



# Kingsteignton Town Council

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Mayor's Charity 2023/2024  
"Walking Alongside"  
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## Kingsteignton in Bloom



The presentation of the prizes for Kingsteignton in Bloom took place on Wednesday 16th August at the Old Rydon Inn.

The prizes were awarded by Mayor Councillor Ron Peart and Councillor Martin Field.

First prize winners of each category were awarded a trophy, a certificate and a garden centre voucher.

Second and third prize winners received a certificate and a garden centre voucher.

All other participants received a letter of thanks.

*Photo above shows:*

The  
**'Best Garden of the Year'**  
the overall winning garden  
of the competition.



*Pictured left:*

Mayor Cllr Ron Peart  
Mr Graham Dunn—  
Winner of the 'Garden  
of the Year'  
Councillor Martin Field



## Kingsteignton in Bloom 2023 Winners Presentation



### **KINGSTEIGNTON IN BLOOM WINNERS 2023**

**Best Small Garden:-** 1st Place - Lee Denmead, 2nd Iveta Kennard & Oliver Blackhall, 3rd—Sylvia Saxton

**Best Large Garden:-** 1st Place - John & Jo Payne, 2nd—Diane Dumbleton, 3rd—Sylvia Saxton

**Best Vegetable Garden:-** 1st Place - Patrick Hooper, 2nd—Barbara Harder & Sue Welland, 3rd—Colin Down

**Best Senior Citizens Small Garden:-** 1st Place - Graham Dunn, 2nd—Graham Lucas, 3rd—Tony Parker

**Best Senior Citizens Large Garden:-** 1st Place - Colin Down, 2nd—Barrington Heath, 3rd—Patrick Hooper

**Best Single Hanging Basket/Window Box:-** 1st Place—Susan Vincent, 2nd—John & Jo Payne

**Best Group of Hanging Baskets/Window Boxes:-** 1st Place - Graham Lucas, 2nd—Tony Parker, 3rd—Susan Vincent

**Best Single Container:-** 1st Place—Lee Denmead, 2nd—Tony Parker, 3rd -John & Jo Payne

**Best Group of Containers:-** 1st Place - Sylvia Saxton, 2nd -Lee Denmead, 3rd -Diane Dumbleton

**Best Recycled/Reclaimed Garden:-** 1st Place - United Reformed Church

**Best Childrens Garden:-** 1st Place - Phoebe Dodd, 2nd—Sophie Lancaster

**Best Childrens Container:** 1st Place—Phoebe Dodd

**Best Commercial Property:-** 1st Place - Royal British Legion , 2nd— The Old Rydon Inn

**Best Garden for Primary Schools, Pre-schools, Nurseries & Childminders:-** 1st Place—Rackerhayes Pre-school, 2nd—Rydon Primary School, 3rd Place—Kingsteignton Primary School

**Best Garden of the Year was won by:-** Graham Dunn

All other participants were given a letter of thanks to show our appreciation for them entering the competition.



## COUNCILLOR BERYL AUSTEN RETIRES FROM TOWN COUNCIL AFTER 30 YEARS!

Town Councillor Beryl Austen has retired from Kingsteignton Town Council, formerly parish council after serving the community of Kingsteignton for 30 years representing the East Ward. Beryl was first co-opted to the parish council in 1993 and has since been elected in 7 local elections.

Beryl served two terms as chair of the parish council in years 2003 – 2005 and when Kingsteignton gained status as a Town she was our first Deputy Mayor in 2009-2010 and in the following year became Mayor. Beryl later fulfilled the role of Deputy Mayor for four consecutive terms from 2017-2021 and again this last year from 2022-2023. A lady who has been very much involved with the community since having moved to Kingsteignton in 1987 from being a former hotelier in Teignmouth.

In her years, Beryl has served as a school governor of St. Michaels C of E Primary School, was a member of the fund raising committee applying for the bids for building of the Kingsteignton Youth Centre and has been chair of the KYC trustees and management committee and continues as a committee member to this day. She has also been a council representative for the trustees of Kingsteignton Village Trust as well a tree warden for Oakford Lawn. She is also a trustee of another charitable trust serving the needs of local residents.

An active lady, Beryl was a founder and is also a life member of the U3A (Teign University of the Third Age) a group of retirees who consider themselves as 'retired but not retiring', who share their life skills with other members. She is also an active member of the Post Meridian W.I.

Beryl has also served as an Independent Teignbridge District Councillor over many years with a particular interest focussed on the planning committee, which she has held the position of Vice-chair as well as Chair. She also had the privilege of being Chair of Teignbridge District Council in 2006. Ideford Parish Council were also fortunate enough to have had Beryl as their Councillor too.

Kingsteignton Town Council give their sincere thanks to Beryl for her long service and achievements for the council and to the residents of formerly the village and the now town of Kingsteignton. Mayor Councillor Ron Peart presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a garden centre voucher on behalf of fellow councillors and council staff.

We wish Beryl all the very best for a long, happy, healthy, retirement and hope she is able to spend a lot more time with her family and friends.

*A few words from Beryl herself:- Just wanted to thank all of the council staff and councillors for your kindness on my departure. I have grown to respect and feel affection for you all over the years and will miss you.*

*Since we sold our hotel and shops in 1995 the local councils have kept me involved and glad to be busy. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with three town clerks, all of whom have been pleasant and efficient workmates.*



## FAREWELL TO FORMER COUNCILLORS



We have recently said farewell to former councillors Ian Burrows and John Stacey.

Ian joined the town council in May 2022 and served the council well during his term. (pictured right)

John was co-opted in November 2021. (pictured left)

Our thanks go to them both for serving their terms in office and for all they have done on behalf of our towns residents.





## Maintenance around the town

Success in being awarded the 'Tidy Teignbridge Grant' from Teignbridge District Council allowed for the town councils maintenance team to get the Leats in Crossley Moor Road and Longford Lane cleared of debris and weeds in early June this year.

The funding also allowed for the two new Facilities Maintenance Officers to attend Chapter 8 training, permitting them to carry out more roadside works around the town and also for new litter picking equipment to be purchased. A community litter pick is also to be organised, so please look out for a date to be announced.



It's lovely being able to walk along the Leat area without the nettles. Well done team and thank you to the guys!

Crossley Moor Road Leat after being cleared



Thank you to the maintenance team for clearing this area, you've done a great job!



Sandygate stream between the green at Sandygate Mill and Lower Sandygate—(before and after photos)



It really makes a difference when you walk this long pathway, well done!

Coombesend Road pathway leading to footbridge over the A380 (before and after)





Kingsteignton Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards accompanied by Consort Mr John Hart, opened the King's Coronation celebration event which was held at the community hall and grounds on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Coronation was screened live from London and residents gathered to watch the crowning of Kings Charles III and Her Majesty the Queen, a historic moment to be remembered by all.

Outdoors, children had fun being entertained by 'Wizzbang' with creative balloon modelling, puppets and games, Mane Events provided the bouncy castle/assault course, soft play area, giant Jenga and Connect 4. Faces Glitz & Glam painted many faces and glitter tattoo's to children and adults alike. Union Jack hats and commemorative badges were handed out.

Food and refreshments were provided by The Box Bar Devon, The Coffee Stop, The Fat Pony Gourmet Burgers & Fries and Apps Ice Creams.

Music and dancing took place in the marquee with The Liberty Sisters, Steve Parr - Pure Diamond and The Back Beach Boyz performing live throughout the day.

Kingsteignton Mayor and Mayoress joined in the days celebrations!



*Pictured above: Consort Mr John Hart and Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards*



*Pictured above—The Back Beach Boyz,*

*Pictured below —The Liberty Sisters*



*Pictured above: Face painted brother and sister!*



*Pictured above: Steve Parr's—'Pure Diamond'*



## Kingsteignton Annual Town Meeting - presentation of grant cheques

Mayor Cllr Ron Peart welcomed Kingsteignton residents along with representatives of our towns clubs and organisations to the Annual Town Meeting which was held at the Community Hall, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Councillor Peart informed attendees of what the town council does in the town and the responsibilities that it has taken over from Teignbridge District and Devon County Council.

Presentations were also given by Cllr Julie Scagell, Chair of the Community Hall and Recreation Committee of the work that her committee has achieved within the last council year from May 2022 to May 2023, which has included the Kingsteignton in Bloom competition, the installation of the new play area in Clifford Park, Beating the Bounds, the swift boxes being occupied and replacement of the cutlery and crockery at the community hall, the late Queen's Jubilee Celebration and the planting of the Weeping Willow tree, maintaining benches and the additional staff for the maintenance team.

Mayor Cllr Ron Peart, Chair of the Works, Services and Planning Committee spoke of how the town council are consultees only for planning and forward their comments to Teignbridge District Council Planning Committee, who then make the final decisions. This committee also continue to maintain and install new bus shelters, maintain pathways around the town, which since having the additional maintenance staff, have been able to make vast improvements. Ron also spoke about the Finance Committee in the absence of the Chair, (Councillor Dave Ripping). He advised that the precept had been the most challenging this year. The town council continue to support local groups and facilities and give extra financial support to the Kingsteignton Swimming Pool and Youth Club as these are under extreme pressure and are extremely important assets to our town and its people.

Presentations of grant cheques were then made to the representatives of the following Kingsteignton clubs and organisations: Allotment Association, Aspirations, Bowling Club, Football Club, Rackerhayes Pre-School, Sea Scouts, Stover Canal Trust, Swimming Pool, Teign School Farm, Tennis Club, and Youth Club.



