

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
23rd Mar – 8th April	KSA Scarecrow Trail	
Fri 19th April	Comedy Night!, Village Hall	8pm
Tues 23rd April	Kingswood Village Hall AGM, Village Hall	7.30pm
Monday 22nd April	May Grapevine Deadline	6pm

Editors' Note:

We have been in touch with the Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper as a couple of Kingswood residents subscribe to the service. The Grapevine is now going to be sent to them every month, so if you know of residents who may benefit from this service too, please do get in touch with them. Their website is www.cvtn.org.uk

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

KVA are pleased to announce that following the success last year COME DINE WITH ME returns as a firm fixture in our calendar of events. Please save the date of the evening of **Saturday 15th June 2024**. The event gives you a chance to meet new people in the village or enjoy the company of those you already know, while enjoying some delicious homemade food with no obligation to invite people back, and no scoring is involved! This year the event will start and finish in the Village Inn. More details to follow, or check out our website where full details and application forms will be available soon.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Road Safety - Please ensure that all incidents of traffic collisions or near misses are reported to the Police. Unless incidents are reported the Police and Glos Highways will continue to believe that the roads in Kingswood are safe and do not present any dangers to pedestrians or other road users. Quickest way to report is via email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk **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. Please also ensure that vehicles can still get by and that a parked vehicle is not blocking access to other vehicles. **The new toilets** - We are just awaiting sign off from Stroud District Council Building control and then the toilets should be open for use - just in time for the summer hopefully! **Allotments** - Spring is coming. Please contact the clerk if you would like to rent an allotment. **Biodiversity** - KPC will be working on its Biodiversity Policy. Is this a subject you are interested in? Can you help the council?. Please contact the clerk if you would like to be involved. **Planning - S.22/2473/FUL Demolition of Orchestra site** and the build of 32 houses. The decision from the Planning Officer is imminent. If the Officer is minded to recommend approval to this application it will go to the Stroud District Council Development Control Committee for a final decision on Tuesday 9th April at 6pm. Please check the SDC website for details. Public can attend this meeting and make representations. **S.20/0887/FUL Land at Cloverlea Barn and the build of 52 houses**. This application is the subject of an appeal hearing to be held at Stroud District Council Office on the 16th April from 10.00am. Public can attend this meeting. Please see details on the SDC website - Appeal Ref: APP/C1625/W/23/3334418. **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 IF you require a proxy vote the deadline is 24th April 2024 and for a postal vote 17/04/2024. Please go to the following website www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote / [Apply for a proxy vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-proxy-vote) . Please also note that for the 1st time you will need photo ID to vote. This could be a passport or a photo driving licence. 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. To stand as a prospective Councillor, you will need to complete a nomination paper. Nomination papers for **Town/Parish elections** can be collected from the KPC Clerk or from Stroud District Council Offices. **District Council** Nomination papers are available to collect from Stroud District Council Offices. **Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday 19 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024**. If you are interested in being a KPC councillor please contact the KPC clerk for more information and help completing the nomination form at clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next parish council meetings will be on **Monday 8th April 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

TUBBS TURF

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

Spring has finally arrived and it's time to dust off trainers and tennis rackets! On **Saturday 4th May 12-4pm** we are having an Open Day for all to try out the facilities so please join us for a game of tennis, table tennis, short tennis, junior football (numbers dependent) and have some free tea and cake! We have an amazing facility at Tubbs Turf and we would love more people to use it. Memberships are incredible value, with Juniors £8, Adults £35 and Families £70, but also the top court remains free and available for a variety of sports. Junior coaching will be offered starting in May on Wednesdays at 4pm. Please email us for further details.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUPContact: David Owen 01453 844463 Email: owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com

Two new community access defibrillators have been installed in the Parish. One is located at the centre of Nind, adjacent to Ash Tree House; and the other is at No 8 Vineyard Lane. We are all indebted to 'All Types Roofing' for funding the purchase of the Nind defib and to the Parish Council for funding Vineyard Lane's. Both were procured under the DHSC match-funding scheme. Plus, we are similarly hugely grateful to the owners of the two properties involved for allowing these units to be installed, including connecting to their respective electricity supplies. However, whilst the substantial purchase price has been met, I still have to raise money for installing them. To give an indication, the posts on which the cabinets are erected cost £170 each. Needless to say, I look forward to hearing from anyone who can donate – no matter how little.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)www.thekeepers.org.uk/keepers-in-kingswood

