

The Quarterly Newsletter from Kings Hill Parish Council

# THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

Winter 2013/14

## A WORD FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN



You know how satisfying it is when a project you are passionate about is successful; well imagine how much more satisfying it is when that project also improves the lives of your neighbours. That's how I feel being a Parish Councillor.

Our biggest project in recent years is undoubtedly the Sports Park at Heath Farm, which is now enjoyed by hundreds of residents and when leases are finally exchanged many more will enjoy the new allotments.

Of course not all projects are as big or exciting, but even smaller ones like play areas and salt bins, help improve residents' daily lives.

I mention this because sadly two Councillors have moved away and we need to find replacements; residents prepared to get actively involved in making our community a better place to live. Is that you?

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## PHASE 3 PLANNING APPLICATION

Thank you to everyone who responded to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to share their views on the planning application for Phase 3 of Kings Hill. It seems that Liberty has taken note of residents' views and are proposing to amend the application and submit a much smaller scheme for the area. We look forward to seeing the amended proposals along with residents and sharing our views on how they affect the Kings Hill Community.

## NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR KINGS HILL

KCC Education & Learning have submitted their recommendations on who will run the third primary school in Kings Hill to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education. The successful sponsor for this school in Kings Hill will be announced in mid December 2013. Full details will be available at [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk), [kingshillparish.gov.uk](http://kingshillparish.gov.uk) and via twitter [@kingshillpc](https://twitter.com/kingshillpc), following the announcement.

**Aladdin**  
Saturday 21st December 2013  
2pm  
at the Community Centre

Adults £8 Children £6  
Tickets available from the  
Community Centre Office  
from the 1st December  
Payment by cheque only, made  
payable to Kings Hill Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Kings Hill Parish Council 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](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk) to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor.

**Kings Hill Parish Council** wish all residents a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**

# VILLAGE NEWS UPDATE

## ALL OUR MEMORIES

A book with a collection of reminiscences of the history and heritage of the local area has been produced by The Beat Project, with funding from The Heritage Lottery Fund. The project started in early 2013 and, through workshops and a Community Heritage Panel, stories and photographs have been collected from residents in villages around West Malling. The book has stories about many aspects of living and working in the villages over the last Century. The history and development of Kings Hill is featured with information given by David Murray, a resident and Parish Councillor, who has lived in Kings Hill since 1995. The book can be viewed on-line and is also available in hard copy. Full details from The Beat Project [thebeatproject.org.uk](http://thebeatproject.org.uk)

## POLICE UPDATE

Kent Police is offering residents of Tonbridge & Malling some crime prevention tips for the Winter months:

Close and lock all windows and doors before you go out or when going to bed.

Don't leave valuables, keys or Christmas presents near windows and doors.

Close the curtains when it gets dark so people can't see in.

Dispose of packaging carefully – the wrapping and boxes you put outside your house on bin day advertise what's in your house.

Put a radio and lights on a timer, to come on as it gets dark, so it seems like someone's home.

Use good quality locks on sheds, garages and other outbuildings.

Lock gates when not in use.

Consider installing alarms and security lighting to deter potential burglars.

## CRIMESTOPPERS



**Burglars Beware**

We're fighting back with **CRIMESTOPPERS** and the next call could be about you!

One anonymous call could put a stop to a burglary. **0800 555 111**

 Working in partnership with 

Do you know somebody who is carrying out a criminal activity, but fear the consequences of being identified as the person who reported them? Are you scared to come forward and be a witness? Crimestoppers provides a unique service to help you. Tell them what you know, either by calling **0800 555 111** or filling in an anonymous online form at: [crimestoppers.uk.org](http://crimestoppers.uk.org) and nobody will ever find out who you are. Crimestoppers will listen to you about any crime or criminal activity and will not record any personal details about you. They simply pass on the information you have to the relevant authorities, making sure your identity cannot be discovered. In the 25 years that Crimestoppers has been running, no one has ever been identified after giving information.

## KINGS HILL FOOTBALL CLUB



Kings Hill Football Club is settling in well to their fantastic new facilities at Kings Hill Sports Park. The grass pitches are truly amazing, considering the amount of rain we have had recently. The football club's vision of seeing all of their teams training and playing in one place is now being realised on a weekly basis. It's a squeeze and we are at capacity but we remain committed to everyone involved with the club having use of these facilities. There was a lot of work that went on through the Summer months to ensure the football club were prepared for the exciting move, but now it is really beginning to feel like home. We are the envy of most visiting clubs.

These are exciting times for the club with Kings Hill Sports Park forming the basis of our plans for the coming years, which will include Kent Youth League football for our most talented squads and our move in to girls' only teams, which we are working hard to promote and raise awareness and interest.

Our sponsors continue to provide us with excellent support, for which we are very grateful, and we are always looking to partner with other local businesses. Anyone interested should get in touch via the club website [kingshillfc.org](http://kingshillfc.org).

# 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

**Sarah Barker**

Chair of Planning & Transportation Committee

**David Morfill**

Chair of the Community Centre Committee

**Graham Hall**

**Tony Petty**

**Robert Griggs**

**Lindsay Sharp**

**David Murray**

**Sue Woodcock**

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All Community Centre Enquiries to:

**Hilary Wren** at

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For Sports Park enquiries contact

**bookings@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**

Follow us on twitter @**kingshillpc**

### 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**

## KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE



It's been another very busy year at the Community Centre with a varied selection of classes and groups to join. There is so much to choose from, there must be something there for you!

As well as all the fantastic classes already taking place at the centre, new classes for 2014 include Ballet for Adults, Bright Sparks, Monty Tots, Tiny Talk and Baby Sensory - all details of which can be found on **kingshillparish.gov.uk** or in the Community Centre activities listing delivered to your door.

If you have over-indulged over the seasonal period and want to lose those extra Christmas pounds we have both Weightwatchers and Aribba Wellness Club

to give you a helping hand, not to mention plenty of exercise classes to keep you fit and trim.

As well as all the activities in the Centre, the Parish Council held its annual Summer Fete which was very well attended, as well as the ever popular Christmas Craft Fair. This year's annual Pantomime, Aladdin, will be taking place on the 21st December at the Community Centre and tickets can be purchased from the Community Centre Office between 9am and 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

If you are a group leader or class teacher and would like to hire a room/hall at the Centre please go to our website **kingshillparish.gov.uk** to check out availability and costs.

## PARISH SALT BINS

Salt bins have been unlocked ready for the winter. Please be aware that KHPC will only be refilling parish salt bins a maximum of twice throughout the winter period. With this in mind, we ask residents to please use the salt sparingly and only on roads and footways where it is really needed. If the winter is exceptionally hard, KHPC may not be able to continue to re-fill the bins when it is required.

There are two Kent County Council Highways salt bags for use by residents on the roads at the following locations on Kings Hill:- Crispin Way in the car park and outside Discovery School on the verge. If you find these empty please let the Parish Office know on **01732 870382** or you can e-mail **office@kingshillparish.gov.uk**.

## KINGS HILL SPORTS PARK



### 3G Pitch Hire at Kings Hill Sports Park

The floodlit 3G pitch is now available to hire to everyone including residents and local businesses either as a full or 1/3 mini pitch

£30 per hour per mini pitch - To book please call **01732 870 382** or email

**bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk**

## GIRLS BRIGADE



Girls Brigade is a youth organisation linked to St Gabriel's Church and has spaces available for girls between 5-8yrs old and 11yrs and above. Activities include games, cooking, crafts, trips, weekends away for the older girls and much more. They meet at Discovery School on a Monday evening between 6.00pm and 7.30pm.

If there are any girls who are interested in coming along please contact Karen Webber on **07856 330 284** or email:

**girlsbrigade@stgabrielskingshill.org.uk**

## TIDDLERS & TODDLERS



### NEW TUESDAY CLASS!

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 there will be a new Tiddlers & Toddlers parent & toddler group running from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at the Kings Hill Community Centre. £2.50 per child & £1 per sibling. No booking required - just turn up and join in! For more details go to:

**facebook.com/  
tiddlersandtoddlers**

# EVENTS DIARY

## Christmas Church Services

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Lawrence's Church, Mereworth**

5pm West Peckham Carol Service, with a choir of local residents

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**St Lawrence's Church, Mereworth**

4pm Children's Carol Service with the Mereworth Children's Choir

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Kings Hill Christian Fellowship & St Gabriel's**

4pm Christingle/Carol Service with Christingle making at the Community Centre

**St Lawrence's Church, Mereworth**

4pm Traditional Christmas Carols

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**St Gabriel's Church, Discovery School, Kings Hill**

5pm Nativity - with Christmas craft activities from 5pm to 5.45pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Mary's Church, West Malling**

3.30pm Crib Service with Christingles, 5pm Christingle Service

11.15pm Midnight Communion

**St Thomas More RC Church, West Malling**

4.30pm Children's Crib Service, 6pm Vigil Mass of Christmas

11.30pm Vigil of Carols followed by Midnight Mass

**St Dunstan's Church, West Peckham**

3pm Christingle Service, 11.30pm Midnight Communion

**St Lawrence's Church, Mereworth**

5pm Christingle Service

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Gabriel's Church, Discovery School, Kings Hill**

9.30am Child friendly service to celebrate Christmas Day

**St Mary's Church West Malling**

8am Book of Common Prayer Communion

11am All-ages, child friendly service to celebrate Christmas Day

**St Thomas More RC Church, West Malling**

10am Children's Christmas Family Mass

**Kings Hill Christian Fellowship**

10.30am Christmas Day Service at the Kings Hill Community Centre

**St Lawrence's Church Mereworth**

10am Christmas Day Communion

## Events

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Kings Hill WI Desert Island Tricks. For more info contact Linda on **01732 522437**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 4pm to 8pm Kings Hill Rotary Club Santa Sleigh will be visiting Kings Hill, collecting for Rotary charities

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - 2pm Aladdin Pantomime at the KH Community Centre. Tickets available from the Community Centre Office

### JANUARY

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** - 2pm KH & District U3A monthly meeting at the Community Centre. For more details go to **kingshillu3a.org.uk** or call Mark Richards on **01622 201985**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** WI In house games and social event

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - 2pm Kings Hill & District U3A monthly meeting at KH Community Centre at 2pm.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Kings Hill WI The Why & How of the Downe Dames Calendars