



Village News

Kings Langley charity workers win award

Electric Umbrella's founders Mel Boda and Tom Billington scooped the award for *Charity Workers Of The Year* at the Watford Audentior awards held at Watford Colosseum on 11 October.



PHOTO: SIMON JABOBS



Tom, left, with his wife Amy and Mel, far right, with husband David and baby Stanley at the awards

Five years ago this creative duo recognised that once a child with learning disabilities turned 18 then opportunities for meaningful social interactions were limited. And so Electric Umbrella was born. With their weekly music workshops starting in Watford, Mel and Tom founded what is considered a trailblazing charity, using music to enrich the lives of adults with learning disabilities.

These sessions provided not only regular meaningful social interaction, but also the educational and therapeutic benefits that music brings.

As a professional musician Tom Billington's outlook was to give each and every member the feeling of being in a band and truly belonging. Over time Electric Umbrella and its members were being booked for gigs and shows and asked to appear at theatres and festivals, in pubs, clubs and workplaces. Their offering is uniquely fresh, energetic and joyful.

The nomination of Mel and Tom for the award included high praise of the organisation: 'The group allows people with learning difficulties to express themselves and represent who they really are. Electric Umbrella has become a real community for their members, extended families, support networks and the thousands of others who experience the joy of seeing them perform with such energy and passion'.

Mel lives in Kings Langley and Electric Umbrella has always been run from her kitchen table. Mel and Tom are proud to be based in the village.



To find out more about the charity, as well as their album *I Am the Dream Machine*, visit www.electricumbrella.co.uk

Waterside Centre Fundraising

A Crazy Bingo Night was held in October – an alternative form of bingo which is much more fun and included music, dancing, gymnastic, miming and general silliness! The evening raised £350.

The next event is a Quiz Night on 16 November – tickets are £5 each which includes nibbles and soft drinks (bring your own alcohol if you wish). To buy tickets, pop into the Waterside Centre between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday (cash or cheques), or contact Keri on 01923 260092 or at keri.hicks@thewatersidecentre.co.uk (bank transfer).

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Kings Langley Gardens Competition presentation : Tribute to a friend of the village

It was a lively, fun-filled evening on 18 October when over eighty keen gardeners and friends packed the cricket club pavilion at the annual presentation evening of the Kings Langley Gardens Competition.



Certificates and trophies were awarded and judge Terry Simmonds told of how on the day of judging he reached into his pocket for his camera and found he'd bought his electric shaver instead!

Jo and Rob Kedgley, winners of the Best Overall Garden, being presented with their certificate and trophy with Terry Simmonds, Mayor Terry Douris and Gerry Angiolini.

Dacorum's Mayor Terry Douris helped with wit and good humour as he ably assisted Gerry Angiolini with the auction and raffle. Thanks were given to Tina and Maggie of Flowerhouse for sponsoring the competition this year after the sad demise of Garden Scene in Chipperfield. They also did a stunning flower arranging demonstration which included pumpkins and fruit. The displays along with other items were then auctioned raising over £1,000 for the Waterways Experience charity.

The Council would like to thank all the shops and businesses who donated prizes and all those who took part in the competition. The team of Terry Simmonds, Gerry Angiolini, Alan and Ann Johnson and Beverley Ross look forward to doing it all again next year.

Tribute to a friend of the village

In the Christ Church Book & Coffee Shop, Ray was drinking a cup of tea, but someone was missing – his friend Philip Mainwaring.



Philip had died quite suddenly days before, and Ray wasn't the only one feeling bereft of his company. In fact, Philip is missed very much by many in the village, not only for his friendship but for his very practical ways of serving our community.

He rarely missed his self-imposed voluntary task of clearing away tables, stacking chairs, carrying in the noticeboards on most of the four days a week when the Bookshop is open at Christ Church, weekly at the Good Neighbours' Lunch Club and regularly at the Evergreen Club.

Some of our readers, especially teachers, will remember him working at Garrads in Water Lane where he operated a paper-cutting machine and was always happy to down tools to find some special item in that well-stocked 'Aladdin's Cave'! In later years he was a faithful carer for his wife Pam who had become a wheelchair user, and both of them were great supporters of the Waterside Centre, especially when they needed help with their fundraising sales.

At his Thanksgiving Service on 13 September, the well-known and loved poem *The Ship* was read by a member of his family and was a comfort as we pictured him sailing into the unknown and being welcomed by friends on the other side. Well done, good and faithful servant of Kings Langley.

Healing the planet

There is a lot of talk (and action!) regarding the critical need to reduce carbon consumption and to maintain the sustainability of human life on our beautiful planet.

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- 1 Re-use as much as possible. Reduce your consumption of practically everything – 'All you need is less'
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- 5 Reduce energy consumption. Save money.
- 6 Reconsider disposable nappies? Lots of choices for new parents now!
- 7 Do you need to use an aeroplane more than once a year?
- 8 Don't buy as much single use plastic. Buy in bulk and refill – cheaper anyway!
- 9 Avoid wet wipes that contain plastic (most do!)
- 10 Enjoy the outdoors – grow your own food. Support Transition in Kings (TiK) or get an allotment.

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Your *Village News* is now online!

Our new website, which can be viewed on your computer, tablet or mobile phone, allows you to submit your own stories and photographs, or catch up and download any of our back issues. There are also useful links to other local websites and it provides all the information you need to advertise your own business/services with us.

We have been fortunate enough to have our new website designed completely free of charge by Kings Langley resident Andy Jones, who owns TYGA Marketing, a local design and marketing agency.

The agency, established in 1998, works with brands such as MotorEasy, Virgin Media and easyJet. 'But we really love working with small local businesses too,' says Creative Director Andy. 'Working with big brands is great, but I find there's something special about helping local businesses get to the next level in their industry. Whether it's a new logo/brand identity, website, brochure or exhibition, we apply the same 'big brand' philosophy to small businesses to help them to compete in the marketplace.'

Check out the new website at www.kingslangleyvillagenews.co.uk

If your logo needs a refresh or you like the website TYGA donated to us and want to speak to Andy about your marketing, call him on **01727 898 191** or drop him an email on Andy@tyga.co.uk – he would be only too happy to help!



PHOTO: ANDY JONES

Dacorum Talking Newspaper

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a Friday morning or a Thursday evening? If so, consider volunteering for Dacorum Talking Newspaper (DTN)!

Founded in 1977, DTN provides a vital service to sight impaired people in the area. Each week, a team of volunteers get together to record an hour programme put together from newspaper articles and information geared towards the visually impaired. The recording is then copied onto memory sticks and mailed to subscribers, or can be listened to on the website, phone or on Amazon Alexa!

The service is completely free and is run by volunteers. Equipment maintenance costs around £1,000 per year and the charity has no permanent sponsorship so is dependent on voluntary donations and grants.

DTN recently moved premises to Great Sturgess Hall in Warners End and need some new people to help out there. It involves the copying of recordings made on the Thursday evening onto memory sticks and mailing them out to subscribers.



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Borough Council update... parking, trees, motorway service areas, hospital money

When the option of car park charges in the two Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) car parks in the village was floated recently, a great many people got upset.

Nobody thought it was going to be a popular idea, but council surveys show that there are too many vehicles parking all day in the car parks. If charging prevented this long-stay parking, it would enable more people to visit the village without filling the streets outside people's homes.

The experience in Hemel car parks was that charging significantly increased the footfall in the town centre. However, the covenant preventing the 'fettering' of access to the Community Centre meant charging in The Nap car park was not possible, so there won't be any charging introduced at this time.

As part of their work on the Neighbourhood Plan, the parish council will be employing consultants to look at transport issues and making recommendations to address parking and other issues around the High Street.

On a less contentious front, Alan Anderson announced at the last full meeting of DBC that the Conservative council will be planting 1,000 new trees by the end of 2020. DBC has recently been forced to cut down trees which were dying, dangerous or the cause of expensive insurance claims against the council. Planting more trees than those that had been lost is both a 'feel good' strategy and a big environmental statement about the council's commitment to improving air quality.

The new trees cannot be planted in locations where they are going to cause damage to adjacent properties, pavements, underground services or on land not owned by the council. Nonetheless, council officers have started work on identifying suitable sites where this 'forest' of trees could be planted.

Unfortunately, there are two bits of bad news:

Firstly, the other M25 service area proposal between junctions 16-17

attracted objections from local bodies and residents, and so Chiltern District Council is delaying its consideration of the application. Whilst this proposal makes far more sense in planning terms, the delay is unhelpful. The possibility remains that both schemes may be permitted.

Secondly, local NHS chiefs have somehow managed to persuade the Government to contribute about £250 million towards the planning of their

scheme to redevelop Watford Hospital on its existing site. As wasteful as it is with all our money, we can only hope it helps West Herts Hospital Trust to see that you can't redevelop a hospital whilst it continues to operate. A new hospital in the middle of the Hemel Hempstead/St Albans/Watford triangle would cost far less and be more sensible.

– Councillors Alan Anderson & Alan Johnson, Kings Langley, Dacorum Borough Council

News from the Parish Pump

With summer days seemingly behind us, the Parish Council were quickly into action at their meeting in September by declaring a climate emergency and committing to reducing carbon emissions to net zero across the full range of council activities by the end of budget year 2029–2030.

Howard Button, Chair of the Council, explained 'We are all keen to get started on a strategy and action plan, and to see how this can be integrated with the work of the Environment Sub-Group of our Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst there are things we are already doing to make Kings Langley 'greener', including the work in the Village Garden, we realise it needs to be "joined up".'

September also saw the first *Volunteer Friday* in the Village Garden. 'A special mention for Colin,' said Andrew Hubberstey. 'He worked like a Trojan to clear the north end of the Garden with paths well swept and flower beds well hoed!'. 2pm on the 1st Friday of every month will see *Volunteer Friday* continue throughout the winter – weather permitting.

As your *Village News* is delivered, the Parish Council will, as usual, be providing the refreshments after the Remembrance Service at 3pm on Sunday 10 November at All Saints Church.

Derek Collins spoke for all the council, saying 'Last year was an important centenary for the village, but this service is an opportunity for everyone to pay their respects. The Parish Council feel very honoured to be part of this commemoration and hope as many villagers as possible will attend.'

Next year is Hertfordshire's Year of Culture and local artist Ruby Lewis is keen to get Kings Langley involved on a public art project. At the October Parish Council meeting Ruby explained that it would involve asking local people for personal stories and personal history about the village. The primary and senior schools would then work with her on a collaborative project that would see them designing a mural based on those stories and transfer that design onto the disused toilets in Dronken Lane (by the Bowls Club).

'Dacorum and the Parish Council are very supportive of this imaginative proposal,' explained Alan Johnson, 'we hope it might be a catalyst for other ideas to celebrate such a momentous year.'



The current state of the disused toilet building in Dronken Lane

Busy months at the Library! *Help when needed*

The Summer Reading Challenge attracted over 200 children to take part – a record!

The theme was the Space Race, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Not only did this inspire children to read the six books in the challenge, many adults were also inspired to borrow books related to space. Two presentation events were held in September, when children who had completed the challenge received their certificates and medals.

On three evenings in September the library hosted enthusiastic groups of children from Apsley Cubs and Beavers who learned about the services the library offers and how to use the Dewey system to find information, all of which helped them to obtain their Book Badges.

On 24 September three of the volunteer committee – Rob Stephens, Pauline Murray and Caroline Brankin – attended a presentation at Kings Langley Cricket Club to receive a donation from Kings Langley Carnival, which together with a generous grant from Kings Langley Parish Council will be used to purchase audio visual equipment for library events.

There is a full programme of events



(see our back page Diary) including talks from Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society which always attract a lot of interest, and the aim is to put the Community Library at the centre of the village, to be a source of information and inspiration.

On Saturday morning 5 October there was a wonderful performance in the library by Kings Langley Community Choir. Thank you to the choir for providing an uplifting start to the day!

Driving to a hospital appointment, my passenger commented that these days many young people go off to University, meet a partner or go after a distant job and never return to settle back in the village.

In her case one daughter lives in Newcastle and the other in Wales! How grateful clients are for the presence of Good Neighbours at the end of a phone when a need arises. The Tuesday Lunch Club currently has a few spaces, so if you have a friend or neighbour who you think would enjoy meeting new people, suggest they call **07527 907 128** to try it out (transport can be provided).

In the Spring, Good Neighbours hope to expand the offer of small gardening jobs a bit more – perhaps a tidy-up for elderly people who need a bit of help with the weeding. Watch this space!

Good Neighbours Helpline 9am – 5pm daily: 07790 668 672

Carnival cash awards

The funds raised from the Kings Langley Carnival in June has now been distributed to good causes by the Committee.

All the money raised by the event was awarded to performers and local good causes when the Kings Langley Carnival Committee hosted an event in late September. This both marked the success of the day itself and distributed the record sum of £6,300 to 33 recipients. The Mayor of Dacorum, Terry Douris, who attended the Carnival as one of his first civic duties, made the presentations.

It was an occasion once again to marvel at the range of local groups and organisations that provide a variety of activities and services to villagers of all ages. Carol Chandler, Chair of the Carnival Committee, summed up the appeal of the Carnival when she said, 'The aim of the Carnival is to incorporate as many of the local community as possible and to raise awareness and money for local groups and good causes by providing everyone with a memorable, fun packed day of entertainment and activity'.



The cheque recipients included the Community Library, Kings Langley Lunch Club, the Waterways Experience, the Waterside Centre and The Repair Shed. Bob McLean, one of the Carnival organisers, explained 'The Repair Shed is part of an international idea that encourages older men to engage in a rewarding, often physical, activity with like-minded people and the wider community. The concept is that men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder.'

Carol added 'We are always looking for more people to sponsor the Carnival or work with us both in organising the event throughout the year and on the day. We're looking forward to next year's Carnival on Saturday 20 June.'

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Santa's Sleigh to visit Kings Langley!



Who can forget the excitement and delight on the faces of the children?

Following the tremendous success of Hempestad's Santa Sleigh in 2018, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley

Santa collected over £17,000 in the run up to Christmas 2018. In addition to shares for the 23 charities who manned the sleigh for the house-to-house collections, donations were made to 20 other local charities.

Tony Burford, chair of the Santa Sleigh committee said 'We are delighted to say that plans are well under way for this year's activity. We have 25 proposed routes including Kings Langley.'

KINGS LANGLEY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
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Entry and programme £3 (children free) All proceeds to local charities and the Mission of All Saints' Church

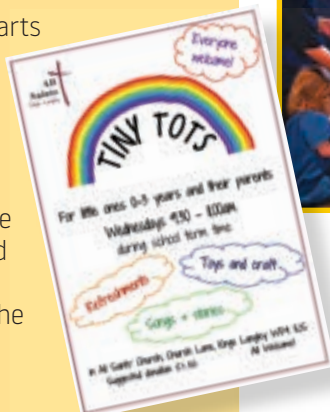
Friday 10am – 6pm, Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm

Tiny Tots plan Christmas Party

The new Tiny Tots group for parents and carers of under 3s that meets every Wednesday at All Saints Church has proved so popular that the organisers are planning a Christmas party session.

Tiny Tots meet weekly from 9.30am – 11am for tea and coffee, stories and play and, crucially, a chance to meet other local parents and carers. It is just one of the initiatives introduced by new vicar Father James McDonald who says 'Anyone is welcome to drop in – it's a lovely chance for people to meet and chat with others from the community.'

The next term starts on 6 November and ends with a Christmas party on 18 December which will include festive games, songs and snacks and help get everyone in the Christmas spirit.



Have a Ball with Cinderella this

The Kings Langley Players (KLP) will go to the ball this Christmas with the crowd-pleasing family pantomime Cinderella.

From a script by Chris Jordan packed with laughter, magic and true love, the KLP will put their unique spin on the classic fairytale in five shows from Friday 9 January to Saturday 11 January 2020, at Kings Langley Community Centre in The Nap.

Left at home by the ugliest of sisters, Cinders cannot go to the ball. However, with the help of her Fairy Godmother and brilliant buffoonery from Buttons, the most exciting night of her life can begin...

Rebecca Davey, directing her 4th KLP show,



The group is proving increasingly popular with many youngsters coming along with their grown-ups every week.

Recycle your Christmas tree

Hemel Hempstead Scouts are once again collecting your Christmas trees for recycling and will be collecting in Kings Langley from 9am – 5pm on Saturday 4 January and 9am – 12noon on Sunday 5 January. There is a minimum donation of £5 for each tree collected and recycled.



