



THE KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010

Pre Christmas Events at the Community Centre

As there is a whole week between the Schools breaking up and Christmas Day this year, the Centre Manager wanted to try and help fill that week with some Christmas activities at the Community Centre.

Monday 20th December:
Musical Bumps Christmas Party – in aid of Jessie's Fund. For tickets, £5-a-head, contact Sarah on **01732 321 217** (booking essential).

Tuesday 21st December:
PANTOMIME 'Jack and the Beanstalk' starts 2pm. Booking essential – Tickets available at the Community Centre Office, Monday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm. Adults £6, Children £3 (Payment by Cheque only).

Wednesday 22nd December:
Craft Fun sessions are being run by Messy Play for children aged between 2 and 5 years accompanied by an adult.

This Art of Mine is for children aged 6 years and above. Booking essential for both.

Thursday 23rd December:
Pampered Delights from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. There's Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos and Nails. Booking essential.

For further details or to make a booking, please contact **Hilary Wren** on **01732 220 919** between 9 am and 2 pm, Monday-Friday or email **khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk**



Christmas Eve Friday 24th December:
Christingle Service with Nativity Play from 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December:
Kings Hill Christian Fellowship and Church of England join together for a **Christmas Day Service** at 10:30 am. Everyone welcome.

New Groups at the Kings Hill Community Centre

The following start new classes at the Community Centre from January.

Keep Fit for the over 50's
For details please call **01732 220 919**.

The 11 Plus Academy
For details please call **01634 893 659** or **07766 223 254**.

Are you interested in joining a reading group/book club or art group, or are there any other particular groups/classes you would like to see at the Community Centre? If so, please contact **Hilary Wren** on **01732 220919** or email **khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

Parish Council – Parish Councillor Vacancy

Kings Hill Parish Council currently has vacancies for two Councillors and is looking to co-opt people to take on this voluntary role between now and May 2011 when Local Elections will take place for all 12 of the Parish Councillor Posts .

Your commitment would be a minimum of 10 hours /month or more if you have time

to spare. Current projects include The Skate Park, Discovery Drive Pedestrian crossing and finding land for up to 100 more allotments.

Within the next two years it is hoped that the Parish Council will gain Quality Status and have developed a Parish Plan. If you are interested in making a difference as you work with and serve your local 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 10am on Monday 10th January 2011.



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Heath Farm Update

Representatives of the Parish Council and Kings Hill Football club attended the inaugural meeting of Kings Hill Sports Management (KHSM) Company Limited at the Liberty Property Trust Offices in September. KHSM has been formed to plan and manage the Sports and Leisure Facilities at Heath Farm.

The Parish Council continues to have concerns that the facilities at Heath Farm will be predominately only for Football and not provide equal opportunity for other sports. The Parish Council have received a strong interest from the netball club. If there are any other clubs on Kings Hill that would like facilities on the Heath Farm complex would they please contact clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Earlier this year the Parish Council agreed to keep residents fully informed on the progress of the planning application for Heath Farm. When the plans are submitted to TMBC and available for the public to view and comment on, the Parish Council will put the information on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk and in the local press.

Allotments at Heath Farm

Earlier this year Liberty Property Trust confirmed that they were donating land for allotments at Heath Farm to the Parish Council. We accepted this offer and look forward to receiving further details in the near future.

Last year the Parish Council opened a waiting list for allotments at Kings Hill and there are now 78 names on this list. The allotments at Heath Farm will fall far short of what is required and with 'grow your own' gaining popularity, the Parish Council has agreed that more land must be found. We will therefore be formally writing to Liberty and KCC to ask for more land at Heath Farm or elsewhere in the Kings Hill Parish. Two separate sites is not ideal but as there is an overwhelming demand for allotments KHPC must find more land.

If you are interested in having an allotment and haven't got your name on the waiting list then please email office@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Pedestrian Crossing in Discovery Drive

The council has applied to Kent Highway Services for money from our KCC Members fund, to help with the installation of the crossing in Discovery Drive close to Alexander Grove. The application was submitted in May and we have yet to hear if the application has been successful. As soon as we have any news we will inform residents.

Cycling Routes on Kings Hill

At the annual Parish Meeting this year the council were asked to clarify the cycling routes on Kings Hill. In some areas there are cycling lanes on roads.

Many of the pathways are designated for walking and cycling. These pathways are marked by this sign below.



