



# THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

Your newsletter from Kings Hill Parish Council

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## A Word From Your Chairman

Welcome to the summer edition of The View From The Hill.

Having been re-elected as Chairman for another year, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and effort over the last twelve months, it certainly was a busy year.

I would especially like to thank Laurence Faulkner who has now resigned his position as a Councillor, which is a great shame. We will be losing a wealth of experience.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like more information, please contact the Parish Council office at;

[clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

## Kings Hill Community Centre

### Antiques Valuation Day

Saturday 15th July

10am – 2pm

With

Catherine Southon

(BBC's Bargain Hunt, Flog It & Antiques Road Trip)



Come along and have your antiques & family heirlooms valued for **FREE** with the opportunity to sell at auction



Refreshments Available

At Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LG. For more information call 01732 220919 or email [khec@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:khec@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

[bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk) or call us on **01732 220919** for more details.

The Community Centre continues to go from strength to strength with many visitors passing through the doors every day.

In May we held an Indoor Boot Fair which was very well attended and a good afternoon of buying and selling was had by all.

Not many things in life are free, so don't miss our **FREE** Antiques Valuation Day on **Saturday 15th July** between **10am & 2pm**. Catherine Southon from the BBC will be coming to the Community Centre to value your precious items and to provide an opportunity to take them to auction if you wish. Refreshments will be available.

Don't forget that we have 3 halls available for hire at reasonable prices which can accommodate any type of party or get-together, with a fully licensed bar until 2am. We also have 2 rooms which are suitable for meetings and smaller presentations. Please either email

## STOP PRESS



Just before The View From The Hill was about to go to press we received this image from the Head Groundsman at the Sports Park. The burn marks you can see were caused by disposable BBQ's, which have been

used on one of the football pitches and have burnt right through a pitch which had recently been refurbished.

It is with regret that we have to inform residents that we cannot allow BBQ's to be used at the Sports Park. Please respect your park! Tony Petty

## Kent Community Speedwatch

In response to the request in the last edition of The View From The Hill for volunteers to set up the Kings Hill 'Speedwatch', we have three volunteers who are now undergoing 'on-line' training. However, we do need more residents to volunteer to help run the project for it to be viable over the longer term. If you are interested in supporting the Speedwatch campaign but are undecided about becoming involved, please visit the Community Speedwatch website [communityspeedwatch.co.uk](http://communityspeedwatch.co.uk) for more information about participating.

After completing the 'on-line' training there will be a training input from Kent Police and a familiarisation with the equipment session. It is not too late to get involved. Please contact KHPC by email at [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk), or telephone **01732 870382**.

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## VILLAGE NEWS UPDATE

### South East In Bloom



The Kings Hill entry into South & South East in Bloom will take place on the **12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. In addition to the tour of the site, Liberty Property Trust would like suggestions from residents for the best front gardens within Kings Hill, which will also be judged and certificates awarded to the best entries. Please email [kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com](mailto:kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com) with your nominations.

### Beating Garage Crime

Given the opportunity, thieves will target sheds and garages for items such as high-value power tools and bikes. To protect your valuables and reduce this risk of theft, keep garage or sheds locked when not in use; consider fitting security alarms and external lights; security mark valuable items and keep receipts; lock away tools or equipment that could be used to break in to your property; dispose of packing carefully as this can advertise rich pickings for criminals.

For more advice visit [kent.police.uk/staysafe](http://kent.police.uk/staysafe) or contact your local crime prevention design advisor on **101**.



## Kent Police

### Valley Invicta School



Valley Invicta School were delighted to celebrate their one year anniversary in their new building on the **28th April 2017**

and to welcome so many of the parents and the wider community to the day. Headteacher Sarah Bone commented: "Whilst it has been one year in the building, it has been eighteen months as a school and we feel very privileged to serve the Kings Hill community and for the continued support of our families".

### Dog Fouling



Kings Hill has an ever growing population of four-legged-friends. Unfortunately, despite there being a total of 58 dog bins across Kings Hill there is still the ongoing and increasingly serious issue of irresponsible dog owners who do not clear up after their pets. On behalf of the Kings Hill community we appeal to all dog owners and dog walkers to pick up after their dogs.

If you think that there is an area which needs an additional dog waste bin, please email: [kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com](mailto:kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com). If you witness any dog fouling, please contact the TMBC Dog Warden on **01732 876147** or email [dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk). The witness statement should include the date, time, place, description of dog and owner and owner's address if you have it.

**LET'S KEEP KINGS HILL A CLEAN AND SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND PLAY.**

### Church Update



The Church of England Diocese of Rochester have moved another step forward in their plans to create a church building and community space on Kings Hill. They recently appointed architects to undertake a costed options analysis, which will enable them to determine whether a temporary or interim permanent building will deliver best value to the parish and the diocese. After a robust tender process and meetings with various companies, Lee-Evans Partnership were selected as they came out as the preferred candidates as they showed innovation in previous builds and were completely open to all the possibilities available at this time.

### Local Plan

Following the 8 week public consultation exercise into the emerging Tonbridge & Malling Local Plan that closed at the end of November 2016, a report is being prepared for consideration by the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Advisory Board (P&TAB) at its next scheduled meeting on the **25<sup>th</sup> July**.



The report will summarise the themes arising from the 1,300 responses received and set out the next steps in the process.

In the meantime, work has been continuing in respect of the Local Plan evidence base and responding to further central government planning reforms as proposed in the Housing White Paper launched in February. The P&TAB report will also provide an opportunity to update Members for these aspects of the Local Plan. Reports can be viewed and downloaded from TMBC's website a few days before the date of the meeting. The report will also be available on KHPC's website.

For further information on the Local Plan, including copies of all of the completed evidence, the documents forming the basis of the consultations last year and a timetable for completing the Plan please see TMBC's website [tmbc.gov.uk/services/planning-and-development/planning/planning-local-plans](http://tmbc.gov.uk/services/planning-and-development/planning/planning-local-plans) or contact the Planning Policy Team at [localplan@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tmbc.gov.uk).

### Phase 3 Update

As you may be aware, Countryside Properties have acquired the first part of Phase 3 and will be building a mixture of houses and apartments, which, altogether, will comprise of 132 units. The project is due to commence at the end of the year and should take about 18 months from start to completion.

### Hedges



It is that time of year when hedges and trees overhang the highway. Privately owned hedges are the landowner's responsibility to maintain. With this in mind, KHPC would kindly ask for your co-operation in maintaining the full width of the footway/road outside your property. If there is a safety issue with an overgrown hedge and you are aware that it is KCC owned then call **03000 418181** or log a call at [kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults](http://kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults). If you are unsure who the hedge belongs to you can contact the Parish Office on **01732 870382**.



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Your current Parish Councillors are:

#### Tony Petty

Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of the Sports Park Committee

#### Chris Brown

Vice Chair of the Parish Council

**Tony Steel** Chair of the Community Centre & Events Committee

**Alex Board** Chair of the Planning, Highways & Environment Committee

**Dave Hurring** Chair of the Finance & HR Committee

<b>Robert Ayling</b>	<b>Ray Cassidy</b>
<b>Sarah Barker</b>	<b>Andrea Kilvington</b>
<b>Steve Beal</b>	<b>Dave Waller</b>

### Contacting the Parish Council:

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ME19 4LG

**Linda Hedley** Locum Clerk  
**Barbara Hucker** Deputy Clerk  
**Georgina Jackson** Assistant Clerk  
**Debbie Airey** Marketing & Communications Officer  
**Nicky Creed** Assistant Financial Officer

All Community Centre enquiries to:  
[bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

All Sports Park enquiries contact:  
**Janine Brown** at  
[sportspark@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:sportspark@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

Check our website for further details or if there is any information you would like us to put online, please email it to [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

The Parish Council & Sports Park are on Facebook.

The Parish Council & Sports Park are on Twitter @kingshillpc and @kingshillsp

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## Allotments



There is an increasing demand across the country for allotment plots and Kings Hill is very fortunate in having its' own. The allotment site provides a focus for the community, helps to improve community cohesion, allows for a healthy lifestyle, enables residents to grown their own produce and also to meet like-minded people.

If you are interested in an allotment and would like to join the waiting list or just want more information, please contact the Parish Office on **01732 870382** or email [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

## The Sports Park

As the football season comes to an end the refurbishment work on the football pitches begins.

Andy Gibbins, our Head Groundsman, is doing a fantastic job with ongoing repair works, with many areas being re-turfed, especially the goal mouths.

Every pitch has been veri-drained by Rigby Taylor, our contractor for this year, and should take around eighteen months from start to completion.



## Clerk Vacancy

KHPC will be actively recruiting for a Clerk in the near future, so if you think this is something that may be of interest to you, please contact us by email at [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk) or email Locum Clerk, Linda Hedley, at [linda.hedley@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:linda.hedley@kingshillparish.gov.uk) and we will be in touch as soon as recruitment commences.



### Football Club



Kings Hill FC once again hosted the Fun On The Hill community event on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Park. It attracted hundreds of residents from Kings Hill and the surrounding areas and proved to be a great family day out, as well as marking the end of a successful footballing season for the club.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> the club host its 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Football Tournament at the Sports Park for teams aged U7s to U15s. There was a great response and all age groups are now full.

Although the season has just ended, the Club management are already busy preparing for next season which will increase to nearly 40 teams. The new intake of 24 Under 6s (school Year 1) joining in September have also been confirmed, with several new parent coaches booked on the necessary courses.

A number of teams are seeking new players so if you are interested in joining the club or wish to be added to the waiting list, please contact the club via the website: <http://kingshillfc.org>.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS DIARY

### JULY

- Wed 5th** TMBC Schools Kwik Cricket Festival at the Sports Park
- Sat 8th** Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks, Offham 10am-1pm
- Sat 15th** Kings Hill Music Festival at The Spitfire Pub. Doors open 12.30pm. Tickets £10 advance/£15 on the door. For tickets go to [skiddle.com](http://skiddle.com)
- Sat 15th** FREE Antiques Valuation Day at the Community Centre 10am-2pm
- Sun 23rd** West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1pm
- Sat 29th** KH Cricket Club Picnic On the Pitch from 1pm

### AUGUST

- Fri 4th/Sat 5th** Alfresco Events Open Air Cinema at the Sports Park. Book tickets at [alfrescoevents.co.uk](http://alfrescoevents.co.uk)
- Sat 12th** Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks, Offham 10am-1pm
- Sat 12th** TIFG Charity Football Tournament at the Sports Park
- Sun 27th** West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1pm

### SEPTEMBER

- Sat 9th** Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks, Offham 10am-1pm
- Sat 9th** Kings Hill Rotary Club Charity cider, beer and music festival from 1pm-9pm at the Spitfire Pub, Liberty Sq. BBQ/raffle/tombola/craft beers/fruit ciders and live music. For tickets email: [ciderfest@kingshillrotary.org](mailto:ciderfest@kingshillrotary.org)
- Sun 24th** West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1pm

### Remembrance Sunday



The 2017 Remembrance Service for Kings Hill will be held on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**.

Information regarding parade start times, parade route, etc, will be advertised once more information becomes available.

KHPC hope that by informing residents early of the date for the service, that they will keep this date free in their diaries to make the 2017 Remembrance Service the most attended yet.

### TMBC Heritage Open Days



Liberty Property Trust will again be participating in Tonbridge & Malling's Heritage Open Days on the **9th and 10th September, 10.00am – 4.00pm** when the Control Tower will be open for the public to look around. Please call **01732 770929** after the **1st September** to book your timed viewing.

There will also be an exhibition in The Control Tower gallery featuring images of RAF West Malling – now Kings Hill – in World War II, all of which have been loaned by two local historians, Robin Brooks, author of 'Moths to Merlins' and Peter Hall who wrote 'By Day and by Night'.

### Tennis Courts



The tennis courts on Gibson Drive are open for use and are free to use by Kings Hill residents and those who work on Kings Hill, for leisure use only. Bookings take priority, but if the courts are free then it is on a first come first served basis.

To book go to: [clubspark.lta.org.uk/kingshillCommunitytennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/kingshillCommunitytennisClub)

### Kings Hill Cricket Club International Player 2017



In common with the last few years, for the 2017 cricket season, KHCC have engaged the services of another overseas cricketer. The player this year is Jack Raffles, who hails from the Queensland city of Townsville. Jack is 21 years old and has played 1st grade and representative cricket for a number of years. Jack is also a qualified coach and is working hard with the club juniors on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday training sessions. Jack is now fully settled in and getting used to the somewhat different climate, as he says, the English summer is cooler than the Townsville winter...!! Jack is also available for private coaching and he can be contacted via the KHCC Facebook site.