

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
Saturday 7th Sept	Show Day, Playing Field/Village Hall	from 12 noon
Wednesday 4th & 18th Sept	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2pm
Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept	Heritage Open Days (see below)	11am – 3pm
Sat 14th Sept	KADS Musical Night, Village Hall (see below)	7pm
Monday 23rd Sept	October GV Deadline	6pm

Editors' Note:

Do send in any of your events (in poster form) that we can put on our 'whats on' section of our website

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

SHOWDAY – 7th September. 12 noon to 5pm. **Produce & Handicraft** deadline for entries is Thursday 5th September. Have you entered yet? There are lots of different classes to choose from. If you have mislaid your form, there are plenty in the Spar Shop or download from our website. **Dog Show** - entries can be made on the day – classes are: Cutest Eyes; Loveliest Lady; Fabulous Fella; Happy & Waggy and the Dog Judges want to take home with the 5 winners competing for Best in Show! So get grooming and your dog could be the star of the village! We are excited to bring you another Village Showday starting at 12 noon. The usual BBQ, bar, live music from The Rosellys, numerous craft and games stalls, children's games in the arena, and also a Teddy Bears Picnic courtesy of Jessica from Jolly Melodies Music Company, as well as over 140 classic cars to admire in the **Classic Car Show**. It is not too late if you are able to spare some time to help with setting up before the event, helping out during the day or packing away afterwards! Please contact Sallyharries@hotmail.com for more details if you would like to get involved.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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

Kingswood Playing Field – 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. It is planned this will take place at the end of September. During the period of works, estimated to be four weeks, there will be no access to the playing field from Boundary Close due to health and safety reasons, access will be via Wickwar Road and the village hall entrance. We apologise for the inconvenience during this period, these works are a vital improvement for the playing field and need to be completed during this time. More details and dates of the work will be advised in due course.

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 We are still awaiting the results of the waiting restriction TRO for Wotton Road and will advise you of the outcome as soon as we know. We are currently talking to our County Councillor and Highways on a 20mph speed restriction and a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for Wotton Road.

Allotment Plots - If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Clerk to the council.

Resilient Energy fund – Grant funding is available to community groups in Kingswood, please find the application form on the KPC website. Or go to: <https://resilientenergy.co.uk/REMR/application-form/>. The deadline for the next award of grants is 31st October 2024.

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 go to the KPC website and click on the link. **The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 9th September 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

We were delighted to welcome four new members to our July meeting. The WI annual Garden Party was held in a member's garden during August. Our next event will be running the Teas at the Village Show on September 7th. We do hope everyone coming to the show will sample our home made cakes. **Cash only please.** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **September 10th** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall when Patrick Furley speaks about Magic Lanterns. Details of joining the WI from the President, Sheila Kerr on sheilakerr1355@gmail.com or from the secretary, Liz Coatsworth on liz70coatsworth@gmail.com

NATIONAL HERITAGE

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

Open Days 14th – 15th September. Three iconic buildings at the heart of the village will be opening their doors as part of Heritage Open Days. Kingswood Abbey Gatehouse, St Mary's Church and the Congregational Church will all be open 11am - 3pm on both days providing an opportunity to explore the interior of these buildings. There will also be Teas and a Family Quiz in St Mary's. On the Saturday the annual RIDE and STRIDE takes place raising money to help protect our built heritage. If you would like to take part just download a sponsorship form from ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/take-part.

JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONContact: johnmayokingswood@gmail.com

If you are preparing to go to university or college, or to undertake an apprenticeship, or to start any other form of further education or training, you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, our charity should be able to help you with a grant towards books or equipment. Please email johnmayokingswood@gmail.com or apply in writing to James Kershaw, 30 Chestnut Park, Kingswood GL12 8RJ before **Friday 11th October**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, a neighbour or a friend would be eligible then please encourage them to apply.

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

Keepers in Kingswood has enjoyed a busy summer with KiK Summer Squad activities for children and Crafty Corner and the Community Puzzle on a Friday being very popular. As we go into the autumn, we expect things to be as busy as ever and we could really do with a few more volunteers - especially for the Tuesday afternoon sessions. Help with any of the following would be very welcome: serving coffee and cakes, 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 in advance what it's like, just come along to the Lower School Room between 2pm and 5pm on a Tuesday. We will also be at Show Day on September 7th so why not drop by there for a chat or you can register to volunteer on line at www.thekeepers.org.uk/kikcafevolunteers. We now have a collection point for our Community Pantry in the Spar shop and we'd welcome any donations you can make of non-perishable foodstuffs or household and toiletry items, please. Just pop them in the box and we'll take them to St Mary's for the Pantry. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For a full update on our activities, please visit www.thekeepers.org.uk/keepers-in-kingswood.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CRICKET CLUBContact: kvccteamsec@gmail.com

Our cricket home games finished on Sunday 18th August. This year we had a full day of cricket celebration with the mixed juniors playing a match in the morning, followed by the inter-club Chairman's match between the McCubbin XI (ish) and Barnes XI (ish) for the Patrick Harty Trophy. And to wrap it all up, we had the annual hog roast. The weather was kind to us and attendance was fantastic throughout the day and evening. A big thankyou from KVCC to all those who helped before, during and after the day to make it such a successful event. The Chairman's teams, captained this year by two of our juniors, Henry Gilling and George Bull, had a fantastic battle ending very appropriately in a tied match. Appropriate as it was the last match on the square before we have it re-layed for next season to include two additional wickets to accommodate the increasing number of youth matches we now run with 5 additional teams playing competitive fixtures on it. All the youth teams did extremely well this season showing great improvement following the Friday evening training sessions. And worth a mention, the boys under 11s won their league. Remaining seniors matches are all away, the last match being Sunday 8th September at our friends, North Nibley. Thanks go to everyone who supported the club during this very successful season, in particular the coaches, activators, parents and helpers throughout the summer, and the VPs and friends for their financial support. Look out for details of the team dinner, AGM, the Christmas draw (our major fundraiser) and planned winter nets sessions over the next few months. More updates & information can be found on our facebook page – search 'Kingswood Village Cricket Club' to see the latest.

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

On September 4th our speakers will be Marilyn & David Basketter speaking to us about cruising in the South Seas and on 18th September we will be holding our Harvest Festival conducted by Bob Hart. Refreshments are served along with a raffle and sales table at our meetings where we are always pleased to welcome prospective new members at the Village Hall at 2pm every 2 weeks on a Wednesday.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon jolyon501@gmail.com

Despite the changing weather we have had some hot Mondays at the wildlife area. Volunteers have battled on in the heat to keep the paths mown for walkers and have started to strim some of the areas of longer grass. There are apples, pears and plums ripening on the trees. Come and pick some to make pies, jams or wine. Maybe you could enter a jar of jam in the Village Produce and Handicraft show on 7th September. New volunteers are always welcome, and any amount of help is appreciated. We meet on Mondays from around 9.45pm to 2.30pm. If you like being outside and getting a bit of exercise and fresh air come along, join us for an hour and see if you would enjoy helping to care for this delightful community area.

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

Church Services: 10.30am every Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Sunday School opens following worship time each week except our Family All Age Service on last Sunday of the month. The Chapel is also open for prayer on Wednesdays 12pm-1pm. Lower Schoolroom activities: Monthly Bible Study 7.00pm Tuesday 10th Sept. Coffee Morning every Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00am FREE Tea, Coffee & biscuits with donations taken for Charity. Lighthouse Youth Group for 10 - 15 year olds every Thursday. *We will continue to run throughout the Summer holidays* 6.30-8.00pm. Pool, badminton, table tennis and other activities. Chill out time from 8.00-8.30pm.

KINGSWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (KADS)

Contact: Rosie Casken Tel: 07977454083

KADS Musical Night. Saturday Sept 14th Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 performance. Tickets £8 available from the Spar or the Box Office on 07866 265877. The village's own drama group meets in the Village Hall every Thursday evening and always welcomes new members to be involved on stage or behind the scenes. Our next event on the 14th is a musical evening with songs through the decades. (Those of you who attended last year's music night will remember what a great night it was!) Once that is done, we'll be starting on preparations for next year's panto. Please support us in whatever way you can. For further information, contact Rosie on 07977 454083.

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**