

Opening the floodgates?

Village Issues: View from the Parish Council

The key issue affecting the village is the Dacorum Borough Council plan to flood Kings Langley with housing development.

Residents have now received a letter outlining our plan to maintain opposition and communicate updates – a DBC decision is due late summer/autumn 2018. We remain opposed to any development in the Green Belt.

Rectory Farm has been purchased by a developer for a rumoured £8.5 million. Informal talks suggest around 80 residences could be built on the site – twice the amount which could already be built on the footprint of the barns.

The developer offered to allocate some of the land to the Council as a village amenity, and access could be via the A4251 creating an additional junction on the Hempstead Road. Of course, such 'promises' are not binding at this stage.

The Parish Council is pressing Hertfordshire County Council for a clear statement about whether Wayside Farm is to be sold, and whether the green belt between Kings Langley and Watford is to be retained.

The development of the Sappi site at Nash Mills has worsened traffic issues in Apsley and on Red Lion Lane, with parking there on both sides of the road day and night. Development at Shendish with access via Rucklers Lane or onto the A4251, would only exacerbate this.

The High Street 'pinch point' continues to cause regular holdups. Plans to remove parking spaces have been abandoned – one option being considered is to cut away the bank widening the road but this is expensive and no budget is available in this year.

Long stay parking in the High Street continues to be a problem despite the current 1 hour limit. Enforcement has not been regular or consistent, however the Council is changing its parking enforcement contractor so we will seek an urgent meeting to

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press for better patrolling of the High Street to prevent this issue, as well as investigating additional parking availability in the Nap.

Finally, and sadly, the Village Warden has resigned after 5 years in the post. Thanks to George and good luck for the future. – *Cllr. Bob McLean*

Gold Award for Primary School



Proudly showing off their School Games Mark gold award plaque!

Kings Langley Primary School has been awarded the Gold Level for School Games. This is an outstanding achievement, recognising time and effort that is put into encouraging children to participate in sport related activities inside and outside of school.

Using the government's Sports Premium Funding, we employ our own Sports Apprentice and our own Sports Coach. Both posts have been instrumental in broadening our intra and inter-school competitions. We also have two Sports Ambassadors and two activity leaders from year 6 who act as great role models for children in the younger years. Well done Kings Langley!

We're Back!

We're back, because since *Village Life* ceased publication, there has been a feeling in the village that the communication gap should be filled. People want to know what's going on, to have an independent forum for discussion of matters which are important to them – Green Belt development proposals for instance.

So, with the support and encouragement of the Parish Council, a group of local residents came together to see if a replacement newspaper was possible. After much hard work, with time freely given, this first edition of *Village News* has emerged. We are grateful to the army of volunteers who are distributing it and supporting us.

We aim to be a high-quality paper produced **by** local people **for** local people. This is your newspaper. We need your input of articles, expressions of opinion, reports of recent events, plans for the future, publicity for charitable and voluntary groups – anything Kings Langley for which you have a special concern or interest. Please send photos too!

We'll profile people who make significant contributions to village life. If you have an interesting story to tell, or know someone who has, we'd love to hear from you. We hope for regular contributions from our schools about their news, and the exciting and challenging work done by teachers and pupils.



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Production of a local newspaper costs money! We depend upon advertising income to enable us to produce and deliver the newspaper free to everyone in our community. To advertise in future editions, please enquire for sizes and rates (see our contact details below).

How else can you help?

If you want to get involved– reporting on local events or lending your expertise to the publication, please get in touch! And see page 3 to find out how to join the Friends of the Kings Langley News Association to help us get off the ground.

Join and support us in this exciting new venture and enjoy your only local village newspaper!
kingslangleynews@gmail.com

Down Memory Lane



It was May 1992 when the first *Villager* was published. I believe it was the brainchild of John and Elizabeth Rafferty who recruited Phil and Ann Farrer (Phil was responsible for the printing), Andrew Selby for editorial, along with me responsible for putting some local sports news on the back page. Mary Horton was also involved and was mainly responsible for the Langley Lives feature. Lots of meetings took place at the Rafferty's house in Langley Hill and *The Villager* got off the ground.

In Issue No.1 an article documented the history of the Langley Times, the paper that *The Villager* finally replaced after 22 years.

Tasked with reporting on local sport for *The Villager*, naturally I was reliant on clubs and individuals providing news items. – *Tony Thompson*

Contacts for your local Village News...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements, and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to kingslangleynews@gmail.com

Or by post to: *The Editor, Kings Langley Village News, c/o Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley WD4 9HR*

The next edition of *Village News* will be printed in May, the last date for copy and advertising is Friday 13 April.



Left: Brecon Forest Farmhouse

As well as the opportunity to meet old school friends, there will be a licensed bar, a Hog Roast and other refreshment outlets. There will be organised activities on the field for children, a Grand Draw with some fantastic prizes, and displays of memorabilia from the fifty years in Wales. Sixth formers will run tours of the new school building – which many have yet to see.

To support the Trust in maintaining the Farmhouse there is a small entry fee to the event, and for catering purposes the organisers ask everyone to buy tickets in advance (online at forestfarmhouse50.eventbrite.co.uk).

More information about the Farmhouse and its availability can be found on the website breconforestfarmhouse.org.uk, and Ian Hall, Chairman of the Trust, will take enquiries and offers of sponsorship for the event on 0800 6891782.

Anniversary celebration

This year sees the 50th Anniversary of the Kings Langley School Outdoor Education Centre!

Villagers who are past students of Kings Langley School may have attended courses in Wales at the Outdoor Education Centre, now known as the Brecon Forest Farmhouse.

To celebrate fifty years of the Farmhouse, the charitable trust which runs it are hosting a massive reunion at the school on Saturday 30th June (3pm - 9.30pm). A steering group of past students and teachers have been planning it since last September and already many people have shown interest.

Kings Langley Evergreen Club

The Kings Langley Evergreen Club is flourishing. We meet every other Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre in The Nap. We offer free transport for those who live in the village.

Coming up we have a talk about the Waterways Experience and the Grand Union Canal, and a talk about everything on offer from our Library – it's no longer just a place to borrow books!

We are planning our annual outing to a Thames side restaurant in June. Come

along and join this very friendly group for entertainment, fun, friendship, quizzes and much more.

Call Ann Martin on 01923 267604 for details.

Come and hear about the Waterways Experience on the Grand Union Canal



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50 years of Christian Aid in Kings Langley

The pictures could be from anywhere. Emaciated child, skin and bones, struggling for life. This time it was a child from Bangladesh, one of thousands with their families escaping ethnic cleansing in Myanmar. A doctor talked to BBC news; movingly he told of how the sight of such children brought tears to his eyes, and it would be worse, he said, if he couldn't do anything about it. Somehow being able to give medical help enabled him to feel that in a small way he was making a difference.

We know that emergency aid and longer-term development makes a difference. Christian Aid locally (and nationally) is part of that work to make a difference to the poorest parts of our world. In 2017 we raised £11,400 in Kings Langley and are grateful to all the volunteers, villagers and businesses who support our work.



Christian Aid discuss climate change with MP Mike Penning and Tik

This aid is given to those in most need, where it can be used most effectively and regardless of religion, sex or nationality. Our funds are matched by the UK Government on key campaigns, for instance improving maternal and new-born health care in Kenya, Malawi and Nigeria.

This year we celebrate 50 years of Christian Aid in Kings Langley with a United Service at Kings Langley School on April 22 at 10.30am, and we are

delighted that Dr. Rowan Williams – former Archbishop of Canterbury – will be our speaker. Please join us!

Looking forward, we want to work with more people: If you want to talk about helping make a difference, please email: paul.tucker@btinternet.com. Together we can continue to help those disadvantaged by the injustices in our world and support them to become more independent and realise their full potential. – Paul Tucker

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HELP!



I was on duty with the Good Neighbours Helpline, wondering what sort of requests I would receive. We had enquiries about the Evergreen Club, an urgent appointment at Watford Hospital, a series of visits to Mount Vernon Hospital, and a son in a distant town wondering if we could help his parents with their shopping.

Most people get our number from the doctors' surgery or our website (www.klgn.org). We limit our scope to clients who live within the WD4 boundary (Abbots Langley and Chipperfield have similar organisations). Once a call has been noted we match our client with an available driver, who then calls them to arrange details. We are totally dependent on the goodwill of our team of volunteers, some regular, others on an occasional basis.

If you are local and have some spare time, please give us a ring! We need drivers to take clients for medical visits, local pick-ups for the Lunch Club on Tuesdays, as well as volunteers for other services like gardening or DIY.

We currently have some dining places available for our Tuesday Lunch Club – join us and have a delicious meal and wonderful company for just £6: call 07527 907128. Good Neighbours Helpline: 07790 668672 – Mira Masters

Streaming services from All Saints

Did you know we now keep the church open every day, 9.30am to 5pm? We're amazed by the number of people who have visited and written in the visitors' book. Remember that All Saints is the parish church for everyone in Kings Langley, not just those who attend on Sundays! Come and enjoy the beauty, peace and tranquillity of your fine historic church with its royal connections; you will be most welcome.



Available live and for 'catch-up', services from All Saints

Now we are planning to bring our Sunday morning services into the homes of those who can't get to church. It is a free service funded by The Joseph Rank Trust, who aim to enable church services to be enjoyed by those who are less able to participate in regular worship, particularly in care homes, and it is already in operation in several other churches. Our service will be broadcast live and available online or via a smart TV – plans are well-advanced and ready to go 'live' imminently.

Social and fund-raising events planned for 2018 include a Wine Tasting in

the church hall on 18th May, and our Quiz Night on 21st September at the Community Centre, as well as a number of concerts in the church.
– Richard Garnett Harper and Brian McAdam, Churchwardens

For details of all our activities go to www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/allsaints or like us on Facebook @allsaintskingslangley

Kings Langley Information Forum (KLIF) is a group of representatives from various national, local and voluntary organisations aiming to increase the well-being of older, lonely and less mobile people in the village.

We organise events to which everyone in the village is invited, the next being a HEALTH AND WELL BEING DAY on

What is KLIF?

4th May at the Community Centre in The Nap. Come and learn about local activities which you might not be aware of, and services offered by organisations such as Age UK Dacorum and Community Action Dacorum.

KL Good Neighbours will be there, who offer transport to medical appointments, a weekly Lunch Club, and the Evergreen Social Club. Timings are still to be finalised but put 4th May in your diaries and keep an eye on village notice boards for more information. *Any questions in the meantime, call Ann Martin 01923 267604*

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DENS – support in Dacorum



Foodbank, emergency food supplies; and DENS Enterprises, creating income.

The Foodbank is one of many operating around the country providing emergency food parcels to people in need, and it relies entirely on generous donations from schools, churches, and local companies, as well as donations from the general public.

DENS is Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter based in Hemel Hempstead. It began when the Salvation Army saw people sleeping rough in the town centre and set up a project sheltering homeless people overnight, mostly in church halls, with a hot evening meal and breakfast.

These days DENS provides a number of integrated services: The Elms, temporary emergency accommodation; DENS Day Centre, advice and a daytime haven; DENS Rent Aid, a deposit guarantee and support scheme with private landlords; DENS Dacorum




You may believe that the need for a Foodbank is largely absent in Kings Langley but there are many needy families in Dacorum who rely heavily upon such support. Until now there has been no central donation point in Kings Langley – but now that All Saints' Church is open daily (9.30am – 5pm), you can leave a Foodbank donation in the black bin on the steps of the tower inside the church. These donations are taken weekly to the central hub in Hemel Hempstead, from where they are distributed to the eight foodbank centres in the area.

Please support this excellent charity as it works to help needy people. There are more details at www.dens.org.uk where you can find lists of items currently on the high needs list.

*Top left: a hot meal for the homeless
Left: donations are delivered to Hemel's central hub by members of The Waterside Centre*

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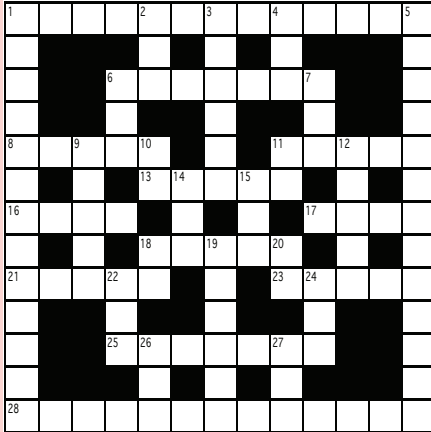
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Prize Xword

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Prize Xword No. 1 set by Andrew Selby



Across

- 1 Describes one who has changes of mood that are unreasonable (13)
- 6 Windless here and on high. Can be seen from many places in Kings Langley! (7)
- 8 Spore producing organisms (5)
- 11 Important part of the Gade Valley's heritage (5)
- 13 Term to describe someone who is well-known (5)
- 16 Diffuse cloud of gas and dust around a comet (4)
- 17 Tree that has five-lobed leaves (4)
- 18 Greeting (5)
- 21 Large Asian country (5)
- 23 Dental thread (5)
- 25 Looking within a local angle yields something that unites our two Villages! (7)
- 28 Process where a Bill is presented to Parliament, normally followed by a debate and then a vote (6, 7)

Down

- 1 A straight cliff reconstructed into highway control devices! (7, 6)
- 2 Very large bird (3)
- 3 Even if, in one word (6)
- 4 A very, very long time period (3)
- 5 Intersection of road and rail with a barrier arrangement (5, 8)
- 6 Suddenly pull (3)
- 7 In short, Europe's equivalent of NASA (3)
- 9 Member of group continually wandering with their animals to new pastures (5)
- 10 Being enclosed by something (2)
- 11 Elementary speaking, is this a diplomatic metal? (2)
- 12 A Mexican snack found lurking in a chocolate? (5)
- 14 Number (3)
- 15 Slender fish (3)
- 18 Exclamation (2)
- 19 Used for financial accounts (6)
- 20 Connecting word to express a relationship between one thing and another (2)
- 22 Unwell (3)
- 24 Put something down (3)
- 26 A stiff bristle growing from a cereal's flower (or ear) (3)
- 27 A long, distinct historical period (3)



The Waterside Centre

If you have wandered along Waterside, you may have wondered what goes on in this small blue building!

The Waterside Centre is a day centre for adults with learning disabilities. Each day 25-30 people attend and engage in meaningful activities, form friendships, learn new skills and feel part of the community. They have a wide range of learning disabilities and some also have problems with mobility, autism, mental health challenges, or sensory difficulties.

Activities include sewing, woodwork, cooking, literacy and numeracy, music, art and craft. We like to get out and about, so if you see us on a walk along the canal, or in one of the local cafés, please say 'hello' – we like to stop and chat, we are really good at that!



This year, we plan to open a small shop in our shed selling some of the things we have made, all of which have character of their own, just like us.

If you would like to know more, we welcome visitors: on a pre-arranged visit, or come along to one of our coffee mornings – we would love to meet you.

www.thewatersidecentre.co.uk Manager: Donna Bowman 01923 260092

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a great way to keep your home and community safe, as well as help reduce crime. You can join more than 770 households in Kings Langley and be part of NHW now.

Crime is often lower where there are active watch schemes in place. Neighbours look out for each other, keeping an eye on properties and sharing crime prevention advice.

NHW members receive regular local policing updates and alerts from your Police Safer Neighbourhood Team via email or telephone, using



Hertfordshire's award winning Online Watch Link (OWL) communication system. These include crime prevention tips and how you can help look out for stolen property or find missing people. Members can volunteer to be a street coordinator, looking after a number of homes and acting as a point of contact.

Currently, we can contact more than one in four households across Dacorum using the OWL system, but we encourage more residents to sign up now.

Find out more: See www.owl.co.uk or email me, PCSO Ian Martin, ian.martin2@herts.pnn.police.uk



Music

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Women's Institute

WI

Kings Langley Community Centre
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Bridge



Kings Bridge Club

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap
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Contact the Secretary John Addy on 01923 264171
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Gade Dog Training Society

Kings Langley Community Centre
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www.gadedogs.com

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Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane
Parish Council Meetings are 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
Telephone 01923 261828 or email klpc@dacorum.gov.uk

Country Market

Kings Langley Community Centre, back hall.

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Art

Life drawing sessions

The Forum, Frogmore Paper Mill's Visitor Centre
Untutored drawing.
First Sunday of each month 11am – 4pm

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Transition in Kings Langley

Parish Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.
Open meetings, all welcome.
Every third Saturday monthly 10.00am – 12noon.

Local Produce Market

High Street, Kings Langley.
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Growing vegetables

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