



KINGS LANGLEY

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Puffaten – or less...

Whisper it quietly, but it is time to dig out that Joe Wicks DVD, dust off your running shoes and complete your entry form for one of the Puffaten events this year.

The event comprises three distances – 1.5k, 3k and 10k – and will take place on the morning of Sunday 19 June 2022.

Alan Johnson, race organiser, said: 'The three distances are within the fitness levels of everyone, but if you don't want to run, jog or walk in any of the races you can still support this event by marshalling and cheering-on those that do.'

This event was started over 30 years ago by postman John Cherry who wanted to bring running to all



Head Teacher Paula Harris, Alan Johnson, Batman and Robin pictured with Sir Mike Penning at the last Puffaten event held in 2019.

ages whilst raising money for local good causes – a tradition that has carried on. The races, organised by the Comets Road Running Club, start and finish at Kings Langley Primary School, where there's an opportunity to purchase some refreshments from the local Scouts, enjoy a warm up on the playground before the shorter races and, if you are feeling particularly adventurous, wear something suitably heroic.

Organisers rely on a small army of volunteers, timekeepers, Raynet radio comms, UK athletics officials, first aiders, Scouts and primary school staff to make the Puffaten such an enjoyable morning and are once again calling for anyone who can help to get in touch.

Please visit the race website www.puffaten.co.uk or enter through the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.co.uk under Kings Langley Puffaten.

Good Causes Benefit From Rotary Sleigh Fundraiser

Generous residents of Kings Langley and surrounding areas helped raise more than £17,000 for good causes when Hemel's Rotary Santa Sleigh made its round during December 2021.

Organisers of the annual event have extended their thanks and gratitude to all who all who contributed to this community project.

Over the next couple of weeks donations will be made to the collecting teams – who accompanied Santa's Sleigh in all weathers to deliver leaflets and accept donations – as well as to local charities.



The remainder of the Rotary share of the Sleigh collections will be used to fund many local youth projects including the Technology Tournament, Young Chef, Youth Speaks, and Young Artist, and also the Friendship Café and Phoenix Club for the elderly.

Martin Horsted, president of Rotary Hemel, said 'We are very proud of

the contribution made to the local community through the Santa Sleigh which has once again brought so much joy to young children during these continuingly difficult times. Thank you to everyone who has helped us.'

Rotary Hemel needs some more members now to ensure that it can continue to provide the Santa Sleigh and its many other community projects every year. If you would like more details, please contact hemelrotaryclub@gmail.com visit www.hemel Hempstead rotary.co.uk or phone Tony Amies on **01442 254479**.

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Village eyes up Jubilee celebrations

Plans are underway for a national day of celebration later this year to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and Kings Langley is preparing to host its own celebrations.

A long weekend, complete with two bank holidays, has been set aside from 2 – 5 June, and the Parish Council, All Saints Church and the Baptist Church are considering how to mark this unique milestone that weekend. The group is looking at ideas to involve villagers of all ages and are appealing for anyone who would like to be involved in organising the event to get in touch.

The preferred idea at present is a Garden Party on the afternoon of Sunday 5 June – which is National Thank You Day – to take place in the grounds of the Village Garden and All Saints. Stalls, games, music and lots of tea and cake are all being lined up.

'This would be a lovely way for everyone to get involved and say thank you to The Royal Family, and our own family and friends, volunteers and key workers, for their support,' said Parish Councillor Alan Johnson.

'We would like to see as many groups and people as possible taking part in some way whether it is having a stall or giving a lift to a neighbour.'

The arrangements are moving forward quickly and anyone wishing to get involved should initially contact the parish council by telephone **01923 261828** or email klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Bell-ringers sought to mark the Platinum Jubilee

Budding bell-ringers are being sought to help ring in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this year, with free lessons on offer every Saturday morning.

The team of ringers at All Saints in Church Lane are on the hunt for new members and, with the Jubilee weekend fast approaching, it's the perfect opportunity to be part of an historic occasion. While returning ringers are more than welcome, no prior experience is required as the essential skills are taught by the current members. Lessons are running from 10am on Saturdays.

Sue Bassett, Tower Captain, said 'Her Majesty is the first English monarch to have reigned for this long and we'd love to ring out the bells at All Saints to mark this once in a lifetime occasion. We've lost a few members recently so I'd appeal to anyone who fancies giving bell ringing a go to get in touch!'

Anyone interested in taking part should email svebassett@gmail.com

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An ensemble of singers with a passion for making live music more accessible are performing a concert this month in support of Christian Aid.

Omnia Voices will be hosting a concert at All Saints in Church Lane with a full programme of music through the ages, from traditional choral to modern classics.

The group of eight singers have a particular interest in performing for people who might not normally have access to live music and since inception have held concerts in several hospices, care homes, shelters, and the Grenfell Tower Support Centre.

Omnia Voices will be performing on 18 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 which includes interval refreshments and can be obtained online at www.bit.ly/omnia-kl or from the Langley Butcher, High Street, Kings Langley or Kings Coffee Shop, Christ Church Baptist, the Nap, Kings Langley. A limited number are also held by church representatives in the Village. You can have a sneak preview of their music at www.omniavoices.com Enquiries to allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com

Seeing stars

Astronomy enthusiasts are being invited to *Discover the Night Sky* at a talk at Kings Langley Community Library next month.

Local resident Dr Gerard Sheldon, a physicist and amateur astronomer, is the latest guest speaker to visit the library, scheduled for Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm.

His talk promises a fascinating opportunity to find out about how to observe and make sense of the night sky at different times of the year.

Meanwhile, one of the library's volunteers, Joyce Gray, is currently planning a Children's Easter Hunt in the library very soon. Younger library visitors are welcome to take part, with everyone receiving a small prize.

Finally, *Baby Rhyme Time* sessions run every Friday from 10.30 – 11am and are very popular. Parents and carers are encouraged to book in at the library to ensure a place.

Online community directory launched

An online directory is being launched within Kings Langley offering information on numerous clubs, activities, groups and venues in the immediate area.

Kings Langley Links will help people find a new club or activity to join, reconnect with a sport or hobby or help with hiring a hall.

The idea arose from the 2019 Neighbourhood Plan Parish Survey when many respondents answered 'Don't Know' to questions about activities and venues in and around the village.

A team of volunteers, supported by sponsorship from local organisations and companies, has built the website and organised the initial listings from publicly available information. At some stage it is hoped to provide paper copies at a small number of public places in the village.

So, if you are looking for something new, why not try Kings Langley Links at www.kingslangleylinks.com Alternatively, if you are involved in running a club or society, or a lettable hall, why not check that you have an entry in Kings Langley Links. If not, or if you'd like to amend the entry, click on the 'Register your Activity/Venue' button, or just e-mail activities@kingslangleylinks.com

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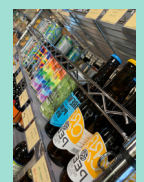
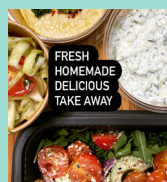
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Volunteering made easier

Would-be volunteers are being directed to a new website designed to make it easier than ever to dedicate their spare time across the county.

'GoVolHerts' has been created by #TeamHerts Volunteering (#THV) who have been working on developing the platform since March 2020. The site, which can be found at which www.govolherts.org.uk supports the whole of the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector (VCFSE) across Hertfordshire.

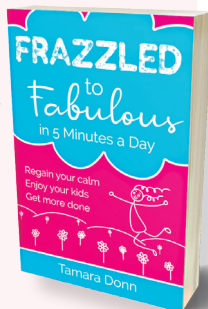
This new platform is incredibly user-

friendly for both volunteers and organisations. Several filtering options enable prospective volunteers to choose an organisation that interests them and apply for a role with just a few clicks.

A promotional video that explains how the site works is available to watch via www.facebook.com/TeamHertsVolunteering

Award-winning book

Local resident Tamara Donn has published her debut book called *Frazzled to Fabulous in 5 Minutes a Day* which has won a Janey Lee Grace Platinum Award.



The book is for stressed, overwhelmed and exhausted mums to help them regain their calm, enjoy their kids and get more done. Tamara was motivated to write it after working with hundreds of mums online and taking them through a 30 day programme which takes just five minutes a day. The results exceeded all her expectations, getting rave reviews about how calm and happy the mums were.

Tamara decided to adapt the programme into a book so that more mums could access this ever so simple programme – who knew that being a mum would involve juggling so many balls that it was impossible to keep them in the air at the same time?!

The book is available at Home Chic Home on the High Street, and from Tamara's website www.frazzledtofabulous.com

www.kingslangleyvillagenews.co.uk



Normal service resumes for village's WI

Following intermittent meetings last year on Zoom, then latterly in person, culminating with a celebration dinner and musical entertainment for our Christmas meeting. Now Kings Langley WI is delighted to be resuming its normal schedule of meetings.

They will meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month at The Nap Community Centre from 7.30pm.

The group has a diverse, interesting and amusing series of speakers lined up for 2022/23, along with outings including theatre visits, lunches, afternoon tea, and celebration meetings for the organisation's birthday in July and at Christmas!

Visitors and new members are always welcome – for further details email kingslangleywi@gmail.com

Local SJA volunteer named Cadet of the Year

A St John's Ambulance cadet from Hemel Hempstead has been named the organisation's National Cadet of the Year for 2022.

15 year-old Georgina Heron-Edmonds (pictured below), based in the East Region, picked up the accolade as the health and first aid charity celebrates 100 years of its cadet programme.

Georgina, who has been part of St John's Ambulance for more than ten years, first as a badger and later as a cadet, will now represent fellow cadets at high-profile events and ceremonial occasions, including the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of St John Ambulance.



Coffee shop extends opening hours

Following a pandemic-enforced closure, the volunteer-run coffee shop and bookshop at Christ Church Baptist in The Nap, has recently added a Thursday to its schedule of open mornings.

After a long period in which many people have not been able to get out and about, Christ Church Baptist is encouraging members of the community to drop in and spend some time in the company of others.

The long established Bookshop and Coffee Shop is open each Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

KLFC walkers raise £1,500 for drugs charity

A group from Kings Langley Football Club have raised more than £1,500 for charity Druglink by walking 15 miles from the village to Harrow Borough FC.

Fourteen walkers set out from KLFC on Saturday 12 February – accompanied by club regular Pippin the dog – and were clapped into the Harrow ground at 2pm ready for the Kings' away match against the host team.

After a breakfast provided by Richard Whittaker at 2Brews, the walkers set out on a scenic route devised and managed by Mark Bettles.

KLFC had originally planned to walk in support of Druglink in 2020, however due to Covid had not been able to make good on this until now.

After a refreshment stop at the 12 mile mark the group were met by some friends from Harrow Borough FC, and they walked the last three miles together.



Greg Lee, Supporters Liaison Officer at KLFC, said: 'I personally would like to thank all of the walkers, the supporters from both KLFC and Harrow and the players and Management from KLFC for all the support and being so generous with donations. The cherry on the top is that Kings came out 1-0 winners from the game, a crucial three points for us.'

Parking solution 'a priority' at KLFC

Kings Langley Football Club is planning to carry out a survey of supporters to gain a better understanding of their transport needs as the problem of match day parking rumbles on.

Discussions are still ongoing between the club and representatives from both the Parish and County Council regarding the ongoing parking issues that are causing safety and environmental issues.

At a recent meeting it was agreed that finding a long term solution to the

problem – which until recently has seen fans parking on the grass verges on Hempstead Road – is a priority.

In the meantime the football club would like to appeal to their supporters to refrain from parking on the grass verges on Hempstead Road or the surrounding roads.

