

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
Thursday 2nd May	KPC Local Elections, Village Hall	
Saturday 4th May	Tubbs Turf Open Day	12 - 4pm
Saturday 11th May	Newt Count, Wildlife Area	7.45am
Wednesday 1st, 15th & 29th May	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Saturday 18th May	W.I. Plant Sale, The Chipping	10 - 12 noon
Saturday 18th May	HOTS Charity Bike Ride, Village Hall	all day
Wednesday 22nd May	June Grapevine Deadline	6pm

Editors' Note:

Recently our lovely Spar shop and Post Office notified villagers that they are struggling. For those not on Facebook you may not have seen this but as a vital village asset we were asked to also use the Grapevine to let you know.

"We want to always be here for you, not just during periods of bad weather, a crisis or global pandemic, but for the shop to continue we need your support all year round. If you have any suggestions, let us know, but Kingswood without a shop and Post Office would not be the same so please support us in any way you can. Thank you, Jacqui, Teresa and Team"

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

KINGSWOOD DUCK RACE - In a combined effort, KVA and KSA are excited to announce the return of the Village Duck race on **Friday 7th June**. 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); and a children's 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. Ducks are available to buy for £1 each prior to the day from KSA (Emma 07912 560444) ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk, or KVA (Sally 07982 249009) secretary@thekva.co.uk

COME DINE WITH ME on Saturday 15th June. You should have received your invitation and application form for this popular event through your door by now, but if not do not despair, all the information and an application form are on the KVA website. The event starts with a free glass of bubbly in The Village Inn at 6.30pm. You can come along as guests only and be spoilt all night, or host one of the two courses; the choice is yours, but don't worry as unlike the TV show, no scoring is involved! Then it is all back to The Village Inn for cheese and biscuits and maybe another drink? A great evening of fun, an opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious homemade food. Closing date: 10th May.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

The new toilets - We are pleased to announce the new toilets at the playing field will be open from 1st May. **Allotments** - Spring is coming. Please contact the clerk if you would like to rent an allotment. **Planning - S.22/2473/FUL Demolition of Orchestra** site and the build of 32 houses. Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee has given permission for this development. I have been in contact with Newlands Homes to find out when building will start.

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. **Local Council Elections 2024** - These are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 2nd May** at Kingswood Village Hall. **Stroud District Council elections and Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner election**. Please see the election notice on the website. **Kingswood Parish Council** - 8 people came forward to stand for parish council and were elected unopposed. The next parish council meeting will be on **Monday 20th May** at the 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

Tubbs Turf would like to invite you to an Open Day on **Saturday May 4th 12 - 4pm**, where everyone is welcome to join in playing tennis, short tennis, table tennis and possibly some football...or simply relax in the the gardens with tea and cake. We would love to see lots of faces, old and new so do join us on what will hopefully be a sunny Bank Holiday Saturday.

Also a reminder that junior coaching starts very soon, run by Level 2 coach William Gordon. He can be contacted directly on 07479516310. Finally, annual membership to our wonderful facility is available at a very reasonable price. Juniors from £8, adults £35 and family membership (2 adults and 2 juniors) just £70. The facility is run and maintained by volunteers on behalf of Kingswood Parish Council, and we rely hugely on members' fees and our yearly fundraising Finals Day event (Saturday 13th July). We are delighted to be able to offer the top court for use by villagers and Kingswood Primary School free of charge, and ask that all respect our neighbours when playing and parking.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

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

The two new community access defibrillators installed in the Parish were part of a batch of six - the other 4 have been located locally, for instance in Lower Kilcott. This has given rise to enquiries about training sessions. It is felt that one in the village this autumn could be useful; but in the meantime the next one is scheduled for Saturday May 4th in Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall...probably a 10.00 am start. There will also be informal training at the Charfield village fete on 8th June. Meanwhile, a gentle reminder that I am still fund raising to cover the installation costs of the Nind and Vineyard Lane public access defibs. As always, any contributions or thoughts about fund raising events will be gratefully received.

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

We had an excellent meeting in April being entertained by a magician/ mind reader! The May meeting coincides with the Craft group's latest yarn bombing, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. At the meeting on Tuesday, 14th May - 7.30pm in the Village Hall, the speaker will be a representative of RNLI. We will also learn more about the W.I. resolution to look into Dental health in the UK. We will be holding a Plant Sale on the Chipping on **Saturday, May 18th** 10am - 12 noon. Our gardening members have been taking cuttings and planting seeds in readiness for this sale.

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

Due to popular demand, we are now moving ahead with additional sessions alongside our existing drop-in café activities. In April we hosted a Community Health Check by Glos NHS Outreach team. Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming CONNECT (Formerly Dementia Connections) as well as hosting a Covid Vaccination Clinic. Please look out for posters for details or check on Facebook. We now post regularly about all our activities, so if you have FB, please follow us and "Like/Share" our posts. To support these efforts, we would like to recruit more volunteers both for the café and behind-the-scenes tasks. If you have a few hours spare weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please contact us via keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or drop into the café. We would also like to ask for donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries etc you are able to make to the Community Pantry. Please drop it into the box in St Mary's porch. Please remember no fresh items as we are unable to store or pass those on. We'd be most grateful. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUPContact: playgroupkingswood@gmail.com

Kingswood Village **Playgroup (preschool)** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 - 1pm, bookable early arrival from 8.45am) and **Baby Toddler group** (Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only.

We would like to say a big well done to all our children for taking part in our Bunny Hop Fundraiser and to any villagers who were persuaded to sponsor them! Everyone did some fantastic jumping to raise funds for Playgroup. We are hoping to develop our allotment this term with drier weather returning (fingers crossed!). This term we will be trialling afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons finishing at 2.45pm. Check out the Facebook pages **Kingswood Baby and Toddler Group** and **Kingswood Village Playgroup** as well as our website (www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk) to find out more about us! **ATTENTION PLEASE: We Need Your Help!** A Treasurer is needed from October. We are looking to co-opt someone on to our committee in advance to begin a transition period. Previous experience is not essential but being comfortable with Excel and numbers will be necessary. There will be lots of support provided to help you learn the ropes. If you think that you or someone you know could fulfil the role then please email. Thank you.

HEAVEN OF THE SOUTH (HOTS)Contact: www.heavenofthesouth.co.uk

Heaven of the South (HOTS) Charity Mountain Bike Ride, **Saturday 18th May**. The 13th HOTS ride will be happening on the weekend of 17-19th May, based at the Village Hall with up to 400 riders taking part to enjoy the 50k and 75k routes around our lovely countryside and add to the £145000.00 we have raised to date and which we have given away to local charities. Please do come and join us on the day and enjoy the experience. If you have a cause that has a need, please contact us through our website. The ride will depart the Village Hall at 9.30am and for a short duration we have an official temporary road closure from the Village Hall up Wotton Road to the entrance into Hawpark Farm to approx. 10am. So please make alternative arrangements to avoid the roads at this time, or come and enjoy the spectacle of 400 riders departing. Thank you for your co-operation. We hope to see you at the Hall in the afternoon/evening for entertainment and refreshments.

COTSWOLD VALE TALKING NEWSPAPER

Contact: Mary Moss 01453 860801

Do you enjoy listening to local news from towns and villages nearby? Are you visually impaired or unable to read your local newspaper for any reason? The Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper is a weekly recording of news and stories for the visually impaired or anyone unable to access a newspaper in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. Our readings are taken from the Gazette and other local publications including Kingswood Grapevine now. The service is free and we supply all the equipment you need. If you're interested, please call Mary or look at our website www.cvtn.org.uk

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

Church services at St Mary's (at 11am) - 5th May - Morning Worship, 12th May - Parish Communion, 19th May - A special family Eucharist for Pentecost. 26th May No Sunday service at St Mary's, as Archbishop Justin Welby is holding a service at Gloucester Cathedral at 3pm, which Churches are encouraged to attend. **Christian Aid Week** 12th - 18th May. 11th May 2 - 5pm St Mary's Room - Fund raiser with: Teas, Craft Stall, Books, Cakes. 18th May 10am Lower School Room - A special Messy Church for Christian Aid. **St Mary's Annual Meeting** - 21st May 7:30 St Mary's Room Drinks and Nibbles from 7pm. **St Mary's Church Fete** will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 15th June in a new setting utilising both St Mary's Church and the Abbey Green. Look out for more details in the next edition of Grapevine.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUBContact: Rita Pollard rdpollard@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 07518747280

On May 1st our speaker will be Dr David Basketter speaking to us about skin allergies. On 15th May we are being entertained by The Nightingales. The 29th May will see the Ukes, Stroud entertaining us. Maybe you would like to come along and join us at one of our meetings and who knows you may decide to become a Club member. We meet every other Wednesday at 2pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments are served along with a raffle and sales table.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon jolyon501@gmail.com

Every year the newt population at the wildlife area in Kingswood is surveyed to see how they are doing. Three surveys are carried out over the month of May when the newts are in the ponds to breed. Members of the public are invited to come along on **Saturday 11th May from 7.45am** as we release and count the newts. Traps are set in the ponds on the Friday evening and over night the newts swim into the traps and we release them back into the pond the following morning. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a good look at the Smooth, Great Crested and Palmate newts that live in the Wildlife area.

JUNE GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2024**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk