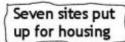
# Come and have your say about the future growth of Kennington

Residents will have an opportunity to work with council planning policy officers at a community workshop on 5 April. This will be a further chance to

discuss aspects of ABC's Local Plan to 2030, which will be completed by the end of 2014 and will determine how the most sustainable and deliverable pattern of growth can be achieved within the borough. Developers and landowners have put forward a number of sites for inclusion in the plan, including two potentially large develop-



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ments at Ashford Golf Club and east of Canterbury Road, and land at Ulley Farm and Ashford Rugby Club, Submitted sites will be assessed by ABC and balanced against projected housing and employment needs.

KCF's Chair, Chris Morley, said: 'It is really important that residents take this opportunity for

'Let's not sleepwalk into another Chilmington Green

Under the present Local Plan some 12,000 homes with planning permission remain unbuilt. So why does Ashford need more homes, asks Councillor Winston Michael (Boughton Aluph). He said: "With the current build rate of 500 per annum this represents a supply far beyond 2030. But perhaps the biggest question is whether Ashford has enough roads, hospitals, doctors' surgeries, school and water and sewerage systems to support substantial development. I urge all residents to make their voices heard at every level.

Parties with a vested interest continue to advo-



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## Hotel home for the mini-beasts

their views to be heard by our

employment sites and homes to

2030, as well as leisure, retail,

Our previous community work-

shop in September highlighted

some recent developments that

participants thought had worked

Community Centre, Rylands Road

well, as well as proposals that

The workshop is at St Mary's

from 10am-12, starting with a

Refreshments will be available.

short presentation from ABC.

met strong opposition.

visitor and tourism facilities.

council. The plan covers new

A woodland willow pathway, a sensory garden, a log shelter and a mini-beast hotel are among the attractions in Downs View Infant School's Woodland learning area. It has been created by parents and teachers in the school field partly shared by Kennington Juniors. Tracy Kent, interim head teacher, said: "We are also lucky enough to have a fantastic tepee which is used on a regular basis during our learning. The children have thrived from exploring new experiences in the outdoors and have been involved in a range of exciting activities.



Triumphant: Charisma and Mrs Davis

he first Born to Shine show at Phoenix Primary School "was a roller-coaster for everyone," said Sofia who sang Je ne Regrette Rien in French with fellow pupil Melissa and Mrs Nation, the head teacher. Ten staff members had been chosen to work alongside a child for two weeks to learn a new skill Mrs Nation said: "The judging panel of three teachers were harsh and critical and this meant that Mrs Davis who worked on a superb tap dance with Charisma (Year 6) was a very worthy winner Other acts included Georgia and Miss Ogden on the clarinet: Miss Jones playing the flute with Tamsin; Miss Hills dancing with Lily to Troublemaker; Mr Miles (complete with tattoos) rapping alongside Ellie, and Miss Poynton playing the ocarina with Erin. By far the most popular act was Mr Cotter and Chantal who danced in their onesies. Mrs Nation said: "Mr Cotter really does need to improve his cartwheel at the end of his act. Thirty teachers and children from Poland, Slovenia, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech

Republic will be visiting the school from 1-4 July. If anyone is able to offer accommodation please contact Mr Garvey on 01233 622510.

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