



Kingsteignton Town Council

Newsletter Issue 4 2022

Mayor's Charity 2022/2023
"Walking Alongside"
KingsCare Mental Health Support.

Merry Christmas



The Mayor of Kingsteignton, Councillor Ron Peart
invites you to join him for this year's

Civic Carol Service

Friday 9th December at 7:00 pm
At The Community Hall, Rydon Road, TQ12 3LP

Everybody welcome!

Refreshments and a light buffet will be served at the end of the service

A voluntary collection will be made during the service in aid of the Mayor's Charity as detailed below.

MAYOR'S CHARITY 2022/2023 'WALKING ALONGSIDE' KingsCare mental health support

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart has chosen Walking Alongside as his charity for his term in office as Mayor, May 2022—April 2023.

Walking Alongside is a service provided by KingsCare to support those in our community who are struggling with mild to moderate mental health issues. These might include: anxiety, depression and stress and are often a response to a difficult life experience.

Walking Alongside currently provides free support in the following ways:
Signposting sessions, including referral for free counselling when appropriate.

- A period of regular 1:1 support.
- A Mental Health Carers support group.
- An 'Anxiety Café'. A 6 week group to explore anxiety and meet others who understand.

We want people to not be afraid to reach out for support when they need it. We all need a helping hand when life gets tough, and we will 'walk alongside' you, whilst you get back on your feet.

KingsCare Contact details: office@kingscare.co.uk

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

TOWN CLERK—Mrs Carol Lakin retires from Town Council after 27 years service!



Our longstanding Town Clerk, Carol Lakin is retiring from Kingsteignton Town Council at the end of this year after 27 years' service having been at the helm since June 2008.

Carol joined Kingsteignton Parish Council in October 1995 as Assistant Clerk. Whilst fulfilling this role, Carol studied to gain her 'Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy' and graduated from the University of Gloucestershire in 2005.

This qualification allowed for the Council to maintain their 'Quality Status', a proud recognition for Carol and the Council, as Kingsteignton was the first local Council in the Teignbridge district to gain it.

Carol was appointed, to Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer in June 2008. As of 1st January 2009, Kingsteignton, formerly one of the largest villages in the UK, became a 'Town', and Carol then became the Town Clerk. Carol continued her studies and achieved an 'AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting'.

Carol has been a member of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) since 2000, to ensure that all policies, up-dates and local government requirements for the Council are adhered to and has attended National/Regional and Practitioners' conferences.

In the role of Town Clerk, Carol has been involved with various recreational facilities, town events, maintenance duties and liaison with Councillors.

When KYC (Kingsteignton Youth Club) was handed back to the Town Council, Carol became one of the Trustees alongside others.

Celebrations for our late Queen's Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilees' have all been overseen under Carol's reign, with the latest being in June 2022, where Carol was involved every step of the way and even spent her evenings sewing bunting in the week running up to the Royal cake bake and cream tea event held at the Community Hall!

Carol also worked with others on the Kingsteignton Garden and Craft Show.

In March 2020, the entire world was thrown into disarray with the Covid pandemic, leaving us all in unprecedented times never seen before. During this time, Carol led the Council and its staff by continuing to work from home where possible and council meetings were held by 'Zoom', a completely new experience for most.

Carol is looking forward to her retirement so that she can fulfil various desired hobbies which include, knitting, lacemaking and crocheting, as well as spending time with her family and friends.

Carol would like to thank her fellow staff members and Councillors for all their support and challenging work, as without them, she would not have achieved all that she has in her outstanding career.

The Town Council would like to thank Carol for her timeless work and dedication to the community of Kingsteignton. There are few people who can claim to have served their community over such a long career and we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

NEW TOWN CLERK

Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke has been appointed as the new Town Clerk, having served as the Deputy Clerk since May 2018. During this time Michelle has gained a vast amount of knowledge of the Council's responsibilities. She also brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience having served in the military, Devon and Cornwall Police and Teignbridge District Council.



FINANCE OFFICER TAKES ON NEW ROLE

Mr Phil Banner, Finance Officer, has been appointed as the new Responsible Finance Officer having served the Council as the Finance Officer since August 2019. Phil has a wealth of financial experience, having worked as an accountant all of his career.

