

Welcome

It's been a busy time at Kings Hill recently, with the opening of the new school, the arrival of our vicar, three awards for our landscaping and several art and cultural events. We have also seen a lot of activity on the business park - including the largest office letting in the county so far this year, which shows that Kings Hill is a sought after business location. With autumn drawing in the community is organising plenty of activities for residents to enjoy.

Andrew Blevins

Managing Director, Liberty Property Trust UK



History comes alive



General Montgomery at RAF West Malling in 1944, outside the Control Tower

Some 300 people visited the Control Tower during the national Heritage Open Days – which celebrates England’s architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or which charge for admission.

Visitors were able to look around the iconic building and view an exhibition of original photos of RAF West Malling - including one of General Montgomery’s visit in 1944 – kindly loaned by local historians Peter Hall and Robin Brooks.

Also in the Control Tower was an aerial view of Kings Hill overlaid with a map of the runway allowing residents to find their homes in relation to the original airfield layout – quite a highlight for young

Tilly Fleur who spotted that her home was right in the middle of the old runway.

Local MP Tom Tugendhat took time out to join the visitors and said: “I am very pleased to have seen the Control Tower at such close quarters and in such good repair. Monuments such as this one are so important to keep our heritage alive and remind us all of the sacrifices made for our freedom.”



Tilly Fleur spots her house on the map



MP Tom Tugendhat at Kings Hill

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Back to school

Kings Hill's third school – The Valley Invicta Primary School – is now open and welcomed 50 children this term, spread through reception and years one to four. There were no admissions to years five and six though children will be moving up into those classes next year.

The new headteacher is Mrs Sarah Bone who said: "With a school roll of nearly 50 pupils, we are very excited about supporting and working with the community on Kings Hill, in close collaboration with the two established schools here.

"I feel deeply proud to lead my team of professionals and we are looking forward to being an integral part of the community."

Active autumn

Autumn promises to be a busy time for the clubs and societies at Kings Hill with plenty to appeal to all interests.

The Community Centre has a packed programme of events, from baby ballet to University of the Third Age and Irish dancing to boxing.

The Kings Hill Sports Park is offering football parties which can be followed by a birthday tea.

For more information contact the Community Centre on 01732 220919.

Kent's largest office letting

The county's largest office letting so far this year was at Kings Hill, with the arrival of Travel Insurance Facilities Group (TIF) which has relocated its headquarters to 1 Tower View.

The company, a specialist travel service provider, has seen over 800% growth in the last six years and currently employs 140 staff. It has moved to Kings Hill in order to expand its operation.

Also new to Kings Hill is Future Home Care, which helps adults with disabilities live independently in their own home. It will now be based in 2 Kings Hill Avenue with its sister company Lifeways Community Care Ltd.



Travel Insurance Facilities Group's new home

Excellent score for club



U13's Kent Youth League Team

Kings Hill Football Club goes from strength to strength with now close to 400 players and 32 teams playing in eight different county leagues including the Kent Youth League (KYL). Almost three quarters of players are Kings Hill residents.

In terms of its development plan, the club this season is very proud to have realised two major achievements, one team playing in the KYL and two age groups in the Kent Girls and Ladies Football League. The waiting

list for next season's intake of Under 6's is filling up fast and although priority goes to siblings and Kings Hill residents the squad size is capped so space isn't guaranteed, said club secretary Sue White.

At the other end of the age spectrum, following promotion last season, the mens 1st team continues to succeed in the Kent League, Division 2 East, and the Vets team are enjoying their first season in the Southern League. Both play on

Saturday afternoons should you wish to go along and show some home support.

Liberty continues to sponsor one of the teams, said Andrew Blevins: "We have been supporting the same team for five years from U11's to U15's this year. It is testament to the community spirit at Kings Hill that the club is so well attended and we were delighted to have been able to provide the community with the Kings Hill Sports Park, where it is based."

Blooming silver gilt for Kings Hill



Award-winning landscaping around the Control Tower with Cosmos

The landscaping at Kings Hill has scooped three silver gilt awards in this year's South & South East in Bloom competition in the Conservation Area, Village Centre and Business Landscape categories – and in the latter it was only three marks off a gold medal.

The judges said the design and landscaping of the public realm at Kings Hill has been carefully thought out and is managed to create what is a unique area in which people can live, work and play. They added that it was 'a well planted, colourful and relaxing environment with some exceptional planting schemes'.

Liberty works closely with landscapers Coblands to ensure the planting provides colour and texture throughout the year, putting in thousands of bulbs and sowing swathes of wild flower seeds in the public areas and along the paths and roadsides.

There is also a ten-year plan worked up with Susan Deakin Ecology to ensure the 50 acres of Conservation Area of natural and ancient woodland is protected and strictly managed in a



Landscaping around the greenway Emerald Walk

sympathetic and sustainable manner with the planting of indigenous trees.

"We are absolutely delighted to have won three silver gilt awards and are aiming for gold next year," said Liberty's estate manager Susan Davies. "Placemaking is key to Kings Hill's success and we

understand how important it is to create an attractive and relaxing environment for people working, living and visiting here. To have the endorsement of the judges – as well as their comments on how we can make things even better – is proof that we are succeeding."



Winning business park landscaping



Mark with his wife Kirsty and daughter Isabella

New vicar

Rev Mark Montgomery has been appointed as the new vicar at St Gabriel's, Kings Hill and will be living in the vicarage on Worcester Avenue with his family. Originally from Kent he has spent the last 12 years living across Cheshire and Merseyside.

Mark, whose daughter Isabella has just started at the Valley Invicta Primary School, said: "We're really pleased to be on Kings Hill and looking forward to living, working and ministering in the community. I will always be happy to stop and chat or have a coffee or arrange a time to do so."

He can be contacted at the Vicarage, 19 Worcester Avenue, phoning 01732 844194 or by emailing mark.montgomery@stgabrielskingshill.org.uk. For information on the church go to <http://www.kingshillchurch.org.uk>

Fox and diamond

There is an exciting new exhibition in the Control Tower featuring works by some of the top artists in the South East, including a sculpture of a fox made from car bumpers by Ptolemy Elrington and a dazzling painting of a pink diamond by Paula MacArthur, a winner of the John Player Portrait Award, now the BP Portrait Award.

Works by many other award-winning artists will also be on show and, said Liberty's Caroline Binns: "Part of the Control Tower has been fitted out to gallery specification and is a light and airy space in which to view the works. It is right next door to Costa so I hope as many people as possible will take time to visit this cleverly curated exhibition."

The exhibition runs until the middle of January 2016 and is open 9am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday.



Curator June Frickeleton (right) with artist Ptolemy Elrington and his fox made from car bumpers

Musical partner

Liberty has formed a partnership with Music@Malling, which has a rolling programme of outreach projects and involves

over 2,000 children in creative activities, giving young people access to internationally renowned arts practitioners. Artistic director Thomas Kemp said: "Liberty's commitment

to developing an inspiring and aspirational place for people to live and work is underpinned by a belief in the arts as a way of enriching the environment."

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Infrastructure for the new Kings Hill residential neighbourhood of 635 homes will start in 2016.

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One of the features that sets Kings Hill apart from other developments is the quality and maintenance of the environment, which is the responsibility of the Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company (KHREMC).

It is run by Liberty but has two residents as directors, John West (jonathan@westtj.net) and a second director, for which the process is underway to find a replacement.

Kings Hill Residential Estate Management Company Ltd can be contacted on 01732 870375 or kingshillresidential@libertyproperty.com

Kings Hill Estate Management Company Ltd, which is run on a similar not-for-profit basis to KHREMC, looks after the commercial business park within Kings Hill.

Log on for latest news

Our website www.kings-hill.com has information on all aspects of the development – maps; the masterplan showing the scale of the development; latest news; links to the Kings Hill amenities such as shops, restaurants, surgery etc; public transport timetables and information on matters that affect those living and working at Kings Hill.

