



Heath Farm Update

At the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January Andrew Blevins, Managing Director Liberty Property Trust (LPT), reported to the meeting on the current position of the planning application for Heath Farm Leisure and Sports Facilities.

Mr Blevins told the meeting that after the public consultation and talks with TMBC there were 6 major areas of the application they are continuing to work on before another application would be submitted.

These are:

- Pavilion design – this is being redesigned following comments.
- Hours of operation – LPT are researching the Golf Club hours of operation as a benchmark. They want to apply for specific hours within the planning application.

- Traffic – TMBC have asked for clarification on any vehicle count to ensure the correct vehicle numbers are being included to ascertain how much additional traffic is created by the 2 extra pitches.
- Further noise surveys – LPT are carrying out additional surveys as it was a common theme of concern from the public consultation.
- Parking – concern about lack of spaces. LPT are considering adding an overflow car park with grasscrete.
- Clarification about the nature of the professional body they are partnering with. LPT are partnering with Charlton Athletic Charitable Trust (CACT). They are not the football club but the charitable arm of the organisation. LPT are trying to find a method to give additional comfort to residents.

Parish Council Comment

The Parish Council continues to express concern that football is the over-riding sport being catered for at the Heath Farm Site. As soon as the new plans are submitted we will notify Kings Hill residents and ensure that you are given full opportunity to view the plans and pass comment.



Kings Hill Community Broadband is becoming a reality

21st century communication is finally coming to Kings Hill Parish with a broadband service offering a target speed of 2Mb/s – 4Mb/s: a speed that should satisfy most web surfers. Additional “premium” services will also be available providing even higher speeds where there is sufficient interest.

New equipment is already being installed around Kings Hill that will provide the long awaited broadband service and within the next month residents to the south and east of Liberty Square (roughly Alton Avenue to Winston Avenue) will be the first to have access to the new service.

Over the next 6 months the new service will be rolled out across the Parish of Kings Hill, from Oaks Hamlet to Kate Reed Wood. Quiccanet, who will provide the service, are hopeful that ongoing discussions with Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd (the management company for Kings Hill in partnership with KCC) will result in their active assistance with the project and lead to a faster roll out.

It is anticipated that the service will be competitively priced with a monthly charge for residential customers of £19.99 per month (inc. VAT) plus a nominal installation/ set up fee of £50 plus VAT.

To register your interest in this service please call the Parish Council Office on **01732 870 382** or email **office@kingshillparish.gov.uk** or you can contact **Quiccanet** on **01732 871 711** or email **info@quiccanet.com**

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will be held at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 29th April** in the **Kings Hill Community Centre**. It is an opportunity to hear what the Parish Council have been doing in the last year and for you as a resident, to raise issues that concern you. So please put the date in your diary and come along to the meeting.

The Kings Hill Community Centre

Here to serve the community

70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill ME19 4LG

A wide range of activities are held on a daily basis available to everyone. Full details are available on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Spring Highlights:

On Mondays

Tiddlers & Toddlers is a great opportunity for parents to meet other parents while the children enjoy a playtime. Join in at 10am for just £2.50

On Tuesdays

Messy Play is a fantastic opportunity for your children to make lots of mess playing with water, paint, etc and you don't have to clear up! Runs from 10:45am cost £4.50

On Thursdays one of our longest running groups 'Poppets' now have some spaces – phone Tina on 01732 351 488 for details

New from February

Yoga during Pregnancy with Monique – Wednesday evenings 8pm – contact Monique on 01732 849 656 for further details

Weight Loss Challenge – phone 01732 220 919 for details

My Mind Works – dieting hit or miss? A one day seminar – phone Alex on 07879 246 725

Are you looking for a venue - then **Kings Hill Community Centre** may have a suitable Hall or room for your event . We have a well equipped Kitchen, and plenty of tables and chairs to suit most occasions.

If you are planning a **Party for children** we can recommend Party organisers, bouncy castles and the like and for **Adult Parties** we have a fully equipped and professionally managed bar.

Our **Wedding package** starts from £400 for the day (9am – Midnight): This includes the use of both halls, the bar, the kitchen and a small ante room

For **Groups and Classes** – we have availability in our rooms and halls for further regular sessions. If you would like to try something new and lead a group, (reading/knitting/etc) contact Hilary and we will help you get started.

For **Training sessions or meetings** we have a room for up to 50 people, including use of the data projector, TV/DVD & flip chart. We serve tea and coffee – with lunches available by arrangement.

To book please contact **Hilary Wren** Centre Manager, Telephone: **01732 220 919**, email: khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk The Community Centre office is open Monday to Friday from 9am – 2pm.

Kings Hill Cricket Club

The Mosquitoes

Members, players and supporters of the Kings Hill Cricket Club are eagerly anticipating this year's cricket season and are hoping that 2010 will witness the first ever match at the Kings Hill ground.

Thirteen matches are scheduled for this summer; Kings Hill will be playing local clubs such as Hadlow, Mereworth, West Peckham and Addington. There are two new clubs on this year's fixtures card – Ulcombe and Tonbridge Forrester's. There will be two derby matches against Town Malling in July and September.



www.kingshillcc.play-cricket.com

The Club is hoping that the July match will be the opening game at the new Kings Hill Ground and are currently in negotiations with Liberty to see if the pavilion and ground can be prepared in time. **As we go to press it is likely that Liberty will start work on the superstructure of the pavilion in the next few weeks with a view to completion by late June 2010.**

As well as being our local rivals, Town Malling Cricket Club were Kings Hill's first ever opponents in September 2006 and have assisted in the development of the Kings Hill club ever since.

Once the ground is opened, the Kent Girls Cricket team may play some of their home matches at Kings Hill.

Winter Nets are now being held on Sunday afternoons at the Judd School, Tonbridge and will last until mid-March.

We are always looking for new players to join the Club. Please contact **Neil Miners**, Club Secretary on **01634 242 604** for further details about Kings Hill Cricket Club or email kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk

Allotments on Kings Hill

The Parish Council has received confirmation from Liberty Property Trust, that there is land available for allotments on the Heath Farm site. This will provide for 28 plots of approximately 126 m² each. These plots are half the recommended size of 250 m² (10 rods). As there are currently 60 residents on the waiting list, KHPC believe the suggested size is too small. The Parish Council will be discussing the proposal from Liberty at the next Amenities Meeting on the 24th March.

Community Governor Vacancy

The Discovery School Governing Body is currently looking to recruit a Community Governor. The Discovery School was graded as "Outstanding" by Ofsted in November 2008 and our Governing Body play a key part in driving forward the school to maintain the high standards set. If you would like to find out more please contact the clerk to the Governors, Mrs. J Roe. Telephone: 01732 847 000

The Parish Council

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Council Meeting Dates

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held on a Monday or Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre. See details below.

The Schedule of Council Meetings

Planning First Wednesday

Finance & Audit Second Monday

Community Centre Second Wednesday

Full Council Third Wednesday

The next **Amenities Committee** will be held on Wednesday 24th March

All meeting dates and agenda for 2010 can be found on the Parish Council website:

www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Contacting the Parish Council

The office is open daily at:

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

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Parking at Discovery School

Due to the increased traffic parking outside Discovery School, there is a heightened risk of our children being involved in an accident. The Discovery School Parents Council are petitioning Liberty Property Trust, Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for school signs, a pedestrian crossing and school clearway markings to be installed outside the school. To add your support to this campaign please email **Natalie Pickover** at discoveryschoolpc@googlegmail.com



Pedestrian Crossing in Discovery Drive

Following a pedestrian count survey carried out on behalf of Kent Highways Services (KHS) at the junction of Alexander Grove and Discovery Drive on Thursday 9th July 2009 the results show significant numbers of pedestrians crossing throughout the day.

The Parish Council are meeting with KHS to discuss applying for the installation of a formal pedestrian crossing. This will be discussed at the KHPC Amenities Committee on 24th March. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Celebrating 5 years of worship in the Community Centre

Kings Hill Christian Fellowship is 5 years old this year!

Approximately 85 adults and 43 children now attend KHCF and we are committed to helping each other grow in our Christian faith, worship and service of God.

Our first pastor, the Reverend Alain Chandran was appointed in April 2007.

Sunday services are at 10.30am in the Community Centre. The worship band is led by Pete Lloyd-Williams.

Telephone: **01732 841 700**

Email: enquiries@khcf.org.uk

Website: www.khcf.org.uk

Kings Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

Our Local Officers are:

PC Nick Stevens 07800 675 339
PCSO Wendy Stanley 07989 992 435
PCSO Rose Sparrowhawk 07989 992 443

All of the officers can also be contacted on **01732 529 910** or by e mail **mallng.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Hotline

Tues – Sat, 16:00 – 22:00: **07500 157 866**

Reporting other incidents **01622 690 690**
In an emergency call 999

Garage break-ins

Following a recent spate of garage break-ins in the Kings Hill area, the local neighbourhood policing team would like to remind residents to ensure that they keep their garages and sheds locked and where possible fit an alarm. Garages often contain expensive tools and ladders that could be stolen or used to break into your home. Also, consider installing security lighting as this can also deter offenders.

If you would like further crime prevention information, please contact one of your local officers above.

PACT

(Partners and Community Together)

Two meetings have now been held. The purpose of these meetings is to work with local people to identify community concerns and take action to address them. A number of residents attended, along with representatives from the Parish Council, Liberty Property, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Russet Homes.

Minutes of the meetings held in November and January can be found on KHPC website.

Watch your speed

Please remember the speed limit on Kings Hill is



1st Kings Hill Girls Brigade



Set up by Karen Webber (Captain) in September 2006, this is a Christian Organisation for Girls between the ages of 5 and 18 yrs. They meet on Monday

evening at 6pm in Discovery School Kings Hill. The Girls have had a great deal of fun undertaking regular badge work toward Awards including Crafts, Games and Cooking. We also attend our local district events which range from

Ice skating to Fancy Dress parties. If your daughter is interested in joining, please email **Karen Webber** at **kes.web1@tesco.net**

Kings Hill Pre School

Our pre-school has proved a big success and is now full for the 2010 intake. We have a full waiting list for 2011 and places for 2012 are also going fast so please ensure you put your child's name down as soon as possible.

We have two new members of staff – Hazel and Sarah – who will both start college part time in September to begin their NVQ 2. We also have two new students – Francesca and Cassie, who are both studying NVQ in Childcare & Education and are getting experience with us at the Pre School to gain some hands on experience.

Congratulations to Donna, our Deputy Manager, who has passed her NVQ 4 in Childcare and Education.

Future Events

Monday 8th March

Quiz night from 8pm at the Spitfire Pub, Kings Hill hosted by local resident Chris Bladen.

To register a team (max 6) please contact us at **committee@kingshillpreschool.co.uk**

Saturday 27th March

Easter Bunny Hunt in Liberty Square. We hope to see you there to join in the hunting fun and some light refreshment at the Spitfire afterwards.

For more information on our pre-school visit our website at:

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 matters, 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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