

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

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| Weds 1st & 15th Feb  | Jubilee Club, Village Hall               | 2pm      |
| Thurs 9th & 23rd Feb | Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall             | 2 – 4 pm |
| Tues 21st March      | KVA Annual General Meeting, Village Hall | 8pm      |

### Editors' Note:

*Hello 2023 and to all our readers – we do hope that you have enjoyed a memorable festive season and New Year. It looks like the year ahead will be another exciting one with Coronation celebrations to look forward to, with an extra Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May.*

*We do have space on our website for local businesses to advertise, just get in touch and we can help you at a very reasonable rate.*

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

[www.thekva.co.uk](http://www.thekva.co.uk)

We enjoyed hosting around 80 seniors at our New Year's Eve lunch after a few years break and we also introduced parties for the children at Kingswood School before Christmas. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our AGM is being held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** 8pm at the Village Hall – please come to see what we are all about and we would love to have some new faces join our team.

Save the Date: KVA are hosting another village celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> May – more details to follow.

### KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Is your New Year's Resolution to exercise more or to get out in the fresh air? If so why not come along to Kingswood Wildlife area on a Monday morning from 10.30am and have a chat about the work we do to maintain this special place that villagers can enjoy all year round? Although it is early in the year we have already seen smooth newts in the main pond. We have been doing some hedge laying and at the moment are clearing brambles from an overgrown area. We are a sociable group led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. Read all about this project at [www.stroudvalleysproject.org](http://www.stroudvalleysproject.org) and look for Wild about Kingswood for lots of information about the work we have done here in Kingswood.

### KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact: [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 01453844659

**Communication** – Report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Over flowing bins to: [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://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

### THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Our small team of volunteers has been busy over the Christmas and New Year period finalising a plan for a Keepers in Kingswood. The proposal is to use the Lower School Room as a space for socialising and as a contact point for information about other Keepers services and also the provision of a self-service food bank located in St Mary's church. Everyone in our community will be welcome to use these facilities whatever their need may be and we also hope it will provide a focus for our community to continue to come together and support each other during these difficult times. To bring this plan to fruition, we are now inviting anyone who would like to get involved in the implementation phase to come forward to join our Management Committee. We are looking in particular for people with organisational skills, any specialist knowledge of community support or perhaps having an aptitude for marketing and communications via social media and websites. If you have a little spare time and a relevant skill we look forward to hearing from you via [keepersinkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:keepersinkingswood@gmail.com).

### CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter welcomes anyone to join us at the Village Hall on alternate Thursday afternoons 2-4pm The dates for February are 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and for March, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – We hope to see you

**KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB**Contact: Norval [honorval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hnorval@yahoo.co.uk) 07377362083

At our first meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January we were entertained by a Ukulele duo "Level 41A" with a good selection of songs, some of them we could sing along to. Our meetings in February are: 1<sup>st</sup> - Andrew Harper with a talk on The Air Ambulance, and on the 15<sup>th</sup>. John Peters will give a talk on local "Historical Buildings" Refreshments are available at all of our meetings, along with a sales table and raffle.

If you would like to come and join us for a time of fellowship and fun, we meet once a fortnight at 2pm and you would be very welcome.

**VILLAGE INN GOLF SOCIETY (vigs)**

Our next outing is taking place on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> when we will be playing The Bristol Golf Course. To include 50 balls on the Top Tracer driving range, breakfast and 18 holes of golf followed by a meal back at the Village Inn. Cost £38 per player. If you are interested in receiving details please contact Tom to be added to the WhatsApp group. Contact Tom Foxwell 07837664804

**KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB**

Thank you to all contributors to the club annual Christmas Prize draw in December, hosted by the Village Inn. With 71 prizes in total, this was our best fundraiser ever and will allow us to continue to progress the club through 2023. Following the success of Allstars and Dynamos youth cricket in 2022, this coming season, we are looking to enter 2 junior teams into cricket leagues for both girls and boys. We have equipment and KVCC badged kit at-the-ready and are awaiting final details on the format and timing of the matches. Keep a lookout for further updates on this and Allstars and Dynamos 2023! Our net sessions begin in the New Year on Friday evenings starting January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6.00-7.15pm at KLB sports hall. All welcome.

**TUBBS TURF**

Thank you for all of your support throughout 2022. We are planning our 2023 schedule and very excited at some new weekly junior coaching programmes starting on Tuesdays after school in March along with adult coaching too. Further details will be advertised to all local schools and will be sent out in the Tubbs turf newsletter shortly. If you want to be added to our mailing list do get in touch - [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk)

Membership renewals are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the fees will be announced shortly but we always keep these as low as possible whilst ensuring we can still maintain the courts. As a reminder the top multi sports court is open to all but courts can only be reserved by members and the lower tennis court is for members only. Membership is very reasonable and junior rates are available as well as adult and family options. We will be participating in the Coronation celebrations in the village and will ensure the courts and gardens are looking shipshape for this. If you fancy helping with the gardening we would be delighted to see you. We meet at 10am on the second Saturday of the month. Do let us know if you can help. Thank you.

For new memberships or any queries please contact [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk).

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)**Contact: Jennie Ambesbury [jennyambesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyambesbury@btinternet.com)

A warm welcome awaits you at our Sunday Services at 10.30am, our speakers for February are; on the 5<sup>th</sup> our own Bob Hart, on the 12<sup>th</sup> Richard Cole, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Phil Rickets and the 26<sup>th</sup> will be a Café Church in the Lower School Room. Also on Wednesdays at 10am to 11am Coffee Mornings with any donations going to various Charity organisations, for example MSF, NSPCC, BHF, S/ARMY, and a few local ones as well, a full list is available at [honorval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:honorval@yahoo.co.uk). On Monday evenings we run an informal Bible Group for the young people of the village from 7pm to 9pm. We are in the process of trying to employ a Youth Pastor/Worker to enable us to restart/rebrand the United Youth Club on Monday's.

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