



KINGS LANGLEY

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Protect the village's future by voting 'yes' in referendum

Residents are being urged to vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan at the forthcoming village referendum to ensure it is taken into consideration by Dacorum Borough Council in all future planning applications.

The Kings Langley Neighbourhood plan was successfully passed through the examination stage early this summer, and the Examiner's Report has been accepted in full by the Parish Council. The plan will now go to Dacorum Borough Council's (DBC) Planning Committee for acceptance and then proceed to a village referendum which is expected to be held this Autumn.

A successful vote will ensure the Plan plays a key role in influencing the style of development in the village. The overarching vision of the plan – on which work began in 2019 – is to preserve and enhance



what parishioners most value about Kings Langley in line with the priorities suggested by the Parish Plan Survey. This includes retaining the village status of Kings Langley, environmental action, greenbelt, proximity to open countryside, canal, woods and common, its thriving high street and strong sense of community.

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge that local authorities can impose on new developments in their area, with the money raised being used for infrastructure that the Council and communities want. At present Kings Langley Parish Council is given 15% of the levy by DBC but, when the Plan is adopted, this rises to 25% so gives us more resource to carry

out projects that residents would like to see in the village.

John Morrish, who is leading the project on behalf of the Parish Council, said 'This has been a long journey through many consultations but I am happy that we have a Plan that will work for our village over the plan period from now until 2038. My huge thanks to the team who worked with and stayed with the project – Andrew Levy, John Ingleby, Eric Martin, Chris Pichon and James Markham.

'Look out for the Referendum in Autumn – and please take the time to vote as the more votes we have, the more we can prove that the Plan is representative of our village needs.'

It's the 40th anniversary of the Abbots Langley Tough Ten next month.

This year's race date is Sunday 2 October.



The Park Run starts at 9am, the 3km and 5km at 10am and the 10km at 10.30, with all participants in this year's race receiving special 40th anniversary medals.

Sponsorship raised by local schools and teams is split 50/50 between the Tough Ten and the team –

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Warm weather brings out blooms for Gardens Competition

This year's Parish Council Gardens Competition had a very different look about it.

Sadly, Terry Simmonds, our professional garden expert, passed away last year. Thankfully we were able to call upon the services of Ian Barrow from the Sunnyside Rural Trust, who was able to bring a wealth of experience and advice to the role.

However, there were then two separate, serious domestic issues which robbed us of Beverley Ross who keeps us on track through a long, hot and busy day and Chief Judge Gerry Angiolini who has been involved with the competition for a very long time. It was therefore no surprise to remaining judge Alan Johnson that the refrain 'Where's Gerry?' became a very familiar first question from residents throughout the day.

And what a day it was. The recent weather with storms and showers, heat and humidity resulted in some truly remarkable gardens around the village both in terms of plants, shrubs and trees, and fruit and vegetables – the latter notably on the allotments at Red Lion Lane and Sunderlands Yard.

'The amount of time and effort that everyone has devoted to their garden or allotment large or small was truly astonishing,' explained Ian. 'Although this was my first year, it was a truly enjoyable day – and the natives were very friendly.'

That said, it made the issue of judging the competition a particularly difficult

one this year. 'We wrestled with the results over coffee and cake at Sunnyside's coffee shop in Hemel,' added Alan. 'We'd like to have given all the gardens and allotments we saw a prize, but it would have made the presentation evening at Kings Langley Cricket Cub on 21 October a bit too crowded!'

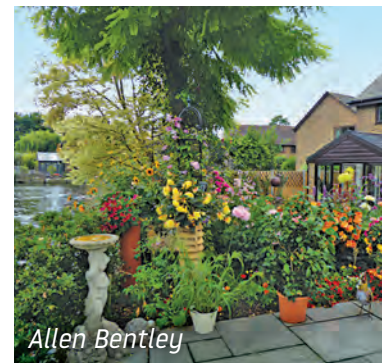


Gill and Alan Busby

Best front garden: Gill and Alan Busby
Best hanging baskets, tubs and troughs: Jill Hunt
Best front and back garden: Eddie and Elise Davies
Best canalside garden: Allen Bentley
Best newcomer: Andrew Putman
Best wildlife garden: Pam Litton/ Janet Taylor
Best overall garden: Rob and Jo Kedgley
Best rural garden: Ivan and Margaret Carter
Best Mediterranean Garden: Ted and Barbara Fry
Best use of an outdoor space: Margaret Beaman
Best cottage garden: Migel and Penny Muka
Best terrace garden: Michael Sands/Jackie Risman
Best back garden: Les and Irena Tomkins
Best small back garden: Jane Biggerstaff
Best family garden: Natalie and Dean Smart
Best contemporary garden: Marina Cox
Best environmental garden: Team Rob

Best commercial premises: So Soft Designs
Best licensed premises: The Old Red Lion

Best allotment (Sunderlands Yard): Julie and Andy Bradley
Best new plot (Sunderlands Yard): Pam McLaren
Best allotment (Red Lion): Chris Pichon
Best newcomer (Red Lion): Marzena Zych
Special Award: Rock View Guest House



Allen Bentley



Chris Pichon

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School's application for all-weather 3G sports pitch

Kings Langley School (KLS) is seeking support from the local community for a much-needed all-weather 3G sports pitch, as it looks to get its grant application approved.

The school must demonstrate the concept has the backing of the village and surrounding area to ensure the grant gets the green light.

The Football Foundation has begun undertaking technical surveys on the school site, as well as all the relevant due diligence. The planning application is expected to be submitted in the autumn, all of which is running alongside the grant funding process.

Diane Bell, Deputy Head at KLS, who is overseeing the project, said 'The quality of the grass areas at the back of the site is poor during the winter months with the pitches becoming waterlogged. Local sports clubs who use the pitches frequently have to cancel matches and reschedule due to the inconvenience. We are working closely with Kings Langley Football Club and Chipperfield Corinthians who are fully supporting the project.'

The school has worked hard to be able to provide funding to assist the application to the Football Foundation. Donations from businesses and individuals in and around Kings Langley towards the pitch are being welcomed by the school's management.

Diane added 'Our thanks must be extended to both Kings Langley Parish Council and Councillor Richard Roberts who have both donated funds to the 3G project. Some of these funds will be utilised to break down barriers to participation and a football boot bank will be placed on the pitch so that anyone can borrow a pair of football boots that will enable them to play on the surface.'

If your organisation would like to make a donation to the school to assist the fundraising work to date, please contact Diane Bell initially by email at belld@kls.herts.sch.uk



druglink
changing futures

football and we hope the education programme will go a long way to ensuring our young people have all of the knowledge they need to safely navigate issues like this.'

KINGS unveil first charity partner

Kings Langley Football Club has announced local charity Druglink as its charity partner for the 2022/23 season.

The partnership, the first of its kind for the club, will see Druglink design and deliver a special educational programme focusing on the risks of recreational drug use to the hundreds of young footballers who currently represent the club.

For the next two seasons all home shirts worn by Kings Langley players will carry the Druglink logo and fundraising activities will take place throughout the upcoming season, which kicked off with a friendly against Watford at the start of August.

Darren Eliot, Director of Football at KLFC, said 'Many people see us simply as a football club but we are so much more, especially when it comes to our youth teams. Young footballers learn so many life skills through playing

Based in Red Lion Lane, Druglink is a substance misuse charity that aims to change the future for people who are, or could be, affected by substance misuse, through a combination of addiction treatment, housing solutions, education and training.

Dean Wigzell, Head of Community at KLFC, added 'Football clubs often ignore the responsibilities they have within their wider community but I am delighted that ours doesn't. This is a partnership we can be proud of and hope that it will go a long way in not just supporting Druglink's work but also educating everyone at the club, helping to remove the stigma so often attached to those in recovery.'

Emma Kingham, Communications Officer for Druglink, said 'We are so delighted that Kings Langley Football Club have chosen Druglink as their first charity partnership of this kind. Their support will help us reach and educate young people in the community to give them the understanding to make sensible decisions. We are looking forward to working alongside coaches and parents to deliver knowledge around spotting the signs and the substances to be aware of.'



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If you are considering joining the team of Good Neighbours' volunteer drivers, but hesitant in case it becomes a major commitment – read on!



The reponse of Lorene Preston (pictured right) to a call is so often, 'Yes, happy to do it, send me the details,' and yet, as you'll see, she has many other and varied interests to pursue.

Here's what she had to say: 'I started volunteering with Good Neighbours over 20 years ago when my youngest daughter started full-time school and I was looking for something useful to do. I really enjoy meeting the different people I take to various appointments, and they are always so grateful for what we do for them.'

'When not driving around Hertfordshire I like being in the open air (it beats doing housework!) so I also volunteer for the National Trust at Ashridge doing tasks ranging from scrub bashing to litter picking. I am also a gardener at Ashridge House when not trying to keep my own garden in order!

'As a keen birdwatcher I am also to be found roaming round Tring Reservoirs and College Lake in pursuit of hopefully some rarity that I have not seen before. Likewise, I love travelling and have been to some wonderful places including China, South Africa and Peru – I remember once receiving a telephone call from Good Neighbours asking if I could do a drive, but sadly I had to refuse as I was in the Atacama Desert in Chile at the time!

New volunteers would join a list of drivers, so there is no requirement to accept a drive if it's not convenient, organisers will simply try someone else! Interested now? Give the team a ring on 07790 668672.

u3a

Six years of learning for Woodside u3a

A national learning scheme for people no longer in full time work is celebrating its 40th anniversary, as the branch local to Kings Langley hits its sixth birthday.

u3a – or University of the Third Age – runs local and online member-led learning across the country, including the Woodside group which meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10am in Garston's Stanborough Centre.

The meetings include talks from dynamic speakers and provide an opportunity for people to join breakout groups with interesting activities – or to just join in and listen.

Formed in November 2016 the group is going from strength to strength and always welcoming to new members. If you would like to find out more contact membership@woodsideu3a.org.uk

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Village prepares for inaugural Beer and Fizz Festival

Real ale enthusiasts can sample as many as 24 different beers later this month at Kings Langley's first ever Beer & Fizz Festival.

The event, which runs from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October, is being held in and around All Saints Church and will feature both a range of champagne and sparkling wine, as well as dozens of ales from breweries across the country.

Live music, food and various entertainment has been scheduled across the weekend, with two adult-only days and dedicated family fun pencilled in for the Sunday.

The festival also features lagers, ciders, soft drinks and non-alcoholic options. It will raise vital funds for both All Saints Church and DENS, the Dacorum charity that houses, supports and empowers vulnerable homeless people.

Entirely volunteer run, this is the first event of its type in the village and promises to be a great weekend. Organiser Chris Hughes, pictured above with Father James McDonald, said 'The level of support and enthusiasm

we have received is overwhelming. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of so many local businesses, a lot of the costs of the event have been covered. This means we will be able to raise even more much needed funds for DENS and All Saints, which is fantastic!

'Many in the community have come forward to offer help in one way or another – although we would happily welcome more! So please do get in touch through the website if you would be willing to spend a few hours volunteering over the weekend, or would like to get involved in another way. We hope this is the first of what becomes an annual event for the village.'

Visitors will be charged £4 entry, and will be asked to pay a £5 deposit for a commemorative pint glass. Anyone who wishes to keep the glass will see their deposit donated to DENS.

For more information visit the website at www.klbeerandfizz.co.uk

Singing Workshop

Kings Langley Community Choir is hosting a Singing Workshop for budding performers on a Sunday in October.

The four hour session will be run by Ben Crawley, the choir's former MD, and his singing partner Dom Stichbury at Christchurch Baptist in the Nap on the afternoon of Sunday 23 October.

The workshop comes amidst a busy autumn schedule for the Community Choir which will conclude with three important dates: the switch-on of the Kings Langley Christmas Lights on 26 November, a joint concert with the Rickmansworth Players at Christ Church Chorleywood on 9 December and an Advent concert at St James' Church Bushey on 17 December.

Music Director Katie Teage has promised members new seasonal numbers as well as contemporary additions to the Choir's repertoire at the weekly rehearsals, held on Tuesday evenings at Christchurch Baptist in The Nap, Kings Langley.

Workshop tickets cost £20. Anyone wishing to attend or join the choir should contact Pat Waterton on **07714 701316** or patwaterton@gmail.com



The times they are a'changing

Paul Dunham is leaving Kings Langley parish council, where he has served as the Parish Clerk for over 15 years.

'We've only had two Parish Clerks in the last 31 years, so we must be doing something right' said Howard Button, Chair of the Parish Council. 'But seriously, Paul Dunham is going to be a hard act to follow after the intelligence and commitment he has brought to the role.'

The Parish Clerk is the Council's Chief Executive, Proper Legal Officer, Responsible Financial Officer, line

manager for two staff and responsible for conducting the Council's business. The role includes a minimum of two evening meetings per month and is part-time. 'It's definitely not an admin role!' added Howard.

The job is now being advertised across a wide range of local media. Please feel free to contact the outgoing Clerk on **01923261828** or klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk should you require further

information or an informal discussion. A detailed job description, person specification and an application form can be found at www.kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Please submit your application form (by post or email) to the Clerk of the Council to be received no later than 9am on Monday the 3 October 2022. Note: a CV on its own will not be accepted. Interviews will take place during October/November. 'We plan to have the new Parish Clerk in post early in the New Year,' commented Councillor Alan Anderson, 'but the priority is getting the right person, not the calendar.'



'Where everyone gets treated like royalty'



Time to welcome back The Old Palace

Following a month's closure for much-needed renovations and improvements, the new landlords Russell and Celeste are welcoming customers to their new venture.

Standing opposite the site of Kings Langley's medieval palace, parts of the pub date back to 1642. It was licensed to sell ales in the 1800s and is the second oldest pub in the village. The oak-beamed bar now sports new upholstery, new chairs, tables and lighting and has been opened up to show off the characterful old fireplace.

'We have plenty of ideas for the future', enthused Celeste. 'We are currently serving light lunches but we'll be starting to add hot food soon. We'll begin with Sunday roasts and then extend the cooked meals offer to Fridays and all weekends. There are plans for quizzes, music nights and special food events,' she said. 'Halloween has always been a popular time so we'll maybe have a hog roast or barbecue with spicy cocktails.'

They aim to open the upstairs as a restaurant, but there's still a lot of work to be done before that area can be put to use. Although never having run a pub before, Russell and Celeste have plenty of retail experience between them and are certainly not short of enthusiasm!

'We'd like to give locals their pub back – for too long passers-by have thought it was closed,' said Russell.

Above; the newly refurbished bar is now bright, clean and welcoming. Left; The beer garden has been opened up to create a much larger outdoor area. The unearthed stone relics in the background are said to date back to the 15th century!



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The village market – the name conjures up an image of quaintness with village stallholders selling their produce with local people from the surrounding area to purchase the best, freshest, and up-to-date. Indeed our market in Kings Langley has a long and ancient pedigree, though regrettably not an unbroken one.

On 12 February 1290, King Edward I granted the village its first charter to hold a weekly market each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Whitsun Week.

The weekly market was held in the meadow above the village, on what became known as New Chipinge, now the High Street. Once a royal charter had been granted, it afforded the village protection from rival markets as a nearby rival market could not open on the same days. Moreover, the charter allowed the inhabitant's priority in selling over 'foreigners,' ie non-residents, from other villages and towns.

Historians don't know precisely why the market and fair at Langley failed, but we do know that by the summer of 1320, neither market nor fair was taking place. Given the date, it is possible to surmise that the catalyst for its failure had a lot to do with the 'little ice-age' of the period, as well as the dramatic crop failures and the great famine in the years 1315–1321.

The market was given permission to resume in 1347, but seven months later the first reports of the Black Death were recorded in England.

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Kings Langley Market from medieval to modern



Left; Wandering Minstrel Angi, from Food for Kings, serenades. Above; Michael Youngman has been keeping bees for many years and sells his honey at the market. The Bakehouse hails from Apsley.



Far left; local artist Graham Prentice displays his artwork prints and postcards. He has kindly donated this issue's Xword prize – see page 11. Left; Kings Langley Musical Theatre promote their next show, whilst our local Community Library run a popular used book stall.

Below; Food for Kings is always a regular attraction at the market, supplying locally grown fruit and vegetables.

We 3 Cooks is a local business run by partners Deborah, Sarah and Sue.

Legacy of our medieval market is the width of the High Street and footprint of many of the shops. In medieval Langley, the market stipulated the width of a stall frontage was three perch wide – 16ft 5in. The frontage of many shops on the modern High Street is five metres – or 16ft 4⁷/₈ in.

Kings Langley market has a long rich heritage; this year marks 675 years since Edward III reissued the royal charter for the village market. How many other communities can point to an original market charter dating back more than seven hundred years?

In 2022, we have a village market – but today's market has changed, with a rich mix of local people trading in the traditions of the 13th century alongside other traders from far afield.

Originally held in the High Street, Kings Langley Village Market has found a new home in the Village Garden and takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month, serving as a focal point for the local community as well as a reminder of a long tradition of local craftsmen and suppliers selling their wares.



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Make food bank donations a habit, urge organisers

Guardians of a food bank in the village are appealing for residents to add donations to their weekly shop as standard in a bid to ensure those in need can still access the service.

The All Saints Food Bank, which has been operating since 2020 and is open to anyone without appointment, has seen dwindling supplies over the summer, and organisers fear it is being forgotten.

Ingrid Allen (right) said 'We've seen enormous generosity from Kings Langley residents and people in the wider local area before, during and since the pandemic but we are approaching what will arguably be the hardest time in recent memory for many people and it's essential the food bank stays open.'

'With the cost of living crisis and winter on the way there will be more people than ever before in need of help. I know


everyone is being affected one way or another by the enormous strain on budgets, but if each of us could add just one or two extra bits to our weekly shop as a course of habit, it would have a hugely significant impact on the food bank.'

As well as dried and non-perishable food the bank tries to offer other essentials such as soap, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary products, and general house cleaning products. Baby supplies including nappies and formula are also very welcome. The church is open every day for donations to be made, and for those in need to visit and make use of the bank.



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Volunteers are being sought to help raise much needed donations for The Royal British Legion as we approach this year's Poppy Appeal.



Organisers of the annual fundraiser in Kings Langley and Abbots Langley are appealing for more members of the community to step up and become Poppy Appeal Collectors, acting as the face of the Legion and helping collect donations while distributing poppies in the villages.

The British Legion, which provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces Community, relies heavily on its army of volunteers, without whom the fundraiser simply wouldn't happen.

This year's appeal runs from Saturday 29 October to Saturday 13 November and volunteers are wanted to either help collect in Kings Langley or Abbots Langley or to deliver boxes to businesses within the area.

To get involved locally, either as a collector, distributor or another role, get in touch with Julie Barton on **07850 584459** or email poppyappeal@hotmail.com. Alternatively, you can apply online at www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/volunteer



Rambling Ringers take to the road in charity walks

Three bell ringers from Kings Langley are undertaking a series of sponsored walks in memory of a friend who passed away in 2020, two years after being diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

Liz Middleton, Su Gambling and Caroline Crawley, nicknamed 'The Rambling Ringers', are hoping to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK after their friend Alan Jackson died from complications of the illness two years ago. Another bellringer, Richard Bateman, also died recently from the disease.

The challenges, which kick off this month, include covering distances of between 25km and 100km in the Thames Path Challenge, and 50km in the Easter 50 challenge.

Alan's widow Sandra, said 'I can't change the outcome for our friend Richard and his family, nor for my husband who had been my strength and stay for 25 years, nor for my children. However, by supporting our friends Liz, Su and Caroline, we might be able to help raise more funds for Prostate Cancer UK so that other men are more aware of what to look out for, less embarrassed to discuss issues with their GP, more likely to find any cancers earlier, and then more likely to come out the other side of the treatments successfully.'

To sponsor the Rambling Ringers visit Just Giving at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/libm

Would you like to help manage Kings Langley Community Library?

The village's library has at least two open vacancies on its volunteer committee so if you feel you have relevant skills, experience, interest and some spare time, then the team would like to hear from you.

They are currently looking for someone to manage and coordinate the training provision of their volunteers to make sure they all have the necessary skills and knowledge to be effective. This role requires good organisational and communication skills, working with the Herts Library and Heritage services staff and volunteers.

They are also looking for someone to help set up and organise a library events programme for the local community. Over the last few years the library has hosted a series of talks, workshops, exhibitions and visits that help to bring people in, raise funds and provide social and educational opportunities. This role also needs to liaise with local groups and presenters and to bring together the range of volunteers who assist in various capacities.

To discuss the above roles, or to offer other relevant skills, email kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com

Comedy on the cards for KLP's season finale

The final show of the Kings Langley Players' 2021/22 season is getting underway this month with a trip back to the 1950s.

5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche is a one-act comedy, described as a 'rollercoaster of fun from start to finish'.

The show will take audiences back to 1956, as the Susan B Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein are having their annual quiche breakfast. But will they be able to keep their cool when Communists threaten their idyllic town?

The story plays on the melodramatic fears of America during the Cold War, with an added saucy twist and some amusing audience interaction.

Performances of *5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche* will take place from Thursday 15 September to Saturday 17 September. All shows take place at Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap, Kings Langley. For tickets, visit www.klp.org.uk or telephone 0333 666 3366.





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Kings Langley says 'No!'

The consultation period for the proposed Rectory Farm housing development has now closed, with 150 local residents getting in touch to share their concerns.

Kings Langley Parish Council (KLPC) voted unanimously to object to the application,' explained Howard Button, Chairman of Kings Langley Parish Council. 'The village said a massive 'No' to this development.'

The next stage of the process is for the relevant Planning Officer at Dacorum Borough Council to write a report recommending approval or refusal. The application will then go to

Dacorum's Development Management Committee (the Planning Committee) to consider, even if the Planning Officer recommends approval. This is because the Parish Council objected to the application and a Councillor will appear in person to renew their objections.

The Committee's decision is final, although it can be Judicially Reviewed if there are legal grounds to do so. If this Committee decide to refuse the

Will Rectory Farm set a disastrous precedent for our village?

Kings Langley is a large village. Just about. It's a very small step for Kings Langley to become a town. Our village is surrounded by land designated as Green Belt. Such designation was put in place to keep historic villages like ours exactly that - an historic village, not a new town.

The five purposes of the Green Belt are:

1. To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas.
2. To prevent neighbouring towns

merging into one another.

3. To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
4. To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns.
5. To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

If Rectory Farm, as Green Belt, is allowed to be built on, then how long before landowners of other Green Belt land put in applications to develop? We need to stop the rot now! The only precedent that should be set is preservation of all of our Green Belt.

– Gary Ansell, Chair, Kings Langley & District Residents Association



application, the applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Once again, the Parish Council will appear in person at the Planning Inspector's hearing on the appeal to renew their Objections.

Howard added 'The Parish Council would like to see more one- and two-bed housing for local first time buyers and young families. Unfortunately, so-called 'affordable housing' for purchase or rent on these developments is still really only available to those who have sold a house or moved from an even more expensive area of the country.'

Something for everyone at the Community Library

A calendar of various cultural events has been scheduled at Kings Langley Community Library this autumn, promising something for all ages.

An exhibition of art work from members of the Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society will be on display from 20 September to 29 October, while Andy Rankine is back by popular demand on 5 October with a talk on *The History of Aviation in Ten Objects*.

On Saturday 8 October at 10am there will be a live performance from the Kings Langley Community Choir, and on the evening of 16 November a talk by local historian and author Scott Hastie, the guest of Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society.

Details of all events can be found on library posters and Facebook.

Meanwhile more regular events include a monthly visit from Hertfordshire Hearing Advisory Service, who will be holding hearing aid maintenance clinics by appointment from Monday 12 September from 1pm – 3pm, and storytime for 2 – 5 year olds from 2pm – 2.30pm on Thursdays.

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Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry for this issue is a copy of the **village map, created by local artist Graham Prentice and framed by Letters and Frames**. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 14 October. Good luck!

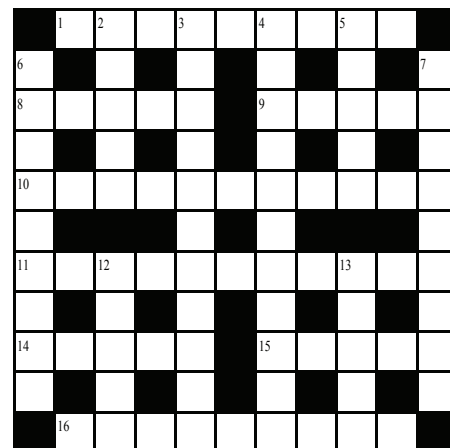
Across

- 1 A dark coloured water source or a Village road? (9)
- 8 Suave moustachioed British actor, famous before and very famous after WWII (5)
- 9 Homicidal cetaceans! (5)
- 10 Farm shown adjoining Highview Mobile Homes Park on the upper east side of our Valley (7,4)
- 11 Rejig a cabaret clip to be able to do something successfully! (11)

