

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
Friday 7th June	Village Duck Race, Kingswood School & Ash Path	from 3pm
Tuesday 11th June	Kingswood WI Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 12th and 26th June	Jubilee Club Village Hall	2pm
Saturday 15th June	St Marys Church Fete, Church & Abbey Green	1.30-4.30pm
Saturday 15th June	Come Dine With Me, Village Inn	6.30pm
Friday 21st June	July GV Deadline	6pm

Editors' Note:

Remember you can check the grapevine website at www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk if you have mislaid your paper copy or for more details of events that pop up between issues. For those who don't have access to the internet look out for posters around the village and at the shop and pub.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

KVA/KSA: KINGSWOOD DUCK RACE Friday 7th June 4pm at the river (3pm at school)

Don't forget to come and join in the fun. Ducks can be bought on the day for £1, but if you want a specific number or can't wait, then contact either (Emma 07912 560444) ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk, or KVA (Sally 07982 249009) secretary@thekva.co.uk. The fun will start in the school playground at 3pm, with the races commencing in the river alongside the Ash Path at 4pm. There will be 3 races: The rubber ducks (numbered); A "create your own" race (a home made duck or boat. We are looking forward to seeing all the Kingswood creations); and a children's paper boat race. After the event, if you make your way to The Village Inn, Poppy & Boo are kindly donating 10% of pizza sales to the KSA/KVA.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

The new toilets-We are pleased to announce that we have cleared the blockage and the toilets at the playing field are open for use. **Allotments** – Spring is coming. Please contact the clerk if you would like to rent an allotment. **Planning S.20/0887/FUL Land at Cloverlea Barn and the build of 52 houses.** This application was the subject of an appeal hearing at Stroud District Council Office on the 16th April 2024. KPC attended the hearing and the site meeting. We now await the Planning Inspectors recommendation the clerk to make an appointment at a mutually agreed time. **Local Council Elections 2024-** The following were elected to KPC uncontested Cllrs Marilyn Basketter, Mark Gilling, Norval Hawksworth, Paul Hemming, Chris Messer, Howard Moore, Toby Phillips and Jean Simmons. Cllr Howard Moore is Chairman and Cllr Marilyn Basketter is Vice Chairman. Cllr Holly Simkiss was elected as Stroud District Council Councillor and Chris Nelson re-elected as the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Linda Cohen remains the Councillor for Gloucestershire County Council. **Biodiversity Policy** – We are looking for people to help KPC with writing a strategy for KPC for Biodiversity for Kingswood. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk. **2023/24 Accounts-** The year end accounts have been finalised and are now on the website. The public's rights to view the accounts will run from 3rd June to 12th July 2024. Please contact **The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 17th June 2024 at Kingswood Village Hall at 7.15pm** **Communications-** Report Dog fouling, Litter or Fly Tipping or Overflowing 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

It was wonderful to see so many new (and old) faces at our Open Day in May. And a sunny Bank Holiday Saturday to boot! Let's hope for more sun to come as Junior coaching continues and the Tubbs Turf Finals Day preliminaries get underway. It's not too late to join the facility: memberships are very reasonable and there are benefits for tennis players and other users. Please contact membership@tubbsturf.co.uk for more information. In the meantime put Saturday 13th July into the diary for our annual fundraiser- tennis, bbq, bar, teas and cakes, table tennis and more from midday!

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

On 12th June we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting with hopefully some new potential members joining us. Club membership only costs £10 per person. On 26th June we shall be entertained by the Phoenix Choir followed by refreshments, a raffle and sales table. Our meetings take place every other Wednesday in the Village Hall at 2pm. An enjoyable couple of hours being spent.

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

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of RNLI we welcomed Anthony Garrard to our May meeting to give a presentation of the work of the RNLI. He emphasised the dangers of cold water shock leading to drowning as well as the dangers of accidents at the seaside. Thank you to all villagers and friends who have enjoyed our RNLI yarn bomb by the bus stop. The Playgroup had fun collecting the 'beach rubbish' into a crocheted net! Very many thanks to everyone who bought or donated plants for our Sale on the Chipping, a busy, very successful morning's work.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 11th at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall when the WI County archivist, Sheila Rowley will share artefacts and stories of the WI in Gloucestershire since the early 1900s. Kingswood Abbey WI, formed in 1966 still has two founder members who share their memories of meetings 'in the old days'.

Please contact our President for details of how to join us: sheilakerr1355@gmail.com

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

As we approach the end of our first year of operation, we are currently recording between 80 and 100 visits to the drop in café each month. Everyone's welcome so if you haven't been yet, please drop in to see what we're doing. We've established a programme of visits from organisations such as Longfield, Men's Shed, Gloucestershire Carers Hub and the Gloucestershire Adult Education team and hosted a Community Health Check and other community support services. On Friday mornings, a group of our volunteers has set up "Crafty Corner" where people can bring their projects, join in with others and get creative. The Community Pantry in St Mary's continues to be a life-line for individuals and families who need a bit of help with household provisions. We are grateful for any donations of **non-perishable foodstuffs**, toiletries and household items. Please put items in the box in St Mary's porch. Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming CONNECT (Formerly Dementia Connections) as well as hosting a Covid Vaccination Clinic. Look out for details on our notice boards in St Mary's and the café and also on Facebook where we are now more active. Please follow us and "Like/Share" our posts. A huge "thank you" to everyone involved in supporting our project and if you're not already involved but would like to help, please get in touch via keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or drop in at the Lower School Room for a chat.

St MARYS CHURCHContact: Antonia Jater, Benefice Administrator parishoffice.wickwar@gmail.com

2nd June 11am Morning Worship. 9th June 11am Parish Communion. 16th June 9.30am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity Church, Rangeworthy. 23rd June 11am Parish Communion. 30th June 11am Benefice Communion at St. Mary's, Kingswood

St Mary's Church Fete will be held on Saturday 15th June 1:30-4:30pm in a new setting utilising both St Mary's Church and the Abbey Green. There is a Musical Theme throughout with singing from the Drama Group, a Treasure Hunt for Children and Adults, Fancy Dress Competition for Children, Games for Children, Teas, Books, Plants, Cakes and Crafts. Keepers-in-Kingswood will be there and English Heritage will be sharing their plans for opening the Gatehouse. Donations of Cakes, Plants and Books are wanted and can be left in the St. Mary's Church or can be brought to the venue in the morning on Saturday 15th June.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL

The staff and children would like to express their sincere thanks to Ron White who is retiring from volunteering at Kingswood Primary School at the end of this academic year. Ron has helped to organise and run our cross country club for 28 years and has been a huge inspiration to many of our children. Alongside inspiring a love of health and fitness, he has also inspired a love of donuts at the end of each term! Ron will be greatly missed by us all but we promise to maintain his legacy and keep on running.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHContact: www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Church Services: 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome. Sunday School open following worship time each week except Family All Age Service on last Sunday of the month.

Lower Schoolroom activities:

- Monthly Bible Study 7.00pm Tuesday 4th June. Studying 1 Peter - Culture Wars by pursuegod.org.
- Coffee Morning every Wednesday 10.00-11.00am FREE Tea, Coffee and biscuits with donations taken for Parkinson's and British Heart Foundation during May/June.
- 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.