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Coronation capers

The unfavourable weather forecast for the Coronation weekend was not enough to put off villagers determined to celebrate this rare national event as hundreds came out to mark the crowning of King Charles III.

Lashing rain on Saturday did keep many people indoors but by Sunday the sun had put in a very welcome appearance and the fine folk of Kings Langley made the most of the opportunity to attend the village's dedicated party, or set up their own street parties.

The Parish Council, All Saints Church and Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company teamed up to put on a hugely successful party in the Village Garden, complete with a real ale and prosecco bar, a BBQ, bouncy castle, outdoor games, music and kids activities. Father James McDonald, vicar at All Saints, said 'It was an opportunity for the community to come together to meet each other, share some fun and enjoy the wide variety of entertainment laid on in our wonderful village'.

Top: Natasha Greenaway, 'Charles', Celia Payne and Paula Greenaway. Above: Rucklers Lane residents enjoying the sunshine. Right: Sally Webb, Lisa Brown and Eddie the Labradoodle with DJ Bob Best providing the sounds.



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Father James McDonald opened the Village Garden festivities, which included picnics, face-painting and games. Andy Wragg and Dave Southgate braved the BBQ smoke to produce bangers and burgers throughout the afternoon. And Bella had fun on her bike!



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Jill McAdam 1957 – 2023

Popular music teacher and All Saints Church Director of Music Jill McAdam died suddenly on 2 March 2023 at the young age of 65, only a few months before she was due to retire from her teaching career at Abbots Hill School. She taught music to GCSE, religious education, as well as maths in her earlier years there.

Jill, with her husband Brian, moved to the village in 1985, spending their first 20 years at 27 Osbourne Avenue, where they raised their two children, Julia and Jonathan, and then at 8 Langley Hill from 2005.

A trained musician with a degree in music from Royal Holloway University, London, Jill was asked to deputise as organist at All Saints Church in 1983.

Several years later Jill became the church's full-time organist and choir director, following the retirement of the incumbent at the time. She only agreed to do this on the basis that she was able to persuade Julia, Jonathan and Brian to join the choir as well! This was a post she was to hold for the next 40 years.

In 1991, the vicar at the time, Peter Stearn, asked Jill to become one of his two Church Wardens for a four-year term. Surprisingly she agreed to this as well, despite her family commitments. She subsequently enjoyed this role immensely, getting to know the strange workings of the Church of England, charring meetings, and becoming one of the senior faces of All Saints. Amazingly she was to take on this role again 25 years later.

Jill was always eager to help others, particularly those in greatest need. She soon became interested in the local Victim Support charity, initially as a volunteer, then as a coordinator for the Dacorum area. It was whilst doing this that she co-founded the Dacorum Domestic Violence forum, helping set up a safe haven for women in abusive relationships.

Jill was always very sociable, never happier than when having a house full of family and friends. She was



Jill McAdam

particularly fond of meeting her children's friends and making them feel welcome; perhaps this was because of her affinity with encouraging and comforting truculent teenagers!

Jill's funeral was held at Watford Crematorium on 4 April, followed by a memorial service at All Saints Church where the highlight was the quality of the music in recognition for all that Jill did for the church's musical life. It was a tribute to her popularity that the church was packed out for the occasion with standing room only for late comers! Jill will be fondly remembered, not only by Brian, Julia and Jonathan and their other halves Edward and Dominique, for the loving, fun, and caring person that she was, but also by the wider family and friends who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Easter quiz winners

Lyn Ferguson, pictured here with her two daughters, was the winner of the Kings Langley Community Library's Easter Quiz which was entered by more than 50 families. Organisers have thanked everyone who took part as well as the two volunteers who set this up, below left, Ann Baldwin and right, Karen Blake. Answers to the quiz will be displayed in the library for those who are interested.



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Our new Lollipop lady



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Village local Lee patrols the new crossing at the north entrance to Kings Langley. New signage and flashing lights are in place to warn motorists during their approach

The patrolled crossing on Hempstead Road is now in operation, with local resident Lee Lewis becoming the village's first ever 'Lollipop Lady'.

'I love my job', she told the *Village News*, 'and am enjoying helping children and adults alike cross the busy main road in safety'.

It's hoped that this scheme fits with the Parish Council's desire to reduce parking around the school, and improve the accessibility of the footpath between schools and the Miller and Carter car park.

The Manager of Herts County Council's School Crossing Patrol Service said 'The crossing was requested by schools, parents and the Parish Council to reduce congestion, improve air quality and encourage children to walk, cycle and scooter to and from school.

'We want to avoid cars idling their engines around our two schools – idling produces more pollutants than a moving vehicle and it is particularly unhealthy for young children'.

The scheme is currently at its first stage – once electrics are connected to the bollards on the carriageway islands the crossing point will move a few yards to incorporate them.

Like to be a Lollipop Person?

HCC have two vacancies in Chipperfield – if you are interested in this rewarding role you can contact 01992 556803 for more information.

Kings Langley Links

New listings directory promotes social opportunities in KL

A group of volunteers in Kings Langley have built an online directory listing clubs, activities and halls for hire in and around the village.

Kings Langley Links was devised in response to feedback in the 2019 Village Survey in which a significant number of people responded 'Don't Know' to questions about activities and venues in and around the village.

A team of volunteers, with sponsorship from local organisations and companies, has built this website and organised the initial listings that detail all the clubs and venues that are available in the immediate locality.

The aim is to provide new residents, and more established locals, a resource to things going on and places to visit in our wonderful village.

Anyone involved in running a club or society, or who has a venue for hire, can take up a free listing entry in Kings Langley Links at www.kingslangleylinks.com

Meanwhile visitors can also add or amend any entry by clicking 'Register your Activity/Venue', or e-mailing activities@kingslangleylinks.com

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Kings Langley has a long and royal history, listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Langelei, and there has been a church on the site since at least 1299 when Edward I worshipped there. It houses the historic tomb of the first Duke of York and plays a very important part of the fabric and history of Hertfordshire.

All in the village can come to All Saints for the most important events in their lives: baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as to celebrate Christmas and Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day, school concerts, choral recitals, Beer and Christmas tree festivals and more! It's easy to forget the part our parish church plays in the community.

The Friends of All Saints aims to



encourage the whole community to take ownership and consider the church theirs too, specifically to help resource the considerable costs of maintenance of the beautiful historic building.

Please consider becoming a member to ensure All Saints Church will always remain a central and focal point of our village. All Saints belongs to everyone in Kings Langley and needs your support! Scan the QR code above to join online, or pick up a form at the back of the church.



Public invited to Music Theatre Company's summer socials

Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company have a diary of social events planned this summer, including workshops for members of the public to attend.

Following their colourful production of *Hot Mikado* in March, they are now looking forward to a barn dance on 9 June and a stall at the Kings Langley Carnival on 24 June.

Sunday 4 June will see their first summer workshop in which attendees can learn tap-dancing, based on the hit show *42nd Street*.

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School marks Iftar with special event for Muslim friends

People from a range of cultures and backgrounds gathered at Kings Langley Secondary School one evening during Ramadan to mark Iftar.

Iftar is the fast-breaking evening meal of Muslims during Ramadan and on 18 April a special Iftar was held in the school's main hall. Mahvash Shoaib, a parent who attended, described the gratitude of the Muslim community at the gesture. She said 'The event was a beautiful gathering of individuals from various cultures and backgrounds, all of whom came together to break their fast and enjoy a meal. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, love, and a sense of community that was truly inspiring.'

'It was more than just an event; it was a symbol of love, unity, and acceptance. A beautiful experience that made everyone feel celebrated, loved, and cared for, like being part of something bigger than one's own self. I feel that



Some of the delicious fast-breaking food at the Iftar

this will go a long way in the lives of our children. They truly felt that they are valued members of the community and that their culture and traditions are respected.'

Mahvash went on to thank headteacher David Fisher and his staff, teachers and pupil volunteers, for going 'above and beyond' to make the event so memorable.

KINGS relegated after seven years in Step 3 football

Kings Langley FC were relegated after a defeat by Hednesford Town (1-0) on a sunny, but rather solemn day.



'The supporters would like to thank Chris Winton, staff and player legend Jorell Johnson and the team who worked tirelessly to try to keep Kings Langley in Step 3,' said fan Scott Robbins.

So what happens now? Non-league football is regionally based and KINGS will have to wait to see who comes up from Step 5 and who else goes down from Step 3. Once that happens the KINGS will be designated into a league.

Whatever happens they will still be playing football and Bob 'the' Best DJ will still be playing pre-match dedications. Details of the build-up to the start of the season, fixtures and all other news are available on the club's website www.kingslangleyfc.co.uk or on Twitter [@KLFCofficial](https://twitter.com/KLFCofficial) and the new supporters Twitter group [@KLFCsupporters](https://twitter.com/KLFCsupporters)

Playing against teams from significantly larger towns and cities, they have battled hard and have given the supporters and the village some wonderful and exciting memories and experiences, plus the opportunity to visit some great places in both England and Wales.

'No one who was there to witness the last day survival wins of Cirencester (1-0) at home and last season away at Salisbury (2-0) will ever forget those matches and the partying that followed.

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Village heroes honoured in Parish Council awards

This year's Kings Langley Annual Parish Meeting saw the welcome return of the council's Community Awards.

Five awards were handed out on the night, reflecting some of the highlights of the last 12 months including the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan, the continuing fight by all residents against the proposals for Green Belt development, the hard work and dedication of the council's previous Clerk, our wonderful WI and the bravery and pluck of Grace Wilkins.

Howard Button, Chairman of the Parish Council, said 'I never cease to be amazed at how many local organisations the village supports with so many people willing to give their time, effort and enthusiasm to voluntary activities in Kings Langley.' He went on to thank Parish Councillors – who are also unpaid volunteers – for their support and dedication, working on behalf of the village and villagers.



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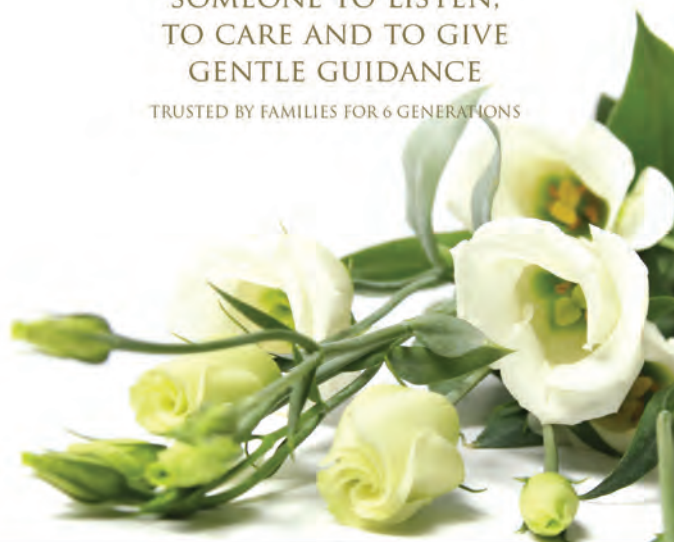


An Award for The Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan Team: John Morrish and John Ingleby (pictured above), James Markham and Eric Martin. Left: Joyce Gray was recognised for her service to the WI. Below: Awards for Gary Ansell and Ann Johnson for their work on the Kings Langley and District Residents Association. Paul Dunham for his work as Clerk to the Parish Council



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Salon's owner named winner of the Env for commitment to sustainability

The Award was presented by the Parish Council for adopting/promoting green environmental practices throughout the salon and showcasing and leading on being a zero waste business in the High Street.

Beverly Ford, owner of Dolly's Hair & Nail Salon, has a raft of initiatives in place that are designed to limit her business's impact on the planet. The salon supports a charity called The Green Salon Collective and recycles cut hair which is used for compost in the planting of new trees. The hair can also be made into hair booms which are used in the ocean to soak up oil spillages and can be used up to 100 times.

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Left: Grace was presented with her Award for Bravery, with the added bonus of a huge basketful of goodies!

to my phone – which has my medical ID on it – so she rang my friend who lives nearby.

‘The worst thing is she thought I was dead – it must have been so frightening for her.’

Grace made Laila, her one year-old sister, comfortable, sitting her next to Natalie and surrounding her with cushions, before ringing a family friend, Jemma, who came straight round.

While Jemma was with Natalie – who had suspected internal bleeding – the paramedics arrived and Grace was able to let them in and lead them to her mother.

Natalie said ‘We’re making sure we changed it from something traumatising to something she can be proud of – we’ve told her how brave she is and how she saved Mummy. It was the paramedics who mentioned this award and suggested we put Grace forward for it.’

Community Award for brave four year old

Natalie Shiel, 27, passed out at home one morning when she was alone with her two children. Her daughter, Grace, managed to put into practice an emergency procedure they had rehearsed, alerting a friend and letting paramedics into the house.

Natalie (above with Grace) suffers from postural tachycardia syndrome which can cause blackouts. Natalie said ‘This has happened to me before so we’ve talked to Grace about what to do in an emergency but we always hoped it’d never be something she’d need to do. She knows the PIN number

Environmental Initiative Award



ly, pictured above with Libby and May MacKay, says ‘Our shampoos, conditioners and nail products are all vegan, as well as phosphate and animal cruelty-free, while foils and tubes used in treatments are recycled, avoiding landfill.’ A screen in the salon shows how many plastic bottles are being pulled out of the ocean on a daily basis and customers can buy recycled bottles in the salon. It’s also used as a talking topic to educate children in the salon as well as parents.

She also boycotts weekly disposable celebrity gossip magazines, instead offering their clientele a range of wellbeing and positivity books while they wait. Beverly from *Village News* ‘I believe passionately that everyone can be doing their bit to help the environment’.

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Recycling initiative expanded at Kings Langley School


During a presentation made at the Awards, outgoing head students Scarlett Mangan and James Deayn reported how the paper recycling project, introduced at the school last year, was such a success that the equivalent of a skipful of used paper was being sent to Apsley Paper Mill every three to four weeks.

And now two year 12 pupils, Todd Buckingham (pictured above with Scarlett and James) and Juhi Gajjar, have taken over the running of the scheme as leaders of the school’s Environment Committee. Under their watch they are ensuring the paper recycling plan continues to run smoothly while introducing plastic bottle recycling bins within the canteen and classrooms.

Todd said ‘The school already has external bottle recycling bins but more money is required for the internal plastic bottle bins. This will stop the bottles being placed into the general waste as they are at present.’

Todd and Juhi are working on a plan to raise funds for the bins and aim to involve their fellow pupils in the fundraising.

Todd added ‘We hope to further the positive influence on the mindsets of students and the people around them inside and out of school in terms of recycling and contributing to the environment, and to build further on the already successful foundations laid by the Scarlett and James.’



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Carnival time is nearly upon us: How can you get involved?

Volunteers are being sought to help with the smooth running of this year's Kings Langley Carnival, which is taking place on the Common on 24 June.

The event relies heavily on members of the public to help with setting up, assisting with the individual attractions and tidying up at the end of the day, and villagers are being urged to donate their time – however little – to help out.

Carol Chandler, chairman of the Carnival Committee, said 'The Carnival has always been fortunate to have the benefit of a regular group of volunteers every year including Midshires Search and Rescue, Bennetts End Scouts and the Rotary Club of Hemel Hempstead. But, as the success of our event continues to grow, so does the need for more volunteers to help out for some time on the day.'

Among the activities for which some extra hands are needed is the World Record attempt to have 500 or more people simultaneously dancing to the 70s classic *Dops Upside Your Head*. For those not wishing to take part, there are a plethora of other things to do to ensure the attempt complies with the rules laid down by Guinness World Records.

In addition, to continue the Carnival as a successful community event, sponsorship from local businesses and individuals is always welcomed. Details of the different ways to support the event can be found at www.kingslangleycarnival.com

Carol added, 'This year we are offering different value 'packages'. It's a great way to get a local business noticed by thousands of people.'

Finally, there is still time to apply for an 'Open Mic' slot during which the village's many gifted singers, musicians and dancers can showcase their talents.

To volunteer, sponsor or apply for an Open Mic slot please email kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com or try the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyCarnival

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Physio in suicide awareness swim challenge

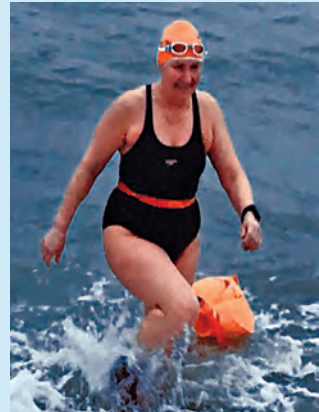
A Kings Langley physio is in training to swim across the Solent in a fundraiser for Papyrus, a youth suicide prevention charity.

Di Hewetson, who works at Kings Langley Physiotherapy Clinic on the high street, will take to the water in Lymington on 5 June and swim to the Isle of Wight – a total of six kilometres – in the first such challenge she has undertaken.

Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under the age of 35

in the UK and Papyrus provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person, through their helpline, HopeLineUK.

To make a donation to Di's fundraiser visit www.bit.ly/klvn-solent



Food bank seeks cash donations to stay open

As food banks across the country struggle to keep up with demand from the increasing numbers of people who rely on them, the organisers of Kings Langley's offering are now taking financial contributions via QR code.

The scheme is in recognition of the fact that asking people to add food donations to their weekly shop then personally deliver them to the collection points is a barrier too far. Instead, those who wish to support the food bank in the village can make a direct cash donation in order for organisers to keep supplies stocked up.

The Community foodbanks, which operate out of the churches of All Saints Kings Langley, St Mary's Apsley and St Benedict's Bennetts End, are seeing stocks of non-perishables run dangerously low at a time when so many families rely on donations.

To donate to the appeal simply scan the QR code pictured here and add the amount you would like to give.



Food donations are still very welcome and can be made at each site mentioned above, or at Dunelm in Apsley and the bar at Kings Langley Football Club.

Charity partnership offers help to those in financial crisis

DENS, Liberty Tea Rooms and Christians Against Poverty have announced a partnership to support local people facing financial difficulties.

The Financial Empowerment Programme aims to help those who access the Dacorum Foodbank, or may be at risk of needing the service, to manage their financial situation and provide practical support so they are less likely to need the Foodbank in the future.

Funded by The Trussell Trust, the programme will provide free, on-the-ground support throughout Dacorum to people accessing the Foodbank and other services like community fridges.

Individuals will be offered a range of services including tailored budgeting advice and support, benefits advice, and life skills and money management workshops which will focus on how to maintain a tenancy, manage bills, eat healthily for less and improve wellbeing.

More in-depth debt counselling will be available on a one-to-one basis for those with significant issues, to support them to manage their debt and, long term, become debt free.

If you, or someone you know, needs financial support, contact karen.kelly@dens.org.uk or call 07415628701.

Towpath from Hemel to Kings Langley gets much needed upgrade

The upgrading of a key section of the Grand Union Canal towpath between Hemel Hempstead and Kings Langley that will make it more accessible and encourage cycling and walking has now got underway.

The work involves a resurfacing of an 800 metre area of the towpath between Nash Mills Lane in Apsley and the River Gade lakes, north of Kings Langley. The section is a popular leisure route and pedestrian link between Kings Langley and Hemel Hempstead.

It's hoped the new high-quality surface will encourage more local people to switch to sustainable modes of transport – a key aim of the Hemel Garden Communities programme as part of the future transformation of the town.

Hemel Garden Communities was awarded government funding for the project through the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, as part of the Garden Communities Programme. The improvements will be delivered in partnership with Three Rivers District Council, Dacorum Borough Council and Nash Mills and Kings Langley Parish Councils, who have all also contributed financially, with the support of Hertfordshire County Council and the Canal & River Trust.



Ros Daniels, Canal & River Trust director for London & South East said 'Research shows that being next to water improves your mental and physical health and we are committed to making canals more welcoming, safe and clean. This in turn will encourage more people to use them, and enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of walking and cycling, and being by the water.'

The towpath upgrade work is expected to be completed in July. Public access will be suspended through the site for the duration, with a diversion route in place, although access for leisure activities, such as fishing, will be maintained where possible.

For more information on towpath closures and restrictions, see www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices/24631-towpath-closure-and-mooring-restrictions

Delia says farewell to choir after 32 years



Chipperfield Choral Society has bid a fond farewell to its musical director after more than three decades at the helm.

Delia Meehan laid down her baton on 1 April after her final performance – of Handel's *Messiah* – after leading the choir for 32 years.

A sold out audience packed into Barbirolli Hall at St.Clement Danes School where Delia and the amateur choir were supported by an orchestra which consisted mainly, though not surprisingly, of friends and former students.

Four vocal soloists – soprano Elizabeth Watts, mezzo Rosemary Clifford, tenor Tom Robson and bass Alex Ashworth – provided wonderful moments of drama and some exceptional musicality.

One member of the choir said 'Delia has an extraordinary ability to make every single member of the choir feel special. She knows everyone personally; and she seems to have an encyclopedic knowledge of not only members of the choir, but their families too. New members are personally welcomed to the choir, creating a warm sense of belonging to a large family.'

GUCE aims to develop renewable energy for 'majority' of KL homes

An initiative that aims to develop renewable energy systems and promote ways to reduce bills is working on a way to provide alternatives to gas heating in Kings Langley.

Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE), a not-for-profit organisation, is exploring a long-used Scandinavian system which heats homes' internal hot water systems by delivering water to a heat-exchange via highly insulated pipes.



Above: John Ingleby and Sarah Burgess, who made a GUCE presentation at the recent Parish Council's meeting

These domestic heat exchangers – which are the same size and cost as a conventional gas boiler – have been proven to be highly effective, cutting costs and carbon footprint for households.

Last year, GUCE won a grant to study the possibility of extracting heat from the Grand Union Canal and, while this has not proved possible, it led to the discovery that large volumes of water were historically extracted from old boreholes beneath the Ovaltine site.

If similar boreholes could be drilled opposite the Ovaltine, calculations show that enough energy would be generated to heat a majority of homes in Kings Langley.

The full report can be found at www.heatingkingslangley.guce.org.uk

Concerns about village development without infrastructure changes

An update from the Kings Langley & District Residents Association.



'There's an line in the National Planning Policy Framework that states "the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

'With our railway station, proximity to the M25, two major towns and London, it's easy to see why property developers and our two local Borough Councils think Kings Langley is an ideal spot for new housing developments and even a Park & Ride location.

'But with no additional infrastructure, our village is not a sustainable location and more houses will compromise future generations. For example, last year Kings Langley Senior School received 695 applications for 186 places, with children living on the Ovaltine side of the village not getting places. Meanwhile our junior school is 2-3 times oversubscribed and the catchment area is shrinking all the time.

'Since 2020, KL&DRA has calculated that new homes built/under construction/ planning permission granted for totals more than 400, with no additional infrastructure provided. Further Green Belt development at Rectory Farm could add another 135 homes and TRDC's Local Plan could allow another 1,300 new homes.

'We need to stop building new houses on our Green Belt and start providing new infrastructure on what brownfield land we have left available'. For more information and to support the cause visit www.greenbeltmatters.com or the Facebook page [greenbeltmatters](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltmatters)

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Meet Adam, Kings Langley's own Herald

A Kings Langley resident who is a sovereign-appointed Herald educated visitors to a Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society talk at the Community Library recently.

Adam Tuck – known as Rouge Dragon Pursuivant – is one of just 13 Heralds who, among other duties, take a central role in royal ceremonial events.

Adam gave insights into the extraordinary events in which he was directly involved to mark the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of the new King.

As a Herald Adam has his own office in the College of Arms, within sight and sound of St Paul's Cathedral. He even slept there during the preparation for the funeral in order to be on hand for the rehearsals for the processions in the middle of the night when much of London was asleep.

Adam, who is paid £13.95 a year to be a Pursuivant but has a private practice in heraldry and genealogy, described the physical resilience he needed to draw on to complete the processional miles



Adam Tuck in his Herald uniform

encumbered in medieval tabard, tights and stiff shoes, of the requirement to look straight ahead at the back of the person in front, of trying to keep in step, and in exact lines. He talked of the privilege of performing such a role on this unique occasion.





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Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat for this issue is a **Classic Car Ride** kindly donated by **Keith Clements**. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 16 June 2023. Good luck!

Across

- 1 Connects Chipperfield to Kings Langley (7,4)
- 6 One of the places along our High Street to enjoy a hot beverage (7)
- 8 A sticky beginning, found in a good read! (3)
- 9 Part of a gourd that belongs to people in general! (3)
- 10 Poetic and archaic word for a celestial body (3)
- 12 Rope arrangement used for catching cattle, particularly in North America (5)
- 13 Device typically used with computers to link to the Internet (5)
- 14 1980-90's technology that transmits scanned images originally via a landline (3)
- 16 Archaic word for the affirmative (3)
- 17 The stiff bristle growing from the ear or flower of barley, rye and grasses (3)

- 18 Our Village also has a road named after this well-known place in the valley (3,4)
- 21 A nearby Lane with a sombre name (7,4)

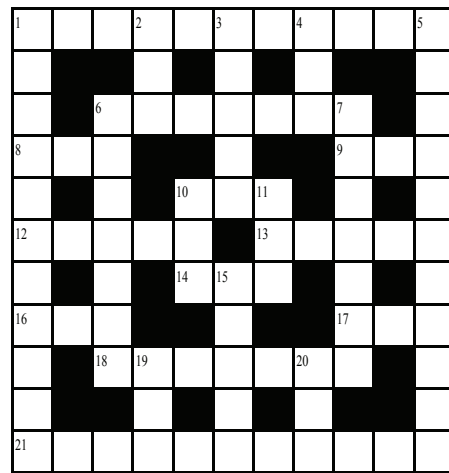
Down

- 1 Term used for larger type of record (now a 'vinyl') (4,7)
- 2 In short, the governing body of England's capital city (3)
- 3 Last name of the famous 18th Century Swiss Mathematician and Scientist (5)
- 4 Be in charge of, manage or organize (3)
- 5 Hidden in a milder tent, this may tend to cause harm? (11)
- 6 Colloquial name for Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky (3,4)
- 7 Adoring, all confused, I cannot undo this legendary knot (7)
- 10 Exclamation expressing alarm, annoyance or relief (3)
- 11 Durable type of bike, designed for tricks, stunts and racing (3)
- 15 Let someone do something (5)
- 19 Slippery fish (3)
- 20 Exclamation, used North of the Border, expressing surprise, regret disbelief (3)

Answers to Crossword No: 31

Across: 1 Toms Lane, 6 Abelia, 8 The Nap, 10 Tylers Close, 12 Nuclei, 15 Candle, 17 The Glebe.

Down: 1 The, 2 Statistical, 3 Ague, 4 EFTA, 5 Capstan, 7 Late, 9 Prequel, 11 Lawn, 13 Unit, 14 Lane, 16 Due



Prize Xword No. 32 set by Andrew Selby



A fateful encounter

Keith Clements, who has kindly donated this issue's Xword prize, told *Village News* how his love of classic cars came about:

'In 1969 I spotted an advertisement for a Jowett Jupiter whilst in the students' union bar and a fellow student took me to see it. Driving it back to his flat the crankshaft failed. The seller agreed to pay for parts to repair, so I rebuilt the engine and then journeyed to my parents in Devon where further repairs took place.

'Girls were attracted to the car, and one married me. We used it to tow a Campervan with my daughter, Amy, in a carry cot behind the bench seat. Having grown up helping check tyre pressures and tappets, she was my co-driver on the Paris-Marrakesh Classic Marathon (pictured above).

'I bought her a Jupiter wreck in 1980 when she was two years old. We eventually rebuilt it together and it won Classic Car of the Year 2010.

'She now also owns my late wife's Jowett Javelin that's been used as a VIP taxi at Goodwood Revival for the past 17 years'.



Geoff Budd sent in his correct entry to our last issue's Xword 31 and was selected as our winner. He brought his wife Maria along to claim his prize of lunch for two at the Kitchen at Inspired. Having not visited the Kitchen before, they were impressed with the extensive menu. Their verdict? 'A wonderful surprise and an absolutely delicious meal!'



The Kitchen also has an online shop and their latest offering is a range of flavoured sausages – owner Adam Whitbread was pleased to show us a sample pack. You can see the full selection and place orders at www.thekitchenatinspired.co.uk



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Village Diary

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The Local Produce Market is held on the
third Saturday of every month from
9.00am – 1.00pm.

Knit and Natter

The Community Library, The Nap, Kings
Langley WD4 8ET
Mondays 10am – 12pm each week

Embrace nature with Wildfest

A festival celebrating local
wildlife and the groups that work
for nature across the region
is taking place in Watford's
Cassiobury Park on Saturday
8 July, 10am – 4pm.

Wildfest, which is organised by Herts and
Middlesex Wildlife Trust with the help of
Watford Borough Council and the support
of many local community, wildlife and
conservation groups and organisations,
promises to be a great day out.

Nature-lovers can find out more about
local wildlife and wild spaces and what
they can do to help them. There will also
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20 June: 'When is a Pound not a
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18 July: 'A Concise History of
Whitefriars Glass', Mike Beech

15 August: 'Wildlife in your garden',
Tom Way

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