



Heath Farm Leisure Facilities

The land at Heath Farm is earmarked to provide amenities for the residents of Kings Hill and surrounding parishes. Early plans included a memorial garden, netball & tennis courts, allotments, bridle paths, picnic area, riding stables, jogging tracks and football pitches.

Three applications have been submitted by Liberty and are with TMBC for consideration. One of the planning applications is for 9 football pitches and a large pavilion with bar and function rooms. The facilities are designed to cater for the whole of Kent and be operational 7 days a week, 8.00am till 10.00pm. There are also plans for a floodlit Astroturf football pitch.

This plan will cause immense parking and

traffic problems as there is only one access road which could have to cater for up to 20 or more home and away teams with supporters arriving by coach everyday and more at weekends. There will also be staff and visitors cars using the facilities on a daily basis. In places the road is too narrow for a car and coach to pass!

In addition drivers (especially sat-nav users) would approach Heath Farm via Discovery Drive, past the school, compounding the existing problem at Discovery School.

The original plans provide local residents with a wide range of facilities, which is clearly better for local residents. In contrast, the new proposals will lead to many residents avoiding the facilities.

The decision to approve or reject the new proposals lies with TMBC. The Parish Council have objected to all applications submitted by Liberty.

If you want Heath Farm to offer something for everyone including our own football teams then look out for the flyer being delivered across Kings Hill, addressing the various issues. There will be a web site **www.yourheathfarm.com** where you can download emails and letters to send to TMBC. This initiative is being led by a group of Kings Hill residents who hope you all support **a Heath Farm for everyone**

The Residents Group

Control Tower Update

As many of you may be aware, I have been gathering information and discussing the fate of our historic, Grade 2 listed but very neglected Control Tower.

The positive feedback about possible uses that has come in to the Parish Council from residents has been extremely useful. You have been keen to develop the tower in the following ways:

- Museum/library
- Artist studios to support local arts and crafts
- Coffee shop and citizens advice
- Craft centre

Most of all, you wanted the Tower to retain some of its history.

Since your feedback in January, I have been speaking to Liberty. They have ideas and have proposed plans which they are discussing with architects and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council. Liberty is not in a position at this time to share these plans

with the Parish Council. However the Parish Council have been assured that they will be involved in consultation and I look forward to hearing about the plans for the Control Tower and the immediate surrounding area in the very near future.

My last email reply from Liberty ended with them being concerned about the state of the building and the costs that may be

incurred in bringing it back to use. If you have comments or suggestions about the Control Tower please email them to: **office@kingshillparish.gov.uk**. I will keep you informed of any developments either through the website **www.kingshillparish.gov.uk** or in the Autumn edition of The View from The Hill.

Sue Woodcock



The Kings Hill Community Centre

The centre of your community

What is The Kings Hill Community Centre?

The Kings Hill Community Centre building at 70, Gibson Drive is brought to life on a daily basis by the public who come to the centre to join in the extensive array of activities on offer for all age Groups.

The centre currently houses the Kings Hill Pre-School, The Youth Club, The Church of England has a service here from 9.00am – 11.00am on Sunday mornings, and The Christian Fellowship has their meetings from 9.00am – 12:30pm on Sunday. The baby clinic, national blood service, KCC, Weightwatchers, Women's Institute and KINARA (over 50's group) also meet here regularly at the centre

We have 3 halls of varying capacities, 3 smaller rooms and 2 kitchens available for private bookings including wedding receptions and adults or children's parties. People also book them to put on

tabletop sales, or to promote their particular interests.

These are very well used by our regular hirers, who provide activity groups or classes, on a daily basis, for all ages. These include:

For pre-school children we have Tiddlers and Toddlers meeting group, Toddlers Craft, Baby signing, Spanish lessons, Dancing, music & games, and music groups.

From Young to 7 we have Karate, Spanish lessons, Dance Classes and Ballet Classes.

From 7 – 12ish we have junior kickboxing, sewing club, boys' street dancing, musical theatre and Spanish lessons.

For Teens we have Youth Club, Kickboxing and Self defence.

