

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Thur 2nd, 13th & 30th Nov	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Thurs 9th Nov	RNLI Sale, St. Mary's Room	10am - 12
Wed 8th & 22nd Nov	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Mon 13th Nov	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues 14th Nov	W.I. meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 18th Nov	W.I. Coffee Morning & Sale, St. Mary's Room	10am - 12
Wed 22nd Nov	December Grapevine Deadline	6pm
Tuesdays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	2 - 5pm
Fridays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	10am - 1pm

Editors' Note:

A reminder that there is no January Grapevine so tell us your December and January Events and news in time to be included in the next publication

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

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 has carried out a review of road safety with Gloucestershire Council Highways (GCCH) and Kingswood Road Safety Group, in particular for school children walking to school via Wotton Road. KPC is committed to rerouting the school buses that do not need to come through the village. There has been no formal agreement, but we note that some buses are now going via New Road. We are still working to get this formally agreed although this is proving very difficult. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) have put forward 3 proposals to look at improving road safety at Wotton Road; a one-way system, total parking restrictions on Wotton Road or partial parking restrictions on Wotton Road. The One-way system has been discounted as it could cause an increase in speeding and would be a long diversion. Full parking restrictions have also been discounted as once again could increase speeding especially when there is an issue at certain times of the day. GCC's favoured solution is restricted parking during the day especially at school drop off and pick up time. Parking would be allowed at certain times and at weekend. KPC has started the process of taking this forward. The process includes a feasibility study and full consultation. Once these are carried out recommendations will be made by GCC, and a decision taken on whether to go forward with this. This action will be by legislation under a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and will cost KPC £15,000. KPC has not taken this decision lightly but is acting on the advice of GCC and as result of the response from a question in the 2022 KPC Highway survey. 71% of people stated that the Wotton Road give-way junction does not work effectively and wanted action to improve it. Along with the above KPC has also instigated action on a school crossing patrol person to help the children to cross the road to both KLB and Kingswood Primary school. We await the outcome of all the above. 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.

Parking in the village - There has been a spate of anti-social and dangerous parking on High Street and The Chipping. Please park responsibly and ensure that other vehicles and pedestrians can pass easily.

The new toilets - The continued delay with the opening of the new toilets still goes on. We are waiting for the main contractor to make safe the ramp with a handrail, we are also having discussions on the way the accessible toilet doors open. We also need sign off by Building Regulations. Once these are resolved and we believe the toilets are safe they will be open to the public.

The next parish council meeting will be on **Monday 13th November 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 9BP

WOTTON & DISTRICT RNLI

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 PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingswood School New Pupil Intake 2024 - We are offering visits to all prospective families applying to start school in September 2024. Kingswood Primary School has been recognised by Ofsted as a 'good' school, with 'outstanding' behaviour and attitudes. The school is in the centre of the village and provides small year groups, with a friendly nurturing environment for all of our children. If you would like to find out more, we welcome visits, so please contact 01453 842197 or email admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (KSA)

Kingswood School Association (KSA) are holding a 'Rags2Riches' for Schools collection on Thursday 30th November. So, if you're thinking about clearing out your wardrobe, your kids have outgrown their clothes, and you want to support Kingswood Primary School in raising some money, please consider donating your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts etc. (for full list see: rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/). You can either leave your clothes in a bag (labelled: Rags2Riches for Kingswood School Association) in the Abbey Gateway before 08:30 on Thursday 30th November. Or get in touch with the KSA: ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk. Thank you for your support

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Our café continues to welcome visitors in the Lower School Room 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 over a drink and a biscuit or slice of cake. There are some children's activities too, so feel free to drop in after school. We also host regular visits by local organisations offering support to the community. We've recently welcomed Longfield, Men's Shed and Gloucestershire Carer's hub. Look out for our "What's On" notices for details of upcoming visits.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who give their time to assist with the café. If you'd like to join this friendly team we'd love to hear from you. We'd be delighted if you could offer 1, 2 or 3 hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly. We'd be particularly pleased to hear from cake makers or those able to help set up and tidy away before and after sessions. Drop into the café or email keepersinkingswood@gmail.com if you're interested.

St Mary's is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday and the Community Pantry is available on a "take what you need" basis. We rely on your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries to keep the pantry stocked. If you are able to donate, please put the odd extra item in your regular shopping and drop them into the box in the church porch. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our website is now live and has news of all services and activities. Please visit www.thekeepers.org.uk/keepers-in-kingswood. We look forward to meeting you soon.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

The November meeting of Kingswood Abbey WI will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday November 14th at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual meeting followed by a Christmas table floral decoration demonstration by Val Jones. The WI craft group will be holding a Coffee morning with Christmas cards and a craft stall in St Mary's Room, 10am until 12 noon on Saturday 18th November. All proceeds will go to Cobalt. Cash only please. Last minute presents? Everyone welcome.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Rita Pollard – rdpollard@tiscali.co.uk Tel 07518747280

On November 8th we shall be entertained by our own Top Table. This is followed on 22nd November by Level 41a William and Christine. Refreshments are served, along with a raffle and sales table at our meetings where we are always pleased to welcome visitors at the Village Hall at 2pm fortnightly on a Wednesday.

KINGSWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (KADS)

KADS Community Theatre Group - Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at our Musical Evening. It was a great encouragement to see so many people in the audience. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We will soon be rehearsing for our Panto which is Cinderella. Dates for your diary 1st and 2nd of March 2024. We are also putting on another Musical Evening so save the dates: 31st May and 1st June.

Thank you once again and we look forward to seeing you next year.

CUPPA & NATTER

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

DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2023

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