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SEE QUOTES FROM OUR LATEST COUNCILLORS ...

Kingsteignton Town Council are still looking for one more councillor to join the team and as one of the more recent councillors to join, I would like to say to people out there, if you have some spare time and you’re thinking of doing something like this then go ahead.

I was a little worried at first at volunteering as I am not very good with computers etc. but I must say that I have found it very interesting and hopefully I have been of some help already in my role on the Recreation, Footpaths and Fountain and the Community Hall committees. The post does not involve too much time, mainly two meetings per month and I find giving something back to the community very rewarding. It is a very friendly committee atmosphere, therefore don’t be afraid and put yourself forward like I did.

Cllr John Green

When I saw that my Town Council had a vacancy, I decided that I would give it a go.

Some people think that being a Councillor would take up too much time and would be too scary but I’ve only joined one committee so far and it is very interesting and great to meet new people and basically I have been given the chance to help my town, taking up 2-4 hours only per month.

You can give as much or as little time and effort as you want. The councillors are very welcoming and helpful.

Cllr Jackie Scagell

See over for more about our new councillors....
KINGSTEIGNTON GARDEN, CRAFT & HOBBY FAYRE

THIS YEAR’S SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY
30 JULY, 2016 @ OAKFORD LAWN 10 am—4 pm

Now in it’s 8th year, the Kingsteignton Garden, Craft and Hobby Fayre has now been brought forward to Saturday, 30th July. This is to enable people to exhibit more flowers and garden produce and although it is taking place during the first part of the school summer holidays, it is hoped that anybody who is not away, will be able to attend. Last years show was a great success and the new committee are building on this with more exhibits, entertainment and stalls for the day. Anybody who could not make it last year, will have the opportunity this year to visit and meet the Hildsvin Vikings who will entertain and have their camp set up for everybody to find out about how the Vikings used to live many years ago!

Our thanks go to Sibelco for the kind donation of tables and chairs for use at the show.

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EXHIBITORS SCHEDULE or TRADE & CRAFT STAND ENTRY FORM

Elphic the Circus Performer        Craft Demonstrations        Dog Show
Jacks Zoo                        Hildsvin Vikings            Bouncy Castle
Party Ponies                     Hot & Cold Food

WELCOME OUR TWO NEW COUNCILLORS, JULIE SCAGELL & JOHN GREEN

Julie has lived in the area since 1968. She proudly works for Newton Abbot College and is in her 10th academic year. Married to Steve, her husband, who is a Lecturer at South Devon College and their Daughter (Tasha) is at Plymouth University and is very happy.

Julie says, “I’ve always supported my town either through Teign School, while Tash was there or attending various town events.

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I’m a great believer in the saying “Don’t ask anyone to do something that you wouldn’t do yourself” and have told each new committee member of mine in the past. If everyone gave a little, then a few, wouldn’t have to give a lot. If you think that you would like to be a “Newby” like me, please contact the Town Council.”

Cllr Julie Scagell

John is 74 years of age and has been retired for the last 14 years.

He lived in St. Marychurch in the 1950’s and was Golf Professional at Torquay Golf Club. John then moved to Dorset and subsequently to Hampshire with his profession.

John says, “Although I am actually a Midlander, I have always thought as Devon as my home as I met my wife here, got married and then had two children. When I retired from the Golf Club in Hampshire, I then moved back to Kingsteignton and have been in our current home for the past 12 years.”

I am also a member of the South Devon Railway Association and am very interested in steam trains generally. My wife and I are keen walkers and enjoy walking in and around Devon. I don’t actually play much golf anymore but still enjoy watching it.

I volunteered to become a councillor as I thought at this time in my life, I now have the spare time and energy to work in the interest of Kingsteignton Town Council.

Cllr John Green
Town Crier, Mrs Jackie Edwards carried out her first official engagement, accompanied by Mayor, Cllr Dave Rollason on Monday 7 December, 2015 to proudly present Miss Ella Nosworthy, a Year 6 pupil of Rydon Primary School, with a Certificate and Prize Money of £25 for winning the ‘Design a Robe for the Kingsteignton Town Crier’ Competition. The presentation took place during a Key Stage 2 Assembly with Ella being applauded for her success by Headteacher, Mr Nick Banwell, teaching staff and fellow pupils.

The competition was held between pupils of all ages from both Rydon and St. Michaels Primary Schools during the autumn term, which was then judged by Kingsteignton Town Councillors. A friend of Mrs Edwards, Ms Tessa Brown very kindly made her robe following the design from Ella’s drawing, from which she has made a superb job of, for which we are extremely grateful.

Tesco Express Manager, Mr Kevin Hughes kindly agreed to display Ella’s winning design in the shop window & also presented Ella with a tub of ‘Quality Street’ to celebrate her achievement.

We would like to thank all of the children from both primary schools who took part in the competition.

Mrs Jackie Edwards continued with further duties as she performed a Town ‘Cry’ later on the same evening at the Mayor’s Civic Carol Service, held at the Community Hall, attended by dignitaries from all over the Teignbridge area. Children also from Rydon Primary School, joyfully spread Christmas cheer among the community as they sang their hearts out. A Year 8 pupil of Teign School, Miss Poppy Evans, contributed to the evening by singing a solo number, which was a truly outstanding performance. Our sincere thanks go to all who participated in the Mayor’s Civic Service.

Following on from the festive season, we would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Adrian Bunclark for supplying our beautiful Christmas Tree at the Fountain, Redmayne’s Accountants for providing the electricity supply to power our Christmas Lights on the tree and also for Rev’d David Goddard for conducting our Fountain Carol Service and to Mr Ian Avery for supplying our PA System and to Santa and our ladies’ from the ‘Autumn Leaves Singers Group. A big thank you also, to Tesco Express for supplying the mince pies.

And last but not least, ‘thank you’ to all who attended too!

We hope to see you all again at The Fountain, in December 2016. Date will be advised later this year in our Newsletter and on our website.

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Mayor's Message, CLLR DAVE ROLLASON

Dear Residents,

Looking back over the year since the General & Council Elections since I became Mayor, the Council has lived up to its plan to modernise process and structure to deliver better services and better support to the community. There is still a way to go but we have made a good start on the journey to ensure the Town Council is strong and capable of meeting the growing demands and expectations of our expanding community. First I must emphasise nothing could be done without the initiative, support, hard work, drive and determination of the councillors and officers of Kingsteignton Town Council.

Our first steps to meet the pressing challenge that unprecedented growth and development is presenting to our Town came with adopting a Strategic Plan defining our ambitions and work for the next five years, and to support this we adopted a Financial Strategy.

Budget: Checking out with our neighbouring Town Councils we realised the Town Clerk’s office was under resourced, and were we not maximising funding opportunities. The council approved a long term Financial Strategy including establishing a part time Finance and Events Officer post.

Budget management has been transformed; the Officer, Town Clerk and Chair of the Finance Committee met with Teignbridge District Council concerning the funding due to Kingsteignton from all the development. Funding for new services and projects can be planned more clearly and accurately, including the mix of council funding and money from developers and grants. This will enable us to achieve much more in future.

Green Spaces: In terms of protecting and improving open spaces, we are currently working on a project to upgrade Clifford Park & have 5 companies seeking to work with us, including fund raising, to make further major improvements providing health and wellbeing and recreational opportunities. The Council were active in the successful lobbying of Teignbridge District Council to stop the further erosion of protected green space on Penns Mount by developers. We are in talks with TDC over the improvements to cycle ways and other parks in the town.

Grass cutting is now a full part of the Councils work programme and you will notice the verges are cut more frequently than when under the control of DCC.

Development: The problems of congestion and pollution which result from poor infrastructure planning and provision within the development programme have proved more difficult to progress. We continue to lobby and have made a small contribution by extending our Community Hall car park. However, the call for “Infrastructure before development” first heard in Kingsteignton is gaining traction in many other towns and parishes. We recently welcomed the news that a new primary school will be built, but not soon enough to prevent emergency provision being needed in existing schools. Kingsteignton Town Council has been warning against this unfortunate state of affairs for many years and is in discussion with Teignbridge District Council concerning their budget shortfall for the new school.

Community: Kingsteignton Town Council resolved to play a greater part in promoting and supporting community organisations. The Council has continued to play a vital role in supporting our Youth Centre which has been growing from strength to strength since its rescue from DCC cuts in December 2014. Recently the Council has reinforced its support and help for the Swimming Pool. The Council has raised a record amount for this year’s Mayor’s Charity, the Sea Scouts. Local Schools have given terrific support to our Civic Service, also attended by a record number of civic dignitaries from Councils across Teignbridge; our newly appointed Town Crier Jackie Edwards opened the Kingsteignton Civic Service and has played an important part in our work with schools and other events including the very successful Carol Service and the Garden, Craft and Hobby Fayre at Oakford Lawn which is coming again on 30th July 2016. She is also promoting us beyond our Town borders.

Local Schools and the Patient support voluntary organisation KingsCare League of Friends are helping design our new history garden in the overgrown waste land in Oakford Lawn. The newly introduced Town Centre Carol Service (December 2014) at the Fountain increased numbers participating in its second event last December with a welcome mince pies contribution from the local shops and a donation of the largest Christmas tree yet.

Economy: In reality Town Councils have little power and duty in respect of local economy compared to District and County Councils. Undeterred, Kingsteignton Town Council has debated the Devon County Council / Teignbridge District Council devolution strategy and HMG Planning Policy amendments and intends to maintain an interest and a voice in all major debates that impact on Kingsteignton.

Locally we are having conversations about enhancing our town centre, commonly known as the Fountain including improving access to Oakford Lawn.

On a more modest scale we believe in creating fun and business events such as the Ram Roasting Fair and the new Garden Craft and Hobby Fayre at Oakford Lawn that will help traders and voluntary organisations as well as put Kingsteignton on the map. The Vikings will return to the Garden Craft and Hobby Fayre.
UPDATE ON PLANS FOR CLIFFORD PARK

Plans to develop Clifford Park into a community facility for all to use and enjoy irrespective of age or ability are progressing well. We now have a Friends of Clifford Park Facebook group with 105 members at the last count. In February we had the first meeting to form an action group to help progress the development and provide opinions from all age groups.

We have a concept design for the park, pre qualification packs have been issued to playpark equipment suppliers which have now been received back by us to be scored by the council, in order to select which contractors will be invited to tender their design proposals.

A detailed design proposal for Clifford Park will be available soon for public viewing and consultation. Please let us have your thoughts, views and suggestions.

Councillor Malcolm Stevenson Chairman of Recreation/Footpaths/Fountain Committee

MAYORS CHARITY ASSISTED LOCAL SCHOOL BOYS EXPEDITION TO CAMBODIA 2015

Teign School Year 12 student Christopher Beeks, recently made a presentation to Councillors of his expedition to Cambodia which took place last Summer, to say 'thank you' for their support of £200 which he received from the ‘Travel Fund’ set up by former Mayor, Mr Keith Howard in 2011. The project involved helping a community by improving sanitation, education, healthcare and by being able to have clean drinking water. The effects of these life changing experiences for our youngsters will benefit not only the communities in Cambodia but also themselves by self-development.

Christopher had to raise funds to support the overall costs of £4,305.88 to enable him to take part in the expedition with ‘Camps International’. Christopher commenced his fundraising in Spring 2015 by applying to Kingsteignton Town Council and also by organising various events such as a poker night with raffle, holding competitions, sweet selling and supported by his mother Tammy a well known Face Painter, by both being sponsored and having their heads shaved, as well as Christopher using his own birthday and Christmas money!

Keen to follow in his brother’s footsteps, Lewis Beeks is now fundraising for his trip to Cambodia during the Summer of 2017 and has also applied to Kingsteignton Town Councils Travel Fund.

TESCO GRANT — PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR OAKFORD LAWN

We are proposing to develop an overgrown scrub area of approximately 20m x 50m on the side of Oakford Lawn bordering Broadway Road, by utilising unused valuable greenspace into a history garden.

The project aims to clear the site and provide lawns and beds connected by foot ways with information demonstrating the history of Kingsteignton and in particular show how cultivation for food and recreation has changed over the ages. Where possible we want to show off as great a range of biodiversity as space and climate will allow. It is envisaged replica artefacts and drawings will be displayed to highlight the change in context of the social and economic story of one of Devon’s oldest known settlements.

We want to encourage adults, especially older and disabled people to explore the history garden and then enjoy Oakford lawn and become frequent visitors. In this respect the project will have social, recreational and also health and wellbeing elements to it. We also want to encourage the responsible use of Oakford Lawn by younger generations. Our local schools are happy to help us by engaging pupils in the detailed designs and planting.

By increasing openness and the number of visitors we hope to improve responsible use of the lawn by everyone including dog owners. For additional security we are seeking to install CCTV monitoring, reflecting the fact Oakford Lawn is in off the main thorough-fare.

We have just received notification from Tesco that our ‘Grant Application’ has been voted for by the public and that we will be awarded with £8,000 within the coming months, which will allow us to proceed with our project and make it a reality for our community to enjoy.

Cllr Dave Rollason, Mayor
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Full Council - 1st Weds of the month
Recreation/Footpaths/The Fountain & Community Hall - 2nd Weds of the month
Finance and Works, Services & Planning - 3rd Weds of the month)

For up-to-date information, check out our website: www.kingsteignton.gov.uk

Message from Mayor—Cllr Dave Rollason

I would like to thank all Kingsteignton Town Council, Councillors and members of the community who have helped me throughout the past year, during my term of office of Mayor of Kingsteignton.

Dave Rollason, Mayor

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