



Dog Fouling

Kings Hill Parish Council is receiving more and more complaints about dog fouling in the parish and it is unacceptable within our community. To tackle this increasing nuisance we are investigating a number of initiatives and campaigns to try to combat this problem and work with our partners to increase awareness of this issue. We hope to work with the local schools in Kings Hill to help promote this issue through education.

Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog and take it home or use the dog bins provided.

The Community Support Officers can issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling. To help us with our campaign please could you report any incidences of dog fouling to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council on the website link www.tmbc.gov.uk/tmforms/dog.html or you can email waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk or call **01732 876147**.



Allotments at Heath Farm

KHPC Amenities Committee has no further news on a lease for the allotment site at Heath Farm, as negotiations on the lease for the whole facility are ongoing. The committee are gathering information and ideas for the new allotments and will transfer these ideas into a proposal as soon as a lease is signed. Funding for fencing, installation of water to the plots and ground works is currently being sought.

The waiting list is still growing and KHPC are looking for more land. Ideally we would like another site in Kings Hill village.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the KHPC Amenities committee which meets on the 4th Monday of each month in Kings Hill Community Centre. The agenda will be on the KHPC website 3 working days before the meeting.

Thursday 24th May 2012

Annual Parish Meeting

The Community Centre

Put the date in your diary. Come and have your chance to speak to the Parish Councillors and let them know your views!

KHPC Youth Fund Grant

The Parish Council has a fund of £5,000 to donate to local youth organisations. If you would like to apply for some of this fund please visit our website to download an application form or contact the Clerk. The deadline for bids is **3rd May 2012**.

Groups helped last year included the Youth Club, Scouts, Cricket Club, Kings Hill Childminders and Tiddlers & Toddlers.

Those groups awarded grants in 2011 are eligible to apply this year.

Volunteers Wanted

to help with the

Kings Hill Summer Fete

21st July 2012

On the day, to help on a stall, or in the kitchen or on the run up to the event to help with ideas and admin

All profits towards
Community Centre Projects

Please contact Hilary Wren

01732 220919

or email khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Heath Farm – Sports & Leisure Facility

Negotiations are continuing with Liberty Property Trust for the Parish Council to run the facilities. An update will be given once an agreement has been reached. In the meantime, the sports pitches were seeded last autumn and the landscaping is well underway. Further details will be provided about when the facilities will be operational.

News Updates

Tiddlers & Toddlers



It's Monday morning. Are you wondering what to do with your baby/toddler? Pop along to Kings Hill Community Centre and join our fun and friendly Tiddlers & Toddlers group. Receive a warm welcome, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and have a chat with like minded parents and carers, whilst the children get involved in a variety of activities including ride-on toys, crafts, reading corner and singing as well as a baby area and snack time. We are open 9.30am – 11.15am every Monday (excluding bank holidays) and all pre-school children are welcome at a cost of £2.50 and £1 for siblings and with no need to book, you can just turn up and join in the fun!

You can also find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/TiddlersAndToddlers

Marathon attempt to raise autistic awareness

A local mum of 2 is hoping to tackle two major challenges in 2012. Firstly to raise awareness of autism, a condition that affects over half a million people in the UK and secondly to do this by taking part in the 2012 London Marathon.

Nicky Whichelow has a particular reason for the challenge ; Nicky's son has a form of autism called Asperger's Syndrome. "There is a real need for people to understand more about autism and Asperger's Syndrome, as they may come across it in their daily lives and not know how to handle the interaction" said Nicky.

For more information and to get involved please contact Nicky on nickyrun2012@hotmail.co.uk



Crime Prevention – Safer Spring

As spring approaches, the number of shed and garage break-ins can increase. Items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be easy pickings for thieves to target if kept insecurely in sheds and garages. The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime:

- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- Make sure the door to your shed or garage is securely locked at all times, even if you are at home.
- Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post-coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed/garage.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents policy.

Anti-speeding

The Parish Council is working with police to try to combat the continuing issue of speeding on Kings Hill.

Please remember the speed limit on **Kings Hill** is



Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company has reported their intention to fund the purchase of a mobile Speed Indicator Device for use around the village.

Bus Service

Bus Service 123

Are you being affected by the loss of hail and ride? Please let the Parish Council have your comments.

Bus Service 72

This service no longer uses Boverde Avenue. Instead the service uses Regent Way and Discovery Drive.

Bus Services 151 and 77

These services still use the stop in Boverde Avenue.

ASDA launches new Community Life Initiative

Supporting local communities is a priority for Asda. A new initiative has been launched called "Community Life" that allows stores to work more closely with their local communities.

Claire Lawlor, the Community Life Champion at Asda Kings Hill, is excited to be welcoming the public into her store to use space that has been opened up for local groups to meet, spending more time serving local organisations and engaging customers in the new charity programme "Chosen by you... given by us".

A Community Life display has been created and placed at the front of the Kings Hill store to let customers know the various community activities taking place.

Kings Hill manager, Kolin King, explains. "We have created the new role because we think it is really important that we play our part in our local community. We are going to ask our customers to vote on which charities we support."

Waitrose Community Fund

KHPC are delighted to receive £225 from the Waitrose Community Fund towards the new stage for the Community Centre. The fund is supported by customers of Waitrose selecting their preferred community group project. A big thank you to all who voted for our project and to Waitrose for the donation.

Any community groups that would like to apply for the community fund should contact Waitrose directly.

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 & Leisure Facilities at Heath Farm Committee

David Waller

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

Chris Joselin	David Murray
David Morfill	Tony Petty
Gary Morris	Lindsay Sharp

Contacting the Parish Council

To raise an issue with the Parish Council please contact:

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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.

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to the people. It is not linked to the church in any way. The Council can respond to the needs of the community – delivering the services or representation it most needs. To do this well we need to hear from the community about local issues, so please keep in touch.

What does a Parish Council do?

The responsibilities of a Parish Council can include the provision and management of allotments, looking after playing fields and village greens. They maintain and guard things such as public rights of way, bus shelters and community buildings.

A Parish Council can do these things by actually providing them itself, or by helping someone else (such as a charity or volunteers) financially to do so.

Councils are also the focal point for local consultation on matters such as planning applications. The Parish Councillors know the village and can represent its views to other authorities such as Borough and County Councils.

What does Kings Hill Parish Council do?

KHPC is responsible for maintaining the play area in Anson Avenue and a number of small green spaces as well as running the Community Centre in Gibson Drive. They are consulted on planning applications and local authority consultations relating to the area. As a direct result of resident's comments KHPC undertook projects including the installation of a bus shelter on

Discovery Drive near Forest Way, 2 notice boards, the removal of diseased trees and their replacement on Worcester Avenue and 11 new salt bins. KHPC lobby other organisations on behalf of residents to achieve a shared goal and offer advice and assistance to residents in dealing with local authority business.

Who runs the Council?

Parish Council elections were held in May 2011 to elect twelve councillors to run the Council for four years. They work for the community on a voluntary basis. A Parish Clerk is appointed to advise the Council and manage the administration of the Council.

New Assistant Clerk

KHPC are delighted to welcome Barbara Hucker to the parish office as the new Assistant Clerk. Barbara has previous experience of working in council administration. She is responsible for the Amenities and Planning & Transportation Committees. If you have a query for either of these committees then please contact her on **assistantclerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

Precept – 0% increase to KHPC funding through council tax

KHPC is responsible for setting the parish precept. This money is given to the parish by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, which in turn comes from you – the Council tax payer. The total precept for 2012/13 is £154,150. This is a 0% increase on the band D equivalent council tax for Kings Hill parish.

Kings Hill Community Centre

The Parish Council is certainly putting 'Community' into Kings Hill!

The Pantomime was a huge success, being a sell out in just 2 days! A second show was added in the morning, which was also well attended. We would like to thank Waitrose and Asda who provided prizes for the children's free raffle.

We would like to know what you think of the following suggestions:

- A Christmas Craft Fair/Shopping event during the week, when the children are at school.
- Setting up a Community Cinema at the Centre. Would you use this facility?

We really **would like your input** on what you would like to see happening in and around the Community Centre and what you think of the events and activities that we put on for you.

So please do take a moment to contact Hilary Wren, Centre Manager, with ideas and suggestions.

For further information on any of the above, activities at the centre or to hire a hall contact the Centre Manager, **Hilary Wren** on **01732 220919**, email: **khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk** or visit our website: **www.kingshillparish.gov.uk**



Kings Hill Football Club

Your local football club are still seeking interested boys and girls to join this season's Under 6's team, these are children who are currently in Year 1. Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary via the club website, www.kingshillfc.org.

Next season's Under 6's squad is nearly full – the window for applying will close at the end of May, anyone interested should get in touch via the club website.



Kings Hill Cricket Club

New Year – New League. Following a great friendly season in 2011, Kings Hill Cricket Club will be playing league cricket this year in the Kent Regional Cricket League (KRCL) on Saturdays, with local friendlies on Sundays. KHCC will be in Division 1B West and the league season will start on Saturday 5th May away to Bexleyheath. The first home match is on 12th May, against Petts Wood Tudor. Email kingshillcricketclub.co.uk for information.

Kings Hill Community Running Club

Is anybody interested in the formation of a road running club on Kings Hill?

If you would like to join a group so that you can go for your run in a crowd rather than on your own, then email khrrc@hotmail.co.uk.

Training advice from a level 2 coach also sought to allow the club to become affiliated.

Events Diary

Saturday 31st March	Kings Hill Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt around Liberty Square. Tickets available from the Pre-School
Sunday 1st April	Kings Hill Christian Fellowship Palm Sunday Service with Church of England on Kings Hill
Sunday 8th April	Kings Hill Christian Fellowship Easter Sunday Service with Paul Martin
Sunday 22nd April	West Malling Farmers Market (TBC)
Monday 23rd April	Kings Hill Pre-School Quiz night at the Guffaa Raja
Wednesday 25th April	Women's Institute A fun music presentation – John Pearce Kings Hill Women's Institute 10th Birthday Party
Monday 30th April	Kings Hill School Friends Golf Day at the London Golf Club More details available from PTA@kings-hill.kent.sch.uk
Saturday 5th May	Offham May Day
Saturday 5th May	Kings Hill Rotary Club Pig Race at the KHCH at 7.30pm. Tables can be booked by emailing Wendy Curtis at r.w.curtis@btinternet.com
Saturday 12th May	KHCC home league match against Petts Wood Tudor 1.30pm
Sunday 13th May	Honey Bee Fayre and Auction in Yalding More info. available on www.beefayre.yaldingbeekeepers.co.uk
Saturday 19th May	KHFC Fun Day BBQ & Football Fun Kings Hill Avenue pitches – Open to all
Wednesday 23rd May	Women's Institute – AGM with Bring and Buy
Thursday 24th May	KHPC Annual Parish Meeting 2pm – 4pm and 7pm – 10pm
Sunday 27th May	West Malling Farmers Market (TBC)
Saturday 2nd June	Mereworth Village Jubilee celebrations – Oak tree to be planted in the Recreation Group to be known as Elizabeth Oak and a plaque unveiled to mark the renaming of the ground, The Queen Elizabeth II Field.
Saturday 2nd June	Hadlow Jubilee Event
Saturday 2nd June	KHCC home league match against Petts Wood 1.30pm
Saturday 9th June	East Peckham Fete
Sunday 10th June	Tonbridge Carnival
Saturday 16th June	Mereworth Summer Fete
Saturday 23rd June	Kings Hill School Friends Summer Fete Kings Hill School
Saturday 23rd June	KHCC home league match against Snodland 1.30pm
Sunday 24th June	West Malling Farmers Market (TBC)
Wednesday 27th June	Women's Institute Fashions in Painting – Gerry Harris Plant sale
Sunday 1st July	Discovery School Jazz On The Green
Saturday 7th July	West Peckham Fete
Saturday 21st July	Kings Hill Summer Fete



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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