

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Tues 14th March	Kingswood Abbey WI meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 19th March	Mothering Sunday Service St Mary's Church	10.30am
Mon 20th March	KPC Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues 21st March	KV Association Annual General Meeting, Village Hall	8pm
Tues 28th March	KS&RF Annual General Meeting, Village Hall	8pm
Tues 4th April	KV Hall Annual General Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm

### Editors' Note:

*It looks like March is the month for Annual General Meetings! We have such a great community – please help these great organisations in any way that you can to keep our lovely village thriving, friendly and interesting.*

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA) - CORONATION CELEBRATION and AGM [www.thekva.co.uk](http://www.thekva.co.uk)

KVA in conjunction with many other village organisations are excited to invite the whole village to join them to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III at a village picnic on the playing fields, on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. Bring along your blanket and picnic basket and enjoy some family fun. We will have dancing throughout the afternoon; sporting activities run by the cricket club, football club and Tubbs Turf. Messy Church will have lots of crafting activities as well as the KSA, Playgroup and the Guides bringing fun activities for all the family. Jon Hughes is hoping to join us with his Punch and Judy and Magic Acts. Teas, coffees and delicious cakes will be available. Wotton Rugby Club will be firing up the BBQ. The Village Hall Bar will also be open. We look forward to a wonderful celebratory afternoon with friends and family and hope you can join us. The **KVA AGM** will be held at the Village Hall at 8pm on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, all are welcome. The KVA are always looking for willing volunteers to help either as a full member of the committee or as a friend of the KVA. If you are interested, please do come along and see what we do. If you can't make it on the night, please email [chair@thekva.co.uk](mailto:chair@thekva.co.uk)

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WI [liz70coatsworth@gmail.com](mailto:liz70coatsworth@gmail.com)

The next meeting of Kingswood Abbey WI will be held on Tuesday, **March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall. The speaker will be Nigel Lloyd Jones on the Older Drivers Forum. Visitors most welcome : Admission £3. The Craft group are busy knitting for a Coronation yarn bomb of the Chipping. We also have a new project to prepare for - making flowers for the Nibley Festival. Village Crocheters and knitters who would like to help please get in touch with Liz Coatsworth.

### KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC) [Contact: clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 01453844659

**Annual Parish Meeting** this has been scheduled for **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm**. This is a meeting of the community and not a parish council meeting. We are currently in the process of inviting people to present and wonder who you would like to hear from? Please let the Clerk know. Stroud District Council are relaunching the Flood Warden scheme and will be giving a presentation on how this will work. The Neighbourhood Warden and the Police will be in attendance to give a report and answer questions. **Automated Number Plate Recognition Cameras (ANPR) reports-** Please see the reports on the website. Together with action from the Police the cameras are succeeding in reducing speeding. There has been a 4% decrease in speeding on Wotton Road. Please be reminded that the 30mph speed limit applies with out exception. There is a noticeable increase in speeding on Fridays through to Sunday and during school holidays. KPC has asked the Police to increase their checks at these times. **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. **Planning Application** – Please see the Newland Homes application on the Stroud District Council's website 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. **Communication** – Report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Overflowing 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 Visit [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK) [keepersinkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:keepersinkingswood@gmail.com)

Thank you to the volunteers who came forward following our recent appeal for new members to join our management committee. If anyone else would like to volunteer and has good organisational skills, or has specialist knowledge of community support or an aptitude for marketing and communications via social media and websites, we'd still like to hear from you. If you would just like to find out more about our plans, the Parish Council have kindly invited us to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there or you can get in touch with us by email.

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

At our meetings in February, Andrew Harper gave a talk on The Great Western Air Ambulance, and John Peters gave a talk on Local "Historical Buildings", both talks were very informative and were enjoyed by all. Meetings for March will be mostly musical. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, it's Hugh & Caroline with Guitar and Viola. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, it's Stroud Ukulele's group. & on the 29<sup>th</sup> will be our Easter Tea with readings of poetry from the members. Refreshments are available at all 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 @ 2pm on a Wednesday, you would be very welcome.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 4th April 2023**. Any organisations which use or have an interest in the hall are welcome to attend and be represented on the committee. The AGM is open for everyone in the village and it would be great to have some new members on the committee. We meet about once every 2 months for about 1 hour ...but there is a great deal of work in the background - maintenance, planning improvements, running the bar, etc. If you want to be involved or help you will be very welcome.

