



Heath Farm update

Kings Hill Parish Council and Liberty Property Trust will enter into an agreement under which the Parish Council will take on the lease and management of the sports and leisure facilities being developed at Heath Farm.

The facilities will be gifted to the Parish Council by Liberty/KCC development partnership as part of an enhanced scheme of development including 3 full size grass football pitches, 2 junior size grass football pitches, a floodlit artificial grass pitch, pavilion with changing rooms and social area, allotments and further space to develop other sports and leisure facilities in the future.

The plan is for the allotment site to be designed and constructed over the Summer, ready for residents who are allocated a plot to have access by the end of 2012. The grass football pitches have already been constructed and the artificial pitch and pavilion are expected to be complete by Summer 2013 in time for Kings Hill Football Club to start training for the 2013/14 season.

It is the Parish Council's intention to consult with residents on additional sports and leisure facilities for Kings Hill.



Heath Farm 200 Beacon Avenue

KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS THE 3RD

KINGS HILL SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 21st JULY
10am – 3pm

At the Kings Hill Community Centre and Market Square

STAGE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY
LUNCHES, SNACKS AND LICENSED BAR
RIDES, GAMES AND STALLS GALORE!
FREE 'TASTER SESSIONS' IN
IRISH DANCING, KICK BOXING, POLE DANCING & MORE

The design and printing of this poster has been sponsored by **Waitrose**

Parish Councillor Vacancy

KHPC currently has a vacancy for a parish councillor and is looking to co-opt someone to take on this voluntary role.

Your commitment would be a minimum of 10 hours per month or more if you have the time to spare. If you are interested in making a difference to where you live by working and serving your community 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 **Friday 13 July 2012**. Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 18 July 2012**.

News Updates

New Priest in Charge



My name is Revd Pat Dickin, and I am the first woman priest in Mereworth Church's history. I live in Mereworth at The Rectory, and the parish boundaries include Mereworth, West Peckham and parts of Kings Hill. Together with Revd David Green (based at West Malling and whose parish includes Offham and parts of Kings Hill) we are responsible for seeing the Anglican Church at Kings Hill grow.

I have set myself a schedule to listen to people's concerns, dreams and desires until September time, when I hope to put in place some changes to include more family-friendly services and work with children and young people. After that I won't stop listening to people (!), but I will begin to put in place what we discern is needed. My calling here is to serve the people, all the residents in the parish and cluster and not only the existing congregations, making church relevant to their lives and situations. Mereworth church now has its own disabled toilet with nappy-changing facilities, which we hope will be used when we begin working more with families and children.

Discovery School Planning Application

A meeting was held by the Planning Applications Committee at Kent County Council on the 8th May. This was to discuss a report by the Head of the Planning Applications Group concerning the planning application for the provision of 3 modular buildings, each incorporating two classrooms, at The Discovery School. There are still ongoing negotiations taking place from that meeting.

S106 Fund

KHPC are pleased to announce that the 2012 S106 Youth Fund has been awarded and will be shared between the following local groups for their youth projects: **Kings Hill Cricket Club** were awarded **£389.75** towards equipment for their junior section, the **Kings Hill Tiddlers and Toddlers Group** received **£977.94** for new equipment and toys, **Kings Hill Youth Club** received **£2,880** towards their youth outreach programme, **Kings Hill Pre-school** received **£250** towards the purchase of new wooden bikes, **Kings Hill School** received **£250** towards the cost of their sports day and **Discovery School** received **£250** towards an activity trail. This fund will be available again in the next financial year and local organisations will be invited to apply.

Problem Parking on Kings Hill

In previous issues of The View From The Hill the Parish Council have asked for residents' help in keeping Kings Hill a safe and considerate place to live. However, the issue of dangerous and obstructive parking has again been brought to the Parish Council's attention by a number of concerned residents. Vehicles are being parked on pavements leaving insufficient room for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users. Vehicles are also being parked without consideration for other road users and the needs of emergency vehicles, and sight lines are being reduced which could lead to very serious accidents occurring, especially at junctions and near schools and play areas.

Please help to keep your village a safe environment by thinking of others when you park your vehicle.

Olympic Torch Relay Route

On Friday 20th July, day 63 of the Olympic Torch Relay, the torch will be making its way through Maidstone from 06:42am and will begin the final stage of its journey in Kent through the Medway towns, before arriving in Borough Green at 12:04pm. For more details go to www.london2012.com/torch-relay/route/.

Lack of Primary School Places Working Group

A group of Kings Hill parents and residents have formed a working group to express concerns about the availability of school places on Kings Hill to KCC and the Department for Education.

This group is keen to hear from all parents that have young children who will need places in the future, those that have been disappointed this year and those that have previously been disappointed and are still on the waiting list for a place. Also any parents that have sent their children elsewhere because they didn't think they would get a place in Kings Hill.

The group can be contacted via Facebook on www.facebook.com/kingsHillPrimarySchoolProblems, or via the following blog and twitter account addresses: workingpartykingshill.blogspot.co.uk/ and [@SchoolKingsHill](https://twitter.com/SchoolKingsHill), which will enable them to collate a definite list of children in all years that do not attend a Kings Hill School due to non admission.

Dog Fouling

KHPC has been working closely with both Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council to bring the matter of dog fouling on the estate to residents attention.

There have been warning posters put on dog bins, information on our parish notice boards and free devices available from the Borough Council that attach to a dog lead and hold a dog waste bag. All this work is taking place but, unfortunately, there is still a small minority of inconsiderate dog owners who feel that they do not need to clear up after their dog. Please help us to help you by reporting instances of dog fouling to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council by using their website link www.tmbc.gov.uk/tmforms/dog.html or email waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk or call **01732 876147**.

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

Commemorative Benches for the Diamond Jubilee

KHPC has been granted funding from TMBC towards a Diamond Jubilee project for the community.

Two engraved oak commemorative benches are to be placed on Kings Hill. The Parish Council, with the agreement of Liberty Property Trust and Kings Hill Cricket Club, will be placing one bench on the green at Pippin Way and the other on the Cricket oval.

By installing these beautiful sturdy benches, we hope that they will be an asset to the community, bring residents together and help future generations to remember this special date in history.



Manor Park Country Park

Over the early spring KCC have completed a number of works at Manor Park. The most visible being the installation of reed mats and rolls along the lake's bank. The aim is to establish more vegetation in the lake area and encourage more insects into the park, thus providing more food for birds and bats. The plants will also help to oxygenate the water, improving water quality. You can help to keep the lake healthier by feeding ducks cracked corn, half grapes or defrosted frozen peas instead of white bread. The white bread is like junk food to ducks and the high volume being thrown in the lake is harming the water quality and increasing the algae problems. A number of trees, adjacent to paths, had to be cut for safety. The decaying wood of trees is valuable as each stage of decay supports a range of invertebrate species.

For further information please call **01474 823800** and ask for the rangers.

News from Liberty Square and the Central Area

- **Humphrey's**, a family run fish and chip shop with a 60 year history, has opened in Liberty Square.
- Recently closed **Post & Packing** has been bought by a Kings Hill resident, with other business interests in East Peckham. The business has been re-launched as **Post and Packing UK**. For full details visit www.postandpackinguk.com

- **Kardz**, the card and gift shop will unfortunately be closing in January 2013.
- **Control Tower** – Work has started on the refurbishment, with completion expected in December 2012. When the work is complete the Control Tower will have a new coffee shop, cultural centre and offices on the second and third floors.

Lock it and keep it...

Over the past few months there has been an increase in thefts from garages and sheds in Kings Hill. With Summer approaching now is the time to make sure that you do not leave your house, garage or shed unsecured.

- 1. Always put tools and equipment away safely**
- 2. Keep your garage doors locked at all times**
- 3. Fit additional security devices to all garage and shed doors**
- 4. Record details of your property and register valuables on the National Property Database www.immobilise.com**
- 5. Security mark your property with a UV pen or forensic marking solution**

Garages, sheds and outbuildings provide rich pickings for thieves so follow some of the precautions below to keep your property safe and secure.

If you see anything suspicious **REPORT IT**. If a crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**.

For all non urgent crime reports or enquiries call **101**.

For more safety advice visit www.kentpolice.uk.

If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your road, please call **101** and speak to **Suzanne Daniell**, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Office or email suzanne.daniell@kent.pnn.police.uk.

The Parish Council

Your current Parish Councillors are:

Sarah Barker

Chair of the Parish Council and Amenities Committee

Ray Cassidy

Vice Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of the Finance and HR Committee

Matt Peake

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

David Morfill

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

Sue Woodcock

Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee

Graham Hall

David Murray

Lindsay Sharp

Gary Morris

Tony Petty

David Waller

Contacting the Parish Council

To raise an issue with the Parish Council please contact:

Helen Munro Parish Clerk
clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Barbara Hucker 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 other Council meeting dates please check our website.

Kings Hill Community Centre Summer Activities

A number of activities are being planned during the school holidays, here at the Centre, including 2 plays – Hurricane Productions 'PIRATES', and Applauses 'A SNAILS TAIL'. Also one off sessions in children's Zumba, Aerodance Street Dancing, Musical Bumps, Baby Ballet and more.

Watch out for the advertisements as they come through your door or contact the Centre Manager, **Hilary Wren**, on **01732 220919**, or email **khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk** or visit our website **www.kingshillparish.gov.uk**.

Success, is Scouting for new talent!

Mereworth and Kings Hill Scout Group is currently over-subscribed with young people waiting to experience Scouting, from Beavers 6 to 8yrs, Cubs 8 to 10½ yrs, Scouts 10½ to 14 yrs up to Explorers aged 14 to 18yrs. With all sections filled to capacity they need to recruit more adults in order to continue to deliver this award-winning outdoor adventure programme. It would take just 6 more committed adults to allow the Group to take more than 50 children off the waiting list.

The Scout programmes are about growing and developing children who will become responsible members of our society, living in our village. Scouting not only delivers a couple of hours of fun each week, but educates young people about the environment, life skills, respect and self-respect and responsibility to themselves and their community; and so much more.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering opportunities within Scouting on Kings Hill please send an email to **gsl@mkhscouts.org.uk**.



Kings Hill Cricket Club

Current Home fixtures for both 1st and 2nd XI teams.

KHCC 1st XI

Saturday 7th July	Bexleyheath	1.30pm	League
Saturday 21st July	Nurstead	1.30pm	League
Saturday 28th July	Swanscombe & Greenhithe	1.30pm	League
Saturday 11th August	Snodland Community	1.30pm	League
Saturday 18th August	Wrotham St Georges	1pm	League
Saturday 1st September	GHS Dartford	1pm	League
Saturday 8th September	Town Malling	1.30pm	Friendly

KHCC 2nd XI Friendlies

Sunday 8th July	Sponsor Match	2pm	Friendly
-----------------	----------------------	-----	----------

Kings Hill Football Club



The foot-balling season will commence on the 8th and 9th September and for now our home grounds remain unchanged at the Kings Hill

Avenue pitches, together with Kings Hill and Discovery Schools. KHFC are still looking for players so anyone interested in joining the Club should get in touch via the website **www.kingshillfc.org**.

Events Diary

Saturday 7th July	West Peckham Summer Fete
Sunday 8th July	Italian Market in Market Square , adjacent to the Community Centre.
Saturday 14th July	Kids & Kaboodle Nearly New Sale at the Community Centre 2pm to 4pm.
Sunday 15th July	Kings Hill Pre-School Family mini-Olympics sports day
Saturday 21st July	Kings Hill Summer Fete at the Community Centre – 10am to 3pm
Wednesday 25th July	WI – Out & About – Neolithic Tombs at Addington Supper at local pub. Contact Linda on 01732 522437 for more details.
Friday 3rd August	Wildlife Olympics at Manor Park Country Park , West Malling – Suitable for children over 8 years (parents are not required to stay) Call 0845 8247600 for more details.
Friday 17th August	Find the Pixie at Manor Park Country Park , West Malling – Suitable for under 8's accompanied by an adult. Call 0845 8247600 for more details.
Wednesday 22nd August	WI – A Taste of Medieval Cooking with Bring & Buy . Contact Linda on 01732 522437 for more details
Wednesday 26th September	WI – Barnardo's: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Contact Linda on 01732 522437 for more details.



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**

Compiled and edited by the **Kings Hill Parish Council**

Designed and produced by **Stephen Pettman** · 01732 841 707 · **stephen.pettman@btinternet.com**

Printed by **Scarbutts Colour Printers** · 01732 870 066 · **print@scarbutts.com** · **www.scarbutts.com**