

# Kingswood Grapevine

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## Dates For Your Diary

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept	Showday		
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	Sponsored Cycle Ride		
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	Village Ball	Park Mill Farm	
Thur	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	Historical Society Talk on William Tyndale	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Messy Church	Lower Schoolroom	9.30am
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Town Hall Teas – R.N.L.I	Wotton-under-Edge	2.00pm-5.00pm

**OCTOBER ISSUE DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Beer Festival	Village Hall
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### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

**Kingswood Village Showday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Starting midday: a fancy dress parade into the showground (parents: more info check KSA page). Thirty stalls, Ferret Racing, Birds of Prey display, Poultry Display, Fun Dog Show (N.B. judging begins at 13.45), Punch and Judy, Velcro Fly on the Wall, Space Hopper Grand National, Pimms, Prosecco and Porter, BBQ, live music, Village Hall Bar etc. Programmes: £1 in advance, £1.50 on the day. Volunteers always welcome to help – contact Bob on 07477 478214. The Produce & Handicraft Show - all households should have received a schedule in July; more are available at the Spar shop or online at [www.K-V-A.org](http://www.K-V-A.org). Please have a go at entering one thing, even one exhibit helps make our village show better. More info: Angela Stephens 07896032202

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE BALL COMMITTEE:

The Annual Ball will be held at Parkmill Farm, **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, £50 pp; £200 deposit will secure you a table of 10. All profits will be donated to the Nicola Corrie Foundation. For tickets and further details, contact Dave Werrett 07979100304.

### Friends of St Mary's

We look forward to seeing you at our stall at Showday on 2<sup>nd</sup> September; we shall be selling books, DVD's, Kingswood tea towels and notelets. We would be grateful for donations but are only able to take good quality recent fiction, paperback or hardback books, or popular films and TV DVDs. Please leave them inside the rear of the church. Contact Chris 844162, Pat 845076, Stella 842497, or John 07761 672926 or by emailing: [friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryskingswood.org.uk) See our Facebook page: Friends of St Mary's Kingswood.

### BRIDGE LESSONS

- Are you fed up with the TV and want to get away from your computer screen?
- Come to Bridge lessons instead to learn an enjoyable and stimulating new hobby, make new friends and have fun. I confidently predict that you will be hooked.
- Lessons will be on Tuesday evenings in the Civic Centre in Wotton. You do not need a partner; you can come on your own.
- For details, contact Ian Cooke: 01666 890261 [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com)

### Bubble Rush Hits Gloucestershire

There is only one chance for families to enjoy the unique experience of Bubble Rush in Gloucestershire this year. Walk, run or toddle through a sea of coloured bubbles, because 'there's no place like foam!' This unique event takes place on **Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester and all monies raised will go to Longfield, supporting people to live well with life-limiting illness. So sign up today at [www.longfield.org.uk](http://www.longfield.org.uk) or call 01453 886868 for more details.

### JOHN MAYO'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you are preparing to go to university or college, to undertake an apprenticeship, or to start any other form of further education or training, you can apply to us for help. Provided you come from Kingswood, our charity should be able to help you with a grant towards books, tools or equipment. Please apply in writing to Dr David Hatton, Nampara, Old Rectory Road, Kingswood GL12 8RE, before **29th September**. If, when you read this, you think that someone in your family, a neighbour or a friend would be eligible, then encourage them to apply.

### DO YOU FANCY A PLEASANT CYCLE RIDE FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

**Saturday 9th September** is the Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride organised by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT). It involves a not-too-strenuous cycle ride through some lovely Gloucestershire countryside, stopping off to have a look at every church we come to. Stopping off for lunch too! The idea is to get sponsorship for every church visited (we usually manage to get to between 15 and 20). It is great fun and the money raised is split equally between the GHCT and the restoration of St Mary's here in Kingswood. Last year the money raised by our band of Kingswood cyclists was the fourth highest in the whole of Gloucestershire. We would be delighted to hear from anyone else, young or old, who would like to join in this year and help us to claim top spot. David Hatton (tel. 842483) has more details.

### Kingswood Defibrillator Awareness Group:

This is the latest organisation to be established in the village. It has been formed under the umbrella of all the main village organisations and with the support of the SW Ambulance Service Trust and the Chipping Surgery's Patient Participation Group. The principal purpose of KDAG is to raise awareness of where defibs are located in the village, how to access them and how to use them - whilst under inevitable high-stress conditions. Visit stand 23 at the Village Show to learn more, to see how to use a defib and to practice CPR.

### Wotton-under-Edge Branch R.N.L.I

On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, the branch will be hosting 'Town Hall Teas' in Market Street Wotton-under-Edge, 2.00pm–5.00pm. Please come and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) and a slice of delicious cake - we would love to see you!

### Tubbs Turf Finals Day and future dates

Despite some dreary conditions, a lovely time was had by all at the Finals Day. Tennis, netball, table tennis, basketball and speed serves were all thrown into the mix as well as some lovely entertainment by Kingswood school country dancers. Over £800 was raised and this will go towards maintaining the courts and grounds. Many thanks to everyone who came, our sponsors, raffle prize donors, competitors and all those that helped to make the day such fun and a great success. If you would like to know more about Tubbs Turf or just receive the newsletter, email [membership@tubbsturf.co.uk](mailto:membership@tubbsturf.co.uk) for more information.

### KINGSWOOD ABBEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Kingswood Abbey WI members thoroughly enjoyed yarn bombing the Primary school for their 125th anniversary celebrations in June/July and plan to hold some Autumn classes for anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet. We are not expert teachers but can get you started on a new hobby.

We were lucky to have a glorious sunny August afternoon for our Garden Party at Nind and are now all looking forward to celebrating our 51st birthday with a meal instead of a WI meeting in September.

The WI book group will meet on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** to discuss Spectacles, a memoir by Sue Perkins.

We hope you all enjoy our Show Day teas and cakes.

There are a few places available for new WI members, please contact the President, Sheila Kerr on 844865 for more details.

**Kingswood Congregational Church – Secretary Jennie Amesbury 01453 842803 [jennieamesbury@btinternet.com](mailto:jennieamesbury@btinternet.com)**

We are also on Facebook. Website [www.kingswoodcongregational.org](http://www.kingswoodcongregational.org)

Firstly, a big thank you to all the children who came along to the Holiday Club and made it a fab time. Show Day – United our Youth Group for year 7 upwards, have a stall so please pop along, pay a visit, and find out all about it. On **3<sup>rd</sup> September** at 10.30am in the chapel 'Moving On' a service about getting ready to start school, change to a new school or even moving away to study. Celebrate what you have achieved and explore the challenges that face us all. This will be followed by a BBQ in the Lower Schoolroom. This is in conjunction with St Mary's as part of Churches Together. On **23<sup>rd</sup> September** MESSY CHURCH in the Lower Schoolroom. Children bring an adult with you for a fun morning followed by a yummy lunch. Registration at 9.30 for 10.00am start. Our services are at 10.30 plus Sunday School takes place during this service. Evening Service at 6.00pm. Followed by coffee/tea and chat. A warm welcome awaits.

### Wotton Bluesfest

Its 2nd year on the weekend of **22-24 September**. We are a charity organisation, affiliated to the Wotton Recreational Trust. We have bands and music workshops over the weekend in lots of venues in Wotton. Please visit our website <http://www.wottonbluesfest.org> for full details. Hope to see you there!

### KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Kingswood Neighbourhood Watch no longer issues cards with details of your local reps to each household because these can soon become out of date. If anyone would like to know who is their rep. please do not hesitate to contact Rod Alexander on 843398 or [rodplume@gmail.com](mailto:rodplume@gmail.com). All addresses in the village have a rep, except Crow Meadow and the part of Hillesley Rd, parallel to it. On retirement of the present member, this area will no longer be covered, unless someone steps forward. The duties are not arduous, involving 15-20 minutes three or four times a year. Any volunteers would be most welcome. Again, please contact Rod. Police, non-emergency: 101. Police, emergency: 999.

### Historical Society

Next Talk with Christine Coles on William Tyndale **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall; refreshments available. Some of you will have enjoyed Christine's tour of Durham Park's garden in July, so we are delighted to welcome her back. Tickets are free for members and £5 for non-members - all are very welcome. For tickets contact either [stellagreen80@btinternet.com](mailto:stellagreen80@btinternet.com) (842497), Jean Dove on 01453 521314, or [peter6booth@btinternet.com](mailto:peter6booth@btinternet.com) (844741).

This year the Society's AGM will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**; full details will be announced later...

**Kingswood Parish Council** [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Penwood Lodge Planning Application** - Full details of the application are available on the Stroud District Council website [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk). Please also check the parish council website page and Facebook page for further details.

**Wild about Kingswood** – Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is at the Chestnut Park site every Monday from 11.00am. Please go along, say hello, and if you have time please join in and help to manage the land. Volunteers are urgently required. Please contact the clerk to find out more! Please will residents **NOT** use the wild life area to get rid of their grass cuttings.

**Dogs** – Please can all dog owners ensure that they are picking up after their dogs. If you see anyone not picking up after their dog, please inform the parish clerk. The parish clerk will then take the matter up and the person reporting can remain anonymous.

**Stroud District Council has a Heritage Strategy consultation.** This can be viewed on the Stroud District Council's web site at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/conservation-listed-buildings-trees-and-hedgerows/a-heritage-strategy-for-stroud-district-consultation>, the consultation runs until the **15th September 2017**.

**Public Convenience-** The parish council will be carrying out maintenance works to the toilets and apologises for any inconvenience that this work may cause. The works include new doors, gate, window frame, toilet seats and a cleaning of the rendering and painting of all woodwork.

**Improved disabled access at the playing field and Village hall** – The parish council will be re-siting one of the barriers adjacent to the village hall. This will improve the access to disabled users and parents with buggies. The re-siting of the barrier will mean that there is direct access on level ground to the village hall.

**Parish Council meetings-** The parish council meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. A meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month if there is business, which cannot wait until the next 2nd Monday. Full details of all meetings can be found on Kingswood Parish Council's website. The next scheduled meeting is on **Monday 11th September** at 7.15pm at the village hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend and take part in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

**Communication** - Please visit the KPC web site on [www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk) and follow and like the parish council on the Kingswood Parish Council Facebook Page. The Clerk, Mary Leonard, New Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley GL12 7RQ  
Tele 01453 844659, Email [clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingswoodparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

**Bar Steward at Kingswood Village Hall** - Your opportunity to make a difference by becoming 'Mine Host' at the Village Hall. Volunteers have filled this position for some time but this is becoming much more difficult to organise. No previous experience is necessary and training will be given. There is an attractive remuneration package. Please contact David Scott - 01453 845354 in the first instance if you are interested.

**Kingswood Village Playgroup and Toddlers** [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk)

Playgroup (Pre-school) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15am -1pm. Funded places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Rated 'Good' by Ofsted, welcoming atmosphere and fantastic links with Kingswood Primary School.

Baby Toddler group Wednesday 9:30-11:30am. Range of toys available, craft & sensory activity, snack & drink and singing session. Both run at Kingswood Village Hall during term times.

Contact us at [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com) or 07855 105944

The Village Diary can be viewed on the *Grapevine* website. For an entry please email *Grapevine* or telephone Gill on 842734.

