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Pictured left, Cllr Richard Roberts demonstrates how the parking rules are emptying our High Street

As Village News went to press Sally Symington, the newly elected leader of Dacorum Borough Council, released a statement saying 'I'm grateful to residents, local businesses, town and parish councils and traders' associations for the feedback on the changes to the car parking charges across the borough.

'I've spoken to Cabinet colleagues and agreed we will ask for a review of the policies, in consultation with local businesses and residents.'

However Jeff Folkins, co-owner of Dalling&Co, said more was needed. 'I am very encouraged that Sally Symington is engaged – she's visited the High Street and is invested in exploring compromises – but whilst there is promise of a review we need these rules suspended now for 90 days while this review is being undertaken.'

Stephen Hunt, director of So Soft Designs, said 'This needs to be an issue that is prioritised for the livelihood of the village now – it is time critical. The longer it goes on the sooner shops will shut. We haven't got time.'

To contact Sally Symington on the issue email sally.symington@dacorum.gov.uk

Village News chatted to a number of local business owners to get their take on the parking issue – see our centre pages for their comments...

Call for urgent review of new parking rules

Weeks after parking restrictions were introduced on the high street and in the two car parks, some shopkeepers are calling for a halt to the fees and time limitations while the matter is reviewed.

As well as concerns the charges are putting off customers, business owners say they are struggling with the issue of parking for themselves and their staff, who require far more than the four hour limit now imposed in both The Nap and Langley Hill car parks.

There has also been outrage at news that doctors who work out of

Kings Langley Surgery in The Nap are having to move their cars in the middle of clinic hours, and workers at funeral directors Tadmans were told to pay 80p to park their hearse outside the business while they loaded a coffin ahead of a funeral. There are also regular issues with school coaches unable to get up Langley Hill due to cars parked on both sides of the road, narrowing the space.

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St Laura's veterans remember VE Day

Two residents of St Laura's Care Home have been sharing their memories of the Second World War to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Barbara Brown (above) and Joyce Goulborn (right), who both turn 102 this year, served their country in the war and remember Victory in Europe Day on 8 May 1945 when Germany surrendered its armed forces.

Joyce, who served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), told *Village News* 'When the end of the war was declared I came off duty and went with a friend to the railings outside Buckingham Palace where we watched

the King and Queen come out onto the balcony with the princesses, and Elizabeth in her officer's uniform.'

After spending a couple of years trying to volunteer for the war effort, but being stopped by her father, Joyce was quick to step forward once the age limit was lowered to 20. In one post she was charged with standing on a flat roof in London with the instruction to blow a whistle if she saw a Doodlebug approaching head on. However, after two false alarms – because Joyce wasn't sure what the German V1 flying bomb looked like – she was relieved of that responsibility.

Barbara, meanwhile, joined the Land Army and was stationed in Oxford, growing food at a large girls' school in London from which everyone had been evacuated.

She said 'I chose to stay in school when war was declared but was then called up which meant I was owed a year's free education. So after VE Day I went to Heatherley School of Fine Art in London.'



Left; Joyce in her wartime uniform

Both ladies remember rationing continuing for some time and don't recall much noticeable change between their lives immediately before

and after VE day. Joyce was sent to Devon to continue teaching secretarial skills until she was discharged, while Barbara enjoyed student life in London.

Joyce went on to work for Kodak and lived in Hemel Hempstead with her husband Douglas and two sons, while Barbara and her husband Bernard moved to Kings Langley where their three sons attended the Rudolf Steiner School.



KL Beer and Fizz Festival is back!

The fourth annual Kings Langley Beer and Fizz Festival has been scheduled for Friday 26 – Sunday 28 September.

The event, which has raised thousands for local charities over the past few years, is held at All Saints Church and offers dozens of real ales, lagers and ciders as well as champagne and prosecco. There will also be great food and live music.

Kids entertainment is also laid on over the weekend with youngsters welcome both Saturday and Sunday.

With four months to go the organisers are calling for support in the form of both sponsorship and volunteers. If you would like to sponsor a keg – either personally or via your business – or have some time to spare to pull pints or welcome attendees, please contact klbeerandfizz@gmail.com



Time to show off your green fingers

Entries for the Parish Council Gardens Competition are now open to anyone with a hanging basket, tub, trough, unusual feature, allotment – or garden.

The competition will be held over the weekend of 26 and 27 July, with the judges, Gerry Angiolini and Alan Johnson, supported by the expertise of Ian Barrow from the Sunnyside Rural Trust; Ian is also happy to share his advice with gardeners about issues or problems in their own gardens. A presentation evening for the winners will be held at Kings Langley Cricket Club on Friday 3 October.

Alan Johnson said 'The competition is a celebration of the English gardener as much as it is of the varieties of garden.

What it is not about is everyone with perfect lawns and pristine flower beds. It's for anyone who has put a little time and effort into their own green space.

'Every year for the gardens competition we always wonder what the weather will be like on the day, but for the gardeners taking part, they're wondering what the weather will be like all year round – if we'll be looking at flower beds or water beds. Fortunately gardeners are an optimistic group of people and always full of surprises. I can't wait.'

Application forms can be obtained from the parish council offices or by emailing KLPC@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Village News contacts: All enquiries, articles, advertisements, and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to kingslangleynews@gmail.com or by post to:

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Creative initiative enriches staff life at Kings Langley School

Kings Langley School is pioneering an innovative new approach to staff wellbeing through a weekly art initiative led by professional artist and Principal Assistant Headteacher, James Tubb.

Every Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm, members of staff gather for relaxed, engaging sessions in oil painting, with a particular focus on creating original portrait artwork.

Far from being just an art class, this initiative is rooted in the belief that creativity is a powerful vehicle for mental health and personal wellbeing. James was motivated to provide staff with sessions that highlight how artistic activities – whether for fun, self-expression, or relaxation – can significantly enhance one's emotional resilience, reduce stress, and foster a sense of connection.

Studies show that engaging in creative activities can reduce anxiety, boost serotonin, and promote emotional resilience. By offering staff the chance to immerse themselves in painting, James is taking a proactive and progressive step toward supporting his colleagues' mental health. He explained how 'it's a time to unwind, reconnect with ourselves and our colleagues, and simply be creative.'

Colleagues from all departments and levels take part, whether seasoned creatives or complete beginners. The shared experience of painting allows for new relationships to be formed and existing ones to deepen – something often lost in the hustle of the school day.



Above; Staff take a break from the demanding teaching environment to produce their own creative works

James plans to further develop this initiative by providing the local community with workshops and projects such as this, as he further develops his profile as a local professional artist focusing on wellbeing.

Kings Langley's Got Talent

Fans of *Britain's Got Talent* will recognise one of the performers at this year's Carnival when Electric Umbrella (pictured below) take to the stage to entertain the crowds.

The group, who received the coveted Golden Buzzer from Simon Cowell – propelling them straight to the live semi-finals – will be back by popular demand for the event on 21 June.

They will be joined by talented local people including primary, secondary school and Community choirs, dancing troupes plus music from The Chevtones. On-stage entertainment kicks off at 12.30pm.

For more info check out Facebook or kingslangleycarnival.com



Allotments available!

Some local allotments have a long waiting list, but there are a few plots available now at the biodynamic allotments at the top of Vicarage Lane, near the ex-Steiner school. Contact kim.blessingsandbliss@gmail.com



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Community Choir celebrates Spring

A packed house enjoyed Kings Langley Community Choir perform alongside the Watford Phoenix Choir at St. Mary's in Watford High Street last month with their concert *Spring me Sunshine*.

The audience was delighted with renditions of all genres including ABBA, the Beatles, Mumford & Sons and Elbow, and from jazz to madrigal.

Thanks go to all at Watford Phoenix Choir for their organisational skills and to St. Mary's Church, in particular to both Musical Directors, Becca Wilkins (KLCC) and David Halstead (WPC).

The Choir will next be seen at the Kings Langley Carnival on 21 June and on 27 June at St. Paul's Church in Chipperfield for their concert with the Rickmansworth Players' Choir – a sell out last year. Full details now available and tickets via www.kingsandplayers.co.uk



Centenary celebration for Bowling Club

Kings Langley Bowling Club is marking 100 years with a series of celebrations and the raising of a centenary flag.

KLBC was formed in 1925 when the green was the lawn of founder member Dr Reginald Fisher. Another founder member was Walter Kingham who ran a printing works in the village. They were soon joined by Edward Toms, the local school master. These names are still familiar in Kings Langley thanks to Fisher Close and Toms Lane.

In 1930 the club moved to a new Three Rink site (now the Telephone Exchange opposite the entrance to the current green) and was affiliated to both the Watford & District and Hertfordshire Bowls Associations. They moved again, in 1973, to their present location. In 1976 their Pavilion was extended thanks to benefactor Jack Arthur, and a further extension to the Pavilion in 1983 gave increased kitchen space and changing rooms.

In 1995 steps were taken to further upgrade the facilities and in recent years many improvements have been made including installation of an Automatic Green Watering System and Visitors Changing Room, complete paving of the Green Surrounds, and the construction of New Flower Beds areas.



Thanks to financial help from members, Dacorum Council, KL Parish Council, and Beechwood Homes, the latest extension to the club house was completed in 2000, the club's 75th Anniversary year.

During this Centenary year improvements are being made to extend the outdoor seating area.

Even if bowling isn't for you, social membership is just £25 and you can enjoy fabulous views across the valley as well as a bar charging club prices. For queries about membership contact Graham Hatch on **07969 057212**.

Above; Dr Fisher bowls the first wood. Below; The outdoor seating area is being improved this year





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Cricket Club unveils new patio area

The Cricket Club is kicking off the new season with a spruced up viewing gallery after their outside space had a makeover.

Work to the paths and patio at the club was possible after a successful fund-raising drive – as well as grants from Sport England and Community Action Dacorum. The committee has thanked everyone involved.

There is still some work to do. The club is looking to buy new furniture for the patio and find some solutions for the residual mud around the patio in the coming weeks to have the clubhouse ready for a great summer of cricket.



Scout Sam awarded highest accolade

A dedicated teen from 1st Kings Langley Scouts has been accorded the King's Scout Award, the highest award available to young people within Scouting.

Sam Penn was handed the award by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire alongside three other Explorers with whom he completed his expeditions. The King's Scout Award is the final award in a series of Chief Scout's Awards and takes several years of dedication and effort to complete.

Sam completed all sections of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, along with some additional requirements under International, Community and Values themes.

As part of the challenge Sam undertook a year of weekly volunteering as a Young Leader with one of 1st Kings Langley's Cub packs, worked towards his third Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo, and spent six months



learning skills in vehicle maintenance to fulfil requirements in the required areas. His qualifying expedition took him to Snowdonia for a four day trip where the group reached the summit of Snowdon (pictured above), navigating and walking in challenging conditions.

They also came to the aid of a team of their younger peers who were completing their own DofE expedition on the mountain that day.

Finally, a five day residential experience with a group of unfamiliar participants and leaders completed the Gold DofE. Sam chose to complete this with The Raptor Foundation in Huntingdon, spending his time learning to care for birds of prey and their habitats.



Walkers prepare for Beating the Bounds

Beating the Bounds is the ancient annual practice of walking around the Parish boundary on Rogation Sunday (the fifth Sunday after Easter).

Rooted in medieval times the practice sees community members walk the boundaries of their parish, serving to reinforce community identity and knowledge of land ownership before the widespread use of maps.

Walk leader, Cllr Alan Anderson said 'The walk passes through beautiful countryside, but it also involves a busy road junction, a padlocked gate and private land, so it has to be organised as a group walk. The whole walk is nine miles long (with escape routes), and there are no facilities on the route, so adequate walking footwear, clothing and provisions – including a packed lunch – are required.'

This year's walk will leave from All Saints in Church Lane at 11am on Sunday 25 May. Please do register your interest by Friday 23 May by calling **01923 262884**.

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How to park legally in and around the High Street

The Nap and Langley Hill car parks, both a minute's walk from the shops, remain FREE of charge but are now restricted to a maximum of 4 hours.

You must register your vehicle for your free parking hours. You can do this either by entering your vehicle's number plate at the machine or by using the PayByPhone app.

Once you've downloaded the app and added your car registration number, it's quick and easy to use thereafter. You must enter your location code:

810391: The Nap car park (max 4 hours free parking)

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There are some additional free parking bays at both ends of the High Street, but with a maximum stay of 30 minutes only.

Please note that the PayByPhone app is automatically set to send you text notifications at £0.20 per park. This is optional. To avoid this charge please go to 'settings' in the app, then 'parking notifications', and turn them off.

When using the app there is an extra £0.05 charge per transaction.

Disabled parking

No change here – Blue badge holders can park in the designated bays while displaying their badge, without registering their car to park, for an unlimited amount of time.

Shopkeepers call for urgent

Business owners in the village have welcomed the council leader's commitment to request a review of the new parking policy, but say it's not enough to save them from possible disaster.

Sian Turner – Home and Garden

Sian Turner said 'My overall feeling is that it needs to be a simpler process – it needs to be the same along the entire high street, with an hour or half an hour free, and machines for people who can't or don't want to use the app.'



'Parking isn't as easy for shop workers but as a result there are more spaces available which makes it far easier for the shopper to find a spot, and the car parks are free – and not that far out!'



Richard Smith – The Langley Butcher:

'When the parking charges started it was the worst fortnight I've had in this shop. People were arriving frustrated and cross

and we were dealing with all that but having to be diplomatic about it.

'We know for years people have been using the car parks to go to the station because by 9am they were full and no shops were open. So it's a Godsend for that, but it's been done wrong – the council haven't explained it well and they've got no machines, just an app.'



Hannah Coleman – Red House Dental:

'We've had patients arrive in tears because they can't work out how to use the app. Appointments have been delayed or missed because people have had trouble with parking, and while we always aim to keep appointments on time inevitably they can run over, delaying the next patient who may only have put a certain amount on the car.'

'It should be one hour free with options for longer. We weren't told when it was going to start – it was a terrible way to have done it. It just seems to be very greedy.'

Stephen Hunt and Sue Hawkins – So Soft Designs:

'They've done this in Harpenden and the village is empty as a result – the town council is now taking St Albans Council to court and I can't blame them. I certainly wouldn't rule out legal action against Dacorum. It's destructive, not practical, and people need to protest.'

'Parking is critical here – people pop down for essentials and then call in other places. In our case people can't pick fabric for curtains when they have a time pressure. We're not saying there shouldn't be any restrictions because some people [abuse it], but maybe having an hour or 30 minutes free then start paying a little would stop the long term parkers.'

Jeff Folkins – Dalling&Co:

'The bureaucrats in Dacorum Borough Council decided what was going to happen without speaking to us. We had more than 3,500 people sign a petition and it was counted as one objection; we were later told people should have objected individually on an online portal. How can they say that's fair? It's a whitewash. They made it as hard as possible to object.'

'The Parish Council gave us as much support as they could and lobbied hard but seem to have been largely ignored.'

'At a time when our business rates have gone up 166% they're now trying to reduce footfall with parking charges. So they've put rates up and impacted our ability to make money.'

'They've done the same in Tring and Berkhamsted but Kings Langley is vastly different. We are far more akin to Bovingdon where there's two hours free and Sundays free – why haven't they done that here? I haven't got a problem with charges – I've argued this for a decade – but I would certainly like to see the council making more than 24% they are getting now. As a



review of new parking rules

PHOTO: BARRY KEMP



There has been confusion in the Nap car park (above) as it is easy to drive right past the parking machine

and there is no further signage indicating the need to go back and enter vehicle details.

management company, Saba gets 76% of all charges.'

Alan Johnson – Parish and Borough Councillor added 'The High Street hasn't changed, the brilliant local shops haven't changed, but the ridiculous limit of no more than one hour in the centre of the village is ludicrous. Instead of listening to local residents, retailers or elected councillors, the Borough Council has simply pressed ahead with a "we know best," approach for Dacorum.

'Suggestions about permits for local workers, increasing the 'free' period to an hour and then charging thereafter – we took our arguments to the decision makers time and again – all were refuted. *Village News* first highlighted the proposals 17 months ago!

'MP Gagan Mohindra held a meeting with traders and offered his full support. He said he would write to the Leader of the Council and that the lack of cars in the High Street and two car parks spoke volumes in reinforcing the message that the Borough Council needed to rapidly rethink its approach.

'No one is suggesting there should be no charges, but restricting the maximum paid stay in the High Street to one hour is killing the footfall we'd normally see seven days a week.'



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Working for the public good – Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting, at the Kings Langley Sixth Form Centre, highlighted once again what a remarkable group of people we have in the village.

Three local organisations received Community Awards in recognition of their contribution. Kings Langley Good Neighbours Association (KLGNA) was started 60 years ago, providing a Helpline 365 days a year to deliver a range of services for those who need a helping hand, eg. lifts to and from medical appointments.

Not far behind is the Waterside Centre which opened 35 years ago to provide a wide range of educational, recreational facilities and socialising opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. This includes training that encourages these adults to achieve their full potential and integrate more fully into their local community.



And finally, the Carnival Committee has been 'running' in its current format for 10 years and has raised £54k for local good causes, broken a Guinness World Record – and organised a barnstorming Carnival every year!

Amongst the speakers were Gagan Mohindra, our local MP, who acknowledged some of the issues facing local residents and his willingness to tackle them on their behalf. Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Jonathan Ash-Edwards listened to the concerns about a rising level of crime and affirmed his readiness to address these.

Other speakers included County Council candidate Richard Roberts, Kings Langley Senior School Head

Teacher David Fisher, Kings Langley Football Club Community Officer Dean Wigzell, and Kings Langley Cricket Club Secretary Milan Bollegala.

Unsurprisingly, the main issue discussed was the introduction of parking charges in the High Street and restrictions in the car park.

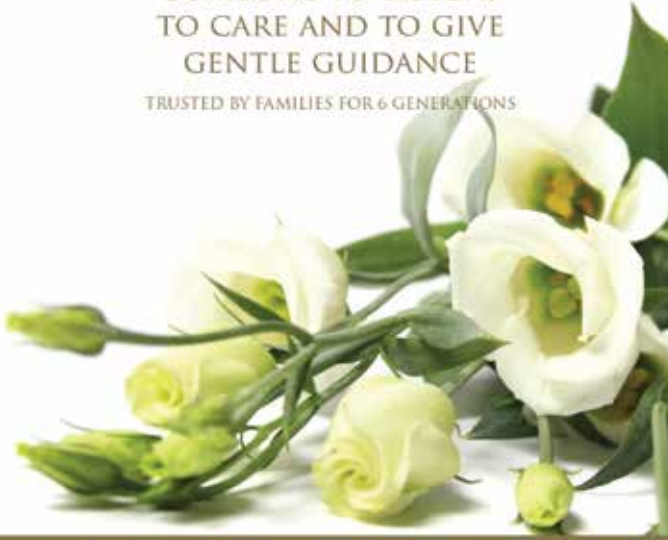


Award winners clockwise; Carnival Committee, The Waterside Centre and Kings Langley Good Neighbours



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Art, music and conversation at the Library

A musical and art event celebrated the Spring opening of the Community Library's Courtyard garden.

The courtyard was complete with a wonderful art installation created by members of the Kings Langley Arts and Craft Society (KLACS) and there was music from band Newkelele.

Organisers extended their thanks to the members of KLACS, the band and to Parish Councillor Alan Johnson, as well as to the library volunteers who installed the art work and prepared the garden for its Spring opening.

If you haven't visited recently, please do drop by to see the work (there are handouts to explain the background to all the tiles and paintings).

Forthcoming evening talks include David Spain on 14 May, presenting more of his historical photographs of Kings Langley, and Chris Foster on 18 June who will present *On the Beat with Holborn's Heroes*, a walking tour of this area inspired by his time as a police constable.



Kings Langley Players celebrate 100 years

Kings Langley Players Chairman Andrew Knight tells us about their centenary celebrations: 'It was a fantastic evening, everyone dressed to impress, with a fantastic disco where everyone danced the night away. We were presented with a 100th year certificate from NODA. I was chairman for the 90th year celebrations, and very very proud to be chairman for this, our 100th year.'

Above; past chairpersons Rebecca Davey, Guy Peskin and Michael Goan help Andrew Knight cut the cake

Developer's attempt to abandon green space promise

A house building company that pledged to include community green space in its development of Rectory Farm has been lambasted for renegeing on the deal by those who fought its initial planning application.

CALA Homes won planning permission to build 135 properties on Green Belt land at an appeal last autumn after promising a dedicated green space to be owned and managed by local charity, Sunnyside Rural Trust, for the benefit of the wider community and as employment for local vulnerable people.

However, CALA Homes recently submitted new planning applications* to Dacorum Borough Council which had removed the environment-focused benefits in order to 'allow for a more efficient, cost-effective and sustainable management of the area'.

The changes included removing the bridges on the site; planting very young whips instead of semi-mature trees as agreed; reducing the amount of open space; reducing the area of the swale (a shallow channel to reduce the risk of flooding); and removal of fishing and viewing platforms along the canal.

**UPDATE – see back page Stop Press...*

1st Homecare wins Gold Award at Home Care Awards 2025

Home care group 1st Homecare, has been named the Most Outstanding Regional Home Care Group at the national Home Care Awards.

The company's CEO, John Rennison, said 'This is a real achievement and we are delighted that all the hard work that has been put into 1st Homecare has paid off. We are truly grateful to every one of our carers and office team who make it all happen, and to our managers for all their hard work too.'

The 1st Homecare Group was founded in 2012 by John and his wife Annabella. The group aims to provide premium home care and live-in care provision across Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Below; Sinead Brooks, John Rennison, Helen Backhouse and TV presenter Sameena Ali-Khan





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Group raises development concerns with MP Gagan Mohindra

Members of the Kings Langley and District Residents Association (KL&DRA) committee met local MP Gagan Mohindra, to discuss six key issues affecting our village.

The proposed Hill Farm development with the lack of infrastructure and increased traffic was raised. There were also concerns about Shendish in DBC's Local Plan submission, and that hundreds of homes at Numbers Farm may be added back into Three Rivers draft Local Plan.



Above: Ann Johnson and Gary Ansell with Gagan Mohindra

The group raised the problem of the catastrophic new parking regulations

with DBC ignoring the collective voice of local people and traders, as well as the changes that CALA Homes were pursuing on the Rectory Farm development (reported on page 9).

Finally they asked if Gagan could help Wayside Farm in their struggle to get their raw milk license back as, if the farm is lost, Hertfordshire County Council could put that site up for even more housing. **See back page Stop Press*

Gary Ansell, chairman of the group, said 'We are saddened that our fabulous village is being hit on so many fronts, but the KL&DRA will not stop fighting to keep our village a village.'

Appeal for return of bobbies on the beat

Parishioners have said they feel more fearful of crime in the village in recent years and have called for an increase in police patrols to address the issue.

At the Kings Langley Parish Council APM last month more than 150 people turned out to listen to various community representatives speak, including Jonathan Ash-Edwards, Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Concerns were raised by a number of attendees about the sense of unease they feel after a perceived increase in domestic and commercial burglaries, car thefts and drug dealing in the area. One said she believed criminals target Kings Langley because it is 'affluent and a soft touch'.

Another told *Village News* 'As a resident in the village for over ten years, the increase in crime rates is a worry, and one that I would anticipate is only likely to grow given the current circumstances of cost of living and a lack of support for those truly in need.'

'A greater police presence, particularly around the station, and access points to the village, as well as at events such as the Carnival, could mitigate these criminal acts and allay residents' concerns. It would help build more positive relationships between the police and the younger people of the village.'

Members of the public also criticised the lack of visibility, and the struggles they have had identifying the village's dedicated police officer and PCSO.

Ash-Edwards, who had earlier addressed the meeting, said he would raise the issue with the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire police. He said 'I hear you loud and clear. Thank you for your feedback – I will relay your fears to the Chief Constable and get a plan put in place which will hold him to account.'

Walk or run to rebuild lives at the DENS Woodland Trail

Homeless charity DENS is inviting local residents to join their new fundraising event, the *Woodland Trail*.

On Saturday 21 June, this exciting challenge invites participants to walk or run five or 10 miles, immersing themselves in stunning woodland scenery while making a real difference in the community.

Whether you're a runner, a keen walker, or someone in the community eager to push yourself to complete a long-distance route, the DENS *Woodland Trail* offers something for everyone.

Wendy Lewington, DENS CEO, said 'We're excited to offer a fantastic outdoor experience for local people, while raising much-needed funds for those most vulnerable in our community.' To secure your place visit www.dens.org.uk/trail



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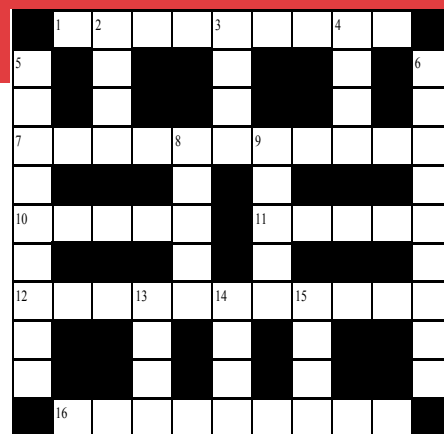
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Lorene Preston, winner of our Xword 43 competition, was presented with her prize gift voucher kindly donated by Oscar Russo. 'I have a birthday coming up, so will look forward to celebrating with friends at Oscars Pizza Co., with either a pizza or some spicy seafood and a glass of wine,' she said. Oscar, who has been active within the company since he was 15 years old, promised her a warm welcome.

Prize Xword

*For this issue, our prize is a **£25 voucher to spend at The Kitchen at Inspired** for the first correct entry to be drawn from the hat! To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 13 June 2025.*



Prize Xword No. 44 set by Andrew Selby

Across

- 1 Village byway all mixed up in a dire stew! (9)
- 7 Type of salad dressing (11)
- 10 Dance (5)
- 11 Shocking or sensational (5)
- 12 A Village toxophile might wish to live here! (6,5)
- 16 Village cul-de-sac (4,5)

- 8 Visual representation (5)
- 9 A surviving but outdated object (5)
- 13 A bit of time (4)
- 14 A well-known and long-standing former military corps (1,1,1,1)
- 15 Bathing place nestling within a Nepali doorway! (4)

Down

- 2 Part of a nerve cell (4)
- 3 Jangle (4)
- 4 Quick and neatly skilful (4)
- 5 Drive gear that leads to a local watercourse! (5,4)
- 6 A minor improvement (9)

Answers to Crossword No: 43

Across: 1 Palace Close, 5 Cobra, 7 Nesh, 9 Prof, 11 Tamarin, 12 Earl, 14 Fowl, 15 Opera, 16 Tylers Close, **Down:** 1 Plantagenet, 2 Arch, 3 Leap, 4 Egg Farm Lane, 6 Bizarre, 8 Sitar, 10 Rondo, 13 Lode, 14 Fail

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For further information please email kingslangleywi@gmail.com

Details of monthly meetings will also appear on the Kings Langley Matters facebook group.

Jazz

Kings Langley Jazz Club

Kings Langley Services Club Theatre Bar
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Live Bands! Every Tuesday night 8.15pm.
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See posters for details or telephone 01923 262982

Woodside u3a

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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 – 12.30pm.

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 events:

20 May: 'A Life on Rails', Bill Davies

17 June: 'HMS India and Her Men', Rebecca Clarke

15 July: 'Victorian Hard Times', Graham Harrison

Contact the secretary, Mark Stannard on 07887 655292 or markstannard@hotmail.com for further information.

***STOP PRESS – as Village News went to print it was confirmed that:**

- Wayside Farm have resumed their sale of raw milk
- DBC refused CALA Homes' new planning application on the grounds that 'The changes go beyond those considered to be non-material...' The Council's full ruling can be found on tinyurl.com/46wcenue



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