

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thur 7th & 21st Sept	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Wed 13th & 27th Sept	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Sun 10th Sept	'From Then to Now' St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
Wed 20th Sept	Closing date for October Grapevine	6.00pm

The petition 'Urgent action needed to protect school children on Wotton Road, Kingswood' has been signed by nearly 700 people in 4 weeks. If you'd like to get involved in Kingswood Village Road Safety Group, please email: KVRSGGL12@gmail.com

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

SHOWDAY – Saturday 2nd September - KVA are looking forward to seeing all the amazing exhibits in the Village Hall this year, and of course we have lots for all the family out on the playing field. Set your alarms to see the King & Queen of Kingswood open the event at 12 noon on 2nd September and prepare the doggies for the dog show. Lots of attractions, including BBQ, Bar, Craft and games stalls as well as a huge number of beautifully polished classic vehicles on display.

Save the Date: Our popular KVA Wine Festival is happening on **Saturday 2nd December** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets (£15, to include 4 glasses of Wine Society "Champions Choice" plus nibbles) will be available soon from all KVA members and Rod Alexander (rodplume@gmail.com and 0774 3398 136).

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Road Safety - Thank you to everyone who attended the public meeting on 14th August 2023. The minutes and reports are available on the KPC website. The road safety petition will be handed into Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and questions asked at the meeting on **13th September** at 10.am at GCC Shire Hall Gloucestershire. Please attend and show your support if you can. KPC are continuing to raise questions with Highways on all the issues and are awaiting a response with solutions to discuss. Meanwhile the new term is looming. KLB will advise parents dropping off at KLB to use the main car park and not park on the road. Likewise, the Police will be monitoring Wotton Road outside KLB and the Wotton Road/Charfield Road junction. Any vehicle perceived to be causing an obstruction will be asked to be moved or worse case will be ticketed. Please can all issues, near misses or bad parking 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 Police and Highways are aware.

The Flower beds on the Chipping - The flower beds are looking a bit sorry for themselves. Are there any volunteers willing to come forward and take them on and bring them back to their former glory? If so, please contact the clerk.

Big Clean up – It's that time of year when we need to prepare for winter. Please can everyone look around the outside of their property and tidy up litter, weeds overgrown trees and hedges. Weeds in the kerb can stop water flowing to the drains. Overgrown hedges can push pedestrians into the road. Let's get Kingswood looking smart and safe. **The new toilets** - We are very sorry for the delay on the new toilets. This is due to issues with the main contractor. We are very hopeful that they will be open for use soon. We will be looking for a cleaning company to take on the contract to clean the toilets. This will be for 52 weeks of the year 7 days a week, so we are looking for a company to take this on not an individual. Please contact the clerk for details. **The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 18th September 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 W-U-E GL11 9BP

JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you are preparing to go to university or college, or to undertake an apprenticeship, or to start any other form of further education or training, you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, our charity should be able to help you with a grant towards books or equipment. Please apply in writing to Dr David Hatton, Nampara, Old Rectory Road, Kingswood, GL12 8RE before Friday 29 September. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, a neighbour or a friend would be eligible then please encourage them to apply.

300 years of St Mary's Church

"From Then to Now" Sunday 10th September, 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church

Coinciding with the 2023 nation-wide Heritage Open Days, "From Then to Now" is an affectionate and well-illustrated exploration of how the building has changed over three centuries - it certainly looked very different in 1723! The talk will draw attention to some of the clues you may have missed or cannot normally see as well as those artefacts that are well worth a second look. It should be great fun as well as being informative. Tickets £6 (to include refreshments) from David Hatton (dgrhatton@gmail.com, 01453 842483)

WOTTON & DISTRICT RNLI

Wotton and District RNLI apologises for the fact that we will not have a presence at this year's Showday for the first time ever. We simply do not have the number of helpers this year. We will however, have our usual Coffee Morning in St.Mary's Room in early November to give you the opportunity to purchase Christmas Cards and bits and pieces before Christmas. Yes, it's happening again this year! The date will be announced soon.

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

At our September meetings firstly we have our Harvest Festival, conducted by Bob Hart to be held on 13th. On the 27th we shall be entertained by 'The Ukes' of Stroud. Refreshments are served along with a sales table and raffle at our meetings. Visitors are always welcome at the Village Hall at 2pm fortnightly on a Wednesday.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Our drop-in-Café opened on 18th July in the Lower School Room and has seen a steady stream of visitors since then. A big thank you to all who have helped us get this far! The café is open to all, so if you fancy a hot drink, some cake and a chat, you can just pop in on **Tuesdays from 2pm-5pm** or **Fridays from 10am-1pm**. The Community Pantry and Information Point in St Mary's is also open daily from 10am-4pm and provides a range of basic foodstuffs and toiletries, along with details of local help and support groups. Feel free to go in and take what you need. If you'd like to pay something, you can leave a donation but there's no obligation. It's been great to see things coming to fruition over the last 12 months. We started with a small volunteer-led management team who launched the project, set up the facilities and while working with Keepers in Wotton, have recruited around 20 more volunteers so far. If you would like to join this friendly group there are opportunities in a variety of roles ranging from washing tea-towels, serving drinks & cakes, welcoming visitors, helping with publicity/social media or joining the management team. For more information about what we do or how you can help, either pop into the café, find us at Showday or email keepersinkingswood@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

A combination of warm and wet weather has led to everything growing rapidly at the wildlife area. Holidays have meant that the volunteers have not been able to keep up with the path cutting but we are hoping to catch up after the bank holiday. The trees are laden with fruit, some of them rather over laden causing a few branches to break. Plums are already ripe and pears and apples will soon be ready for picking. If you fancy making some jam or a crumble please help yourself.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm on Thursday Sept 7th & 21st and October 5th & 19th. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Judith

TUBBS TURF MULTI-SPORTS FACILITYContact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Many thanks to all those that attended our Finals Day & Garden Party on 8th July. We had a super afternoon with the children enjoying the short tennis, the adults playing and watching the tennis finals and a good turnout for the table tennis tournament too. The refreshments were savoured and even when the heavens opened we still had a great time making full use of the gazebos and pavilion. Also, many thanks to all those who also made it happen, baked cakes, sponsored the event and donated raffle prizes. A fantastic team effort which gave an afternoon of fun which also helped to raise over £1,800. This will help maintain the courts, pavilion and gardens for the future. We held our AGM on 16th August and have a new committee in place for the coming year. We are looking for new committee members for the future so if you would like to find out more please do get in touch. We can only run Tubbs Turf with the committee and so your consideration of this is much appreciated. We will have junior and adult tennis coaching starting again in September on Tuesday afternoons, and if you are interested in helping us maintain the gardens do get in touch. We normally tend to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am. If you are interested in joining - membership details can be found on the website www.tubbsturf.co.uk.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUBContact: Email kvccteamsec@gmail.com

As we go into September, the season draws to a close with our last match on the 10th away at old rivals North Nibley. A rainy season, but we managed to play the majority of fixtures. A successful youth season saw the Hawkswood Royals girls under 11s team finishing second in their first ever season. The mixed under 11s had some exciting matches in their first year. We have secured kit sponsorship for next season. We hosted the Gloucester Cricket Federation Allstars girls (5-8 year olds) training session. Fortunately the rain held off and good fun was had by all. The postponed Allstars & Dynamos session will be held 1st Sept with presentations & BBQ. We will have the net up on Showday for anyone to come and have a go at batting & bowling. Our annual club dinner is on 30th September, we encourage all members, supporters & partners to attend. It would also be great to see parents/guardians from the juniors. Be on the lookout for our Christmas Prize Draw tickets, now on sale – our major fundraiser and helps us keep the cost of cricket down. Finally, thank you to all the members, volunteers, helpers and VPs who give their time and/or donations to make KVCC such a great success.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUPContact: David Owen 01453 844463 owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com

Knowing where public access defibs are could help save a life, so this is important:- There are currently 9 public access AEDs (defibs) in the parish. Their locations are detailed on the Grapevine's website, in both map form and as a picture-locator. Some have found it hard to find these details on the website, so, repeating what was in December's edition: Go to www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk, Click the drop down menu bar in top right corner (3 horizontal bars, aka the hamburger icon), you will get a list. Or scroll down to USEFUL LINKS, then scroll down to HEALTH, and there you will find 2 links for the defibs – one for a location map and the other for a montage of location pictures with access details. *Top tip: copy one or both of the images to your smart phone now.*

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2023**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk