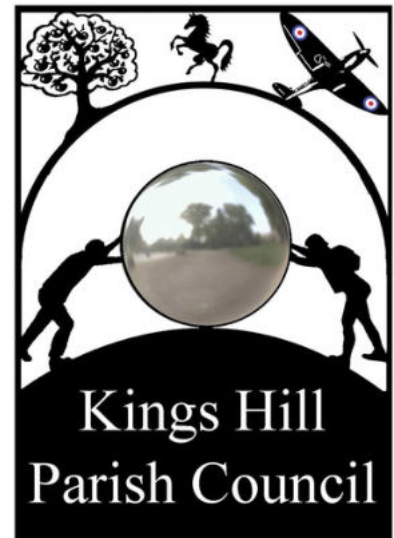


Kings Hill Parish Council Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE HILL



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN- TONY PETTY

Hello Everybody,

May I start by thanking everybody, staff, councilors and volunteers for all their hard work and commitment over the last year. Working together as a team to help improve the quality of life for everyone who lives, plays, works, and travels through our Parish.

We are very proud to provide annual community support through community groups and associations. In supporting these Community groups / associations as we do, the Parish Council feel we are helping to provide safe secure services for the whole community across all age groups whether disadvantaged or not, whilst making our Parish safer and quieter for everyone to enjoy.

We think we are a good, vibrant, forward-thinking Council, that is continually looking to improve. We welcome any feedback, or suggestions for improvements and would love to hear from you.

If you have any comments or would like to volunteer time to help your community then please contact our Clerk, Karen Bell on 01732 870382 or by email on clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk.

In our next newsletter there will be some focus on the councils finances, as we begin to work on our 2023/2024 budget we invite you to tell us what is important to you and what you would like us to spend money on.



Please don't forget to check our website www.kingshillparish.gov.uk or our facebook for the latest news and information.

Find us on  @kingshillparishcouncil

CONTACT TONY -
ANTHONY.PETTY@KINGSHILLPARISH.GOV.UK



HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

It is with the deepest regret that the Chairman of Kings Hill Parish Council and the people of Kings Hill mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Kings Hill Parish Council wished to offer its heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and sent the following letter.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has in her long reign served our country with distinction and grace. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.



The Private Secretary to His Majesty the King
Buckingham Palace
London
SW1A 1AA

12 September 2022

Dear Sir

It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth who was much loved and admired across the country and wider Commonwealth for her elegance and kindness to those who she met in the course of her public duties.

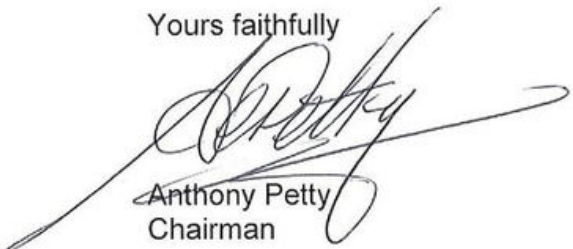
The Queens dedication and contributions to the service of the country were unflinching and will be remembered by all.


On behalf of the members, staff, and people of Kings Hill Parish, we ask therefore that you convey this message to his Majesty the King, King Charles III and the Kings family together with our deepest condolences at this sad time.

The people of Kings Hill have come together to share their grief at the loss of someone who, although they may not have known personally, they regarded with affection and respect.

Once again, please accept our sympathies.

Yours faithfully


Anthony Petty
Chairman


Karen Bell
Clerk to the Council

KINGS HILL ALLOTMENTS

It's a busy time over at the allotment site. The new allotments are almost ready to be occupied. They are situated very close to the existing ones near the sports park. This will provide an additional 28 plots to the original 74. This will be very welcome news to those on the waiting list. The drought and the glorious summer we have had has not derailed the allotment holders from working hard and having successful crops and beautiful flowers.

If you are interested in putting your green fingers to work with an allotment plot of your own, please email allotments@kingshillparish.gov.uk for more information about becoming a tenant and joining our waiting list.

Here are some photo's a tenant has kindly shared with us.



KINGS HILL TREE WALK **SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 10.30AM UNTIL NOON**

Meeting outside the Parish Council Offices, then walking west along Gibson Drive
Mobile phone on the day, 07951 980167

Booking only by agreement via email to kenttreeandpondwardens@gmail.com or text or phone to 07951 980167

Please let us know of any individual accessibility or health issues we should be aware of. Older children definitely very welcome but must be accompanied by adults - and well-behaved dogs on leads also welcome.

This walk is organised by the new group of three volunteer tree wardens for Kings Hill Parish Council, part of the Kent Tree Wardens Scheme (there is also a Kent Pond Wardens Scheme). Tree Wardening is a national scheme run by the charity, the Tree Council, which brings everyone together with a shared mission to care for trees and our planet's future. Enquiries to the Parish Office or to Kent Tree Wardens on kenttreeandpondwardens@gmail.com.



USEFUL INFORMATION



NHS
Providing NHS services

FREE Health and Wellbeing Check

~~Tuesday 27th September~~ & Tuesday 25th October
Walk in 10am to 1pm

Sports Pavilion, Leybourne chase, Bannister Way, West Malling, ME19 5SA

Take the opportunity to chat to us about any health concerns and receive a full health MOT in our ambulance.

Health Checks include:

- BMI
- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Blood Sugar
- Diet & exercise advice
- Smoking & Alcohol Reduction
- Support with social issues that may be impacting on your wellbeing

Open to ALL



Free and confidential advice in East Malling

The East Malling Centre - Chapman Way
Every Tuesday - 10am to 12.30pm

Do you need advice with a problem you are facing?

Citizens Advice is running drop-in video advice sessions every Tuesday morning at the East Malling Centre.

We'll connect you to one of our trained advisers via video, so they can help you face to face. Whether it be about debt, benefits, employment or a range of other issues, we can help.



Or call us for free on our Adviceline: 0808 278 7810
Advisers are available Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Charity registration number: 1082979

CONSULTATION OPENS ON HOMES AND GROWTH PLAN



Chance for everyone to have a say on how borough develops

Residents and businesses across Tonbridge and Malling are being invited to give their views on how the borough should develop between now and 2040.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is embarking on a six-week consultation as the first stage of developing a Local Plan (started 22 Sep). The plan's purpose is to set goals for the housing, economic and environmental development of the borough, including how to meet a government-set target of delivering 16,000 new homes.

Local landowners and developers were earlier this year invited to propose sites for housing and commercial development. More than 290 sites were put forward and are currently being assessed. Public feedback to the consultation will help shape proposals for specific sites which will be published and consulted on in 2023.

The plan proposes a 'brownfield first' approach, prioritising areas of existing development. The consultation report also stresses the need for infrastructure, such as schools, GP services and transport links, to be provided to serve new communities. The council has set a target that around one-third of new properties should be affordable homes.

To find out how to get involved visit www.tmbc.gov.uk/local-plan or email localplan@tmbc.gov.uk

END OF SUMMER JUBILEE FAIR- 4TH SEPT 2022

Thank you for everyone who came to End of Summer Jubilee Fair. We were delighted to be one of the last communities to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens 70 year reign shortly before her passing. We hope the community enjoyed the free activities. We had over 1,000 residents in attendance. We handed out nearly 400 Candy floss and Popcorn and 250 sweet bags. We were joined by Tony Hudgell to officially open the event, as well as Deputy Mayor James Lark and Deputy Mayoress Gill Lark. Live music, fabulous food vendors and a rather large bouncy castle were highlights of the day, as well as a fun photobooth.

The Dog Show was a massive success with so many enteries. Cllr Shakira Falzon-Thomas who judged the categories had a tough job on her hands. Congratulation's to the winners.



We worked in collaboration with Kings Hill Rotary Club- who put on a wonderful Beer and Cider Festival in our Mary Ellis hall and raised a significant amount for their chosen charities.

A huge thanks to all involved, it was a great success and we hope to be able to do more events at the Community Centre. Watch this space.

TMBC RAMBLERS

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas.



You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. If you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

For full details and walk leader contacts, see our current walks programme at www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk or email us: info@tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk. We hope to see you on a walk soon!



KINGS HILL WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB

Thinking about joining a local cycling club? You don't have to look any further than Kings Hill Wheelers Cycling Club based on Kings Hill. Please do look at the KHWCC's website for more information. We cater for all types of cyclists. You will see on our website that we take part in various Sportives which links with the various charities we, as a cycling club, support during the year. We offer three guest rides in order that you can meet some of the members and get to try some of our routes. We look forward to hearing from any prospective members!

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION



DO YOU DECORATE YOUR HOUSE FOR HALLOWEEN?

If so- enter our 'Best Decorated Halloween House' competition. Prize is a donation to a Charity of your choice. To enter- simply send your Name and Address to bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk - Representatives from Kings Hill Parish Council will walk around all the entries and judge the best. Winner announced on our Facebook Page (@kingshillparishcouncil) on Tuesday 1st October.

COMMUNITY CENTRE



Providing a choice of four halls and two meeting rooms to hire for social, corporate and community events in the Community Centre at 70 Gibson Drive.

Prices range from £12 - £50 per hour.

The hire options include free wifi, fully licensed bar, wheelchair accessibility and a free car park located at the front of the Community Centre.

**TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT BOOKINGS@KINGSHILLPARISH.GOV.UK OR
CALL 01732 220919**



For a full list of the Community Centre Timetable and regular classes held here- please go to

www.kingshillcommunitycentre.org.uk



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