

Kingswood Grapevine

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JUNE Dates For Your Diary (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesdays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. KiK Squad)	2 - 5pm
Fridays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. Crafty Corner)	10am - 1pm
Friday 13th	KSA Duck Race	3pm
Saturday 21st	St. Mary's Church Fete, Church and grounds	1pm
Wednesday 25th	JULY Grapevine Deadline	6pm
Saturday 12th July	Tubbs Turf Finals Day/Garden Party	12 noon

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

SHOW DAY - Schedules for Show Day on 6th September are finalised and being printed. They will be delivered soon, but if you want a head start, please find them on our website www.thekva.co.uk. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to make the day run smoothly and provide an event for the whole village to enjoy; If anyone would like to come along and help out for 30 minutes or more on the day, or if you would like to be involved in a bigger capacity, please get in touch with Sally, secretary@kva.co.uk for more information. OPEN GARDENS - following recent enquiries, KVA are thinking of bringing back Kingswood Open Gardens in July 2026. We would like to establish what interest there is in this, so at this stage if you are interested in showing your garden, please could you let Sally know at secretary@kva.co.uk. Thank you. DUCK RACE - KVA are delighted to support the KSA Duck Race, providing equipment and manpower in the river. We would encourage everyone to buy ducks and get involved. MEMORIAL BENCH - KVA were so pleased to be able to provide funds to Tubbs Turf for a bench in memory of a long-standing ex-committee member, Dr. David 'Doc' Hatton

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) Village of the Year 2025. We have just heard Kingswood has been shortlisted. Not sure yet in which categories. Judging will take place in June. Good luck to all the organisations involved. More details to follow as we receive them. **Kingswood Neighbourhood Plan.** We are still looking for members of the community to help with the review of the NDP. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved. **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 **Parking -** When parking please can you check that you are not blocking a driveway, a garage, an access or a drop kerb or are parked too close to the junction. We are having lots of complaints about poor and inconsiderate parking. Please park so that you are not causing a hazard or making it dangerous for pedestrians. **Allotment Plots -** If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Clerk to the council. **KPC meetings -** The next KPC meeting is **02/06/2025 at 7.15pm at Kingswood Village Hall.** 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. **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 web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow and like us on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP*

WOTTON TRIATHLON

This year's Wotton Triathlon will be held on **Sunday 6th July.** Swim 366m, Cycle 20km, Run 5km - This is a friendly local event for first time competitors and experienced athletes alike. You can enter as an individual or as a relay team. Entries open 9th March at: wottontriathlon.co.uk. All in aid of our local Wotton Swimming Pool.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

Contact: Simon.jolyon501@gmail.com

Water levels in the newt ponds have been getting rather low during the dry May but, with the weather changing, hopefully by the time you read this there will have been sufficient rain to top them up. Lots of newts were counted during the surveys in May. It was especially good to find the Palmate species seem to be established in the big newt pond. The males are easily distinguished by their webbed back feet. Numbers of the protected Great Crested Newt were down this year in the 3 surveys. We are considering bringing the first survey forward into April next year and maybe surveying every other week over 6 weeks to establish if climate change is having an impact on their breeding cycle. The area is looking beautiful and the birds are singing. If you would like some exercise and fresh air on a Monday morning do come and join us. No experience is needed and with more volunteers we can do so much more with the area.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: www.kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Chapel Morning Services: 10.30am every Sunday. Everyone is welcome to hear various speakers with Sunday School open following worship time each week. This month Father's Day will be an all age Café Church in the Lower Schoolroom on 15th June. Family Service on 29th June. The Chapel is also open for prayer on Wednesdays 12pm-1pm. **Lower Schoolroom activities:** **Monthly Bible Study** 7.00 - 9.00pm Monday 30th June. Various topics openly discussed with prayer and fellowship. Refreshments served to welcome everyone aged 15 and over. **Lighthouse Youth Group** for 10 - 15 year olds every Thursday. 7.00 - 8.00pm. Pool, badminton, table tennis, games and other activities. Chill out time in the Upper Room from 8.00 - 8.30pm.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Contact: 01453 842197

At Kingswood Primary School, we are excited to be starting a new project to further develop our love of reading, by creating a beautiful, woodland themed, library space. We are extremely fortunate to be supported by the brilliant Read With Me volunteers and cannot wait to have a dedicated area for everyone to read in. We have identified a space and have begun preparations. One of our fabulous volunteer parents has painted the walls green, and we have ordered a woodland mural for one wall. During our volunteers' morning, we are hoping to sand the wooden floor and install an artificial grass rug - which the KVA has kindly agreed to purchase. The next job is to install a tree with branches festooned with fairy lights, and to turn the current plain shelving units into something magical. If you have any creative flair, or woodworking skills, please do get in touch - this is a great opportunity to create something very special for the children of Kingswood Village School.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Contact: ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk

Duck Race 13th June - KSA are excited to be hosting the Duck Race along the Ash Path. Please support this popular event by buying a duck for the race and coming to watch on the Ash Path 4pm - 5pm. Last year we sold out with 250 ducks, so don't delay! Contact us on ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk.

