

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Sat 2nd Dec	KVA Wine Festival, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 10th Dec	Children's Christmas Parties, Village Hall,	1pm or 3.30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Playgroup Quiz, Village Inn	8pm
Thur 14th Dec, 11th & 25th Jan	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Wed 6th & 13th Dec	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Mon 18th Dec	Carols on the Chipping	6pm
Sun 31st Dec	KVA Senior Citizens NYE Lunch, Village Hall	12noon
Wed 24th Jan	February Grapevine Deadline	6pm
Tuesdays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	2 - 5pm
Fridays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	10am - 1pm

Editors' Note:

Remember, you can email in posters to us for your events that we can then add to our website 'Whats On' page.

Well that brings us to our last edition for 2023. Thank you to all our villagers for making our community great.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

Wine Festival - Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Kingswood Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December. This year we will again be hosting 2 (KS1 & 2) Christmas parties for school age children *who live in Kingswood village*. Entry forms for children attending Kingswood Primary School have been distributed from School. If your child would like to join us, you live in Kingswood but don't attend Kingswood Primary please go to www.thekva.co.uk and download a form. The completed form should then be returned by email to chair@thekva.co.uk by the end of November. More information on our website.

Senior Citizens New Years Eve Lunch – This free NYE event is for villagers aged 65 and over. Invitations will be posted through doors soon. Reserve your place quickly as numbers are limited and on a first come first served basis. Complete your form and return to the Spar shop before 8th December. Should you not get an invitation through your door, but feel you are eligible, please call Angela on 07896032202

Christmas Tree - The Village Christmas tree will be making an appearance very soon. The KVA has taken over the funding of the tree this year, but we would like to publicly express our thanks to the Bateman family who have generously donated the tree to the Village for very many years. KVA are grateful to Rob for agreeing to continue installing the tree and look forward to seeing the centrepiece of our village festive decorations in place.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

The Village Hall now has a new defibrillator, and this has the benefit of being more user-friendly than its predecessor. However the old defib will still work (but without child pads), so I am exploring whether the football and cricket clubs etc might find it useful to take to away matches or other events. Of course new defibrillators don't come cheap, so contributions from any source will be most welcome.

A recap: there are 9 defibs available 24/7 in the parish, and a further 3 available at certain times. These are shown on the map on the Grapevine's website. Alternatively, a good way to locate your nearest defib is to use www.defibfinder.uk This is the official UK site and will only show defibs that are currently available. Just put in the postcode.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY GROUP (KVRSG)

A plea from the Kingswood Village Road Safety Group (KVRSG). Please respect the new white H lines on Wotton Road opposite Tubbs Turf and avoid blocking the dropped curb. They have been painted there by Gloucestershire County Council to prevent some of the parking issues. Our aim is to try and make it safe for our children walking to school, after 3 children were clipped by passing vehicles, resulting in a fractured elbow for one. It's impossible to cross the road safely when cars block the dropped curb and park on the white lines. Please consider wheelchair users and buggies too. Pedestrians cannot see the traffic clearly when their view is blocked by parked cars.

Rule 243 of the Highway Code - DO NOT stop or park: - opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space - where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles We need the support of the community to improve our road safety. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Contact 01453 842197 or email admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk

Are you looking for a place for your child to start school? Kingswood Primary School have high expectations, with children praised by Ofsted for their 'outstanding behaviours and attitudes'. Our experienced staff team provide a warm and nurturing environment to promote every child's well-being and learning. We have strong community links and a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities. We would be delighted to show you our school. Please telephone or email to arrange an individual tour. The Reception 2024 application deadline is 15th January 2024.

Fundraising for Children in Need - We are very proud to announce that Kingswood Primary School raised a brilliant £224 for BBC Children in Need, by holding a Bake Off competition, cake sale and wearing non-uniform. Our children showed empathy, initiative and enthusiasm to support this nationwide worthwhile cause.



KINGSWOOD PLAYGROUP

Kingswood Village Playgroup would like to welcome you to our Christmas pub quiz. Join us at The Village Inn on **Wednesday, December 13th** at 8pm for an evening of festive fun! Entry is £5 per head with a maximum of 5 players per team. All proceeds to benefit our playgroup (registered charity 1005514). Contact: Ashton 07955146185.

TUBBS TURF

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

A big thank you this month to a great team of volunteers from Lloyds Bank who had a charity day at the courts, repainting the pavilion and developing a new prairie garden under the watchful eye of our amazing Keith Miller and Chris Davies. The team of 16 achieved so much in the day that it has given us food for thought on running a 'Tubbs Turf TLC day' in 2024. Watch this space for further details. In the meantime, we'd like to encourage all to use the courts more! Membership is available at a very reasonable rate and allows you to reserve courts, use the tennis court and the pavilion. The multi sports court is open to everyone (if not already reserved by members) from 9am to dusk. Further details can be found on our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk. As always, please respect our neighbours and park considerately. Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year and we look forward to seeing you at the courts soon.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

www.thekeepers.org.uk/keepers-in-kingswood

The Community Pantry and Drop-in Café continue to operate successfully and provide valuable resources for everyone in Kingswood. The pantry in St Mary's is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday where basic foodstuffs and toiletries are available, and in the run-up to Christmas we plan to stock some seasonal treats such as festive biscuits and selection boxes. Everyone is welcome to access the goods on the shelves at the back of the church on a "take what you need" basis and if you have anything to donate, especially Christmas items, they can be left in the church porch. Our café continues to welcome visitors in the Lower School Room on Tuesdays and Fridays, where there's the opportunity to socialise over coffee and cake. It's also nicely heated and provides a welcome warm space as we move into the colder winter months. We have been happy to meet Kingswood Primary children in the café on Tuesday afternoons after school, who have enjoyed our cake, biscuits and fruit juice. We have some games and pastimes available for them which have proved popular. All we ask is that all children are accompanied and supervised by a carer. For information about all services, activities and details of volunteering roles and how to get involved, please visit our website. We are keen to hear from anyone who could help as a meetings secretary for our management team and there are also opportunities for reception volunteers in the café. Please note that the Café will be **closed on Tuesday 26th December & Friday 29th December**. We will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. The Pantry will be open as normal throughout.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

At the Annual meeting in November, Sheila Kerr was re-elected as President for 2024.

The next meeting on December 12th will be a Christmas supper catered by Relish and the members look forward to being entertained by the ladies barbershop Neptune Quartet. In November, the W.I. craft group held a very successful Coffee/Craft morning in aid of Cobalt in St Mary's room. We would like to thank all the W.I. members and village friends who supported us. Our grand total of £450 will be matched by a kind donor during Cobalt's Big Give Challenge week and this will enable our donation to provide nine months of specialist nursing care for a young adult or teenager with cancer. The Craft group hopes to decorate the Chipping for Christmas.

January's meeting will take place at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 9th January 2024. Sally Blackman will be introducing us to Qigong and hopefully getting us to take part in some simple exercises. New members will be most welcome - please contact Sheila Kerr sheilakerr1355@gmail.com for details.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

At our meeting on December 6th The Nightingales will be entertaining us, then on 13th December we shall be enjoying our Christmas Lunch at the Masonic Hall. Visitors are always welcome every other Wednesday at 2pm at the Village Hall.

ST. MARYS CHURCH

Christmas is approaching fast and we look forward to welcoming you to our special services for this season.

First up will be our much loved **Christingle** service at 6pm on Sunday 3rd December. Come and enjoy a hot chocolate beforehand in the church. Share in the anticipation of Christmas with traditional carols and choir on Sunday December 17th 6pm at our annual **Carol Service**, there will be mince pies & drinks afterwards too. On **Christmas Eve at 6pm** we will be holding our annual **Crib Service** to which everyone is welcome especially younger children. Last but not least do join us for a traditional family service at 10.30am on **Christmas Day**.

Carols on the Chipping, Monday 18th December to raise money for the food bank and a special service on Sunday 7th January to celebrate the Epiphany.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm on alternate Thursdays. December 14th only. January 2024 - 11th & 25th Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Judith

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Contact: Simon – jolyon501@gmail.com

This green space between Chestnut Park & Tyndale View provides a habitat for wildlife in and around the ponds and a community orchard. A small group of volunteers meet on Mondays from 10am and are currently preparing to lay another old hedgerow. If you are interested, or would like to get involved, please come along or email Simon.

FEBRUARY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2024



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