

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 2nd June	Jubilee Celebrations & Village Photograph – Playing Field & Village Hall	12 – 5pm
Saturday 11th June	Church Fete – Amercombe, High Street	1 – 5pm
Thursday 16th June	Cuppa & Natter – Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Sunday 19th June	KVA Treasure Hunt – Village Hall	11 – 2pm
Wed 22nd June	July Grapevine Deadline (NO AUGUST ISSUE)	6pm

Editors' Note:

A reminder that our next issue will be the last until September as we do not go to print in August so remember to get your summer news and events into us for the July edition.

We have been asked by several villagers to request that we be more vigilant with regard to the picking up of dog poo! It has been raising concern and tempers, so please do pick up after your dog, Thank you.

PLATINUM JUBILEE – VILLAGE PICNIC – THURSDAY 2nd JUNE, 12 noon – 5.00pm

Hope you have the date in your diary, and are pulling together your very best red, white and blue outfit! Kingswood Primary School very kindly organised the key stage 2 pupils to design a poster for the event, and we hope you have enjoyed seeing the winning entry by Poppy around the village. Congratulations Poppy! We hope the weather is kind to us, and we can all enjoy a lovely family afternoon of music, games, and activities. KVA would like to thank all the organisations who have worked together to make this a truly inclusive event. We look forward to a wonderful celebratory afternoon with friends and family and hope you can join us and collect a commemorative badge.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPH - Many of you will be aware of the "Kingswood Village" photograph on the wall in the Village Hall. KVA are delighted that local photographer Matt Bigwood has agreed to take an updated version during the Village Picnic on 2nd June. It is anticipated that this will be taken at some time between 1pm and 2pm, so make sure your attendance is recorded for posterity!

TREASURE HUNT – KVA are excited to be holding their popular family treasure hunt on **Sunday 19th June 2022**. Entry will be free with a first prize of £100, second prize £50 and third prize £25. The start & finish point will be at the Village Hall starting from 11am to last entry at 2pm. Sausage and Bacon Rolls, and hot drinks will be available to help you on your way!

SHOW DAY - The Produce & Handicraft schedule is being printed and will come through your doors with entry forms fairly soon. However, if you want to make a head start, the schedule has been published on our FB page, and website: www.thekva.co.uk

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

The results of this year's newt survey show a thriving population including all three of the UK native newt species - Smooth, Palmate and the protected Great Crested Newt. In one of the surveys 104 newts were counted. It is possible to see newts in the big pond at the moment if you look closely. Keep a look out for butterflies that should be plentiful if the weather is sunny. Kingswood wildlife area can be accessed through Tyndale View, Chestnut Park or Boundary Close and is near the allotments. As always volunteers are needed to keep this area a space to be enjoyed by all. If you think you may be able to help we meet on Mondays from around 10am.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Alan Hooper's Memorial Service will take place on June 18th. All friends are welcome at a celebration of Alan's life at 2pm at St. Marys Church and afterwards for light refreshments at Kingswood Village Hall. For catering purposes please contact Elizabeth as soon as possible if you wish to attend: elizabeth.hooper1000@gmail.com or tel: 01453 842408

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CHURCH FETE IS BACK!

This year, we are pleased to be able to hold our annual fete once again in the garden of Amercombe, 11 High Street on **Saturday 11th June 1-5pm**. Always much enjoyed by old and young alike, this year the event will have a 'twenties' theme – not so much 2022 but 1922! Come as a flapper and enjoy a special twenties cocktail! There will be the usual grand prize draw; traditional games and amusements including a treasure hunt and teddy stall for children; plant, craft, cake and bottle stalls, barbecue, bar and of course, the ever-popular home-made teas! The garden will be at its summer best and the weather will certainly be fine – if we are British about it. Prize draw and entry programmes are being sold around the village in advance so please do support us. Donations of books, plants, cakes and bottles will be hugely appreciated. Please leave them in St Mary's church or cakes at Amercombe on the day of the fete. Extra pairs of hands are always appreciated so if you can spare an hour or two, do come to our fete helpers meeting for drinks & nibbles on Monday 6th June at 6pm in the Amercombe garden. We'd love to see you, especially if you are new to the village and want to get involved. Enquires please email: fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk, or phone Chris Wynn on 07802 604389. Do join us for this great village event which is always one of the most popular features of our village calendar.

KINGSWOOD PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. This term children at Playgroup have been busy planting seeds and learning how to look after their teeth properly. Each week **Baby Toddler Group** provides a host of activities, toys and crafts based around a weekly theme. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to and come and join the fun if you have a little one under school age!

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Cleaner needed for Village Hall - we need someone to clean the hall especially after Friday / Saturday events, so the hall is ready for regular users during the week - please contact Stephen B 07443 531340 or Pat 07792 132206 for more information.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The Dynamos and Allstars cricket for 5-11 year-old girls and boys has started on Friday evenings - you may have heard us as you pass by the playing field! – visit <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/> for more info. We will be at the jubilee celebration on 2nd June with all the equipment and a batting net, so come along and join in with some batting, bowling and throwing practice. Preparations are also underway for our annual hog roast which will take place on Saturday 30th July - save the date and look out for further details shortly.

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KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP**Contact:** David Owen 01453 844463 owen@kingswoodgl12.com

It is now deemed Covid safe to re-start CPR / Defib training. If any of the village associations / clubs would like me to do a training session, with particular emphasis on the villages defibs, please get in touch.