*Pictured above: Back row left to right: Mayor Cllr Ron Peart, Steve Robinson, Craig Field, Hayley and Amy, Elly Maynard and Anne-Marie Whiting, Paul Taper, Maryanne Elliott.*

*Front row left to right: Liz Maynard, Hilary Downing, Pete Hearnden, Soo Panayi, Michaela Lumgair, Melian Kearney.*

Residents raised the following issues:-

- Potholes, were one of the main issues raised, Mayor Cllr Ron Peart confirmed that Devon County Council had received 9.4 million from the Government for spending on the counties 8,000 miles network of roads to address this matter.
- Speeding was another concern which Town Clerk, Mrs Michelle-Lewis Clarke advised that actions had already been taken and are in progress. Cllr Alys Tillson-Hawke advised that there is a community speed watch group and invited any residents to join. A crossing in Longford Lane was also raised by an elderly resident.



## NEW BOUNDARY STONES

During the last 'Beating the Bounds' walk, it was noted that some of the boundary with surrounding areas was not marked by boundary stones. It was previously raised, several years ago, as an item that the council should correct.

After being supplied with suitable stones, by Sibelco, work was undertaken by Councillor's Dave Ripping and John Stacey to engrave the stones.

Lettering was engraved on the stones to indicate the boundary of Kingsteignton with Ideford and Bishopsteignton. Permission to install the stones was gratefully granted by the relevant landowners, Paul Rusden and Patrick Hooper.

Two of the stones were installed on the 26th April 2023 with a third stone waiting till a later date. The first stone was installed on the Hestow Road at the boundary with Ideford. The second stone was installed at the entry to Kingswood on Humber Road at the Bishopsteignton boundary. This was achieved with the help of Council staff and Julian Hull of Hulls Landscapes and a colleague who made the movement and installation of the stones from the Council yard to both sites possible.



## TOWN COUNCIL STAFF QUALIFY AS FIRST AIDERS

All town council staff received First Aid Training on 24th July 2023 from Daisy Training. Following a full days' theoretical and hands-on practice, all staff qualified (includes all staff employed at the time of training).



## KINGSTEIGNTON MAYOR AND DEPUTY 2023—2024

We are pleased to announce that Councillor Ron Peart was elected and has continued as Mayor for the next year until April 2024 and Councillor Bill Thorne who has been a councillor since 2011, has been elected as Deputy Mayor.

This is Ron's 6th term in office as Mayor and he is dedicated to his role, he attends many clubs and organisations events, throughout the town.

Mayor Councillor Ron Peart has also continued to support the 'Walking Alongside' mental health charity.

### Mayors Message

June and I attended the funeral of Jill Morris which was held at Parkers Chapel, Newton Abbot.

Jill was a former parish/town councillor for many years and had run the Garden & Craft Show for the council and was very involved with the swimming pool. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by all.



June and I also attended Mike Walters's funeral held at St. Michaels Church Kingsteignton. It was a nice service and well attended, Mike was a nice man and he will be sadly missed in the community. Mike was a former Mayor of Kingsteignton and always made sure Kingsteignton was well represented.

Celebrating the Coronation of Kings Charles III was not to be missed, so we joined the community in celebrating at the Community Hall, where we had a wonderful day. We watched the Coronation live on the screen in the hall and joined in the royal quiz before enjoying the live music in the marquee put on by Steve Parr Pure Diamond Tribute Act, the Liberty Sisters who sang songs from the past years and the Back Beach Boyz singing Sea Shanties.

I would like thank staff for all their hard work in making this event a great success, and councillors who attended on the day to help out.

Next day on Sunday 7th May, my wife June and I attended the Royal British Legion for lunch at our local Kingsteignton branch to Celebrate King Charles III Coronation.

Before Lunch we joined them in a game of Bingo which I did manage to win a line. Then upon sitting down, a 4 year old boy said to his Father, "look the King is here" it must have been the chains! We then moved into the back room where June and I sat at a special table laid with a King Charles tablecloth on. We were served with a selection of food and at the end of the meal I cut the first slice of cake for everyone to enjoy. We had a great time and managed to speak to many members who enjoy using the club.

We then went on to our next invitation in the afternoon of May 7th to the United Reformed Church, Church Street Kingsteignton. This was to also celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

As part of the celebration we all made our way to the Leat along Berry Lane that runs down to St Michael's Church for the annual boat race. I was not sure what to expect, Miss Catherine Harris had lots of small plastic floats with numbers on. Catherine put some in the water and we watched them make their way down to the bowling club, where the winning number was fished out.

We then returned to the United Reformed Church Hall for refreshments. June and I tried a cream tea with a difference, the scone had been made from a recipe called 'Tuff Cake', June and I thought they tasted better than the usual recipe. We then had a chance to speak to other people there and were told they are expecting a new minister as Rev'd Phil Nevard had now moved on to a larger church. It was a nice afternoon.

Our next invitation was to attend the Annual Ram Fair, our town crier opened the event and June and I crowned the May Queens. This is always a great event and lots of stalls and attractions to see, it was a sunny day and well attended, we are looking forward to next year.

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## Mayors Message continued...

The 31<sup>st</sup> May Kingsteignton Town Council held their Annual Town Meeting. This event is held in the Community Hall at the end of each council year. It was a chance for residents to meet their town councillors and ask questions and for us to explain what our committees do.

We also gave out grants to local groups and it was a pleasure to help fund some of their projects.

June and I attended Stover School Colour Run on 26th June, this event was organised by Stover School in recognition of their pupil, Lottie Byron-Edmunds who is being made the youngest honorary director of the hospital trust. That honour was bestowed upon her due to her nearly 12 years of campaigning about organ donation and fund raising.

The 180 pupils were sponsored to run between them, the number of miles from Torbay to Birmingham Children's Hospital, where Lottie became the smallest person in the world to receive a liver transplant in August 2011.

The event was great fun to watch, the pupils of the school had to run around the playing field whilst having paint dust thrown over them, they ended up covered in many different colours of paint. June and I decided to stand well clear when the children ran past us!

After the colour run Sir Richard Ibbotson, a trustee of the NHS, made a speech and said because of Lottie's fundraising efforts the trustees will give Lottie a place on the board of trustees. To end the day Singer Songwriter, Nick Tilley who wrote Lottie's Song The Gift of Life, did a live rendition and performed other well known songs, whilst parents and children enjoyed a welcome food break in the afternoon sun.

Both June and I enjoyed the day and managed to speak to Lottie's parents and Sir Richard Ibbotson, and Mr and Mrs Notman, Headmaster of Stover School and teachers and parents.

June and I were also invited to attend Stover School Speech Day and Prize Giving on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Lunch was served in the Library at 1pm, followed by canapes and drinks. Other Mayors and special guests attended this event and one teacher reminded me that I had plastered his house 15 years ago, it was good to catch up and chat.

The prize giving started at 2pm in the large marquee outside, this was full of parents and their children ready for the prize giving. The event started with music played by Stover School Band with a rendition of Superstition. Headmasters Address, followed by presentation of Awards, more music from Stover School Choir, Head Girl's Address by Pei Tsen Lin, Pei could not speak English when she came to Stover School. Then Head Boy Anton Shirt addressed all present, they both did a great presentation. Guest speaker Dr Amanda Quartly who gave a speech about how shy she was at school and ended up working for IBM and then Google.

June and I enjoyed the event and could see from the prize giving that the pupils at Stover School have excelled in all areas of Academic, Sport, Arts and Music subjects.

The next event was to judge the Kingsteignton In Bloom Competition. The judging was over two days Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Councillor Martin Field and myself and our communications officer Mrs Shirley Simmons who took the photos, visited all of the gardens entered. The standard was high and it was a difficult decision to pick the winners.

The Prize giving and presentations of cups, certificates and prizes took place at the Old Rydon Inn, on the 16<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm

The pictures of the residents gardens were shown on the large screen for all to see. Councillor Martin Field and myself were pleased to see over 40 residents in attendance to see if they had won a cup, or a certificate and voucher.

It gave me great pleasure to hand out the prizes as Mayor and to see the faces light up when their name was announced. Everyone who entered had their photo taken inside with their cups and certificates, anyone who didn't win this year, were given a letter of thanks for entering the competition. We then all went outside for a group photo to mark the occasion, prior to returning back inside for refreshments and a chance to speak to residents about their gardens.

I would like to thank everyone who entered Kingsteignton In Bloom, Cllr Martin Field for judging the gardens with me, Our Clerk, Michelle Lewis- Clarke and her staff for all their hard work in making this event a success. Charlie and Amy Tinnyunt and their staff at the Old Rydon Inn for providing the food.

Mayor Cllr *Ron Peart*





## POLICE SURGERY FOR KINGSTEIGNTON RESIDENTS..

**27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm at the council offices.**

Come and meet PC Charlie Haggerty and PCSO Sharon Roffey and some of our Town Councillors to discuss any issues you may have.

## KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Mayors Civic Carol Service - 8th December**
- **Outdoor Carol Service -15th December**

## TOWN CRIER SWEPT THE FLOOR WITH AWARDS!

Congratulations to our very own Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards, who swept the floor winning four awards at the Ilminster Town Crier Competition on the 13th May this year!

We couldn't be more proud of Jackie, having won the prestigious 'Home Town Ambassador' award, the 'Best Dressed Town Crier', a special crystal bell award from Ilminster Consort for 'Best Woman Overall' and the 'Joint Best Dressed award' with her Consort, Mr John Hart.

Jackie and her Consort Mr John Hart represent Kingsteignton and at a few town crying competitions throughout the country during the year.

Jackie will also be taking part in the Newton Abbot Town Crier competition on Saturday 9th September, so look out for her if you are in town!

Did you know that our Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards is available to hire for your event?

If you would like to find out more, please contact Jackie by email: [jackie.edwards.uk@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.edwards.uk@gmail.com)



## KINGSCARE PLEA FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS—COULD YOU HELP?

Local charity KingsCare are looking for volunteers to help with transporting elderly and sometimes disabled people to medical appointments or places like the opticians etc.

If you could offer just a couple of hours or more to either drive your own car or the KingsCare minibus to help transport these people in our community, then please do get in touch with our transport manager—

**Mr Andy Gould at KingsCare on: Tel: 01626 357090**

- Fuel expenses will be paid and training will be given for disability handling.
- DBS checks will also be required.



## COMMUNITY HALL CAR PARK NOTICE

As the Autumn term has just commenced for our schools, we would like to remind parents/carers who will be dropping off/picking up children who attend Rydon Primary School that you are welcome to use the Community Hall car park to drop off and pick up but may we please ask that you park considerately.

Please park in marked bays only and not on double yellow lines or in council staff parking bays. Also, to alleviate congestion, please do not park for more than a maximum of 10 minutes unless you are visiting the hall or council offices. There is also a one-way system in place and a 5 mile per hour speed limit.

## KINGSTEIGNTON BOWLING CLUB

The bowling club have this year been able to purchase new tarmac, which has been overlayed around the perimeter of the club building, thanks to the generous grant from the town council's grant scheme.

The bowls committee deemed it necessary to renew and seal the walkways as loose gravel, from bowlers shoes, was finding its way onto the new top grade bowls surface which could consequently cause damage.

Kingsteignton Bowls Club wish to thank Mayor Councillor Ron Peart, fellow councillors and all the staff for the help given to their club, morally and financially, during the years.

If you would like to have a go at bowling, why not get in contact with the club by email: [kingsteigntonbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:kingsteigntonbowlsclub@gmail.com) or call the club house on: Tel: 01626 332523







## KING'S TEIGNTON RAM FAIR



The weather was glorious at this year's Ram Roasting Fair and lots of fun was had by all. Zara Hug Williams was crowned the May Queen for 2023 and Evie Hickson was crowned the Coronation Queen in honour of the Coronation of King Charles III and HM the Queen. Weeks of practice paid off for the maypole dancers and they performed several dances on the day, including the visually stunning Spider's Web. There were lots of stalls and activities throughout the day for visitors to enjoy. The Fair is held every year on the late May Bank Holiday Monday.





## WE WELCOME OUR NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

### Sue Danks

Sue has lived in Devon for over 35 years. She has two grown up children and three wonderful grandchildren. Sue previously worked as a Bank Manager for 17 years but took early retirement due to health issues.

After a short period of retirement and better health, Sue decided to start work on a part-time basis and currently works for Next. Sue loves meeting the public daily and helping in areas that she can within her role.

Loving living in Kingsteignton, Sue feels that with her life experiences and skill sets, she will be able to add value to the town council and its' residents and looks forward to seeing Kingsteignton Town Council continue to thrive in its core values and feels that every small improvement will add to our town's continued success.



### Mark Eggar

Mark has lived in Kingsteignton with his family for 7 years after moving from Newton Abbott. Mark currently works in the NHS as part of a wellbeing team.

Mark became a Councillor through a desire to help the community where he can. Having had experiences whilst serving in the Royal Air Force and Police it has enabled him to understand the importance of community and the need to assist our children with opportunities to flourish whilst also enjoying life. Mark also sees the need to protect the vulnerable members of our community and believes that we all need to make every effort to prevent loneliness and a sense of isolation.



### Janice Gordon

Janice has lived in Kingsteignton with her husband for over 40 years. Her daughter and family also live in Kingsteignton and her son and his family live in Cullompton.

Janice started her working life in the Women's Royal Air Force and had many years travelling and living abroad. When she moved to Devon she took up a post as a nurse, and later progressed to working as a community nurse and then eventually as a social worker for adults. Now retired, Janice is enjoying spending time with her grandchildren and having time to do all of the things you promise yourself when working!



### Obituary of former town councillor and president of Kingsteignton Swimming Pool Mrs Jill Morris



It is with great sadness that in February this year we received the news of Mrs Jill Morris one of our former town councillors having passed away. Jill had been a valued member of the town council fulfilling the role of Chair of the Community Hall/Recreation and Footpaths Committee. Jill was very passionate about being involved with the community and was founder of the Kingsteignton Garden and Craft Show Committee starting the shows in 2009 which continued for 10 consecutive years until 2018 which were latterly known as the Kingsteignton Show.

Jill was also a stalwart to the Kingsteignton Swimming Pool as President of the Committee and a member since the pool began its fundraising, through until the Covid pandemic closed the pool for a while.

Jill will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. Kingsteignton Town Council express sincere condolences to her family and friends.

### Obituary of former town, district and county councillor Mr Mike Walters

It is also very sad that we learnt of the passing of Mr Mike Walters in May this year, following a long illness. Mike was a highly regarded member of Kingsteignton Town, Teignbridge District and Devon County Councils. Mike was Chair of Kingsteignton Parish Council who enabled Kingsteignton to gain the status of becoming a town in January 2009, thus becoming the first Mayor of Kingsteignton Town Council. Mike resigned from the town council in April 2010 but continued to serve Teignbridge District and was elected as the Devon County County Councillor for Kingsteignton.

Mike will always be fondly remembered by all who knew him. Kingsteignton Town Council express sincere condolences to his family and friends.





# KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

## Kingsteignton Committee Reports

Kingsteignton Town Council promotes working together for the community of Kingsteignton and for the benefit of the community. Work is carried out within the following committees:

Finance Committee

Community Hall & Recreation Committee

Works, Services and Planning Committee

The Precept for 2022/2023 was £244,799

This payment was received from Teignbridge District Council in two instalments of £122,399.50– one at the end of April and the other at the end of September 2022.

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The Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Beryl Austen sit on all committees as Ex-Officio.

Work carried out by the Committees during 2022/23 is as follows:

**Finance Committee:** Chair Councillor Dave Ripping and Deputy Chair Councillor Martin Field.

This Committee is responsible for monitoring finances of the Council, Staff and setting the precept and awarding grants to locally based organisations.

### Grants approved for 2022/23 are as follows:

£395.00 The Stover Canal Trust

£500.00 1st Newton Abbot Sea Scouts

£2,785.00 Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club

£500.00 Teign School Farm

£850.00 Rackerhayes Pre School

£500.00 South Devon Aspergers Group

£250.00 Kingsteignton Tennis Club

£720.00 Kingsteignton Bowling Club

£500.00 Kingsteignton Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association

£1,035.00 The Fourth Trimester Postpartum CIC

£18,750.00 Kingsteignton Swimming Pool

£18,750.00 Kingsteignton Youth Club

**Community Hall & Recreation Committee:** Chair Councillor Julie Scagell, Deputy Chair Councillor Ken Jones.

This committee is responsible for the smooth running and maintenance of the Community Hall/Council Office buildings and grounds, the maintenance and upkeep of Clifford Park, Oakford Lawn, designated footpaths around the town and The Fountain area.

In November 2022 we increased our maintenance staff, and we now have a team of 3. This has enabled more town projects to be looked at and completed.

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## **KINGSTEIGNTON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023 cont...**

Kingsteignton Town Council launched a community food larder situated in the Community Hall entrance foyer and its aim is to support residents who are struggling financially. The motto being 'Take what you need and Bring what you can!'.

Many thanks to our local Co-op store who supports the larder by making donations and to all members of the public that also donate on a regular basis. This facility is checked daily by our staff.

Swift boxes have been placed on the gables of the Community Hall to attract birds this Spring and we already have residents.

The ancient tradition of Beating the Bounds, walking the parish boundaries, was carried over two weekends in August.

These walks were led by Kingsteignton Town Councillors' and totalled 17.2 miles. Participants were presented with a medal and certificate.

There were 3 Boundary Stones missing. Two of which have now been replaced and we are awaiting permission for the remaining one to be placed.

Our thanks go to Halls Landscapes who assisted in the moving and placing of these heavy boundary stones.

We have also Purchased new Crockery /Cutlery for the Community Hall. Which comprised of 100 cups/saucers/side plates/dinner plates these were purchased in a simple yet robust white.

This enables us to cater for a party of 100.

And so, to the Towns (many) bench's, I do have a soft spot for a well-placed and maintained bench.

So, our Clerk is starting to produce a rolling maintenance program on all the Towns benches. Again, this is now achievable with our fab team of 3.

We have installed of a picket fence in the grass area at the rear of the Community Hall to help lettings by producing a secure play area.

The Rydon Room has also received a makeover and has been painted and cleaned. We have installed a disabled ramp to give better access and railings on the ramp. We now also have hanging troughs on the railings which make the whole building look more appealing. Hopefully encouraging more residents to book this facility.

The Community Hall grounds have also received a makeover and we are in the process of planting shrubs etc in these areas.

And lastly, our team are re-building the Notice Board on Oakford Lawn. We work closely with Oakford Trust to ensure every aspect of the Lawn is taken care of for future generations.

**Works & Services/Planning Committee:** Chair Councillor Ron Peart, Deputy Chair Councillor Dave Ripping.

The Town Council are consultees for planning applications received by Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council for Kingsteignton.

Councillors continue to tackle litter problems through the Town and contribute £2000 annually to the District Council towards the maintenance of the toilets at The Fountain, to ensure they remain open. This committee also receives relevant road closure notices, which are passed on to councillors and posted on the Town Council Website and Facebook page.

**A full copy of the Annual Report can be viewed on our website: [www.kingsteignton.gov.uk](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk) or by visiting the Council Office.**



## GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT HAND JIVE

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, June and I were invited to the Guinness World Record attempt for the largest hand jive. This was held at the Newton Abbot Rugby Club.

