

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 11th May	Kingswood W.I – Village Hall	7.30pm
Monday 16th May	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm
Saturday 21st May	Heaven of the South Mountain Bike Event – Village Hall	
Monday 23rd May	Deadline for June Grapevine Issue	6pm
Saturday 28th May	FLASK – contact Sue for venue & details	
Thursday 2nd June	Jubilee Celebrations & Village Photograph – Playing Field & Village Hall	12 – 5pm
Saturday 11th June	Church Fete – Amercombe, High Street	1 – 5pm
Sunday 19th June	KVA Treasure Hunt – Village Hall	11 – 2pm

### Editors' Note:

We do hope that you like our new website and would welcome any feedback or 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).

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

Don't forget the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary village picnic on the playing fields on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The KVA in conjunction with many other village organisations are excited to invite the whole village to join them to celebrate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a village picnic on 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 Annie Martin, Mee & Mrs Robinson and Blowin' Smoke. There will be Cricket, Football and Short Tennis Activities. Messy Church will have lots of crafting as well as the KSA and Playgroup bringing fun activities for all the family. Jon Hughes will be there 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 tea, coffee and cake, 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 selling Jubilee burgers, and the Village Hall Bar will also be open for sales. We look forward to a wonderful celebratory afternoon with friends and family and hope you can join us, and we would encourage everyone to dress in a red/white/blue theme.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**TREASURE HUNT** - KVA are excited to be holding their popular family treasure hunt on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. Entry is free with a first prize of £100, second prize £50 and third £25. The start & finish point will be the Village Hall from 11.00 am to last entry at 2.00 pm. Sausage & Bacon Rolls will be available to help you on your way!

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

This month volunteers have been busy planting the hedge saplings on the Boundary Close side of the new green fence at the Village hall car park. In time this will become a native hedge attracting wildlife and birds to the area. We were very grateful to be helped by volunteers from Stroud Valleys Project who came for a day and with their energy and experience speeded up our progress. Regular or occasional local volunteers are always needed and with more hands we can achieve so much more. We meet on Mondays from about 10am. If you think you might be able to help do come along and have a chat.

### KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

At our meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> we had an interesting talk by Mr Hugh Thomas, on his work with the organisation "My Future My Choice" that included work on the "MV Balmoral" moored in the Bristol docks which is now an education centre for schools and young people. The Easter Tea meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April was an entertaining poetry session with contributions from our membership. In May we will be having music time with Hugh and Caroline on 11<sup>th</sup>, and our AGM will be on 25<sup>th</sup> where we will be electing our officers. Also on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> we will be doing the "Town Hall Tea's". Refreshments are available at all of our meetings and you are very welcome to join us for any of the above events.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when there will be a talk about the Tallinding project. Jubilee decorations are still taking up a great deal of the craft group's time- we hope you will enjoy our work over the Jubilee weekend. Our walking group will be starting short walks along the Stroudwater canal this month. Book group meets to discuss "Americanah" on April 28th. Any further information please contact: Sheila Kerr via email: [sheilakerr1355@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakerr1355@gmail.com)

### FUN, LIVELY AND STILL KICKING!

We're back! FLASK members meet on the last Saturday of every month. Our next get together is 28<sup>th</sup> May. We either do morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea at different cafes. FLASK is for people on their own. Transport is available if required. If this appeals to you please contact Sue - 07770937844. Look forward to hearing from you.

## KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

An exciting season is fast approaching for the Cricket Club. We have a full fixture card of Sunday friendly matches and a few Wednesday T20 games in place. Also as previously reported, the Dynamos and Allstars cricket for 5-11 year-old girls and boys starts in May. Don't forget to register to take part – <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/> If you fancy the odd game-or-two throughout the summer, then please come along. For more details, contact [kvccteamsec@gmail.com](mailto:kvccteamsec@gmail.com)

## NIBLEY FESTIVAL 2022

This year there are vacancies for volunteer stewards as individuals or as part of an organisation. As an individual you get a free ticket to the Festival for working 2 x 2hr shifts. As an organisation you will get tickets, parking, drinks, advanced camping location and payment to the organisation for the time as a steward. Please contact Pat at [patc@gmx.com](mailto:patc@gmx.com) or Kirsten at [kirsten\\_marlow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kirsten_marlow@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

## KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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**NEW DEFIB** - A further community public access defibrillator (cPAD) has been sited in Kingswood. This is the eighth in the village itself and ninth in the parish. It is located on the Wickwar Road, at back-of-pavement in the garden of Westfield House, which is on the left as you go out of the village, and is opposite No 27 and the small building site. To view the exact position go to What3Words: [regretted.headliner.sling](https://www.what3words.com/?q=regretted.headliner.sling) (It is much clearer if you use satellite view). The cabinet is locked and the code is **C159**.

The Community owes a debt of thanks to the Neighbourhood Watch, which paid for the cPAD; to the owners of Westfield House, for agreeing to both site it on their land and connect it to their electricity supply; and thirdly to our electrician / builder, for installing it – but who has insisted that this time I don't name him!

For its size, Kingswood now has amongst the very best defib coverage of anywhere in the country.

## HEAVEN OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENT

**Saturday 21st May** - For the tenth year, Edge Mountain Bike club are running the Heaven of the South charity mountain bike event, the headquarters of which will be at the Village Hall. We just wanted to let Kingswood residents know that there will be a mass start of around 450 riders at 9.30am on Saturday 21st May. Event participants will ride as a group from the Village Hall towards Wotton, and turn right onto the bridleway leading to Hawpark Farm (just past KLB). There will be a 5-10 minute period where drivers may experience some delays while we make sure that all the riders cover this section of the route safely. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused. More details about the event are on our website <http://www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk>

## KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

**Highways** - Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Highway Survey. We received 256 responses and we are currently analysing the information supplied. KPC will 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. The Highways survey has told us that enforcement of the speed limits in the village is of high importance. We need more volunteers to operate the Community Speed Watch scheme. If you would like to help with is initiative please contact the Clerk.

**ANPR Cameras** - The cameras have now been fitted and are on Wotton Road, Charfield Road, Wickwar Road and Hillesley Road. These cameras are supported by the Police. The operation of how the Police deal with the information will be changing in the next month with persistent offenders' details being passed to the Operational Policing Team instead of the Neighbourhood Police Team. The Wotton Road Camera is showing some very high speeds in the 70's and 80's and these details will be passed to the Police for action.

**Annual Parish Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm** - Please come along to this community meeting. The Highways survey will be discussed. There will be a presenter from the Wotton Charfield and Kingswood Greenway Project presenting on the proposed new cycle way. We have also invited a representative from the Police Road Safety Team and a member of the Highways team to answer questions on the concerns raised by the community.

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*

## ST MARYS CHURCH

St Marys Church are holding their annual Fete in the lovely gardens of Amercombe, 11 High St, Kingswood on **Saturday 11th June** from 1.00pm until 5.00pm, please put the date in your diary. Everyone is welcome, but we do need some help, even if it is only an hour or two, to set up and during the afternoon. Also any bottles for our bottle stall or any unwanted plants that we can sell. Please leave any items at the back of the Church. For further enquires please email: [fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:fete@stmaryskingswood.org.uk), or phone Chris Wynn on 07802 604389

**JUNE GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**