

Kingswood Grapevine

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OCTOBER Dates For Your Diary (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesdays	KiK Drop in Café	2 - 5pm
Fridays	KiK Drop in Café (incl. Crafty Corner)	10am - 1pm
Wed 14th & 28th	Jubilee Club, LSR & Village Hall	2 - 4pm
Friday 23rd	NOVEMBER Grapevine Deadline	6pm

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (KVA)

Website: www.thekva.co.uk

SHOW DAY. Thank you to all who attended and helped out at Show Day on 5th Sept. We were blessed with the weather and had a bumper turn-out. Although we don't yet have a final figure we expect to have raised a substantial amount for redistribution to village groups and organisations. If you want to apply for funding please download the application form from the website. **WINE FESTIVAL.** Our next event is the annual Wine Festival on **Saturday 28th November** in the Village Hall. Each year the Wine Society, one of the UK's premier suppliers, tasks its buyers with blind tasting 1000 wines. 100 are chosen as "The Buyers' Champions Choice". KVA will have 25 of these for you to choose from. Tickets at £16 each, the same price as last year, include 4 glasses of wine and nibbles. They will be available from all KVA members or Rod Alexander 07743398136 and rodplume@gmail.com. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES.** These free parties will be held on **Sunday 6th December** in the Village Hall. There will be 2 separate parties, the first for Reception to Year 2, and the second for Year 3 to 6. These are open to all children who live in Kingswood regardless of their school, and those who attend Kingswood Primary School regardless of where they live. Forms can be downloaded from the Website shortly. 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

KINGSWOOD WI - REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Contact Sally Email : sal.reynolds@hotmail.co.uk

LET'S MAKE REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026 SOMETHING TO REMEMBER!

We will be decorating the village on **Sunday 1st November**, between 9am-3pm so if you can spare half an hour please email me for information. We have lots of jobs to do big and small including bunting to add to the effect so anyone able to climb a ladder definitely welcome! **CALLING ALL VILLAGE CHILDREN** - We want our younger villagers to be part of it too! Why not get creative and paint a pebble with a poppy, a Remembrance symbol or your own thoughtful design? These special pebbles will be displayed around the Chipping area of the village, making sure our children have their own part to play in this community project. So grab your paintbrushes and get creative — we can't wait to see what you come up with! **GET INVOLVED** - If you'd like to take part in any way or just want to know more, please get in touch with Sally. Let's make this a true community effort — created by the village, for the village.

KINGSWOOD JUBILEE CLUB

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We are looking forward to Marilyn and David Basketeer visiting us at the end of Sept (30th) when they will give a talk with slides on their Singapore experience. On 14th October we will be entertained by the Stroud Ukelee Group and on 28th October by local entertainer Philip Andrew. Meetings take place at the Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm - all are welcome.

THE KEEPERS IN KINGSWOOD (KiK)

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Thanks to everyone who visited our stand at Kingswood Show Day. We were delighted to hear peoples thoughts on what else we could offer in the village, so look out for our monthly "What's On" posters and FB posts for details of upcoming activities and events. If you'd like to get involved by volunteering to support our activities, please get in touch via the email address above or drop into the café in the LSR on a Tuesday afternoon or Friday morning for a chat. On **13th and 27th October** we will continue with Sing 2 Remember with Mindsong (2-3pm) and the Digital Drop-in (3-4:30pm) for help with your computer and phone problems. Chair exercises will return on alternate Tuesdays from 2-3pm. The new book club met for the first time on Tuesday 8th Sept and chose a book which is now on order via Wotton Library's book club lending service. You can still join in, look out for details of when the first book is available and future meetings. The menu of light Friday lunches will be developed over the autumn thanks to our new Kitchen Co-ordinator, Laura who joined in September. Why not drop in to sample the new menus which are served from 12 to 12:30 every Friday. No booking needed and open to all. Transport available, limited spaces so call us on 07767947549 to book your seat.

JOHN MAYO TRUST

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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, or send a written application to: James Kershaw, 30 Chestnut Park, Kingswood, GL12 8RJ, by Friday 16th October.

KINGSWOOD DEFIB AWARENESS GROUP

Contact: David Owen email: drddowen@gmail.com 07885745235/01453 844463

The new development at Cloverlea Gardens now has a '**community public access defibrillator**'. It is located on a mounting post on the right-hand side of the road as you enter the development, between house Nos 2 and 4. The cabinet access code is **C159X**. If any new residents on the estate wish for a demonstration of how to use the defib, do please contact me. The installation of this defib brings the total number in the village itself to 10, with a further 3 in the parish, plus 2 more which have restricted hours access.

LOCAL RNLI

RNLI Christmas Coffee Morning. You are all very welcome to our Annual Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Room on **November 12th**, 10.00 until 12 noon. There will be Christmas cards, calendars and small gifts for Christmas presents and stockings. Hope to see you there.

KINGSWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (CHAPEL)

Contact: : minister@kingswoodcongregational.org.uk

Our Sunday Morning Services continue throughout October at 10.30am every week. Primary aged children are welcome to join in the Sunday School following the worship time each week. Our open style all age service will be on Sunday 25th. All our members offer a friendly chat and listening ear over a cuppa and bickies after each service, and we are now open to all faiths and none on Wednesday's 10-12 for a coffee and chat about anything. Other Activities: **Monthly Bible Study** 7.00 - 9.00pm Monday 28th. A time to look over and study the word with prayer and fellowship & refreshments. **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 Stroud District Council website www.stroud.gov.uk. Please view application ref S.26/0236/out. Please comment on the proposed highway mitigation for the development. It is important that the community let SD know if the proposed mitigation overcomes the concerns raised. This application will be decided at the SDC Development Control committee. 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. **Orchestra Development** Walkmill Lane. KPC has been advised of a variation of conditions on this development that will affect the agreed parking provision. KPC understands that there will be a loss of 11 parking spaces. Please comment on the SDC's planning portal S.26/1547/VAR Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.22/2473/FUL for the development of no.32 new Zero Carbon dwellings. access from Walk Mill Lane. **Gloucestershire Play Rangers** – will start their first weekly session at Kingswood Playing field on Tuesday 29th September from 4pm to 6pm. Activities are for school aged children. Children under 8 to be accompanied by an adult. See KPC website and Facebook page for more details. No need to book just turn up. **Wildlife area** - KPC are pleased to confirm that the Stroud Valleys Project and the Kingswood volunteers will be carrying out urgent improvement works to the pond. It is hoped that this will protect the Great Crested Newts (GCN) in the coming years. **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 KPC meeting 05/10/2026 at 7.15pm at Kingswood Village Hall. KPC is live streaming all meetings. To view the meeting please click on the link which is 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.

The **Kingswood Abbey WI** is a lively, friendly and very active group, meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at **Kingswood Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Our September meeting brought a very interesting talk from Laura Cabry, who brought the Carnevale di Venezia (– the Carnival of Venice) to life with a fabulous slide show and a chance to try on and admire the wonderful costumes she has made to wear in Venice over many years. Our next WI meeting is on **Tuesday 13th October**, and we're delighted to welcome Christine Tavinner, who will be teaching us some fun line dancing moves! So dust off your dancing shoes, bring along your best moves (or simply your enthusiasm!), and get ready for an evening of music, laughter and get ready to dance the night away! So, ladies, if you've ever thought about joining Kingswood Abbey WI, this would be a great evening to come along and meet us. Visitors are very welcome – £5 entry. Come along, maybe bring a friend and join us for plenty of WI friendship.

KINGSWOOD WILDLIFE AREA

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Visitors to the area over the coming weeks and months will notice renovation work to the main newt pond. The drought dried out the pond completely and it became obvious that the liner was leaking so it is now being replaced. The work conforms to conservation rules and should be complete before the newts return to the pond in the spring to breed. While the work is ongoing, and indeed after it is completed, please try to keep dogs out of the pond. On the subject of dogs we are sorry to have to remind owners to clear up behind their faithful friends and to take poo bags away. This is for the enjoyment of everyone who uses the area as well as the volunteers who work hard to make this area the wonderful space that it is for everyone. Thank you.

NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2026