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## Headteacher calls on parents to be tough on mobile phone use

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A national movement to encourage parents to not give their children a smartphone before the age of 14 is gathering pace, with a community group for Kings Langley School (KLS) parents and prospective parents now live.

Smartphone Free Childhood is an initiative that has rapidly gathered momentum, capturing the imagination of thousands of parents across the country who are interested in preventing smartphone access at a young age.



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And now hundreds of community groups have sprung up at both county-level and for parents of individual schools, including KLS.

*Village News* spoke to David Fisher, headteacher of KLS (inset), who is an advocate for limited phone use and works hard to educate pupils, parents and staff on safe mobile phone use and the risks that come with unlimited internet access.

He told us 'One of the first things I did when I joined the school five years ago was to ban mobile phone use on the premises. I consulted with students, parents and staff and, while it was hard to police at first, even my strongest challengers are now advocates for the policy. Phones are powerful computers to have in the hands of children, and are an addictive tool for young people. I want school to offer them a break from that.'



But Mr Fisher stressed much of the onus lies with parents to be firm on issues such as phone use. He said 'There certainly needs to be greater safety policies at Government level and from social media companies but until legislation changes we all have a part to play. I can ban phones in school but it's what happens in the home late at night that needs tackling too.'

'Parents need to take greater responsibility and be parents not friends in this instance, making tough decisions that will best prepare their children for future life.'

KLS subscribes to a digital platform called Tooled Up Education, a digital library of evidence-based advice and content that parents can access to help them support their children as their independence grows, while the school's website carries extensive information around digital safety.

## Parking petition gathers pace

A petition objecting to plans to introduce car parking charges in Kings Langley High Street has surpassed 2,600 signatures after it ran as the front page story in the last issue of *Village News*.

The council has made several amends to its proposal but so far is still pressing ahead with its plans to charge for parking.

The latest proposal, put forward last month, is for 30 minutes free parking at either end of the High Street, north of Vicarage Lane and south of Langley Hill, with the area between the two roads costing 80p for 30 minutes and £1.50 for an hour, payable by app – with no return within two hours. Under this proposal parking in both car parks would remain free but be restricted to four hours.

The current restrictions are free parking for one hour on the High Street, and no return within two hours, between 8:30 and 18:30. The car parks are free all day.

Borough Councillors Alan Anderson and Alan Johnson have spoken against the proposals on behalf of residents and traders, most recently at the Finance Scrutiny Committee.

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# Parking petition

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Cllr Johnson said 'We are not opposed to a charging regime, but the very short periods of time permitted for parking will encourage a rather manic version of 'supermarket sweep' as residents and visitors try to get some shopping and have a coffee or go for a meal with friends in less than an hour.'

The consultation will take place between 6 May and 28 May 2024 and, if passed, parking restrictions will go ahead in November 2024. To add your signature to the petition opposing this plan visit [bit.ly/kl-parking](http://bit.ly/kl-parking)

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 The next *Village News* will be published for May/June 2024 – copy and advertising deadline is 19 April 2024.

# Kings Langley Community Choir launches new website

After a brainstorming session in The Old Palace with a small team of choir members in early January, the Community Choir launched a new website.

The brief was simple: to showcase the choir in an elegant, concise and simple way and to have a members page updated regularly with information about rehearsals and forthcoming performances. The resulting website, [kingslangleychoir.co.uk](http://kingslangleychoir.co.uk) features the choir's new logo and speaks for itself.

The choir performed at the Beaconsfield Festival of Choirs on Saturday 2 March. This was a non-competitive choral festival of four concerts spread throughout the day made up of six choirs in each concert.

The set list for Kings Langley comprised a gospel number *People Get Ready* followed by a composition by local group the Staves called *Wisely and Slow* and concluded with a rousing rendition of Queen's *Somebody to Love*. At the end of the concert all the choirs joined together to sing a song specially commissioned for the festival called *Trees*, based on a classic poem by Rudyard Kipling.

Information about joining the choir or booking them to perform at festivals, charity events or private functions can be found on [kingslangleychoir.co.uk](http://kingslangleychoir.co.uk)

# Does anyone have a number for King Canute?

Another year, another round of flooding at Sunderlands Yard allotments, and allotment holders and the parish council are looking for help from any quarter to bring this to an end. However, there may be a little light at the end of the tunnel.

A recent site meeting between allotment holders, the Parish Council and the County Council's Bridges Team established that detritus flowing into a tributary off the canal between Concept House and The Dock, blocks the free flow of water through the culvert at Home Park Mill Link Road. This causes problems along both the canal and the River Gade, causing water to permeate through the ground at Sunderlands Yard, ruining the plants and vegetables.

Photographic evidence shows that a floating bund, used to prevent detritus flowing into it from the canal, has been removed, but it is not clear by who. 'The County Council is going to check with their legal team and Land Registry to identify who is responsible for the land either side of the tributary,' explained Councillor Alan Johnson. 'Once that has been established, they will be asked to reinstate the floating bund to avoid blockages in the future.'

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# It will be Carnival time soon!

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will stop the Kings Langley Carnival from taking place on Saturday 22 June on the common. That, at least, is the motto of the Carnival Committee!

This year there will be some very different performers on the stage and a new focus on some local charities.

‘However, it is not only about the entertainment on stage,’ said Carol Chandler, Chair of the organising committee. ‘We try to offer a wide range of things to do away from the stage, which includes welcoming some commercial stalls selling their own merchandise and food, and providing the opportunity for local charities and groups to make some money and raise awareness of the valuable work or activities they do every other day of the year.’

‘There will be everything from games and puzzles to local produce, arts and crafts. There are reduced stall

rates for voluntary organisations or charities’ added Carol, ‘but there is a limit to how many stalls can be accommodated. We already have one third of our stalls booked and the number will have increased by the time this article appears – so do get in touch soon’.

If you would like a stall at this year’s event, email [stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com) For other Carnival enquiries, including helping out on the day – even for only half an hour as one of the ‘Half Hour Heroes’ – email [kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com)

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## OWL being replaced by Neighbourhood Alert

Hertfordshire Neighbourhood Watch is moving to a new community messaging system called Neighbourhood Alert on 1 April 2024 – this will replace the OWL alert system.

Neighbourhood Alert is already used by 32 police forces across the UK, so this will help to share information about cross-border crimes and incidents



more easily. It will continue to keep communities updated on local, relevant news including crime prevention advice as OWL has over the past 18 years.

Existing OWL users will hear about how to sign up for the new system as soon as it is available, and we will share details in our next issue of *Village News*.

## Christian Aid Village Quiz: delighted to have raised £820

The annual village Christian Aid Quiz took place on 9 February at the Services Club when 13 teams came together from a wide variety of groups in the village to share a lively evening.

The winning team were ‘Library Bookworms’ from Kings Langley Community Library but everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and in many ways were all winners.

A fabulous £820 was raised from ticket sales and the raffle, and the organisers would like to thank all who so generously contributed to this. Raffle prizes were donated by local businesses – thanks to The Grove, Taylors Tools and Abbots Tandoori as well as a number of individuals. Thanks also to the Services Club for their hospitality and allowing use of the room at no cost.

Proceeds go to Christian Aid’s work amongst the world’s poorest people where emergency aid and development assistance are given through partners on the ground. Help is given where it is most needed, regardless of religion, race, gender, or sexuality.



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## Bowls Club Open Day 27 April

Are you looking to take up some light exercise? Interested in joining a sociable, friendly club? Enjoy the thrill of some competition?



If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then Kings Langley Bowls Club is for you.

The bowling green is set behind the High Street, with beautiful views across the valley. The club is holding an Open Day on Saturday 27 April 10am – 4pm, for all who want to find out more, turn up on the day, with comfortable clothing and flat footwear, or contact [graham.hatch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graham.hatch@hotmail.co.uk) beforehand. Here are some comments from people who joined the club last year:

'I've really enjoyed my introduction to bowls. People at the club are very welcoming and friendly and I've made some good new friends in the village. I'm only starting out on my journey to understanding the mystery of the fabulous game of bowls but there's no shortage of competition!' 'I went to the Open Day in 2023 and loved it. Such a friendly, welcoming group of people who are always encouraging and ready to help with advice if needed. Great fun.'

*Left: Members enjoy the Bowls Club presentation evening held in January*



## Owl nesting boxes finally installed

Three tawny owl nesting boxes, purchased by the Parish Council in 2023, have now been put up in woodland around the village.

Rockliffe Avenue resident Mike Sands made the suggestion of owl boxes to the Parish Council some time ago. The Parish Council approved the idea, sourced the boxes and worked with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust in finding suitable locations. Dacorum Borough Council has now supported the project by installing the boxes, and as tawny owls nest in springtime there is hope that one may choose to 'move in'!

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## Flower Pots Nursery awarded GOOD Ofsted rating

In their first Ofsted inspection since they registered in July 2021, the nursery in the heart of the village has been awarded a 'Good' rating which they are delighted with.



The inspector praised the staff and the learning environment in the children's day nursery, and noted a strong safeguarding culture and a supportive curriculum.

Manager Becca Juster was described as being visionary, and she reflected on the results of the inspection 'I am incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm the staff here at Flower Pots Kings Langley show every day towards their roles. I'm so pleased that our inspector was able to come in and feel the warmth of our setting, and that the amazing practice of our staff has been highlighted so beautifully in the report. We strive to provide the highest quality of care and education for all of our children, and I could not be happier with our result!'

## 'A perfect opportunity' for anyone putting off making their Will

Local homelessness charity, DENS, has announced the return of its popular Make A Will Month scheme this March.

Several solicitor firms across Dacorum are generously volunteering their time to write or update a will in return for a donation to DENS. Suggested donation amounts, starting at £175 for a single basic will, are much lower than the standard rates for will-writing.



Michael Morgan, a Kings Langley resident who took part in the scheme last year, said 'We made the decision to remake our wills and found it to be very easy. I thoroughly recommend it as it benefits everyone and brings peace of mind.'

Kate Rogers, Individual Giving Manager at DENS, said 'This is a perfect opportunity to make a will while supporting the vital work of DENS within our community.'

The charity, which has helped rebuild lives for the past 20 years, has recently reported a significant increase in local people needing to access their services. DENS, like many other charities, are facing a 'cost of giving crisis' with the triple threat of increased demand, increased costs and lower income.

To find out more, or book an appointment with a participating solicitor, please visit [www.dens.org.uk/mawm](http://www.dens.org.uk/mawm)

## Speedy recovery by local garage

Chris Buss, the owner of AutoMotive Service & Repair, was away on holiday when he was alerted by a phone call from his workshop in Langley Wharf to tell him that the adjacent unit was on fire.

The buildings suffered major damage as the result of the blaze during January, which has led to AutoMotive having to equip and open a brand new workshop nearby in record time.

Chris told *Village News* it was 'through sheer hard work and determination' that they reduced the usual three to six month process down to a little over two weeks. He said 'I'd like to thank all those who rallied round and supported us during this stressful time - we really are most grateful to them.'

The garage reception remains in the undamaged office at Langley Wharf and his message to customers is a resounding 'Business as usual!'





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# Popular charity cycling event gearing up for 'biggest year yet'

A 'legendary' event in the South East's cycling calendar will take place on Sunday 28 April at Hemel Hempstead's Gadebridge Park.

The DENS Hillbuster, in partnership with British Cycling, boasts a selection of routes that take riders over the rolling Chiltern Hills and through the stunning countryside of Herts, Beds and Bucks. It is expected to welcome hundreds of passionate cyclists from near and far – with all proceeds supporting DENS in their mission to help rebuild the lives of local people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

With a choice of 25k, 60k, 100k and 120k routes on offer, riders of all backgrounds and abilities are encouraged to take on the challenge for a worthy cause.

Highlights include well-stocked feed stations and a lively event village where cyclists can celebrate with post-ride street food and drinks.

Among several organisations supporting the event is Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club, who have chosen DENS as their official charity of 2024 and will support with event logistics.

Simon Hemington, Club Chairman, said 'We are delighted to be a part of this



legendary local cycling event, which is held in high esteem by many of our members thanks to its great organisation and strong sense of community.'

Wendy Lewington, DENS CEO, said 'The DENS Hillbuster has become a mainstay of the local cycling scene, and we'd love as

## Could you make it to the Coniston Climb?

This year's Kings Langley Puffaten is on Sunday 16 June and includes races for any level of fitness, plus there are no time limits on how long it takes you to finish – although as it is Father's Day we are all hoping it will all be finished in time for brunch!

Alan Johnson, one of the organisers, said 'The only things missing are a few more marshals – no running required – and a lot more runners!' Some degree of reticence is understandable as the start and finish is at Kings Langley Primary

School. 'The 10k is a particular challenge as it involves a couple of challenging hills,' added Alan, 'including running the full length of Coniston Road to the finish – The Coniston Climb. That said, some parents and carers do that nearly every day of the week!'

Races include a 1.5k for any age and 10k (minimum age 15). To take part as a runner, or volunteer as a marshal, you can enter online through the website [www.puffaten.co.uk](http://www.puffaten.co.uk) or contact Alan Johnson at [alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk) All profits go to local charities.



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- A recent history of Hertfordshire – and how CPRE continues to campaign
- A tour of some churches in rural Hertfordshire
- Countryside close to home – attracting wildlife in a Hertfordshire garden

Talks can be flexible and projector equipment can be provided. A small donation to help support CPRE's work in the county is requested.

For more information, or to make a booking, email [office@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cpreherts.org.uk) or visit the website [www.cpreherts.org.uk](http://www.cpreherts.org.uk)

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# Residents Association delays celebrations to focus on Rectory Farm Public Inquiry

In our last issue we reported on Kings Langley & District Residents Association's planned February celebration of successes in the battle against green belt development.

Unfortunately KL&DRA have had to postpone the event, in order to concentrate efforts and finances on fighting the appeal lodged by the developers Angle Property & Cala Homes against the refusal of their application for 135 homes on the greenbelt at Rectory Farm.

Gary Ansell, KL&DRA's Chairman, said 'Unfortunately, due to the timing of the appeal and subsequent Public Inquiry, we've had to postpone our celebrations. KL&DRA, jointly with CPRE Hertfordshire, the countryside charity, has been successful in applying to be a party at the Public Inquiry, which will start on Tuesday 9 April, and we have instructed a planning consultant and barrister to act for us.



'We aim to present arguments from a village perspective to support Dacorum Borough Council's refusal of planning permission and stop the greenfield site being covered with new homes. Our village cannot take the additional stress on its infrastructure and services, having already taken a number of other local brownfield developments. Stopping building on the green belt is essential and, if Rectory Farm goes, none of the other green fields around our village will be safe from development.'

*Rectory Farm's threatened greenbelt land shown within dashed line*

KL&DRA need to raise £20,000 to pay for the professional services required to take part in the Public Inquiry and, whilst fundraising is going well, there is still a way to go to hit the target.

To contribute please see the KL&DRA newsletter (distributed to all houses in Kings Langley in February), visit [www.greenbeltmatters.com](http://www.greenbeltmatters.com) or on Facebook [@greenbeltmatters](https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltmatters).



## Another accolade for 1st Homecare?

As we went to print, local family-run care company 1st Homecare was waiting to find out if they had been successful at the Home Care Awards ceremony on 1 March.

1st Homecare has been providing care for elderly and vulnerable residents in and around Kings Langley for many years, enabling people to remain in their own home supported by visiting or 24 hour live-in carers. They have been shortlisted in two categories at the prestigious national Home Care Awards 2024 which recognise industry service providers committed to raising the standards of home care delivered across the UK. They are a finalist in two categories:

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# Evergreen Club

The Kings Langley Evergreen Club reopened after their Christmas break on 1 February when the members came together again for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

An extra treat was in store as member Lilian and volunteer Anna, who share the same birthday, provided a huge and delicious chocolate cake for all to share!

The club programme over the next few months includes an afternoon of magic with visiting magician Mike Smith, an Easter craft activity, a talk about cheesemakers, quizzes and an afternoon outing for a cream tea.

If you or anyone you know would like to find out more about this friendly social club for older people, which meets fortnightly at the Community Centre, contact Ann Martin on **01923 267604**.



## Kings Langley Women's Group 40th Reunion

Picture the scene forty years ago: three young mums with small children in a time when fewer women returned to work after childbirth.

Most of their days were spent playing with, feeding, and changing babies, or talking with other mums about child development. Feeling the need to escape for an evening a fortnight, to hear about different subjects and participate in child-free activities, they started the Kings Langley Women's Group. The group invited speakers varying from homeopathy to DIY, took part in activities from Morris Dancing to self-defence, reviewed recommended books, and went to the theatre. A barbeque was held each July and a Christmas party marked the end of the year.

Those mums are now older; their children with children of their own. People have moved away and new members joined, but the group (pictured above) still meets fortnightly! May 2024 will see the celebration of 40 years of their existence.

If you have been part of the group or know of people who have and would like to say hello to new members or renew old acquaintances, they will be meeting at All Saints Church Hall, Church Lane, Kings Langley, WD4 8JS on Saturday 11 May 2pm – 5pm.

For more information email either Carol Gahan [chris.gahan@talk21.com](mailto:chris.gahan@talk21.com) Stella Fenner [stellafenner@hotmail.com](mailto:stellafenner@hotmail.com) or Janet Crook [janetsusan.crook@virgin.net](mailto:janetsusan.crook@virgin.net)



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# Community Library book club finds new meeting venue

While the library is closed until late April for roofing works, some of the interest groups it hosts are finding other meeting locations.

The Tuesday Book Club has been meeting for over 5 years and decided to hold its last meeting in the Rose & Crown. The book under discussion was a historical novel set in the local area, *Shadows of the Queen* by Michael Long (below), author of *Palace Lives*.

In a first for the Club, the author joined the meeting and a lively discussion ensued. Michael, a retired history teacher, revealed that the idea for the novel came to him when he moved



into the area and found little general awareness of Eleanor of Castile, who played an important role in the village.

He talked about the development of the storyline and his sources of information; most of the characters and events in the book are drawn from contemporary records such as the Coroner's Rolls, and the depiction of everyday life in the 13th century adds much interest. Michael has almost completed the draft of the second book in a possible series of five.

Kings Langley Community Library looks forward to a continuing relationship with the Tuesday Book Club and perhaps to some interesting talks and other events led by Michael Long, based on the wealth of local history his researches have revealed.

## Kings Langley Community Library AGM

The AGM of Kings Langley Community Library will be held in Christ Church Baptist hall, The Nap, at 2pm on Saturday 23 March 2024.

## Community Action Dacorum seek volunteers

Do you fancy a spot of gardening or visiting, escorting an elderly person on a trip, or even driving a minibus?

There are always plenty of openings for volunteers in our area, and the people to consult are Sue (pictured right) and Derek. They represent Community Action Dacorum and have started visiting Kings Langley to recruit volunteers on the second Wednesday of each month, having found a welcome at the Coffee Shop in Christ Church Baptist hall between 10.30am and 12noon.



Make a note of their next visits which will be on 13 March, 10 April, 8 May and 12 June.



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## Alternative Library services

While the Community Library in the village is closed for roof repairs, don't forget you can use any library in Hertfordshire with your library membership.

All library members can use the online resources (you will need your library card number and PIN). BorrowBox (e-books and e-audio service) has a great range of titles for all ages. Your library card gives you free access to the PressReader app and website, which allows you to read or download full digital editions of major newspaper and magazine titles from around the world, plus the Libby app for magazines.

Abbots Langley Library is open:

Monday 1pm – 6pm,  
Tuesday 9.30am – 6pm,  
Thursday 1pm – 6pm,  
Friday 9.30am – 6pm  
Saturday 9.30am – 1pm.

Regular activities open to all include:

**Meet & Compete:** Board games with a cuppa, every Tuesday 2pm – 3.30pm. Suggested donation £1.

**Storytime:** Every Tuesday 2.15pm – 2.45pm. Suggested donation £1.

**Baby Rhyme Time:** Every Friday 10am – 10.30am and 11am – 11.30am. Suggested donation £1.

**Lego Club:** Every Saturday 11am – 12noon for children 5 – 12 (booking advisable) £3.

**IT champion:** Every Friday 4pm – 5.45pm

**Chess Club:** Chess with a cuppa, 2nd and 4th Monday in the month 4pm – 5.30pm

**Knit & Natter:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Month 10am – 12 noon. Learn and share your crafting skills or just come and have a cuppa and a chat. Suggested donation £1

**Chit & Chatter:** Reading Group on 3rd Thursday in the month 4.45pm – 5.45pm. Share what you are reading over a cuppa. Suggested donation £1.

# Prize Xword

Every issue we offer a prize for the first correctly completed Xword entry drawn from the hat. This issue's prize is a voucher for a **free haircut** kindly donated by **The Barbers Lounge** in our High Street. To enter, simply post or email your Xword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 19 April. Good luck!

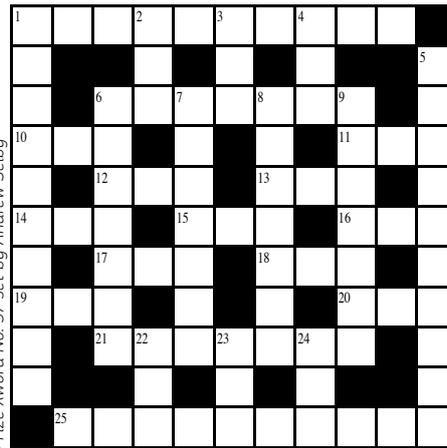


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Left: Les Tomkins, our lucky winner from issue 36, pictured with his wife Irena. This is Les's first win, and he is delighted as he enjoys wine and chocolates – but is happy to share his spoils with Irena. 'She is originally from the Czech Republic, but her spelling is better than mine so she helps me out!' he says. They are well known within the village having won many garden competition prizes – including Best Overall Garden 2023

**Across**

- 1 I want to find this Village byway, but all confused hold a bream! (6,4)
- 6 Subatomic particles (7)
- 10 Maiden name (3)
- 11 A letter from Greece (3)
- 12 Allow (3)
- 13 Be mistaken (3)
- 14 Large expanse of water (3)
- 15 Device for propelling a small boat (3)
- 16 In short the international organization that promote and manage the quadrennial games (3)
- 17 Talk at length (3)
- 18 Descendant (3)
- 19 Does part of an animal make this type of large billed, glossy black bird? (3)
- 20 Become firmer (3)
- 21 Plant seeds used in flavouring (7)
- 25 Untangle a single sock for this Village byway (5,5)



Prize Xword No. 37 set by Andrew Selby

- 6 Remix this age clip to inhabit the open sea! (7)
- 7 Month (7)
- 8 Supervised (7)
- 9 Describing tough and fibrous food (7)
- 22 Stiff bristle growing from ear of grasses (3)
- 23 Type of equine (3)
- 24 Pointed tool for piercing holes (3)

**Down**

- 1 Take this quiet route to head out of our Village in a generally Westerly direction (6,4)
- 2 Pronoun (3)
- 3 Cut this piece out of a tomato for a table protector! (3)
- 4 Possess (3)
- 5 A confused clear hunch brings me to a byway near the Village Garden! (6,4)

**Answers to Crossword No: 36**  
**Across:** 1 Jubilee Walk, 6 Bacchus, 8 Sis, 10 Yes, 12 Steam, 13 Apt, 15 Arc, 17 Origami, 18 Tylers Close,  
**Down:** 1 James, 2 Babes, 3 Echinacea, 4 Assay, 5 Kings, 7 Costumier, 9 Imp, 11 Err, 13 Adept, 14 Troll, 15 Amigo, 16 Close

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 Christ Church Baptist, The Nap, WD4 8ET  
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 For further information contact Pat on  
 07714 701316. Also see Facebook and  
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 and other social events (including  
 partners) are also arranged.

Future speakers and subjects in 2024  
**19 March:** 'UK's First Female Bomb  
 Disposal Expert', Lucy Lewis  
**16 April:** 'All things Banned &  
 Censored', Peter & Christine Padwick  
**21 May:** 'Walking the Beat to Nirvana',  
 Mervyn Edwards

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

## Anniversary Book Sale!

Christ Church Baptist, The Nap  
 King's Bookshop & Coffee Shop is  
 celebrating 25 years with a book sale.  
 You can get 25% off all books and  
 bibles from Saturday 16 March to  
 Saturday 30 March, and have a coffee  
 while you're there. Open Saturdays,  
 Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
 between 10am and 12 noon

## Woodside u3a

Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road,  
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 Wide range of activities. Third Tuesday  
 each month from 9.45am.  
 Come along and see what we offer.  
 For further information check the  
 website: [u3asites.org.uk/woodside](http://u3asites.org.uk/woodside)

## 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.

## 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.  
 Visitors welcome.  
 A special performance by International  
 Sax Star Simon Spillett is booked for  
 30 April to mark Simon's first ever Jazz  
 performance which took place at Kings  
 Langley Jazz Club.  
 See posters for details or telephone  
 01923 262982

## 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](mailto:kingslangleywi@gmail.com)

## Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is 12 – 18 May, and  
 collections will once again be made  
 through envelopes delivered 'door to  
 door'.

Christian Aid in Kings Langley are very  
 grateful to all who help with this and  
 everyone who so generously donates. The  
 united church service will be at Christ  
 Church Baptist on 12 May at 10.30am  
 and all are very welcome to attend.

Any queries and offers of help please  
 contact [Paul.tucker15@btinternet.com](mailto:Paul.tucker15@btinternet.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  
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## Easter at All Saints

**24 March Palm Sunday**  
 9.15am Hot cross buns and coffee at  
 Dalling & Co followed by  
 9.30am procession to church and  
 service  
 4.30pm Stations of the Cross – music  
 and readings for Holy Week

**28 March Maundy Thursday**  
 8pm Eucharist with foot washing and  
 stripping of the altar. The watch is  
 kept until midnight

**29 March Good Friday**  
 10am Family service followed by hot  
 cross buns and coffee  
 12noon the Liturgy of Good Friday

**31 March Easter Sunday**  
 8am Churches together outdoor  
 service followed by hot cross buns  
 and coffee  
 9.30am All Age Eucharist followed by  
 Easter Egg hunt

## 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.  
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