Thanks to everyone who came to the Parish Council Annual Meeting to hear a review of our first 6 months of operation and our plans for 2024. It was a time to celebrate our successes so far including an average of 90 visits to the café each month, a regular programme of visiting organisations including: Men's Shed, Longfield, "Ask Us" Library Services, Glos. Carers Hub, Community Police and new activities such as board games and Crafty Corner. It's been a pleasure to welcome a wide range of visitors from all age groups – the café really has something for everyone so please drop in if you haven't been down to the Lower School Room yet. The Community Pantry in St Mary's Church is established as a vital resource, providing basic foodstuffs and household supplies on a "take what you need" basis. We have seen an increase in use of the pantry, so please keep the donations flowing so that we can maintain this service. If you can add something to your weekly shop and drop it into the box in St Mary's porch, we'd be most grateful - please remember no fresh items as we are unable to store or pass those on. In 2024 we will be involving more visiting support organisations, extending the range of food and refreshments in the café and providing more and better resources for children. To support these plans we'd like to extend our volunteer force, so if you have a few hours spare on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, please contact us via keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or drop into the café for a chat. Thank you everyone for your support so far.

CUPPA & NATTER

Cuppa & Natter - unfortunately March was our last meeting. Thank you to all who have come and helped me 'put the world to right!' Judith

KINGSWOOD W.I.Contact: Sheila Kerr Email: sheilakerr1355@gmail.com

At our March meeting we were entertained by the Stroud Morris dancers - most of the WI members then joined in the fun and were taught a dance routine by the Morris team. The audience were kept very amused as we waved large white handkerchiefs and tried to remember the steps and positions of the dance!! The WI craft group have helped decorate the gardens of Newark Park with a mini yarn bomb for Easter. The next meeting at the Village Hall is on Tuesday, April 9th at 7.30pm when we will learn about Tricks of the Mind by magician, Nicky Brunger. Many thanks to the local Men's Shed for renovating our superb looking WI notice board on the wall under the Tolsey clock in Wotton. Contact Sheila for more details.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (KSA)

Scarecrow Trail – We hope that you have enjoyed, or are still to go and see the Scarecrows... The trail runs until **8th April**, please don't forget to buy a map from the Kingswood Spar shop for only £2 per entry.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUBContact: kvccteamsec@gmail.com

Winter nets are now in full swing, Monday evenings - youth training and Friday evenings – adults, both at KLB sports hall, 6.15-7.15pm. Come along before the season starts (end of April) and have a bat/bowl with qualified coaches. All kit and equipment provided. Juniors cricket will start early in May for 8-11 year olds and we are also offering cricket to under 13s following the success of last year's under 11s (Hawkwood Royals girls and the KVCC mixed) with teams entered into local leagues. Once again we are running the Allstars & Dynamos programmes – look out Friday evenings at the playing field! Registration for these programmes is online <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket> for more information. The adult fixture card is now published with a full season of Sunday & Wednesday cricket throughout the summer. Chairman's game (open village invite and family day with BBQ) scheduled for **Sunday 9th June**, all welcome to play/support/umpire/score! Our annual Devon tour is booked. We are also hosting the annual village hog roast in July – look out for dates and details. We're all looking forward to a long summer of village cricket, and hope you can join us too. Updates & information can be found on facebook – search 'Kingswood Village Cricket Club' to see the latest.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHContact: www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Church Services: **10.30am every Sunday** all welcome. Sunday School is open following worship each week with the exception of the Family All Ages Service on the last Sunday of the month. Lower Schoolroom activities:

- Youth Bible Study 7.00pm Tuesday 9th April.
- Coffee Morning every Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00am FREE Tea, Coffee and biscuits with donations taken for Cerebral Palsy & Leukaemia in Children during March/April.
- Lighthouse Youth Group for 10-15 year olds every Thursday (term time only) 6.30-8.00pm. Pool, badminton, table tennis and other activities. Chill out time from 8.00-8.30pm.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALLContact: KVH Secretary patc@gmx.com

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee is on **Tuesday 23rd April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and will receive a glass of wine, please attend to hear the report and help in the election of officers. The Village Hall provides a great venue for organisations, parties and other events and is a real asset to the village. Villagers get discounts on hire rates. We do need more committee members and supporters to help keep this facility maintained and available to the whole community. If you can give some time to join the committee (a few meetings a year) or to help with maintenance or general support (we have a big job clearing the lofts coming up soon) please contact the secretary or anyone on the committee, or message via the booking secretary on the web page.

MAY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024**