



THE KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Kings Hill Sports and Leisure Facilities at Heath Farm

Liberty Property Trust has now received planning permission for an 'enhanced scheme' at Heath farm which includes

- 1 full size floodlit artificial grass pitch
- 3 full size pitches
- 2 mini pitches
- A Pavilion with related changing facilities and recreational area

In August, Liberty Property Trust and Kent County Council, as their development partner at Kings Hill, offered to gift the sports and leisure facilities to Kings Hill Parish Council (KHPC) to manage for the benefit of Kings Hill residents. A group of Parish Councillors together with members of Kings Hill Football Club are now drawing up a business plan which will be considered by the Full Council.

In addition, Liberty has also made the commitment to further supplement the facilities by gifting a site of 5,200 sq.m to KHPC for residents' allotments. KHPC already have a confirmed waiting list for the allotments. Planning and management of these allotments will be discussed over the next few months by the Amenities Committee, who meet on the last Wednesday of each month.

Updates will be put on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk so residents can be kept fully informed.



Plan provided by Liberty Property Trust

Waitrose

Waitrose is to open a new convenience store in Kings Hill and the opening is planned in time for Christmas 2011. The store will be located in Liberty Square, where the combination of retail and leisure amenities form a vibrant heart to the Village.

The new store (9,000 sq ft foodstore, 6,000 sq ft sales area) will be adjacent to the listed former RAF control tower and has been carefully designed in art deco style to reflect the iconic architecture of the tower.

The shop will bring greater choice to Kings Hill and provide the benefits of a Waitrose



with the convenience and friendly service of a small shop. It will offer bread straight from the oven, meat and fish counters, a wide range of fruit and vegetables as well as the usual store cupboard items.

The new Waitrose store will provide

up to 50 new jobs for the local area, recruiting through their website www.waitrosejobs.com.

Regular updates on the building works and planned opening will be on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk.

STOP PRESS We have a Parish Councillor **Vacancy** See inside for details

News Updates

Sign of the times

What does Kings Hill mean to you?

The Parish Council are inviting residents and local school children to submit ideas for the design of a village sign for Kings Hill. Village signs are a common sight throughout the country, especially in Kent, and are used to convey the identity of a community to visitors and residents alike. They come in a variety of shapes, styles and materials.

The images used in the Kings Hill village sign may be in colour or silhouette and will be fabricated in wrought metal or fibreglass, depending on the final design. The signs will be erected on posts at the main entrances to the residential areas of Kings Hill.

Design ideas need to be bold and striking and should incorporate themes, images and motifs that reflect the Kings Hill community and its immediate environment. This could include buildings, landmarks, local flora and fauna or references to the area's agricultural or military past.

The final design will either be one of the ideas submitted or may be compiled from a number of different suggestions, and will be selected at the Parish Council meeting on 16th November 2011.

Ideas should be submitted on paper by Friday 4th November 2011 to the Parish Clerk, Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent, ME19 4LG and should include your name, address and a contact telephone number. All submissions will be subject to the terms and conditions available on the Parish Council web site, www.kingshillparish.gov.uk.



Martlesham Village Sign, Suffolk

Considerate Parking

The combination of narrow roads, large cars and busy lifestyles has made parking an issue that can inconvenience, infuriate and endanger people.

Next time you park your car, either on or off the road, take a moment to ask yourself four common-sense questions.

1. Can emergency vehicles get past?
An average fire engine is 2.5 metres wide and 8 metres long, and every second counts, especially in medical emergencies.
2. Can pedestrians use the footpath unimpeded and safely? This includes wheelchair users and people with double-buggies.
3. Are the views of other road users being obstructed? This is most important near junctions, corners, schools and playgrounds.
4. Have you left other people with reasonable access? This means not blocking driveways, cycle paths and locations where kerbs have been lowered for the benefit of wheelchair users.

Your help in keeping Kings Hill a safe and considerate place to live is appreciated.

Winter Plan

During the last two winters, apart from the main roads entering and leaving Kings Hill, there has been little or no gritting or snow clearance on other residential roads by Kent Highway Services. This has resulted in considerable inconvenience to residents.

KHPC will now be putting together a winter plan and the key points will include:

1. Placing salt bins at key locations throughout the estate. These bins will need to be placed on private land owned by residents or management companies on Kings Hill. If you know of a suitable site please contact office@kingshillparish.gov.uk.
2. Having a large salt bag placed at Kings Hill School for distribution.
3. Using local farmers and other companies to provide a snow clearance service for residents.

The plan will be put together by KHPC over the next 2 months ensuring the residents will have more roads cleared in the coming winter months.

Kent Highways Budget

You may be aware that Kent Highways Services (KHS) has had their funding from central government cut significantly. This is having an impact on some adopted sections of Kings Hill roads as the number of grass cuts, work to shrubs and the spraying of weeds in the highways have been reduced significantly. The Parish Council is liaising with KHS to ensure that the impact is kept to a minimum. If there is a problem in your area, please report it to KHS using their reporting service on-line www.kent.gov.uk/khsfaults/ or on **08458 247 800**.

Nuisance Bikes

PC Nick Stevens, who is organising the operation to clamp down on nuisance bikes and 4x4s, comments: "These motorbikes are making life a misery for local residents who have to endure constant noise, when they simply want to enjoy the summer weather in their gardens. Not only that, but the areas in which these motorcyclists and off-road vehicles are choosing to drive are busy with dog walkers and young children, causing a danger to everyone concerned. We have been working closely with the Motorcycle Unit and patrolling the area with a Landrover, which can access this challenging terrain. We will continue to patrol the areas in the coming months with the motorbike team to hopefully deter nuisance motorbikes and 4x4 cars. I would warn those who are caught driving anti-socially in these areas, that we could seize your motorbike or car for good."

Nuisance bikes

Kent Police is clamping down on nuisance motorbikes in Kings Hill



Officers patrol this area regularly

If anyone is found using a motorbike illegally it may be seized and crushed.

To report a non-urgent crime or anti-social behaviour in this area, call **01622 690690**.

In an emergency, dial **999**.



www.kent.police.uk

The Kings Hill Community Centre

The popularity of the Community Centre continues to grow as residents find out all that is on offer here. This autumn we have pleasure in welcoming 20 new classes/groups for all ages.

A list of activities is printed and distributed to each home on Kings Hill at the start of each new school term, listing all the fantastic groups and classes here at the Centre.

We also have 3 halls available to hire for private functions.

For further information or to hire a hall 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

Office hours: 9am – 2pm Monday – Friday

Kings Hill Summer Fete

Kings Hill Parish Council would like to thank all the residents of Kings Hill and those who participated in the Summer Fete 2011 to make it such a huge success.

Same time same place next year – **Saturday 21st July 2012.**

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Kings Hill Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a councillor and is looking to co-opt someone to take on this voluntary role from 19th October 2011.

Your commitment would be a minimum

of 10 hours per month, or more if you have time to spare. Are you interested in making a difference as you work with and serve your local community? If so then please contact **Helen Munro** by email clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk or call **01732 870 382** to find out more about becoming a parish councillor.

The closing date for applications is **10am on Tuesday 11th October 2011.**

Events Diary

Wednesday 28th September	WI Middle Eastern Dance – a chance to join in
Monday 3rd October	Kings Hill Pre-School Quiz Night
Saturday 8th October	Skate Park – Open Forum 2pm to 5pm
Wednesday 19th October	Kings Hill Pre-School Annual General Meeting
Saturday 22nd October	Manor Mystery at Manor Park – 5pm to 6.30pm, £5 per child. Halloween themed spooky pumpkin trail
Wednesday 26th October	WI Harvest supper and games
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10.45am to 11.15am at the Airman Statue, Gibson Drive
Friday 18th November	Kings Hill Pre-School Pamper Evening
Wednesday 23rd November	WI Christmas Craft
Saturday 26th November	Craft Fair at the Kings Hill Community Centre – 1pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	WI Christmas party with musical entertainment
Tuesday 20th December	Pantomime at the Kings Hill Community Centre

The Parish Council

Your current Parish Councillors are:

Sarah Barker

Chair of the Parish Council and Amenities Committee

Sue Woodcock

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

Ray Cassidy

Chair of the Finance and HR Committee

Graham Hall

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

Matt Peake

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

Chris Joselin

Tony Petty

Gary Morris

Lindsay Sharp

David Murray

David Waller

Contacting the Parish Council

To raise an issue with the Parish Council please contact:

Helen Munro

Parish Clerk
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

The monthly meeting schedule for the Kings Hill Parish Council is:

First Wednesday **Community Centre**

Second Monday **Finance & HR**

Second Wednesday **Planning & Transportation**

Third Wednesday **Full Council**

Fourth Wednesday **Amenities**

Discovery School

It has been a very busy end of term that sadly has been hit by the poor weather. Both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports days had to be postponed due to very heavy rain. We did eventually have both sports days which were both very much enjoyed by pupils and parents alike.

