

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tues 8th Nov	WI at Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 9th Nov	St Mary's Church "Live Topics"	7.30pm
Thurs 10th Nov	RNLI Christmas coffee morning St Mary's Room	10am-12 noon
Sun 13th Nov	Remembrance Parade and Wreath laying	10.30am
Sat 19th Nov	Messy Church Toy Swap for Children in need	10am –12noon
Wed 23rd Nov	December Deadline	6pm
Sat 26 th Nov	KVA Wine Festival, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 27 th Nov	Advent Christingle St Mary's Church	5.40pm
Sun 4th Dec	Playgroup and Toddlers Christmas Fair	11am-3pm

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

WINE FESTIVAL – Saturday 26th November, 7.30pm at the Village Hall Tickets are now on sale. KVA members will have tickets at £14 each. The tickets cover four good size glasses of wine as well as nibbles. The wines are from the Wine Society's buyers' blind tasting of over 1000 wines, from which they chose just under 100 as "The Champions' Choice". We have 24 of these for you to select from. If you need any help in contacting a KVA member please get in touch with Rod Alexander on 07743 398136 or at rodplume@gmail.com and he will be glad to get tickets to you. Indeed, many have already been pre-ordered.

Also as advised, this year the 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. If your child would like to join us and doesn't attend Kingswood School please complete the form on our webpage.

Senior Citizens New Years Eve lunch returns for 2022! Look out for the KVA invitations which will be delivered to village residents who are of pensionable age. Numbers will be limited so return your reply slips early.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD

You'll be aware that a group of volunteers has been working on a proposal to set up a new Community Hub in Kingswood, in co-operation with The Keepers, Wotton Area Community Hub. We have conducted a survey to find out what support or initiatives you'd like to see being pursued and the results are in. We were greatly encouraged by the level of participation so thank you to everyone who took part. Your views are greatly valued and every response will be taken into account. We are now working to analyse the results and to plan a way ahead. Thanks also to those who have come forward with offers of help. There will be further volunteering opportunities, so please email keepersinkingswood@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

VIGS – VILLAGE INN GOLF SOCIETY

Contact: Tom Foxwell 07837664804

VIGS have now held two successful golf days, one at Thornbury Golf Club and the other at The Woodlands Club. There are plans for another day at the end of November and on a weekday between Christmas and New Year. If you are interested in receiving details please contact Tom to be added to the WhatsApp group.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Highways - Please can we ask that the 30mph. speed limits are observed. The Police will carry out speed checks and issue penalty fines to all caught exceeding the limit. **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 be interested in your views: <https://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RFQJJAOKIK000&activeTab=summary>

Remembrance Sunday 13th November – please can we have no parking on Abbey Street and the War Memorial from 10.30am onwards for the Parade and wreath laying. **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

TUBBS TURF

We have had a lovely summer on the courts but activities do continue throughout the winter too. If you want to join or find out more do contact us as below. We are always keen to welcome new stewards to help open and close the courts. This keeps them secure at night. We also hold regular gardening mornings on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Do come along if you fancy a bit of gardening. In the meantime enjoy the courts. For any details about Tubbs please see our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk or email membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

KINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

The members of Kingswood Abbey WI celebrated their 56th anniversary at the October meeting. They held a hilarious tasting session comparing foodstuff from three supermarkets. Cold baked beans and dry Shreddies caused much laughter and groans. Our birthday cake was cut by two founder members. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall is our Annual meeting when the competitions cup is presented. This will be followed by a Christmas craft session run by Betty Hebditch. Visitors are most welcome to join us to find out more about the WI.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Christmas Fair - Would you like a table to sell local craft or raise funds for your charity this Christmas? Kingswood Playgroup are hosting a Christmas Fair on **Sunday 4th December** 11 - 3pm. Full of lots of Christmas gifts, local crafts, games, tea & cake and much more! Tables are only £10! Please contact: kingswoodcommitteeplaygroup@gmail.com to book your table.

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and Baby Toddler group (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only.

ST MARYS CHURCH

Did you know that St Mary's Church building was built in 1723... so we have our 300th birthday next year. We are planning a number of celebrations for 2023, with special services, parties and other activities, commissioning artwork, and so on. All are open to everybody. Keep an eye out for our publicity, and if you would like to help contribute to our memories of St Mary's, let us know. We will lead into the tercentenary with our Christmas services, starting with our Advent Christingle on **November 27th**. Join us for Hot Chocolate from 5:40 as we gather to support the work of the Children's Society with our traditional Christingle Service also to collect the reverse Advent calendars to support the Stroud District Food Bank. Messy Church are organising a Toy Swap for Children In Need on **Saturday 19th November** 10:00-12:00 Village Inn Just bring any good toy and £1. Swap them at the swap shop for a token. Then swap the token for any other toy. Teas, Coffee and Cake for Mums & Dads. All money raised goes to BBC Children in Need. (any toys left will be given to charity). Contact: 07833940034 for further information.

We are continuing our 'Live Topics' on **9th November** 2022, at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church. A series of talks and discussions looking at big issues from a Christian Perspective, next is 'The rise and fall of Western Liberalism'. All welcome. Contact: 01454 260476 for more information

RNLI – WUE & Thornbury Branch

Wotton-under-Edge RNLI **Annual Guest Speaker event - 24th November** at Cotswold Edge Golf Club. Our yearly talks are back!. After a hiatus due to the Covid Pandemic, the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the RNLI are pleased to announce that our next guest speaker event is planned and entitled "Does the Yeti exist?" This will be given by Steve Berry, experienced mountaineer, mountain guide and Managing Director of Mountain Kingdoms on Wotton's Long Street. Tickets are on sale now at Mountain Kingdoms and Bennett Jones Estate Agency, both on Long Street WUE, priced at £10.00. Alternatively, you can call Andrew Harper on 0752 742 8748 to reserve a ticket. All proceeds will go to the RNLI.

We are also 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.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Thank you, from the volunteers at the wildlife area to all the dog owners who pick up after their pets. The area is managed carefully to protect wildlife and plants. The volunteers get very "hands on" while collecting the grass cuttings and taking them to the compost bins! This is a lovely peaceful area to enjoy the countryside, or sit on a bench. All is looking very autumnal with the red rosehips and berries and the autumn leaves. If you would like an excuse to get out in the fresh air join us from 10am on Monday mornings...

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE BALL 2022

We are very pleased to say that the Kingswood Village Ball held on 17th September 2022 at Park Mill Farm raised an impressive £8189.88 for our chosen charities: Nicola Corry Support Foundation and Dementia Connections Plus. This amount smashed our target of £5000 and we would like to thank everyone for their support to enable us to raise this much money for these 2 great charities, be that guests who attended or local companies that provided support, sponsorship and prizes. The next ball will be in September 2024 - more details to follow.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

With the hugely regrettable extended time it may currently take an ambulance to reach a patient, it is even more essential that you are aware of the location of your nearest defibrillator.

Important update: details of the locations of the public access defibs in Kingswood, in both map form and as a picture-locator are now on the Grapevine's website. **Top-Tip:** copy one/both images to your mobile phone now.

DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER