

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thur 1st, 15th, 29th June	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Wed 7th, 21st June	Jubilee Club at Village Hall	2pm
Sun 11th June	Chairmans cricket match KVCC Village playing fields	
Mon 12th June	Parish Council meeting Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues 13th June	WI meeting Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 24th June	St. Mary's Church Fete, Amercombe 11 High St.	1 – 5pm
Sat 24th June	Pond dipping at Wildlife Area	10am-1pm
Wed 28th June	Deadline for July Grapevine	6pm

Editors' Note

Many thanks to the WI, KVA and all those who contributed to the wonderful village decorations and celebrations for the Coronation.

ST MARY'S KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CHURCH FETE

Our much-loved fete will be held this year on **24th June 1-5pm** in the gardens of Amercombe, **11 High Street Kingswood GL12 8RS**. This year we are celebrating the 300th anniversary of our church building so our fete will have a birthday party theme complete with birthday cake! If your birthday falls on or near 24th June, let us know as we are looking for a lucky child or adult for the starring role of opening the fete! There will be the usual mix of a range of stalls, games, teas, bar and barbecue with the traditional treasure-hunt for children and grand prize draw. Come and enjoy meeting your friends and relaxing in the beautiful garden. We would welcome **donations of all kinds** – bottles for the bottle stall, books, plants and cakes. Please leave donations at the back of the church at any time or at Amercombe from the week before the fete. We always need more helpers! If you can spare an hour or two on the day, that would be hugely welcome. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Pond dipping at Kingswood Wildlife Area on **24th June 10am to 1pm**. Stroud Valleys Project will be leading this wonderful opportunity for all the family to have a close look at the wild inhabitants of the newt pond under a microscope. The recent newt surveys showed there are many efts (baby newts) in the pond and we will see how these are developing. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Sorry no dogs. This event is free but donations to the project are always welcome.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

The Coronation - KPC would like to thank the WI for their magnificent decorations around the village and KVA for putting on a fantastic event. Wotton Road Give way point - Please can all issues of near misses on this junction or confrontations be reported to the Police. The easiest way to do this is by using 101 by email. 101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk All issues need to be logged so that the Police and Highways are aware there is an issue. Parking - Please can people park considerately. I have had 2 reports of incidents this month. One an ambulance could not get through High Street and the other was a feed vehicle could not access Hillesley Road. Buses - Please see the link to the dial up bus service which may be of some help once the service 84 and 85 has been withdrawn. We are in the North Region. I am informed that this service is up and running <https://travelwest.info/westlink/#book> Antisocial behaviour- Please can all incidents of anti-social behaviour be reported to the Police. 101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

The next parish council meeting will be on **Monday 12th June 2023** at Kingswood Village Hall at 7.15pm.

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. Please visit the KPC website on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like us on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk, Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

If any of the village organisations would like to arrange refreshers about defibs and how to undertake CPR for respective members, please get in touch with me. I am also seeking funding to keep our defibs working. To give you an idea, 1 set of pads costs around £90 and a battery currently is a minimum of £360. I'd really appreciate hearing from any organisation which can help support these community assets. There are currently 9 public access defibs in the parish. The location details of these defibs in Kingswood are now on the Grapevine's website, in both map form and as a picture-locator.

Top tip: copy one or both of the images to your smart phone now.

WUE & DISTRICT R.N.L.IContact: John Barnett, email John_Barnett@rnli.org.uk

30 candles – but how many more? March 17th was the 30th birthday of the R.N.L.I Wotton-under-Edge & District Branch (*now also covering Thornbury District*) - but the candles on the cake are burning low! Since we formed, other local branches (*Tetbury, Thornbury, Stroud, Cirencester*) have all closed through the lack of new volunteers. We are at risk of going the same way; we have a committee of just five - and none of us are getting any younger. Next March sees the 200th anniversary of the founding of the RNLI; we would like to celebrate this anniversary, and many more, as a branch. We promote the RNLI, raise funds, promote the RNLI's safety messages, and provide support to others raising funds for the RNLI locally. We have some additional volunteers who help with street and store collections, and whom we can call upon to help with other events. However, we need new members on the committee to ensure that we can add more candles to our birthday cake. It does not require a big commitment, we meet only as needed (perhaps 4 times a year) to plan events and oversee the monies raised, and we plan what we do around the availability of our volunteers. We would welcome people with ideas, contacts or skills – even if they have limited availability to help with events. If you have found “Saving Lives at Sea” inspirational, you might consider getting involved – whether on the committee or as an occasional helper. Please contact me for further information. Community Presentations - Last year, I gave 8 presentations to local adult groups, and I would like to do at least as many again this year. My talks are illustrated by photos/video clips and cover various aspects of the RNLI (*I aim to tailor my talk to the interests of my audience*), including safety at the coast. If you are part of a group that would welcome a talk – please contact me. John Barnett – Chairman

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter continue to meet at Village Hall on alternate Thursdays from 2 - 4pm. All welcome. Dates for **June: 1st, 15th and 29th**

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUBkvccteamsec@gmail.com

After a very damp and delayed start, the cricket season is now in full swing. The Allstars and Dynamos (5-11 year olds) have started and are having a great time developing their cricket skills on Friday evenings at the playing field up until July. We are also running two junior teams in local leagues – the Hawkswood Royals, a joint venture between KVCC and Hawkesbury CC for girls, and a mixed under 11s team from the Dynamos talent pool. Good luck to both teams for the season. Our Chairman's match is scheduled for **Sunday 11th June**. It's an inter-club match played for the Pat Harty (Bearders) memorial trophy, so if you would like to come along and have a bat, bowl and/or field, then please do. We will pick sides on the day and it's all played in a very friendly spirit. This year, the match will be preceded by a Juniors match and we will be running a BBQ throughout the day, so please come along to play or just enjoy the view from the boundary. If you are interested in playing friendly Sunday and Wednesday cricket throughout the summer, new members are always welcome – just come along and introduce yourself, or see our facebook page (search Kingswood Village Cricket Club) or get in touch.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUBContact: Rita rdpollard@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 07518747280

At our **June 7th** meeting our speaker will be Ray Wilson speaking to us on the subject of Sharpness Docks. On **21st June** we shall be enjoying our T@3 with a variety of food provided by our members followed by a voluntary collection for our charity of the year. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings every other Wednesday afternoon at the Village Hall at 2pm.

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Our next meeting will be at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday, June 13th** when Robert Bryant will talk about 'A Year long walk in Woodchester Park.' Visitors most welcome, admission £3. We will be visiting the beautiful gardens at Trench Hill Farm, Sheepscombe on **June 21st** during the afternoon. £7.50 to include admission and tea and cake. Non WI members welcome to join us. Please contact secretary for details. Many thanks for all the kind words about our Coronation yarn bomb- we were delighted to sell most of the guardsmen and will use the proceeds on our next project.

KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KIK)

It was great to see so many of you at the Coronation Picnic Party. We have now signed up 18 new volunteers and 2 groups have already attended an introductory session at The Keepers in Wotton. We'd welcome more volunteers to cover all the roles envisaged so please consider joining our team by registering your interest online at <http://tinyurl.com/5pxkmuv> or just scan the QR code on any KiK leaflet or poster. Alternatively you can drop an email to keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or pick up a form at the Spar shop or pub. We are now preparing for the opening of the planned "Community Pantry" in St Mary's Church so are appealing for food donations which can be left in the porch from 5th June. We would welcome any dried and tinned food, sweets and toiletries but please no goods containing nuts. You will still be able to donate to Stroud Foodbank via St Mary's but the separately marked KiK collection point will be for direct support of people in Kingswood. Thank you.

JULY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2023**