Plans for the Central Area and the Control Tower

A consultation with residents took place on 16th September. As yet the comments given by residents have not been made available and there is no information as to when the final plans will be submitted to

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. When these plans are available for public comment, the link to the TMBC planning portal will be put on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Kings Hill & Larkfield Community First Responders (CFRs)

The Kings Hill & Larkfield Community First Responder Scheme has been working hard this year to raise awareness of CFRs. We have also been concentrating this summer on fund-raising as we desperately require more vital lifesaving equipment. A scheme is initially given two full kits consisting of an AED G3 Defibrillator, Full Emergency Kit Bag and Oxygen at a cost of approx £1,350. At present we currently have 5 kits which have to be shared between 9 members. We also have 3 members due to complete their training by the end of November 2010, so ideally we would like to be able to provide every member with their own kit bag which would enable more CFRs to provide life saving cover to our local community. If you are able to help our scheme by giving a donation or would like further information do not hesitate to contact **Nikki Tillin** on **01732 849 417**.

Policing on Kings Hill

Neighbourhood officers took part in a crime reduction event at the end of September. We took the mobile police station to the Community Centre at Kings Hill where we gave residents advice on home and personal security.

Residents have told us that some people continue to ride their bicycles in Liberty Square. Please remember that this area has been designated a pedestrian zone so bicycles are not permitted. Local officers are aware of this issue and will be monitoring the situation.

Monthly Public Engagements Meetings run by our Neighbourhood Policing Team are held at Kings Hill Community Centre. Future dates and times are Wednesday 15th December and 19th January from 19.00 - 19.30 pm and Thursday 16th December and 20th January from 13.30 - 14.30 pm.

Useful Numbers

For non-urgent crime or to discuss a local policing matter, call **01622 690 690**.

To report a crime or if there is a threat to life, call **999**.

Diary Dates

Kings Hill School Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 4th December from 11.00 - 2.00 pm.
Come and join the fun and get festive. Entry fee; Adults £1, Children free.

Discovery School Christmas Fayre

Sunday 5th December from 11.30 - 2.00 pm.
This is a chance to do some Christmas shopping whilst supporting the school.

Entry fee; Adults £1, Children free.

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st

December. Kings Hill Rotary Club would like to announce that Father Christmas and his helpers will be collecting for Rotary Charities. They will be outside ASDA from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and will visit homes in Kings Hill from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

The Parish Council

Your current Parish Councillors are:

Sarah Barker

Chairman and Chair of Amenities

Sue Woodcock

Vice Chair & Chairman of Planning and Finance

Graham Hall

Chairman of Community Centre Committee

Tony Carlton

Chairman of the HR Committee

David Murray
Tony Petty

Brian Pearson
David Waller

Council meeting dates

The monthly meeting schedule for the Kings Hill Parish Council from January 2011:

First Wednesday	Community Centre
Second Wednesday	Planning
Third Wednesday	Full Council
Fourth Wednesday	Amenities

The meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. All Parish Council

Meetings are open to the Public. The Agenda for meetings and Meeting Minutes can be found on www.kingshillparish.gov.uk and displayed on the Parish notice board outside the centre.

The **Kings Hill Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Thursday 31st March 2011. More details will be published on the website in early March.

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

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

01732 870 382

www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

Our new website is now live and if there is any information you would like to put online, please email it to clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Post & Packing Warehouse

Make your Christmas easier with P&P

Make the most of our E-Shop Drop service this Christmas. Your on-line purchases can be sent to Kings Hill P&P. You can pick them up at your convenience during our opening hours. No more waiting in all day for parcels to arrive or couriers to collect, just use this address:

Your Name, 5 Liberty Square, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4AU. You pay £1.50 when you come to collect your parcel. Simple!

Our opening hours are:

9 am - 6.15 pm Monday to Friday and 10 am - Midday on Saturdays.

Buy your Wallace & Gromit Christmas stamps from us. 1st Class 41p and 2nd class 32p. If you have a large letter weighing more than 100g or measuring over 240 x 165 x 5mm, the postage will be 66p for 1st Class and 51p for 2nd Class.

Wrong postage and your recipients will end up paying to receive them, 'bah humbug' they'll be murmuring!

If time is short bring your cards to us for stamping or for £5 we will collect all your letters and parcels from your house. You can then pay by card over the phone.



We have our Christmas Starter Kits on sale this year for the bargain price of £2.99.

If you are sending parcels to loved ones, we can courier up to 25KG's for £11.99 to mainland UK on a next day, fully tracked and signed for service*.

* this excludes highlands and islands.

So no excuses, make sure everyone knows you love them this Christmas!

To find out more about our services, just Google 'post and packing', call us on **01732 840 600** or see you in store.

The P&P Team wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kings Hill Neighbourhood Watch

Paul Harfleet is the Kent Police Watch Liaison Officer for Tonbridge & Malling, and is currently working closely with residents in Kings Hill, offering support to existing coordinators and to those wishing to start new Watches in Kings Hill.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- To cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who feel vulnerable
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Tell the Police & Neighbours about suspicious activity in your area

Being a co-ordinator is not an onerous task, as most residents have access to e-mail. There are many advantages to being a member including crime prevention advice, stickers and leaflets and discounted forensic marking kits. Some insurance companies even offer a 10% discount on home contents insurance for NHW members.

If there is not a scheme in your area and you would be interested in finding out about how to start one and what it involves, or if you are in a current scheme and need help or support in anyway, please contact Paul Harfleet, Watch Liaison Officer on **01732 529 910**, Mobile **07807 340 318** or email paul.harfleet@kent.pnn.police.uk

Kings Hill Cricket Club

The Club are delighted with their new pavilion and cricket ground which was officially opened on Saturday 17th July 2010. Before the end of the season the Club played two other home games and recorded their first home win at the new ground.

We are planning to hold a commemorative 'Kings Hill Cricket Weekend' (KHCW) in July every year to celebrate the anniversary of the July 2010 opening. There are plans to play a match against England's International Learning Disability team and to hold a 'Street Cricket' competition as part of the weekend.

We are always looking for new players to join the Club. The next cricket action will be pre-season nets to be held at the Judd

School Tonbridge, January-March 2011. The Club is also looking for volunteers to undertake training in umpiring, scoring, ground-keeping and coaching. For further details about Kings Hill Cricket Club please email kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk

Kings Hill Skate Park

At the Full Council meeting held on 21st July 2010, it was unanimously agreed to support the building of a Skate Park in Kings Hill. The search for funding the project is underway. Tonbridge and Malling Community Safety Partnership have kindly donated £5,000 and Kings Hill Parish Council £10,000 to the fund. Updates will be in the next issue and also on the Parish Council website.

Our Schools

Discovery School

Our Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a Community Governor. To qualify as a Community Governor, individuals cannot have a child or be related to any child at the school. The Governing Body meets 4 times per school year, and in addition Governors are expected to sit on committee meetings. You would also be required to come into school for regular visits. If you would like to learn more about the role please contact the clerk to the Governors, Mrs J Roe (jroe@discovery.kent.sch.uk) **01732 847000**.

The school is keen to set up links with local businesses/community groups to drive forward our community cohesion initiative. If you feel that this is something you would be interested in please let us know!

Kings Hill School

This term we have taken part in two fantastic fundraising events. The first was a coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer fund which was attended by over 150 local people and raised over £300. The second was an afternoon of fun running and sports for NSPCC for which our children raised over £2,200.

The school also held our first Brain Awareness Week (18 - 22 October) which was about helping children understand how they learn and about understanding that everyone has gifts and talents. Our children learnt about the biology of the brain, learning styles, multiple intelligences and memory strategies. On 19th October over 100 dads, granddads and other male relations joined their children in class to learn more about how we use our brains to learn.

New Earth Solutions – Blaise Composting Facility Proposed Small-Scale Renewable Energy Installation

Kings Hill residents may have attended the New Earth Solutions (NES) exhibition at the Community Centre on 10 September about the proposal to generate renewable energy at the Blaise composting facility which opened in October 2008. Blaise composts around 50,000 tonnes per annum of green, kitchen and organic waste, mostly under a contract with Kent County Council. Compost is supplied to farmers in the neighbourhood.

NES is proposing, using a process called pyrolysis, to replace diesel power with renewable electricity generated from some of the waste. The new process will use oversized woody fractions, compacted cardboard and other material that has

not degraded to good quality compost in the process – about 20% of the waste received. The project will therefore improve the capacity and efficiency of the plant, as well as generating renewable energy.

At Blaise, sufficient gas would be created to power the electricity generators that keep the site self-sufficient. It could also supply to the local grid as much electricity as that used by around half of the houses at Kings Hill. A planning application has been submitted to Kent County Council, the strategic authority responsible for planning at Blaise. The application is available for inspection at the TMBC offices in Gibson Drive.

Kings Hill Summer Fete

The Kings Hill Parish Council would like to thank everyone who participated in making the Kings Hill Summer Fete in July such a huge success. The date for next years fete is

Saturday 23rd July 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00pm in the Market Square.

We are looking to set up a Kings Hill Summer Fete Working Group. This will be a group of volunteers who will bring fresh

ideas to the Fete and be prepared to take on a specific role. If you want to get involved then please contact Hilary Wren, Centre Manager at the Kings Hill Community Centre on **01732 220 919** or email khch@kingshillparish.gov.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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