

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
Sunday 7th July	Water Aid – Abbey Green	3 - 5pm
Saturday 13th July	Tubbs Turf Finals Day	12 - 6pm
Wednesday 17th July	Playgroup Quiz, Village Inn	8pm
Wednesday 21st August	September GV Deadline	6pm

Editors' Note: No Space this issue but please note no GV in August – but do send in any events for our website

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

SHOWDAY – 7th September. After a hugely fun and successful Duck Race (with KSA) and Come Dine With Me, KVA are now preparing for the annual Village Showday on 7th September. The event will have all the usual favourites: BBQ, bar, live music, numerous games & craft stalls, Dog Show, children's entertainment, produce and handicraft show and one of the biggest classic car shows in the area. Look out for the Produce & Handicraft schedules and entry forms which will be posted through your door by the end of July, and extras will be available from the Spar shop. (The schedule will shortly be available on our FB page and website www.thekva.co.uk). However, even with the KVA committee, the event cannot run itself and we can always do with help on the day. So if you feel able to spare some time, at your convenience, setting up before the event; during the event on the BBQ, bar, selling raffle tickets etc; or packing away afterwards please get in touch by any of the following methods: <https://www.facebook.com/kingswoodvillageassociation>, www.thekva.co.uk, or secretary@thekva.co.uk - even 30 minutes would help and there's a free BBQ or drink for those that do!

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

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. This application has been given permission. Decision note is on the KPC website on the Planning page. **Parliamentary Elections 2024** - This will take place on the 4th July 2024. Please note that Kingswood is in the new parliamentary constituency of South Cotswold. Full details of the boundary review are on the KPC website under current consultations. **2023/24 Accounts-** The year end accounts have been finalised and are now on the website. The Public rights to view the accounts will run from 3rd June to 12th July 2024. Please contact the clerk to make an appointment at a mutually agreed time. **Resilient Energy fund** – Please see the link to the grant funding available to community groups in Kingswood. The deadline for the next award of grants is 31st October 2024. [Application form – Resilient Energy: Mounteneys Renewables](#) **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)** for waiting restrictions on Wotton Road consultation runs until noon 5th July 2024. Please see full details on the Gloucestershire County Council(GCC) webpage link [Waiting Restrictions - Kingswood | Highways \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#) Please can you comment directly to the consultation. The proposal is the **only** solution put forward by the responsible authority for road safety GCC, to concerns raised by the community. Depending on the results of the community response, changes could be implemented in line with the proposal. Please be aware that this is the only proposal for Wotton Road. GCC has dismissed the following solutions - traffic lights, a one-way system, school crossing patrol and a crossing. Voting no will not mean that these will be considered. Vote yes if you believe the road will be safer with the proposed changes, Vote no if you believe the road will be safer as it is. KPC will continue to work for road safety and are still working on re-routing the buses, the implementation of a 20mph speed limit for Wotton Road, a Vehicle activated sign for Wotton Road, safety crossing throughout the village, Solar lights from KLB to Kingswood, a new school pick up and drop off point and a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the Greenway proposal. KPC will be discussing an application for a 20mph speed limit for Wotton Road from Vineyard lane. **The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 8th July 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

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Plant sale on the Chipping in May. We hope to make this an annual event. A group of WI members visited the charming, small garden and pottery at Hooksmoor Pottery recently. The weather was wet but did not deter from the fun and interest of the visit. Sheila Rowley, the Glos Federation archivist spoke at our June meeting. She brought many beautiful and interesting artefacts dating from the beginning of the WI in Gloucestershire, from various closed WIs and gave an entertaining talk. The scrapbooks made by the Kingswood members over the years will be on show at the next meeting on July 9th, 7.30pm at the Village Hall when we will hear about the continuing restoration of SS Great Britain. On 24th July the fittest, most agile members will go on a long awaited visit to the 'Gloucestershire energy from waste' site. We look forward to learning more about the recycling process and how we can improve on our individual recycling methods. Details of joining Kingswood Abbey WI from the President, Sheila Kerr [email:sheilakerr1355@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakerr1355@gmail.com)

ENGLISH HERITAGE

Contact: ginny.slade@english-heritage.org.uk

Kingswood Abbey Gatehouse Explainer Volunteering Opportunity - In anticipation of re-opening Kingswood Abbey Gatehouse to the community and visitors this Autumn, English Heritage are looking for a team of energetic, friendly volunteers to help explain key parts of the Abbey and share the area's unique history with our visitors. Full training will be provided. If you are interested in this role and would like further information please email Ginny – as above

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

Churches Together In Kingswood - Teas on the Abbey Green for WATER AID - **Sunday 7th July 3 - 5pm**
An opportunity to look around the Gatehouse, enjoy Tea and Cake on the Abbey Green and helping communities across the world access clean safe water.

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

Over the weekend of 18th May, 350 mountain bike riders entered the annual HOTS cycle event based at the Village Hall and cycled around our lovely countryside on the 50k and 75k routes. Thank you for your co-operation during the temporary road closure. The event was a great success and we are pleased to announce that we have raised over £15000 that we will be donating to local charities and causes. Please contact us via our Facebook page, or through our website if you have a need for support for our consideration. Next years event will take place on the 16/17/18th May. Hope to see you there.

TUBBS TURFContact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

The tennis season is well underway, despite the weather! But summer is here and the courts and gardens are looking great thanks to our great team of volunteers. We are gearing up for Finals Day on Saturday July 13th 11.30 - 6pm. All are welcome to join in the fun - as well as watching tennis, everyone can join in the table tennis tournament and netball game, plus short tennis for the children.... And for the first time, we have cricket for the juniors too, which starts at 12 so get there early! As always we have a bar and barbecue plus teas/coffees and delicious homemade cakes. In the meantime junior coaching continues, and with memberships starting at just £8 for juniors and £35 for adults, the summer of sport is on your doorstep!

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

Over the past 6 months, thanks to your generosity, the KiK Community Pantry has received donations of 486 items of non-perishable goods totalling 179.8kg and has provided 502 items totalling 179.3kg to people in our community who needed them. In a quote from our recent community survey, this has allowed the Community Pantry to be "a lifesaver" to our friends and neighbours. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed. PLEASE keep donating and make it a regular habit if you can. Just add an extra item or two to your shopping and drop them into the box in St Mary's porch. Thank you. As the Drop-in Café grows in popularity, we would also love to have more volunteers to support our activities - especially for the Tuesday afternoon sessions. Can you spare an hour or two every week, fortnight or month to help? Tasks include: setting up tables and chairs, chatting with visitors, playing games or colouring with the children who pop in after school. If you'd like to see what it's like before committing, just come along between 2pm and 5pm on a Tuesday. We look forward to meeting you. Or you can register to volunteer on line at www.thekeepers.org.uk/kikcafevolunteers.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUPContact: playgroupkingswood@gmail.com

Kingswood Village Playgroup would like welcome you to our upcoming pub quiz. Join us at The Village Inn on **Wednesday, July 17th** at 8pm. Entry is £5 per head with a maximum of 5 players per team. Text 07955 146185 for booking. All proceeds to benefit our playgroup (registered charity 1005514). Last term as part of KVP's topic on minibeasts we developed our allotment adding a pond and bug hotel, and planted one of our new raised beds with flowers to attract insects. This term we are looking at how we keep our bodies healthy including diet, oral care and exercise. Check out the Facebook pages Kingswood Baby and Toddler Group and Kingswood Village Playgroup as well as our website to find out more about us! www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk **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 we would be very interested to hear from you, please email us, thank you. **Playgroup (preschool)** (Monday & Friday 9.15-1pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.15-2.45pm bookable early arrival from 8.45am) and **Baby Toddler group** (Wednesday 9.30-11.30am) Kingswood Village Hall, term time only.

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

On July 10th we are holding our T@3, when members bring a good selection of different foods (like an American supper) and we hold a collection for a local charity. On July 24th Sandra Rawle will be enlightening us on the work of Victim Support. We meet every other Wednesday in the Village Hall at 2pm. Refreshments are served along with a raffle and sales table and we would welcome potential new members to join us.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon jolyon501@gmail.com

Everything is growing quickly including the recently planted trees and all the grass areas. Volunteers are working hard to keep the pathways cut to improve access for everyone to enjoy. Grass snakes are regularly spotted bathing in the main pond and caused much excitement for the youngsters who came to the surveys in May & June. All three native species of newts – smooth, palmate and even the protected Great Crested Newts were found in two of the three ponds. This year we found quite a few efts (the newt equivalent of frog tadpoles) indicating an earlier breeding season than usual. A note to dog walkers - please ensure dog poo is bagged and *removed* as finding this while strimming grass/manually picking up cuttings is unpleasant and a health risk for volunteers. Many thanks to dog owners who we know pick up any dog poo while walking.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)Contact: 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. The Chapel is open for prayer on Wednesday's 12pm-1pm. Lower Schoolroom activities: Monthly Bible Study 7.00pm Tuesday 2nd July. Coffee Morning every Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00am FREE refreshments with donations taken for Charity. Lighthouse Youth Group for 10-15 year olds every Thursday (term time only) 6.30-8.00pm. Pool, badminton, table tennis & other activities. Chill out time from 8.00-8.30pm. *Messy Church* **Saturday 13th July** from 10am. Lunch is provided with stories, crafts, games and song. Children must be accompanied by an adult/parent.

SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST 2024**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk