



Kingsteignton Town Council

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Kingsteignton Senior Citizens Club



KING'S TEIGNTON RAM ROASTING FAIR 2022

New Date!
2nd MAY

We are pleased to announce that the Ram Fair will be held again after two years without one!

The Ram Fair will be held on the first Bank Holiday in May this year. This change is for 2022 ONLY due to the usual late May Spring Bank Holiday being changed to June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Plans have been underway since last September and there will be entertainment from local groups as well as the traditional Maypole Dancing by our Primary school children. As usual there will be sports fun for the younger visitors, plenty of varied commercial stalls and stalls supporting local charities and groups.

We will have three May Queens' to crown this year, as our 2020 and 2021 May Queens' missed their special day because of Covid-19 restrictions. It will be a very special occasion as it will be the first Ram Roasting Fair where we will have three May Queens and their attendants. (*The photos shown below were taken in the year they should have been crowned May Queen*) The May Queen is always the eldest girl in Year 2 of the Town's Primary Schools' who lives within the parish boundaries.

The committee that organises the Fair each year is looking for new members to help them make more wonderful memories. We need people from all backgrounds with a variety of skills, to see how you can help, please contact us by e-mail:- info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk This is a volunteer position, helping to keep a traditional community event alive. If you feel you can't commit to helping on a regular basis but would like to help on the day, we would still love to hear from you.

2022



2022 May Queen
is Roxie Andrews
(Centre)
with Attendants
Matilda Taylor (L)
& Elise Best (R)



2020 May Queen is Amelia Harrison (Centre)
Attendants are twins Isabelle (L) & Jessica Norrish



2021 May Queen is Olivia Beringer (Centre)
Attendants Ayla Douglas (L) & Amelia Colley (R)

CLIFFORD PARK UPDATE

New Gates Installed

Sturdy new gates have recently been installed on the pedestrian entrance to Clifford Park leading off from Strawberry Terrace, Longford Lane (next to the Royal British Legion). This is another addition to the enhancement of the continuing regeneration of the recreational park area.

We would like to remind all users of the park to be respectful of other users at all times, keeping a safe distance and making it a safe place for all to use. CCTV is working within the park at all times.

Also, may we please ask all dog walkers to be responsible and keep your furry friends under control at all times and pick up your dogs mess and place it in one of the bins provided.

Additional Tree Whips Planted

Cllr Tony Dempster and his Rotary Group volunteers recently planted around 250 tree whips along the North boundary of Clifford Park by the Royal British Legion wall.

Teignbridge Wildlife Warden (Hanna Dollings) helped plant an additional 100 tree whips along the East Boundary, some of which were in-filling previously planted over-spaced whips. This additional planting extended the hedge by another 15 metres in length to give future privacy to neighbouring properties.

Alex Khan and his wife tidied and re-staked some of the whips previously planted, which had unfortunately had their supports removed.

Cllr Bill Thorne made a welcome appearance and gave generous praise and encouragement to all involved.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Are you planning a 'Celebration' between 2nd—5th June 2022?

Get involved with 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' - to organise how you can get involved with an iconic celebration, see the Eden Projects Communities page for ideas of how you can celebrate with your neighbours or friends in your community:- Visit their website:- <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com>

FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

Residents received 'free trees' in support of DWT's 'Saving Devon's Treescapes' project!

A total of 195 tree whips were given away free of charge to residents who visited The Fountain on Saturday 5th February 2022. Working in partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust, Kingsteignton Town Council set up a stall and residents queued up to collect one or two free trees to plant either in their own gardens or on land which they had permission to do so.



A variety of native species offered on the day, included Oak, Crab Apple, Wild Cherry, Rowan, Birch, Hawthorn, Hazel and Willow. These were handed out along with tree guards, supports, planting guides and aftercare information, by Kingsteignton Town Councillors' Beryl Austen, Martin Field and Ron Peart, Mayor, as well as KTC's Deputy Clerk, Michelle Lewis-Clarke.

Residents were asked to complete a pledge card so that we can see where the trees are being planted and check in to see how they are growing.

Our sincere thanks go to all who visited and took away tree whips. We look forward to seeing how well they grow. The Town Council may hopefully be able to run another event like this towards the end of the year. The best time to plant trees is between October to March and it would be lovely to see more trees being planted within Kingsteignton gardens in order to help protect our wildlife and environment.