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Cllr Dave Ripping —CHAIR OF FINANCE

Councillor Dave Ripping, joined Kingsteignton Town Council in 2019. He was elected as chair of the finance committee in May 2022, taking over from Councillor Bill Thorne. Dave is also deputy chair of the works, services and planning committee. He is also the council's representative for Rydon Primary School.

Dave has lived in Kingsteignton since moving from Teignmouth in 1998 and since retiring from the Royal Air Force in 1992 after 22 years service, finishing as recruitment sergeant at the Exeter careers office, Dave then worked for Westland Helicopters in Yeovil as a technical author. His career there led him to become a principal engineer controlling the printing and worldwide distribution of aircraft maintenance manuals. Dave finally retired in 2008 and has since been enjoying playing golf at Dainton Park, where he has been a seniors committee member and captain twice. Stover Canal Trust are fortunate enough to have Dave as a trustee as well.



WE WELCOME OUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr Alys Tillson-Hawke

Alys is a Devonian, born in Exeter she moved to Kingsteignton over 30 years ago where she has lived with her husband and two daughters. She is a local violin teacher and performs on the violin and viola professionally. Previously she has worked on the committee for Dunkeswell Kart Racing Club (now known as the Mansell Kart Race Club), she supports her husband in his racing nationally and internationally. Alys is in the process of cutting back with her work commitments and is now keen to support the local community with a particular interest in education.



Cllr Lloyd Goodall

Lloyd was born in Devon and although he moved away when he was younger, he returned when he started his own family in 2010. A proud serving member of the British Army, of which he is a veteran of all recent conflicts, Lloyd moved to Kingsteignton 4 years ago.

Lloyd has been involved in local youth football for a few years and is also a football coach. He is keen to continue with his community work hence being elected.

FAREWELL TO ASSISTANT CARETAKER Mr Jason Lewis

We recently said farewell to our Assistant Caretaker, Mr Jason Lewis. Jason was a valued member of staff and we would like to express our sincere thanks to him for his work within the town over the last 18 months, and wish him every success for the future.



KING'S TEIGNTON RAM FAIR—PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you help organise the Kingsteignton Ram Fair? The Fair is currently run by a committee of seven people. In order to ensure the fair can continue to run in future years we need support from volunteers not just for the fair itself but also in the run up. We are looking for two volunteers to work alongside the committee. We need someone who is able to arrange the entertainment for the fair and a second person to liaise with and organise the volunteers who assist on the day. Both people would be overseen by the committee.

There is no need to attend committee meetings or join the committee, but you would need to be available on the day of the fair (29th May 2023).

If you think you can help, please call or text 07305 238960 or email info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE CHANGES as of 30th October 2022.

Please visit our website www.kingsteignton.gov.uk and go to the 'Around the Town' heading and then the drop down to 'Bus Timetables' prior to travelling. You can also view the changes as well as other travel information, through the Travel Devon website <https://www.traveldevon.info>

KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL HELP PRIMARY SCHOOLS MARK THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Kingsteignton Town Council donated a Weeping Silver Birch tree to all three of the towns primary schools, along with a time capsule which pupils were able to fill with items that represent the present time, including a face mask relating to the Covid pandemic.

Time capsules were placed into the ground and buried by Mayor Councillor Ron Peart and Mr Dave Turner, maintenance supervisor for the town council.

Plaques for each tree and time capsule were donated by Steve Bristow Stonemasons.

St. Michael's Primary School



The inscription on the time capsule plaques were: 'This time capsule was buried by Mayor R Peart, Kingsteignton Town Council to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022', and the inscription on the plaques for the trees were:

'This tree was donated by Kingsteignton Town Council to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022'

Both the council and schools would like to thank this local company for this kind donation.

Pictured left: St. Michael's Primary School children of all years (as in the Summer term), holding their time capsule. Also pictured at rear, Mrs Liz Thompson, school governor and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart.

Kingsteignton School



Pictured right: Kingsteignton School—The current year 6 children, (as in the Autumn term).

During the Summer term, every class within Kingsteignton School, decided which items they would place inside their time capsules. The leavers of year 6 (at that time), placed some photographs of themselves which had been taken whilst they had been on their last residential trip at Skern Lodge, Bideford.

