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Introduction

This guide is designed for those who live in East & West Malling or who are planning to move to the area or visiting the area. It will acquaint people with what the towns have to offer.

This guide has been published since 2007 and is now in its 4th year of publication. Plus Publishing have been producing local guides for over 20 years.

In it you will find a wealth of local references, neatly gathered together in easy to find sections. It has a street map on the centre pages and a listings section at the back of the guide to help you find the telephone number of local schools etc.

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MARKET BOOM – *Just like the old days*

HOW appropriate that the modern West Malling Farmers' Market should be going from strength to strength at a time of concerns over Europe and the British economy.

The monthly market held in the High Street – the road is closed to traffic – celebrated its 10th birthday in November 2010 and, according to stallholders and shoppers, was well worthy of its shortlisting in the economy category of the prestigious annual Kent Village of the Year Awards, run by Action with Communities for Rural Kent.

The trading boom of this street market demonstrates a remarkable reversal of fortunes for the enterprise. In March 2009, it was on the verge of closure due to a shortage of traders prepared to man stalls; absence of interest from local shoppers; and diminished funding from the management company, who subsequently went into liquidation.

That was the low point of this local story. Since then the market has recovered and grown rapidly from just 12 stalls to a line-up of nearly 50 with rejuvenated traders and a new wave of stallholders showcasing a wide range of local produce for a regular turnout of more than 3,000 visitors each month.

This mid-Kent area has had a fascination for street trading since the first town market was held 900 years ago. There is evidence of bargain hunting from street stallholders in 1105. More than a century later the market was extended for opening on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Cattle and poultry breeding, arable farming, fruit farming and produce grown and lifted from the fertile soil of the market town earned Town Malling, as it was known in the past, a reputation for being the breadbasket of mid-Kent. Stalls laden with the best meat, poultry, fresh vegetables and fruit testified to the commercial strength of local traders, who flourished from the proceeds of their open-air trading in those times.

Today, the West Malling Farmers' Market is held on the fourth Sunday of the month. The beauty of visiting West Malling and East Malling is that much of the present has been encouraged to blend favourably with the past. Nothing illustrates this better than the street markets, their history woven like a golden thread through the fabric of time as a link between the past and the present.

The modern West Malling, with its wide High Street, modern shops, free parking, and station ferrying passengers to railheads in Kent to catch the latest high-speed trains to London and European destinations, embraces the new and the old with equal alacrity, hence the strong bond forged between the old market town and the new millionaires paradise at nearby Kings Hill. The new town fits into the landscape very neatly alongside places such as West Malling's St Mary's Abbey, occupied by Benedictine Nuns for more than 900 years, and the ruins of St Leonard's Tower, on the narrow road linking the ancient with the new communities.



St Leonard's Tower

No building evokes memories of an exciting past better than the ruin of St Leonard's, a church established in the 11th century by Bishop Gandulf, of Rochester, whose other attributes were to build part of the Tower of London and Rochester Cathedral. The Abbey, established in 1090, has an even more colourful history. It was here that Thomas Becket's assassins hid overnight after fleeing the scene of their crime in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170.



Prior's House

Agriculture remained the mainstay of the local economy during medieval times. Hops fuelled local breweries and fruit growers flourished. The start of the 18th century in this tranquil part of mid-Kent was disturbed by the launch of businesses run by specialist tradesmen. Watch and clock makers invested in the locality. There were carpenters and joiners; metal workers; drapers and bakers. Blacksmiths built a lucrative trade in making and fitting horseshoes. One local baker delivered bread to customers by horse-drawn van. To this very day a car dealer in West Malling specialises in restoring old Morris cars.

Few towns in Kent were more prosperous than Malling in this period of commercial boom. Largely unspoilt by modern development, West Malling is proud of its award of Conservation Area status. Many old buildings have been renovated and preserved down the ages. Prior House in King Street is a gloriously preserved medieval hall house, thought once to have served the community as a leper colony. Ford House is at least 600 years old. The Five-Pointed Star public house is believed to date

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back to 1380 with evidence available that the landlord brewed some of his own beer. The Swan was once a coaching inn.

The Old Vicarage now has an old water pump, built in 1850, outside its front gate. The pump was restored for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The Norman church St Mary the Virgin has fine stained windows and Church House opposite retains its fine, original iron railings. Douce's Manor has lost none of its appeal as an imposing stately home on the edge of town, despite its conversion to luxury apartments. Thomas Augustus Douce and his wife, Margaret, lived here in the 18th century. During the last war the manor house was occupied by fighter pilots, many of their names scored on the ceiling of the cellar. Today the cellar has been preserved for use by the Malling Society as a museum and heritage centre. The property was owned briefly by the Beatles at the height of the Fab Four's popularity.



St James The Great Church, East Malling

The civil parish of East Malling and Larkfield was formed in 1962 from two smaller, ancient ecclesiastical parishes, East Malling and Larkfield. The two centres could not have been more different, East Malling, set in the heart of hop and fruit-growing country with its pub, parish church and war memorial; and Larkfield, dignified by its mention in the Domesday Book when recorded as Lavrochesfel, but now a progressive, expanding community, boosted by the construction of the M20 motorway three decades ago.

Larkfield has a decent shopping centre, surfeit of light industry, and enough residential development to bring a community spirit to the area, to give it increasing importance close to Maidstone.

East Malling has remained largely undisturbed by the expansion of Larkfield down the road. The village centre looks much the same today as it did before the last war. The parish church of St James The Great dominates the centre, with a war memorial nearby serving as a tribute to the dead of the two great wars, and subsequent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The King and Queen pub, opposite the war memorial, remains the focus of East Malling community activity where laughter and conversation over a pint of frothing ale is as relevant today as it was in yesteryear.

By far the biggest change in this corner of mid-Kent has been brought about by the rapid development of Kings Hill, a completely new community developed on the site of the old airfield at RAF West Malling. Where once squadrons of planes flew from West Malling on daring cross-Channel missions in the last War, today the residents of Kings Hill leave their newly built luxury homes in the heart of Kent's commuter belt for work in London.

The old airfield has vanished under a network of tarmac roads, each one arrow-straight; neatly constructed roundabouts, some containing ornamental architecture; supermarket, shops, two primary schools, restaurants, a pub named The Spitfire, council offices and large, handsome company buildings, occupied by Kent County Council, Balfour Beatty, Tonbridge and Malling Council, Yell Group, and various other major concerns of importance to the British economy. There is talk of another access road, primary school and secondary school if the rapid expansion of Kings Hill continues.

Few areas of the south-east have managed to combine the old with the new quite so successfully as they have in this delightful corner of mid-Kent.

KEY DATES

- 1080 – St Leonard’s tower built by Gandulf, Bishop of Rochester.
- 1090 – Malling Abbey foundations built.
- 1102 – King Henry 1 granted the first licence for a Saturday market.
- 1170 – Thomas Becket’s assassins hid in the nunnery overnight during their escape from Canterbury.
- 1380 – Five Pointed Star pub is believed to date from this year.
- 1705 – The first recorded cricket match was played at Malling between West Kent and Chatham.
- 1789 – The Cascade water feature in Swan Street appeared on a local map.
- 1890 – Larkfield Priory Hotel built.
- 1944 – Squadron Leader Guy Gibson, who flew from RAF West Malling during the War, killed when his Mosquito crashed in Holland.
- 1962 – Civil parish of East Malling and Larkfield formed.
- 1967 – Beatles’ *Magical Mystery Tour* was filmed around West Malling.
- 1987 – Last airshow held at West Malling as work began on new Kings Hill development.
- 1992 – £10 banknote featuring Charles Dickens commemorates cricket match at West Malling.
- 2002 – West Malling airfield memorial unveiled on June 9 to commemorate the local RAF base.
- 2004 – A higher proportion of Kings Hill residents said to be earning more than £100,000 a year than in any other part of Britain.
- 2008 – New alcohol control zones imposed on West Malling streets in October.

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EFFORTS to reinstate City connections from West Malling station are part of the new Rail Action Plan for Kent. The 15-point plan has been drafted after extensive consultation with local rail and commuter groups, including the Malling District Travellers Association.

The main recommendation affecting commuters from West Malling and Kings Hill station is:- New City service all day on Maidstone East line to Blackfriars to reinstate City connections from Maidstone and West Malling.

The Malling District Travellers Association maintains local residents deserve a better rail service following the removal of the Cannon Street and London Bridge service. The development at Kings Hill has expanded the number of passengers using West Malling station with a new road configuration providing easy access to and from the station for taxis and other vehicles.

West Malling station, now called "West Malling for Kings Hill", opens up easy travel to Maidstone and Ashford International, the railhead for Eurostar journeys to Calais, Paris and other parts of Europe. Ashford is only a 40 minute road journey by car from West Malling.

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The Malling School

GCSE standards continue to rise. The number of students gaining five good grades has risen to 71 per cent, and increase of more than 20 per cent on the previous year. A-level grades are up, too, and the school Principal boasts that no student leaves the school without qualifications. Twice as many students started in year 7 than the previous year.

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Prominent People

Beatles – The Fab Four's film, the Magical Mystery Tour, was shot in and around West Malling in 1967. The Beatles once owned Douce's Manor.

Charles Dickens – Used his knowledge of the Malling cricket ground for describing the scene of a cricket match in his *Pickwick Papers*.

Chris Evans, the famous radio and television presenter, once lived in West Malling.

Guy Gibson – The daring Second World War flying ace was stationed at RAF West Malling, a night fighter station, in 1941. Squadron Leader Gibson was awarded the VC for leading the Dambusters Raid.

Richard Hearne – Better known as television's *Mr Pastry* did much of his location filming for his 1960s BBC television comedy around East Malling. He lived nearby at St Mary Platt.

Peter Townsend – The Group Captain was appointed commanding officer of RAF West Malling in January 1943. A small sculpture to his memory is a visitor attraction in Kings Hill.

Derek Underwood – The former Kent and England cricketer attended the official opening of the new Kings Hill CC ground.



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- 1 Police have launched an operation to target metal and cable thieves in the West Malling area.
- 2 Rehabilitation sessions are being held at Larkfield Leisure Centre for armed forces injured in combat or training.
- 3 West Malling Farmers' Markets held on fourth Sunday of the month from 9.30am-1.30pm.
- 4 Kings Hill Golf Club has no joining fee.
- 5 East Malling Research Station has a music club.
- 6 Population of Malling registration district in 2001 was 12,700.



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Kings Hill Cricket Club

Established in 2006 as a wandering club, the Kings Hill established itself firmly on the local cricket map when former Kent and England bowler Derek Underwood opened the new home ground, the Kings Hill Oval in July 2010. The new clubhouse was a joint enterprise between the club, Liberty Property Trust UK and Kings Hill development partner Kent County Council. Club chairman Brian Bell is confident the new facilities will attract new members, both senior and junior. The club has plans to play league cricket in 2012, but the emphasis so far has been on playing cricket on a friendly basis, player development, social activities and fundraising. The new clubhouse, as good as any in the area, is used by the community as well as the club.

Kings Hill Football Club

Established in 2003, the club prides itself on being a grassroots, community club run by volunteers. The club has mushroomed from a group of seven children having a kick around in a local park. The club now has more than 50 volunteers running 20 teams, represented by almost 300 enthusiastic boys and girls, aged 5-18. Top quality coaching available. In 2010 the club was awarded the coveted FA Charter Standard Award, a best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection. Many of the clubs members attend two local primary schools, The Discovery School and Kings Hill School. New local players welcome.

Kings Hill Golf Club

The club welcomes players of all standards and aspirations. The course covers 200 acres of undulating terrain, part of protected heathland and mature woodland. The course is 6,600 yards, par 72, built to the highest specifications. Facilities are second to none, offering a magnificent clubhouse with views over the course. The golf shop is well equipped and staff offer sound advice. Various categories of membership are available. PGA qualified head professional David



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Larkfield Leisure Centre

The centre is open from 6.30am-11pm. Facilities include fitness suite, health suite, leisure pool, fitness pool and teaching pool. The 'Larkabout' soft play area is available at reduced prices for children aged three and under. For just £3.20 the toddlers can use interactive play equipment, including crawl tubes, climbing nets and slides. The soft play zone is fully air conditioned with plenty of comfortable seating for adults to relax. The soft play zone is available for children up to 10. It is open 10am-6pm. Other facilities available include gym and badminton. Also acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and acupressure massage. More information available visit www.larkfieldleisure.co.uk or telephone 01622 719345.


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Founded in 1827, the club ended season 2011 with promotion to the Kent Village League Division 2. Remarkably, the Sunday team has gained promotion every year since joining the league. But the strength of the old club these days is that youth is given the same encouragement as the senior teams. Last season the U11A team won the Mid-Kent Youth League and were rewarded for their efforts by receiving an invitation to form a guard of honour at a Kent match at Canterbury. The U13 team were losing finalists in the local cup final. The introduction of a second team at senior level has given young players a chance to bridge the gap between junior and senior cricket. Summer coaching courses for boys and girls are held at the club, based on the Old County Ground, West Malling. No wonder the club chairman Mark Worrall says: "The future for Town Malling is looking very promising."

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<http://maidstone.localrspb.org.uk>

St John Ambulance

County Office

31 Town Hill

West Malling ME19 6QL

Tel: 01732 871666

www.sja.org.uk

Red Cross – Kent Branch

Red Cross House

25 College Road

Maidstone ME15 6SX

Tel: 0800 028 0831

www.redcross.org.uk

The Seekers Trust

West Malling

ME19 5BL

Tel: 01732 843589

www.theseekertrust.org.uk

Charity Shops

The Mind Shop

44 High Street

West Malling ME19 6QR

Tel: 01732 843121

www.mind.org.uk



Library, West Malling

COMMUNITY CENTRES

Kings Hill Community Centre

70 Gibson Drive

Kings Hill ME19 4LG

Tel: 01732 220919

Email:

khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Kent Police

For all non-urgent incidents or

enquiries Tel: 01622 690690

If a crime is in progress or life is

in danger Tel: 999

If you are deaf or speech

impaired, text 'Police' and your

message to 60066

For news, advice or details of

your neighbourhood officer, visit

www.kent.police.uk

West Malling Library

22–24 High Street

West Malling ME19 6QR

Tel: 01732 842504

www.kent.gov.uk

South East Water

24 Hour Automated Service

Tel: 0333 00 00 247

www.southeastwater.co.uk

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

National Rail Enquiries

Tel: 08457 48 49 50

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline

Public Transport information

Tel: 0871 200 22 33

www.traveline.org.uk

Arriva Southern Counties Ltd

Head Office: Invicta House

Armstrong Road, Maidstone

ME15 6TX

Bus services in the Malling area

Tel: 01622 697000

www.arrivabus.co.uk

Nu-Venture Coaches Ltd

Bus services in the Malling area

Tel: 01622 882288

www.nu-venture.co.uk



Kings Hill Veterinary Clinic

Liberty Square, 3 Queen Street, Kings Hill
West Malling, Kent. ME19 4DA

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