Pictured above: Cllr Ron Peart, Mayor, with two happy ladies who were off to plant their trees and Cllr Field (R)



Pictured above: Cllr Field and Austen, Deputy Clerk, Michelle Lewis-Clarke L—R at rear, with Hanna from the Kingsteignton Wild group, (far right), and three more happy residents who were collecting trees and supports.

CLLR IMOGEN LAWS

It is with great regret that we have to advise our Community that Councillor Imogen Laws, has sadly, passed away peacefully at home.

Whilst only having reported in our last Newsletter of 2021, that Imogen had resigned from the Town Council after serving since the Autumn of 2019, Imogen was re-elected on 1st December 2021 at an Extra-ordinary Full Council Meeting and she was looking forward to serving her Community again by working alongside fellow Councillors to enhance the town's facilities and environment.

Imogen was a well respected member of Kingsteignton Town Council and of our Community where she had lived for over 30 years. Prior to her retirement in 2007, Imogen was the Bursar at Trinity School, Teignmouth. She was a strong and determined lady who will always be fondly remembered by all those who were lucky enough to have known her.

Our sincere condolences go to Imogen's family and friends.



CLLR JOHN STACEY

After welcoming back Councillor John Stacey at the end of 2021, please see below, a bio. from John himself:-

I have lived in Kingsteignton since January 1986 and have previously served as both a Parish and a Town Councillor and latterly as the Town Council Finance Officer. I am currently a Trustee for Oakford Lawn and serve on the Committee. For several years I have assisted Kingsteignton Swimming Pool with their Energy Supplies and also with the ongoing maintenance prior to the annual opening.

My career choices have provided me with an excellent background of capabilities which, given my keen interest in Town Council matters, allow me to feel that I still have something to give back to the Town for the many happy years that I have lived here.

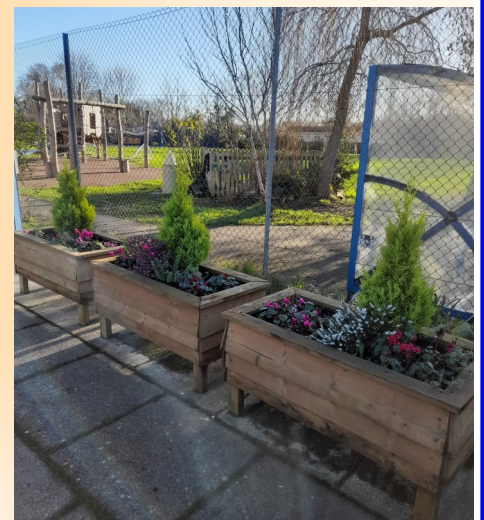
CLLR J Stacey

KINGSTEIGNTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Kingsteignton Library Group, have recently had a new porch built to the side of Kingsteignton Library to improve the entrance and appearance for visitors and staff. The small group of 'Friends' have worked hard over the past 7 years to reach their goal by fundraising and applying for grants to obtain enough funding to have enabled this to happen. They are so pleased to have achieved this and are appreciative of all the funding that has been received.

The 'Friends Group' have benefitted from the small grants that are available at the beginning of each year from Kingsteignton Town Council, which has allowed them to add new planters to the front and side garden to further enhance the surroundings of the library for the benefit of all townspeople.

The Library is an extremely valuable facility for people of all ages within our Community and it is hoped that many families, friends and individuals will reap the benefits of having it within our Town.



Opening Hours:- Monday: 2 pm—4 pm, Wednesday: 10 am—12 noon & 2 pm—4 pm, Friday: 10am—12 noon & 2 pm—4 pm, Saturday: 10 am—12 noon **Tel: 01626 367980**

Closed on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Kingsteignton in Bloom 2022

We are pleased to announce that the annual competition for all gardeners, residents and businesses' will be taking place again this summer, with judging taking place over two days, these will be Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July 2022.

Last year we had an overwhelming response from our residents and we visited some beautiful gardens. It is so lovely to see what some of our residents create within their home's boundaries. (*Some of these were shown in our last Newsletter*) and are also on our website.

Whether you spend just a little or all of your spare time within your garden breathing in fresh air and taking in the scent and sight of flowers surrounding you, or tending to your fruit and vegetables, you will benefit from your mood being enhanced and the feeling of happiness, whilst promoting your well-being.

Picture shown here is last year's: **Best Single Container** by Lee Denmead



To find out more about this year's competition and how to enter, please:

Visit our Website: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk
or E-mail: Shirley on commsofficer@kingsteignton.gov.uk
or Ring: Tel: 01626 364089



Kingsteignton Town Council

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

If you can work as a team, are available to take part in meetings, form sound judgements based on what is best for the community, and are willing to abide by majority decisions, you have the qualities of a Town Councillor.

For more information please contact:

clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk

or telephone 01626 364089

for an application form.

ABBROOK PARK BOWLING CLUB

After long delays due to the Covid restrictions, Abbrook Park Bowling Club finally took delivery of five sturdy new benches in November 2021, following the originally expected delivery date of May 2021.

Club members and visitors alike will hopefully enjoy sitting on them whilst awaiting play and take a well-earned rest at the end of the game.

The benches have given an immediate enhancement to the Green surrounds.

Kingsteignton Town Council and Teignbridge District Council have been thanked for their generous grants, which has enabled the purchase of these benches. A plaque has also been installed to mark this.



Benches kindly financed with
Community Grants from
Kingsteignton Town Council
and
Teignbridge District Council
2021



Kingsteignton Wild



Kingsteignton Wild is a newly formed group working together to promote enhancing wildlife and our natural environment. They are planning on getting the public involved and hope to encourage people of all ages who like the outdoors, to get outside and make Kingsteignton a better place for our declining population of bees, birds, insects and small mammals as well as plants, hedges, trees and grasses. Your garden can be a great place to start and they are hoping to run small workshops to help you get started. You may wish to help with a Community project to enhance particular areas of land in Kingsteignton too.

They will also promote other guides and information to support nature.

Headed up by Hannah and Samantha—Kingsteignton Wildlife Wardens and fully supported by Kingsteignton Town Council, they are looking for more members to join them.

If you think this is something of interest to you, then please make contact with them:-

E-mail: kingsteigntonwild@gmail.com

Or take a look at their Facebook page:- Kingsteignton Wild

PEDESTRIANS—PLEASE TAKE CARE WHILST OUT WALKING

May we please remind people walking on lanes or roads without pavements that you should always walk facing oncoming traffic and keep your dogs on a fairly short lead and ensure that children are kept in nearest to the hedges or sides rather than being close to the traffic.

NOTICE FOR DOG WALKERS—PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

**Please
be a
Responsible
Dog Walker
whether
it is
Your DOG
or DOGS'
You are
walking for
Somebody
Else.**

Under the Public Space Protection Order, you are required to clean up after your dog and keep them under control, for the wellbeing and enjoyment of yourself, your dog, and others.

To make the most out of your walks, we ask you to respect the space, and others, by:

-  1 Keeping your dogs on leads when next to roads, on shared routes such as cycle paths, public bridleways, and when asked to by a dog warden.
-  2 Paying attention to what your dog is doing at all times.
-  3 Carrying bags, poop scoops, and other equipment for if your dog fouls.
-  4 Walking no more than six dogs at once - and keeping them all under control.
-  5 Keeping your dog out of restricted areas, such as play parks, and beaches during the summer.
-  6 Picking up after your dog if it fouls, and disposing of waste in a dog bin or a normal bin.

For more information visit teignbridge.gov.uk/dogpspo

SUPPORT ROWCROFT HOSPICE— by treating yourself!

**Just choose some delicious meals,
place an order with Devon Farm Kitchen and have it delivered to
your home on a real plate!**



Devon Farm Kitchen, the social enterprise that delivers 'deliciously satisfying' frozen meals to people in their own homes across South Devon with every penny of profit going to support Rowcroft Hospice, has more than doubled its delivery area to include the majority of South Devon, this includes Kingsteignton and Newton Abbot. Since its launch last year, Devon Farm Kitchen has gone from strength to strength, with over 17,000 meals delivered to date.

"We've expanded our delivery area to cope with the high levels of customer demand," said Devon Farm Kitchen Manager Joe Bradshaw. "We are providing a unique service in supplying our customers with delicious hand-cooked frozen meals that are nutritionally balanced and carefully crafted from the best local ingredients. Our customers tell us that our food is far superior to other brands on the market, and they take great satisfaction that all profits from their purchases go to support Rowcroft Hospice in delivering essential care and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses across South Devon. Our motto is local food for local people while supporting local care."

The meals are handmade in small batches by Devon Farm Kitchen's own chefs in their Torquay kitchen using the finest produce sourced directly from Devon's farmers, fishing communities and other local producers. The menu boasts a mouth-watering selection of tasty soups, starters, mains (including gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian options) and desserts. Top-selling dishes include Devonshire roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, lamb loin, sausages and mash, roast chicken, Brixham fish pie and vegetable curry. Popular desserts include orchard apple crumble, jam roly poly, and chocolate and walnut pudding.

Offering a convenient and luxury dine-in experience, the frozen meals are delivered to customers ready to heat on ceramic plates and bowls which are then washed and returned to the driver on the next delivery. There's no plastic involved and the cardboard packaging is 100% carbon neutral, fully compostable and 100% recyclable.

The freshly frozen meals are also highly nutritional because they've been developed with advice and input from dietitians. Devon Farm Kitchen prides itself on fulfilling an important service for local people, particularly elderly and vulnerable people, who may be unable or uninclined to prepare healthy meals for themselves.

"We're providing a unique service to our community by lovingly crafting nutritious meals that encourage healthy eating, and by generating profits that help sustain the expert care that Rowcroft Hospice provides to patients across the region," said Joe Bradshaw. "I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our customers for supporting us and for helping us to raise essential funds to care for local patients."

All profits from Devon Farm Kitchen go to support Rowcroft in caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses, and their families, across 300 square miles of South Devon. The charity cares for over 2000 patients each year, with 80% of people cared for in their own homes across the region.

To find out more about Devon Farm Kitchen, or to place an order, please visit: www.devonfarmkitchen.co.uk or call them on: Tel: 01803 217477



Pictured above is the Tasty lamb chop, one of Devon Farm Kitchen's 'deliciously satisfying' meals in the gluten-free range. Loin of lamb is served with garden mint sauce, creamy potato gratin, seasonal vegetables and gravy.

Springtime flowers brighten our grass verges for all to enjoy...



Hope the
Daffodils
enhance
your mood
and make
your days
seem a little
brighter as
me move
into Spring
2022!





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Office Open Hours: 9:30am -12:30pm Monday—Friday (NB: the office is closed to the public at present but phones and emails will be answered).

OFFICE STAFF:

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Finance Officer, Phil Banner finance@kingsteignton.gov.uk

Council Meetings: All Council committee meetings are held in the Main Community Hall and start at **7pm**

Full Council—1st Wednesday of the month, followed by **Planning Only**

Finance— 2nd Wednesday of the month

Community Hall/Recreation - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Works, Services & Planning— 3rd Wednesday of the month

Members of the public are welcome to attend committee meetings, however, should you wish to participate prior permission is to be sought.

EAST WARD TOWN COUNCILLORS:

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Vacancy for 2 Councillors	

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E-mail: cllr.scagell@kingsteignton.gov.uk	
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Vacancy for 1 Councillor	

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Bill Thorne (<i>Conservative</i>)	07971 569594

DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

Ron Peart (<i>Conservative</i>)	01626 362260
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank our residents for their support of the 'Free Tree Giveaway' event held at The Fountain on Saturday 5th February. Working in partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust, this was part of a scheme called Saving Devon's Tree Scapes. Town Councillors' and Staff were kept busy giving out trees. We had a great response from residents who came along to pick up their free trees together with a mix of spirals and wooden stakes to protect the trees. I will see if the Town Council could do this again at the end of this year.

I have good news regarding the upgrade of Clifford Park, we can go ahead with plans for Phase 2 which will increase the size of the area for younger children with more equipment. Funding for this project was agreed by Viridor Credits Environment Company and I am delighted to share with you that we were awarded £72,632 towards this project, with the balance of the funding coming from S106 and Kingsteignton Town Council, who will provide the rest from CIL, a tax from developers. The full cost for upgrade will be £109,000. We have already completed Phase I with a new skate ramp and CCTV that is monitored by Newton Abbot Security Trust, along with the rest of our CCTV in Kingsteignton. Kingsteignton Town Council are the owners of Clifford Park and we will always do our best to improve the park for everyone to enjoy.

It is good to see the daffodils as you enter our Town, the first sign of spring is on the way.
Keep safe,

Cllr Ron Peart, Mayor



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS FOR REPORTING ISSUES (these are not links)

STREET LIGHTING: *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

POTHOLE: *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS: *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

OVERGROWTH ON BOUNDARIES: *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

DRAINAGE: *DCC HIGHWAYS* : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

DOG FOULING INCIDENTS: *Environmental Hotline:* 0800 328 6402

FLOODING, SANDBAGS, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, (OUT OF HOURS) PLEASE CONTACT:

TDC EMERGENCY LINE 01395 516854 or TDC 01626 361101 (during office hours)

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: 0344 411 1444

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