

# **Kingsteignton Town Council**

# Newsletter Issue 3 Winter 2023

Mayor's Charity 2023/2024 "Walking Alongside" KingsCare Mental Health Support

Kingsteighton Town Council are delighted to welcome all Residents to their FREE Community Christmas Carol event

Friday 15th December 2023

# Carols Around The Tree 7pm

Community Hall & Car Park, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton

Free Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies with Christmas Cupcakes/Biscuits for the children



Merry Christmas

Wishing all our residents a peaceful Christmas and healthy and Happy New Year

# **Events – Winter 2023 Newsletter Update**



As the festive season and new year approaches, I'm delighted to be able to tell you all about the lovely events we've got scheduled at Kingsteignton Town Council over the coming months.

Firstly, a little clarity. The Mayor's Annual Civic Carol Service on the 8<sup>th</sup> December has needed to become an invitation only event in order that we fulfil our duties with relevant fire regulations. Invites have been issued and we will of course report on the event in our Spring 2024 edition.

In lieu of this, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 we are holding our 'Carols Around the Tree' event in the Community Hall car park, Rydon Road and whilst that venue doesn't sound too appealing, we promise it will be very festive! We would love for you to come and join us in some pre-Christmas cheer by joining in with the carols and enjoying a FREE Christmas drink and mince pie (or cupcake/biscuit for our younger residents) and who knows, the jolly chap in red might even put in an appearance too!

In the new year we launch our pop-up coffee mornings. One Saturday a month we will open our doors, put on FREE tea, coffee and cake and invite you to join us so that we can:

hear how things are going in your local area;

help those who have limited social engagement get a little more company;

enable those who work in the week have a chance to meet other residents;

and generally be more accessible to you.

There will always be some activities for children to get involved in and we would love to see all generations mixing together and getting to know one another.

In February we will run our first photography competition. We would love all ages to get involved in this and there will be differing age categories as well as both rural and urban image categories. Winning entries will form part of the images we use on our website!

Until the Spring, keep an eye on our notice boards, website and FaceBook page for updates on what's happening and when, take care of each other and enjoy your festivities.

Best wishes

Bex

Assistant to Clerk/Events Officer

Kingsteignton Town Council

#### **Mayors Message**

June and I attended the unveiling of Kingsteignton History Boards located at the Fountain in Kingsteignton.

The boards trace back to prehistoric times and included detailed descriptions of the town during the Middle Ages and the Industrial Revolution up to the present time. The new interactive displays were unveiled by Captain The Right Hon Lord Clifford of Chudleigh and myself. Other people attending this event were Lady Clifford, my wife June the Mayoress and town councillors and members of the public. It is important we recognise our history and anyone who goes to the fountain area can read for themselves about our past.

June and I also attended the Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club's Annual Firework Display at their ground on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Kingsteignton Town Crier Jackie Edwards opened this event. It was a great display of fireworks on the football pitch. After the display June and I had to judge the best 'Guy', competition, this was good fun. I would like to thank everyone involved in organising this event and the work they put in to make this a success and to Steve Bristow Stone Masonry for sponsorship.

Mayor Cllr Ron Peart

Pictured opposite left to right:- Steve Bristow, Town Crier Jackie Edwards, Mayoress June Peart and Mayor Councillor Ron Peart

## Lifetime Commitment Award— Presented to Mr Lionel Hutchings from Kings Boxing Academy 2023

On Sunday 29th October at the King's Boxing Academy, Lionel Hutchings who is approaching his 90th birthday, was presented with a 'Lifetime Commitment to Boxing Award' by members of Kings Boxing Academy.

Anne-Marie Morris MP also had the honour of presenting Lionel with an England Boxing Medal from England Boxing head office.

Vistry, a division of Linden Homes, sponsored the belt and a bottle of champagne to commemorate the occasion!

Lionel a true gentleman, and a boxing legend, who started boxing as a teenager at Exeter Boxing Club, progressing through his Army career in the boxing club and many more, has a total of 297 bouts of boxing under his belt! He has been an inspiration to many throughout his life and continues to assist club members in Kingsteignton. He quoted "boxing always kept me out of trouble".

Many V.I.P's attended the event to commemorate over 67 years of Lionel's involvement with the sport.

Mayor Ron Peart, a patron of the academy and a strong supporter of the community gym being a great resource in Teignbridge, accompanied by his wife June Peart attended the awards event held at the Kings Boxing Academy.

Pictured left to right:- Mayoress June Peart, Anne-Marie Morris MP, Lionel Hutchings and his partner Irene Murphy and Mayor Councillor Mr Ron Peart







#### **KINGSTEIGNTON HISTORY BOARDS UNVEILED**

At 11am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Captain The Right Honourable Lord Clifford of Ugbrooke House and President of Kingsteignton History Society proudly did the honours of unveiling the History Boards of Kingsteignton at the Fountain, assisted by Kingsteignton Mayor Councillor Ron Peart.

The six panel history boards (the first one of which is interactive and takes you to:- Exeter Museum), contain information dating back to prehistoric times of when people lived in and around Kingsteignton before the last Ice Age began 110,000 years ago, through to this year's Coronation of King Charles III.

References are made to invaders and settlers, the Middle Ages, the beginnings of agriculture, industry and developments, archaeological findings, the history of the Clifford family and its involvement with the town, in particular its water supply, and key dates of what has happened to Kingsteignton in the last 200 years.



Mayor Councillor Ron Peart thanked Lord Clifford for doing the honours of unveiling the history boards and Lady Clifford, Mayoress Mrs June Peart for accompanying them both.

Special thanks were given to Town Clerk Mrs Michelle Lewis-Clarke and Office Assistant Mrs Caroline Lowe for compiling the boards.

Special thanks also to Mr Richard Harris, Chairman of Kingsteignton History Society who had provided the historical information of the former parish and now town.



It is hoped that the residents of our town as well as visitors, will appreciate and learn about the significance that Kingsteignton has in the history of Devon.

Pictured left to right:

Lord Clifford and Mayor Councillor Ron Peart



#### TOWN CRIER EXTENDS HER CRY TO WIDECOMBE FAIR

Kingsteignton Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards recently took part in two local town crier competitions. The first was at Newton Abbot on Saturday 9th September. The second was at Widecombe Fair on Tuesday 12th September, where Jackie was the first competitor to 'ring her bell and cry out! This was held on a bright sunny day with Uncle Tom Cobley in attendance!



#### Don't forget...

If you would like our Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards to make an announcement at an event you are planning to hold, then please contact Jackie direct.

Please e-mail:-

jackie.edwards.uk@gmail.com







TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

for Kingsteignton

2024

Kingsteignton Town Council are currently working towards holding a Town Crier competition in the Summer of 2024.

This is where other town criers visit our town and participate in the competition where they are judged on various categories when they deliver their speech and cry!

We will update you about the event in our first issue of our 2024 newsletter.





## KINGSTEIGNTON REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Despite the rain, many local residents and veterans turned out to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade. All generations gathered in large numbers to pay their respects to those lost in conflict and show gratitude for their freedom on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Kingsteignton.

The parade was respectfully led by Kingsteignton Royal British Legion's Drummer and Bugler Natalie Parkins, Standard Bearer Dai Orton and Parade Marshal Steve Elliott. Starting from the Royal British Legion Club on Longford Lane, the parade processed along Strawberry Terrace and joined Exeter Road and continued on past the Fountain and up Church Street to St Michael's Church.

The Reverend Sandra Gill and Father Mark Smith welcomed the parade and parishioners to Kingsteignton's Act of Remembrance service. A wreath was laid in church by Hellen Church, Chair of Kingsteignton Royal British Legion. Readings were delivered by students from Teign, St. Michael's Primary and Rydon Primary Schools.

After the church service, Rev'd Gill and the Colour Party processed out to the War Memorial for all to take the time to reflect in the national two minutes silence. Wreaths were laid by Kingsteignton Town Council's Mayor, Cllr Ron Peart, by Mayoress June Peart on behalf of local MP Anne-Marie Morris, Kingsteignton RBL Branch and Club, Post Meridian W.I. and many Kingsteignton uniformed youth groups including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers as well as children from the town's schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

When the act of Remembrance was complete, the Parade reformed and processed to the RBL Club for refreshments.



Kingsteignton Town Council would like to express their sincere thanks to the ladies of the Post Meridian W.I. and friends, for displaying their beautiful array of knitted, crocheted and handcrafted poppies that grace the Fountain in respect of those fallen.

The display of purple poppies draped over the troughs is in remembrance of the horses that gave their lives whilst fighting for our country.



Our thanks also go to all volunteers for their time assisting with road closures in the town.







# REMEMBRANCE WREATH LAYING AT THE WAR MEMORIAL



Pictured above: Bugler, Natalie Parkins







# **LEST WE FORGET**

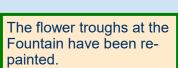
#### What have our Facilities Maintenance Team been doing lately?



The Kingsteignton Town Council facilities maintenance team recently sited the final boundary stone identified as being missing during the Beating the Bounds walk 2022. Councillor Dave Ripping also assisted.

Our thanks go to Sibelco, for kindly donating the stone and to landowner Mr Trevor Davey for his permission.

Lettering was engraved on the stone to indicate the boundary between Kingsteignton and Bishopsteignton.





The Scope charity Clothing Bank has been re-sited to beneath the trees at the front of the Community Hall carpark.



Pictured above left to right:

Facilities Maintenance Officers, Gareth Lee and Dan Turner and Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Dave Turner



Sandygate bridge clearance of overgrowth (before and after)



Ware Cross benches (before and after refurbishment)



#### DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC— TO A CONSULTATION EVENT

#### Re. Broadway Road and Tweenways

Devon County Council would like to invite members of the public to a consultation event, to present plans for a proposed highway improvement scheme to the junction between Broadway Road and Tweenways, close to the Football Club.

The event will be held at the Kingsteignton Community Hall, Rydon Road TQ12 3LP in early January 2024, further dates and details will be posted to the Kingsteignton Town Council Website shortly.

We would welcome any members of the public local to the area or who use Broadway Road on a regular basis to attend the event and our Highways Development Team will look to answer any queries you may have regarding the scheme.'

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## RADDON HILL CLOG MORRIS

Raddon Hill Clog Morris were proud to represent Newton Abbot Twinning Association in their Twin Town of Besigheim, Germany in September 2023.

Our team of Dancers and Musicians, who practice in Kingsteignton, entertained thousands of visitors to the Winzerfest held every two years in the beautiful, old town. They performed on stage in front of the Rathaus (Town Hall) and danced along the streets in a Parade of 65 Organisations, which included many Bands from local towns and villages, Winegrowers, Bee keepers and local activity groups, all making their way through the town in very warm temperatures and bright sunshine!!

Raddon Hill Clog Morris has been proud to be a part of Twinning for over 20 years and has been able to share the old traditions of a style of dancing originating in the North West of England, but now performed all over the UK. The crowds were particularly interested in the Clogs we wear, which produce the sound of the looms, whilst we weave figures with the dance moves and rattle Bobbins from the Mills!

If anyone is interested in coming along to find out more, we meet to practice on Tuesday evenings from October 2023 – end of April 2024 at 8.00pm-9.30pm in Kingsteignton Community Hall, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton. Everyone is most welcome to drop in or alternatively contact Triss & Ron Cummings on 01626 367173 for more information or email <u>info@raddonhillclogmorris.co.uk</u>

Written by "Triss Cummings"



Pictured left to right:- Robin Wells, Sally Parsons, Sally Payton, Michael Seabrook, David Goddard, Frank Sweet, Mary Sweet, Triss Cummings & Ron Cummings.

### OUR FAIRWATER LEAT AND ITS WILDLIFE

I am sure many of you know the history of the Kingsteignton Leat, more correctly "Fairwater", built by medieval monks and fed by springs to power mills before eventually flowing into the Teign.

It is a reassuring constant in a rapidly changing town, reliably flowing, barely changing, summer or winter, drought or flood.

What many of you might not realise is the abundance of wildlife to be found along it, particularly at the top end near its source where I am lucky enough to live and whose garden backs onto it. Apart from the resident Mallards, I have seen Moorhen, Little Egret and Grey Wagtails.

Most exciting though is Britain's most colourful and fascinating bird, the Kingfisher. More often seen as a blue streak racing past, they do say that only the righteous get to see a Kingfisher!

An alternative, old name is the Halcyon. They were said to have a calming affect on rough seas, hence the expression "Halcyon Days" though they certainly set my heart aflutter!

The best strategy for any wildlife watching or photography is to sit quietly and wait; be patient!

I have built a small hide where I can do just that, and wait...... and wait...... AND THEN...... a small spec in the distance: is it? It gets larger, then it comes powering along the leat like a tiny, blue spitfire!

Will it stop, or just race past?

When it screeches to a halt and drops onto one of my perches my heart soars!

It may only stop very briefly before flying on, allowing me to grab a couple of quick shots; other times it will settle for a spot of fishing. It performs a comical, little, Chaplinesque sideways shuffle up and down the perch, all the while staring intently at the water.

A bob or two then a rapid dive. Seconds later it is back with a fish. When its hunger is satisfied it may stay a while and relax, drying its feathers in the sun and preening.

During those privileged few moments of watching, nothing else in the world exists, it is just me and the Kingfisher

Then, as suddenly as he came, he is gone, my brief, magical meeting with the Kingfisher is over...... Until the next time......

Written by 'Philip Rose, a resident of Kingsteignton'.



#### **HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY**

Following on from earlier this year when we gave hedgehog highway packs to those who requested them, we are pleased to have received feedback from a couple of our residents.

The first photo shows the hedgehog highway inserted into a gate. The second one shows a very small hedgehog who was out in the daylight, which is not a good sign as they are nocturnal and this often signifies a problem, such as possibly being orphaned, Michelle took this hedgehog to a rescue shelter. The third photo was sent in by Jade, who said: "It's not the best quality as it was from our outdoor camera, but this hedgehog is now a regular visitor in our garden. We got a hedgehog highway pack from one of the stalls at the Ram Roast this year."

We would love to hear feedback from others who received the packs!





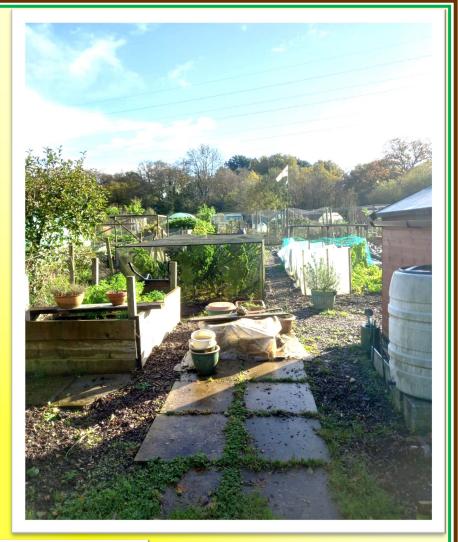


## PLEA FOR LAND ..... SUITABLE FOR ALLOTMENTS

Kingsteignton Town Council are actively seeking land that would be suitable for allotment use to meet the demands of our residents.

We are interested in either renting or purchasing some land.

We currently have a waiting list with 83 residents names on and are making a plea to any landowner who may have land available that could be of interest to us.





If so, please contact us:-Town Clerk, Michelle Lewis-Clarke Email: <u>clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk</u> or Tel: 01626 364089 or Call into the Council Office between the open hours of:-9:30am—12:30pm Monday to Friday

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

#### LOCAL POLICE TEAM UPDATE

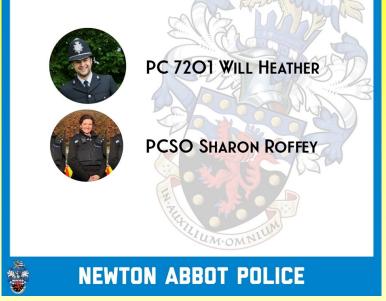


Introducing the slightly changed neighbourhood team for Kingsteignton.

The new Neighbourhood Beat Manager is PC Will Heather, who will work closely with PCSO Sharon Roffey to address community issues.

You will get the opportunity to meet them at the next P.A.C.T. Police and Community Together Meeting – date to be advised.

Our former Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC Charlie Haggerty has relocated to Newton Abbot. Kingsteignton Neighbourhood Team



If you wish to report any non-emergency incidents, please call:

101 or report online Contact us | Devon & Cornwall Police (devon-cornwall.police.uk)

## **TEIGN (Newton Abbot) U3A** - Socialising that's all round good for you

# Are you new to the area, recently bereaved, or maybe you don't find meeting people and making new friends particularly easy?

Often, creating opportunities to socialise requires us to step outside of our comfort zone. But believe me! When you do, you'll make new friends, discover new interests, and enjoy hours of fun. How do I know? Easy! Join the u3a, and if you've never heard of us, you're in good company. At our recent u3a awareness day in Newton Abbot, 80% of people we met hadn't heard of us either.

Teign (Newton Abbot) u3a is just one of the 1000+ u3a in the UK, uniquely for older people - usually those who are retired or semi-retired. There's no strict age limit, but mostly we are over 50.

All our members live in or around Newton Abbot, many in Kingsteignton. We welcome new members and support them as they get to know their way around. We enjoy regular coffee mornings, summer and winter events, and guest speakers at our monthly meetings.

We will be targeting Kingsteignton for new members and are looking to hold activities in the town as soon as can be arranged.

Article written by:

Sue Furness, Publicity,

Teign (Newton Abbot) u3a





KingsCare invites residents to come along to the Mary Hall Hall Suite at the Rydon Community Hall, to enjoy time to have a chat with others, have a nice hot cup of tea or coffee, play games, do a jigsaw, do some colouring or drawing and most of all to keep warm for a couple of hours. This is sponsored by National Grid so that it costs you nothing to join in! Help and support advice for energy/benefits/health & well-being, is also offered. Please just turn up on a Friday afternoon between 2pm—4pm. A warm welcome awaits you!



Pictured above: Shannon from KingsCare chatting with one of our residents.



The Ram Fair committee take great pride in organising this traditional annual event but our Secretary, Sue, Stalls co-ordinator Liz and Raffle co-ordinator, Jan are retiring after the 2025 Fair. Our Chairman, Malcolm and Treasurer, Keith will stay for one more year and that will leave just one remaining committee member – Emma.

We are making this plea for more people to join us before the knowledge and expertise of the current committee disappears.

Did you know that we have a great band of about SIXTY people who pitch up year on year to help set up, man the gates, sell raffle tickets, pull pints and help close down after everyone has gone home? Some of the local Charity stalls supply helpers too. The Kingsteignton Guides and Rangers run the Hoopla stall all afternoon, the Sea Scouts litter pick and empty the bins, The Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church run the Coconut Shy and Kingsteignton Athletic Football Club mark out the sports pitch and run the races for us. A tremendous effort from our local community.

At this year's Annual General Meeting we distributed **£4,400** to local organisations who supported the 2023 Fair.

These organisations use the Fair to promote what they do in the Kingsteignton Community and, also, raise much needed funds. Without the Fair this opportunity would also cease.

Pictured right: Representatives of the organisations who received donations from this years Ram Roast Fair proceeds, along with Town Crier Mrs Jackie Edwards and Mayor Councillor Ron Peart.



#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We need people to join us to organise tasks such as these:

Book the entertainment and be the liaison with Torbay Hospital Radio PA.

Co-ordinate the organisations for the Hoopla, Litter picking, Coconut Shy and Sports.

Shadow the Stalls co-ordinator to take the bookings and organise the plan of the stalls.

Update the Ram Fair programme and arrange printing.

Take the minutes of the meetings and book meeting rooms.

Generally, to get a feel of what is needed to organise the Fair and be able, with others, to be part of the team to replace Sue, Liz and Jan in 2026.

We meet monthly in the evenings, except December, for about an hour and a half. We have three volunteers who aren't on the committee but organise specific tasks and report back to the committee. You may feel you can only take on a small role and not be able to commit to attending every meeting, that's fine. Sharing out the tasks means we are sharing the knowhow and that is the way for the Ram Fair to survive.

If you'd like to help in anyway, please e-mail <u>info@kingsteigntonramfair.co.uk</u> or text/phone the Ram Fair Mobile: 07305 238960



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<u>Council Meetings</u>: 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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| Keeley Gearon (South Devon Alliance) | 07414 764509 |

## **GRIT BINS**

As we are now responsible for grit bins around our town, we would really appreciate it, if residents' could kindly keep an eye on when grit bins become low in grit content, <u>before they become empty</u>.

If they need re-filling, please contact us:-E-mail: <u>clerk@kingsteignton.gov.uk</u> or Phone: 01626 364089



#### **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/ POTHOLES: 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-aproblem/

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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