A Word From Your Chairman

In 2014 Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council approved an outline plan for the next big expansion of Kings Hill known as Phase 3 and in the next 12 months we are likely to see the first detailed plans as the development starts in earnest.

Throughout the consultation period hundreds of residents voiced their concerns about the outline plan at Parish Council and Borough Council public meetings, and in submissions on the planning authority’s web site, and I urge residents to be equally involved in scrutinising these details as they come up for consultation.

The Parish Council will obviously scrutinise plans and respond on behalf of residents, but we would welcome residents at our meetings to join in the discussion and help inform that response, as well as sending your responses to TMBC.

We Need Your Help On The 15th July!

Kings Hill Parish Council and Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company, with the help of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, are organising a dog fouling “Bag It and Flag It” campaign on Kings Hill. This will take place on Wednesday 15th July, meeting in the main car park of the Kings Hill Sports Park at 9am. The aim is to engage with dog owners and dog walkers to raise awareness of this issue. Whilst the “Bag It and Flag It” clean-up is taking place the Dog Warden will also be on hand to offer some free micro chipping sessions for those who are interested.

It is illegal not to clear up the mess left by your dog and dog mess left in public places is offensive to see, smell or tread in. It also carries diseases, particularly a disease called Toxocariasis caused by roundworm. The microscopic eggs can remain in the soil for up to two years and, if swallowed, develop into larvae which will travel around the body and can cause blindness, asthma, epilepsy and general aches and pains depending where they lodge. Please come and support this extremely important campaign.

Village Sign Update

The new village sign for Kings Hill is being manufactured and, once completed, it is hoped that the erection of the sign will take place in July. The Parish Council will keep residents informed of progress through the website, social media and press once the exact date is known.

Allotments Update

Kings Hill allotment construction is underway. The access road into the site is complete and the water supply pipes have been installed. The rabbit proof fencing will be installed prior to the main 6ft high fencing and access gate. Weather permitting it is hoped that the allotment site will be ready in late June or early July.

Kings Hill Sports Bar

Kings Hill Sports Bar is a fantastic new venue for the residents of Kings Hill and surrounding areas to enjoy. The Sports Bar is open every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday all day from 10am and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm, so why not pop in over the summer holidays and treat the little ones to a refreshing Polar Crush ice drink, Schmoo milkshakes (with a choice of fantastic toppings) or some delicious Kentish ice cream.

You can also book your adults or children’s birthday parties with us. Our parties include hire of the 3G pitch for football parties as well as supervised archery parties, after which we can provide a birthday tea in the Sports Bar. Let us make your day special!

Kings Hill Sports Bar
Operated on behalf of the Community by Kings Hill Parish Council
Kings Hill Sports Park, 200 Beacon Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QP
Phone: 01732-872271 Website: www.kingshillparish.gov.uk
The tennis courts are open for use and are free to use by Kings Hill residents and those who work on Kings Hill. Bookings take priority, but if the courts are free then it is on a first come first served basis. To book please call 01732 220919 or email bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk.

We all see many different structures in the road which we assume are roundabouts and that the rules of such apply. However, on Kings Hill it might be that what we think are roundabouts are in fact traffic calming measures and it is often expected that traffic will always obey the rules of a roundabout when negotiating these traffic islands.

Therefore we ask drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, parents and children to take roundabout and have keep left signs, but please do not assume that this has a legal status or that other road users will treat it as such.

In the warm weather we're all more likely to leave our windows open and doors ajar, making our homes and gardens insecure and increasing opportunities for thieves.

Secure your home - if you're in the garden lock the front door and windows. If you're going out or going to bed, double-lock uPVC doors with your key and check accessible windows are locked.

Limit access - close windows and lock doors including gates around your home. Consider fitting security measures like burglar alarms and security lights to deter unwanted visitors.

Store valuables away from windows and doors - creeper burglaries, where a thief enters a property at night to steal keys (and your car) or other valuables, generally increase at this time of year. So remove the temptation by keeping valuable items including your handbag, wallet, mobile phone or car keys out of sight and away from windows and doors.

Security mark valuable items to make them less desirable to thieves. Marking them can also help the police trace them back to you if they are recovered after being lost or stolen.

On Tuesday 18th August, the date of The Hardest Day when dogfighting in Kent's skies reached its savage peak, vintage planes from across Britain will take off from Biggin Hill and fly a series of sorties over southern England.

More than 20 aircraft, including the last four Hurricanes still operational in Britain, are being lined up for the ultimate flypast this summer to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The mass formation will break up into three flights after taking off from Biggin Hill, with one of those flights flying over West Malling, Detling and Gravesend before returning to Biggin Hill.
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your current Parish Councillors are:
David Waller
Chair of the Parish Council
Ray Cassidy
Vice Chair of the Parish Council, and Chair of the Amenities Committee
Graham Hall
Chair of Kings Hill Community Centre & Sports Park Committee
Tony Petty
Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee
Tony Steel
Chair of Finance & HR Committee

Sarah Barker
David Murray
Alexander Board
Kim Tanner
Chris Brown
Sue Woodock
Paul Lambotte

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

Helen Munro CEO
Barbara Hucker Deputy Clerk
Georgina Jackson Assistant Clerk
Debbie Airey Marketing & Communications Officer
Nicky Creed Assistant Financial Officer

All Community Centre enquiries to:
khcc@kingshillparish.gov.uk

All Sports Park enquiries to:
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

The Community Centre, Sports Park and Sports Bar are now on Facebook & the Sports Park is also on Twitter @kingshillsp

New Parish Council

The Parish Council is elected to serve for 4 years. With the recent elections, councillors have now taken office and are continuing the business of serving the community through the provision of the Community Centre, Sports Park, Sports Bar, new Kings Hill allotments and various other open spaces as well as representing the Kings Hill Community with a number of local initiatives designed to improve the area.

Residents are encouraged to meet their local council by attending one of our regular meetings, held at the Community Centre, or by contacting the Parish Office by email, phone, Twitter or in person.

The Council welcomes two new Councillors, Cllrs Chris Brown and Kim Tanner and says goodbye to Cllrs Aaron Cockell and Michael O’Moore who had recently served on the Council.

New Borough Councillors

Following on from the recent elections in May, Kings Hill now has 3 new Borough Councillors representing our ward at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC). They are Sarah Barker, Piers Montague and Lee O’Toole. They can be contacted by email on sarah.barker@tmbc.gov.uk, piers.montague@tmbc.gov.uk and lee.otoole@tmbc.gov.uk regarding local issues of concern within TMBC’s remit.

Sports Park News

Kings Hill Sports Park are pleased to announce that Dover Athletic Football Club will be using the facility as their official training centre for the upcoming football season. Sports Park Manager Janine Brown added “It’s fantastic for the facility to welcome Dover Athletic to the Park. I am looking forward to working with them and, as with all the teams that use our facility, I wish them every success this season”. For more information see the website.

The Sports Park is also delighted to welcome Allington Castle Archers who will be holding two Archery Tournaments at the Sports Park this year. The first and biggest is their two day “Sir Thomas Wyatt” open tournament on the 27th and 28th June. This is their flagship event and archers from all over the south-east will be shooting. It is a record status event and new national records could be set. Their “Whitefriars” Tournament is being held on the 30th August. Janine Brown commented “It’s wonderful for the facility and the community to hold the two events here for the first time. We wish ACA and all the Archers good luck over the two day event”.

Your Community Centre Needs You!

The Community Centre would like to hear your opinions about what you would like to see here at the centre. We would like to know what events the Parish Council could offer to the residents of Kings Hill and would like your ideas and feedback. We would also like to know what you think of the new concept of allowing hirers to bring in their own alcohol depending on hire and room choice?

If you could spare just a few minutes to email your ideas, opinions and feedback to khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk, we would be extremely grateful.
Fun on the Hill took place at Kings Hill Sports Park on the afternoon of 16th May. Whilst the event is organised by Kings Hill Football Club, football is a small part of what goes on during the day. There is something for everyone and the whole community came out to support Kings Hill’s largest event and the day was a huge success. All KHFC players received their well-deserved trophies for the season. Special recognition awards sponsored by Liberty Property Trust were presented to the U15 FC and Colts squads for Endeavour and to the U9 FC team for Achievement.

From the amazing raffle, over £2,000 was raised for KHFC’s chosen charities to be split between CLIC Sargent and Prostate Cancer UK. It really was a special day!

Remembrance Day 2015

In November Kings Hill commemorated the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War with our biggest ever Remembrance service and this year we aim to make it even bigger as we celebrate 70 years since the end of World War Two.

If you would like to help organise or run the event, or if you are part of a community group that would like to take part, please contact the Parish Office at office@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Cricket Club News

The cricket season kicked off in April with Junior training on Friday evenings and many local residents coming to join us at the Club. Local residents might have noticed our new nets have been built and are being put to good use on Wednesday’s senior cricket training as well as the Friday Junior Cricket training sessions.

The season will be very busy with outside clubs using our facilities and weekly home matches for KHCC. Our two key dates are the 17th July when we will officially open our nets and store room extension and the 30th August our Club Day sponsored by the England and Wales Cricket Board and Waitrose.

Malling District Lions Club Charity Walk

On Sunday 30th August the Malling District Lions Club will be holding a Charity Walk(s) to suit everyone, through the apple fields in aid of Prostate Cancer Research and Support. Registration is from 9am at the East Malling Research Centre, ME19 6B3.

Full details can be found at www.mallinglionsclub.moonfruit.com or call 01732 841078. Malling District Lions Club have raised over £10,000 in the last 3 years for prostate support. The club (one of 900 in the UK) has 28 members and they raise £10-15,000 every year to support local and national good causes.