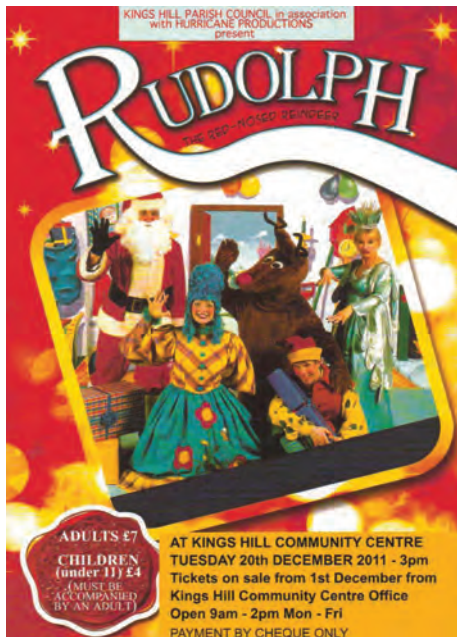


THE KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2011 | 2012



Christmas Pantomime at the Kings Hill Community Centre.

Allotments for Kings Hill An Update

The Allotment waiting list now stands at 80. If you haven't got your name down then please email office@kingshillparish.gov.uk

KHPC – Amenities Committee are currently working on how the allotment site may look. The list includes: sheds, water supply and collection, fencing, type of paths, toilet facilities, access for disabled gardeners, etc. Ideas will be presented to the Amenities Committee at their first meeting in 2012. The meeting date will be published on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk in early January 2012.

There are plans for an Allotment page to be included on the Parish Council website. Please check the website from February.

Kings Hill Skate Park

On 8th October a drop in session was held at the Kings Hill Community Centre. Over 40 young people and parents came along to give their support to the proposal for the skate park. We were also able to hear from residents who have objections to a skate park on Kings Hill. Thank you to everyone who came along.

A meeting has recently been held with a representative of TMBC regarding potential noise from the proposed skate park. The working group will be consulting in January with residents, businesses, Kings Hill School and Nursery on the Hill to get their comments on the proposed site.

In January there will be a Skate Park page on the Parish Council website with the latest information. The Skate Park Working Group can be contacted on kingshill-skatepark@hotmail.co.uk

Community Grants Scheme

Kings Hill Parish Council (KHPC) has a small community grants scheme. Each year the Parish Council puts aside up to £2,500 to go towards Kings Hill good causes and community groups. This year we have £1,000 left in the budget and would like to encourage community groups and organisations to apply for a share of this money. The money must benefit Kings Hill residents. Please look at our website for application details and how to apply.

The deadline for applications is **24th February 2012.**

New Bus Shelter

After the Parish Council received Kent County Council's licence to install a new bus shelter on Discovery Drive, near the junction of Forest Way, a new shelter was installed in November 2011, with the Parish Council being responsible for future maintenance.



New non-emergency number

From **14 November** call **101** to:

- report non-urgent crime
- speak to your local officer
- make an enquiry

101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each call will never cost more than 15p, even from mobiles.



Need immediate help?

If life is in danger or crime is in progress call **999**. If Deaf or speech impaired text '**Police**' and your message to **60066**.

For more information on **101** visit www.kent.police.uk/101



Protecting and serving the people of Kent

Kings Hill Parish Council wish all residents a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**

News Updates

Winter Plan

KHPC has recently undertaken a review of the winter plans of both Kent Highway Services (KHS) and Liberty Property Trust (LPT). Recent changes in policy at KHS about siting third party salt bins on KHS land have allowed KHPC to apply for permission to supply salt bins, purchased by the Parish Council. KHPC has agreed to place salt bins at various locations on Kings Hill by the end of December. These salt bins would be sited permanently and be lockable during non-winter months. KHPC has also managed to secure three 1tonne salt bags from KHS. These salt bags have been placed at Discovery School, Kings Hill School and opposite the junction of Worcester Avenue with Pippin Way. Salt from these salt bags should only be distributed on roads and pavements of adopted roads. KHPC has also met with KHS to ensure that snow ploughing of selected roads, as per the KHS Winter Plan 2011, would be carried out this year. KHS salting on secondary routes shall only take place when primary routes have been treated satisfactorily.

New Notice Boards

The Parish Council has agreed, with LPT's permission, for two Parish Council notice boards to be installed, one near the play area in Pippin Way and the other near the play area in Tiffen Way. These notice boards should be installed by the end of December and will be used to display Parish Council Information for public notice. If you wish to display any community information, please contact the Parish Council office.

New Councillor co-opted

KHPC is delighted to welcome David Morfill as its newest Councillor. David joined the Parish Council on 16th November. He is keen to put something back into the community and get involved in bringing improvements to Kings Hill.

Bridle Path

Users of bridle paths on Kings Hill have reported that litter and garden waste is being dumped on the paths. Please would everybody be respectful to others and make sure your rubbish goes into the appropriate bin.

New Bus Route

The section of Beacon Avenue from the junction with Regent Way to the junction with Sandow Place has now been opened for use.

Nu-Venture Passenger Notice – Bus Service 123

Nu-Venture Bus 123 has provided the Kings Hill/West Malling Station bus link in its present form since 1999, when the previous 152 service was replaced. As Kings Hill grows, Nu-Venture announced a further route extension to Bus 123 from Monday 14 November 2011.

Existing Discovery Drive/Beacon Avenue journeys will be rerouted. From Asda, these will serve Tower View as now, then REGENT WAY and BEACON AVENUE (newly-completed road) to the Discovery Drive roundabout (near Discovery School) then as current route via Discovery Drive. This applies in both directions. Buses will stop at safe points to pick up and set down, as well as at the new fixed bus stops in place. The timetable is unchanged.

Bus 123 ticketing arrangements are unaltered.

NU-VENTURE
www.nu-venture.co.uk | **01622 882288**

Bus Service 72

The Arriva bus route for the 72 has also been extended and now the route includes Regent Way and Beacon Avenue.

ARRIVA
www.arrivabus.co.uk | **0844 800 4411**



New Vicar

It may be hard to spot without a recognisable 'church' building on Kings Hill, but we are not without Christian presence. The Church of England has a new Vicar for this area after Rev David Green became the new 'Priest-in-charge' for West Malling and Offham, which includes Kings Hill, in September.

David is the first of three new arrivals after the vicars at Mereworth and West Malling both retired. Rev Peter Barnett, who has been working part-time on Kings Hill, retires at Christmas.

David, who is 37, originally comes from Paddock Wood. David and his wife Kerry have three young children. Previously he served at St Philip and St James' in Walderslade. Before ordination he worked for ten years in publishing, primarily new media.

David said: "Local people have said to me Kings Hill needs 'soul', which is an exciting challenge for me. I am looking forward to getting to know people locally, listening to their hopes and dreams, and working with them to see if we can build that 'soul' together."

If you would be interested in sponsoring the delivery of the next edition of **The View from the Hill**, please contact the Parish Council office.

01732 870 382 | office@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Kings Hill Community Centre

The Centre continues to grow and offers a wide range of activities on a daily basis for residents of all ages.

We have also expanded our community activities to include the Annual Summer Fete and Christmas Pantomime, and hope to be setting up a Community Cinema soon.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Fete 2012 and to set up the Community Cinema. If you have some time to offer, or contacts that may be useful to us, then please contact Hilary Wren at the Community Centre.

Office hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm

For further information on the activities at the Centre or to hire a hall please contact the Centre Manager TODAY!

Contact Details:

Hilary Wren, Centre Manager
70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LG

Telephone: **01732 220919**

Email: khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Website: www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

The manager and staff of the Community Centre would like to wish all the users of the centre
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Police Stay Safe

Kent Police is offering residents of Tonbridge & Malling some crime prevention tips for the winter months.

This comes as part of the Stay Safe Autumn campaign 2011, which aims to prevent residents from becoming victims of crime, to deter young people from taking part in nuisance or anti-social behaviour and taking a firm approach where offending does occur.

With the darker evenings and mornings it is a good opportunity to look at your home security and consider some of the following options:

- Use timer switches around your home to turn lamps on and off
- Keep your rear gate secure with closed shackle padlocks
- If you have a garden shed, keep it secure and alarmed
- Don't leave any tools laying about in the garden and keep them secure
- Consider having a home alarm system fitted
- Install dusk to dawn, low powered, lights at the front of your home. This allows you to enter your home in light and not darkness

- Please keep your vehicles secure, as they can be more vulnerable in the darker months.
- Avoid leaving large amounts of shopping in the vehicle, even the boot
- Park with your boot towards the wall or other obstruction (this makes it harder to get into the boot)
- Never leave anything valuable in your vehicle and, where possible, remove all tools if it's a work van or vehicle
- Always lock your vehicle regardless of where you park or for how long (most thefts happen when you only leave your car for a short time)

Policing Your Community

Your neighbourhood police officers for Kings Hill are PC Nick Stevens, PSCO Wendy Stanley and, we are pleased to announce, our new PSCO, Lia Bishop. To contact the PSCO's directly, call:

PSCO Stanley – **07989 992435**

PSCO Bishop – **07772 226023**

Call **101** to report non-urgent crime, speak to your local officer or make an enquiry. 101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and each call will never cost more than 15p, even from mobiles.



1st Kings Hill Girls Brigade

We are a Christian organisation meeting on a Monday evening at Discovery School, for girls between the ages of 4½ and 16. We do lots of varied and fun activities with the girls including cooking, craft, games, camping and canoeing, all of which goes towards badges the girls can earn. We even hold some fundraising events during the year - watch out for details of our Annual Barn Dance and much, much more. We attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Kings Hill Community Centre in November and held a nativity and awards evening at the Pilsdon Community on 5th December. Should your daughter be interested in joining us, please email kes.web1@tesco.net for further details.



The Digital TV Switchover is coming

How we receive our television signal is changing. In most of Kent and Medway we receive our terrestrial television signals via one of 4 main transmitters at Dover, Tunbridge Wells, Bluebell Hill and Heathfield. The analogue signals from these transmitters will be switching over from the 1st of May 2012. Some communities in North Kent and

Medway receive their signals via the London Crystal Palace transmitter. The analogue signals from this transmitter will be switching over to digital from the 4th of April 2012.

Should you have any questions with regard to the switchover call **08456 505050** or visit www.digitaluk.co.uk

Kings Hill School

Exciting discovery at Kings Hill!

There was a buzz of excitement on the morning of 17th October in Kings Hill School. Over the weekend dinosaur bones had been discovered in the school grounds which sparked off a whole week of learning focused on dinosaurs during our literacy week. The children could hardly contain their excitement when Head Teacher Kerry Thomas made the announcement in an emergency assembly!

Kings Hill School Zig Zag Lines

Kings Hill School have been campaigning for better road safety around our school for some time. We are very pleased that new zigzag lines have recently been added outside the school. Our pupils have reported that they feel much safer crossing the road into school, as they can see much more clearly without having to make their way around cars on both sides of the road. We feel that this is a positive step towards a safer journey into school for our children.



The Parish Council

Your current Parish Councillors are:

Sarah Barker

Chair of the Parish Council and Amenities Committee

Ray Cassidy

Chair of the Finance and HR Committee

Graham Hall

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

Sue Woodcock

Vice Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee

Matt Peake

Chair of the Kings Hill Sports & Leisure Facilities at Heath Farm Committee

David Waller

Vice Chair of the Kings Hill Sports & Leisure Facilities at Heath Farm Committee

Chris Joselin

David Morfill

Gary Morris

David Murray

Tony Petty

Lindsay Sharp

Contacting the Parish Council

To raise an issue with the Parish Council please contact:

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clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Hanje Martin Assistant Parish Clerk
office@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Debbie Airey Administration Assistant
admin@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Kings Hill Community Centre
70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4LG

01732 870 382

www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Check our website for further information or if there is any information you would like us to put online, please email it to **clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

For future Parish Council meeting dates please check our website.

Events Diary

Sunday 18th December	West Malling Farmers Market – 9.30am to 1.30pm Then every 4th Sunday of the month
Sunday 18th December	Christmas Carol Service – 6.30 pm St Mary's, West Malling
Tuesday 20th December	Christmas Pantomime – 3.00pm at the Kings Hill Community Centre
Saturday 24th December	Kings Hill Fellowship Christingle Service – 3.30pm A joint service with the Church of England on Kings Hill
Sunday 25th December	Kings Hill Fellowship Christmas Day Service – 10.30am A joint service with the Church of England on Kings Hill

Kings Hill Pre-School

Another term is nearly over at the pre-school and our nativity preparations are well underway for December's performance by the children. They are all working very hard and I'm sure you will have heard them practicing their songs!

To avoid disappointment, please remember to contact the pre-school and register your

babies now if you wish them to attend the pre-school as we are already taking bookings for the intake of September 2014.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Kings Hill Pre-school.

For more information on our pre-school and the above events please visit our website **www.kingshillpreschool.co.uk**.



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 matter, please write to: The Clerk, Kings Hill Parish Council, Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill ME19 4LG. Alternatively please contact us on **01732 870 382** or email **office@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

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