And the **Adults** aren't forgotten with

kickboxing, exercise classes, watercolour painting class, salsa, self defence, yoga, bridge and white collar boxing available.

We are always being asked for more groups, so if you would like to lead or join in a new group; say, chess club, board game evenings, reading group, knitting circle, etc., then call me and lets see what we can arrange.

We are hoping to put on a number of standalone events during the school holidays, and throughout the year, so please keep your eyes on school and community centre notice boards and your local advertising booklets. It won't all be for children!

If you wish to enquire about joining any groups, make a private booking or start a new group then please contact :

Hilary Wren, Centre Manager

Tel: **01732 220 919**
between 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday – Friday

Email: khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Future events at The Kings Hill Community Centre

Shopping Fayre

19th July 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Table top sales Including Jamie at Home, Virgin Vie, Bodyshop, AG47 jewellery, Massage and Nails and Pampered Chef.

Blood Donors

4th September 2.00pm – 9:30pm
Blood Donors in Both Halls

21st October 2.00pm – 9:30pm
Blood Donors in Both Halls

Kings Hill Youth Club

Providing a safe fun environment for young people to socialise and participate in a variety of activities and informal learning programmes including:

Football; Tennis; Pool; Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; First Aid; Table tennis; Healthy eating; Drugs awareness; and taster sessions i.e. drama / dance.

Opening times:

Tuesdays

Open Youth Club 6.30pm – 8:30pm

Summer Programme

This years program includes: Paintballing, Sailing / Kayaking; Southend – Adventure Island; Street Dance; Music /and DJ'ing.

For further details about joining the **Kings Hill Youth Club** please contact :

Sophie Walker 01622 812 764

Fridays

Planned Programmes 7.30pm – 9:30pm



The Parish Council

Parish Councillors

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of Planning Committee

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Contacting the Parish Council

The office is open daily at:
The Kings Hill Community Centre
70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill ME19 4LG

Contact details:

Tel: **01732 870 382**
Email: clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk
Website: www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Council Meeting Dates

The meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall. ALL Parish Council Meetings are open to the Public

The Schedule of Council Meetings

First Wednesday	Planning
Second Wednesday	Community Hall
Third Wednesday	Full Council

Other committees meeting in July are:

HR committee on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm and the **Amenities Committee** on Wednesday 22nd July 2009 at 7.30pm.

Agendas for all Parish Council meetings can be found on our website:
www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

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Kings Hill Neighbourhood Team and Policing News

Having patrolled Kings Hill for the past 5 years, PCSO Allan Newby is moving on to patrol the area of Eccles, Burham and Wouldham as of July 2009.

"As one of the senior PCSO's in the Mallings area, my skills and expertise are now required in this new area. I am very sorry to be leaving Kings Hill as I have made a great number of friends over the past 5 years. I believe that I have helped to make Kings Hill a safe place to live and work and have provided assistance and advice when required. My thanks also go to my colleague PCSO Wendy Stanley for all her help, I will miss you all very much" said Allan".

PCSO Rose Sparrowhawk, who joins the Mallings Neighbourhood Team on 27th July, will be joining PCSO Wendy Stanley in Kings Hill.

Kings Hill also has a new Police Officer, PC Nick Stevens.

Priorities

The Kings Hill Neighbourhood Team remain committed and focused to tackle the priorities that have been raised locally by residents and those who work in Kings Hill.

Current priorities for Kings Hill are:

- Parking problems outside Kings Hill School at the start and end of the school day.
- Pedal Cycles being ridden in Liberty Square and the related nuisance.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Liberty Square

If you have any information that would assist local officers in tackling these or would like to discuss what you think the priorities should be for Kings Hill by becoming involved in the PACT Process, please contact one of your local officers below:

PCSO Wendy Stanley: **07989 992 435**
PCSO Rose Sparrowhawk: **01732 529 910**
PC Nick Stevens: **01732 529 910**

All of the officers can be contacted on the following e-mail address:

mallings.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Further details on the Kings Hill priorities and the action taken by local officers to tackle these priorities can be found at **www.kent.police.uk**, using the post code search facility.

Anti-Social Behaviour Hotline – **07500 157 866**

A hotline has been set up for the residents of the Mallings area to report people acting in an anti-social manner, when their local neighbourhood officers are off duty.

The Mallings Neighbourhood Policing Team monitor the hotline Tuesday to Saturday (excluding bank holidays), between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm and these officers may be able to respond to your call and can offer advice for any concerns you may have in relation to anti-social behaviour.

To report incidents other than anti-social behaviour Tel: **01622 690 690**

Emergency calls to call **999**

Neighbourhood Watch

John Watson is the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for Tonbridge and Malling and wants to set up new Watches in Kings Hill

If you are in a Watch or would like to start one in your area, please contact, John Watson on **01732 529 910**, or e-mail **john.watson@kent.pnn.police.uk**

Italian Market

The Italians are returning to Kings Hill

The friendly Italian Food Market, Italia in Piazza, returns to Kings Hill for the second time on Sunday 26th July. The market will be located in Market Square and will run from 10.00am through to 4.00pm.

Italia in Piazza is a traditional Italian Food

Market comprising 18 gazebos decorated with the "Tricolore" Italian flags. All of the foods on sale, including some of the breads, are imported directly from producers in Italy.

There will be a wide variety of foods on sale including a vast array of cheeses and cured meats, a wonderful selection of the classic

Cremona Torrone (nougat), cakes, sweets and a variety of biscuits. The market will feature a variety of olive oils, balsamic vinegars and a selection of olives as well as different shapes and sizes of pasta and speciality breads.

The WI

We are halfway through the year and we have been very busy. Our meetings have varied from fashion shows (with clothes to buy at reasonable prices), to an evening of flower arranging by a NAFAS demonstrator. We have had several evening meals out and also theatre trips.

Our members don't only meet in the evening; they also join up during the day to socialise. Some of them are meeting in June to go on a river boat trip followed by lunch at a pub. Twice a year our husbands, family and friends join us for quiz nights. Our August meeting is on the 26th when we are having an 'Avon' beauty demonstration, so if you are interested in listening to our speakers, watch craft demonstrations or just meeting people, why not come along and see what we do.

We meet every 4th Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm at Kings Hill Community Centre or phone Linda on 01732 522 437.

Kings Hill Cricket Club

The Mosquitoes

The Cricket Season is now well under way and Kings Hill Cricket Club have already played seven matches. There are four remaining fixtures this summer, all against local clubs, so if you are interested in playing for Kings Hill please contact Neil Miners, Club Secretary on 01634 242 604 or kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk

Hopefully this summer will see cricket being played at the new ground just off Discovery Drive in Kings Hill.



www.kingshillcc.play-cricket.com

STOP PRESS Building work has started on the New Cricket Pavilion.

Kings Hill Cricket Club – This years remaining fixtures

Sunday 9 August	Stockbury v Kings Hill	2.00pm
Sunday 23 August	West Peckham v Kings Hill	2.00pm
Sunday 5 September	Town Malling v Kings Hill	2.00pm
Sunday 20 September	Frittenden v Kings Hill	1.30pm

'A Church4U?'

'A Church4U?' is a Community Audit for Kings Hill and being undertaken on behalf of the Church of England Diocese of Rochester, in July 2009.

Our team will be working in Kings Hill in T-shirts branded with the slogan, 'A Church4U?' asking your views on how a new church building can add value to Kings Hill and meet your needs.

Residents can complete the survey online

at www.kingshillchurch.org from 5th July or by collecting a survey from the Kings Hill Community Centre and returning the completed survey to the Kings Hill Community Centre, David Lloyd Centre or The Spitfire Pub.



The View from The Hill is the Quarterly newsletter from the Kings Hill Parish Council.

If you have any comments about the articles in this edition of The View from the Hill or wish to give us any other comments you may have on any Parish Council matters, please write to: The Clerk, Kings Hill Parish Council, Kings Hill Community Hall, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill ME19 4LG. Alternatively please contact us on 01732 874 685 or email clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

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