

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon 1st May	Tubbs Turf Open Day – Sports Facility	Midday
Thur 4th & 18th May	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Sun 7th May	Coronation Celebration, Village Hall/field	Midday
Tues 9th May	W.I. - Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 14th May	Kingswood W.I. - Town Hall Teas, WUE	2.30-5pm
27th & 28th May	St. Mary's 300 year celebrations – all details below	

Editors' Note

We have been extremely fortunate to receive a grant from the REMR Community Resilience Fund. Thank you so much we really do appreciate it. The Coronation will see Kingswood celebrating again, we hope you all enjoy this special time, and the extra bank holiday too.

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. Bring your own picnic, blanket and chairs and let's celebrate together!

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.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Wotton Road Give way point and school buses - KPC and the County Councillor Linda Cohen continue to raise this issue with the bus companies and Gloucestershire Highways. The obvious solution is to reroute the buses that do not need to come through the village to access KLB via New Road. South Gloucestershire County Council has agreed to do this. Sadly Gloucestershire Highways and Applegates refuse to see that this is an issue. If you see an incident of concern, please do not just go on Facebook, but take a picture and complain to Applegates and Gloucestershire Highways. The more reports they get the harder it will be to ignore this issue.

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 a Friday through to Sunday and during school holidays. KPC has asked the Polce 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. Newland Homes 32 houses Walkmill Lane S.22/2473/FUL | Demolition of Orchestra Works and Associated Buildings, and development of 32 new Zero Carbon dwellings, access from Walk Mill Lane, highways.

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 ABBEY W.I.

At the April meeting the WI members enjoyed listening to Paul Evans of Wickwar, a brilliant performer of stories, monologues and poems. The May meeting will be on **Tuesday May 9th**, 7.30pm at the Village Hall when Ann Greenhalgh will tell us about the work of CLiC- Changing lives in Chongwe.

The Craft group, led by Sue Jones will be putting up their yarn bombing display on the Chipping for the Coronation. Many thanks to friends in the village who have helped us by donating wool and knitting. Thanks especially to Wendy Wright, who has changed her letterbox toppers with the seasons and has knitted the golden coach. Extra help will be very welcome to knit and crochet flowers for the Nibley Festival at the beginning of July. Contact : liz70coatsworth@gmail.com

Kingswood Abbey W.I. will be running the Wotton Hall teas plus a plant stall on **Sunday May 14th**. Do come and enjoy home made cakes 2.30-5pm

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter continue to meet at Village Hall on alternate Thursdays from 2 - 4pm. All welcome. Dates for May: 4th and 18th and June: 1st , 15th and 29th

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Thank you so much to all the people who have come forward to help support the opening of Keepers in Kingswood. If you would like to join us but haven't applied yet, there's still time. Please see one of the posters displayed around the village for details. You can register an interest online at <http://tinyurl.com/5pxkmuv> or just scan the QR code on the poster. Alternatively drop an email to keepersinkingswood@gmail.com and we'll get in touch. We also need more help with our digital marketing and communications capability, so please contact us via email if you have skills to offer. If you'd like to meet us in person, please come along to our stand at the Village Coronation Picnic on 7th May on the playing fields. We look forward to seeing you.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The AGM was held on Tuesday 4th April. The committee was re-elected for another year. If any one wants to join the management committee of this village resource please come to the next meeting at 7.30pm **Tues 6th June** or contact the secretary on 0779 213 2206. Over the last year the Village Hall has returned to full availability post Covid. Mon – Thurs evenings the hall is fully booked by various organisations from the area. Amateur dramatics has returned with plays, musical events and a Pantomime. Several special birthday and other events postponed during Covid have been held. As well as maintaining the buildings, several improvements have been made including refurbishment of the cubicles in the ladies' toilets, renovation of guttering and fascia, installation of low energy lighting. We plan to re-decorate the bar area. Volunteers to help with maintenance and bar are always welcome

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Please share our celebrations of **300 years of St Mary's Kingswood** over the weekend of 27th/28th May.

Saturday 27th, 2:30pm-5:30pm - Follow a trail around the village with activities along the way, ending at the church for a fish & chip supper from 5:30pm. Trail books will be given to pupils of Kingswood Primary School, and can be obtained on request from Rick on 01454 260476.

Sunday 28th, 11am. Service led by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, followed by a "Birthday Celebration" meal. Everything is free and you are all welcome!

Village Fete Saturday 24th June - request for bottles and cans. I am collecting items for the Bottle Stall at the annual Village Fete - any (full!) bottle will be gratefully received, as well as cans etc. including wine, spirits, condiments such as tomato sauce, mineral water, soft drinks, toiletries, scent etc... Please contact Stella for collection on 01453 842497, or drop off at Little Zoar Cottage, 1 The Chipping, anytime. Thank you.

TUBBS TURF MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Coaching sessions for juniors (3-6pm on Tuesdays) and now adults 6pm Tuesdays continue. Please contact William Gordon (LTA level 3 coach). Prices are very reasonable and open to all (Tubbs Turf members do get a discount). If interested please email williamjackgordon@btinternet.com

The new membership year runs from 1 April. If interested in joining please email or visit www.tubbsturf.co.uk. 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 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 if you wish, 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. 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. Many thanks and as ever enjoy the courts.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Playgroup: (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) Baby & Toddler group: (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. In March Playgroup had an unannounced inspection from Ofsted and the team are pleased with the **GOOD** rating awarded. The inspector commented that "The manager and staff know the children well and what interests them. They set out activities that they know will interest the children and encourage them to play." "Staff encourage children's language and mathematical learning. They ask questions, pose challenges and encourage cooperation" and "They help prepare children well for the move into school." This term the children at Playgroup will be preparing our allotment, planting seeds, learning about minibeasts and going on a trip to Westonbirt. Each week **Baby & Toddler Group** provides a host of activities, toys and crafts based around a weekly theme. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddler](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddler) to see what we have been up to and maybe come to join in the fun if you have a little one under school age.

JUNE GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023

For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk