

The Quarterly Newsletter from Kings Hill Parish Council

THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

Summer 2013

A WORD FROM YOUR NEW CHAIRMAN



For the last 5 years I have had the privilege of being a Kings Hill Parish Councillor, but for the next 12 months I will have the additional honour of being Chair of the Council.

Kings Hill is a place of seemingly endless change and since moving here 10 years ago, I have seen hundreds of new homes built; new restaurants and a second supermarket open; "The Mosquitos" settle in their new home ground and, not surprisingly, the Parish Council grow with more Councillors and staff.

The coming year will be no less hectic with the opening of our spectacular sports park at Heath Farm and the long awaited completion of the central area with its restored Control Tower.

I look forward to meeting residents and hearing your views at our council meetings and events throughout the year.

975 MORE HOMES AND 2000+ MORE RESIDENTS

A planning application has been submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC) mainly to convert commercial land off Tower View into a new residential area. There are a proposed 975 new homes along with a new 2 form entry primary school on the Kent County Supplies site off Gibson Drive. Kings Hill Parish Council are actively consulting with residents to ensure the views of the community are represented to the Local Planning Authority, prior to any approval being granted.

The Parish Council held a public consultation on the 1st July and details of the results from the event will be available on our website. If you were unable to attend the consultation, you can still let us know your views by printing off a questionnaire from our website and handing it in to the Parish Council office.

Your comments on the application are vital to ensure you have your say on the development. You can respond directly to TMBC via their website and using application number 13/01535/OAEA.

<http://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications>



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MEMORIAL FLIGHT



Kings Hill played host to an event to remember 70 years since the Dambusters raid. The ceremony at the Airman statue was well attended and later the newly refurbished Control Tower and plaza were opened to the public. A Spitfire fly past was a spectacular display for the residents of Kings Hill.

2013 COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election Candidate	Votes
Matthew Balfour Conservatives	1781
David Waller UKIP	1185
Terry Scott Labour	350
Stephen Patt Lib Dems	201
Frances Long Green Party	158
Liz Uncles English Dems	26

PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON KINGS HILL

Many residents will be aware that Kings Hill has a shortage of primary school places. Discovery School increased its intake from 60 to 90 pupils in 2010 and now Kings Hill School will be temporarily expanding to a three class entry in September 2013. However, the prospect of a further 975 houses on Kings Hill make this position heavily dependent on what is agreed as part of the planning for Kings Hill's future.

Building work to create two new classrooms at Kings Hill School is expected to start in June and will continue through the summer. Parents have been asked to consider sending children to school on foot or in car-pools to reduce traffic and congestion, as a result of reduced parking and construction site traffic. Residents are advised to take care when parking in and around the school.

PARISH COUNCIL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Kings Hill Parish Council will be running some fund raising events this year to raise money towards enhancements at the Community Centre, which could include a new sound system or community cinema.

Events coming up include a Raffle (tickets are on sale now at the Community Centre and the Raffle will be drawn at the fete by the Mayor & Mayoress of Tonbridge & Malling), the Summer Fete from which all proceeds will go towards the above projects - so look out for the Parish Council stalls. A Quiz Night on Saturday 5th October and a New Year's Eve Family Party (subject to demand) are also being planned.

For more information, buy tickets or come up with other fund raising ideas please contact Hilary Wren at the Community Centre at khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk or call 01732 220919.

A MESSAGE FROM KENT POLICE

As the summer months approach there is a continued trickle of break-ins to garages on Kings Hill with expensive sports equipment being taken. We are exploring and implementing tactical options, but the nature of the crimes imply that properties are being targeted through the following methods - looking for vehicles with sports bars; sports related stickers; watching for people leaving garage doors open or unloading vehicles and scouting for people whilst they are using their sports equipment (bikes, etc.). We need the community to be vigilant and report all suspect vehicles and concerns (however small) on **101**.

Remember to lock garages and the property inside them, do not leave garage doors open while working in the garden and remove roof racks when they are not in use.

Don't wait...
until it's too late
Keep your valuables out of view

STAY SAFE

Call 101 for non-urgent issues.
Call 999 in an emergency.
If deaf or speech impaired text police and your message to 60866.

Kent Police
www.kent.police.uk

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

Sarah Barker

Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee & Amenities

Matt Peake

Chair of the Kings Hill Sports Park Committee

David Morfill

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

Emma George**Tony Petty****Graham Hall****Lindsay Sharp****Robert Griggs****Sue Woodcock****David Murray**

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Debbie Airey Admin Assistant

Kim Tanner Assistant Financial Officer

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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**

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

The Parish Council have received a draft lease from the land owner and are currently negotiating terms of the lease. Negotiations will not be rushed! When the lease is signed allotment holders will be updated via the Allotments Newsletter.

The Amenities Committee have recently met with the Allotments Focus Group and comments received at this meeting will be discussed at future Amenities Committee meetings. Dates for which can be found on our website.

The waiting list held by the Parish Council currently stands at 101. The Parish Council have agreed that the plot size will be 8.57m x 7.36m, which means that more people on the list will be allocated an allotment plot than was previously expected. Allocations of plots will not be notified until the lease is signed.

A NEW NAME FOR HEATH FARM

Liberty Property Trust has confirmed that the area known as Heath Farm will be renamed 'Kings Hill Sports Park'. This area will be the site for the floodlit artificial grass pitch, pavilion with changing rooms and social area and five grass football pitches that have been gifted to the community by Liberty and KCC and are currently under construction. The Sports Park will also include the Kings Hill allotments, a wildflower meadow, an improved bridleway and extensive landscaping.

Work on developing the sports facilities is progressing well and they are expected to be open at the end of August. The Sports Park will provide Kings Hill Football Club with a high quality home venue and will provide facilities for a number of other local sports clubs and organisations.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Kings Hill Parish Council are consulted by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC) on all planning applications for the Parish of Kings Hill. The Planning & Transportation Committee meet every six weeks and all new planning applications are discussed at these meetings.

If residents have concerns or specific issues that they wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention regarding an application, they are very welcome to attend these meetings. Residents' comments on planning applications are also included on the TMBC Planning website which the Parish Council review weekly.

Dates of Planning & Transportation Committee meetings are advertised on all Parish notice boards around the village, on our website and in the Parish News section of the Kent Messenger.

www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

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EVENTS DIARY

JULY

- Saturday 6th July** - West Peckham Village Fete 2pm-4pm
- Sunday 7th July** - Discovery School Jazz on the Green and school Summer Fair 11am-3pm
- Sunday 7th July** - Cream teas in Mereworth Church Pavilion 2pm-5.30pm (and every Sunday afternoon until 25th August)
- Sunday 7th July** - Kent Police Open Day 10am - 4pm. For more details visit www.kent.police.uk/openday
- Saturday 13th July** - Kings Hill School Summer Ball. Tickets available from the school
- Sunday 14th July** - Kings Hill Pre-School Annual Summer Games 2-4pm on the Pippin Way Green. For tickets call **01732 840180**
- Weekend 19th/20th/21st July** - Music On The Hill for more details go to musiconthehill.org.uk

SATURDAY 27TH JULY KINGS HILL SUMMER FETE 10AM-3PM

AUGUST

- Sunday 11th August** - Goosebumps Swing & Jive Band at the Spitfire from 3pm
- Monday 26th August** - Cream teas in Mereworth Church Pavilion 2pm-5.30pm
- Saturday 31st August** - Kings Hill Rotary Club Beer Festival with live music throughout the day at the Spitfire from 12pm

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 6th September** - National Blood Service at the Community Centre. Contact: www.blood.co.uk
- Saturday 7th September** - Mereworth Barn Dance (tickets in advance from St. Lawrence's Church)

ST GABRIEL'S, KINGS HILL

St Gabriel's Church has moved from the Kings Hill Community Centre and has taken up residence in their new home at The Discovery School, Discovery Drive, where they meet every Sunday at 9.30am.

KINGS HILL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



The members of Kings Hill Christian Fellowship are delighted to announce the appointment of Matt Ross as their new full time minister. His Induction Service and Welcome Tea will be held on Saturday **13th July 2013** at 4pm in the Community Centre and all are welcome. Kings Hill Christian Fellowship began their regular worship services in September 2005 and now have over 100 gathering each Sunday at 10.30am in the Community Centre. The Fellowship is made up of different denominations and are members of the Evangelical Alliance and South East Baptist Association and ROC (Redeeming our Communities).

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