

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat 8th Oct	Harvest Supper, Chapel	7pm
Thur 6th & 20th	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2pm
Tue 11th Oct	W.I. evening, Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 12 & 28th	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Wed 19th Oct	November Deadline	6pm
Mon 31st Oct	Closing date for John Mayo Educational Grant	

Editors' Note:

We have, since our last edition, sadly seen the passing of our dear Queen Elizabeth II. Her years of dedication and service to us all were truly incredible and we'd like to acknowledge this with a simple "Thank you Ma'am"

Only 2 more issues for 2022 and this also means that Julie and Lesley have been producing the Grapevine for almost 2 years now! How does the time seem to pass so quickly?

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Thank you to everyone who came to the Village Show! We had good weather and we hope that you enjoyed the afternoon. We are now looking forward to welcoming you to our next event, the Christmas Wine Festival on **Saturday 26th November** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets are £14 and include 4 wines (from a choice of 20 selected wine society wines) and nibbles. Contact Rod Alexander on 07743398136.

Advance notice that the KVA are planning two events for December 2022. On **17th December** we will be holding a Children's Christmas party, and we are delighted to announce the return of the Seniors event on New Year's Eve. Details of both events will be published in a future Grapevine and on our website www.thekva.co.uk

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

With the 2022 season now complete, we would like to thank all the players, supporters, VPs, coaches and helpers who have made it such a success. The Allstars and Dynamos Friday evening sessions were a great hit and we will be looking to continue and expand next year. Looking forward, we have the AGM on **November 17th** at the village hall, then the Christmas draw coming up in December with over 40 prizes, so be on the lookout for tickets from any club member. We also have winter net sessions booked at KLB sports hall starting in January, further details will follow nearer the end of the year.

TUBBS TURF

Many thanks to all those who came along to our Finals Day and 21st birthday celebrations on 10th Sept. We had a lovely day with some great tennis matches, an exhilarating game of mixed fun netball and a terrific table tennis tournament. The display by New Generation dance was enjoyed by all and the youngsters had a great knockabout with the short tennis on the top court. David Hatton also gave a lovely talk about the evolution of Tubbs and the hardwork and commitment that went into getting the funding to then get the site cleared, terraced and resurfaced in 2001. We also had terrific support from our sponsors, a fab raffle, beautiful cakes and a BBQ and refreshments manned by some super volunteers. Thanks so much to everyone who helped make the day such a success. The event was aimed for everyone in the area to come and enjoy the facilities but as a bonus we also raised over £1300 which helps us to keep the facility maintained. We will be moving our Finals Day and Garden Party back to the more usual date of 8th July 2023. If you know of any events this may clash with please let us know, or just add it to your calendar for a lovely afternoon out. For any details about Tubbs please see our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk or email membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Tennis-a-thon in aid of Dementia UK- On July 24th this year, Tubbs Turf was host to a fundraising Tennis-a-thon, which saw 26 players completing 12 continuous hours of tennis from 9am to 9pm to raise funds for Dementia UK. A total of 166 games were played, with Team Kit narrowly beating Team Hal, a sterling effort from everyone involved. With barbecue, bar and cake sales plus online donations, we raised over £1100! A great day was had by all, and we very much appreciated all the support.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception 2023 Intake - If your child will be starting school in September 2023, the staff at Kingswood Primary School would like to invite you to come and visit our welcoming and friendly school. The new head teacher is keen to share the school's vision and would be delighted to conduct a personalised tour for each family. Please contact the school on 01453 842197 or email admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange a visit at a time that is convenient to you. We look forward to hearing from you.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

After a very solemn/joyous Queen's funeral we prepare for what will be happening now in the Chapel. Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday 8th October** starting at 7.00pm. Sunday School takes place during the Morning Service. Coffee Mornings every Wednesday 10-11am in October/November will be donating to Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation. We have just finished donating to Royal National Institute for the Blind.

RNLI – WUE & Thornbury Branch

We are holding our annual Christmas Coffee Morning on **Thursday 10th November** at St. Mary's Room, Kingswood between 10am -12 noon. Christmas cards, calendars and gifts will be on sale with tea, coffee and biscuits for your enjoyment. All very welcome. Also, save the date as our yearly talks are back!. After a hiatus due to the Covid Pandemic, the WUE Branch of the RNLI are pleased to announce that our next talk will take place at the Cotswold Edge Golf Club on the **24th November**. The talk has the working title of "Does the Yeti exist?" and will be given by Steve Berry, experienced mountaineer, mountain guide and Managing Director of Mountain Kingdoms in Wotton. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale soon. All proceeds will go to the RNLI.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Norval Hawksworth 07377362083 hnorval@yahoo.co.uk

The Jubilee Club Speakers for October are: Wednesday 12th - Claire Greenwood and on the 28th - Dr Ray Wilson. Our Harvest Service on 14th Sept was conducted by the Rev Peter Marsh followed by a hymn and a blessing. A ploughman's meal was served plus many gifts were received for the Food Bank. Visitors and New Members will be warmly welcomed.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

The newt pond is still completely dry despite some rain which has produced a puddle and then dried out again. Hopefully once we get some proper rain the pond will fill sufficiently for the newts to return to breed in the spring. In the meantime the opportunity has been taken to remove lots of invasive weed while we can access the whole pond easily. The compost bins on the site are overflowing and we would like to remind gardeners that these bins are for green waste generated from the wildlife area only and not for garden waste. Anyone with an allotment is welcome to take some of the compost at the bottom of the bins for use on their allotment. Volunteers are always needed to help to maintain this area. We meet on Mondays at around 10am. If you are interested in what we do or would like to volunteer pop along and have a chat.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD

Thank you to everyone who visited the Keepers stand at Show Day. We were very heartened by the level of support and interest we received. As explained in last month's Grapevine, the next thing to do is find out what the needs of the village are, and who would like to help and support any future community hub in the village. Every household in Kingswood will by now have received a copy of a survey which will help us work out what people can offer and the actual needs that exist. Thank you to all those who have already completed and returned their surveys and for the offers of help, it's greatly appreciated. If you have not completed the survey yet please do so and return it to the Spar shop by 30th September. Alternatively, you can complete it online at <https://bit.ly/KeepersinKingswood> Thank you!

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 **Monday 31 October**.

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 ABBEY W.I.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the W.I. teas and homemade cakes cafe at the Village Show Day. The next WI meeting is on **Tuesday October 11th** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we celebrate our 56th birthday with a "Tastings" evening. Any lady interested in finding out more, you will be most welcome to join us.

OPEN THE BOOK

Contact: Norval Hawksworth 07377362083 hnorval@yahoo.co.uk

'Open the Book' team will be resuming leading an assembly in the Primary School on Tuesday 11th October. Due to some of the original team not being able to continue, we are looking for anyone who could spare some time between 2pm and 3pm on Tuesdays to help with reading and acting out Bible Stories. If you are interested and want more information please contact me.

NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER

For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk