

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 1st & 15th Dec	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Sun 4th Dec	Playgroup and Toddlers Christmas Fair, Village Hall	11am-3pm
Sat 17th Dec	KVA Christmas Parties for Children (see times/info under KVA piece)	
Sat 31st Dec	KVA Seniors NYE Lunch, Village Hall (For those successful)	12 noon
Thurs 12th & 26th Jan	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Sat 21st Jan	Burns' Ceilidh, Village Hall	7.30pm

Editors' Note:

Well here we are approaching the end of 2022! We thank each and everyone of you for your support and especially those of you who have made a donation to the Grapevine in the last year to enable us to keep you informed of your village news and events. Thank you so much. We would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

KVA will be hosting 2 **Christmas parties** for school age children who live in Kingswood village. Both parties are free and will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday 17th December 2022**. The first party is for children from Reception to year 2 and will be held from 1pm-3pm. The second party will be for children in years 3 to 6 from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Please complete the form on our webpage or the form from school to attend.

Senior Citizens New Years Eve lunch - By now you should have received your invitation. If you are over 65 and have not, please contact Angela on 07896032202. The closing date for ticket applications is 11th December.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Volunteers have been working hard in the Wildlife Area to ensure all the paths are clear for walkers for the winter. Hedges have been cut back and after the dry summer the ponds are filling up with water. There is work to be done all through the year and volunteers are always very welcome. Join us on Mondays from 10am.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact: clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01453844659

Boundary Commission for England (BCE) Please see separate piece below. The consultation ends on 5th December 2022. **Planning Application** – New land Homes 32 houses, Walkmill Lane S.22/2473/FUL | Demolition of Orchestra Works and Associated Buildings, and development of no.32 new Zero Carbon dwellings, access from Walk Mill Lane, highways. Please see the Newland Homes application on the Stroud District Council's website. KPC will be discussing this in the December and January meetings. Please let the parish council know your views on this application and also respond directly to Stroud District Council.

Highways - Please see the Gloucestershire Highways Report into safety and speeding concerns in Kingswood on the KPC website under Highways. KPC are disappointed with the response. The Officer has assessed that speeding in Kingswood is a perceived issue and has turned down the application for a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). However, the information sent to the Police via the cameras and the action taken by the Police confirm there is a speeding problem. KPC is managing the speeding on Charfield Road, Hillesley Road and Wickwar Road by working with the Police. The speeding on Wotton Road is serious and a concern to the Police who are putting in resources to catch speeding offenders. The report also states there is no solution to the problem with the giveaway junction on Wotton Road.

Automated Number Plate Recognition Cameras (ANPR) reports- Please see the reports on the website. **School Buses-** KPC has had a disappointing response to the request to reroute the buses through Kingswood. KPC will along with County Councillor Linda Cohen will meet with the Highway Cabinet lead at Gloucestershire County Council to discuss what can be done to help with the issues of speeding, school buses and the give way junction at Wotton Road. KPC will update the Community in January 2023 on how they can assist KPC with resolving some of these issues. **Allotments** – If you are interested in an allotment Plot please contact the clerk to discuss. **Antisocial behaviour-** Please can all incidents of anti-social behaviour be reported to the Police. Unless the Police have reports there is no evidence of a problem existing, this then makes it harder for the problem to be dealt with. **Thanks** - KPC wish to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work in Kingswood. The Councillors wish the Community a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year **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 at the above email. The Clerk, Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP

PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES

You may not be aware that the Boundary Commission is proposing changes to our parliamentary constituency. Our existing constituency "The Cotswolds" is to be divided in to North Cotswolds and South Cotswolds. With Wotton-under-Edge being added to the Stroud Constituency, and bizarrely Kingswood added to the **South Cotswold** constituency. For residents of Kingswood there are two concerns: The opportunity to align our parliamentary constituency with our local authority (Stroud District Council) has been missed. And those who like to attend the hustings for parliamentary candidates currently held in Wotton-under-Edge, will now have to travel further afield to see and hear the prospective candidates. If you share these concerns or have others, please notify the Boundary Commission using their portal at www.bcereviews.org.uk by the 5th December.

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Dates for December & January: Thursdays 1st & 15th December and January 12th & 26th. Held at the Village Hall from 2 - 4pm. All are welcome

JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The response to our October invitation to apply for educational grants was surprisingly small and we have more grant money available for eligible applicants. If you are now at university or college, or are undertaking an apprenticeship, or have started 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 31 December**. You may also submit your application by email to: dgrhatton@gmail.com
If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family or a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then do please encourage them to apply.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Would you like to be in with the chance of winning £50 whilst supporting your local primary school? Kingswood School Association run a monthly 100 club and would like to invite you to buy a 'number' for £12 per year. Proceeds go towards enriching the pupil's education and school experience. Please email ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk for further information or pop in to the school office to get a registration form.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Kingswood Village Playgroup Christmas Fair - **Sunday 4th December**, Village Hall 11 – 3pm
Do you need to do some Christmas shopping? Want to support local businesses and your village playgroup? Come along to the village hall and find crafts, cakes and live music!

ST MARYS CHURCH

Our Christmas services include Carols (6pm, Sunday 18th December), a Crib Service (6pm Christmas Eve) and a Christmas Morning service at 10:30am. Our service on 8th January (10:30am) marks the arrival of the Wise Men at Epiphany, and we especially invite those who have been baptised at the church to attend our service of Candlemas at 10:30am on 29th January.

2023 is the Tercentenary of St Mary's church (built 1723) and we are marking this with various special events and services during the year. A Holocaust Memorial Day will be marked on Friday 27th January at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church with a presentation.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Following the epic T20 win by England, why not have a go at some big hitting yourself? Our net sessions begin in the New Year on Friday evenings starting **January 27th** from 6.00-7.15pm at KLB sports hall. All welcome. The club annual Christmas draw will be made on Thursday 15th December at the Village Inn with over 40 prizes, this is a major club fundraiser that allows us to offer summer cricket for all - so be on the lookout for tickets from any club member, or contact Rod (rodpume@gmail.com) Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from your Village Cricket Club

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Kingswood Village Hall is planning a Burns' Ceilidh with a Ploughman's Supper on **Saturday 21st January 2023**, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Music will be by Jig Mad Wolf and tickets will be £10 and on sale in due course.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: Jennie Ambesbury jennyambesbury@btinternet.com

All services start at 10.30am. All are welcome. Sunday 11th December Children's Gift Service, unwrapped toys etc. everything will go to the Foodbank. Sunday 18th December Lessons and Carols. Sunday Christmas Day will be a short service at 10am. 1st January 2023 will be a short service at 10am.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

Contact: David Owen 01453 844463 owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com

With the extended time it may currently take an ambulance to reach a patient, there is a trend for callers to 999 being advised to take a defib to the patient, as a precaution. It is therefore even more important that you are aware of the location of your nearest public access defibrillator. **Important update:** There are currently 9 public access defibs in the parish and the location details of these defibs in Kingswood are now on the Grapevine's website. Go to www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Find the Useful Links under Health and there you will find 2 links for the defibs. **Note:** A restricted-hours access defib is at KLB and the Wotton Sports Centre; and another by the all-weather pitches in the Wotton Community Parc – which is good for the park run and the Wotton Skate Park. **News:** I am expecting more defibs in Wotton soon (courtesy of the Lions); and there are 2 new defibs in Wickwar.

FEBRUARY 2023 GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2023



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