



# Village News

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION:

## The time is now!

The call for action on climate change has been in the news recently – there is a growing realisation that positive measures have to be taken now to stop carbon emissions and the damage they are doing to our world.

Christian Aid has been making this point for many years, and specifically that the impact is always felt the most by the poorest in the world who have the least resources to defend their homes and livelihoods.

Against this background, representatives from Christian Aid and Transition in Kings participated in a national lobby of Parliament on 26 July. They were pleased to meet with Sir Mike Penning MP and discuss this important issue with him in the context of Parliament agreeing that the UK will achieve 'net zero greenhouse gases' by 2050.

The importance of good local transport and planting trees locally was highlighted as well as financial

incentive support for solar panels and other renewables. When pressed for details of how the Government will monitor progress towards 2050, Sir Mike encouragingly said he thought an independent body should review this and enforceable targets should be put in place, additionally suggesting that a Minister in the Government should have overall responsibility for ensuring all Departments fully contribute.

This has been further backed up by local Councils declaring a 'Climate Emergency'.

However there is much to be done and it will be for us all to keep a watchful eye on those who have responsibility for taking this forward.

*Members of Christian Aid KL and TIK met with Sir Mike Penning MP*

## Hertfordshire 2020 Year of Culture

Culture is taking centre stage during 2020, as part of a year-long campaign to showcase Hertfordshire's creative opportunities.

Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020 (HYOC2020) will put the spotlight on arts, culture and heritage across the county.

Activities, special events and experiences will be taking place during 12 themed months that look to celebrate different types of art, share cultural experiences and explore our creative heritage. Months include promoting local museums and theatres, exploring the county's culture in our towns and parks, encouraging you to try something new or get involved with volunteering.

So, no matter what art and culture means to you – there will be something for everyone.

To find out more about HYOC2020 visit the website at [www.HYOC2020.org.uk](http://www.HYOC2020.org.uk) follow on [twitter.com/HYOC2020](https://twitter.com/HYOC2020) and [facebook.com/HertsYOC2020](https://facebook.com/HertsYOC2020) to keep up to date with the campaign as it develops.

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## Christ Church Baptist at the carnival

Christ Church Baptist's refreshment tent at the Carnival raised £570 which was sent to their chosen charity for 2019: Lake Mantasoa School in Madagascar.

In one of the poorest countries in the world, where malnourishment and infant mortality are high, the school is in a remote area on the shore of a reservoir. Started by a British couple, Mary and Martin, there are about 200 students from kindergarten to Year 6. All costs of buildings, teaching and support staff are funded by donations, so attendance is free.

The donation has already been put towards construction of new classrooms. Thank you to all who enjoyed refreshments at the Carnival – your support is helping this remote and unique school in Madagascar!



PHOTO: KIM GOODE

### Fancy an Allotment?

This is the time of year when all the work of the Winter and Spring really pays off.

Abundant strawberries have been followed by pounds of raspberries, cucumbers, tomatoes, spinach, onions and loads more. The bee keepers are collecting honey and the allotments are very friendly – recently getting together for a shared barbecue.

If you are interested in growing your own organic food and flowers in the village, please contact Kim or Gareth Goode [bim@waitrose.com](mailto:bim@waitrose.com) or telephone 07969 488541).

## Village News contacts...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to: [kingslangleynews@gmail.com](mailto: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, Hertfordshire WD4 9HR

The next edition of *Village News* will be available in November 2019, the deadline for copy and advertising is Friday 18 October 2019.

