

Kingswood Grapevine

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SEPTEMBER Dates For Your Diary (unless otherwise stated)

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| Tuesdays | KiK Drop in Café (incl. KiK Squad) | 2 - 5pm |
| Fridays | KiK Drop in Café (incl. Crafty Corner) | 10am - 1pm |
| Saturday 6th | Show Day, Classic Car & Dog Show, Village Hall & Field from 12 noon | |
| Wednesday 24th | OCTOBER Grapevine Deadline | 6pm |

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

REMEMBER Showday with Classic Cars and Dog Show is on **Saturday 6th September**. Bring along your produce and handicraft entries early in the morning and then come back with all the family for a fun packed afternoon from 12 o'clock. Our next event will be the **Wine Festival** on 29th November. More details to follow in the next Grapevine.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) Village of the Year 2025. Thanks to all who took part. Kingswood won **Highly Commended** for its toilets and Changing Places unit. **Big Kingswood Clean Up** – This will take place on **Saturday 11th October** at 10.00am at Kingswood Playing field. It will be led by Sian Blackham and Cllr Holly Simkiss. Let's get Kingswood looking sparkly. If you can't attend on the day, why not do your bit anytime that week. Take a look at the area around your house and check the kerb for weeds and debris that could block drains. Look at your boundary planting/hedge is it causing an obstruction on the pavement stopping children from walking safely. Also can wheelchairs & pushchairs pass through? More information on the October event will be issued in due course. **Youth Provision** - Kingswood Parish Council has commissioned the National Youth Agency (NYA) to review and enhance the local youth offer by conducting a needs analysis with young people and identifying service gaps. As the Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body for youth work in England, the NYA brings over 60 years of experience supporting high-quality youth work. The NYA Service Review model, backed by engagement with local youth and organisations, will provide Kingswood Parish Council with valuable insights and a clear road map to develop a more effective and inclusive youth provision. The NYA will set up a steering group of interested parties and will be talking to Kingswood youth to find out what provision is in place and more importantly what else is needed. This work will take place in October/November, more details will be sent out in due course. If you are interested and want to be involved, please look out for the dates or contact the KPC Clerk. KPC hope to build on the wonderful work carried out by the Chapel Youth club The Lighthouse and the great work already being carried out by KVCC and KFC. **Highways Survey** - KPC will be distributing a highways survey to find out how children from the surrounding areas travel to KLB and why they use this method. This will enable KPC to look at how best the traffic can be managed within the village to ensure the safety of Kingswood children walking to both KLB and Kingswood School. There will also be a section on Kingswood children walking to school. It is hoped that this will provide the evidence for much needed highway improvements. **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

Dog fouling - Please can you ensure that you pick up after your dog. It is an offence not to. All incidents of dog fouling should be reported to SDC <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report-it/dog-mess-or-fouling-problems/mess-or-fouling-problems>. If you have evidence of the culprit, action can be taken and fines issued. Also please ensure that you have dog poo bags with you for your dog walk. I am getting complaints of an issue at Boundary Close; there really is no excuse, pick up and take home or use the bins provided in the playing field. **Allotment Plots** - If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Clerk to the council. **KPC meetings** - The next meeting is **08/09/2025** at 7.15pm at the 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. Visit the KPC web site on www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow/like us on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. *The Clerk Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP*

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we gear up for another exciting year at Kingswood Primary School, it is time for us to invite any prospective families to come and find out a bit more about us. We will be holding our **Open Day** on **Thursday 25th September** from 2.00 - 5.00pm, and we look forward to welcoming you. If this date is not convenient, please contact the school on admin@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk or 01453 842197 to arrange a private tour of the school. We are incredibly proud of our achievements over the past few years and look forward to sharing these with you.

TUBBS TURF

Contact: www.tubbsturf.co.uk

Tubbs Turf Finals Day - Phew what a scorcher! On the hottest day of the year so far, our tennis players battled it out in sizzling matches, and the crowd supported valiantly, while consuming beer, Pimms, barbecue and ice lollies! We also had a lovely ceremony in memory of Dr David Hatton, and we are delighted to say that the facility is still thriving twenty plus years down the line from his original vision. On **Tuesday September 30th** we will be holding our AGM where we will review our year and elect a new committee. The evening is open for all to attend, and we would love to have input and ideas for the coming year - wine and nibbles provided! In the meantime, we are still welcoming new members, and the multi sports court remains free for everyone. Any enquiries please email membership@tubbsturf.co.uk or message Kit on 07870 355236. **Dates for 2026:** Open Day and Plants Sale - Saturday 9th May and Finals Day & Garden Party - Saturday 4th July 2026

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)Contact: keepersinkingswood@gmail.com

The KiK Pantry continues to provide vital support to the community. There's been a steady demand during the holiday period, so thank you to all those who've donated via the Spar Shop or the collection box in St Mary's porch. Please keep your gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries and household goods coming and if you could use a little help with household costs, feel free to take what you need from our well-stocked shelves in St Mary's Church. In August, we launched our 'Toastie Taster' sessions at the café. We plan to continue these in September so pop along on a Friday between 11:45 - 12:30 for a tasty snack. We are looking for extra volunteers for this activity to continue so if you are able to help at all, do get in touch. 'Get Fit Where You Sit' sessions have been popular, the next session will be on **Tues 16th September** from 2 - 2:45pm. No need to book – just turn up and start to feel the benefit! We will be welcoming Stroud Valleys Project on Tuesday 19th September so come along to see what you can do to help nurture our green spaces. Look on-line for details of all our upcoming events and full details of times and venues. To find out more about KiK, or if you're thinking about volunteering, please visit our stand at Kingswood Showday on Saturday 6th September from 12 noon. We look forward to meeting you.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREAContact: Simon jolyon501@gmail.com

HELP! Volunteers at the wildlife area really need help to clear the invasive New Zealand pondweed from the newt pond. If we don't remove it this weed will eventually engulf the pond destroying the habitat for wildlife including the 3 native species of newt. The pond is dry at the moment and so this provides a wonderful opportunity to remove the weed. No special skills are needed but it is a physical job requiring strength and stamina! We meet on Mondays from 10.45am until 2pm, all help will be appreciated even if you can just do an hour. The more people we can get to help the more of this weed we can remove before the pond fills up again. If you would like to help, contact Simon or Julie at julie.devine@gmx.co.uk. The trees are laden with fruit. There are plums, damsons, apples and pears, and sloes in the hedges just, waiting to be picked.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUBContact: Jenny email: jenny.a.robins@gmail.com

Kingswood Jubilee Club is open to people aged 60 and over from the village and surrounding district. We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Our next meeting is on **10th September** when we have a talk by David and Marilyn Basketter telling us all about their Icelandic Cruise. On **24th September** we will hold our harvest festival. Please feel free to join us, we would love to see you.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)Contact: timandvick@gmail.com

Our Chapel Sunday Morning Services begin at 10.30am every week. Everyone is welcome to hear a variety of visiting and home Speakers with our Sunday School open following the worship time each week. Our all age service will be on **Sunday 28th September** where you are welcome to share with us in a fun open style family friendly Harvest Festival service. **Lower Schoolroom activities: Monthly Bible Study** 7.00 - 9.00pm Monday 1st September. Various topics openly discussed with prayer and fellowship. Currently studying the book of Ruth. Refreshments are served to welcome everyone aged 16 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.

JOHN MAYO TRUST

Heading off to university, college, or starting an apprenticeship? If you're starting further education or training whether it's at university, college or through an apprenticeship, and you're from Kingswood, our charity may be able to help you with a grant to support with the cost of books or essential equipment. To apply, simply email johnmayokingswood@gmail.com, or send a written application to: James Kershaw, 30 Chestnut Park, Kingswood, GL12 8RJ

COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOR KINGSWOOD?

We are trying to set up a community library for the village - people would donate, borrow and return/swap books from a bookcase in a central location (probably the out of service bus shelter on The Chipping). If you are interested in being involved, have any ideas for how to set it up and run it, can offer DIY skills, or just want to hear more - please contact Stella: stellagreen80@btinternet.com. FYI, there is a similar thing in Hawkesbury Upton. We look forward to hearing your views.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Contact: Patricia 07771996495

In September, services at St Mary's Parish Church will return to their normal routine with worship each Sunday at 11am. You will find a warm welcome if you are able to join us. We are delighted that our new Priest in Charge, Rev. Catherine Coomber will be leading services regularly at St Mary's, in addition to members of the ministry team, and joining in village activities as time allows. Do look out for our stall at Showday and come and say hello and also see the Messy Church stall with a focus on children's activities. As per last year, St Mary's Church and the Abbey Gatehouse will be open on **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 12:00-16:00pm for Heritage Open Days**. Refreshments will be available during that time in the church. Saturday 13th September is also the annual 'Ride and Stride' fund-raiser for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. You can find more information at: <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>. You are invited to walk or ride between as many churches as you feel able to – or just visit one where there will be a friendly welcome and refreshments. You will find a link to the interactive route map of churches taking part and details of the associated photography competition on the website. Donations can be made at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marys-kingswood-ghct-2025>. Any money raised in sponsorship/donations that day is split between St Mary's Church and the Trust which exists to help churches in the county with building repairs and improvements. We hope to see you! Please contact Patricia for information.

LOCAL BRIDGE CLUBContact: wottonbridgeclub@gmail.com

Looking for a new hobby? Do you enjoy strategic games? Learn to play Bridge with Wotton Under Edge Bridge Club. We are holding a FREE INTRODUCTORY 5 - WEEK COURSE on Tuesday evenings at the Civic Centre starting on the 23rd September 2025. No prior knowledge required and you don't need a partner. Find out more at www.bridgewebs.com/wotton or contact via email address above.

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:**FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2025**For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk