

Kingswood Grapevine

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Dates For Your Diary

Tuesdays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	2 - 5pm
Fridays	Keepers in Kingswood Drop in Café	10am - 1pm
Tuesday 12th	Kingswood W.I. Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 16th	Beer Festival, Village Hall	7 - 11pm
Wed 6th & 20th	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Thur 14th & 28th	Cuppa & Natter, Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Tuesday 20th	K.V.A. AGM, Village Hall	8pm
23rd Mar – 8th April	KSA Scarecrow Trail	
Friday 22nd March	April Grapevine Deadline	6pm
Fri 19th April	Save the Date – Comedy Night!	

Editors' Note:

Please remember you can email us your posters for your event, so that we can upload onto our 'Whats On' section of the website. Here you will find events held in the village or by village organisations.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

The Kingswood Village Association **AGM** will be held in the Village Hall (Bar area) on **Tuesday 20th March 2024** at 8pm. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to have some new members join our happy team of volunteers. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please come along.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Kingswood Pre-School Provision - The staff and governors of Kingswood Primary School are currently working alongside Kingswood Playgroup to assess the needs of pre-school provision within Kingswood Village.

We would be very grateful if you could complete this survey by scanning the QR code and answering the questions in the survey. This should not take longer than one minute.

Thank you for your support. Kingswood Primary School

Should the QR code not work please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPQ7YR3>



KINGSWOOD PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS

www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk

Playgroup **Preschool** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 – 1pm) and **Baby/Toddler group** (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. Last term children at Playgroup focussed on Winter, they made bird cake for their garden birds and vegetable soup for themselves. This term promises to be busy with World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter. We will be looking out for signs of Spring on our walks. Each week **Baby/Toddler Group** provides a host of activities, toys and crafts based around a weekly theme. Check out Facebook: [kingswoodbabyandtoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodbabyandtoddlers) to see what we have been up to and come and join the fun if you have a little one under school age!

PLEASE complete the survey about pre-school provision in the village to help us plan for the future.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

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

The "No More Boardom" numeracy sessions in the KiK Café run by Glos. Adult Education have got us off to a great start to 2024 with adults and children alike enjoying number and logic based games, guided by a tutor. Connect-4 and Dominoes have been very popular amongst other challenges. We plan to continue these sessions on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 in the Lower School Room so come along and test your skills. Crafty Corner from 10:30 to 12:30 on Fridays is also proving popular so feel free to bring your project, share your ideas or just come for some inspiration to get started. Keep an eye out for our "What's On" poster for details of these and further events as we expand our activities. We couldn't do any of this without the support of our fantastic team of volunteers so a big "Thank You" to everyone who helps in any way and if you'd like to join our friendly team to help support this important community resource, please get in touch by email: keepersinkingswood@gmail.com. You will also be able to hear more about our plans and find out about volunteering opportunities at the Kingswood Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 18th March at 7pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to meeting you!

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

The next meeting of Kingswood Abbey WI takes place on Tuesday, 12th March at the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm in the Community Room. During the evening members will be entertained by the Stroud ladies Morris dancers in the Main Hall. For more details please contact the President: Sheila Kerr on sheilakerr1355@gmail.com. New members are always welcome to join the W.I.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

At our meeting on 6th March we shall be entertained by Clare Greenwood in her own inimitable style. On 20th March we shall enjoy our Easter Tea and be entertained by Level 41a. Visitors are always welcome every other Wednesday at 2pm at the Village Hall.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter at the Village Hall 2 - 4pm on alternate Thursdays. March 14th & 28th
Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. Judith

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon – jolyon501@gmail.com

Look closely at the hedgerows in the wildlife area and you will see the blackthorn starting to bloom and leaves beginning to appear. The birds are singing and two blue tits were spotted taking a close look at one of the nest boxes. During December and January a lot of work has been done laying another very old and overgrown hedge between Chestnut Park and the wildlife shed. This included a lot of dead trees which have been felled and some of the wood used to create habitat piles. New hedging saplings have been planted in the hedge and Silver Birch and Rowan trees planted alongside.