Rydon Primary School



Pictured above: Alex and Valeria of Kingsteignton School's current year 6 (as in the Autumn term).

Pictured left: Rydon Primary School children with the town council's school representative Councillor Dave Rippling (rear left) and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart.

Proud to have served for HM Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on 19th September '22

The End of an Era written by Captain Richard England – Royal Marines Commando, a resident of Kingsteignton.

On the 8th September 2022 the British royal family received the deeply sad and distressing news of the Queen of the United Kingdom - Queen Elizabeth II's passing. From that very moment, the nation and indeed the entire world, was plunged into mourning for the loss of possibly the most famous and influential female figure in history. It is fair to say that there will never be another monarch like her. She gave her heart and soul every day of her life as a servant to the United Kingdom, its' realms, territories and the commonwealth, reigning with grace and dignity for 70 years. Whether a royalist or not, it is undeniable that the Queen has been ever present in all our lives and is the only monarch that most of us has ever known. In a paragraph littered with superlatives, she was unshakable, consistent and enduring; a tenacious character who has been a great ambassador for world peace and racial equality. Steadfast, dutiful and dedicated, she has been Patron to 600 or more charities, and has been a symbol of strength, power and inspiration for women worldwide and a shining example to us all.



From a military perspective, the Queen's passing (referred to as D-Day) initiated 'Operation London Bridge' which triggered a flurry of military activities and procedures across the land, bearing a series of codenames which sound like something from a Bond movie. Whilst the nation went into mourning, the military went into overdrive as it prepared to perform one final, but hugely important duty to the Queen. D-Day + 10, Monday 19th September 2022 would be the day of the funeral. The police, security services and other agencies dealt with the retrieval of Her Majesty's body from Balmoral Castle and set the conditions for a public event on a scale never before seen. Men and women from regiments across the Royal Navy, Army and RAF had 10 short days to learn, practice and perfect complicated drill movements, carrying rifles and swords on the march or on horseback. They had to clean, paint, iron, buff and polish every bit of brass and leather on their ceremonial uniforms until they could see their faces in it. After several long days of rehearsals in various states of dress, with and without band music, polishing until hands had calluses and marching many miles until feet had blisters, conditions were all set for the final decisive encounter.

It is hard to describe the scale and magnitude of the operation undertaken to execute such an elaborate and complex public funeral procession with all its pomp and ceremony, seamlessly in the centre of London. Unless witnessed first-hand, it is difficult to fully appreciate or comprehend. On a personal note, I was honoured and privileged to be given the opportunity to be part of something so prestigious and historically significant. My duty was to be part of a ceremonial armed escort of Elite Royal Marine Commandos to protect the Royal Navy Sovereign Guard pulling Her Majesty's coffin from Westminster Abbey to Westminster Arch where she would be transferred into the State Hearse for her onward journey to King George Chapel, Windsor Castle. I have been asked many times whether I enjoyed it. It is very hard to say as I was far too busy puffing my chest out with pride, trying to stay in perfect step with the man in front and trying not to mess things up, live on television to consider the loss to the nation to truly take in the sense of the occasion. The crowd were silent and respectful, the atmosphere was eerie and the occasion passed within the blinking of an eye without hiccup, is all I can really say. Perhaps this duty will be one to contemplate over retirement I think.

Today, the level of influence of the British Empire has greatly diminished. To many, the Queen was the last surviving symbol of more sure and steady days for the kingdom. We were all told by historians that the funeral of Churchill was the requiem for Britain as a great power. But actually, as Britain struggles today with internal strife over economics, politics, its imperial legacy, and national identity, it could really be over now that the Queen has finally gone.

The Queen is dead, long live the King!

**RESIDENTS... please let us know your views on how you would like
Kingsteignton to celebrate:**

**The Coronation of
KING CHARLES III ~ SATURDAY 6th MAY 2023**

E-Mail suggestions to: clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk or leave a message on our Facebook page or write to:

Clerk, Kingsteignton Town Council, Council Office, The Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton,
TQ12 3LP

AVIAN INFLUENZA (Bird Flu)

From 7th November 2022, it will be a legal requirement for all bird keepers to keep their birds housed and to follow stringent biosecurity measures to protect their flocks. This applies whether keepers have commercial flocks, or just a few birds in a backyard. Link to the housing order:-

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \[Logo\] \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-birds-outside-the-law)

The decision was made by the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer, as the UK continues to face its largest ever outbreak of avian influenza – with over 70 cases since the start of October.

You should be vigilant for any signs of disease in your birds and seek prompt advice from your vet if you have any concerns.

You can help protect your birds and prevent avian flu by maintaining good biosecurity on your premises, including:

- housing or netting all poultry and captive birds
- minimising direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds - including making sure that their feed and water is not accessible to wild birds.
- preventing access by poultry and captive birds to ponds and watercourses
- cleansing and disinfecting footwear and equipment before and after contact with poultry and captive birds (or changing into clean footwear before tending to your birds)
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting hard surfaces in areas where birds are kept
- reducing the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination, and using effective vermin control
- keeping fresh approved disinfectant at the right concentration for use at farm entrances and before entering poultry and captive bird housing or enclosures

Full details of what is required can be found on the government website - www.gov.uk/bird-flu

You can also find a self-assessment checklist at the above link to help you put the measures in place, as well as more information about the virus.

You can keep up to date with any future changes by regularly visiting the avian influenza section on the government website, and by registering for email or text alerts -

www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds, you should call the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 if you find:

- one or more dead bird of prey or owl
- 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks) 5 or more dead birds of any species

The Food Standards Agency advice remains unchanged, that avian influenza poses a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.



DEFRA

TEL. NO:

03459

335577



KYC Kingsteignton Youth Club

Come along and join in at KYC, Broadway Road, TQ12 3EH

Wednesdays KYC for 14 - 18 years, 6pm—9pm £1 entry (please check our Facebook page to make sure this session is running prior to visiting).

Thursdays KYC for 8-11 years, 5:30pm - 8pm £3 entry (reduced to £2 for youngest of siblings if attending together).

Fridays KYC for over 11 year olds, 5:30pm - 9pm £2 entry

Registration forms will be available at the door at the beginning of each session, a new form must be completed for each young person.

KYC Youth Club and volunteering enquiries, please contact our Youth Leader, Michelle Whatty
Email: kyc.m.whatty@gmail.com or Tel: **07394 966958**

KYC Management Committee, are looking for a new member..

"KYC needs a volunteer to join the small management committee which meets every couple of months and is responsible for looking after the Centre and promoting KYC youth club. We especially need someone over 16 with a little time and the skills to help our secretary or do simple maintenance jobs."

If you are interested please contact KYC Secretary

Email: kyc.suerollason@gmail.com

Rooms for hire in KYC Contact KYC Committee Secretary on 07598 752 896 for details



Pictured above left:
Kitchen and
seating area.



Pictured above
right:
Disco/games
room.



Pictured bottom
centre: Small
sports hall.

Size 17m x 9m

Suitable for
childrens' parties
and indoor sports.

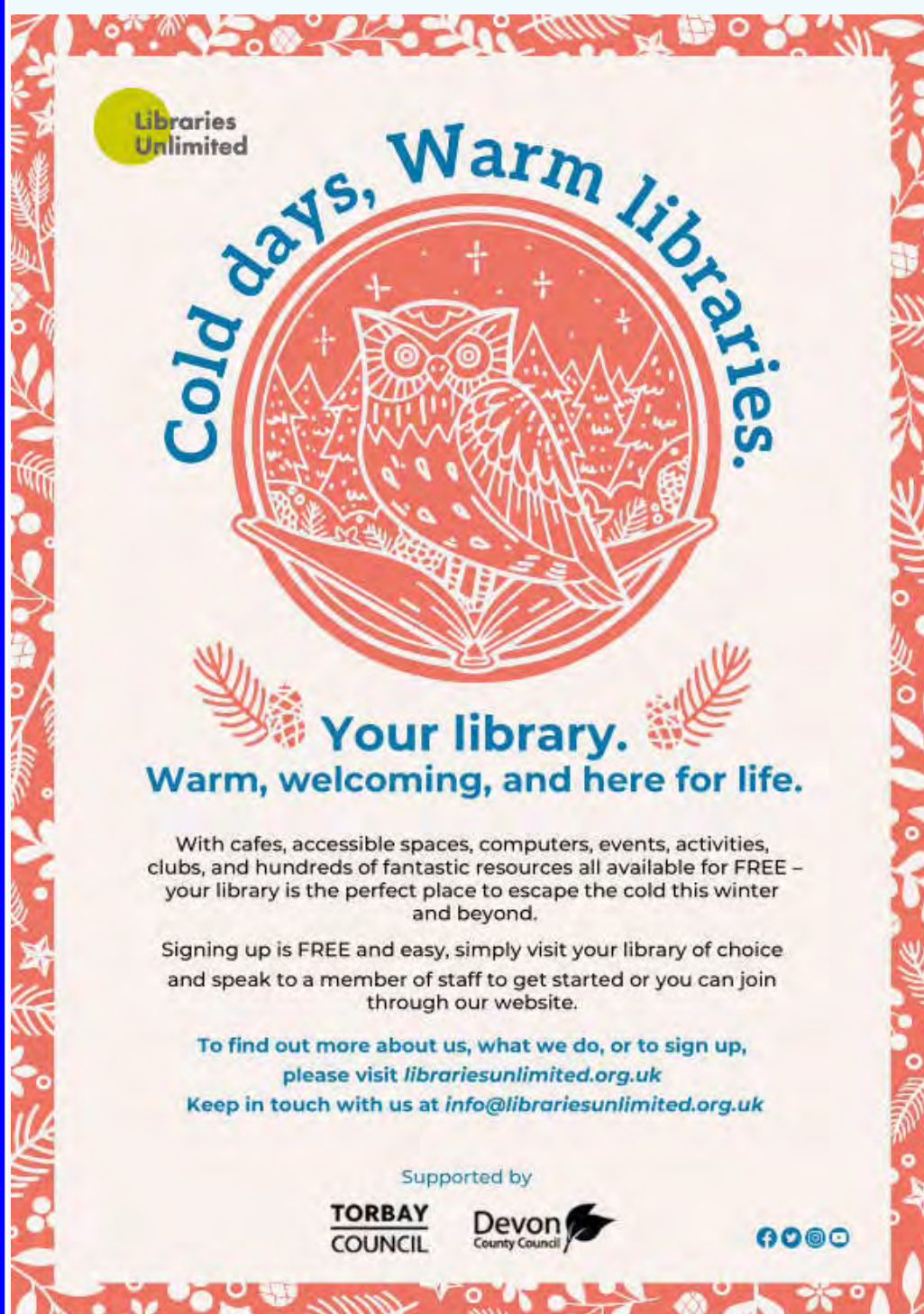
Equipped with:

Internet TV, WiFi,
two screens, new
disco equipment,
speakers, disco
lighting, and two
pool tables.

KINGSTEIGNTON LIBRARY EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL...

To support our community our local library is offering a place to keep warm and enjoy a hot drink whilst using their facilities during their normal open hours.

Please don't stay home and get cold this winter, a warm welcome awaits you from Emma and the team, make use of the free Wi-Fi, public computers, borrow some lovely books or jigsaw puzzles or book. Why not join in one of the library's events as listed below and meet other residents from our community!



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Signing up is FREE and easy, simply visit your library of choice and speak to a member of staff to get started or you can join through our website.

To find out more about us, what we do, or to sign up,
please visit librariesunlimited.org.uk
Keep in touch with us at info@librariesunlimited.org.uk

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Opening Hours:-

Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday **Closed**

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Thursday **Closed**

Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Do you know that your local Library isn't just about books?

There is so much more going on for our community to get involved in...

Children's Story Time:

Wednesday 2:30pm-3pm

Scrabble Club:

Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

Bounce and Rhyme:

Friday 9:15am-9:45am

Knit and Natter:

Friday 10:30am-12:30pm

LEGO Club:

Saturday 10am-12:30pm

Booking is essential for all events due to limited spaces, so please contact the library by either telephone, email or by visiting the Library. Donation of 50p required please.

Kingsteignton Library, Newton Road, Kingsteignton, Devon, TQ12 3AL (opposite Lidl's car park)

Tel: **01626 367980** E-mail: kingsteignton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk Facebook

KINGSTEIGNTON FOOD LARDER LAUNCHED BY TOWN COUNCIL

In November 2022, Kingsteignton Town Council launched a community food larder for residents in need. It is situated in the porch at the front of the Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP and is open 24 hours a day.

Our aim is to help support residents who are struggling financially.

So 'Take what you need and bring what you can'.

If you can donate anything to help, it would be appreciated. Non-perishable goods preferred.

We would like to thank our local Co-op, Kingsteignton, for also supporting us with their donations.

'Thank you'



HAPPY TO CHAT

The Town Council have installed a 'Happy to Chat' bench at the Fountain, Kingsteignton.

This is a bench that invites anyone to sit and chat.

Chatting enhances mood, mental well-being and promotes happiness.



Rowcroft Hospice

Open Gardens

Will you consider taking part in Rowcroft's Open Gardens by opening your garden to the public?

We're looking for all types of garden – be it big or small, formal or wild, floral or veggies, town or country – that you can showcase to your local community while raising funds for Rowcroft.

Closing date 31 January 2023



To sign up or to find out more:
Call 01803 217419 or email
georgina.harris@rowcrofthospice.org.uk
rowcrofthospice.org.uk/open-gardens

rowcroft
hospice



Registered Charity No: 282723

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH —VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPEED OF THE TRAFFIC TRAVELLING THROUGH THE TOWN?

WHY NOT JOIN THE LOCAL SPEEDWATCH GROUP?

We do hourly sessions to suit peoples availability between sunrise and sunset.

For more details please take a look at our website:

www.communityspeedwatch.org

Or just call Lin on: 07767776216

MRS JACKIE EDWARDS RECEIVES ST. BONIFACE AWARD

Mrs Jackie Edwards, known by many as Kingsteignton's town crier, is also a long standing well-respected member of St. Michael's Church and active member of our community. Jackie received a 'St. Boniface Award' from the Diocese of Exeter, presented by Bishop Robert at a ceremony held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

A St. Boniface medal is conferred by the Bishop of Exeter upon individuals who give outstanding service to the church and wider community.

Jackie is the fundraising force behind Devon Historic Churches Trust, even taking part in her own sponsored cycle at the age of 70. Jackie also recently walked the boundaries of Kingsteignton on the town council's 'Beating the Bounds' event in August. Jackie also is the parish safeguarding officer for her church. She's active on the PCC, organises flower arranging and set up a local bereavement group.

The Rev'd Mark Smith, of St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton, said, "Jackie is the life and soul of any party, as Kingsteignton town crier she is anything but quiet, and is well known throughout the town; if you want anything done, she's your woman." Her support of the vicar, assistant vicar, church wardens and others has been noted as unflinching, caring and practical. Jackie is the first to volunteer, and will go out of her way to help and show love to others. Mark said, "Jackie is one of the brightest lights that the Mission Community has in the community, she portrays her faith as vital and fun to the people she meets and sows seeds wherever she goes."

To find out more about the award ceremony, you can read about it here:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/company-of-st-boniface/st-boniface-2022-award-winners/>



NEW DANCE GROUP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Raddon Hill dance group have just introduced traditional dance practice sessions at Kingsteignton Community Hall on Tuesday evenings. Dances are made up essentially from two simple steps, so very easy to learn. It's a fun way of keeping fit and an opportunity to make new friends. No partners required so please feel free to come along and join in on your own.

We are a friendly bunch of people and we enjoy a good social life. Please come along and meet us, the more the merrier. Practices can be done in trainers and track suit bottoms etc.

For further information you can telephone Triss and Ron on 01626 367173 who will be happy to chat with you and answer any questions you may have, or simply come along; no prior booking is required.

Dance sessions will be held throughout the autumn-spring of 2022/2023 at Kingsteignton Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3LP on Tuesday Evenings from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

Each new attendee is entitled to two free practice sessions.

We look forward to meeting you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY ON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS UNICEF UK GOLD AWARD



Pictured above: St. Michael's Primary School year 6 children, proudly displaying the banner and certificate for the UNICEF UK Gold Award, along with Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart on a beautiful Autumn day.

St. Michael's Primary school in Kingsteignton has been awarded Gold by UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School programme.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life. There are over 600 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales that have received Gold. St. Michael's is one of very few schools in Devon to have won the Gold award.

The school has been working with UNICEF UK since May 2019. They received their Silver certificate in November 2020. St Michael's Primary school were awarded with the Gold certificate to mark their achievement at a whole school gathering attended by Mayor of Kingsteignton Councillor Ron Peart.

Headteacher of St Michael's Primary School, Kate Arnold, said: "We are incredibly proud of the work our Rights Ambassadors have done and the relationships they have forged with local community members. They have done a fantastic job working with adults and children to promote rights across the school and within the community."

The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

The UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools initiative is aimed at schools across the UK, including those in an early years setting. Currently, it works with nearly 5,000 primary schools, secondary schools, schools for children and young people with special educational needs and pupil referral units across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Schools have reported a positive impact on pupil behaviour, relationships and well-being by enhancing pupils' self-esteem, leading to less truancy and bullying, better learning and improved academic standards.

KINGSTEIGNTON – ORBEC TWINNING ASSOCIATIONS

by Mrs Elizabeth Thompson, Joint Secretary, KOTA

Le Jumelage/Twinning ~ Visit to Kingsteignton ~ October 2022



*Pictured above left to right: Mayor, Councillor Cllr Ron Peart, and from Orbec * Ines Chabanne and * Dame d'Atour.*

On Saturday 22nd October, 40 adults and 11 children from Orbec and La Vespiere, in Normandy, arrived in Devon to spend a short but much anticipated few days' stay with Kingsteignton and Orbec Twinning Association host families locally. KOTA members were delighted to see their French friends in person after the annual Twinning Exchange visits had to be suspended due to the Covid pandemic.

KOTA members always enjoy wonderful hospitality and a full programme of entertainment when visiting Orbec and La Vespiere and try to ensure our longstanding friends from France have a similar experience. The photo above shows Kingsteignton Mayor Cllr Ron Peart extending the formal welcome to our visitors, with Gisele Motio, President of Orbec Twinning Association and Orbec Councillor Virginie Mil responding on behalf of our visitors and the Mayor of Orbec, all announced by Kingsteignton Town Crier Jackie Edwards. KOTA Chairman James Woulfe added the Members' welcome and Luc Desandre acted as Interpreter. Ines Chabanne is the current holder of the historic title, used in years gone by to describe a "lady-in-waiting" to a high ranking lady of the French court.

The Twinning bonds are forty three years strong and many of the current KOTA members were founding 'twinnings'. Over the years KOTA and Orbec memberships have grown and ages of members now span 5 to 90+ years.

Our French friends are guests of KOTA and local hosts when visiting Devon,

with KOTA twinnings receiving similar generosity when in France. The visit's Programme of Activities is varied and caters for members of all ages and is funded through regular fundraising and social activities and successful applications for appropriate Grants.

Following the Reception Supper on Saturday evening, held in the town's Council Offices' Hall, host families enjoyed spending Sunday with their visitors in many different and exciting ways: visiting local places of interest, journeying up the River Exe and cream tea on board, always popular visits to Dartmoor to see the ponies families even travelled to London by train to visit the sights and shops, riding on the London Eye during their visit.

On Monday, the final day of the visit, everyone joined in the fun of a morning at Dingles' Heritage Fairground near Lifton. Everyone enjoyed the various indoor funfair rides – the Ghost Train and Dodgems had particular appeal – and the Museum displayed the showmen and women's way of life in days gone by.

We bade our friends au revoir early the next day, with our very best wishes and thanks for travelling to spend time with us the bon voyage. We hope to meet again in Orbec and La Vespiere next year!

To find out more about KOTA, new members are welcome to make contact by Facebook (Search 'KOTA Kingsteignton Twinning')



Pictured above: Smiles all round at Dingles Heritage Fairground

Pictured below: The twinning groups supper at the Kingsteignton Community Hall



MAYOR AND MAYORESS AROUND THE TOWN WITH LOCAL GROUPS THROUGHOUT 2022

On Sunday 14 August, Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart, Mayoress, Mrs June Peart and Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards attended **Abbbrook Park Bowling Club's** annual fund raising charity day in aid of raising funds for KingsCare League of Friends.