- 14 Not firmly fixed in place (5)
- 15 Mistake (5)
- 16 Type of steroid hormone used to treat inflammation caused by injury or illness (9)

Down

- 2 Describes a horizontal line or plane located above a point on the ground (5)
- 3 Being part of a whole (11)
- 4 Reorganise crooked pews to find these 'drum-beat' birds! (11)
- 5 Close-fitting type of man-made fabric often used for sports clothing (5)
- 6 Undo a puny leash to find a not well-proportioned profile! (9)
- 7 Confused, yet smarmy, where the appearance that something has when its two sides or halves are not exactly the same in shape or size! (9)
- 12 Small percussive bell-like musical instrument made of two joined metal cones (5)
- 13 Chemical element with the same atomic number as the length of its name (5)



Prize Xword No. 28 set by Andrew Selby



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

Our previous Xword winner was Simon Inge, pictured above right, who has lived in the village for 21 years. He and his wife Janet regularly enter our competition and often enjoy pie and chips from the Kings Langley Fish Bar so Simon was delighted to receive two £10 vouchers towards future meals. Shop manager Avci Irfan presented him with his prize.

Answers to Crossword No: 27

Across: 1 Havelock, 7 In, 8 Recoup, 9 Edmund, 11 Inadvisable, 13 Gemini, 16 Onions, 17 Pi, 18 Coniston.

Down: 2 Abound, 3 Expeditious, 4 Ovum, 5 Kiln, 6 Writing, 10 Diecast, 12 Indigo, 14 Epic, 15 Icon



Hallelujah! Church bookings go digital

A state-of-the-art new digital booking system has been launched for All Saints Church Hall in a drive to modernise the process and increase hall usage.

The hall, which is rented by both regular and one-off hirers, can now be

booked at the click of a button, with availability visible and up-to-date at all times.

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Book Sale

The Retreat (corner of Gallows Hill/Abbots Road, WD4 8LT)

We sell brand new books (donated to us by publishers) at very cheap prices, well worth a visit!

Friday 23 September 12noon – 5pm

Saturday 24 September 10am – 2pm

26 – 30 September 10am – 2pm.

Women's Institute

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap. All welcome.

Every second Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm

For further information please contact Nova on 0787 661 4250 or Wendy on 01923 263348 or email kingslangleywi@gmail.com

Computing

Using computers.

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

Drop in to our ukonline Centre, suitable for beginners and those wanting more practice. No need to book.

Fridays 10.30am – 1pm. Free admission Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

QUIZ NIGHT

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Friday 23 September | 7:30 PM for 8 PM start
Kings Langley Community Centre

Tickets £13 including a light supper
Call 01923 266667
or 01923 592005 to book your spot

Full bar available

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

Local Produce Market

Village Garden, Church Lane.

Food, crafts, books, cards, homemade cakes and refreshments and lots more. The Local Produce Market is held on the third Saturday of every month from 9.00am – 1.00pm

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

5 High Street, Kings Langley WD4 8BJ

Live Bands!

Every Tuesday night 8.15pm.

Free entry. Visitors welcome.

See posters for details or telephone 01923 262982

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.

£1.50 suggested donation.

For more information email allsaintsklsafeguarding@gmail.com

Social

Kings Langley Evergreen Club

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.

A social club for residents aged over 60.

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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

20 September: 'England's Bread Hangs by a Thread,' Michael Hindley

18 October: 'The Changing Life of the Chilterns,' John Tyler

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

Woodside u3a

Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Garston WD25 9JL

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

Come along and see what we offer.

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

Delivery volunteers wanted!



Do you fancy an excuse to get some fresh air and exercise, while helping your community? The Village News team is looking for volunteers to help deliver this newspaper and ensure important news reaches as many villagers as possible.

At present we are in need of a new permanent volunteer – someone who does the same route every time – plus some floating cover for when one of the regular team is away. The permanent vacancy covers around 100 houses on Watford Road and Jubilee Walk.

The good news is this would only need to take place every other month, so not a major commitment.

If you think you can help or would like to find out more, please email kingslangleynews@gmail.com