

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 6th & 20th April	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2pm
Tues 11th April	Kingswood W.I., Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 12th & 26th April	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Sat 29th April	F.L.A.S.K meeting	TBC
Mon 1st May	Tubbs Turf Open Day – Sports Facility	Midday
Sun 7th May	Coronation Celebration, Village Hall/field	Midday

Church services & events are included below

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

CORONATION CELEBRATION - King Charles III will be crowned on Saturday 6th May. Kingswood Village will have a celebration party and picnic on **Sunday 7th May**. Everyone is welcome, at the Village Hall/playing fields with your family and friends from midday for an afternoon of music, dancing, fun and games, BBQ and bar. We are thrilled that New Generation Dancers have agreed to perform at 1pm.

KING & QUEEN OF KINGSWOOD - As part of the Coronation celebrations, we plan to crown our very own Kingswood King and Queen. Entries are welcomed from all children who live in the village. No entry form required, just come along to the event dressed as a King or Queen and the judging will take place at 2pm.

SAVE THE DATE – Annual Showday & Classic Car Show – 2nd September 2023

Schedules will be available shortly for those green fingered amongst you; if anyone in the village would like a stand to sell products, or run a game or activity, contact our Chairman, Sally Harries at Sallyharries@hotmail.com for details. Classic Car entries should be sent to Mike Cromie at kingswoodclassic@gmail.com

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Signs of spring are everywhere at the wildlife area. New leaves are appearing on the hedges and the hawthorn is in bloom. If you look closely in the large pond you may spot newts swimming about, trying to eat the frog spawn. Listen out for birds in the hedges and trees looking for nesting sites. Over the last couple of months volunteers have been working on laying some of the older hedges which had got very tall. If you would like to find out more about the area, or if you are interested in volunteering, do come along on a Monday morning from 10am for a chat about what we do and how the area is managed.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

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

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Thanks to the new volunteers who have joined our management committee. We would still like to strengthen our team further, especially to support social media/marketing and communications, so please get in touch via email if you have skills to offer. Our work is now focussing on opening the planned drop-in café in the Lower School Room. We are therefore appealing for volunteers to support in the following roles. Reception: to welcome and direct people, Meet and Greet: to sit and chat with visitors, Café staff: to serve refreshments. We also need cake-makers, apron and tea-towel washers and help with setting up and taking down for each session. If you can offer one, two or even three hours once a week, fortnight or monthly, please apply via <http://tinyurl.com/5pxkmuv> Every hour adds up and will make a difference! You can also pick up a form at The Keepers in Wotton or send an email to keepersinkingswood@gmail.com.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter continues at the Village Hall on alternate Thursday afternoons 2 - 4pm. All welcome. The dates for **April - 6th & 20th**.

THE KINGSWOOD & WOTTON SOCIALIST BOOK CLUB

The Kingswood & Wotton Socialist Book Club has been running for just over a year and we have enjoyed reading and discussing a wide range of books including: The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist (adapted by the Rickard Sisters), Empireland (Sathnam Sanghera), Private Island (James Meek) and The Precipice (Noam Chomsky); reviews of these and others can be found at <https://westenglandbylines.co.uk/category/society/bookreviews/>.

We meet every two months in Kingswood, and take turns to choose the next book. Our next meeting is at the end of April when we will be discussing Poverty Safari (Darren McGarvey), new members are welcome. The Cotswold Book Room in Wotton offers a discount to members. To join us please contact robertcopeland8rs@gmail.com.

SING 2 REMEMBER

Sing together and share memories. Come and join this dementia-friendly singing session at the Keepers WUE on alternate Tuesdays (April 4th & 18th) from 11am – Midday

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

It was great to see so many villagers at our Mothering Sunday service on March 19th for a lively service and lots of cake! As we journey towards Easter, we will be having a special joint service with Kingswood Chapel to celebrate Palm Sunday on **2nd April**. Do join us at 10:30am on the Chipping to add eggs to the Easter Tree and receive a palm Cross as we journey down the High Street and into St Mary's Church, telling the story of Holy Week as we go. On Good Friday **7th April** at 11.15am – Stations of the Cross around the village followed by coffee and hot cross buns in St Mary's Room. At 2.00pm – The Last Hour also at St. Mary's. **EASTER DAY 9th April**: Service 11:00am St Mary's Church – Family Communion Service. Do join us for this very special day of celebration. Everyone is very welcome!

Save the Date – St Mary's Church Village Fete – **24th June** in the gardens of Amercombe, 11 High Street, Kingswood. Always much enjoyed, this year will have a 'birthday' theme as part of the 300 anniversary celebrations of St Mary's Church. There will be the usual grand prize draw, BBQ and bar and of course the traditional games and amusements for young and old, including a treasure hunt and a 'birthday' stall for children. As well as our fabulous plants, crafts, cakes and bottle stalls, there will be the ever-popular home-made teas! The garden will be at its summer best and the weather will certainly be fine – if we are British about it.

If you can spare an hour or two to help on the day, or the night before for setting up, we'd love to hear from you, especially if you are new to the village and want to get involved. Please contact 07771 996495. Donations of books, plants, cakes & bottles will be hugely appreciated. Please leave them in St Mary's church nearer the time.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Norval hnorval@yahoo.co.uk 07377362083

Our Meetings in March were mostly musical. Hugh & Caroline entertained us with the history of some folk songs with Guitar and Viola. And Uke's Stroud group gave us some good sing along songs & Easter Tea with readings of poetry from the members. Our speakers for April are: **12th** - Philip Ashford will give a talk on "Piracy in the channel" & **26th** - Ian Mackintosh a talk on "Men behaving badly" (Not the TV programme) 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 fortnightly at 2pm on a Wednesday, you would be very welcome.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Kingswood Abbey WI will meet on **Tuesday April 11th** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be storyteller Paul Evans who will entertain us with Poems, monologues and readings. The Craft group and friends are still busy with decorating preparations for the Coronation and would welcome interested crafters to help making flowers for North Nibley Festival. Contact the secretary for details (liz70coatsworth@gmail.com)

TUBBS TURF MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

The junior coaching sessions have started and are going well and a new set will start after Easter. Sessions are for children school years 7-10 from 3 - 4pm, years 1-3, 4 - 4.45pm and years 4-6, 5 - 6pm. All on Tuesday afternoons. Prices are very reasonable and open to all (Tubbs Turf members do get a discount). If interested please contact William Gordon (LTA level 3 coach) email: williamjackgordon@btinternet.com. William is also available for adult coaching and we are looking to add some group sessions in the summer so please let us know if you are interested. The new membership year starts from 1st April. If you are interested in joining please email. 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.

To welcome all tennis enthusiasts to the new season at Tubbs Turf multi sports and tennis facility in Kingswood, we are holding an Open Day for current and prospective members on **Monday 1st May 12-5pm**. Please join us for a fun afternoon in our lovely gardens. Whether you play regularly, are new to the sport or are perhaps a little rusty, there will be players of all levels keen for a few games, with free tea, coffee and cakes to keep you going. Juniors are very welcome too, with short tennis and some free coaching on offer. To join us, simply turn up with a racket at any time during the afternoon. Bring a table tennis bat too and we may get some ping pong going! In addition 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. 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. We would love to improve our website and Facebook pages and would very much welcome some help with this. If you are a user of wordpress and social media and would be willing to volunteer, please do get in touch. Many thanks and as ever, enjoy the courts and the lighter evenings and hopefully improving weather.

F.L.A.S.K

After a three month break, we are back. Our next FLASK (fun, lively and still kicking!) meeting is **29th April**. We meet on the last Saturday of the month, usually for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, phone Sue on 07770937844. We look forward to hearing from you.

MAY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL 2023