## Kings Langley Gardens Competition Results

Winners of the Best Kept Garden Competition, run by the Parish Council, are confirmed as follows (the Best Overall Garden will be announced at the presentation evening in October):

### Best Newcomer:

1st Marie Walker, 2nd Margaret Brown

### Best Wildlife Garden:

Joint 1st Pam Litton, Janet Taylor

### Best Front Garden:

Wendy & Wayne Rycraft

### Best Small Front Garden:

Gill & Alan Busby

### Best Back Garden:

John North

### Best Large Back Garden:

Jo & Rob Kedgley

### Best Small Back Garden:

Jill Hunt

### Best Overall Small Garden:

Mr & Mrs Fry

### Best Front and Back Garden:

Joint 1st Team Rob, Allen Bentley

### Best Contemporary Garden:

Brian Swan

### Outstanding Contribution Over Many Years:

Freda Marshall & Family

### Highly Commended/Special Award:

Patricia Hill

### Best Hanging Baskets, Tubs and Troughs:

Margaret Beaman

### Best Outstanding Feature:

Irena & Leslie Tomkins

### Best Water Feature:

Alban Wareham

### Best Professionally Maintained Garden:

Mrs S Whiteman

### Best Commercial Premises:

Rockview Guest House

### Best Commercial in the High Street:

So Soft Designs

### Best Licensed Premises:

Joint 1st Kings Langley Services Club, The Red Lion

### Best Allotment Plot:

#### Sunderlands Yard

1st Plot 5B, 2nd Plot 12, 3rd Plot 6B

#### Highly Commended:

Plot 10A, Plot 11A

### Best Allotment Plot:

#### Red Lion Lane

1st Plot 2B, 2nd Plot 3A

#### Highly Commended:

Eddie & Elise Davies, Nick & Clare Currie, The Kitchen at Inspired, Pauline Button, Mr & Mrs Carter, The Waterside Centre

*Irena and Leslie Thomkins' beautiful floral truck, which won them Best Outstanding Feature award*



PHOTO: K.L.P.C.



# Wedding final  for Community Choir...

With accompaniment by the Chinnor Silver Band and the church organ, the Community Choir's summer season reached a resounding final  at a wedding at St Lawrence, Abbots Langley in July.

The Choir greeted the arriving guests with Elbow's *One Day Like This* and Queen's *Somebody To Love*, led the congregation through the hymns and performed Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* and Queen's *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* during the signing of the Register. Finally, they serenaded the happy couple down the aisle with the Beatles *All You Need Is Love*.

A week earlier the Choir made a successful first appearance at West Wycombe Park, performing two forty-five minute sets from the steps of the palladian house to an enthusiastic audience relaxing in the sweeping grounds of this National Trust property.

Following the holiday break, the Choir returns to weekly rehearsals in early

September (Tuesday evenings at the Langley Hill Independent School) with Musical Director Katie Teage ready to introduce new songs to the repertoire.

The first performance of the autumn season will be at Kings Langley Library (Saturday 5 October at 11am) as part of Communities Week.

New members are always welcome (contact Pat Waterton on 07714 701316) and information on future performances can be found at [www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk](http://www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk).

*Above; in performance at the wedding. Below; Local reader Gordon Bates captured this image of the choir at the Village Carnival this year*



PHOTO: GORDON BATES



## Why not volunteer for the Poppy Appeal?

Each year hundreds of thousands of amazing volunteers help The Royal British Legion to raise millions of pounds during the Poppy Appeal. We couldn't do it without them!

Poppy Appeal Collectors are the face of the Legion during the Poppy Appeal and help collect donations whilst distributing thousands of Poppies across the country. They raise vital funds, helping provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces Community.

Make a difference to the lives of those in need in the Armed Forces community and make a difference to your own life too. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer and make a difference.

The Poppy Appeal runs during October-November. For this year, applications must be received by 16 September.

If you can spare some time locally as a collector, distributor or other role please get in touch. Call 07850 584459 or email [poppyappeal@hotmail.com](mailto:poppyappeal@hotmail.com) Find out more online: [bit.ly/kl-poppy](http://bit.ly/kl-poppy)

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## Parish Plan update

Things are moving on with the Kings Langley Parish Plan. After publishing the report on the survey findings in June, it's time to turn these findings into actions.

The vision statement is:

*'To preserve and enhance what villagers most value about Kings Langley in line with the priorities suggested by the 2019 Parish Plan Survey – its village status, environmental action, greenbelt, proximity to open countryside, canal, woods and common, its thriving high street and strong sense of community.'*

Four working groups have been set up tasked with working towards this vision:

- 1 Environment Working Group**  
– recycling, energy saving, local food growing
- 2 High Street, parking and congestion working group**  
– parking and bottleneck in the high street
- 3 Recreation working group**  
– access to open spaces and recreational facilities especially for teenagers and young adults
- 4 Neighbourhood Plan Working group**  
– planning land use and future developments to contribute to supporting the initiatives proposed by the other working groups

The working groups are now established and meeting – there's a lot to do and if you'd like to get involved in any of them, email John Morrish [john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk)

The Parish Council has applied to Dacorum Borough Council to write a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish which will consider how and where future development could take place in the parish – these plans establish planning policies and play an important part in decisions on planning applications.

DBC is asking for residents' views on whether the proposed plan area is appropriate. The deadline for receiving comments on the plan area is 5pm on Friday 18 October 2019. You can find out more and comment online here: [bit.ly/kl-nplan](http://bit.ly/kl-nplan)

Paper copies of the consultation documents are available at The Forum Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley Parish Council offices and Kings Langley Community Library.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE PUMP

The parish council holds a 'High Street surgery' every other month on the same Saturday morning as the local food market, providing an opportunity for villagers to tackle their parish councillors on any topic and get updates on local issues.

Recently updates were shared about the two Motorway Service Area applications being considered at Junction 20 and between Junctions 16/17, the motion on climate change passed by the Borough Council, and familiar themes of parking and protecting the Green Belt.

'It's a great opportunity to talk to locals about anything and everything that interests or concerns them,' explained Howard Button. 'It also provides the perfect excuse to buy some of the wonderful organic veg or local bread and cheese!'

The Village Garden now has a small group of volunteers offering their help with weeding, tidying and watering (at this time of year) and then seasonal tasks, such as bulb planting,



PHOTO: KPC

autumn leaf sweeping, cutting back, transplanting as and when required. 'The opportunity to volunteer was made in response to many of the people who visit the garden offering their services,' said Councillor Andrew Hubberstey. 'You can offer as little or as much time as you like; at the moment we are suggesting getting together the first Friday of the month from 2pm.'

The parish council marked the retirement of Gary Lewis after 17 years as Head Teacher of Kings Langley School with a special award in recognition of his magnificent contribution to young peoples' education; the council were subsequently delighted to see the results of a recent County Council inspection of Kings Langley Primary School.

The report noted that 'in all classes visited the children were engaged in their learning and carrying out the tasks set by their teachers to the best of their ability. The children are overwhelmingly happy at Kings Langley and are, rightly, proud of their school.' Councillor Rene de Silva added 'Both the council, the Head Teacher and her staff want all our young children to feel equally valued and safe, thereby inspiring a love of learning. It is great to see this has been recognised by the local education authority.'

*Paul Savin and Cllr. Andrew Hubberstey are encouraging volunteers to help tend the Village Garden*

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## An invitation to Lunch!

Walking round the Good Neighbours' Tuesday Lunch Club the other day, you could overhear snippets of conversation such as, 'Wasn't the Fish Mornay delicious?', 'Will you be following the Test Match?', 'The staff here are so welcoming and they all look so young and lively'.

Further comments were then requested on why folk enjoy the Lunch Club: 'It's such a good way to meet new people', 'You can book transport from door to door', 'People give you tips about outings such as the "Door to Store" service once a fortnight', 'You have a lovely meal and don't have to do the washing up!'

There are currently a couple of spare places and it's so easy to book up, so why not come to try it one week or suggest it to one of the many people who live alone in our village?

Call the Lunch Club and leave a message, it won't be long before you get a reply: **07527 907128**.



PHOTO: CHRIS PETTIT

## 100 years of Kings Langley WI



**Kings Langley Women's Institute was formed on 7 July 1919: the first president was Mrs Georgiana E Bradford and their first meeting was held in the old Vicarage.**

The WI has survived in the village due to its continued changing with the times, and members have celebrated in style in this special year, starting by giving out jam tarts to everyone at the carnival, being well known for their jam making skills of course!

39 members enjoyed a delicious celebratory dinner at Hunton Park Hotel with prosecco to start, many sharing their own amusing anecdotes and thoughts of being a member of the WI. The birthday cake was cut by two older members – Joy Townley and Win Curran – both in their nineties.

Finally, a shrub has been planted in the village garden with a plaque to



PHOTOS: JEAN GRANGER

mark the occasion of 100 years of the WI in Kings Langley. With thanks to the Parish Council for their generous donation of the plant for the Village Garden.

– Joyce Gray, 29th president

*Above: WI members celebration at Hunton Park. Two of our oldest members Win Curran and Joy Townley with the president Joyce Gray and past presidents Wendy Buckland, Margaret Dicks and Rene Gardner, cutting the birthday cake*

## Kings Langley Women's Group – the work of Emmaus

**What is Emmaus? Is it a village near Jerusalem, or the name of a second hand furniture shop? And how on earth do you pronounce it?**

You may have seen their furniture shops, but Emmaus is more than that; it's a charity that provides a home for the homeless with work and training for those who are part of its community.

It restores dignity and self-respect to people who have experienced

homelessness and social exclusion, enabling them to get back on their feet. No handouts, just people working together.

Research has shown a significant return on this community investment with savings to healthcare, the benefits bill, and reduction in crime and reoffending.

Oh, and it's pronounced 'e-may-us'!

*If you want to know more about Emmaus and its work, come along to the Kings Langley Women's Group meeting on Wednesday 8 October, 7.45pm, at Kings Langley Cricket Club. Free entry but donations to Emmaus welcomed.*



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## World Scout Jamboree 2019

Two Kings Langley Scouts, Timmy Gower and Becky Harding, have just returned from the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA.

It was the largest youth gathering on the planet – 40,000 Scouts from around 150 countries as well as 5,000 volunteer staff and thousands of day visitors. Hertfordshire sent three units of 40 Scouts among the 4,000 Scouts from the UK.

Bear Grylls – Chief Ambassador of World Scouting and UK Chief Scout – opened the event with each country presenting their flag with music and dancing. At the closing of the ceremony, hundreds of illuminated synchronised drones flew together to make the shape of the Jamboree logo, the map of the world, and scouting emblems.

The event ran for 12 days at Bechtel Summit reserve, a campsite bigger than Central London, and Scouts could take part in hundreds of activities such as climbing, white water rafting, scuba diving, riding huge zip wires and mountain hiking.

There were opportunities to learn about other countries, the environment, technology, science, and even to speak to the International Space Station!


On Culture day each camp showcased the food, traditions, activities and dress of their country – a lot of tea was drunk on the UK camps! Scouts swapped badges, scarves and clothing

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## Herts Open Studios 2019 this September?

From 7–29 September Herts Open Studios brings art into the heart of our communities across Hertfordshire in three weeks of inspiration, discovery and rich opportunity.

Established almost 30 years ago, it's a popular and well-established part of the Hertfordshire annual art calendar.

With 71 venues around our county, professional and amateur visual artists, makers and designers are opening up their homes, studios, exhibitions and events to the public, there's something for everyone.

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*hundreds of illuminated drones were synchronised to form the shapes in the night sky. An exuberant Becky and Timmy give the event the thumbs up. Scouts from all over the world brought their colours from around the world at the remarkable 12 day gathering.*

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## Scouts; always prepared

'I can never understand it when I hear people say there is nothing for our children to do,' insists 1st Kings Langley Scout Group Leader Gavin Howard at their AGM, 'in the Scouts they can try their hand at abseiling, archery, trampolining, kayaking, climbing, skittles, zipwire, go karts and much more – all with the Scout Group and all within the village.'

The AGM saw Ollie Coles 'invested' as a Section Assistant, Alan Johnson receive a 20-year service award as Chair of 1st Kings Langley and Bill Burgess receive a special presentation upon his retirement from the Group after 25 years' service. Scouts and nearly 100 parents attended the AGM, with go-karts and a BBQ to follow!

This year Kings Langley started a second Scout Troop (ages 10.5 to 14) and is looking to start a third Beaver Troop (ages 6 to 8) in the next year. Beaver Scout Leaders Paul Govier and Simon Pilling received five-year service awards and were excited by the prospect of a third troop but sounded a note of caution. 'We need more adult leaders to make this happen,' said Simon. 'Making that contribution to the lives of young people is really rewarding.' It's also a fast-track into scouting for anyone with a child on the waiting list!

Interested? Contact Gavin Howard at [gsl@kingslangleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@kingslangleyscouts.org.uk)

## Exhibition of art from local 'beginner' artists

The library is playing host to an exhibition of art work by local people.

Those whose work will be shown have been attending classes in the community centre led by artist Clive Duff-Gordon, and many of them have never painted before. The exhibition's title is: 'Yes you can paint.' Do go along to view the exhibits and support local talent. Perhaps you will be tempted to take up a new interest!

The exhibition runs from 16 September until the end of October in the Community Library.



## – what will you discover

...artists from the Kings Langley and  
...oots Langley area are exhibiting at  
...e Henderson Hub, High Street, Abbots  
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### Lie Harding

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### Julie Heginbotham

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### Jon Trotter

...ixed media 2D, Printmaking, Textiles

### David Waterman

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...awing, Mixed media 2D, Photography



IMAGE MONTAGE: JONATHAN CHECKLEY

Full details of all artists taking part are found in the free printed brochure available from many shops in the High Street and from the Library. Or visit [hvaf.org.uk/open-studios](http://hvaf.org.uk/open-studios) to view online.

The Henderson Hub is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 4.30pm (Fridays 12.30 to 4.30). Refreshments available, fully wheelchair accessible, and entrance is FREE.

## 'Ello, 'ello, 'ello...

On Wednesday afternoons a group of ladies meet in Christ Church Baptist Hall in order to knit and crochet items for the *Knit for Peace* Charity and, as Autumn approaches, for the shoeboxes sent as Christmas gifts to deprived children abroad.

They sometimes entertain visitors, and on a July afternoon welcomed PCSO Ian Martin and his colleagues from Chipperfield and Bovingdon who shared news of their valuable work in our area over a cup of tea. At about 3.30pm little faces of children arriving for their dancing class appeared at the glass door, wide-eyed at the sight of the uniformed policemen. Quickly, one of the knitters popped out and assured them, 'We haven't been naughty, they're our friends!'

## Workers' Educational Association (WEA) courses this autumn

**Kings Langley WEA is offering three courses this autumn together with an afternoon day school:**

From 16 September *From Belief to Doubt: a study of changes to religious, political, scientific and cultural thinking* will be held at Christ Church Baptist, The Nap, for ten two-hour weekly sessions.

*A Catastrophic Century*, an excellent course on Plantagenet England continues from 24 September in two-hourly sessions at Bedmond Village Hall.

A new course *Film Appreciation* starts on 10 October in All Saints Church Hall – a seven week course in two-hourly sessions.

For more information go to: [www.wea.org.uk/find-course](http://www.wea.org.uk/find-course) or telephone 0300 303 3464.

Our Day School *The Grand Junction Canal in West Hertfordshire to 1840* is on 2 November 2pm–5pm in Kings Langley Community Centre. To request a place a cheque for £10 should be sent to Day School Secretary, 11 Harford Drive, Watford. WD17 3DQ.

## Summer Reading Challenge prize giving

Every year, Kings Langley Community Library takes an active part in the Summer Reading programme, which encourages children to develop and nurture a love of reading.

This year's theme celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing really caught the imagination and some 200 children signed up for the challenge. Thanks to all those who brought their children along and encouraged their participation.

There will be presentations of medals and certificates for those who completed the challenge in the library on 12 and 14 September.



## Yarnbombed again!



The ladies from the Needles Group of Kings Langley Arts & Crafts (KLAC) have festooned the High Street bus stop, railings and posts with their colourful crochet.

They'd been busy for several months at the Red Lion, their regular meeting place, creating their splendid displays. 'We'd like our

villagers to enjoy their High Street,' said Kirsty Coates, KLAC Chair, 'and we hope that seeing our work will help bring a sense of pride in the community'.

Your *Village News* pictured some of the creators with their work: Barbara Bryant, Kirsty Coates, Susan de Silva and Wendy Pleass.

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## Too many issues, not enough time! DBC Update

– Cllrs Alan Anderson & Alan Johnson, Kings Langley, Dacorum Borough Council.

Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) and Sir Mike Penning MP have continued opposing the Health Authority's attempts to waste public money trying to redevelop Watford Hospital when what is needed is a new hospital in the middle of the Hemel/St.Albans/Watford triangle and, thankfully, the Prime Minister's new health spending excluded Watford Hospital.

The current situation with the Green Belt in Kings Langley is that DBC will publish a first draft of the new Local Plan in late Autumn, with consultation to follow next Spring. They must meet the housebuilding target set, otherwise the government will take over the planning authority and force the development, as it has elsewhere. The target of around 1,000 dwellings per year in Dacorum can't be met without Green Belt development, so sites have been assessed and ranked to identify the minimum amount of Green Belt development required to meet the government target.

Your Borough Councillors remain strongly opposed to Green Belt development and have argued against the selection of any the four sites in Kings Langley, but it is difficult to argue that we should have no Green Belt development at all, and the battle remains to limit the number of sites chosen.

### *Beware scammers!*

A Kings Langley resident was called by someone who said they were from the police and requested that he withdraw £5,000.00 in cash to assist the police in tracing 'dodgy' notes. He withdrew the cash and the caller came to his address and collected the money. The following day he received another call asking for £6,000.00. The next day he was asked to withdraw £5,000.00 but this time the resident's son was with him and he stopped his father withdrawing the cash and rang the police.

Needless to say, the caller was not from the police and this person has been tricked into parting with his money.

*Please warn any elderly or vulnerable people to be aware of this latest scam!*



Good news – Three Rivers DC has delayed Moto's plans for a service station next to M25 junction 20, saying the traffic figures were unreliable and there were major problems with the impact the development would have on the road network.

Extra has made an application for a service station between junctions 16/17 – there aren't any issues with that application, so if permission is granted it would make the Moto scheme less viable.

DBC refused planning permission for the large blocks of flats at the bottom of the driveway to Shendish, but the applicant is appealing the decision.

Alan Anderson has been promoted to the DBC cabinet with responsibility for Environmental Services including refuse collection/recycling, grounds maintenance and environmental sustainability. They're looking to increase recycling of food waste from flats and businesses, and focusing on reducing single use plastics – Dacorum now has 150 premises where you can refill your water bottle for free.

Dacorum's four-yearly review of parking charges is due shortly. So far the argument has been that charging would seriously harm the High Street; however, there is evidence that commuters are parking all day preventing shoppers finding parking spaces. If this is true, charging will be considered to reduce all day parking and encourage more people to use the High Street shops – there will be local consultation on this.

Thanks to all the residents who attended the re-launch of the Rucklers Lane Community Association; Mr Stan Bower has spent decades caring for the hall in Rucklers Lane, and the new team of volunteers will enable Stan to retire.

## Green Gym workout at All Saints

A Green Gym provides a way to improve fitness and health while improving the outdoor environment.

All Saints held their second 'Green Gym' event on a glorious Saturday morning and many volunteers chose to get some exercise in the beautiful grounds of the church.

'We are very lucky to have a mediaeval church in the village' said Sheila Ashman, one of the organisers, 'and having the opportunity to spend a few hours making sure it looks its best and is here for another 800 years is a real privilege.' The gym-goers worked predominantly in pairs around the church precincts clearing paths and borders.

'It's important to ensure the church building is accessible and remove any trip hazards for the unwary,' added Sheila. 'Everyone enjoyed themselves as they were able to work at their own pace in the sunshine.'

It wasn't all work – freshly brewed tea and coffee and a plentiful supply of homemade cakes maintained the energy levels and replaced some of the calories that were lost in the morning workout!

*Alan Johnson and Ingrid Allen work out in the sunshine at All Saint's Church grounds*





## Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside!

**Many lucky people who go away on holiday in August often go to the good old English seaside!**

Not all of the Kings Langley Evergreen Club members are able to get away on holiday but they did spend an afternoon at the start of August reliving past memories when a visiting speaker gave an illustrated talk about *The English Seaside*. Covering the rise, fall and current rise again of the fortunes of resorts such as Margate and Brighton and the making of Blackpool Rock.

The talk finished with a history of swimwear from early Victorian times, through the knitted swimwear of the 40's and 50's (which caused much laughter) to today's minimal bikinis.

While everyone recalled their own childhood memories they were served with ice cream!

**The Evergreen Club has many more fun afternoons planned throughout the year. If you would like to come along to the Community Centre and join this friendly social club please ring Ann Martin on 01923 267604**

## Countdown to the Christmas Tree Festival

*Yes it's that time of the year already! All Saints is getting ready for their now regular Christmas Tree Festival – this year from Friday 6th through Sunday 8th December.*

*Organisations, businesses, and families in the village can be part of the spectacular display within the historic church by decorating a Christmas tree to tell a story and represent their group or organisation.*

*It's not a competition, simply a great opportunity to exhibit in an imaginative and festive way. Enter and you'll be part of a mixture of heritage, community expression, and fun.*

*Spaces for trees will be limited in number and are allocated on a first come first served basis! For more information and an entry form, email [allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com) or call the church office 01923 266596*



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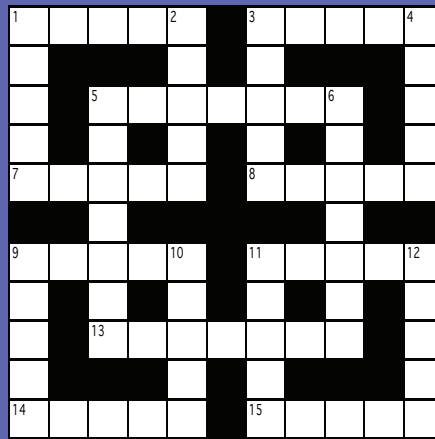
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# Prize Xword

This issue's prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat is a **£20 voucher** kindly donated by **Kings Langley Tandoori** to spend in their restaurant on our High Street. For your chance to win, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (our contact details are shown on page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 18 October 2019. Good luck!



Prize Xword No. 10 set by Andrew Selby



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**Across**

- 1 Modify (5)
- 3 Caribbean country located on part of an island (5)
- 5 A well-known local Lane on the edge of Kings Langley (7)
- 7 Continuously bending line (5)
- 8 Get along together (5)
- 9 The Kings Langley Community has a good one of these, hidden in an echo ironically! (5)
- 11 Colour (5)
- 13 Shared by both Kings and Abbots (7)
- 14 Direction (5)
- 15 Ability to do something well (5)

**Down**

- 1 Ancient meso-American culture (5)
- 2 Move rhythmically, stepping to a pattern (5)
- 3 Dog-like carnivore from Africa and parts of Asia (5)
- 4 Fill someone with a strong feeling or opinion (5)
- 5 Nocturnal bird (4, 3)
- 6 There's one of these off the 'Nap' in the Village (7)
- 9 Particular examples of something occurring (5)
- 10 Large plot of land for raising live-stock (USA) (5)
- 11 Swallow quickly in large amounts (5)
- 12 Asian country with many high mountains (5)

Right: Our Xword no.9 winner was Sue Castle-Henry (left) who was presented with her **£30 home & garden voucher** by shop owner Jill Walshe

Correct answers to last issue's Prize Xword no.9 were:

**Across:** 1 Rectory Lane, 6 Postage, 8 Ill, 9 Tic, 10 Era, 12 Admit, 13 Prior, 14 Ate, 16 Rig, 17 Arc, 18 Eternal, 21 Langley Hill, **Down:** 1 Radio Aerial, 2 Two, 3 Rotor, 4 Lag, 5 Electric Eel, 6 Plumage, 7 Ethical, 10 Eta, 11 Ape, 15 Terse, 19 Tag, 20 Ash.

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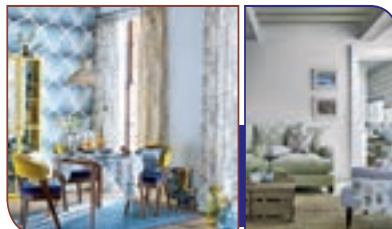


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For further information contact ritaelliott1@hotmail.com

**Kings Langley Bowls Club**  
The Green, R/o Saracens Head. High Street Kings Langley  
We welcome everybody – young, nearly young and older. In winter members can play short mat bowls in the clubhouse on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2pm until 4pm. There is a small charge for the use of these rinks.  
See our new website: [kingslangleybowls.co.uk](http://kingslangleybowls.co.uk)



**Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company** will be auditioning on Saturday 5 October 2019 for the part of Annie and all the other orphans who appear in the show, which will run from 31 March to 4 April 2020.  
To register your interest and to get the show launch pack, which will contain all the information you will need, please contact martin.wolmark@ntlworld.com



**Community Library**

The Community Library volunteers are putting together a full and varied programme of events for the rest of the year, so drop in for more information and to buy your tickets. Look out for:

- A display of local art work from 15 September to mid-October
  - Getting started on Ancestry every last Friday of the month
  - The monthly themed book display throughout the library
  - A monthly bookstall on third Saturday of the month in the food market
  - Wednesday 25 September 7pm: Talk on *The Royal Palaces of Kings Langley*
  - Saturday 5 October 11 – 11.30am: Kings Langley Community Choir performance
  - Wednesday 16 October 7pm: Talk on sailing by veteran local yachtsman Rob Stephens
- Follow us on our Facebook page or just call in!

**Retired Professionals**

**PROBUS**  
Kings Langley Cricket Club  
A club for retired PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS men. Every third Tuesday monthly at 10am  
Contact the Secretary John Addy on 01923 264171 [djaddy@djaddy.f9.co.uk](mailto:djaddy@djaddy.f9.co.uk)

**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  
Tel: 01923 261828 or email [klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk)

**Chipperfield Choral**

If you enjoy singing, come along to the Chipperfield Choral Society open evening – no auditions, anyone with a love of music and singing can join.

The choir performs traditional Christmas Concerts in the wonderful setting of St Paul's village church in Chipperfield, the spring concert features a major work in a larger venue, and in the summer they return to St Paul's for a concert of lighter music. Members come from Chipperfield and the surrounding areas.

Open evening is 26 September at 7.45pm in Chipperfield Village Hall.  
For more information e-mail [chair@chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](mailto:chair@chipperfieldchoral.co.uk) or check the website [www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](http://www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk)

**Country Market**

Kings Langley Community Centre, back hall.  
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**Music**

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