



Village News

Supper Club prepares to welcome those in need this winter

A supper club is being launched in Kings Langley through the coldest months of the year in response to the cost of living crisis.

All Saints Church Hall will play host to the initiative, which will take place every Wednesday from 4 – 6pm from 7 December through to 8 March 2023. A hot meal, which will be served on a free or pay-as-you-can basis, will be laid on every week thanks to a host of volunteers from around the village. In addition, warmth, good cheer and a chance to socialise with others will also be on offer.

Named the All Saints Supper Club, it is open to anyone from the village and surrounding areas who is feeling the effects of the current cost of living crisis. They will benefit from a hot meal, prepared and served by volunteers who are currently being recruited.

Organiser Andy Wragg said 'This idea stemmed from a conversation I was having with Father James about ways the church could help struggling parishioners as we go into the winter months. All Saints' motto is "Church in the Community, Community in the Church" and I think the Supper Club really speaks to that notion. You don't have to be a churchgoer to come along or to help out – we are simply utilising an available warm space, its kitchen, and volunteers' time.'

Advance booking is encouraged for logistical reasons, but not essential. Father James McDonald added 'The



Father James McDonald and Andy Wragg

Supper Club will rely heavily on volunteers so I'd urge anyone who thinks they might have some time to help to get in touch. Volunteers will be cooking simple hot meals, or serving, setting-up and clearing-up.'

If you would like to attend the Supper Club or would like to volunteer your services please email james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk

has been written by a team of villagers under the leadership of the Parish Council. It's a plan developed by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority. In summary the Plan enables us to

- Develop a shared vision for the community
- Influence what new development should look like
- Identify and safeguard land such as green spaces
- Explore issues relating to transport, housing, air quality, sustainability and employment
- Have a say on what infrastructure should be provided

Once adopted, any planning applications that fall within the neighbourhood plan area will be assessed against the relevant policies contained within the neighbourhood plan.

Over the last three years there have been two consultations with the village and extensive coverage in the local media. To see the plan in detail, please go to www.klnp.co.uk or consult the hard copies available in the library and parish office. If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Office.

So please vote in the referendum on 17 November as the more votes we have, the more we can demonstrate that the village is fully in support.



All registered voters in the Kings Langley Parish Council area should now have received polling cards for the Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan on 17 November. So what does the Neighbourhood Plan mean for you and why should you vote?

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Julian Hans Mincham
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Julian Hans Mincham – known as Jules – died on February 16 aged 82. A popular speaker at Probus, a volunteer driver, community librarian and member of the Kings Langley Bowls Club, Julian was known and loved by many in and around the village.

The eldest of three children, he was born in Hawker in the middle of the outback in South Australia. His father was headteacher – as well as the entire staff from secretary to caretaker – of the local school, and his mother had been a Bush Nurse.

From these remote and humble beginnings, Julian led a full and eventful life, his professional career culminating as Head of Music at a London University where he designed and ran the first jazz degree course in the UK. Highlights of his career included performing at concerts as a classical pianist accompanying soloists (including his first and his second wife and both his children) and conducting numerous orchestras, choirs, and musicals over five decades.

Julian never stopped learning. At 50 he qualified as a private pilot, exploring the British Isles and taking to the air on his many trips home to Australia. More recently he gained a reputation as an accompanist to silent movies, performing in the UK, Australia and the USA. He decided to have elective surgery for diverticulitis to enable him to continue his active engagement in a full life.

Julian was an inspirational teacher, as evidenced by the many students who attended his funeral, whose friendship with him spanned some 50 years. He contributed fully to academic life and his sense of fair play and justice excelled and was universally recognised, sometimes to his own cost.

Julian was a renaissance man with wide interests on which he was well informed, engaging in vigorous debate right up to his untimely death. In his 18 years of semi-retirement Julian remained active as a scholar and through his 10-year research project is recognised as a world expert on the Cantatas of J. S. Bach.

His family will ensure that his legacy website www.jsbachcantatas.com remains freely available so that it may continue to be utilised by professionals and amateurs alike.

Unfortunately, Julian's final project, eagerly anticipated by the International Bach Community, was only sketched out in draft form. His sudden and premature death has left a cavernous hole. He is deeply loved and missed both personally and professionally.

Julian is survived by his wife, Cordelia and son and daughter Laurence and Melanie.

Community Choir workshop hits the right note

Former Community Choir Music Director Ben Crawley, together with his singing partner Dom Stitchbury, returned to the village on 23 October to deliver a four hour Workshop and Performance at an open event hosted by the choir.

The event included an opportunity to provide backing to one of the performance songs drawn from Ben and Dom's album 'Shoulder' – despite competing with the sound of thunder overhead.

Meanwhile a bright Saturday morning in early October heralded the first autumn performance for Kings Langley Community Choir, held at the Community Library. The intimate setting provided the choir members with a different dynamic and an audience of all ages for an enjoyable forty minutes.

The choir is now rehearsing a programme of festive songs for the Christmas season, with their first performance scheduled to be at the switch on of the High Street Christmas Lights.

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Appeal for unwanted musical instruments to help disabled develop work skills



A Herts-based charity is calling for residents to dig out musical instruments they no longer play or need to help them create live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people.

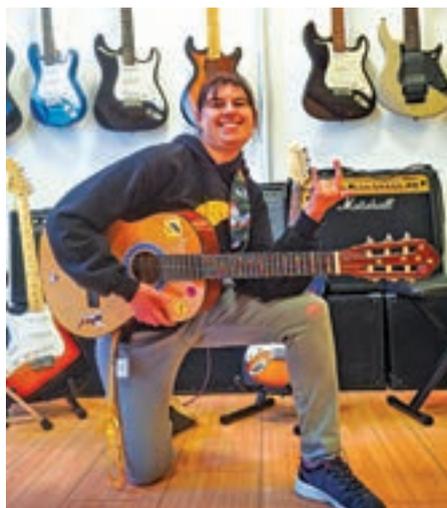
Electric Umbrella is running their 1,000 Instruments challenge for the second year running, in a bid to change the way the world thinks about the learning disabled – and others.

The charity has a community of more than 2,000 learning disabled adults and children from around the UK who take part in a range of co-created sessions with pro-musicians, including singing in the Big Yellow Choir and starring in show-stopping performances at gigs and festivals.

Additionally, their education programme engages five mainstream primary schools and one SEN school each week, reaching 30,000 primary school children every year. At the centre of their offer is a bespoke programme that supports learning disabled people to gain new skills and grow in confidence.

Members local to Hertfordshire have the opportunity to participate in work-based activity at their Emporium in Hemel Hempstead shopping centre, The Marlowes. Donated instruments help the charity in one of three ways. They are either fixed up to sell, raising vital funds to support Electric Umbrella's work; they are used directly in sessions and on school visits – often after a little TLC; or, if they really won't play again, members help re-purpose them and sell them – a clarinet, for example, can become a particularly fetching lamp base!

Last year donated instruments made a huge difference to the charity, raising an £25,000 and enabling them to



Top; Electric Umbrella at a recent performance at Warner Bros. studios. Above; Hayleigh in the Emporium

deliver an additional 1,572 hours of work based activity at the Emporium. But this work can only happen if they have enough donated instruments. Your unwanted instruments can be dropped off at their Emporium from Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Alternatively, they can be sent for free from your local post office.

To donate or find out more about Electric Umbrella, visit www.electricumbrella.co.uk/1000

Fundraiser fun for KLMTC

Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company will be holding a Bazaar and Craft Fayre on Saturday 21 January at the Community Centre in the Nap.

A variety of stalls, including bric-a-brac, vintage clothes, books and crafts will be on offer from 10am until 3.30pm, with refreshments such as hot drinks, cakes and cream teas being available throughout the day.

Entry will be £2 per adult.

Calling all musical theatre stars

Budding singers and actors are being called on to audition for the next production from Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company.

Hot Mikado! will be performed in the last week of March next year and the cast has not yet been finalised. To find out how you can audition please email klmtc@outlook.com or anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com

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Save our verges

The Parish Council and Kings Langley Football Club have been working together over a shared problem – the damage being caused to the grass verge opposite the entrance to the Hempstead Road ground.

‘We are all keen to protect Kings Langley’s green spaces, big or small,’ explained Councillor Rene de Silva, ‘but equally important we have to do whatever we can to keep pedestrians and drivers safe.’



Cars parking along the verge north of Coniston Road cause difficulties for other drivers trying to pull out onto the A4251; those unexpectedly driving onto the verge can also pose a risk to pedestrians. Despite the best efforts of the football club and the council, the problem – and the damage to grass verges – continues.

Working together with Dacorum Borough Council, wooden posts have been positioned along the kerbside, until that was halted. Councillor Ian Sinclair added ‘There was a ‘pause’ in the work as the workmen needed to wait for a Cadent gas engineer to be on site as the line of posts cross over a high-pressure aviation jet fuel line. Unsurprisingly an engineer needs to be present on site when working in close proximity!’

Similar work will also take place at the bottom of Mill Lane to protect the grass verge there.

KLFC backs food bank with two donation points

As many households struggle to make ends meet this winter, there is a renewed call for food bank donations from those who can afford to support them.

Kings Langley Football Club is once again lending its support to the Community Food Bank, which is delivered by All Saints Church, with the creation of a donation point situated inside the turnstiles for every home match until January.

A permanent donation point inside the 1886 Bar & Lounge will remain at the club.

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Popular Baptist minister bids Kings Langley farewell (after 16 years)

Matthew Cooper, the minister of Christ Church Baptist in The Nap, announced in the summer that he is leaving the village for a new ministry in St Albans.

Matthew and his wife Charlotte have been hugely popular members of the community thanks to their work with the church, including its various youth groups, while Matthew served for many years as a governor at Kings Langley Primary School.

Village News thought it only fitting that Matthew signed off in his own words:

'After sixteen years we are sad that in November we will be leaving Kings Langley and Christ Church Baptist, where I've had the privilege of being the minister.

'People keep asking if I am being moved on, but no, that's not how it works in Baptist churches. There is no hierarchy, we have no bishops or others directing the local church. Freedom of conscience and religious liberty were key to the first Baptists over 400 years ago and remain important for how our churches and Union are organised today. These principles also help to explain why, despite being known as Baptists, we don't baptise babies. Instead, we wait until someone is old

enough to decide for themselves if they want to be known as a Christian.

'If I'm not being moved on does that mean I am choosing for myself to leave Kings Langley? Why would anyone leave such a great place and friendly church? We've had a good time here, in the church not only on Sundays but in the many other social and spiritual activities; in our Youth Groups, Toddlers Group, Book and Coffee Shop, Summer Carnival and Christmas Lights events; over the years we've met thousands of you.

'I'll miss being a governor at the Primary School, leading assemblies and from time to time being quizzed in lessons about the church, the Bible and my job. The two most pressing questions always seemed to be how old I am and how much I get paid! In schools especially I have always been keen to stay true to my Baptist principles of religious liberty and freedom of conscience; which means that I've been happy to speak about my faith but never to presume or push it on others.

'You know of course that Kings Langley is not an easy place to leave, with our thriving High Street, beautiful common and community atmosphere. For us, it is not so much that we are choosing to leave Kings



Langley, but that I am being called to another church; which, in turn, does sadly mean moving on from here. It is time for a new challenge and new opportunities for me and for Christ Church Baptist. Our full-time Youth and Children's Work Coordinator also recently moved on to new things and so the future for the church is open.

It will take a while for a new minister to be called here but in the meantime something else that Baptists have always believed is that all the members are ministers in the service of God and the world. Christ Church, The Nap, and its activities will carry on. So do continue, or even start, to join in. Farewell Kings Langley, it's been a joy!

– Matthew & Charlotte Cooper

Stay safe with Neighbourhood Watch

The new Watch Liaison Officer for Dacorum and St Albans is encouraging residents in Kings Langley to register for the Hertfordshire Constabulary's Online Watch Link that enables them to receive police messages.

Daniel McManus is keen to boost numbers of homes signed up to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which currently stand at 42%.

Participants can choose to receive updates from their local policing team by email or through the OWL App,

including local crime alerts, scam warnings, missing person appeals, and the latest crime prevention advice to help keep them and their neighbours safe.

Membership is free. For more information or to register, please visit www.owl.co.uk/herts or email police@owl.uk

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Christmas Day Sunday 25 December:

10.30am Christmas Day All Age

Celebration

All Saints Church

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December:

3.30pm Crib service

7.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December:

9.30am Family Eucharist

A Christingle service will be held in

January

Waterside Baptist Church

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December:

10.30am Service

Methodist Church

Sunday 11 December:

10am Carol Service in aid of St Francis Hospice

Sunday 18 December:

10am Christmas Celebration

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day:

10.30am Service at Hemel Hempstead MC

Let There be Light

From 27 November and through Advent, the beautiful yew tree outside All Saints church will be covered in bulbs in memory of loved ones. There will also be a tree in the church with tags bearing your messages, from 7 December. If you would like to sponsor a bulb and leave a message, at a cost of £10, please contact Sheila Ashman on 07785 516690.

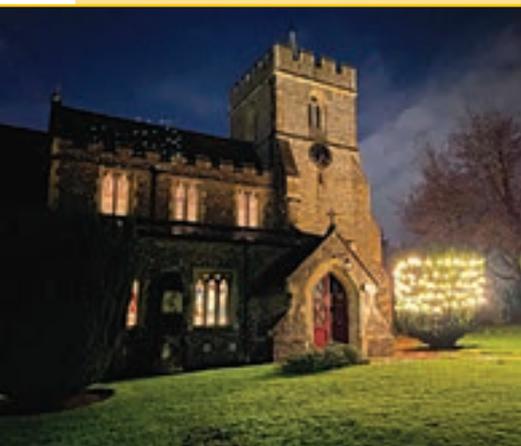


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The Kings Langley Village Lights Festival is back on 26 November after a two year absence, with all the familiar favourites coming to the High Street courtesy of the Parish Council.

As well as on-stage entertainment there will be fairground rides, stalls, fireworks, a brass band and, of course, a visit from Santa. Many of the high street's shops and pubs will be open, serving food and drink or offering visitors a chance for some late night shopping.

'The Christmas Lights Festival is a very special event in the Council's calendar,' explained Howard Button, Chair of the Parish Council, 'and we are always delighted to see the High Street shops playing such a big part in the festivities and going that extra mile with mince pies, mulled wine and festive fun.'

Howard added 'It's always great to see local organisations and charities taking part, and raising money for all the local good causes at this time of year. And, of course, it wouldn't be the same without our Community Choir and local schools singing their hearts out on stage.'

There will also be the Atkins Award for the Best Christmas Themed Premises on the High Street – the winner will receive £50 to donate to a charity of their choice. In addition, there is once again the popular Residential Christmas Lights competition, for which the Parish Council are offering £75, £50 and £25 prizes.

The evening will finish with some spectacular fireworks in Green Park. It's the best free entertainment at this time of year and absolutely everyone is welcome.

Santa Claus is c

Planning is well underway for the H which will see Santa travel round 2 L Langley – to raise vital money for c

The Rotary Club has once again engaged the support of local charities who deliver leaflets along the 25 routes and accompany the Sleigh.

Collectors no longer knock on doors, enabling the procession to move faster and bring the experience to more local children. Instead, money is collected at the roadside and the leaflets distributed include details of how to donate.



Owen Cooper and team from Liberty Tea Room

Pick up a book bargain for charity

The Book Trade Charity is holding its annual Christmas book sale later this month at its usual venue in Abbots Langley.

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'Break a leg!'

In theatrical circles, this jovial salutation has traditionally been a way of wishing good luck before a performance. However, a couple of our local thespians have taken this endearment perhaps a little too literally!

Andrew Knight, who is to direct Kings Langley Players' forthcoming pantomime, fractured his leg shortly before his recent successful production of *Blackadder Goes Forth* at the Pump House, Watford.

'It was nothing dramatic, simply an unfortunate fall,' he said. 'But it's healing well and won't stop me producing a splendid show for the whole family this Christmas.'

Sophie, who was due to take the lead in the pantomime, has also had a recent fall which fractured her knee in six places! This has meant that she's had to withdraw from the production. 'Naturally I'm sad not to be appearing, but a replacement, Jamie, has quickly been found who I'm sure will be magnificent in my part as Dick – I look forward to cheering her on,' she said.

Come along and judge for yourselves – the pantomime *Dick Whittington and his Cat*, written by local playwright Chris Jordan, is at The Nap Community Centre from 8 – 10 December. Tickets are £16 (under 16s £13) and are available from the box office at klp.org.uk or by telephoning 03336 663366.

All Saints Christmas Tree Festival

The 5th annual Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints is 9 – 11 December.

It promises to be magical, with a church full of trees, lit and decorated by local businesses, families and organisations. Visiting children can make and add their own decoration to a children's tree, and there will be refreshments available.

Come and visit! Proceeds in aid of charity.

Community Choir Christmas Concerts

Friday 9 December: *Winter Warmers 2022* – a joint concert with Rickmansworth Players at Christ Church, Chorleywood (start 8:00pm; Adults £10, Seniors £8, U16 £4).

Saturday 17 December: Concert at St James' Church, Bushey High Street at noon – an open event that will include carols for all.

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Gardeners know all the dirt

As previously reported, this year the Kings Langley Gardens Competition saw a few changes, most notably the sad death of Terry Simmonds – the chief judge for many years.

The Parish Council were fortunate that Ian Barrow from the Sunnyside Rural Trust stepped into the breach and it was Ian who opened proceedings at the presentation evening held at Kings Langley Cricket Club, the event's regular and gracious hosts.

He explained how much he had enjoyed the day, how impressed he was with the gardeners he had met and how he hoped they all took as much time to enjoy their gardens as they clearly spent working in them.

'The variety of the gardens – big or small – the different styles of planting and the diversity of the flowers, shrubs and fruit were wonderful,' he said, 'and the questions asked showed how much everyone clearly enjoyed their gardens.'

His introduction was followed by the presentation of the various awards – the

winners of which were announced in the last issue of *Village News* – and a chance to watch a slide presentation of the many colourful photos taken throughout the day.

'It really was a wonderful reminder of the mixture of gardens, with everyone no doubt getting a few ideas for their own gardens,' said Alan Johnson, also a judge on the day, adding, 'including me.'

There was an auction and raffle to raise funds for Sunnyside Rural Trust. Once again, the organisers were enormously grateful to the High Street shops for their generosity in donating many of the prizes, enabling the parish council to raise £400 on the night.



Ian Barrow and Gerry Angiolini with winners of the Best Front Garden Award, Gill and Alan Busby

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Sleepout challenge highlights homelessness

The annual DENS Sponsored Sleepout is back, with fundraisers preparing for a night under the stars on Friday 25 November.

The flagship event is a staple in a typical year for DENS, serving to raise much needed funds and raise awareness of homelessness and food poverty. Plucky members of the public experience rough sleeping on a cold winter night.

The event, which is open to friends, families, businesses and community groups, is taking place at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School in Hemel Hempstead. It will kick off with a glow in the dark silent disco and magic tricks before participants head outside to build their beds. There will also be an option to sleep in a new quiet indoor area for those keen to take part but unable to stay outside all night.

Samuel Steadman will be taking on the Sleepout for a second year running, after raising over £600 in 2021. He said 'The main reason I'm taking part is to spread awareness, because someone like myself can go from having everything to then having absolutely nothing within the space of a couple of months.'

DENS is also offering the chance for people to host their own fundraiser with Your Sleepout. Sign up to receive an exclusive toolkit to help make it a memorable night, in an office, school, garden or anywhere else.

Imagination Technologies is sponsoring the event for a second year. David Harold, Chief Marketing Officer, said 'We hope that by supporting DENS we allow them to focus on what they do best, as money coming in allows them to plan for the future.'

To register for the Sponsored Sleepout visit www.dens.org.uk/sleepout



Scouts Katie and Kerry chosen to assist at Queen's Lying in State

Two 1st Kings Langley Scouts were chosen from a nationwide group of over 500 to participate in Operation Feather, a team put together to support the queue of people waiting to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II as she lay in state.

Katie Downham and Kerry Harding (right), both Queen Scouts and Cubs and Scout leaders respectively, worked tirelessly supporting the queue, preparing visitors for security, giving out blankets, helping anyone unwell, answering questions and encouraging everyone during the long wait.



The Operation Feather Scouts were permitted to visit Westminster Hall to pay their respects and at the end of their last shift observed the minute's silence at Gilwell before stating their Scout Promise to do their duty to the Queen for the very last time.

Streets sought for energy-saving initiative

Kings Langley residents are being sought to sign up to a community-driven energy saving initiative that will include workshops, shared resources and expert advice.

Organisers have space for 10 Kings Langley streets – around 50 to 60 homes – to join the first wave of the programme and are looking for residents that are interested in being involved. GUCE will provide a workshop facilitator to run the first and the last workshop and residents will meet every two to three weeks to cover five key topics: Energy, Water, Transport, Food, and Waste. There is a comprehensive

workbook to help with activities and information for all groups to follow. The entire initiative is offered completely free of charge.

Sarah Burgess, Development Officer at GUCE, said 'We live in an incredible and unique village and we're hoping to harness that to make a real difference in residents' utility bills as we all face the cost of living crisis.'

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First council houses for a half a century officially opened

The first major development of council housing in Kings Langley for 50 years was officially opened by the deputy mayor of Dacorum. The 10 homes on Coniston Road were built by Bugler Homes for local people who have previously lived or were living in the village.



On the day of the official 'opening' all of the new residents were equally enthusiastic about their new homes and the location, close to local schools and the nearby woods and common.

The site is built to high levels of sustainability including solar panels, water saving measures, high levels of thermal insulation, external electrical supply for connection to car charging points and, to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport, secure cycle storage.

Wherever possible, materials from environmentally sustainable sources were used and will be recyclable.

Alan Johnson, Deputy Mayor of Dacorum, formally opened the new housing. He said 'This is how all homes should be built, not just Dacorum's. It's not just the sustainable elements that are impressive, but the thought and care that has gone into the design and the quality of the overall finish. These properties will still be here in a hundred years.'

News from our Borough Councillors

The planning application for the second phase of the development of Rectory Farm was due to be determined by the relevant council committee at the end of September with, we suspect, an officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

However, the developer has paused the process in order to improve the design of the scheme. The delay will not change anybody's grounds for objecting or refusing planning permission.

Further along Hempstead Road, there has been a planning issue at the Texaco Petrol Station. An application was submitted to convert the petrol station into an electronic vehicle charging station, and build ten houses on the green belt next to it. The charging station alone would have been granted permission quickly but

claiming they needed ten houses on the green belt to afford the conversion was ridiculous. If there's any industry that could not plead poverty right now, it would be the energy industry.

The scheme has been amended to build a charging station on the green belt, leaving the petrol station free for residential development extended from the scheme permitted on the other side of the petrol station. As important as the charging station is, it should not be grounds to overcome green belt controls, when there is an alternative available. We've objected and are awaiting what happens next.

We have also been lobbying at a national level about domestic and commercial fuel bills. Whilst other costs have arisen by 10 – 25%, nothing has come near the 100 – 200 – 300% increases in energy bills.

Our Administration has saved millions of pounds in revenue expenditure over the last few years without having to cut frontline services. We aim to continue doing so, but there are going to be one or two difficult decisions ahead.

Times are tough, but we would like readers to be aware that we are doing what we can to limit the impact on local people as much as possible.

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

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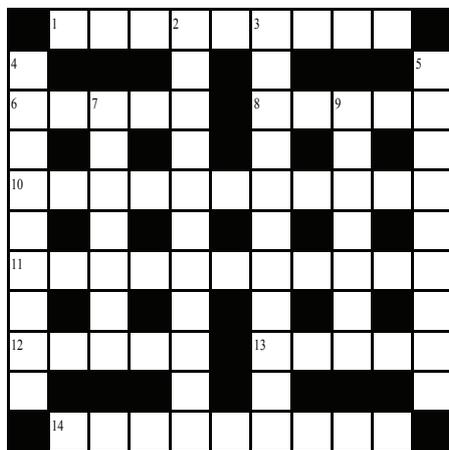
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Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry for this issue is a special 50ml flacon of Classic Cologne (Unisex) presented in a gift box with a scroll giving the recipient the history of this iconic perfume originally created by Johann Maria Farina in 1709 in the city of Cologne.

To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 16 December.



Prize Xword No. 29 set by Andrew Selby



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Prize-giving perfumier's pedal-power secret

This month's *Village News* Xword prize is kindly donated by local perfumier John Bailey. He's an active nonagenarian who has had a long and distinguished career in the pharmaceutical, food and beverages, fragrance, flavour and essential oil industry.

As well as taking part in guest speaking engagements in schools, clubs, cruise ships, plus radio and TV slots, John's reputation reached further afield when he participated in the ITV documentary, *The Secrets of Growing Old*, when he was already in his 80s.

And today he is an ebike convert – perhaps this is just one of the many secrets to staying mentally and physically fit!

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Across

- 1 Village road name that perhaps echoes its use for hunting associated with the former royal palace (5,4)
- 6 Capital of Jordan (5)
- 8 Those not already mentioned (5)
- 10 How one conducts oneself is all confused in a viable hour! (11)
- 11 One of our Village's eating places (6,5)
- 12 She hides in a violin dance! (5)
- 13 First name of James Bond's arch enemy appearing in many of the films (5)
- 14 Collective name of a group of 1000+ islands scattered over the central and southern Pacific Ocean (9)

Down

- 2 A good date to celebrate (11)
- 3 Luminous visible layer in the Sun, found in the rope shop! (11)
- 4 Trick or deceive (9)
- 5 Term used in music meaning play in a spirited and sparkling style (9)
- 7 Eye-catching hairstyle (7)
- 9 Metaphorically where the known and unknown meet (7)



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Our lucky previous Xword winner was Imogen Roberts, pictured above with Jonathan Checkley of Letters and Frames and the artist Graham Prentice, with her prize of a framed village map. 'My walls at home are covered with pictures, but I'll definitely make room for this one. My husband loves maps so he will be delighted!' she said.

Answers to Crossword No: 28
Across: 1 Blackwell, 8 Niven, 9 Orcas, 10 Hilltop Farm, 11 Practicable, 14 Loose, 15 Error, 16 Cortisone.
Down: 2 Level, 3 Constituent, 4 Woodpeckers, 5 Lycra, 6 Unshapely, 7 Asymmetry, 12 Agogo, 13 Boron.

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Library boasts active calendar of events

The Community Library is living up to its name by teaming up with a number of village organisations for various exhibitions and events.

An Art exhibition from the Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society ran in October, whilst an uplifting performance by the Kings Langley Community Choir took place as part of the venue's commitment to Libraries Week and lifelong learning.

In September all those children who had taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge came along to two special presentation events to receive certificates, medals and prizes (*below*). A Summer Art competition, sponsored by the Arts and Crafts Society, was also displayed in the library earlier this year.

Coming up, is a series of free introductions to the Library version of Ancestry.com taking place at 2pm on Fridays through November and December – booking of which is essential. On 16 November they will be hosting *An Evening with Scott Hastie*, courtesy of the Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society. Tickets are £5 and will sell out, so visit the library to get yours.

The library is always looking to hear from local individuals or groups who would like to be involved in what they do, and encourages anyone who might like to partner with the library to get in touch.



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

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.

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



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 November: AGM

13 December: Chairman's Choice

17 January 2023: 'History of Cassiobury Park' Paul Rabbits

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

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

Singing

Kings Langley Community Choir
Christ Church Baptist, The Nap, WD4 8ET
Music for all – Pop, Folk, International, etc.
Every Tuesday evening 7.30pm – 9.00pm.
For further information contact Pat on 07714 701316. Also see Facebook and www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk

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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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