It was here that we met Lottie Byron-Edmunds who was born prematurely on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011. She had a rare liver disease which meant that she needed a transplant. Lottie became the smallest and youngest baby in the world to survive a liver transplant. Lottie is now a bright young girl and it was a pleasure to meet her and her parents. Lottie is raising funds for a permanent memorial to organ donors at Torbay Hospital.

It was a great day with other events going on. Totnes School of Dance gave an outstanding performance and one young man who won the World Championship Tap dance competition in Spain, gave us a demonstration, it was great to watch. We had a great day and enjoyed the event.

Proceeds from a CD called 'Lottie's Song The Gift Of Life' by Nick Tilley, are supporting the following charities;- The Grand Appeal, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Ronald McDonald House. *(Written by Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart)*

## NEWTON ABBOT RUGBY CLUB

June and I were also invited to Newton Abbot Rugby Club's 'Party on the Pitch' on Saturday 12th August.

The event was to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We were greeted by members of the Rugby Club's Committee and were made very welcome. It was nice to meet some of the volunteers and supporters and understand the Club's aspirations for the future.

June and I had no idea how many groups use the Club for their own events, it really is a great venue for the community to use.

The event attracted many families with their children and it was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves outside on the new patio area, which had just been completed with new outdoor benches.

My final duty was a photo with the Chair of the Club Mr Mark Shaddick. June and I would like to thank everyone for showing us around. *(Written by Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart)*



*Pictured left to right:- Mayoress Mrs June Peart, Mayor Cllr Ron Peart and Mr Mark Shaddick, NARFC Chairman)*

## NEW TOWN COUNCIL VAN

An additional van was purchased by the town council in March this year.

This is to facilitate the council maintenance team to carry out additional duties in different areas from each other around the town.

Our team of Facilities Maintenance Officers, Dave Turner, Dan Turner and Gareth Lee, have all received Chapter 8 training, which permits them to undertake pathway & roadside maintenance safely.

We hope you have noticed more work being carried out around the town by us.





## RADDON HILL CLOG MORRIS

Kingsteignton Clog Morris Team, Raddon Hill, have enjoyed dancing out this summer season, proudly wearing their new purple waistcoats which make them distinctive from other local Morris sides. Residents of Kingsteignton have enjoyed watching their summer performances at the Sandygate Inn and Passage House Inn on Tuesday nights.

The team particularly enjoyed performing to German holiday makers, who appreciated the traditional music and joined in the activities with songs of their own.

Raddon Hill are always happy to accept potential new members and they have 'Taster Evenings' at Kingsteignton Community Hall on Tuesdays 5th September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 8.00 to 9.30pm. No experience required, just pop along.

For further information please call Triss or Ron on 01626 367173 or check our Website or Facebook for Raddon Hill Clog Morris.



## KINGSTEIGNTON MEMORY CAFÉ

A memory café is held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Church Street, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3BQ on the second Tuesday of the month from 2pm—4pm.

They welcome anyone with a memory problem, whether diagnosed or not, along with their carer. Refreshments are provided free of charge.

For more information, please call Jackie on Mobile no: 07557 275324 or Email: [jackie.milan@nhs.net](mailto:jackie.milan@nhs.net)

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 14th October 10am—12 noon**

**@ the United Reformed Church Hall, Church Street, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3BW**

**Please come along and join us, everybody welcome ...  
Cakes, coffee, competitions and a raffle!**

All proceeds go to MacMillan Cancer Support Charity (261017 England and Wales)





## RAMSFEST 2023



This years RAMSFEST event took place at the Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club over two consecutive days, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th August. Ramsfest. A total of £230 was raised for #DoitforDeaks and £180 for Rowcroft. Rowcroft also raised funds on their own stall. *(Reported by Amanda Buckler of KAFC).*

June and I and our Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards were invited to open this years RAMSFEST held at Kingsteignton Athletic football ground.

Always a nice event which raises funds for local charities'. After the opening we had a chance to meet local groups and meet members of the club who give their time to make this event a success.

Kingsteignton Athletic had organised a football match with a local team and after the match I presented the Deaks Memorial Cup to the winning team.

This event was well supported and raised much needed funds for the charities.

*(Reported by Mayor, Councillor Ron Peart).*

*Thank you to all who attended and supported this event.*

## SANDYGATE KNIT & NATTER GROUP—

### Supporting Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club in 2023

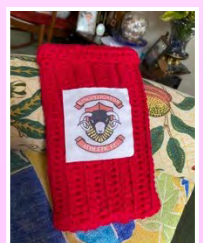
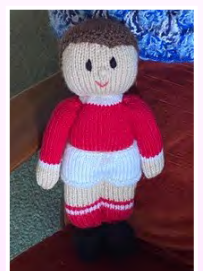
A local group of ladies meet up at the Sandygate Inn to 'knit and natter', meet on a regular basis to knit, crotchet and chat. They make various items such as toys, clothing and blankets etc. They then sell these items to raise funds for local charities and this year they are supporting our local football club, Kingsteignton Athletic, (KAFC).

The group supported the annual 'Ramsfest' at the football club by selling their knitted goods which included hats and scarves with their clubs emblem on, amongst other items.

The group also have an ongoing project with The Neonatal Unit at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where they make blankets and hats for premature babies in the unit.

Each month these friendly ladies have lunch together to catch up and discuss upcoming events. They welcome new members to their group, which is free to join and if you want to learn a new skill then they will teach you. The only rule is that members have to buy a cup of tea or coffee at each session.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, share ideas and get involved in community fund raising projects.



**If you would like to find out more about joining the Knit & Natter group, please contact:**

**Sue Welland on Mobile No: 07989 516881 or by Email: [suewelland57@gmail.com](mailto:suewelland57@gmail.com)**



# KINGS BOXING CLUB AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

## Brave Boxers Awards

The annual awards event hosted by Kings Boxing Academy is a humble but prestigious ceremony celebrating the hard work and achievements of their boxers from the season. The club paid recognition to those who stand out amongst their members for outstanding efforts or excellent boxing in the ring. The ceremony on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July was attended by a large group of supporters, patrons, family, friends, ex-boxers and VIPs joining the squad to witness the winners receiving their awards. The town was represented by The Mayor and Mayoress Ron and June Peart who is also a Parton of the club and a strong supporter of the community gym being a great resource in Teignbridge.

## Local Hero

It was pleasing to see their oldest and most respectable Patron Mr Lionel Hutchings who is weeks away from his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lionel is a big fan of the club and supports the Kingsteignton prospect Sonny Dorrian. Lionel may not be known to today's boxers but was an outstanding sportsman of his era. His boxing career spanned over 52 years as a boxer, army fighter and coach, his amateur boxing record stands at 236 bouts during his 10 competitive years starting at the age of 13, also an additional 50 fights during his deployments in the army and over 40 years as a coach at Exeter ABC.

What was admirable was that fact that he was humble in disclosing his achievements and commitment to boxing, his life-time achievements in boxing over shadows almost every sports person in the area. Kings Boxing Academy paid homage to this outstanding sportsman who still provides support for the club. He is an avid fan of the club's boxers which he looks forward to regular phone calls of their results. He takes great pleasure in reading about the boxers and sends cuttings of the news to his ex-stable mates in Exeter. Let's take a moment to reflect on what dedication and the drive behind such a person who is simply in love with the sport.



## Kings Winners

The winners were carefully chosen from the worthy candidates which presented tough choices because every squad member bring their own qualities to the gym.

The winners announced were as follows; first the club rewarded 4 boxers, Brothers Ryan and Finn Addiscott, Jago Hubert and Sonny Dorrian also their volunteer pad-man John Cooper for their loyalty and commitment over 3 years with engraved plaques. Junior Boxer of the year award went to 11-year-old Myles Bearn, The Cadet Boxer of the year was awarded to Finn Addiscott for the second year running. The Best Senior Boxer of the year went to Ryan Addiscott. The award for Best Improved Boxer was awarded to Jago Hubert who has struggled in previous seasons and battles constantly with the intermittent bus service hindering his attendance traveling from Ashburton to the club showing total commitment.



The award for the Best in the gym was a one horse race and well deserved for 13-year-old Chloe Punter AKA 'Betty'. She has been so helpful and committed to the training as well as supporting and assisting beginners with the basic skills and techniques. The club recognised her outstanding efforts and love of the club. The award for the Best bout of the season went to Sonny Dorrian for his toughest fight to date and one that saw his superior boxing skills and ring-craft out-shine the aggression and brute force of his opponent. Finally, the club's most prestigious award the Kristen Taylor Memorial Award 'The Boxer's Boxer' as chosen by the squad members for recognition and admiration for their inspiration to others went to Sonny Dorrian. Kings Boxing Academy have select places for junior boxers and a full support program for female beginners. Detail on their Facebook page or [www.kingsboxingacademy.co.uk](http://www.kingsboxingacademy.co.uk)





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

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

**Finance**—2nd Wednesday of the month (bi-monthly)

**Community Hall/Recreation** - 3rd Wednesday of the month (bi-monthly)

**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.*

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## **WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER OF STAFF**

We welcome Bex Hooper, who has been appointed as Assistant to the Clerk/Events Officer. Bex joins our team after having worked for Devon and Cornwall Police and in more recent years, working alongside her partner in his plumbing business. Bex is a Mum of three and lives close to Kingsteignton.

Her responsibilities will be to assist our Town Clerk, Michelle Lewis-Clarke and to organise and run Council events.



## **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/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

POTHoles: [DCC HIGHWAYS : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS: [DCC HIGHWAYS : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

OVERGROWTH ON BOUNDARIES: [DCC HIGHWAYS : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/)

DRAINAGE: [DCC HIGHWAYS : 0345 155 1004 www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/](http://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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