



THE KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2011

## The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Elections

### Annual Parish Meeting – 31st March 2011

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal parish council meeting, it is your opportunity to come and meet the council and make your voice heard, find out what has been happening in Kings Hill over the past year and suggest ideas for the next.

There will be an opportunity to meet the councillors informally and view displays from local groups including the Youth Club, Heath Farm, Football Club and Skate Park from 7pm. A Q&A session with the council will run from 8pm.

Please come and join us from **7pm** on **Thursday 31st March** at the Community Centre.

### Parish Council elections

Elections will be held on **Thursday 5th May**. Polling stations will be at Kings Hill Community Centre and Discovery School.

Are you interested in standing for election and becoming a parish councillor? There are 12 seats on the council filled by residents of the parish. No experience is required, just enthusiasm and a desire to improve Kings Hill. Nomination papers for parish councillors are now available and can be obtained from the TMBC offices in Gibson Drive. They must be delivered to TMBC by **noon** on **Monday 4th April 2011**. Further details are available either on our website, from the Parish Office or the Returning Officer at TMBC on 01732 844522.

## Heath Farm

### New Planning Application

The planning application for the Sports and Leisure Facility to be built at Heath Farm was submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Planning by Liberty Property Trust (LPT) in late February. The plans have just been released for public inspection and comment as we went to press. The plans include a sports pavilion, 5 grass pitches, one artificial pitch and allotments.

The link to the plans can be found on [www.kinghillparish.gov.uk](http://www.kinghillparish.gov.uk). The plans are also available on the TMBC website. The plans will be displayed for residents to view at the Kings Hill Annual Parish Meeting on 31st March 2011. The plans will also be discussed at one of our Parish Council meetings in March or April. Please check our website regularly for updates.

## The Central Retail Area

The plans submitted by LPT propose that the Grade II listed control tower includes a Project Space (Cultural Centre). The planning application includes details of how this space may be used.

"The project space would not become a conventional gallery but become part of the wider Kings Hill Cultural Strategy, linking architecture, permanent artworks and temporary exhibitions into an active

residential/retail area and cultural hub. The main operator for the Project Space would potentially be the "University of Creative Arts."

The Parish Council have written to LPT asking for a meeting to discuss the future use of the Project Space. KHPC would like to be considered as an operator of this space.

As residents of Kings Hill, what do **YOU** want to see in this space? Please send us your ideas and comments to [clerk@kinghillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kinghillparish.gov.uk). We look forward to reading your views.



### Funding for Youth Groups

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 2011**.

# News Update

## Allotment update

Land has been allocated by LPT for allotments at Heath Farm which will initially provide 28 half size plots. In March, the Parish Council will meet with representatives of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) to obtain expert advice on setting up the allotments and also gain advice on how to obtain additional land to meet the much higher need. If you wish to put your name on the KH Allotments' waiting list please email [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

## Policing Kings Hill

PC Nick Stevens and PCSO's Wendy Stanley and Anne Roots are your Kings Hill neighbourhood officers.

Contact details are:

**PCSO Wendy Stanley** 07989 992 435

**PCSO Anne Roots** 07772 226003

More information on policing is available on the Parish Council website.

## Bicycles – Lock it or lose it!

Recently a number of unlocked bikes have been stolen. Please make sure your bike is properly secured. Always lock it even if you're only leaving it for a few minutes. Invest in a good quality bike lock and lock your bike to something secure.

## The 2011 Census 27 March 2011

### Help tomorrow take shape

All households in the UK are now receiving their census forms. Information collected enables local government and others to identify need for housing, education, health and transport services to come.

**Please check ID if house calls are made.**

Don't forget to complete the form that is posted to you or complete it online at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk).

## Speeding

Speeding on Kings Hill is an issue and will be addressed with a Speedwatch campaign over the coming months. Please make sure you drive with proper care and attention and observe the 30 mph speed limit. If you witness particular issues please contact the police on 01622 690690.

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



## Skate Park

The Skate Park Working Group recently met to review the Park Project. It was agreed that KHPC would write to LPT and KCC asking for an alternative site to be considered for the Skate Park. This site, if agreed, would significantly reduce the cost of installing the base and the overall project.

In the near future the Parish Council will be conducting a survey of Kings Hill residents to determine the level of support for the facility. This data is essential for any funding applications. Details of the Skate Park Project will be on display at the Kings Hill Annual Parish meeting to be held on Thursday 31st March. Members of the working group and young people involved with the project will be on hand to answer your questions.

## Hedges and Trees

With spring and summer coming, would all residents ensure their shrubs and trees bordering pavements and roads are cut back to prevent injury to pedestrians and damage to vehicles and cycles.

## Anson Avenue Green and Playground

The Parish Council maintain the green and play area in Lord's Walk. We have recently changed our landscape contractor and maintenance work is due to commence shortly. If you have any comments or concerns please contact the Parish Office.

# Our Schools

## Discovery School

The Discovery School has been busy with a successful Ofsted Art, Craft and Design inspection day at the end of January. We have also visited The Natural History Museum learning even more about dinosaurs.

If you would like to visit our school or learn more about us, please telephone the school office on 01732 847000 to make an appointment for a visit.

## Kings Hill Pre-School

With summer coming we have lots of outdoor activities planned, weather permitting! Football, rugby, tennis and team games sessions continue this term with coaches from Arsenal football schools.

Our pre-school is continuing to prove a big success and we have a full waiting list for 2012. Places for 2013 are also going fast. Please ensure you put your child's name down as soon as possible. We also strongly suggest you apply to other settings to ensure a place. For more information on our pre-school visit our website at [www.kingshillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.kingshillpreschool.co.uk).



## Parking outside Discovery and Kings Hill schools

There has been an increase in parking and congestion problems near our schools with numerous complaints from parents, the schools and residents. Concern is for children's safety. We understand for some it is too far to walk, but if walking is a viable option, walk rather than drive.

If you must drive, then park a way from the school and walk the last hundred metres. Please do not park on pavements or park causing an obstruction and endangering the safety of others.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the delivery of the next edition of **The View from the Hill** please contact the office.

01732 870 382 | [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

# The Kings Hill Community Centre

For a full list of activities, their times and other information please visit the KHPC website

## Christmas Pantomime

Councillors and Staff would like to thank everyone who came along to the Pantomime and made this sell out event such a fun afternoon.

## New Year – New You

Are you looking to lose weight and get fit for 2011? Look at the range of classes available at the Centre to help you out.

### Yoga

### Pussycat Poles

### Fit 50's –

Low impact keep fit for the over 50's.

### Weight Watchers

**MB Fitness-Dance Fit** – Keep Fit to Music

## New baby on the way or just arrived?

Look at all the classes we have at the centre for you and your newborn.

### YOGA during pregnancy

### Post Natal Pilates

### WKHA – Baby Clinic

**Learn to Massage Your Baby** with Marianne

**Baby Massage** with Charlotte

## Groups for PreSchool Children

**Little Bubble** is moving to Wednesday 2:15pm. Playing musical instruments, singing & dancing – with bubbles, a parachute and a hand puppet. Phone Iveta 07840 3252570

**Messy Play** will be back from April. Phone Chloe 07975762531

**Dinky Dancers** Tuesday 9:30am currently has vacancies. Phone Lisa 01634 682181

### Tiddlers and Toddlers

New Times: Monday 9:30am – 11:30am  
Prices: £2 per child + £1 per sibling

**The centre are looking for donations of any large toys that you no longer use – we can collect. . .**

Please phone Hilary on **01732 220919**

**Date For Your Diary – Kings Hill Summer Fete** 23rd July 10am – 3pm

**If you wish to hire a hall or room at the community centre or require other information, please phone Hilary on 01732 220919 or email khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

# The Parish Council

## Your current Parish Councillors are:

<b>Sarah Barker</b>	Chairman
<b>Sue Woodcock</b>	Vice Chair
<b>Graham Hall</b>	<b>Brian Pearson</b>
<b>Gary Morris</b>	<b>Tony Petty</b>
<b>David Murray</b>	<b>Lindsay Sharp</b>
<b>Mike Palmer</b>	<b>David Waller</b>

## 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**

Please note the Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm** and will be the first meeting of the newly appointed Council.

For all Council meeting dates please check our website.

# On Discovery Drive

## Pedestrian Crossing. . .

The Parish Council has received an interim report on the installation of a Toucan Crossing in Discovery Drive which will be located between Alexander Grove and Goldings Close. The design and final costings will be sent to County Councillor Richard Long and KHPC by the end of March. It is likely that the report will be presented at KHPC Full Council on 20th April 2011.

## And a new Bus Shelter

A unanimous decision was taken by KHPC Full Council in 2008 to reinstate the bus shelter. Due to circumstances beyond this councils control, installation has been severely delayed. It is now hoped that the new shelter will be installed before September 2011. KHPC has funds available and will also be applying for grants to meet any short fall in expenditure.



An example of a similar bus shelter

## Salt bins / gritting update Snow Clearance on Kings Hill

In addition to the gritting and snow clearance organized by Kent Highway Services ( KHS), and Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREMC) the Parish Council are planning to install

some salt bins around the village before next winter. The Parish Council applied to KHS for salt bins last summer but none of the locations we submitted passed the criteria set by KHS in its new operational policy.

A number of roads have been identified as high priorities. KHPC will start installing salt bins before winter 2011. The Parish Council would like to hear from residents who can identify an area not on the highway or pavements where a salt bin could be located. Email office@kingshillparish.gov.uk.

## Resident's charity event

As a resident of Kings Hill for over 4 years, I am rather crazily attempting to run 26 miles around the streets of London in the marathon on 17th April!

I am running to raise as much cash as I can for the **The National Autistic Society**, but most importantly raise awareness to the condition and a charity that does amazing work!

Please log on to their website and check out my link to give to a worthy cause!

### Frank

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)  
[www.justgiving.com/Frank-Mestre](http://www.justgiving.com/Frank-Mestre)

## Kings Hill Community First Responders

We are looking to recruit further members in Kings Hill, which would enable us to provide greater coverage throughout the week. To become a member all we ask is that you attend a few team meetings to enable you to see "what we are all about", and then you would be required to submit a formal application. A member is asked to undertake a minimum of 24 hours cover a month on a voluntary basis.

If you feel you would like to become a member of our team or feel that you are able to provide us with some vital funding, please contact Nikki Tillin, Team Leader of Kings Hill on 01732 849417.

## KH Rotary –

### Focus on the crocus

Nationwide, Rotarians have planted purple crocuses. Ours have been planted round the obelisk at the entrance to Kings Hill.

Every child immunised against polio now has a finger painted purple to identify them. Purple has therefore become the symbol of Rotary's world immunisation campaign.

Kings Hill Rotary meet each week on Monday at the Spitfire at 7pm.

## Volunteers Needed! The Moonlit Walk – Saturday 16th July 2011



This is the biggest Fundraising event of the year for The Heart of Kent Hospice with nearly £90,000 raised in 2010,

but we are in need of **volunteers** for this year's event.

We need 100 people to help with this

event – from registration, drink stops to marshals. Starting and finishing at David Lloyd, Kings Hill – walkers can complete either 6 or 10 miles.

To register to volunteer, please telephone Karen Dockwray (Volunteer Services Development Officer) on 01622 792200 or email [karen.dockwray@hokh.co.uk](mailto:karen.dockwray@hokh.co.uk).

## Football Club



Your local football club are seeking interested boys and girls for next season, in particular the Under 6's team, these are children who will be in Year 1 from September. Priority

will go to children of coaches, those who have siblings already playing for the Club, those who live on Kings Hill and go to Kings Hill schools. Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary via the club website, [www.kingshillfc.org](http://www.kingshillfc.org)

## Cricket Club



The forthcoming cricket season is eagerly awaited with ten home matches scheduled for the 2011 season. The first match at

Kings Hill is against Hadlow on Saturday 30 April at 2pm. The full fixtures list can be found on the clubs new website [www.kingshillcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.kingshillcricketclub.co.uk).

There will be a derby match against Town Malling taking place on the Kings Hill Cricket Weekend which is scheduled for

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July. In May 2011 the Club will be launching a Junior Section. Coaching sessions will be held on Friday evenings from 6pm – 7:30pm at Kings Hill Cricket Ground starting in late April/early May and finishing mid September. For further details about Junior Cricket please email [khccjuniors@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:khccjuniors@yahoo.co.uk).

We are always looking for new players to join the Club, for further details email [kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk).

## Events Diary

23 March	WI – Talk about fuchsias – cuttings etc	5 May	Parish Council and Borough Council elections
31 March	Annual Parish Meeting 8pm	8 May	Discovery School Spring Fayre 11:30 to 2:30
9 April	Kids and Kaboodle – Nearly new sale	11 May	Parish Council AGM 7.30pm
15 April	Manor Park Country Park – Discovery Day – Signs of Spring	15 May	KH Football Club end of season Fun Day will be held at the Kings Hill Avenue pitches – usual BBQ and football fun – all are welcome
16 April	Ladies Relaxation Day – Kings Hill Community Centre	25 May	WI – AGM Resolution and Social
16 April	Kings Hill Pre-School's Annual Easter Egg Hunt around Liberty Square	24-26 June	Music on the Hill
27 April	WI - Work at Radio Kent - humorous	4 June	Kids And Kaboodle – Nearly new sale
30 April	Cricket Club – Match against Hadlow 2pm		



**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](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

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