



Village News

Green Belt – what Green Belt?

Approval has been given for 27 EV charging points and a café on Green Belt land adjacent to the Texaco Garage on Hempstead Road, hot on the heels of the Rectory Farm appeal for 135 dwellings being granted.

This is despite the parish council arguing it was unnecessary since it was located a short distance from the charging station at Sainsburys and sited opposite The Kitchen at Inspired café.

Alan added ‘The financial rewards for developers are enormous, but given the continuing failure to protect the Green Belt, this will only further encourage more similar development.’

‘It should also be noted that planning permission has previously been given for a block of flats on the old Chiswell Pool site just to the north’ said Councillor Alan Johnson. ‘As a result of the EV charging development, it is not difficult to envisage a larger development being proposed on this site.’

‘Subsequently, a further planning application on Green Belt land has just been submitted for a 66-bed care home and 33 family homes on the familiar ‘car boot’ site next to Nash Mills Community Centre. Once again it is difficult to understand the justification given the Water Mill care home a short distance to the north.’



SOURCE: DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING PORTAL

Above: Site location between the railway and Hempstead Road. Left and below: CGI renderings of proposed café interior and exterior charging points



It was all smiles from Mike and Tracy, who worked tirelessly throughout the day dispensing seemingly endless barista coffees and delicious home-made cakes and pastries from ‘Waddington on the Road’



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

Sunshine and smiles at the Carnival

With glorious sunshine, the BBQ sizzling, performers on the stage, the dog show in furry fettle, 70 stalls spread out across the Common, a shed-load of raffle prizes and the noise and commotion of a funfair, what’s not to love about the Kings Langley Carnival? As the thousands who attended can attest – nothing at all!

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Garden competition prep. in full bloom

Keen gardeners will be busy preparing for the annual Parish Gardens Competition which is being held over the weekend of 27 and 28 July.

The regular judges will be supported and advised by the expertise of Ian Barrow from the Sunnyside Rural Trust in the annual competition which is open to everyone, regardless of age or ability.

Parish Councillor Alan Johnson said 'We'd like to see everyone with a garden enter the competition, because it is an opportunity to get advice about your garden from a horticultural expert.

'As will be evident, it is not about having the best manicured lawn or pristine flower bed, it's the willingness to put a little time and effort into the space available to make it your own that's appreciated.'

The competition is still open to all – experienced gardeners or beginners – with a closing date of 20 July.

There will be a presentation evening at the cricket club on Friday 18 October to celebrate the value of participating and sharing the experience with fellow enthusiasts. Chief judge Gerry Angiolini said 'We are hoping to see our regular entrants and make some new friends too.'



GUCE receives grant to help residents manage their energy

Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE), a community energy non-profit based in SW Herts, has been awarded a grant by Community Energy South to support residents who might feel unsure about issues relating to energy and the transition to net zero, be that sky high energy bills or how to decarbonise their home.

Running until March 2025, GUCE will be delivering presentations and workshops as well as home visits delivered by a dedicated Home Energy Champion. These will provide information on everything from tariffs and grants to retrofitting your home or getting an EV.

Sarah Burgess, who is coordinating the project for GUCE, said 'So often we see that small changes add up to big money savings, and we're really excited to be part of this project to help our local community.'

If you would like to find out more about a Home Visit, email Sarah Burgess at guceltd@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week raises thousands for charity

The area's Christian Aid committee has extended their grateful thanks to all those who helped and donated to the charity's dedicated week this year, which raised a total of £5,081.

A United Church Service and Coffee Morning at Christ Church Baptist were added to regular donations to make a significant difference to the organisation's beneficiaries

At the United Service the congregation heard about Aline, who was the focus of this year's campaign. Aline comes from Burundi, one of the poorest countries in Africa. She became separated from her family because of an abusive husband, but with help from a Christian Aid partner she was given some training that enabled her to start a rural business. This gave her the confidence and independence to be reunited with her children.

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TV's Gold partners with Dalling & Co in pop-up restaurant venture

Local chef Ian 'Gold' Golding has announced a series of culinary projects as he finds more ways to bring his passion for food to his hometown and surrounding area.

Nearly 18 months on from finishing as a semi-finalist on ITV's *Next Level Chef*, Kings Langley resident Gold is spending every moment of his spare time concentrating on cooking, with a host of pop-ups, private functions and festivals in the diary.

Central to his plans is a monthly pop-up at Dalling & Co where he will be cooking to different themes – so far on the menu there has been an eight course Italian banquet, a seven-course gin-themed feast, with a Greek Feast on 7 August and a sherry-themed tasting menu on 4 September to come.

Your Beer and Fizz Festival needs YOU!

Organisers of the Kings Langley Beer and Fizz Festival, which is running from 13 – 15 September, have released a number of early bird tickets whilst also putting out a call for both sponsors and volunteers to help support the hugely popular event.

Get ahead of the game and buy your entry tickets and beer tokens at a reduced rate now! Businesses or individuals can get behind the event by sponsoring a barrel of ale, lager or cider for just £100. This enables the fundraising weekend to raise more money to help the causes it supports.

Volunteers are also being sought to put in a stint behind the bar, or on the door greeting visitors. Shifts of up to three hours are available throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday and, though busy, are always great fun, with teams of friends signing up to work the bar together.

For tickets visit www.klbeerandfizz.co.uk and to sponsor or volunteer email chief organiser Chris at klbeerandfizz@gmail.com

He said 'I'm pleased to be doing something in the village – I had such lovely support when the show came out, with people stopping me in the street and being really positive. And the last event at Dalling attracted people who don't live in Kings Langley but follow me on Instagram, so it's nice to show off our village to visitors.'

With an eclectic taste in food and a love of experimentation – currently exploring 'making things savoury that should be sweet' such as macarons filled with cauliflower cream and mustard – Gold has not written off opening his own restaurant, though the idea is on the back burner for now.

He said 'A lot of people in the industry have said I'd bankrupt myself, with the cost of living crisis, food prices and so on, so while I'd love to open a country pub one day, hosting pop-ups in other people's venues is the next best thing for now.'

He is also spending the summer carrying out cooking demos at Foodies Festival events across the south east and, of course, was star of the show at the Kings Langley Carnival where he opened the hugely successful annual event.



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

A busy man, Ian still kindly agreed to draw our champagne winner from the hat at the Village Carnival (see page 7)

And while Gold is still running Glow Training, which teaches people how to be more confident in business environments and public speaking settings, cooking is certainly taking up all his spare time. He has catered for a handful of weddings and corporate events, with barbeques being a particular speciality.

He said 'Everything I've ever done is hard graft and long hours so the work load doesn't put me off. I've never really done anything I've not cared about. I came out of the show and knew I had to work out how I was going to pivot to make a living out of cooking and at the moment I'm trying a little bit of everything and just really enjoying myself.'

To keep up to date with all Gold's ventures or to book him as your Private Chef visit www.goldcooks.com or follow him on Instagram [@goldthecook](https://www.instagram.com/goldthecook). To book for his Dalling pop-ups call **01923 265574**



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Howdens donates kitchen to Druglink to support staff

Staff at Druglink, the charity that provides support and rehabilitation services for people facing substance misuse challenges, have had their jobs made easier with the donation of a fully-equipped kitchen by two local Howdens stores.

Kitchen specialists Howdens Watford and Howdens North Watford have come together to make the donation with the aim of providing a calming and inviting space. This will enable staff to take time for themselves when needed, and empowering them to carry out their vital work with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

The brand new kitchen enhancement has directly impacted the charity's ability to support staff in providing a much needed area to escape from the daily stresses of the high pressure working environment.

James Clements, Depot Manager at Howdens, said 'After looking at the work the Druglink team do to support individuals in need, being able to supply

the materials to give them a space all can enjoy and feel at home was a pleasure. We are delighted that we were able to help.'

Emma Kingham, Director of Communications and Development at Druglink, said 'We are profoundly grateful for this transformative donation. With these new kitchen facilities we can amplify our impact, ensuring that not only our clients but our staff receive the care and support they deserve. This donation is a testament to the power of community and compassion and we are honoured to have Howdens standing alongside us in our mission.'

Below: a corner of the new kitchen donated by Howdens



40th anniversary for women's group

A group of ladies who met 40 years ago as new mums have enjoyed a reunion with people coming as far afield as Manchester, Northumberland and Norfolk.

Some members of the Kings Langley Women's Group had left Kings Langley thirty years previously but soon felt at home as they chatted and caught up with members old and new.

Photos around the wall and lists of activities that had taken place illustrated the group's collective development.

There has been interest expressed in coming along to future activities so if you would like to know more about the group please contact e.rawlings@gmail.com

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Summer in the Community

The Kings Langley Community Choir have enjoyed a very successful summer term with performances at the Kings Langley Carnival and at St Lawrence Church in Abbots Langley. The latter was with the Chinnor Silver Band and supported by The Old Palace pub who supplied the refreshments for the interval.

The term ends on 16 July with an evening for members of the choir in The Old Palace, where they will celebrate with a song or two before socialising. The new term will start on 10 September but meanwhile their summer singing workshops return on 6 and 13 August.

These fun events are open to anybody and will take place in the Christchurch Baptist Church in The Nap, Kings Langley, beginning at 7:30pm until 9pm.

Each session will cost £10 (or £5 for juniors of 16 and under) and previous singing experience or musical knowledge is not necessary.

More information from Pat Waterton at pat.w@kingslangleychoir.co.uk

Library talks to explore village history

History enthusiasts in particular may be interested in two talks that are taking place at the Community Library this autumn.

The first is by Michael Long, the celebrated local historian and author of the recently published book *Palace Lives*, who will talk about the everyday lives of people in Kings Langley during the thirteenth and fourteenth century. This will take place on Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm.

The second is a return visit from David Spain who will show his photographic history of Kings Langley during the twentieth century. His previous visit earlier this year was a sell out, so book your tickets early for Wednesday 16 October.

Tickets for both events cost £5 each, to include refreshments, and are available from the library. Watch out for posters in the library, on their Facebook page, or on the village noticeboard in the High Street.



Kings Langley Community Library invite children to join in with this year's theme: *Marvellous Makers*, which has bespoke illustrations by the talented illustrator, Natelle Queen.

To join the challenge, which last year saw more than 100 people sign up, participants simply need to be members of the library – which is all free. They must then read just six books (of any kind) over the summer and tell the librarians which ones they enjoyed the most.

Challenge finishers will receive a certificate and a medal. As well as reading the books there are lots of activities the youngsters can do online to keep them busy.

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Annual road race runs out of puff

The Kings Langley Puffaten Road Race was cancelled for the first time in 38 years last month due to a lack of runners.

With three weeks to go before the event, organisers the Comets Road Running Club called it off having received very few entries. This almost certainly meant the running club was going to make a hefty financial loss for the second year in a row.

The club has to pay to register the event with UK Athletics, Dacorum Safety Advisory Group, and the British Association of Road Racing, as well as order and pay for running numbers, medals, trophies and bottled water, all based on an estimate of likely entries.

The club also makes donations to those organisations who help out on the day such as Hemel Cycling Club, Raynet Radio Comms, Midshires Search and Rescue, and Bennetts End and Kings Langley Scout Groups.

In previous years a large number of entries on the day meant the race was comfortably funded, but in 2023 only 30 runners joined the 10km race meaning volunteers outnumbered runners.

Nevertheless, over the years a great deal of money has been raised for local charities and – for the last decade – entries have been gift-aided with the additional income going to Kings Langley Primary School's charity.

Entry fees of those who had already registered for the event were refunded.

Below: Runners line up for the start of the 10k



Opened by Ian Golding (below), there was wonderful mix of over 200 performers this year including two schools, the Community Choir, the Revelation Majorettes, the Dance Place, Salsa Tropicana & Skehill Irish Dancers, with Indradhanush Kids Academy, Electric Umbrella and Watford Rock Choir attending for the first time.

There was also a huge variety of activities to enjoy including the Tug of War, the football club's 'Beat the Goalie' competition, and our local Fire Engine and fire fighters, all making the day extra special.



Carnival chairman Carol Chandler said 'This year there were a few new ideas, including the focus on All Saints' Foodbank with the 'Bring a Tin' request to Carnival goes to make a contribution, and the Community Corner where local voluntary groups, charities and businesses could share information about their activities or the services they offer.

'We're grateful to everyone for making it such a memorable day. I am also particularly grateful to all our sponsors who supported the event throughout the year and on the day itself.'



Carnival fun

Plans for next year are already being formulated – pop it in the diary – 21 June 2025. The Committee would welcome any and all suggestions from the community or offers to help (large or small) – do get in touch via www.kingslangleycarnival.com.

For the first time this year 'Half Hour Heroes' were brought on board to lighten the load and there's a hope they will become regular volunteers as there is always plenty to do.

Profits from the events are shared between local charities, groups and good causes. If you know anyone who could benefit see the website for details about how to apply for a donation. Closing date is Monday 2 September 2024.

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'Soak an Estate Agent' a popular fund-raiser



...e: The Dog Show made welcome return after its absence last year (it was not!) and Basil, pictured here with his owner Pip, 'Handsome Hound' for the third running as well as coming 2nd in 'Best Handler' with Pip's daughter Georgia. ...w: Brian, Maria and Lin had a busy day at their Waterways Experiences stall



Right: Village News' champagne winner Helena Johnson. Everyone who rose to the challenge and answered their clue successfully won a cake in our free-to-enter Carnival Prize Xword



Right and below: Making their first appearances at the Carnival, the Indradhanush Kids Academy staged colourful dancing and the Watford Rock Choir sang their hearts out!



Below: Carnival Committee members Carol Chandler and Wayne Hill in All Saints church with the Foodbank donations collected at the Carnival



DENS Castle Walk event returns

DENS, the Hertfordshire homelessness charity, is holding a Castle Walk fundraiser on Saturday 14 September. Participants will embark on a scenic 10-mile walk, starting at Berkhamsted Castle and winding through the area's picturesque countryside.

The event, which returns this year due to popular demand, will also include a new two-mile dog walk, bringing together four-legged friends and their owners from across the community.

Both routes promise to offer beautiful scenery and a chance to connect with nature. Each step will support DENS mission to help rebuild the lives of people in Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

The Castle Walk is set to celebrate Heritage Open Days, England's largest festival of history and culture, with free tours of the renowned Berkhamsted landmark also on offer.

Nicky Maxwell, Community and Events Manager at DENS, said 'We are very excited to bring back this popular community event to our busy fundraising calendar.'

'Join DENS for the Castle Walk and put your best foot, or paw, forward to make a big difference in the lives of local people facing crisis.'

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Walk to help raise funds for Charlee

The family and friends of an eight year old girl with a neurological disorder so rare it affects only one in 500,000 people, have embarked on a series of fundraising events to enable them to buy a machine that will allow her to communicate.



communication with family and friends is near impossible so the challenge is on to raise £20,000 to buy an EYEGAZE system, a state-of-the-art device that allows Charlee to communicate using just her eyes. With this technology, she will be able

to express her thoughts and feelings for the first time.

For people who have difficulty speaking, words and letters on the screen – usually in a grid – can be chosen with eye movement and ‘spoken’ using an artificial voice.

Friends and family are coming together for a sponsored walk on Saturday 13 July starting and finishing at Bovington Football Club with options of 1.5k, 5k, and 10k. And, if you can’t make it to Bovington you can join virtually, walking your local routes while raising funds.

To donate see www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walk-for-charlee

Charlee has Moebius syndrome which affects the sixth and seventh cranial nerves, meaning she is unable to talk, smile, eat orally and swallow. She also has hypotonia (floppy muscles) which affect her movement and motor skills, a cleft palate and one kidney.

Her parents, Natalie and Steve Baldwin are Charlee’s full time carers, with Natalie acting as nurse, PA, therapist, physio and huge advocate for her daughter. Her condition means Charlee is often in hospital or at the Keech Hospice Care Centre in Luton, where many staff had not heard of nor seen anyone with Moebius.

Because she cannot speak or smile,

Good Neighbours needs a new Treasurer



A number of years ago Good Neighbours in Kings Langley was fortunate enough to benefit from a bequest from Mrs Weekes who had lived in the village and left much of her estate to local organisations.

Some beneficiaries spent the funds they received straight away, but Good Neighbours put theirs in the bank, and as a result have not needed to fundraise separately. They are not wealthy and still rely on donations for the drivers’ expenses, but the bequest has underpinned the vision for reaching out to villagers who need help with transport to medical appointments, minor DIY, etc.

This is incidental to the fact that the Good Neighbours Association needs a new Treasurer as the current one is retiring. It isn’t an onerous task, but a necessary one. Please call the Helpline for more information, or of course for any other query about Good Neighbours. **07790 668672.**

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Glowing Ofsted is culmination of strong year for KLS

Kings Langley School is celebrating at the end of an academic year in which headteacher David Fisher has seen several of the early objectives he set himself come to fruition.

A hugely positive Ofsted report earlier this term was the icing on the cake in a year that saw – among other things – the opening of a dedicated sixth form centre, a new 3G sports pitch, and sporting success for every year group.

Ofsted inspectors noted that pupils enjoy attending the school, feel happy and safe, staff know pupils well and the youngsters benefit from warm and positive relationships which support them to be confident to share how they feel and seek support when needed.

It also praised the focus on character, respect and behaviour management, saying ‘all pupils...learn about what good character is. This teaches pupils about how to make positive choices’ also pointing out that pupils ‘independently behave in a calm and civilised way’.

The ‘ambitious’ curriculum and the dedication to encouraging reading was also highlighted, which is something Mr Fisher has championed since he joined in 2019.



David Fisher

He told Village News ‘I’ve wanted Ofsted to come in for a while. The last inspection was in 2018 and I’ve done a lot as a head so it’s good to have validation that what my team and I have introduced is making a positive difference.

‘Everything mentioned in Ofsted, from behaviour management to reading, is testament to what we’ve been doing.

‘I’ve made it my mission to give these children the best opportunities they can possibly have within my abilities.

Next year, it’s about consolidating and gaining consistency across the board.’

He also spoke about the reciprocal role he is working to create between school and community. He said ‘I want to galvanise the community to get involved with our school, whether that’s with business experience, talks or coaching. We work closely with the village and wider area; some of our younger pupils spend time reading to residents at St Laura’s, who in turn are invited to see our plays and performances. We also have Sports Leaders who assist at primary school sporting events. We want to create a rich cultural experience with community at the heart.’

Over the summer, industrial grade wifi is being installed, enabling sports staff to access training videos online during outside lessons, whilst removing any internet blackspots in the school. A new catering company, appointed in recent weeks, is also bedding in with a high level offering of healthy hot and cold meals.

Mr Fisher added ‘It’s been a great year and we’ve achieved some amazing things, but I continue to be very ambitious for the school. Everything is slowly coming to fruition but I won’t stop – I want to keep making the facilities and experience better and better for every year group.’



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Rectory Farm: Planning Inspector allows appeal for 135 new homes

Despite a concerted effort by the Kings Langley & Districts Residents Association (KL&DRA), on behalf of the majority of villagers who oppose building on our Green Belt, the Inspector has granted planning permission for the Angle Property / Cala Homes development of 135 residential units and associated community amenities, including three blocks of flats, at Rectory Farm.

Gary Ansell, KL&DRA Chair said 'This is a disastrous outcome for Kings Langley and has the potential of setting a worrying precedent for future applications on Green Belt.

'Our appearance as a party at the Inquiry was made possible by many generous donations from villagers, for which I'd like to say a big thank you. This allowed us to fund a barrister and expert planning witness who did a great job for us in arguing our case for protecting the Green Belt.

'Incredibly, Dacorum Borough Council based their case for refusal of planning permission on the developer's having not 100% secured a suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANG) to mitigate the effect of the development on the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation.

'They stated that, had the SANG been secured, they would drop their refusal for permission as, in their view, the

benefits of the development would then outweigh the harm to the Green Belt. This is despite DBC removing the site from their draft Local Plan, in order to 'protect' the Green Belt.

'Understandably, this made our job much more difficult as we were out on our own. To challenge the Inspector's opinion would mean asking for a judicial review which would be prohibitively expensive, with no guarantee of winning. Although bruised, the KL&DRA will continue to fight for the future of Kings Langley as a village.'

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Volunteers clear 1.5 tonnes of litter from towpath

As Great Big Green Week drew to a close in June, the amazing team from SunnySide Rural Trust led the charge with a phenomenal canal clean up from Frogmore Paper Mill all the way to Hunton Bridge.

Supported by Abbots Langley Transition Town Association and Just1Bag2020 – a local charity that promotes everyone doing one thing to make the community a better place – and with the experienced boatmanship of Alex and Elena from the Frogmore Paper Mill, a team of volunteers walked the four mile route, collecting rubbish, bagged up household waste and old street signs on their way.

Meanwhile a dedicated group of community-minded helpers came to lend a hand at Hunton Bridge, loading over 20 bags of dumped rubbish from the undergrowth ready for loading onto the barge when it arrived.

Earlier in the week a team from Sunnyside had prepared the ground by cutting back mile after mile of overgrown plants to allow the group to be so successful in their litter picking mission.

Thanks have also been extended to the Watford and Three Rivers Sustainability Fund for helping to fund the barge, the preparation work, and the delicious food from local Khana Cookery that was put on for everyone who helped, as well as to Alex Riddick from Langleybury Cricket Club for generously hosting and opening up the clubhouse for everyone to rest their weary bones after a job well done.

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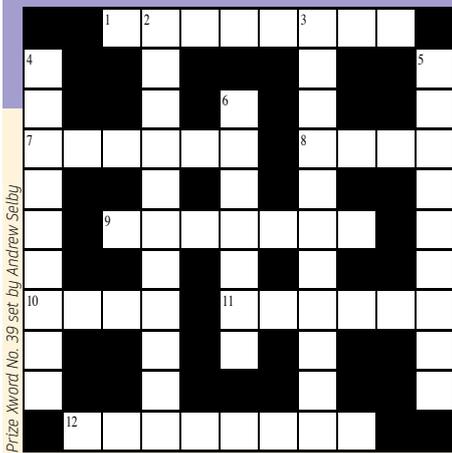
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Prize Xword No. 39 set by Andrew Selby

Prize Xword

For this issue, our prize is **a voucher from the High Street Fish & Chips shop** for the first correct entry drawn from the hat! To enter, simply post or email your Xword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 16 August 2024.

Across

- 1 Does this Village byway engender a feeling of deep affection? (4,4)
- 7 Vegetable (6)
- 8 Dramatic decline (4)
- 9 Within a bit of code cry PTO to make the message intelligible! (7)
- 10 Tolkien's very famous stories can be appropriately described as this (4)
- 11 A tiny single-celled animal (6)
- 12 This new enterprise has opened on our High Street (8)

Down

- 2 This item is no longer produced (11)
- 3 Type of a very real but irrational fear (11)
- 4 Disclosure (9)
- 5 Breakup a nanny duel for this nearby village road! (9)
- 6 Valid for all time (7)



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Winner Corinne Stewart collected her Xword prize from Sian Turner at The Little Shop of Happiness, saying 'I'll enjoy my goody-bag and have a lovely time spending my voucher as there are so many beautiful things here!'

Answers to Crossword No: 38
Across: 1 Hemsley Road, 7 Drawl, 8 Pecan, 10 Amateur, 13 Ethic, 14 Tango, 15 Palace Close. **Down:** 1 Herd, 2 Lull, 3 Yippee, 4 Dunny, 5 Panache, 6 Ocarina, 9 The Nap, 11 Arctic, 12 Morse, 14 Talc

1st Kings Langley Scout Group seeks leaders

Scouting is thriving in Kings Langley, with two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops, but is facing a shortage of leaders. It is calling for more adults to join the adventure.

This year the Beavers have been outdoors learning about the world around them and have had lots of fun with craft, noisy games and activities such as pond dipping. They have had a sleepover at the Scout Hut – for many it was their first night away from home without family.

The Cubs have camped in tepees, learned Bushcraft skills, hiked, cooked, climbed and abseiled, and have earned lots of badges. The older members of the Scout Troops have really stepped up the adventure with winter camping, independent hiking, taking part in water sports like kayaking, sailing, paddleboarding and scuba diving as well as cooking, fire building and axe-throwing

Without more adult leaders the organisation will have to severely limit what they offer in Kings Langley. Volunteers do not have to have been a Scout or a Brownie, or have camping and outdoor skills, just lots of enthusiasm to join in and help young people to become independent, confident and helpful members of the community. Another benefit to joining our regular leadership team is that leaders' children will jump the long waiting list.

To join this friendly and supportive team email Jane Harding, Group Scout Leader/Group Lead Volunteer at GSL@KingsLangleyScouts.org.uk and maybe come along to a meeting or two to see what the groups get up to.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Administration Officer (Part Time)

Location: Kings Langley
Salary: £14,043 P/A (pro rata)
Job Type: 5 days per week working 4 hours per day (TBC)

As the first tier of local government Kings Langley Parish Council is active in supporting and representing those who live, work and visit Kings Langley and are actively working to make it a key residential and visiting destination to increase the economic vibrancy for the benefit of all.

The Role:
 We are looking for someone interested in a Part Time role working 5 days per week from 9am – 1pm. However, these hours are open to discussion with an appropriate applicant.

You will be working with a well-established team within the Parish Council with the primary functions of the role being to assist in giving administrative support to the Clerk, Councillors and the Parish Warden as required, as well as organising documentation.

Please contact: matthew.price@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk



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A group of walkers enjoyed the beauty of our immediate area when they participated in the annual Beating the Bounds, the ancient annual practice of walking around the boundary of one's Parish.

Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane
Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month. Planning and Licensing on the first and third Tuesday of each month.
Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm
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Women's Institute

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
Every second Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm. All welcome.
Contact Nova on 0787 661 4250 or Wendy on 01923 263348 or email kingslangleywi@gmail.com

Jazz

Kings Langley Jazz Club
Kings Langley Services Club Theatre Bar
5 High Street, Kings Langley WD4 8BJ
Every Tuesday night 8.15pm.
Live Bands! . Visitors welcome.
See posters for details or telephone 01923 262982

Singing

Kings Langley Community Choir
Christ Church Baptist, The Nap.
Every Tuesday evening (term time) 7.30pm – 9.00pm.
No audition or prior experience needed.
Contact Pat Waterton on 07714 701316 or email patwaterton@gmail.com

Social

Kings Langley Evergreen Club
Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
A social club for residents aged over 60. Varied programme of events.
Alternate Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 4.00pm.
Contact Ann Martin on 01923 267604 or email anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com

PROBUS

Kings Langley Cricket Club
Probus is a club for retired men, meeting every third Tuesday in the month at 10am with a speaker and coffee. Occasional excursions, dinners and other special events (including partners) are also arranged.
Future subjects and speakers:
16 July: 'The Rubbish Picker's Wife', Elizabeth Gowing
20 August: 'Swinging London in the 1960s', Nick Dobson
17 September: 'A Career as an Actor in Musicals and as a Model', George Rutland
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 3rd Saturday of every month from 9.00am – 1.00pm

STOP PRESS: The council consultation about High Street parking is scheduled to start on 10 July – look out for information about how to participate in the High Street shops and on Facebook Kings Langley Matters.

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