

Kingswood Grapevine

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NOVEMBER Dates For Your Diary (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesdays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. KiK Squad)	2 - 4.30pm
Fridays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. Crafty Corner)	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 5th & 19th	Jubilee Club, Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Saturday 8th	W.I. Christmas Craft Sale & Coffee morning, St Marys Room	10am - 12 noon
Thurs 13th	RNLI Coffee Morning, St Marys	10am - 12 noon
Saturday 29th	KVA Wine Festival, Village Hall	7.30pm
Monday 24th	DECEMBER Grapevine Deadline	6pm

Reminder: No Issue in January so please send in events for January for inclusion in the December edition

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

www.thekva.co.uk

WINE FESTIVAL: Thank you for buying tickets so far, we have enough wine to sell more. Price £16 each for four glasses of the Wine Society's "Buyers Champions Choice" plus nibbles. Proceeds to KVA's 2 Childrens Christmas parties and the Senior Citizens New Year's Eve lunch. Tickets from any KVA member or Rod Alexander at rodplume@gmail.com or 07743 398136.

We are pleased to confirm that we will again hold children's Christmas parties for all primary school children living in Kingswood on **Sunday 7th December**. Entry forms for children attending Kingswood Primary School will be distributed from the school. If your child would like to join us and doesn't attend Kingswood School, please complete the form on the KVA website. The completed form should then be dropped into Kingswood School or emailed to chair@thekva.co.uk by 21st November. **NEW YEARS EVE** – Invitations to the Seniors Lunch will be circulated during November. KVA welcomes applications for funding from organisations within Kingswood. Please download the application form from the website – www.thekva.co.uk The KVA are always looking for willing volunteers to help either as a full member of the committee or as a friend of the KVA. If you are interested please email us.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you interested in becoming a School Governor? We are looking to recruit new members to join our dedicated team of School Governors at Kingswood School. There are no particular qualifications required for the role and we would welcome interest from potential Governors of all backgrounds. If you would like to support the school, are interested in ensuring that all pupils receive a high-quality education in a safe and inclusive environment and help to plan our future development, please contact either Chair of Governors, Mike Brown: chair@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk or Mrs Collins head@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk for a conversation to find out more. Enhanced DBS checks will be carried out for those joining the governing board. Thank you.

R.N.L.I

Pyat's Mission: Out Stack (The full stop at the end of Britain). We are holding another guest speaker evening – this time at **North Nibley Village Hall** – when local North Nibley residents Simon and Fiona Hampton-Matthews will give an illustrated talk on their sailing voyage around the top of Scotland with Pyat (the ship's cat) including wildlife in unexpected places, an unintended exploration of Stromness and an 'interesting' passage around Cape Wrath. This event will be on Thursday 27th Nov. The doors (and bar!) will open at 7:00pm for 7:30 start. Admission is free – but a donation to the RNLI is hoped for! RNLI Christmas cards and other items will be available for purchase. Other Christmas card sales: For those wanting to purchase Christmas cards, but not able to attend the above event, we will also be at the following local events: Saturday 8th Nov - Tabletop sale at Thornbury Methodist Church. Thursday 13th Nov - Branch coffee morning at Kingswood Church. Saturday 15th Nov - Christmas Fayre at Thornbury Baptist Church. Saturday 22nd Nov - Christmas Charities Fayre in WUE.

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.

KINGSWOOD AND WOTTON SOCIALIST BOOK CLUB

Our next book is **TRADING GAME** by Gary Stevenson If you would like to read, or have already read this book and would like to join our discussion, email robertcopeland8rs@gmail.com for details of our next meeting.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

Contact: Jenny email: jenny.a.robins@gmail.com

Our meeting for 5th November is local singer Philip Andrew and 19th November we will be given a talk by Mike Britton titled 'On The Streets'. Do pay us a visit at the village hall, our meetings are 2pm until 4pm and as well as being entertained there are refreshments and a raffle. We always look forward to seeing some new faces.

ST MARYS CHURCH

November is a time for reflection, recollection and anticipation as we seek to bring the love of Christ into our community. Everyone is welcome to join us at our special services this month: **All Souls Service**, 2nd November at 3pm when we will be holding a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving 'for those we love but see no longer'. There will be an opportunity during the service to light a candle in their memory. If you would like any loved ones remembered by name at this service, please either leave details on the form in St Mary's or contact Patricia Broadfoot 07771 996495 or use the contact us form at <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk>.

Remembrance Service, 9th November at 10.55am - As usual, we will gather at the War Memorial when Village organisations will lay wreaths commemorating those from this village who died in the service of the nation in two world wars. This will be followed by the 2 minute silence. Those wishing to observe the silence but unable to attend the War Memorial, may do so in St Mary's church. Immediately after the War Memorial ceremony, there will be a service of remembrance and thanksgiving in St Marys' church followed by refreshments. The Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, will visit the Wotton Deanery on 19th Nov at 7pm at St Mary's Thornbury. All are welcome to hear from Bishop Rachel and engage in discussion with her.

Live Topics, Monday 10th November at 7.30pm in St Marys room. With the rise of the New Right in America and across the globe, we will be asking the question: "MAGA or Woke. Where is Jesus?" Do join us for a lively discussion with refreshments. **Christingle**, Sunday 30th Nov at 6pm (Hot Chocolate from 5.40pm). Our annual Christingle service with oranges, fruits and sweets is always popular with both the young and the not so young. Do join us for this family service in which we celebrate Jesus as light of the world and raise money for the Children's Society. On other Sundays, we gather for worship at 11am. Everyone is very welcome.

Kingswood Community Pantry - Basic foodstuffs and toiletries are available on a "Take what you need" basis every day. We also welcome donations for the Pantry and the Stroud foodbank- please pop items in the collection boxes in St Mary's Church Porch.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Contact: keepersinkingswood@gmail.com

There's a change to our Tuesday schedule for November to accommodate new activities and also to close before it's too dark! The café will now be open 3-4:30, and from 2-3pm we will be hosting a PEEP "learning through play course" for parents/carers and their children aged 0 - 2 years. This course runs over 5 weekly sessions and explores how we can support a child's development through play and everyday life. Spaces are limited so please book via keepersinkingswood@gmail.com or call Nikki on 07471 603216. Chair Exercises will continue in The LSR as normal from 2-2:45, the next session is on Tuesday 18th November. We are now serving delicious soups from 12 to 12:30 during our Friday sessions. No booking required, "pay-as-you-feel", and if you need transport call 07767 947549 to book a lift. If you'd like to help prepare and/or serve soup we'd also love to hear from you. Please continue to remember those in need of a little help with household costs by donating non-perishable food items, toiletries and household goods for the Community Pantry via the Spar shop or the box in St Mary's porch. The Pantry supplies are available to anyone in need. Feel free to help yourself. The church is open for collections and donations from 10am to 4:30 daily except Sundays.

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

Our General meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th November** at 7.30pm followed by a short talk on quilting by our talented President, Betty Hebditch. The Kingswood WI's charity this year is 'The Big Space Cancer Appeal' and on Saturday 8th November the WI craft group will be holding a coffee morning and Christmas Craft Fair in aid of this very worthy cause. Please come along to St Mary's Church between 10am-12 noon and sample the scrumptious homemade cakes and buy a few Christmassy treats.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: timandvick@gmail.com

Our Sunday Morning Services continue at 10.30am in the Chapel with our Sunday School open following the worship time. Our all age service will be on Sunday 30th Nov which is the first Sunday in Advent, all are welcome to share with us as we begin our festive celebrations. Each service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. ***This month we will have a joint Remembrance Sunday service with St Mary's on 9th November, starting at the later time of 10.55am on the War Memorial.***

Lower Schoolroom activities: Monthly Bible Study 7.00-9.00pm, Monday 24th Nov. Currently studying the book of Ruth. Refreshments are served with open time of fellowship for 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. Messy Church - 10.00am on Saturday 29th Nov. Pre-school and Primary aged children welcome with accompanying adults for fun, crafts and activities with lunch provided.

DECEMBER GRAPEVINE ISSUE DEADLINE:

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025