Food Bank appeal

Food banks in and around Kings Langley are appealing for donations as supplies begin to run low.

Organisers of foodbanks at both All Saints and St Benedicts in Bennetts End are asking members of the community to donate non-perishable items such as tinned and dried foods, tea and coffee, UHT milk and basic toiletries.

The banks continue to be well patronised but rely on the generosity of the public to ensure those members of society in need can be looked after. Both churches take donations directly, but also accept items at Dunelm in Apsley and St Mary's Church opposite Sainsburys.



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A troop of amateur musical theatre stars are perfecting their best impression of the world's favourite eccentric, macabre clan ahead of their latest show next month.

The Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company (KLMTC) are in the last throes of rehearsals for *The Addams Family*, which is being performed at the Kings Langley Community Centre 6 – 9 April.

Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/klloc> or from the Box Office on 01442 268839.



Above: rehearsals for The Addams Family under the gang at KLMTC they are always looking behind the scenes. To find out more visit www.klmtc.co.uk

Kings Langley Carnival date is confirmed

Whilst it may be difficult to think of strolling on the Common in your shirt-sleeves and shorts at the moment, the Kings Langley Carnival preparations are already underway.

And the really good news for everyone is that the Carnival is back to its traditional time of year – Saturday 25 June.

After the event was cancelled in 2020 and rearranged for Autumn in 2021, the traditional summertime festivities are set to resume this year. Organisers are calling for local groups and societies to join the fun and raise both money and awareness for their great work in the community.

Carol Chandler, chair of the organising committee, said 'For local people, whether regular attendees or first timers, we promise lots of attractions

and refreshments to keep everyone entertained and replete.

'We are particularly looking forward to some of the field activities including the Dog Show, Bungee Trampoline, Tug of War, Bouncy Castle, Beat the Goalie and much, much more. Put the date in your diary now. It is going to be a grand day out!'

If you would like a stall at this year's event, email stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com or for general enquiries email kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com or try the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyCarnival

Choral Society prepares to perform evening of classics

Rehearsals are well underway for the next concert from Chipperfield Choral Society, which will take place next month.

The performance of Choral Classics, including Faure's Requiem and works

by Handel, Karl Jenkins, Mascagni and Parry, will take place on 9 April at 7.30pm in St John's Church, Boxmoor.

Tickets are available from choir members or via the Box Office on 01923 400520





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Diary of a Nobody coming to a stage near you

The cast of the Kings Langley Players (KLP) are preparing to step back in time to bring to sparkling life an inventive and deliciously satirical story of class snobbery and social mobility.

Diary of a Nobody, which was described by Evelyn Waugh as 'the funniest book in the world' is a comic novel which was first found in the pages of Punch magazine in the 1880s before being published for the first time in 1890.

The tale, authored by brothers George



and Weedon Grossmith, features just four characters.

Directed by the KLP's Carolyne Bevan, the Victorian comedy of manners is imaginatively adapted for the stage by Hugh Osborne.

Carolyne said: 'Three actors are bringing to life 20 characters so it's very fast paced and funny.'

Performances of *Diary of a Nobody* will take place from 10 – 12 March at Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap, Kings Langley. For tickets, visit www.klp.org.uk or telephone 0333 666 3366.

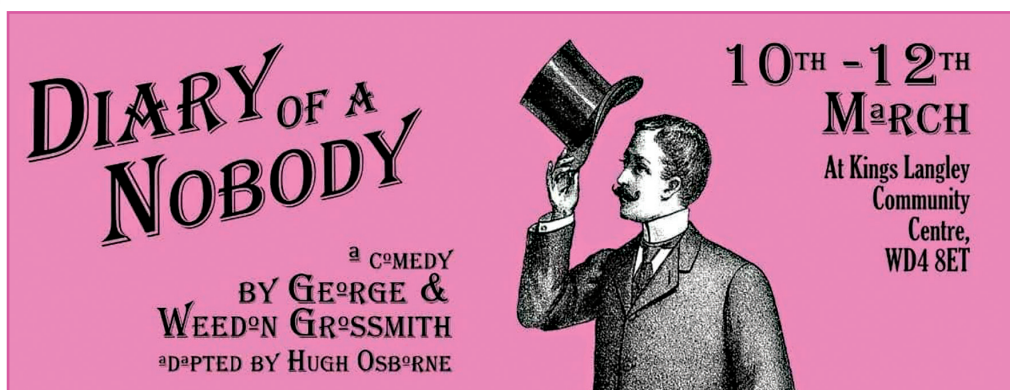
Diary of a Nobody is part of the KLP's 2021/22 season. Performances to come include *Mindgame* by Anthony Horowitz in May, and *5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche* by Evan Linder & Andrew Hobgood, in September.



Spring Sing at All Saints

Two talented community choirs are coming together to perform a fundraising concert at All Saints Church.

Kings Langley Community Choir and Swindon Male Voice Choir are joining forces for a varied programme of traditional and modern choral numbers on Friday 1 April at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 – including interval refreshments – and are available from www.bit.ly/askl-shop



Interested in volunteering?

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Even buildings need friends!

The beautiful village parish church of All Saints is a grade II* listed building; there has been a church on the site since at least 1299 when Edward I worshipped there, and it houses the historic tomb of the first Duke of York.

The age and listing of the building means that constraints when dealing with repairs often demand expensive materials and labour-intensive methods. All of this means a weighty responsibility for the church organisation to afford.

The Friends of All Saints is a non-religious village community group working independently of the church to raise money to maintain and preserve the fabric of this historic building. Today, they join the hundreds of people who have been maintaining this sacred building through time for the generations ahead.

The Friends organise fundraising events and invite donations either in the form of one-off gifts or regular giving by standing order. Donations have helped fund repairs to the nave floor, a new heating system, emergency roof repairs, and disabled toilet facilities.

Anyone who would like to offer their support can do so by becoming a regular Friend, or by making flexible donations or simply a one-off small amount. Every donation is important

to the group, whatever the amount, and will help to secure the future of the All Saints church building.

Find out more at www.bit.ly/FOASKL or pick up an application form at the back of the church.



Adjoining the church and grounds, the Parish Council's Village Garden suffered from the effects of the recent Storm Eunice. A large conifer tree, which had stood in the gardens for the past 70 years, was brought down by the high winds and blocked the entrance to All Saints Church. However, the debris was soon cleared away by Longacre Tree Surgery and the trunk was cut into sections to provide seats for the church's Wednesday morning Tiny Tots group.



Good Neighbours on hand for gardening and DIY support

Kings Langley Good Neighbours has welcomed a new committee member who is dedicated to overseeing any requests that come in for help with garden tidying, DIY or visiting.

Anyone who thinks an elderly relative or neighbour could benefit from such support can call up and request assistance, and the latest voluntary member, Nick Clarke (pictured above) will do everything he can to see to it that help is provided.

As ever the organisation relies on volunteers, so anyone who has gardening or DIY skills – and some spare time on their hands to help out in the community – is urged to get in touch with Nick. All requests and offers for help should be directed to 07790 668672.

Meanwhile, anyone who wants to find out more about what Kings Langley Good Neighbours does, or would like to offer their services as volunteers, is invited to a coffee morning on 25 March from 9.30 – 11.30am at the village's Community Centre in The Nap. Particularly welcome will be anyone with time to spare to take on occasional drives to local medical appointments.

The group's Tuesday Lunch Club currently needs extra help as previous helpers begin returning to work. Anyone who can help is urged to call 07790 668672.

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News from the Parish Pump

This financial year there have been some continuing themes such as the Council's Neighbourhood Plan, and the three Parish Plan working groups looking at environmental, leisure and transport issues.

Their projects include an environmental award for innovation, solar panels for the parish offices and possible transport improvements for the High St pinch point and Vicarage Lane junction; there are also plans for a school crossing patrol on Hempstead Rd, Leisure works include clearing 1,000 metres of woodland paths, Kings Langley Links, a community toilet scheme, the installation of signage/maps in the village, and a trim trail in Green Park.

Unsurprisingly a great deal of the Council's work is around the village, responding to problems such as flooding at Sunderland's Yard allotments, support for community projects such as the toilet block mural and providing bee boxes at the primary school, as well as proactively organising the monthly community gardening, council surgeries, litter picks and hybrid public meetings ie. ensuring they are accessible in person and online.

In addition, grants were made to local groups including the cricket club, the cycle club and Waterways Experience – and *Kings Langley Village News*! The Council have also been working jointly with our neighbours in Abbots Langley to fund a Repair Shed.

Finally, the Council's Village Garden provided an oasis for individuals, groups and families, and the continuing investment in the trees, plants and shrubs – and resurfaced footpath – has been 'repaid' a thousandfold.

However, it's not all work, with the return of the Carnival, the Gardens competition and Christmas Lights competitions (and the Christmas Lights!) and, of course, the human sundial on the Common. The forthcoming year looks just as busy for our Councillors.

Christian Aid plans fundraising drive

Christian Aid is preparing to launch its dedicated fundraising week that last year saw thousands of pounds raised around the village.

From 15 –21 May this year volunteers will be conducting house-to-house envelope collections in which donations are made to make a real difference where it is most needed.

Last year Christian Aid raised £4,583 through its envelope donation scheme and organisers expressed gratitude for the kindness shown and the generosity of those who contributed.

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Members of the community are also very welcome at the United Service at All Saints Church at 9.30am on 22 May in which the congregation reflects on the week that has gone and give thanks for all that has been achieved.

Christian Aid works in 50 countries around the world supporting vulnerable people with emergency aid and long-term development through partners on the ground. They help people regardless of religion, ethnic origin, or sex.

Cricket Club is back on track

Kings Langley's Cricket Club is celebrating after hitting its fundraising target of £20,000 for new outdoor nets.

The appeal for donations ran for just over three months and in early February it was reported that, thanks to 132 generous supporters, the ambitious sum had been met.

Refurbishment of the net facilities began back in March 2020 after careful financial planning and fundraising forecasting meant the club's committee was confident the required target could be met.

However, just two days into the project Covid-19 meant all work had to stop – but not before the existing net surface had been removed.

The impact of the pandemic went on to have a catastrophic effect on the club's fundraising, with revenue from the bar and private events lost, and planned events cancelled.

But now, as the club approaches its 200th anniversary in 2030, they are back on track to offer the high-quality training facilities that the committee is so keen to establish.



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A note from your Dacorum Borough Councillors

It's been some time since we last wrote, but the focus during the pandemic has rather obviously been on providing the essential local public services on which people rely.

To that end, we pay tribute to the fabulous effort all Dacorum Borough Council staff have put in; for example the bin emptying folk, who have kept working extremely hard all through the pandemic – particularly as domestic refuse has increased by a third as people work from home.

The Dacorum Local Plan guiding local development to 2038 remains paused whilst we wait for emerging government legislation, the effects of the pandemic and the outcome of our lobbying to get our ridiculous house building target reduced. Meanwhile, the council has been carrying out the extensive homework that will be required if our house building target is not reduced, and we are to try and get our Local Plan approved with a lower amount of housing.

Contrary to long-running complaints from political opponents, the council has set up a public space public order covering the whole Borough to tackle the twin scourges of littering and dog fouling. We've commissioned an enforcement partner, which has allowed us to tackle these problems effectively (see opposite).

The council has also been able to continue using a loop-hole in housing finance legislation to build new council houses, with the ten houses nearing completion at the top of Coniston Road being the first council houses to be built in Kings Langley since the 1970s.

Finally, the pandemic has made it harder for people to raise issues, so if you've tried to contact the Borough Council about any local public matters, and there might be something we could do, then please contact us at alan.anderson@dacorum.gov.uk and alan.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk

– Councillors Alan Anderson & Alan Johnson, Kings Langley Ward, Dacorum Borough Council.



Win for the KL Cubs

1st Kings Langley Cubs are celebrating after their triumphant performance at the District's annual Swimming Gala on Saturday 5 February.

The event, which was last won by Kings Langley in 2013 – the year that some of this year's competitors were born – saw the boys win on points following several individual events, novelty races, and a relay against nine other teams.

Meanwhile Kings Langley Scouts, who were heavily depleted by Covid, managed a very respectable fifth place.

Above: Jubilant Cubs pictured following their win on points

A new season of films at the Henderson Hub

The Community Arts Centre will once again be showing classics and new releases at the Hub in Abbots Langley High Street.

The venue boasts a wide screen format, high fidelity surround sound and comfortable seating. Their next three showings are:

25 March *The Pebble and the Boy*
1 April *Stillwater*
29 April *Spencer*

Doors and bars open at 7pm
 Films at 7.45pm
 Booking at www.ticketsource.co.uk/thehub or by phone **01923 601280**
All tickets £7

Storm Eunice sweeps through the village

Firefighters from Kings Langley were kept busy across the blustery weekend attending to reports of houses that were struck by trees, and assessing some damage to the roof at the Ovaltine factory.

However they also came to the rescue of the village's cricket club when one of their sight screens was blown across Vicarage Lane.

and the crew then secured it to the lawn roller to ensure it stayed put as the storm passed through!

Locals helped pull it off the main road

Below: Kings Langley fire service crew with grateful members of KLCC



Prize Xword

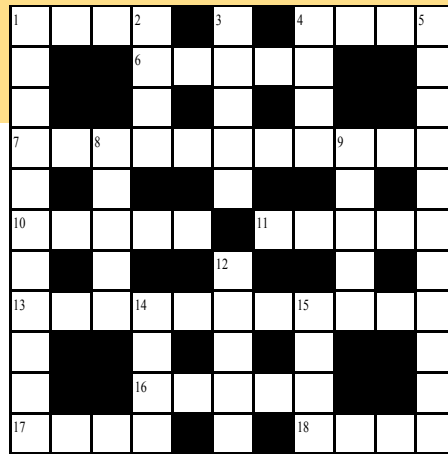
The prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat for this issue is **Two bottles of Wine** kindly donated by **The Kings Langley Services Club**. To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword entry with your contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than **Friday 15 April**. Good luck!

Across

- 1 Unit of nautical and air speed (4)
- 4 20th Century Royal Navy abbreviation for her, that sounds like very small birds (4)
- 6 Small oval shaped fruit (5)
- 7 Muddled rotund frogs turn into this cold weather condition! (6,5)
- 10 Generic name for an underground railway system (5)
- 11 Restricted by social custom (5)
- 13 All confused, I used this control to relocate car! (11)
- 16 Type of lizard that can walk up walls (5)
- 17 Walk through deepish water (4)
- 18 This drink when added to a mendicant order leads to a Village home for frail older folk (4)

Down

- 1 This Village road sounds like a royal grassland? (5,6)
- 2 Bean curd (4)



- 3 Electrical component that allows a current to only flow in one direction (5)
- 4 Type of overflow control often seen on rivers and the Canal (4)
- 5 Village street found mixed up in data roots! (7,4)
- 8 Relating to the eye (5)
- 9 What all satellites do around our planet (5)
- 12 Tree (5)
- 14 Move sideways through a crowd (4)
- 15 Smallest particle of a chemical element (4)

Answers to Crossword No: 24

Across: 1 Fred & Ginger, 5 Mill, 7 Lost, 8 Post-Natally, 9 Matriculate, 13 Dial, 14 Tape, 15 Oscars Pizza.

Down: 2 Rhino, 3 Gouda, 4 Easel, 6 Lateral, 7 Leaflet, 10 Alias, 11 Chess, 12 Topaz.

Kings Langley Bowling

The club has enjoyed an active social calendar over the winter months;; caring for the green, tending the gardens, keeping the clubhouse in good repair and plenty of indoor games – along with a few outdoor matches, too.

Sadly some indoor activities, including social evenings, line dancing, carpet bowls and the club's presentation dinner, had to be cancelled or reduced in frequency because of Covid. However, now they are back in full swing with the presentation evening scheduled at the club this month.

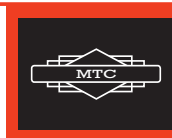
The first match of the new season will be at the end of April, as usual, against local rivals, Abbots Langley, and everyone is very much looking forward to getting back out on the green.

The club has an open day in May when members of the public are welcome to try their hand at the sport, receive tuition, and meet some of the members.

If you would like to try bowls and have the opportunity to meet others and make new friends then contact Graham Hatch on **07969 057212**. Graham will be able to advise when someone can be available to introduce visitors to the club and the game.



Sue Castle-Henry was the Xword winner from our last issue – she's pictured above with her husband Bert enjoying her prize of Tea & Cake for Two, kindly donated by Claire at Dalling & Co. 'What a lovely surprise,' she said, 'especially as it's my second win!' Thank you Claire and well done Sue!



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LOCAL EVENTS



Women's Institute

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
All welcome.

Every second Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm

For further information please contact Joyce on 01923 263213 or Wendy on 01923 263348

Singing

Kings Langley Community Choir

Christ Church Baptist, The Nap.

Every Tuesday evening (term time) 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

No audition or prior experience needed.

Contact Pat Waterton on 07714 701316 or email patwaterton@gmail.com

Woodside u3a

Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Garston WD25 9JL

Wide range of activities. Third Tuesday each month from 9.45am.

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For further information contact Barbara Elman at barbaraelman@hotmail.co.uk



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Using computers.

Frogmore Paper Mill & Visitors' Centre, Fourdriner Way, Apsley.

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Fridays 10.30am – 1pm. Free admission

Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

Short Mat Bowls

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.

A friendly group who play all year round.

New members welcome.

Every Wednesday morning 11.15am. – 1.15pm.

£3.70 for members of Everyone Active,

£4.70 for non-members (first time is free).

All equipment supplied.

Jazz

Kings Langley Jazz Club

Kings Langley Services Club Theatre Bar 3 – 5 High Street, Kings Langley WD4 8BJ

Live Bands!

Every Tuesday night 8.15pm.

Visitors welcome.

See posters for details or telephone 01923 262982

Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Planning and Licensing on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm

Telephone 01923 261828 or email klpc@dacorum.gov.uk

Now back to face to face meetings, **PROBUS** is a club for retired men meeting at Kings Langley Cricket Club every third Tuesday in the month at 10am, with a speaker and coffee.

Occasional excursions, dinners and other social events (including partners) are also arranged.

Future speakers and subjects

15 Mar: 'The History of Royal Flying,' Graham Laurie

19 Apr: 'Easter, Pagan Eostra to our Easter,' Colin Oakes

17 May: 'David Devant: England's Greatest Magician,' Ian Keeble-Elliott

21 June: 'Adventures in the Iron Age,' Sally Newton

Contact the secretary, John Addy, on 07477 900290 or 19jca41+v@gmail.com for further information.

Tiny Tots

All Saints Church Hall

A stay and play group for 0 – 4 year olds.

Every Wednesday in term time

10.00am – 11.30am. Every Tuesday

evening (term time) 7.30pm – 9.00pm,

£1.50 suggested donation.

For more information email

allsaintstinytots@outlook.com

Social

Kings Langley Evergreen Club

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.

A social club for residents aged over 60.

Varied programme of events.

Alternate Thursday afternoons from

2.30pm – 4.00pm.

Contact Ann Martin on 01923 267604 or email anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com

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