

# 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 3rd Nov	Time to Remember Service, St Mary's	3pm
Sunday 10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday, War Memorial	10.45am
Thursday 14th Nov	RNLI Coffee morning, St Mary's	10am - 12 noon
Friday 22nd November	<b>December</b> GV Deadline	6pm
Saturday 30th Nov	KVA Wine Festival, Village Hall	7.30pm

### Editors' Note:

Hello, just a reminder that as usual, we do not produce an issue in January, so our next issue will be your chance to tell the community about your events and news for December AND January.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

[www.thekva.co.uk](http://www.thekva.co.uk)

**Show Day Report.** Despite the unfortunate cancellation of the Classic Car Show due to the preceding wet weather, the day itself was fine and sunny and the event was a great success raising over £2500 for KVA funds to be redistributed to village organisations and entities; thank you very much to those who attended. If you would like to apply for a grant, please go to the KVA website and click on the "Finance Request Form" link on the front page.

**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 cost £15, to include four glasses of wine and nibbles. They are now available from all KVA members, and Rod Alexander 07743 398136 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com).

**Kingswood Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 8th December.** This year we will again be hosting 2 Christmas parties for school age children who live in Kingswood village; one for KS1 children and a separate one for KS2. As in previous years, application forms giving parental consent for children attending Kingswood Primary School will be distributed from School, but if your child would like to come to one of the parties, you live in Kingswood, but they don't attend Kingswood Primary please go to [www.thekva.co.uk](http://www.thekva.co.uk) and download a form, or send an e-mail to [secretary@thekva.co.uk](mailto:secretary@thekva.co.uk) by the end of November. More information can be found on the website. **Save the Date - Senior Citizens New Years Eve Lunch.** This free NYE event is for villagers aged 65 and over. Look out for invitations which will be posted through doors in November, so that you can reserve your seat at the table.

### THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

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A huge thank you this month to the Kingswood Ball Committee and everyone who contributed towards the wonderful donation to KiK. This secures our funding for the foreseeable future and we promise to put it to good use. It's very timely as we embark on extending food provision at the Drop-in Café. We plan to provide light lunches and children's teas. We have the funding and now need more volunteers to help procure, prepare and serve food as well as support the normal activities in the café. This is your Community Hub; please come forward and get involved if you are able. If you can offer an hour or two once a week, once a month or even on a casual basis, please get in touch via the email above or in person at the café on a Tuesday afternoon or Friday morning. The collection point in the village shop for the Community Pantry is now up and running. If you are able to add an extra item or two **of non-perishable groceries or toiletries** to your shopping and drop them in the box provided, you will be supporting the Spar shop and KiK at the same time. Please donate if you can. Thank you.

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE BALL

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The organisers of the biennial Kingswood Village Ball are very pleased to announce that this year's Ball, held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, raised a fantastic £6,716.04. All proceeds will be donated in equal amounts to 3 village causes: Keepers in Kingswood, The Lighthouse Youth Group and Sophie's Wheelchair Fund. We would like to thank all those who supported us through sponsorship, prize donations, attending, providing a venue at no cost, and personal time; without these kind supporters, the Ball and subsequent funds for village causes would not be possible.

### RNLI – Wotton-under-Edge & Thornbury Brance

Contact: Paul [wuernli@gmail.com](mailto:wuernli@gmail.com)

Our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** in St. Mary's Room, St. Mary's Church, Kingswood from 10am – 12 Noon. Please come to buy your Christmas cards, calendars and gifts to assist in supporting this important charity.

**KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)**Contact: [www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk](http://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 12pm-1pm. **Lower Schoolroom activities: Monthly Bible Study** - 7.00pm Monday 25th November. **\*\*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.

**Special Events: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - 10th November, meeting on War Memorial at 10.45am for 2 minutes silence followed by joint service in St Mary's.

**KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA**Contact: [Simon.jolyon501@gmail.com](mailto:Simon.jolyon501@gmail.com)

The wildlife area is a wonderful place to volunteer particularly during the winter months when we can all need a reason to venture outside. No experience is necessary. We meet every Monday from 9.45am to around 2pm, except when weather is very wet. For more information contact Simon at the email address above or come along on a Monday, see what we do and have a chat. This autumn and winter we plan to plant a new hedgerow and lay an existing hedge that was planted when the area was formed and is now big enough to be laid.

**KEEPERS WOTTON UNDER EDGE**Contact: [thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com)

Keepers in Wotton have two courses coming up - they may be of interest to you or someone in your organisation. Creative writing and IT for beginners. (The first aid course is already full, but if you would be interested in a future course - please let us know)

Creative writing - there is no eligibility criteria for this course - it is open to everyone. Four Thursdays 11.30 - 1pm. Starting **10th October**. *We're thrilled to announce the return of Creative Writing Workshops, led by the talented local author and playwright Mark Seaman.*

IT for beginners - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of December. 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/ EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed/retired or earning below £25,000 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability. If you don't fulfil the eligibility criteria - you can still attend the course - and pay £5 a session.

To book a place on either of these courses, please get in touch.

**KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (KSA)**Contact: [ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Kingswood School Association are holding a Rags2Riches for Schools collection on Thursday 5th December. So, if you're thinking about clearing out your wardrobe, your kids have outgrown their clothes, and you want to support Kingswood Primary School in raising some money, please consider donating your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts etc. (for full list see: [rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/](http://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/)). You can either leave your clothes in a bag (labelled: Rags2Riches for Kingswood School Association) in the Abbey Gateway before 08:30 on Thursday 5th November or get in touch with the KSA. Thank you for your support.

**KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP**Contact: David Owen [owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com](mailto:owen@kingswoodgl12.plus.com) or 01453 844463

A "Demystifying Defibrillators" training session is now being planned for Kingswood in February. More information will appear in the next edition. Housing Developments: I always ask that a public access defibrillator is included in any new housing development of more than 25 houses. However, I have had no success to date, despite even being promised an installation by a developer on a previous development who then subsequently decided to renege once all the houses were sold. There is now another opportunity to place a defib, this time on the new Cloverleaf Barn development. If you have any thoughts about how best to achieve this, then please let me know.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**Time to Remember Service** - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3pm St Mary's Church, Kingswood Every year, St Mary's Church holds a simple afternoon service at a time in the church's calendar we call 'All Souls' when we can remember 'those we love but see no longer'. At this simple service, the names of loved ones are read out if that has been requested and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of one or more departed loved ones. Some of these candles are lit for people who have died recently, and some are for loved ones long departed but still missed. We hope you can join us.

**Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - War Memorial & St Mary's**

**Christingle** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6pm at St Mary's Church, Kingswood.

**DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:****FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**