The Jazz on the Green held at school on Sunday 17th July was also hit by torrential rain. Those who attended had a great time, if a rather wet one! The Jazz Band were fantastic and the visitors who braved the weather enjoyed themselves immensely.

Year 6 spent the last full week of term working on Romeo and Juliet with Anthony Glenn from Shakespeare for Kidz. We were blown away by the children's performances and Anthony's energy. The year 6 children will certainly remember Romeo and Juliet for a very long time.

Both the staff and children are ready for the holiday break as we have had a very busy end of term. We are very much looking forward to the beginning of September when our new Foundation Stage pupils will join us.

Kings Hill Pre-School

With the new school year already underway we would like to welcome all the new children who have started at the pre-school and send our best wishes to all the children who had left the pre-school in July for their new adventures at 'big school'!

Some events to look forward to and pencil in your diaries are the following; Our Quiz Night on **October 3rd** which will be hosted again by our wonderful quiz master Chris Bladen and is a very enjoyable and informative evening! Also, our Pamper Evening which is to be held on **November 18th** which is especially enjoyed by all the ladies!

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **October 19th** so please come along as your support would be greatly appreciated.

To avoid disappointment, please don't forget to contact us and register your babies now if you wish for them to attend the pre-school, as we are already taking bookings for the intake of September 2014.

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

Replacement Trees – Worcester Avenue

Tree maintenance work was scheduled in Worcester Avenue after various complaints were received from residents regarding overgrown trees and branches overhanging private properties. Tree maintenance work was done in June 2011 by Kent Highway Services (KHS) and three trees had to be cut down for safety reasons as they were either dying or diseased. KHS confirmed that, due to budget cuts, they have no funding available for the removal of the stumps or replacement of trees. The Parish Council is now actively exploring various options to remove the stumps and to consider planting new trees.



Chip Productions

A local performing arts company is on the look-out for new members and is stressing that no previous experience is necessary. The main goal is to provide entertainment and above all enjoyment for the local community.

For more details please contact **Chip Productions** on **07716 228682** or chip.productions@hotmail.com.

Skate Park for Kings Hill

Consideration is still being given to the possibility of building a Skate/BMX Park on Kings Hill. Liberty Property Trust has kindly offered land in Gibson Drive for the Park and the Parish Council are actively trying to move this project forward.

The Parish Council attempted to get skate-borders and BMX riders together at a meeting on 9th August 2011 to discuss their ideas. However turn-out was very disappointing and more support is required in order for KHPC to proceed with the project.

The facility could provide a fantastic opportunity for young and old (toddler to adult) to spend time together in an environment which would be appropriate for all abilities.

To move this project forward, an open forum is being held on **Saturday 8th October 2011** between 2pm-5pm at the Kings Hill Community Centre. Children, young adults and parents alike are invited to come along and share thoughts and ideas, as well as discussing the project further during this informal 'drop-in' session. Come and have your say and help shape the future of Kings Hill!

For further information about the Skate Park email kingshill-skatepark@hotmail.co.uk.



Speeding/Speedwatch

Kent Police and Liberty Property Trust (LPT) have agreed to implement an increase in the speed limit on the section of Tower View from the A228 to the roundabout with Alexander Grove. The limit will be increased from 30mph to 40mph. Please note this change has not yet been put into effect.

The speed limits in the residential areas will stay at 30mph throughout Kings Hill. They will also be installing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Tower View within the 30mph residential area to encourage drivers to keep within the limit.



Kings Hill Rotary Club

Kings Hill Rotary Club meets regularly upstairs at 'the Spitfire pub', Liberty Square – 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm. Membership of Rotary provides members with many opportunities to network, meet new people, have fun and to give something back to the community, both locally and internationally.

We are planning many exciting events over coming months including on **26th January 2012 at 7.30** an evening of food, wine and an inspirational speaker – Colonel Stuart Tootal – a frequent media commentator on defence and security matters. Stuart has written numerous articles in the national press and a best seller "Danger Close – commanding 3 PARA in Afghanistan". Venue to be confirmed.

For further information about the club, or the event above, please call Lynne on **07768 297779 / Anna on 01732 844246** or email **khrc09@yahoo.co.uk**

Kings Hill Churches

Kings Hill Christian Fellowship, which meets in the Community Centre every Sunday at 10:30am for a lively service and coffee to follow, has two exciting events to draw to your attention.

First, we are currently running an Alpha Course. Alpha provides a non-threatening opportunity to explore what Christian faith is all about. It runs on Sunday evenings at the Community Centre at 7pm or 12 noon on a Wednesday at 9 Redwell Grove. For more information, contact **Derek Hills** on **07583 951041**.

The other exciting news is that KHCF is sponsoring the launch of a Boys Brigade Company this autumn. For more information contact **Andy Morris**, **07530 593111**.

The Church of England have Holy Communion on Sundays from 09:30 to 11:00am at Kings Hill Community Centre.

For more information contact **Freda Ryans-Smith** on **01732 220954**.



Kings Hill Football Club

After a summer of football tournaments where several of our teams had some success, the new playing season got underway on September 10th. Once again the numbers of player registrations are up on last year with now close to 300 players, from Under 6's to Under 18's. Due to demand we have created a third Under 8's team this year and as usual we have a brand new group of Under 6's players, our youngest age group - we already have names on the U6's list for the next 2 years.

Kings Hill FC are delighted that the planning approval for the Heath Farm sporting facilities has been given the go ahead. The Heath Farm development is vital to achieving the Club's aspirations for the Kings Hill community. Without Heath Farm many children will miss out on the opportunity for sport, exercise and fun. Importantly, the Football Club is the largest single community group on Kings Hill with approx. 600 children and their parents involved and Heath Farm provides a unique opportunity to bring the local community even closer together.

The Club is grateful for all the support given, by the managers, coaches, parents and the various team sponsors and look forward to an enjoyable season ahead.

For more information about KHFC, please visit our website **www.kingshillfc.org**.

Stop Press KCC Grant for Local Community Groups

If your local community group is looking for funding please contact **Steve Charman** at Kent County Council on **01622 69 4008** or **steve.charman@kent.gov.uk** for more details of their **Small Community Capital Grant**. The deadline for applications is **Friday 21 October**.

Community First Responders

Kings Hill and Larkfield CFRs have had a busy few months raising awareness throughout the local community. We have attended several village fairs including the Kings Hill Fete, Jazz on the Hill at Discovery School and SNAP (Say No And Phone) which is a monitored disco night for children of secondary school age. We demonstrated to several children how to perform correct resuscitation, should it be required, with many actually giving it a go themselves. We now have a fantastic new website **www.community1stresponders.co.uk** and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The team were booked on call over the August Bank Holiday weekend covering the whole period Saturday through to Monday evening which we hope lightened some of the load on the Ambulance Service. Should you wish to find out more about us or are able to help provide us with a donation towards vital life saving equipment please contact **Nikki Tillin** on **01732 849417**.

Christmas Craft Fair

**Saturday 26th November 2011
1pm–4:30pm**

Come and do your Christmas shopping at the Kings Hill Christmas Craft Fair, at the Kings Hill Community Centre. Excellent quality items for sale including Jamie Oliver Home, Build a Bear, pearl and semi precious stone handmade jewellery, baby gifts, Usborne books, Phoenix cards, popcorn and sweet sticks, personalised digital art, handmade cards, stocking fillers, and much much more.

For the children there will be face painting, glitter tattoos, hair braiding and nail painting and the adults can treat themselves to having their nails painted or a foot treatment.

All proceeds from the event will help finance the purchase of the new stage at the Centre.

Look out for our flyer through your door, with more details of this event.

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 Youth Club

Kings Hill Youth Club has enjoyed a fun summer programme and is now looking forward to a new and exciting term when it re-opens on **Tuesday 6th September**.

The Youth Club is open every **Tuesday** between **6.30pm** and **8.30pm** and our dance /fitness programme runs on **Friday** evenings between **7.30pm** and **9.30pm**. We are particularly keen to welcome new year 7's, as many in the past have used the youth club as a great way to meet up with old friends from primary school and have an opportunity to meet new ones. A friendly staff team is there to welcome and meet new members & parents.

Please contact **Sophie Devine** (worker in charge) with any questions on **07947 707 781**.



HURRICANE PRODUCTIONS
Presents

RUDOLPH

THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

ADULTS £7
CHILDREN £4

AT KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2011 - 3pm

Tickets on sale from 1st December from Kings Hill Community Centre
Open 9am - 2pm Mon - Fri

Christmas Pantomime

Following the sell out success of last year's Christmas Pantomime, Kings Hill Parish Council, in association with Hurricane Productions, is pleased to announce this year's Christmas Pantomime '**RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER**'.

This will take place at the Community Centre on Tuesday 20th December at 3pm. Tickets will be on sale from 1st December from the Community Centre Office which is open 9am-2pm Monday to Friday. Payment is by cheque only.



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@kinghillparish.gov.uk**

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