ST. MARYS CHURCH**Church Services and events for March – All welcome**

3rd March, Morning Worship, 11am. 10th March, **Mothering Sunday** service, 11am *A special service for children to say thank you to their Mum.* 17th March, Morning Worship, 11am. 24th March, 10.30am **Palm Sunday** Procession and 11am service followed by lunch. 29th March, We mark **Good Friday** with the Stations of the Cross at 11.15 am followed by coffee and hot cross buns. 31st March, join us to celebrate **Easter Day** at our Family Communion Service, 11am

Events - An Item A Day Keeps The Hunger Away 1st – 30th March, We would like to encourage everyone to donate one item to our food bank per day during Lent to support those in need. **World Day of Prayer**, 7pm Friday 1st March at St Mary's Church: A women led, global, ecumenical movement.

Lent talks - Our lent talks are based on four fundamental freedoms that people everywhere in the world should enjoy as outlined by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941. Freedom of Speech - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Freedom of Worship - Rowan Williams, Freedom of Want - Darren McGarvey, Freedom from Fear - Fiona Hall. Meeting week day evenings in house groups to listen and discuss. More details in the porch of the Congregational Church and in St Mary's. **Lent Lunches in St Mary's Room - Friday 8th & Tuesday 19th March** 12:00 - 14:00, A choice of 2 home-made soups, with good bread, cheese and fruit. Join us and help to support the local food bank

Easter Treasure Hunt Saturday 23rd March – See details under Congregational Church.

KINGSWOOD BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 16th March 7 - 11pm The popular Kingswood Beer festival is being revived to raise funds for the Village Hall. We will be remembering the people from Kingswood who have chaired the Village Hall committee or been involved over the years in making the Hall the wonderful asset to the village that it is today. Tickets are £10 and available from the Spar, The Village Inn or members of the team, details on posters around the village. Price includes a free drink (beer, cider, or wine) plus a bread & cheese supper. We will also be holding a raffle to raise money for Kingswood School. Purchase your tickets soon to avoid disappointment!

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (KSA)

KSA Scarecrow Trail 2024 - Each Easter, the Kingswood School Association 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 visit 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 by the 15th March for an entry form – it costs a mere £3 to enter a scarecrow into the trail, with prizes awarded to the best scarecrow. The scarecrow trail runs from **23rd March to 8th April**, please don't forget to buy a map from the Kingswood Spar shop for only £2 per entry.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE INN GOLF SOCIETY

Contact: Tom at The Village Inn or 07837664804

"VIGS" THE VILLAGE INN GOLF SOCIETY - It's back! The Village Inn Golf Society's first outing of the year was held in February and more are being planned monthly, the next one in March. For more details contact Tom Foxwell to be added to the VIGS WhatsApp group.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHContact: www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Saturday 23rd March - TREASURE HUNT FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME! Come along to our Easter treasure Hunt organised by Kingswood Congregational Chapel, there will be one for the adults and the children, so something for all ! Free cake and refreshments to finish and prizes for the winners! Start from 11.00 am – 1.00pm at Kingswood Chapel - Just come along to enter on the day! Dawn Hart-England 07590984118

Formal Notice - Annual General Meeting 8pm Wednesday March 20th in the Congregational Church

Messy Church will be in the Congregational Church Lower Schoolroom on March 16th at 10am.

Services: Mothering Sunday Family Service - March 10th at 10.30am. Palm Sunday March 24th at 10.30am gather on the Chipping to decorate the tree then on to the Congregational Church. Good Friday March 29th at 10.30am short communion service in the Congregational Church then 11.15 Stations of the Cross. Easter Sunday March 31st 10.30am a celebration Family Service in the Congregational Church

KINGSWOOD ABBEY GATEHOUSE – ENGLISH HERITAGEContact: ginny.slade@english-heritage.org.uk

Kingswood Abbey Gatehouse Maintenance Volunteering Opportunity - The gatehouse is currently closed but plans are moving forward to reopen it. Minor improvements can greatly improve the perception of visitors and the local community. A well-kept site also encourages visitors to keep it that way. Maintenance Volunteers are vital in making these improvements and enabling visitors and the community to enjoy this unique and beautiful site. We are particularly looking for support with the preparation of and internal decoration of the gatehouse rooms. This will include in the first instance; Brushing down walls, Painting skirting boards, Painting walls. If you are interested in becoming a maintenance volunteer please email above.

APRIL GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2024**