

THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

Summer 2014

A Word From Your Chairman



Firstly, let me say I am honoured to have been elected as your Parish Council Chairman for another year.

Last year it was a relief to finally sign the Sports Park and Allotments leases, however the protracted negotiations meant costs were higher than expected, forcing us to put many projects on hold. So this will be a year of consolidation, though not inactivity, as we still plan major investments for residents in the Sports Pavilion, with a bar and coffee shop soon to open and the allotments, which will soon have their first tenants and then, of course, there is the elephant in the room; the Phase 3 planning application, which will surely dominate this year.

Finally, let me remind you that we welcome residents to our meetings and events. Many residents joined us last year and we look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming year.

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Phase 3 Consultation



Thank you to everyone who attended the Phase 3 consultation and who completed the questionnaire. This gave the Parish Council a clear view of your opinions and concerns about the proposed development. The Parish Council has submitted its response to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC), which is available to read on our website. As the Local Planning Authority, TMBC will review the application and consultation responses, before it goes to their planning committee for a decision. Members of the public are able to attend this meeting. Kings Hill Parish Council (KHPC) will widely advertise the date and location of the meeting once it is known.

New Manager For The Sports Park



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Janine Brown as the new Sports Park Manager. Janine, who started at the end of June, previously managed the Hayesbrook Sports Academy and is a keen athlete and sports woman. She said of her new appointment "I am excited to be part of a vibrant community in Kings Hill and look forward to maximizing and developing the full potential of the Sports Park, bringing the local and wider communities and schools together through their love of sport".

If you are interested in hiring the 3G pitch then please contact her on **01732 872271** or email **sportspark@kingshillparish.gov.uk**.

The Kings Hill Sports Park was gifted to KHPC by Liberty Property Trust UK and KCC for the benefit of the local community. Recent users of the facilities include teams of local residents and employees from the Kings Hill Commercial area, Kings Hill Football Club, Coerver Academy, Soccer Elite, local secondary schools and many other local grass roots football clubs. We have also had rugby training held on the 3G pitch as well as private sports parties and coaching training. KHPC would like to encourage residents to use the facilities for a variety of other activities so if you are interested in setting up a community club or group please contact Janine.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

KHPC currently has a vacancy for a 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 time to spare. Are you interested in making a difference as you work with and serve your local community? If so, then please contact Helen Munro by email at **clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk** to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor.

KINGS HILL SUMMER FETE - SATURDAY 19TH JULY 10AM-3PM IN AND AROUND THE KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

We're raising money for Community Centre improvements.

Can you volunteer for a couple of hours to help in the kitchen or on a stall?

If so please contact **Hilary Wren** on **01732 870382**

VILLAGE NEWS UPDATE

Sports Park Summer League



We are pleased to announce that the inaugural Sports Park Football Summer League started on Monday 12th May and will run until Monday 21st July.

There are six local teams competing, and every team seems to be enjoying the experience. We hope everyone has an enjoyable season and that next summer we will be able to extend the league.

Summer Security

Summer is a time of warm days when windows, doors and garages are often left open and tools and valuables are left lying around outside.

The most common cases of opportunistic summer burglary involve offenders that enter an insecure front door while residents are in the back garden, enter doors that are closed but unlocked at night or reach through windows to take valuable items.

Summer burglary prevention tips:

If you are in the back garden, ensure that your front door is secure.

Put your garden tools away into a secure garage or shed after using them, they could be used to break into your home.

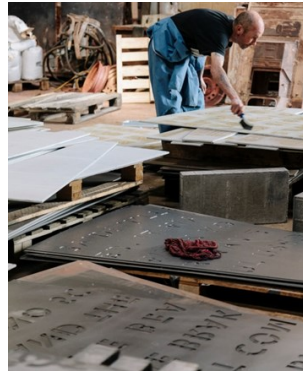
When you leave a room unattended, close the windows and doors - especially on the ground floor.

If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened.

Keep wallets, purses, credit cards, car keys and other valuables out of sight.

Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars.

Control Tower - Way Finding



Commissioned by Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK together with partner Kent County Council, a series of heritage-inspired artworks is currently undergoing a phased fabrication and installation process.

The artworks include two steel roundels, each seven and a half metres in diameter, located alongside the historic control tower - one features RAF slang and the other personal stories and anecdotes from local residents. Lines of text are being embedded along the main paved walkways that connect Liberty Square and brass rubbing roundels depicting aircraft which flew from the airfield are being scattered through the area.

The artworks are being fabricated and installed in phases and the process is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. There will be an official unveiling taking place in September when the public will be able to view the artworks, take rubbings of the roundels and meet the artist and community contributors.

CAF Charity Match At The Sports Park

The Mark Jones ECMO Machine fund was set up in memory of Mark Jones, a friend and colleague at Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) who died suddenly on 7 December 2013. The fund is to help to purchase an ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) machine for Medway Maritime Hospital. On Friday 13th June over 35 CAF staff took part in a five-a-side tournament at the Kings Hill Sports Park, with the support of KHPC. A signed England shirt, donated by the FA in memory of Mark, was raffled and the tournament and raffle raised in total over £1000. There are full details of this event and how to make donations to the Mark Jones ECMO Machine Fund on the Parish Council Website.



Kings Hill Cricket Club



Kings Hill Cricket Club has been going from strength to strength since being formed in 2006. Since then the team has won many games moving up from Kent Regional League 1B Central to Kent Regional League 1A West. They have a dedicated team working hard towards these achievements, but as always new cricket players are very welcome.

The team meets every Wednesday evening from 6pm on the cricket green to practice during the season from May-September.

During the winter months the team practices using indoor nets at The Judd School, Tonbridge.

The club has a very strong junior section consisting of 75 boys/girls U11, with a strong juniors coaching team, coaching the Hurricanes, Vampires and Defiants on Friday nights. If you do pass by the club between 6-7.30pm on a Friday night you will see the green buzzing with juniors practicing and playing, and their parents and siblings having fun near the club house. This has now become a weekly social event for the community and we would encourage residents in Kings Hill to join them for a BBQ, held once a month, or a drink at the full stocked Cricket Pavilion bar.

To become a volunteer at the bar and BBQ please contact Sonia Hutchinson via Kings Hill Cricket Club Facebook page.

If you would like to play cricket for Kings Hill Cricket Club please email shaunmcmurray007@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your current Parish Councillors are:

Dave Waller

Chair of the Parish Council

Ray Cassidy

Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Chair of Finance & HR & Amenities Committees

Tony Petty

Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee

Graham Hall

Chair of Kings Hill Sports Park Committee

Lindsay Sharp

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

Sarah Barker

Michael O'Moore

Alexander Board

Tony Steel

David Murray

Sue Woodcock

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All Community Centre enquiries to:

Hilary Wren at

khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk

All Sports Park enquiries to:

Janine Brown at

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**

Parish Council Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please submit a CV to Helen Munro at

clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

For further details please see our website or call Helen on

01732 870382

New Parish Councillor



We are very pleased to announce the co-option of Alexander Board on to the Kings Hill Parish Council. Alexander has lived on Kings Hill for 2½ years and is married with three children.

Allotments

Allotments have an important role to play in education and learning and the new allotments being offered by KHPC will enable new skills to be learned and used – not only horticultural but also social and community skills.



Cllr Ray Cassidy & Assistant Clerk Barbara Hucker of KHPC

The intensity of urban living on Kings Hill and loss of open spaces strengthens the value and need for allotments. This in turn enables an allotment holder to feel as though they are 'being in the country whilst living in an urban environment'. KHPC hopes the allotments will allow people to enjoy a sense of community, where people get to know each other well, to talk, share ideas and make friends.

The new allotments will be allocated to residents on the Parish Council's waiting list and the Parish Council is very much looking forward to seeing the first year's vegetables and flowers growing on Kings Hill's allotments.

Britain In Bloom



Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREM) has submitted a Britain in Bloom entry for part of the residential area in the "Village centre category". This is the first time that Kings Hill has been entered for this prestigious award. One of the judging criteria is evidence that the designs and landscaping benefit our community now and into the future. We would very much welcome as many resident comments as possible, to include in our submission. Please email:

kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com

Residents adjacent to the judging route will be contacted directly by KHREM, as the judging is based on the entire route and not just the areas maintained by KHREM.

Grant Funding

KHPC has great pleasure in announcing that they have awarded part of the 2014 S106 Youth Fund grant to Kings Hill Pre-School and also to Kings Hill Cricket Club. The Pre-School will be using the grant to replace their outdoor canopy and the Cricket Club will be purchasing cricket equipment, accessories and coaching aids.

Tennis Courts



If you fancy a spot of tennis, Kings Hill's tennis courts, opposite the Community Centre, are available free to Kings Hill residents. Bookings take priority, but if the courts are free then this is on a first come first served basis.

To book please call **01732 870382** or email **admin@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

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DOMESTIC ABUSE?

NEED ADVICE

"ONE STOP SHOP"

FOR ALL VICTIMS OF ABUSE

HOUSING ADVICE

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

LEGAL ADVICE

BENEFIT ADVICE

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND GIVE SUPPORT - YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ALONE.

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING FROM 9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM

AT 4 NEW WHARF ROAD, TONBRIDGE TN9 1DS



Kings Hill Rotary Club



On the 30th August 2014, Kings Hill Rotary Club will be holding their third Charity Beer Festival. Hosted at the family-friendly Spitfire public house on Kings Hill, there will be a wide selection of Kent produced ales, live music and BBQ. There will also be a fun activity to keep the kids amused. More details to follow at www.kingshillrotary.org as plans progress. Come and join in the fun!



3G Pitch Hire at Kings Hill Sports Park

200 Beacon Avenue
Kings Hill
ME19 4QP

The floodlit 3G pitch is available to hire on a casual basis or for block bookings either as a full or 1/3 mini pitch

£30 per hour per mini pitch
To book please call

01732 872 271

or email

sportspark@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Events Diary

July

Saturday 5th - West Peckham Village Fete on The Green 2pm-4pm

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th - Kent County Show at Detling Show Ground

Saturday 12th 1pm - Kings Hill Music Festival at The Spitfire. Adults £10, Advance tickets £7, children free

Saturday 12th - Discovery School Summer Fair 12.30-3pm

Saturday 12th - Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks 10am-2pm

Saturday 19th - Kings Hill Summer Fete in and around the Community Centre 10am-3pm

Monday 21st - Police Public Engagement Meeting outside Kings Hill School 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Sunday 27th - West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1.30pm

August

Saturday 9th - Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks 10am-2pm

Wednesday 13th - Picnic In Oz, Bradbourne House, East Malling. Wizard of Oz inspired out door event. Family ticket £12.50 (2 adults & 3 children). For more details or to book call **01622 790195**

Tuesday 19th - Police Public Engagement Meeting outside Asda 4pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 24th - West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday 27th - Kings Hill WI - My Life As A Tiller Girl. For more info contact Linda on **01732 522437**

Sunday 30th - Kings Hill Rotary Club Charity Beer Festival at the Spitfire

September

Saturday 13th - Offham Farmers Market at Spadeworks 10am-2pm

Wednesday 24th - Kings Hill WI - Life Inside (An Insight Into Prison Life) plus bring & buy. For more info contact Linda on **01732 522437**

Sunday 28th - West Malling Farmers Market 9.30am-1.30pm

Summer Activities At The Community Centre

Lights Camera Action Fun Day organised by Small Saints Child Model Agency & Zebadee Performing Arts 1st August 10am-3pm. £45 (free digital image included). Boys & girls 5-16 years. Call: **01732 220909**

Messy Play on Tuesday 5th August 10am-11am 18mths to 4 years Call Francesca on **07908 213057**

Magical Theatre Workshop to the Frozen Soundtrack on the 12th August 4-9yrs £20. Call **0845 3730330** to book

Musical Bumps 23rd & 30th July, 6th, 13th & 20th August 10am mixed ages & 11am baby class. Drop in £6 or £25 for all five sessions. Call Sarah on **01732 321217**

Tiny Talk 31st July, 14th August & 28th August 10.30am-2.30pm call Deborah on **07811 949975**

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