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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear Members

We cannot let this year go without recording our sadness on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We held a very well received afternoon tea party on Thursday 2nd June as part of the village's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The afternoon was made complete with live singing by Denyse Donnell, a Jubilee themed raffle and film footage of the Coronation. This was followed on 16th June by an Ingatestone Community Cinema screening of the film, *The Queen*.



Platinum Jubilee tea party

Following The Queen's sad death on 8th September we were happy to open our doors to live-stream the State funeral on 19th.

Membership 2023

2022 membership prices were discounted

to compensate existing members for the period of closure of the Centre the previous year, due to Covid. There will be no increase in fees for 2023 but there will be no discount. The full fees are therefore; £25 for an individual; £20 for a concession; and £39 for a couple.

Please renew your membership early to continue benefiting from discounted prices in the bar and for tickets for the *Community Cinema* and other IFCA events.

Ingatestone Community Cinema

Our monthly afternoon films attract a regular following but our attempts at family films and evening screenings less so. Films have included classics like *Top Hat* and modern dramas such as *Knives Out* as well as true stories such as *Dark Waters*. Look out for screenings of *A Christmas Carol* on 15th December and 2023 starts with another true story, *The Duke* on 19th January.

Behind the scenes

In August we entered into a new five-year arrangement with colleagues in Fryerning to work together to operate and maintain Fryerning Parish Room.

We are very pleased that in April we agreed a new three-year contract with *Peter Smith* to run the bar and kitchen.

IFCA accounts for the year ending September 2022 show we made an operational surplus of nearly £27,000 and most pleasing is that the bank loan has fallen to £59,833 from £79,970 last year.

Focus on trustees

The year started with the sad death in February of one of our longest serving supporters and trustees, Des Felton. Des suffered a fall last Christmas followed by a stroke while in hospital. He was aged 84.

March saw the 90th birthday celebrations for Lilian Hunter who has served as a trustee and chairman and leading light for over 12 years. Lilian was treated to a champagne afternoon tea at Pontlands Park by IFCA friends and colleagues.



Lilian Hunter – IFCA Chairman

The current trustees are;

- Peter Batchelor
- Jim Donnell
- Jenny Fowle (Treasurer)
- John Galvin (Secretary)
- Lilian Hunter (Chairman)
- Tom O'Connor
- Teresa Ravenscroft, and
- Paul Wisbey.

Snooker

The snooker tables have been refurbished courtesy of a donation from the Rotary Club of Ingatestone and we now have a resident snooker team. Give it a try!

Other news

- A large section of the rear car park was resurfaced in the summer at a cost of £8,500.
- The Hanging baskets – courtesy of Peter Smith – received a commendation in the Summer Horticultural Show
- There will be 'free parking' at the Centre on 23rd December & Christmas Eve.
- The Christmas Market in association with Ingatestone Rotary Club takes place on Sunday 11th December.
- All are welcome at Peter's fish & chip Fridays and Thursday pensioners' lunches. Similarly our excellent Tuesday Coffee mornings hosted by Debbie & Emma
- The office will be closed between Christmas and the New Year
- The IFCA AGM will be held on Friday 17th February 2023 at 7.30pm. Formal Notice will be given in the New Year.

The IFCA Trustees and staff wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