Mr Slinger opened the event with a short history of how the club had been formed in 1985 by Watts Blake and Bearne, China Clay Company. Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart praised the club for having such a well kept bowling green and good facilities for it's club members and said, "It is so important that clubs like these help raise funds for our local charities." The KingsCare ladies then gave a presentation of their work and objectives.

Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards opened all of the fund raising events and Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart bowled the first bowl down the green to start off the fund raising!

The auction and raffle had many prizes kindly donated by sponsors, club members and guests.



The day was a huge success, raising funds totalling a huge **£2,500** which exceeded all expectations.
A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED.



MAYOR AND MAYORESS AROUND THE TOWN WITH LOCAL GROUPS 2022

On Thursday 18 August, Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart (patron) and Mayoress, Mrs June Peart attended **Kings Boxing Club** to present the end of year awards along with patron, former British and WBC World middle-weight champion, Glenn Catley.

The best junior boxer went to Lewis Balouza, the best cadet (16-19 years) went to Finn Addicott, the best senior boxer went to Kingsteignton's very own Sonny Dorrian, the best in the gym went to Kingsteignton's very own female boxer Tegan Syms (14 years), the best improved boxer went to Adar Boke (15 years), the best bout of the season went to Sonny Dorrian and the Kristen Taylor Memorial Award the clubs most prestigious award went to Finn Addicott. The 'Champions Choice' as considered by Glenn Catley to acknowledge a boxer who is dedicated and committed to their training, was awarded to Jago Hubert.

The club also recognised the parents and their efforts in supporting their sons/daughters and their efforts in the gym, this was a first and the club rewarded Nick Timmins for his contribution and help to the club.

Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart said, "It was nice to speak to some of the young boxers and some veteran boxers who attended the event. Boxing is a sport that teaches respect for others and discipline which will help in later life. Head coach, Mr Chris Rattenbury, started the club a few years ago in an empty building owned by local clay company Sibelco and it is down to Chris' dedication to the training of many of our local young people which has resulted in great success with some of our young boxers winning national championships".

The club support a different charity each year and have also made it their mission to encourage and include as many females as possible which is a difficult task to overcome stigma and discrimination.

Pictured right: Mayor Cllr Ron Peart & Mayoress Mrs June Peart with former British and WBC world middle-weight champion Mr Glenn Catley (Patron of Kings Boxing Club).



On Friday 19 August, Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart and Mayoress, Mrs June Peart attended **Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club's** fund raising event '**RAMSFEST**' at their grounds, in aid of the local **#DoltForDeaks Mental Health Charity** and for the **British Red Cross** to help Ukraine. The event a beer and cider festival, was a new venture this year and the club hopes to run it as an annual event in the future.

After talks with the Chairman, Malcolm Wildman and other members of the committee, Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart, cut the ribbon across the entrance to officially open the event and thanked everybody involved for organising it and wished the club every success for the future.

A grand total of £300 was raised, which was presented by Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart to members of the **#DoltForDeaks Charity** in the clubhouse at the clubs fireworks display event, on Saturday 5th November.

Following the presentation Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart judged the Best Guy of the Penny for the Guy competition on behalf of the club and gave a huge congratulations to the three winners and thanked all who made the effort to enter.

Pictured below: Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, with the three winning Guys!



Pictured above: Chairman, Malcolm Wildman, Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, Yola Hodge and Nicky Lumgair-Hodge.





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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.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My wife and I have recently attended a couple of events including: Newton Abbot Civic Service held at St. Mary's Church, Abbotsbury for the service themed 'HOPE', the KOTA (Kingsteignton and Orbec Twinning Associations) 'Twinning Reception' for their French visitors, which was held at the community hall.

Earlier this year to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we presented all three primary schools with a tree and a time capsule to fill with memorable items of this time. I have since visited the schools to finish the burying of the time capsules and lay the granite plaques against the trees and above the time capsules.

Finally with higher food prices, Kingsteignton Town Council has installed shelving inside the porch area at the community hall entrance to serve as a food bank for those in need. Also with higher energy costs we will be working with KingsCare regarding a warm space for residents who need help. If you need advice please either contact Citizens Advice Bureau, KingsCare or myself on the number above. I ask you to please keep an eye open for people on their own who may need some help.

Mayor, Councillor *Ron Peart*



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