### KINGSWOOD SPORTS & RECREATION FUND (KS&RF)

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Kingswood Sports and Recreation Fund (KS&RF) handles gift aided donations for village projects. If you would like to know more, please contact Judi Werrett. KS&RF has its AGM on **Tuesday 28th March 2023**, 8pm at Kingswood Village Hall. Application forms to join the committee can be obtained from the secretary, Mark Roberts at 3 Russet Court. The closing date is Tuesday 14th March 2023.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Contact: [kvccteamsec@gmail.com](mailto:kvccteamsec@gmail.com)

Friday nets are now in full swing, Friday evenings 6-7.15pm at KLB until Easter – come along if you fancy batting and/or bowling. Fixture list is nearly complete with our first match on April 16th and new members are always welcome – see our facebook page (search Kingswood Village Cricket Club) or get in touch via [email](mailto:email) if you are interested in playing this season. Allstars and Dynamos cricket for 8 to 11 year-old girls and boys starts Friday 5th of May at the playing field and online sign-up has started. There are limited places available, so be quick to register to guarantee a place. Details at link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk>. We're all looking forward to a great season in 2023 and hope to see plenty of participants and supporters enjoying village cricket throughout the summer!

### ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

We are now well into our celebrations for the 300 year anniversary of our church building. At the Ash Wednesday service on 22 February, we launched 300 days of prayer when we will be praying daily for the past, present and future of our community. **The church will be open at 3-15 every Tuesday and 8.45am every Thursday for prayers.** All welcome. If you would like a prayer said for something or someone, please leave a note in the box in the church. **Services every Sunday at 10.30.** see <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk>. We are particularly looking forward to a special family service for **Mothering Sunday on 19th March at 10.30.** Come along and collect a posy to give to Mum and an egg to decorate for Palm Sunday. **Kingswood Village Church Annual Fete. 24th June 1-5pm at Amercombe 11 High Street** This year our annual fete will have a birthday theme to reflect our year-long celebrations of 300 years since St Mary's church was built. As always it will be a fun afternoon for all the family with stalls, games, teas, bar, barbecue as well as our grand prize draw and of course, an amazing treasure hunt! Please put the date in your diary now. If you can help in any way, on the day or helping to prepare beforehand, please contact Tricia on **07771996495**.

With the tercentenary of St. Mary's in Kingswood this year it would good to finally discover where Kingswood Abbey was and where bits of it still exist in the village. The church was built because the lady chapel of the abbey was in a dilapidated state and was no longer fit for purpose and pulled down. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in this project please give me a ring on 01453 842499 Gordon Phillips.

### TUBBS TURF MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY

We have some exciting news on tennis coaching for the juniors. New coaching sessions start on 7 March, led by one of our very own juniors of old - William Gordon. William is a LTA level 2 coach (training for level 3) and will be running the following sessions: 4 weeks course each Tuesday from 7 March, 3-4pm children school years 7-9, 4-4.45pm years 1-3 and 5-6pm years 4-6. Prices range from £16 -£30 for a 4 week course depending on age and if you are a member of Tubbs Turf or not. If interested please email [williamjackgordon@btinternet.com](mailto:williamjackgordon@btinternet.com). William is also available for adult coaching and we are looking to add some group sessions in the Spring so please let us know if you are interested. The new membership year starts from 1 April. If interested in joining please email [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk). Benefits of joining the club are access to all courts not just the top court, pre-booking of courts and access to the pavilion. In addition there are club sessions on a Sunday morning, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and also special club events throughout the year e.g. American Tournaments. Junior membership starts from £8 and adult membership from £35. Family rates are also available and start from £70. We continue to improve the gardens so please do let us know if you would like to help out. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am. Email as above if interested. We are also always keen to welcome new stewards to open and close the courts on a weekly basis so again please do contact us if you would like to get involved.

### KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A day of kindness and love

This Valentine's Day, children at Kingswood Primary School used the 14<sup>th</sup> of February to show love and kindness to others by raising funds for the DEC Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. Everyone was invited to come to school in their brightest colours for a small monetary donation. The suggested donation was 50p each and the generous spirit of our families shone through as we raised over £171! Thank you to the KSA for initiating the idea and for everyone for showing their support. Kingswood Primary School has received a glowing report from Ofsted, following their inspection in December. To read the full Ofsted report visit <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/115529>

### CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter Village Hall 2-4pm dates for March + April Thursday - 9 + 23/3; 6 + 20/4. All welcome Judith

APRIL GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023

For an entry please email : [admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk](mailto:admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk) Visit our Website: [www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk)