

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat 3rd Sept	Show Day, Playing Field & Village Hall	12 noon
Thur 8th & 22nd Sept	Cuppa and Natter, Village Hall	2pm
Sat 10th Sept	Tubbs Turf Finals Day and 21st Celebrations	12 noon
Wed 22nd Sept	October Deadline	6pm
Sat 24 th Sept	KADS event & Elvis, Village Hall	

Editors' Note:

*We hope that you have all been enjoying the sunshine over the last month although the gardens have not!
Thank you, to various people and organisations including the KVA and Heaven of the South for very generous donations -
we really do appreciate the support we have received from you all.*

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Hopefully many of you will have entered items into the Produce & Handicraft so that we have a great display for the village. We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Village Show Day from 12 noon, there will be many activities for the children and adults to enjoy. Stalls, food and music will ensure a fun afternoon out for the family. We would just now like to order a nice dry day. Save the date - Wine Festival – Saturday 26th November at 7.30 in the village hall. Tickets will be available soon from Rod Alexander

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD

Since the Grapevine entry earlier in the year calling for volunteers to help form a new group to continue the KVA-led volunteering effort to support to the people of Kingswood throughout the Coronavirus epidemic, a new group has formed and been working on a proposal to set up a new Community Hub in Kingswood, in co-operation with The Keepers, Wotton Area Community Hub. A Keepers in Kingswood has the potential to reach and connect more easily with local people and provide activities and access to services directed at the specific needs of the village. Furthermore, "Churches Together In Kingswood" have also engaged with The Keepers and recognised the benefits of working together. As a result, the Churches have agreed to make Lower School Room and St Mary's Room available as a base. Following the model established by the Keepers, the next thing to do, is find out what the needs of the community are, and who would like to help and support a community hub in the village. We have therefore produced a survey which we hope you will complete to help us work out what people can offer and the needs that exist. Copies of the survey will be delivered to households and also be available on-line. Please tell us what support or initiatives you'd like to see by filling in the survey and returning it to the Spar shop or alternatively, completing the online version at <https://bit.ly/KeepersinKingswood> Thank you!

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

During the recent exceptionally hot and dry weather the ponds at the wildlife area have completely dried up. This created an opportunity for volunteers, under the guidance of Richard from Stroud Valleys Project, to get into the newt pond and remove as much of the invasive New Zealand pigmyweed as we could. The weed will be left around the banks of the pond for a couple of weeks and then composted at the site. If you are interested in helping out in the wildlife area please pop along, Monday mornings (not bank hols) from 10am and have a chat.

TUBBS TURF

10th September is Tubbs Turf Finals Day and Garden Party 21st birthday celebrations 12noon -5.30pm

Please come and join us to celebrate our 21st birthday! There will be tennis finals to watch and activities for all, including a table tennis tournament, short tennis for children, fun mixed netball, and a dance display by New Generation. In addition enjoy some delicious refreshments in the lovely gardens - pimm's, beer, tea, cakes and a sizzling BBQ. There is also a raffle with terrific prizes.

Bring the grapevine with you & gain free entry into the membership raffle too. Just complete your details below and hand in on the gate.

Name..... Email:..... Contact no.....

If you would like to help on the day or make a cake that would be super. Please just contact us at: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk. For full details of the day, our sponsors, and lots more please view our programme for the day on our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk. We are not delivering printed programmes this year to be more eco friendly and avoid using 10,000 sheets of paper! However a few will be printed so if you would like a paper copy please email as above or phone Sally-Anne on 07769 032 678. So come along and celebrate with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall alternate Thursdays 2pm - 4pm. Our dates for September 8th & 22nd, and October will be 6th & 20th. All welcome and we hope to see you there, Judith

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

Highways - All four ANPR cameras are now working and are helping to reduce speeding in Kingswood. In the month of July there were 12 vehicles travelling at over 60mph in a 30mph limit. The details of these vehicles have been passed to the Police for action. In addition to the above, in July and the first part of August the Police have made contact with over 132 drivers who were monitored as speeding. In August the Wotton Road camera was once again installed and sadly is recording a high number of vehicles speeding. We are currently in discussion with the Police on this issue. In particular what action the Police will take on those drivers who think it is acceptable to drive at high speed through the village, endangering other vehicles and pedestrians. In September the Highways team will be carrying out a Highway Safety Assessment on the speed of vehicles on Wotton Road, on the effectiveness of the Wotton Road priority junction and the parking on the Chipping. We will report back once we have received the report on what the solutions to the issues raised are.

School buses – South Gloucestershire Council has agreed that the following buses will no longer come through the village of Kingswood - **911, 912 & 914**. Please can you let The Clerk know if you see these buses on Charfield Road so that it can be reported to South Gloucestershire Council. Your help on this will be much appreciated. This should help with the congestion and make it a little safer for children going to school.

KLB drop off and pick up – Please can we ask that parents use the drop off facilities at KLB school and not park on the pavement or on the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school.

Anti-Social Behaviour - Can all cases of anti-social behaviour be reported to the Police at the time of the incident. It is only that way that action will be taken, and a Police presence allocated to Kingswood as there will be a record of the incidences. **Toilets in the Playing field** – The building of the new toilets should commence September / October. We look forward to them being opened in the new year.

Charfield Planning – Please see the following application P22/04260/O | Erection of up to 250 no. dwellings (Outline) and associated infrastructure with access to be determined, all other matters reserved. | Land At Wotton Road Charfield South Gloucestershire GL12 8TF. Please comment directly to South Gloucestershire Council. KPC would also be interested in your views on this application. Please enter to view the application:

<https://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RFQJJAOKIK000&activeTab=summary>

Communication – Report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Over flowing bins to: www.stroud.gov.uk where you will find the relevant links. 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 131 Wotton under Edge, GL11 9BP

KINGSWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATICS GROUP (KADS)

Elvis returns to Kingswood on Saturday 24th September. Tickets £10 and will be available from Spar or contact Isobel Kelly: 07810 567294. KADS will entertain you in the first half followed by a supper interval. Bar will be open. Second half ELVIS! Please come along for a fun filled musical evening to support our Group. We are also welcoming to anyone who might be interested in joining us.

HEAVEN OF THE SOUTH 2022 & 2023

The committee of The Heaven of the South charity mountain bike had a very successful weekend back in May with nearly 400 riders taking part in the event riding the 50k and 75k routes through our wonderful countryside. With their contributions and the donations to our raffle, we raised over £13000! We are now in the process of handing this out to local charities and good causes. We wish to thank the village, our numerous volunteers and local landowners for their continued support and to let you know the date for next years event will be on the weekend of the 20th May 2023.

VILLAGE INN GOLF SOCIETY (VIGS) AND DARTS TEAMContact: thevillageinnkingswood@gmail.com

Would you like to be part of our new golf society? We will play local golf courses and then meet back at The Village Inn for food and drinks afterwards. Our first match is on Sunday 11th September 2022 at Thornbury Golf Club. It will be a Texas Scramble in teams of 4.

You might also consider joining our new Darts team? We will be joining the local Charfield Darts League which starts in September on Monday evenings. If either of these activities appeal to you please get in touch and we will add you to the list. Feel free to pop into The Village Inn and speak to Tom Foxwell or email thevillageinnkingswood@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Contact: Sheila Kerr 07718751271

Our August Garden Party with Pimms and homemade cakes was enjoyed at Ann Falcon-Uff's lovely garden on one of the hottest afternoons in August. The September meeting of Kingswood Abbey WI will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall when Jeff and Janet Walshe will share their experiences of setting up and running the Electric Picture House in Wotton. Anyone interested in finding out more about the WI is most welcome to join us for the evening.

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk