

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thur 5th & 19th Oct	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Sat 7th Oct	KADS Musical Evening, Village Hall	7/7.30pm
Mon 9th Oct	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 23rd Oct	Closing date for October Grapevine	6.00pm
Thurs 9th Nov	RNLI Sale, St. Mary's Room	10am - 12

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

Thank you, Kingswood, for turning out in force on Saturday 1st September for the Annual Showday. Thank you to King Toby and Queen Rosie for officially opening the show in style. New Generation dancers, Punch & Judy, and Live music from the Road Trips proved to be as popular as ever. The whole family were able to enjoy the Fun Dog Show, a wide range of craft and games stands, as well as the Beer, Cider and prosecco bar, the BBQ and Ice Creams. Inside the WI Teas were busy all afternoon. The quality of the exhibits this year in the produce and handicraft show was excellent. The village hall looked so colourful from all the pictures on display produced by playgroup and Kingswood Primary school children. The Kingswood Village Association (KVA) is a voluntary not for profit organisation that exists to make money for donating back into the village, It is run by a small committee of volunteers. If you are interested in joining them in any capacity, please e-mail chair@thekva.co.uk. If your organisation is in need of funding, please visit the website www.thekva.co.uk and click on the link to the finance request form on the home page.

KVA WINE FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale a month before. The wines are from the Wine Society's buyers' blind tasting of 1000 wines, whittled down to 100, of which KVA will present about 25. The tickets at £15 for four glasses and nibbles will be available from all KVA members and Rod Alexander, 07743 398136 or rodplume@gmail.com.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Road Safety - Kingswood Parish Council (KPC) are still reviewing the Highway safety issues on Wotton Road. In respect of the school buses KPC has written to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner to ask for the route to be reviewed and for all buses that do not need to come through the village to be rerouted via New Road. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways still maintain that there have been no incidents on Wotton Road. Please can all incidents of children being hit or near misses be reported to the Police. Likewise, can all vehicle incidents be reported to the Police, the best way to report is via email to 101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk Unless there is evidence of the issues we are unlikely to get any improvements. KPC will be meeting with a Highway representative to discuss possible solutions. However, GCC has already indicated it will be looking at low-cost solutions. Please see the initial Highway report on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk the Highway Safety page. KPC would like to say thank you to everyone who signed the recent petition that was presented to GCC. We would also like to thank Sian Blackham and Kingswood Road Safety Group for all their hard work on this issue.

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 hoping that these will be resolved very soon and we can get this much needed facility open.

The Swings - We are still waiting for a part and will be hoping to reinstall the swings as soon as possible.

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 9th October 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 W-U-E GL11

St MARY'S CHURCH

On Sunday 19th September we said goodbye to our long-standing vicar, Reverend Canon David Russell. At a packed service in Wickwar church David and his wife, Susanne, were presented with a range of gifts and given a standing ovation to express the thanks of the communities they have both served so generously over such a long period. We wish them well in their retirement in Kent. On Sunday October 1st we are holding our annual Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 11am. Do join us for this family service if you can or if not, please leave gifts for our Harvest food bank collection in the church porch. We continue with our celebrations for the 300th anniversary of the building of St Mary's church with a 'FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND' starting Saturday 28th October. Do come along to this exhibition at St Mary's Church and learn about the families who used to live in Kingswood and lots more about the history of our community. Refreshments provided. Look out for more details around the village. **CAN YOU HELP? St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is in need of a new secretary and a new treasurer. Although these are important jobs, they are not onerous and do not require any particular expertise. If you feel you might be able to help and would like more information, please contact Patricia on 07771996495 or the parishoffice.wickwar@gmail.com. Thank you so much.**

KINGSWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATICS (KADS)

On Saturday the 7th October Kingswood Amateur Dramatics are pleased to advise that we are putting on another musical evening. This year the cast have picked songs from musicals or just songs that they have always wanted to sing. A truly great variety of songs that you may like to sing along to. Tickets are £7.50 including nibbles. They will be on sale at the Spar shop. Why not come along and let us entertain you, doors and bar open at 7pm.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Playgroup (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and **Baby / Toddler group** (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. This term the children at Playgroup are learning about Autumn. We collected blackberries and did some Hapa-zome printing (Smashing the blackberries on fabric!) to make some bunting. We have also read the book 'Rufus and the Blackberry Monster' and made our own blackberry monsters. There are some spaces available at Playgroup, please see our website for more information. Each week **Baby / Toddler Group** provides a host of activities, toys and crafts based around a weekly theme. Check out our Facebook page [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to and come to join the fun if you have a little one under school age.

WOTTON & DISTRICT RNLI

Sadly, we couldn't attend this year's Showday but Gill's Coffee Morning will take place in St. Mary's Room on Thursday 9th November from 10 am until 12 Noon. We'll have RNLI Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Souvenirs in addition to Coffee and Biscuits. Come and join us.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Contact: Simon – jolyon501@gmail.com

The wildlife area is a community space between Tyndale View and Chestnut Park. You will find footpaths, orchard trees, and ponds where there are protected Great Crested Newts. The area is managed by volunteers led by Richard from Stroud Valleys Project. Take a look at the Stroud Valleys Project website under "Wild about Kingswood" for lots of information about the history of the area and the work we are doing – "This wildlife area provides lots of opportunities for the local community to get involved in looking after and improving this wild haven, which has shown great potential for both wildlife and people". We are always looking for more volunteers to join the team on Monday mornings from 10am until around 2pm. We are there all year round in all weathers apart from persistent rain! No special skills or knowledge is required. You just need to enjoy being outside in nature. If you are interested in coming along just turn up on Monday mornings or email Simon for more information.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

We were pleased to welcome all the people who visited our stand at Show Day and a number of new volunteers came forward to whom we are very grateful. If you'd like to help but haven't signed up already, there are still plenty of opportunities to help. We look forward to you getting in touch by email keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or just drop by the café in the Lower School Room which is open on Tuesdays from 2pm to 5pm and Fridays from 10am to 1pm. If you haven't been yet, it's a great place for a friendly chat, a hot drink and maybe a slice of cake. Everyone's welcome and we'd be delighted to say "Hello!"

The Community Pantry in St Mary's now holds a wide range of basic foodstuffs and toiletries which are available whilst the church is open from 10am to 4pm daily except Sunday. Just pop in and "Take what you need" or if you'd like to donate, please leave goods in the box in the porch. Financial donations can be made by scanning the code on our information board.

Our website is now live and has news of activities and details of services available. Local support groups will also be visiting the café during the autumn so please look out for news on noticeboards and www.thekeepers.org.uk/keepers-in-kingswood. We look forward to meeting you soon.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Many thanks to everyone who came to taste our homemade cakes on Show Day. What a lovely day! Many thanks to KVA for organising such an excellent event for the community. Our September meeting was a mixture of quizzes and photo recognition - how many backs of heads can you recognise? We ended with teams of members designing and constructing dresses from newspapers and magazines - Great British Sewing Bee with a difference! A hilarious evening. Next month we meet at the Village Hall on October 10th at 7.30pm for a needlework demonstration from the talented craftsperson, Claire Salmon. New members always welcome. Contact our President, Sheila Kerr for more details: sheilakerr1355@gmail.com

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm on Thursday October 5th & 19th and November 2nd, 16th & 30th Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Judith

NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE: MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2023