The current 9 public access defibs in the village and parish are located at: The Shop. The Primary School. F+G Services Charfield Road. The Village Hall. Weavers Close. 59 Walkmill Lane. Bramley Close Flats' garage. Wickwar Road, at Westfield House. New Road (B4058) between Wotton and Charfield. Note: there are also restricted-hours access defibs at KLB and the Wotton Sports Centre; and one by the all-weather pitches in the Wotton Community Parc behind KLB – which is good for the park run and the Skate Park.

TUBBS TURF

Many thanks again for the pom poms and pennants for the Tubbs Turf bunting and for those helping sew them together. Tubbs will be doing a BBQ and short tennis at the Kingswood Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June at the playing fields. We look forward to seeing you and hope you can join in the fun. We are loving having the lighter evenings to use the courts and have members' evenings on Tuesdays from 6pm for ladies, competitive tennis on Thursdays and Sunday morning social tennis. We would love to see some more participants and particularly ladies on Tuesdays. Do come along and play and if you are not a member but fancy a go come and have a taster session. We are very friendly and all levels are welcome. There is a whatsapp group which helps to coordinate players so if you want to be added to this please text me as below. As ever if you would like to help with the gardens do let us know, we are there at 10am on Saturday 11 June. The Easter tennis camp was a great success and we hope to run something similar in the summer holidays. Membership fees are due now and are great value Rates are: Juniors/students £5, Adults £30, Families £60. Email membership@tubbsturf.co.uk or call Sally-Anne 07769 032 678 for further details.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)**Contact:** clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01453 844659

Highways – Thank you to the 258 people who completed the Highway Survey and to those who attended the highways surgery. Safety on Kingswood's roads is a concern for many. Resolving the issues will not be easy or quick and could be costly. The parish council is limited in what it can directly do and what is the remit of Gloucestershire County Council; we must choose wisely what issues we can tackle. We are working with County Councillor Linda Cohen who has pledged to support us. What came out very strongly is: people are in general happy with the current speed limits but not the actual speeds of the vehicles; traffic calming is welcomed but in what form? (the Wickwar speed bumps are very controversial); Wotton Road give-way junction does not work; the safety of children going to both the primary school and KLB is a major concern in respect of the buses and the parking both on Wotton Road and outside KLB. The results of the Highway survey and 8 objectives the council has adopted are on the KPC website.

Community Speed cameras (ANPR) - Camera Wotton Road - KPC are concerned that the new camera on Wotton Road was stolen shortly after it was installed. This camera was recording extremely high speeds in excess of the 30mph limit. KPC has decided to replace the camera. The evidence from this camera will help to make changes to this busy road and make it safer for all users in particular children going to school. KPC are working with the Police and Staffordshire University on how to change driver behaviour. The measure of success of the Community Speed Camera is the decrease in speed on the road. The Police are working on a new website and details of the cameras and action taken will be shown on there. KPC will also produce reports showing the speeds per road per camera.

5-year Business Plan - KPC has produced a 5-year plan (available on KPC website) covering the responsibilities and aims for the council consultation – running until 9th of June 2022. Please forward comments to the Clerk of the council.

Communication – Report dog fouling, litter, fly tipping or over flowing bins to www.stroud.gov.uk Report problems at the playing field/community areas to the Clerk to the Council : www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk; Facebook: Kingswood Parish Council. Post: The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP

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

Mostly this month will be about the Queen's Jubilee. On the 5th June, our morning service at 10.30am will be led by Bob Hart-England. We will be planting two trees in our church yard – one is a flowering cherry and the other a small acer starting green but will turn red. Churches Together will have a Messy Church craft stall on the playing field on the 2nd June. We have a morning service every Sunday at 10.30am

CUPPA & NATTER

Due to Jubilee Celebrations the next Cuppa & Natter will be on **Thursday 16th June** at the Village Hall 2 – 4pm.

KINGSWOOD WI

We will be serving tea and cake at the Village Picnic on Thursday 2nd June.

The craft group will decorate Wotton Town Hall for a Tea Dance on Friday 3rd and the Heritage society will be serving tea and cake. Tickets from Ann Falcon-Uff or members of Wotton Drama group.

Our WI meeting on Tuesday 14th June will be about Tai Chi. Anyone interested can join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £3 admission. The WI members are visiting the beautiful garden at Camers in Old Sodbury on the afternoon of July 6th. If you would like to join us (£9 garden entrance and tea) please speak to a WI member for more details. We hope to see the village residents viewing the Jubilee decorations on the Chipping, Old Rectory Road and Abbey Street. If you like them please post photos on Facebook "Postbox toppers and yarn bombing" or the Village website or Wotton Noticeboard.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB**Contact** Norval Hawkesworth hnorval@yahoo.co.uk 07377362083

At our April 27th meeting we welcomed Miss Ella Beales who gave us an interesting talk on her work with "Mass Organisation" Recording of everyday life in Britain. On 11th May we were entertained by Hugh and Caroline with the history of Folk songs and a sing along time. The 8th June will be an Open Meeting Speaker TBA. The 22nd June will be our "Tea@3" Ken Tucker (Local Councillor) will be our guest speaker. Refreshments are available at all our meetings.

You are very welcome to join us for any of the above events.

JULY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE**