

Kingswood Grapevine

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SEPTEMBER Dates For Your Diary (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesdays	KiK Drop in Café	2 - 5pm
Fridays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. Crafty Corner)	10am - 1pm
Sat 5th	SHOW DAY, Village Playing Field	from midday
Wed 2nd (LSR) & 16th	Jubilee Club, LSR & Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Sat 19th	Kingswood Ball, Park Mill Farm	
24 & 25th	KADS Musical Evenings	
Friday 18th September	OCTOBER Grapevine Deadline	6pm

IMPORTANT Editors Note:

We have had to bring forward the deadline for the October Grapevine due to both of us having other unavoidable commitments. We are sorry that this will come around really quickly but we need to give ourselves time to get everything ready for the next issue. Please do note the date of Friday 18th September for inclusion in the October issue. We do apologise and will aim for this not to happen again.

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Website: www.thekva.co.uk

Saturday 5th Sept - Don't forget Show Day on Saturday. Not to be missed with plenty of activities for the whole family - full information can be found on the KVA website. If you could spare 30 mins to help run this popular village event just speak to us on the day and we'll find you something to do! **WINE FESTIVAL** - Saturday 28th November - KVA's start to the Christmas festivities. We are glad to announce that there is no price increase this year with tickets remaining at £16 for entry, 4 glasses of wine and nibbles. Tickets on sale soon - see website for details. **Children's Christmas Parties** - Sunday 6th December - Save the date, more information available soon. KVA welcomes applications for funding from organisations within Kingswood. Please download the application form from the website. 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 chair@thekva.co.uk if you would like more information.

ST MARYS PARISH CHURCH

With a smaller number of Sunday services across our group of villages, this August we have been able to enjoy some unusual forms of worship, including a pet-service in Hillesley, Evensong in Kingswood and a 'beach mission' at Rangeworthy. It has been lovely to see some new faces and to enjoy the fellowship of meeting each other at different churches. September sees a return of our regular Sunday services at St Mary's at 11am with communion services twice a month - details are on our website: <https://www.stmaryskingswood.org.uk> September also heralds the all-important **Ride and Stride** event on **September 12th**. This is an annual event where participants are sponsored to travel between churches. You can walk, cycle, ride on horseback or use public transport. The money you raise is shared between the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) and a church of your choice. If you would like to join the cyclists on this fun outing, please contact treasurer@stmaryskingswood.org.uk You don't need to be a churchgoer to take part. Or if you would like to donate, please visit our Just Giving page: **Ride+Stride 2026 for GHCT and St Mary's, Kingswood**. The church will be open that day for refreshments from 12 - 4pm. Also on **Sunday 13th from 12- 4pm**. All welcome! The weekend of 12th and 13th September are also **Heritage Open Days in Kingswood** and the Abbey Gateway will be open between 12 and 4pm for visits. **Can you help?** We are looking to recruit new volunteers to help with the occasional cleaning of St Mary's. No skill or equipment needed - just enthusiasm! Can you spare an hour to help from time to time? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Patricia on 07771996495.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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

Our next meeting on 2nd Sept will be a talk by Mike Britton on the effects of the coal industry in and around Bristol. Please note that this meeting will take place in **THE LOWER SCHOOL ROOM** as the village hall is being used for the council elections. On 16th we will be holding our Harvest Festival which will be led by Rob Hart and we will make a collection of tins etc to be distributed to the local food bank. Please come and support the club. If we are unable to rally more support the club is in danger of closing which would be a real shame as it should celebrate its golden anniversary next year. Meetings start at 2pm and are held fortnightly.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

Contact: keepersinkingswood@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Show Day on Saturday 5th Sept this year. Please come to our stand and talk to us to find out more about our work and perhaps consider volunteering. If you haven't been to our café yet, why not drop in to the Lower School Room this autumn to enjoy some company and sample the activities on offer. We have chair exercises and Mindsong singing sessions on alternate Tuesdays and Crafty Corner, puzzles & games on Fridays when you can also get a light lunch. We have a book club starting on **8th September** too. This is your Community Hub offering a warm welcome to all and we'd love to see you. Please also keep supporting the Community Pantry located in St Mary's Church which anyone in need is welcome to use. As well as the collecting box in St Mary's porch, there's a new collecting box in the Spar for your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, household goods or toiletries. Thanks to Jaqui, Teresa and the staff for arranging this. See you at Show Day!

TUBBS TURF

Contact: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk

What a fantastic Finals Day we had at Tubbs Turf this year! The weather was perfect, the tennis was excellent, the children enjoyed some fun coaching and the food and drinks were delicious. The KVA's Open Gardens brought more visitors to the garden, and the plant sale proved very popular. This, coupled with very generous sponsorship from local businesses, resulted in our best ever fundraising result, meaning that the facility can continue to improve for all the community. We are having our AGM on **Monday 28th September** at 7.30 in the Pavilion. This is a chance for members and the community to join us to hear about our year, and ask any questions, please join us. Contact us on enquiries@tubbsturf.co.uk

JOHN MAYO TRUST

Heading off to university, college, or starting an apprenticeship? If you're planning to begin 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 support you with a grant to help 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, by Friday 16th October.

LOCAL BRIDGE CLUB

Looking for a new hobby? Do you enjoy strategic games? Wotton Under Edge Bridge Club are holding a FREE Introductory 5 week course on Thursday evenings starting on **September 24th** at Wotton Civic Centre. No previous knowledge required and you don't need a partner. Find out more on: www.bridgewebs.com/wotton or email info@wottonbridge.club

KINGSWOOD BALL

The Kingswood Ball is a charity event that takes place every two years. The next ball will be taking place on Saturday 19th September at Park Mill Farm. We are expecting another fantastic event raising valuable funds for the Keepers in Kingswood, The Lighthouse Youth Club and the Kingswood School Association. We will be taking steps to reduce any associated noise, where possible, on the evening of the event. We thank the residents of Kingswood for their understanding. Any enquiries please come directly to the Kingswood Ball association on kingswoodvillageball@hotmail.com

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact : minister@kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

We start September as usual with our Sunday Services at 10.30am every week. Our Sunday School is open for primary aged children following worship each week in the Schoolroom. Then our all age service will be on **Sunday 27th** where if you prefer, you are welcome to share with us in a fun, relaxed open style family friendly service. All our members offer a friendly chat and listening ear over a cuppa and biccies after each service. Lower Schoolroom activities: **Monthly Bible Study Monday 28th 7.00-9.00pm**. A time to look over and study the word with prayer and fellowship. Refreshments are also 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.

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Contact : 01453 844659 Email: clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Bloor Homes - 95 Houses Walkmill Lane. The application is live on the SDC website www.stroud.gov.uk Please view the application ref S.26/0236/out. Please comment on the proposed highway mitigation for the development. It is important that the community let Stroud District Council know if the proposed mitigation overcomes the concerns raised. This application will be decided at the SDC Development Control committee. The date to be confirmed. Members of the public can attend and speak. More details and date to follow. There is still time for you to comment. **Youth - Read with Me** will start a monthly session in Kingswood Village Hall on Monday 7th September from 6 to 8pm and then on the first Monday of every month. **Play Gloucestershire** will run weekly sessions on a Tuesday starting 29th September from 4 to 8pm at Kingswood Playing field this will continue on throughout the year until the end of March 2027. More information on this will follow on the KPC website and Facebook page. **Play equipment Survey** - We would like to hear your views on what play equipment should be provided at the playing field. Please access the survey on the KPC website www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Wotton Road** - KPC has installed a VAS on Wotton Road before vehicles enter the village. This has been put in place to alert divers to their speed and to encourage them to observe the 30mph limit. **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 the Police website www.gloucestershire.police.uk **KPC meetings** - The next meeting is **14/09/2026 at 7.15pm at Kingswood Village Hall**. KPC is live streaming all meetings. To view the meeting please click on the link which will be available on the KPC website along with the agenda and meeting papers. **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/like the KPC on the **Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page**. *The Clerk, Mary Leonard, PO Box 113 Wotton under Edge GL11 9BP.*

KINGSWOOD ABBEY W.I.

We are a lively, friendly and very active group, meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. August is always a special time in the WI calendar, when members get together for a rather fabulous afternoon tea - but this year there was an extra reason to celebrate - **Kingswood Abbey WI is 60 years young!** Almost every member joined us for an afternoon of friendship & laughter. There was Pimm's and delicious treats - and not a crumb was left behind! To add to the celebrations, we were entertained by live music from Norma and Mark Mills, a huge thank you to them for helping to make our 60th anniversary afternoon so memorable. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th Sept**, when we are welcoming Laura Cabry. Laura will be taking us on a journey into the magic of the 'Carnevale di Venezia' - the Carnival of Venice. She will be talking about this spectacular celebration and modelling a selection of the incredible costumes she has created and worn at past carnivals. Expect fabulous costumes, stories and a wonderfully entertaining evening - it's certainly not your average Tuesday night! So ladies, if you've ever thought about joining Kingswood Abbey WI, this would be a great evening to come along and meet us. Or perhaps you'd simply like to enjoy what promises to be a fantastic evening of Venetian glamour and fun. Visitors are very welcome - £5 entry. Come along, bring a friend and join us for plenty of WI friendship.

KINGSWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

KADS are preparing for our very popular Musical Evenings which this time, will feature songs from the Musicals. Dates are September 24th & 25th and tickets are £10 and available from Ticket Source or the Village shop. Do come and support us! If you'd like to get involved with our next production, please contact me on 07977 454083. Production dates will be Feb 26th & 27th 2027 but rehearsals will start at the beginning of October. You will be made very welcome. Rosie Casken

OCTOBER GRAPEVINE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2026

For an entry please email : admin@kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk Visit our Website: www.kingswoodgrapevine.co.uk