Rags 2 Riches 12th June - We are holding a Rags2Riches for Schools collection on Thursday 12th June. So, if you're thinking about clearing out your wardrobe, your kids have outgrown their clothes, and you want to support the Primary School raising funds, please consider donating your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts etc. (for full list see: rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/). You can leave your clothes in a bag (labelled: Rags2Riches for Kingswood School Association) in the Abbey Gateway before 08:30 on the day. Thank you for your support.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

We are delighted to report that our recent Lent lunches raised £374 for the Food Bank as well as providing two very enjoyable occasions. Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts. This month our regular Sunday services continue at 11am each week followed by coffee. Everyone is very welcome. We are particularly looking forward to our annual fete on **Saturday June 21st from 1pm** - this year organised in partnership with other village organisations. Kingswood Primary school will be running a barbecue, English Heritage will be opening the Abbey Gateway and running a bookstall and the Keepers will be serving teas in the Lower School Room. There will be a range of different stalls such as plants, cakes and tombola and entertainment in St. Mary's Church and the Memorial Garden outside. If you can help on the day, please contact Bob Copeland on 01453 842262. Contributions of plants would also be very welcome and can be left in the church porch as well as other contributions. Also for the Bottle Stall including wine, spirits, condiments like tomato sauce, mineral water, soft drinks, toiletries, scent etc... any contributions will be gratefully received. Please contact Stella for collection on 01453 842497, or drop off at Little Zoar Cottage, 1 The Chipping, Kingswood.

ENGLISH HERITAGE - Call for Books - In advance of our plans to start a Second Hand Book shop in the Abbey Gatehouse - we will be selling books at the St Mary's Church Fete to raise money to fund some of the work we are planning to do on the Gateway. We would welcome donations of good quality paperback books left in the porch in St Mary's. Do you have you a couple of hours you could spare every two or three months to help St Mary's? We are desperate for someone to take the minutes of our PCC meetings. The meetings are normally convivial and held in someone's home and there is no need for any special skills. If you feel you might be able to help, please contact Tricia on 07771996495. Thank you so much.

TUBBS TURF

Contact: www.tubbsturf.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Open Day and Plant Sale. It was a blooming success, raising over £700 for continuing maintenance of the courts and gardens. Tubbs Turf was a riot of colour and the newly established memorial bench for David Hatton, dedicated by KVA, looked glorious in the sunshine. Apologies to those who were expecting an opening ceremony - the committee have decided to formally recognise David's founding role in Tubbs Turf on Finals Day, Saturday 12th July, when we will have more time. Further details to come. In the meantime, we very much welcome continued support from the community, either through membership, sponsorship or donations and we encourage use of the multi sports court and table tennis table by all. Our next event and main fundraiser is our Finals Day & Garden Party on **Saturday 12th July 12 - 6pm**, with tennis, short tennis, junior cricket, bar, barbecue and afternoon tea and cakes. For further information on memberships, Finals Day or general use of the facility please contact us at membership@tubbsturf.co.uk.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Contact: keepersinkingswood@gmail.com

The KiK Community Larder continues to provide a valuable service for those who need a bit of help making ends meet. A wide range of non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries and basic household supplies is available to take from the larder shelves at the back of St Mary's Church. Please also continue to donate if you can by dropping items into one of the collecting boxes either in the church porch or in the village shop. In a new development, KiK has worked with English Heritage to allow the Abbey Gatehouse to be open to visitors. The key can be collected from the drop-in café during opening hours. The café is open as usual on Tuesdays from 2pm to 5pm and Fridays from 10am to 1pm. June's new activities include: Get Fit While-u-Sit chair exercises (2:00-2:45) and a Digital Drop-in Session on **17th June** (3pm to 4pm) to help with computer issues. We also have Men's Shed on the **10th** (2-4pm), KiK Art Club on the **17th** (3:15 to 4:30pm) and the Reading Den on the **24th**. We look forward to seeing you soon and also remember to visit our stall at St Mary's Village Fete on 21st June.

JULY GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2025