

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
Wednesday 23rd October	November GV Deadline	6pm
Saturday 30th Nov	KVA Wine Festival (save the date)	7.30pm

Editors' Note:

It seems there have been quite a few 'scams' that have come to our attention. We thought it might be useful for our readers to hear what happened to one villager: "A text message was received late evening for a PCN offence. It took me to the gov.uk site so seemed official. The text requested I pay £15 within 14 days to avoid a court order. I was suspicious as I thought the fine would be for a larger amount if valid, and also I have not supplied the council with my mobile number, I rang the council to check. They informed me they never send text messages and any fine would be in a letter sent to my house".

Please be careful, it is always ok to check that they are who they say they are before giving out any information at all.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

KVA WINE FESTIVAL. Our next event is our annual Wine Festival on Saturday 30th November. Imagine you had a team of wine experts, tasting almost 1000 wines to find the cream of the crop. That's the job of the lucky guys at the Wine Society, UK's premier supplier. Less than 100 are chosen. KVA will have about two dozen of those at our Festival at the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale a month before. They will cost £15, the same as last year, to include four glasses of wine and nibbles. They will be available from all KVA members, and Rod Alexander 07743 398136 or rodplume@gmail.com.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Kingswood Playing Field – KPC has been working with Crest Nicholson (CN) and Stroud District Council (SDC) to resolve the access for the contractor to be able to maintain the drainage ditch adjacent to the playing field. The lack of maintenance due to no access to the drainage ditch has affected the playing field, the football club and residents of Boundary Close. KPC, CN and SDC have now reached an agreement on the necessary proposed works. Crest Nicholson has confirmed that the bridge will be dismantled w/c 23/09/24 and that there will be no public access for at least 6 weeks. The KPC contractor will go in and clear the ditch area from 7/10/24. It is hoped that once these essential works are carried out the threat of flooding of the surrounding area will be diminished. There will be further works planned at a later date to amend the culvert. We apologise for the inconvenience and will keep you notified. **Cloverlea Barn Wickwar Road.** – Stroud District Council has asked for suggestions for naming the road on the proposed new development at Wickwar Road. KPC will consider this request, and any suggestions received in its meeting on 14th October. Please forward any suggestions to the Clerk. **Highway Safety** – It is important that all incidents are reported to the Police. Unless incidents are recorded the Police and Glos Highways will remain convinced that the roads in Kingswood are safe. This will not help when we ask for improvements such as speed reductions and a vehicle activated sign. Please report all incidents on 101@gloucestershire.police.uk **Allotment Plots-** If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Clerk to the council. **Resilient Energy fund** – Please visit the KPC website for a link to the grant funding available to community groups in Kingswood. The deadline for the next award of grants is 31st October 2024. Or you can type in your browser: <https://resilientenergy.co.uk/REMR/application-form/> **KPC meetings-** KPC are intending to live stream all meetings in the future. This will mean you can view the meeting but not take part. To ask questions or raise issues you will still need to attend the actual meeting. To view the meeting please click on the link which will be available on the KPC website along with the agenda. **The next parish council meetings will be on Monday 14th October 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

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Contact: Sheila Kerr Email: sheilakerr1355@gmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who sampled our tea and homemade cakes at the Kingswood Show. Despite the poor weather everyone seemed to need to stop for tea. (& paid with cash - thank you.) Some of our members entered the Produce and Handicrafts competitions. Great fun was had over the washing up discussing the merits of butter and baking spreads for our sponges only to be trounced by a Primary school pupil !! Well done to the young baker. Our speaker at the September meeting was Patrick Furley who brought along a few of his collection of magic lanterns. It was interesting to see films made before the advent of television. At our next meeting on October 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall a crew from the South West Air ambulance will tell us about their work in the area. Many of us will be keen to know about their work - some members have been fortunate to be airlifted to hospital after an accident. For joining details contact our President, Sheila Kerr or the secretary, Liz Coatsworth on liz70coatsworth@gmail.com

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

Thank you to everyone who visited our stand on Show Day. It was great to talk to people about how we are supporting the community in Kingswood and how you might be able to help. We were also proud to show off some of the activities we have developed in the Café including “Crafty Corner” which happens on a Friday morning between 10am and noon. A big ‘Thank you’ to the crafting team who had donated a quilt which was auctioned on the day and raised £75 for KiK. We are delighted to announce that, following a successful National Lottery bid, we have been able to appoint a professional Duty Manager for Kingswood. You’ll be able to meet Marion from November once she’s completed her initial induction training. We continue to search for more volunteers to support your local Hub. If you can spare any time please get in touch and make a difference by volunteering with us. KiK is a vital resource for the village and as we move into the autumn and winter periods your help will be all the more valuable. Please remember to drop an extra item of shopping into the KiK collecting box (Spar Shop or St Mary’s porch). Household goods, toiletries & non-perishable items only please. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP & TODDLERSContact: playgroupkingswood@gmail.com

Kingswood Village Playgroup (preschool) runs **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15 - 1pm, Tuesday & Thursday extended sessions 1pm – 2.45pm** (bookable early arrival from 8.45am) and Baby Toddler group runs **Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am**. Both happen at Kingswood Village Hall, term time only. This term we are exploring Autumn, we have discovered the many different colours leaves turn and found lots of signs of Autumn around the playing field and allotments. At Toddlers we have explored apples. Check out our Facebook pages Kingswood Baby & Toddler Group and Kingswood Village Playgroup. You can also visit our website at www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk to find out more about us!

KINGSWOOD KARATE CLUB

Bekki and Rachel would like to announce that they have taken a very difficult decision to close Kingswood Karate club due to personal commitments. The club was started by Mel & Ian Campbell nearly 3 decades ago. We, and our children and many others benefitted from their mentoring and karate training. We helped Scott Campbell [son of Mel and Ian] at the club before taking over and successfully running the club for many years. Mel & Ian set the club up purely to benefit and support the community of Kingswood, a tradition that we continued to do during the years we ran it. The club has seen many students successfully achieve junior and senior levels of Black Belt and we want to thank all students and parents, past and present, for their support and dedication. Bekki and Rachel

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon jolyon501@gmail.com

The wildlife area, which is adjacent to the Kingswood allotments, is owned by the Kingswood Parish Council and managed by volunteers and Stroud Valleys Project. Visit stroudvalleysproject.org and look for “Wild About Kingswood” for details of the history of the site and the work we have done. We meet on Mondays 9.45am to 2.30pm, and if you enjoy being outside why not join us. It doesn't matter how long you stay, or if you can't do every week, any help is much appreciated. We are currently managing the hedges as well as keeping the footpath tidy so that as many people as possible can enjoy the area. We have planted new trees to replace those that have died and will be hedge laying in the coming months. No special skills are needed, you can do whatever you feel comfortable with. We are a friendly group who enjoy a natter during our tea breaks. Even if you are not able to volunteer do take a walk around this beautiful area, maybe sit on a bench, and enjoy a moment of peace and quiet while listening to the birds singing.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)Contact: www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Church Services: 10.30am every Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Sunday School open following worship time each week except Family All Age Service on last Sunday of the month. The Chapel is also open for prayer on Wednesday's 12 - 1pm. **Lower Schoolroom activities:** Monthly Bible Study 7.00pm Monday 14th October. ****Please note change of weekday** Coffee Morning** every Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00am FREE Tea, Coffee and biscuits with donations taken for Charity. **Lighthouse Youth Group** for 10 - 15 year olds every Thursday. 6.30 - 8.00pm. Pool, badminton, table tennis and other activities. Chill out time from 8.00 - 8.30pm. **Messy Church** - Saturday 19th October from 10am in the Lower Schoolroom. Crafts, song and lots of fun for preschool/primary aged children. Lunch provided.

TUBBS TURFContact: membership@tubbsburf.co.uk

Despite the fairly damp and cool weather this summer, we have had a great year at Tubbs Turf. Our recent AGM was very well attended, and analysis of general court use and memberships was positive. Kingswood Primary School continues to use the top court and we have had good attendance at tennis coaching sessions. This plus junior cricket at Finals Day and summer family netball helps keeps the multi sports aspect of the facility alive. A new committee was elected in August and there is general agreement that we should promote the facility, and in particular the gardens, as a central part of Kingswood village life, so watch this space. In the meantime, to encourage greater interest in tennis, our Level 3 coach is running Beginner sessions for Adults on Tuesdays 9-10am, from 24th September. Pay As You Go £8 non-members, £6 members. Contact Will on 07479 516310

NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2024**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk