playing fields. Cross your fingers for the weather, bring along your blanket and picnic basket and enjoy some family fun. There will be music from 3 different genres throughout the afternoon and the cricket club, football club and Tubbs Turf will be putting on sporting activities. Messy Church will have lots of crafting activities as well as the KSA, Playgroup and the Guides bringing fun activities for all the family. Additionally, we are delighted to welcome Jon Hughes with his Punch and Judy and Magic Acts, and Wren's Birds of Prey will be bringing along some of their wonderful birds to look at. KVA will be offering free tea and coffee, served by the amazing ladies of the WI, as well as a glass of prosecco for the adults and an ice cream for the children. All of this will be *free of charge*, however if you don't want to "bring your own" Tubbs Turf will be setting up a BBQ and selling Jubilee burgers, and the Village Hall Bar will also be open for sales. We look forward to a wonderful village celebration with friends and family and hope you can all join us for part or all of the afternoon.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

In the wildlife area the flowering hawthorn is a sure sign of the lengthening spring days and rising temperatures. Those of you who keep an eye on the newt pond will have had good sightings of the newts as they feasted on tiny emerging tadpoles. The birds are singing their hearts out and it is a lovely time of year to sit on the bench for a while and just listen. Volunteers are continuing to cut back the encroaching brambles and have planted a new native hedge near the shed. New volunteers are always needed - we meet on Monday mornings from about 10am. If you think you may be able to help come along and have a chat and see what we do.

### KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingswood Primary School Association is pleased to announce the return of the **Scarecrow Trail** this Easter! From 9th until 24th April, a crop of scarecrows will appear around the village. **Grab a map from the Kingswood SPAR (£2)**, follow the trail to find them all and claim your prize. Don't forget to vote for your favourite scarecrow!

### KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

With a few stops and starts the Club is now up and running, our March speakers were very entertaining with their talks and slide shows. April is the beginning of our financial year and subs are due, £10pp per year to go towards the cost of speakers and the hire of the hall. Speakers for this month 13<sup>th</sup> - Easter Tea, 27<sup>th</sup> - Ella Beale who will give a talk on her work in the Bristol Archives. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

The next meeting of the WI is on Tuesday April 12th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Vanessa Berridge will talk about the National Garden Scheme. Visitors are most welcome to join us for the evening, £3 admission. The WI Craft group are still busily knitting and crafting to prepare decorations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, any help will be gratefully appreciated. For more details contact [sepjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sepjones@hotmail.co.uk) or [sheilakerr1355@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakerr1355@gmail.com). Gardeners: it will be great if you will plant up a pot of red, white and blue flowers or purple and silver or white to decorate your front gardens.

### KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: Jennie 07934070167 or [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)

Kingswood Congregational Church are holding Chapel services that incorporate people attending in person and also on line via Zoom. If you would like to be with us in person you are very welcome into our COVID safe Chapel. Alternatively for a Zoom link contact Bob on [robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk). Coffee mornings are held on a Wednesday in the Lower Schoolroom 10am - 11am. Wednesdays 12 noon - 1pm the Church is open for prayer. United Youth Group 6.30pm every Monday in the Lower Schoolroom. Sunday School every Sunday 10.30am except the last Sunday which is family service – when all are welcome. You can also visit our Facebook page for more information.

## STROUD & COTSWOLD CITIZENS ADVICE

### “WE ARE STILL HERE”

As we all try to recover from the effects of The Pandemic here are 5 important points about your local Citizens Advice:

- We are a local Charity, totally independent of government, providing free confidential impartial advice to everyone in Stroud District areas, including Dursley, Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Wotton-Under-Edge and Berkeley. The same service is available to everyone in Cotswold District, including Cirencester, Tetbury and Moreton-in-Marsh. The delivery of our Service relies on the dedication of our fully trained volunteers supported by a small team of paid staff. We have been providing a Service in Stroud since 1958, when we were known as the CAB.
- Your local Citizens Advice office continued to operate a limited service during the Pandemic with volunteer members of staff working from home. Now that restrictions are being eased, we are working very hard to manage face to face interviews again, which are vital to many people. We are also making every effort to reopen our outreach and community hub services.
- Our main areas of enquiry at this time are: Employment, Energy issues, Welfare Benefits and Debt issues. Since December 2021 we have given information and support to 705 members of our local community. We are extremely grateful for our core funding from The District, Town and Parish Councils, but we still need to raise an additional £25,000 every year to maintain the Service.
- Citizens Advice in Stroud has a very active PR and Fundraising Committee who continue to organise fundraising events to help finance such essentials as training and improved technology, as well as improved premises. We are extremely grateful for all donations, especially from our donors who provide us with annual standing orders, one off donations and legacies. This source of funding is vital to the continuation of our Service.

Our next planned event is an Evening Concert of Classical Music featuring the internationally acclaimed pianist Clare Hammond on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at Holy Trinity Church Stroud.

If you would like to help us, or need advice, please contact us on:- freephone: 0808 800 510 or on our website at: [citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk) where you can find further information on Donating and Volunteering and Advice.

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact: [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 01453 844659

**Highways Concerns** - KPC is looking at highway issues within the parish. Please access our survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYR2M7K> and please complete it by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A paper copy of the survey will also be delivered to every household in the parish. KPC will analyse the information and feedback the results to the community in the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Community Speedwatch** - KPC has set up the Speedwatch as a visual speed deterrent to support the ANPR cameras. Please contact the Clerk if you would you like to help with this initiative?

**ANPR Cameras** - KPC has purchased two additional cameras. This will mean that there are speed cameras on the four approach roads to Kingswood. It is intended that this will help to reduce speeding on all four roads. The Police will also use the camera locations as Police Enforcement points.

**Playing Field** - KPC has now replaced the fence between the playing field and Boundary Close. A hedge is also being planted in this location.

If you need to report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Over flowing bins then please visit [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk) where you will find the relevant links. Please report any problems at the playing field and the community areas to the Clerk to the Council.**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*

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM will be held in the village hall at 7.30pm **Tuesday 5th April 2022**. We will review the year and elect new committee members. If you would be willing to help run this village facility please turn up and consider joining the committee. If you are unable to attend but want more details please contact the secretary, Pat on 0779 213 2206

## CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter has been around for a couple of months and is going from strength to strength. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to come along. Next get together is **Thursday 7th April** - we meet fortnightly - Lounge, Village Hall 2-4pm. See you there, Judith

**MAY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL**