

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesdays, 2-5pm and Fridays 10.30-12.30pm
Thursday 1st, 15th, 29th, 2-4pm
Wednesday 7th & 21st, 2pm
Monday 12th February, 7.15pm
Tuesday 13th February, 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st February, 6pm

Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café
Cuppa and a natter at Village Hall
Jubilee Club at the Village Hall
KPC parish council meeting Village Hall
Kingswood WI Village Hall
March Grapevine Deadline

Editors' Note:

Welcome to 2024! Here is our first issue of the year.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

A Government scheme is currently offering to contribute half the cost of a new defibrillator and cabinet...and if UK Gov is offering money I for one am up for it! Conditions apply, but we have jumped the first hurdles and we have an area in the Parish identified, which has been approved by the scheme. The next step is to raise the 50% match funding required, which amounts to £750. If you as an individual or as someone representing an organisation or business can help, please, please contact me.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

KSA Scarecrow Trail 2024

Each Easter, the KSA organise a scarecrow trail to help raise funds for our village school – all monies raised help pay for new dining tables and benches, whole school visits to the Pantomime, cosy reading corners in classrooms etc. The trail encourages families from the local area to come to Kingswood and explore our village. If you would like to create a scarecrow to be included in this family friendly trail, please email the ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk for an entry form – it costs a mere £3 to enter a scarecrow into the trail, with prizes awarded to the best scarecrow. Please register your scarecrow by the 15th March 2024. Don't forget to buy a map from Kingswood Spar shop and follow the trail 23rd March – 8th April!

TUBBS TURF

www.tubbsturf.co.uk

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

A New Year so we thought a survey to see what everyone thinks and wants from Tubbs Turf would be a good idea. Please do help us by completing this. It can be found on our website www.tubbsturf.co.uk, or our Facebook page. We can also email you a copy, just contact us and we will send it over. There is a prize on offer too so why not enter. Following the efforts to make the roads and pavements around the courts safer we have been advised that it is likely that parking restrictions will be coming into force on the Wotton Road opposite the courts. Please can you help ahead of this by not parking in this area between 2 - 4pm. Thank you.

As a reminder 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 at is also open to all (if not already reserved) from 9am to dusk.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

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

Keepers in Kingswood is planning to build on its successful launch in 2023 with some new activities for 2024. Starting in January, we hosted "numeracy" games sessions for adults and children, presented by Glos. Adult Education through their Multiply programme. You might still be in time to catch the last session on 30th January from 3:15 to 4:15. There's also a new "Crafty Corner" on a Friday. Bring along a project or come to get inspiration from others – every Friday from 10:30 to 12:30 in The Lower School Room. The Pantry in St Mary's continues to be a valuable resource for the community especially during the winter months. We are most grateful for the generous donations we have received and welcome further donations of non-perishable food stuffs, toiletries and household products. Just pop them in the box in St Mary's porch. (No perishable goods, products containing nuts or out-of-date items, please). Behind the scenes, we are supported by our volunteer management team who would be delighted if someone could come forward to be Minutes Secretary to take notes and type up minutes of our monthly meetings. Please get in touch via keepersinkingswood@gmail.com if you are interested in this or any other aspect of volunteering for Keepers in Kingswood. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

email: sheilakerr1355@gmail.com

At the January meeting the Kingswood Abbey WI members were interested in learning about Qigong from Sally Blackman and all enjoyed taking part in the Qigong exercise movements. February's meeting is on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we will celebrate Galentine's Day. A day invented by Leslie Knope, the 'Parks and Recreation' fictional main character, for celebrating the friendship of close women friends. We will also make hearts ready for Valentine's Day on 14th. Any lady interested in joining the WI please get in touch with our President, Sheila Kerr for more details.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

Our meeting on the 7th February will be an open meeting with poetry and bingo. On 21st February our speaker will be Philip Ashford talking about William Tyndale. Visitors are always very welcome every other Wednesday at 2pm at the Village Hall. Refreshments are served along with a raffle and sales table.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUBkvccteamsec@gmail.com

It's the start of a very exciting new year for the village cricket club, with an expanding youth cricket section including Allstars and Dynamos, under 11s and under 13 teams in place for the coming season all starting in May. Look out for registration for Allstars and Dynamos, The Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation and ourselves will be working with the local school again to spread the message. The adult fixture card is almost complete, starting in April with Sunday and mid-week fixtures, and the annual tour to Devon is booked for 22-24th June. Our winter net sessions have begun at the KLB sports hall. We are running junior nets on Monday evenings – so please bring your girls and boys along for some great coaching from the qualified youth team coaches. Youth nets run from 6.15-7.15pm and will run until just beyond the Easter break. Adult net sessions take place on Friday evenings from 6.15-7.15pm and will run up until Easter. We also share the sessions with other local clubs, Charfield, North Nibley and Hawkesbury. So if you fancy a bat and a bowl, just come along – all the kit is provided so you just need to bring yourself! The cost of each session is £3 per person.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)Contact: clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01453844659

Road Safety: KPC and the County Councillor Linda Cohen have instigated a speed survey on Wotton Road adjacent to Tubbs Turf. This is to ascertain the speed of the vehicles in this location and to discuss an appropriate speed limit.

Traffic Regulation Order for Wotton Road: Thank you to all the residents consulted who responded. There will be further consultations on this ongoing matter.

Parking in the village: Please can people be considerate when parking and ensure that crossing points are not blocked and that pedestrian access on the pavement is left free to enable a wheelchair or a pram to get through. Also ensure that vehicles can still get by and that parked vehicles are not blocking access to other cars.

The new toilets: KPC has now reached an agreement with the contractors on how to ensure the toilets are legally compliant. We have asked the contractors to complete the toilets by Easter 2024.

Allotments: Spring is coming. Please contact the clerk if you would like to rent an allotment.

Annual Parish Meeting: This is a meeting of the community and legislation states it must be held between 1st March and 30th June annually. Due to local council elections the meeting will be on Monday 18th March at 7pm at Kingswood Village Hall. We hope to have presentations on Highway safety, standing as a councillor in the local elections, how to make Kingswood more biodiverse and an update from Kingswood Keepers. Please put the date in your diary.

Local Council Elections 2024: These are scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2024. Please ensure that you are registered to vote, the deadline is 16/04/2024. Please go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote Kingswood Parish Council and Stroud District will have elections for 8 parish councillors and for 1 district councillor. Have you thought about becoming a District or Parish Councillor? If you have a keen interest in your local community and are passionate about making a difference in the Stroud District, then becoming a Councillor could be for you. For further information on the role of being a Councillor, please go to www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/becoming-a-councillor papers must be delivered by hand to Stroud District Council. Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 To stand as a prospective Councillor, you will need to complete a nomination paper. For Town/Parish elections these can be collected from the KPC Clerk or from Stroud District Council Offices. KPC will also be holding a briefing session on Thursday 21st March from 6pm to 7pm at Kingswood Village Hall. District Council Nomination papers are available to collect from Stroud District Council Offices. Nomination 4UB between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday 19 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024. SDC will be holding a briefing for any prospective Councillors intending to stand in the upcoming elections. The briefing will run through the nomination and election process and will be held in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill on Thursday 15 February at 7.30pm. To express your interest in attending this briefing, please email elections@stroud.gov.uk and advise if you are interested in standing for District or Parish. Alternatively, you can call 01453 766321. KPC will be discussing the role of a parish councillor in the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7pm at Kingswood Village Hall.

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 12th February 2024 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

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm on alternate Thursdays. Dates for February: 1st, 15th and 29th. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

KINGSWOOD /WUE RNLI GUEST SPEAKER EVENING- RNLI200 contact wuernli@gmail.com or jabwrnli@gmail.com

The RNLI celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding in March. We will be marking this anniversary with a special Guest Speaker Evening on Thursday 14th March. The illustrated talk will cover the 200-year history of the RNLI and the speaker will be John Barnett, the Branch chairman and RNLI Community Presenter. The talk will be held in a lecture theatre at the Renishaw plc, New Mills site and will start at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm). Those coming should enter the site directly from the roundabout – not at the front entrance. As with previous Guest Speaker Evenings, attendance will be by ticket (priced £10) either purchased in advance or reserved to be paid for on the night. Tickets can be purchased from the Coventry Building Society or the Cotswold Book Room (both in Long Street, W-u-E) or by contacting above emails.

MARCH GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2024**