To book a collection, e-mail pathfinders@kingslangley scouts.org.uk or text 07778 418352.



...s of the Rotary Club of Hemel
... it will be visiting the streets of
... and Bovington again this year.

Helped by various groups and organisations they will be out between 6pm and 8pm on the evening collections and will also again hold several static collections where you can have your child's photograph taken with Santa.

Santa's full schedule will be posted on the Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club facebook page in mid November. Like and save to ensure you get updates.



Shoeboxes for Christmas

Join Christ Church Baptist in supporting Operation Christmas Child this year – boxes and leaflets are now available at the church (or you can use your own shoebox wrapped in Christmas paper).

Fill a shoebox with toys, games, stationery (more ideas are on the leaflets) for a child overseas. Many boxes from the UK go to children in Eastern Europe who often have nothing they can call their own. Last year over 510,000 boxes were collected from the UK and over 10 million worldwide.

Take your filled shoebox to the Shoebox Service at Christ Church Baptist in The Nap on Sunday 17 November at 10.30am, or the church will be open to receive shoeboxes from Monday 11 to Friday 15 November 10am – 12noon and 7pm – 9pm, and Saturday 16 and Monday 18 Nov 10am – 12noon. Be a part of this massive Christmas operation!

Christmas Services at Kings Langley Churches

★ All Saints' Parish Church

Thursday 5 December
7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer for Advent
Sunday 8 December

3pm Evensong with Carols to close the Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 12 December
7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer for Advent
Sunday 15 December

3pm Christingle Service – especially for families

Thursday 19 December
7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer for Advent

Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve
3.30pm Crib service – especially for families with young children

7.30pm Lessons & Carols by candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day
9.30am Christmas Day Family Eucharist

★ Christ Church Baptist

Sunday 15 December
4pm Family Connect Christmas crafts and songs

Sunday 22 December
5pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24 December, Christmas Eve
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day
10.30am Christmas Day Celebration

★ Waterside Baptist Chapel

Tuesday 17 December
7.30pm Carol Service

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day
10am Christmas Day Service

Sundays, incl. 22 and 29 December
10.30am and 6pm Service

★ Methodist Church

Sunday 22 December
10am Carol Service

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day
10am Christmas Day Service at

Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead.

Christmas...

says 'There will be songs, dances and lots and lots of laughter. Oh, and plenty of sparkles!'

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Chipperfield Choral Christmas Concerts

Chipperfield Choral Society Christmas Concert *The Road to Bethlehem* will be held in the afternoon and evening of Saturday 7 December in St Paul's Church, Chipperfield.

There will be a further concert in Chorleywood in aid of Cancer Research on Thursday 12 December. Seats for these concerts sell out very quickly so get your tickets early to be sure of a place.

Tickets will be on sale in November from choir members or the Box Office on 01923 400520. For further details go to www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk

Cricket Club looks to upgrade

Kings Langley Cricket Club (KLCC) is looking to refurbish their nets ready for next summer.

The current nets have given good service over the last ten years or so but are showing the signs of wear and tear – if left they could become dangerous and therefore action is needed.

Quotes have been sourced and plans put in place for the required fundraising. This is an expensive project for the club but with over 150 juniors playing cricket at the club last year and three senior teams representing the village in the Hertfordshire leagues, they need the best possible facilities.

Several social events will be run over the winter, so keep an eye out for news of what's going on and support the club where you can – they want to be at the heart of the village, so all are welcome whether members or not.

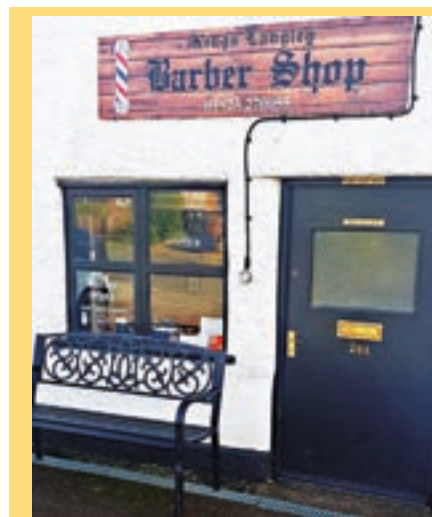
The club have booked their winter nets at Choice Cricket School in Redbourn on Monday evenings from early February.

If you are interested in playing cricket please get in touch. Several people joined up at this point last year; some had never played cricket before and others had not played for a long time (32 years in one case!) All are now playing regularly for the club.

New players of all standards are welcomed, so whether you have just retired from Test Cricket or fancy giving it a go for the first time, contact Tom Templeton on **07788 971464 or **tom.templeton@yahoo.co.uk****




Mark Brazier, KLCC's Chairman, shows the sorry state of the nets



Sign of the times...

Kings Langley Barber Shop in Waterside has been operating on its present site since the 1930's. They have one 85-year-old customer whose hair they have been trimming since he was a young boy! In recognition of the age of the business in the village, Clare, the owner, has had a new sign created highlighting that the business was established over 80 years ago!

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KINGS historic cup run ends in Maidstone

Kings Langley Football Club's (KLFC) historic FA cup run which started early September ended in Maidstone on 19 October.

It started with a 3-1 win against Barking, another home draw saw KLFC beat top of their league Folkestone Invicta 4-0, then a third home fixture in front of over 350 spectators against more famous Corinthian Casuals resulted in a 3-1 win.

This set up the KINGS' first televised FA Cup match (on BT Sport2)! Only one more win and the village team would make the first round draw proper. However, it wasn't to be as they were drawn away to ex-league team Maidstone.

Over 150 supporters made the journey to Kent, and despite matching their higher league team opponents for 60 minutes the match ended 4-1 to Maidstone. But a great run all the same, two rounds further than ever in the club's history and a day out remember by many for a long time.

KLFC's manager Dean Barker has stood down after only nine games in charge. He was replaced for an interim period by the club's coach Ryan Jackett. The club then formally announced ex-Watford coach Chris Cummings as the new manager and his first two games in charge brought 3-0 and 4-0 wins respectively. Let's hope that form continues.

The KINGS home fixtures in this month bring Biggleswade Town (9 November), Needham Market (23 November) and

ex-football league club AFC Rushden and Diamonds (7 December) plus Christmas home matches against Lowestoft Town (21 December) and Boxing Day against Royston Town. Come down and cheer England's highest placed village team.

Above: KLFC supporters were in good cheer as they prepared to set off to Maidstone

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Prize Xword

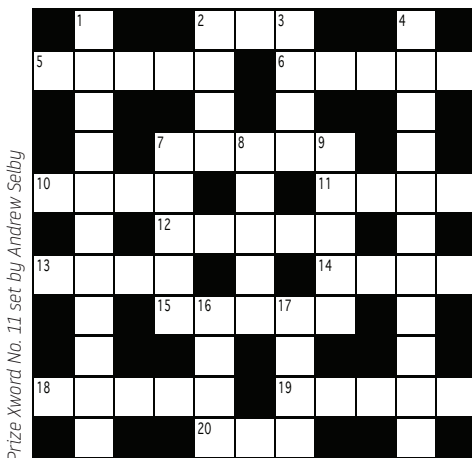
This issue, one lucky reader has the opportunity to benefit from a £50 voucher for a one-to-one Pilates session at the Kings Langley Physiotherapy clinic on our High Street. For your chance to win, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive by Friday 13 December 2019. The first correct entry drawn from the hat will be awarded this month's prize!

Across

- 2 International zero carbon energy company, based on the edge of the Village (3)
- 5 Barely discernible quantity of something (5)
- 6 Gradual decrease (5)
- 7 Sound of several shod horses (5)
- 10 An outdoor public function, often to raise funds for a charity (4)
- 11 At the end of a routine, you might find a prong! (4)
- 12 A relatively new large store in Apsley, aptly named after its broad stock (5)
- 13 An old land measure (4)
- 14 Apiece (4)
- 15 Harry Potter might make one of these (5)
- 18 Offspring (5)
- 19 Wild flower (5)
- 20 Side sheltered from the wind (3)

Down

- 1 A byway in our Village, favoured by a toxophilite? (6, 5)
- 2 Authentic (4)
- 3 A single part of a device for ascending or descending (4)
- 4 Look within a more genteel state governor for this Village cul de sac! (6, 5)
- 7 Largest object in the Solar System's Asteroid Belt (5)
- 8 A small weight amid an announcement! (5)
- 9 Metal (5)
- 16 D'ye ken John ____? (4)
- 17 A rocky vein that contains a metal containing ore (4)



Prize Xword No. 11 set by Andrew Selby



Our winner of last issue's Xword was a delighted Ann Baldwin, who was presented her £20 voucher by Mr Miah at Kings Langley Tandoori. Also in our photo: Mr Abdul and Mr Kamran along with chefs Mr Janu and Mr Basil.

Correct answers to last issue's Prize Xword no. 10 were:

Across: 1 Amend, 3 Haiti, 5 Bunkers, 7 Curve, 8 Agree, 9 Choir, 11 Green, 13 Langley, 14 South, 15 Skill. **Down:** 1 Aztec, 2 Dance, 3 Hyena, 4 Imbue, 5 Barn Owl, 6 Surgery, 9 Cases, 10 Ranch, 11 Gulps, 12 Nepal.

30th Birthday

Kings Langley Physiotherapy Clinic will be celebrating their 30 year anniversary of physiotherapy in the village in November.

Di Hewetson, Jill Moore and staff would like to thank the many loyal patients and GPs from the surrounding areas who have supported the clinic during this time.

Their clinical pilates classes at Blackwells in Chipperfield are becoming ever more popular, so they have donated a 1:1 pilates session worth £50 (to be taken at the clinic) for this month's prize crossword.

When Haverfield Surgery moves to the new care home, Kings Langley Physiotherapy Clinic will be moving next summer to number 2 Hempstead Road (on The Nap crossroads). They are looking forward to welcoming new and old patients to the new clinic, which is a beautiful building that some of their patients will remember used to be a Doctor's Surgery.

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Neighbourhood Watch update



After the article in the last *Village News*, several residents have become Neighbourhood Watch members (by going to www.owl.co.uk and choosing the 'join a watch') and they now receive local and relevant information about crimes or incidents.

Did you know?

- If an OWL (Online Watch Link) message is sent to Kings Langley NHW members, it will land in 876 email inboxes within seconds.
- More than one person at each address can be a NHW member so no-one misses out.

- Alexandra Road has the highest percentage of NHW members at nearly 80% and Rucklers Lane has the most members.
- All roads in Kings Langley have an active watch, so there's at least one NHW member in each street.
- There are currently 29 'failed' email addresses of NHW members in Kings Langley – maybe you've changed your email and haven't told OWL? If you think you're a member but aren't receiving OWL messages then please comment on the 'join a watch' option at www.owl.co.uk
- Being a NHW member is free – plus you'll hear about local things accurately, and you could get a discount on your home insurance.
- Your OWL account is safe and secure and only used for NHW membership. If you log in choosing the 'already signed up' option, you can report street light/pot hole issues, see local crime maps, find local Trading Standards-approved tradespeople and much more.
- Street coordinators are always needed – these are people who can help inform elderly/vulnerable neighbours who don't have internet access about local NHW issues – if you think you could help please email localnhw@gmail.com



Oxford comes to Kings Langley

For those who love the TV police series *Endeavour*, set in Oxford (prequel to the long-running *Morse* series), there was a surprise appearance of the cast and crew in Belham Road at the end of September.

The 1960s Jaguar car (above) was used in the series by actor Shaun Evans, who plays Endeavour Morse.

Filming on the next series has begun and one of the houses in Belham Road was chosen as a location for filming some interiors – see if you can spot it next year!

Country Markets – please drop in!

Country Markets started as WI Markets 100 years ago in Lewes, West Sussex.

They were originally formed as a way of re distributing surplus produce from the rural communities, providing them with an income, just after the First World War when there was a shortage of food in many areas.

Kings Langley Country Market has been in the village for 34 years, still selling a small amount of home-grown fruit and veg and home-produced preserves, but the main sales now are cakes and savouries. They specialise in small packs as many customers are elderly or live alone. There is also a wide range of craft items and cards.

Drop in to the Community Centre (small hall) on Thursdays 10am – 11.30am to stock up, have a tea or coffee and chat to your friends and neighbours.

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For further information please contact Sandra Jackson, volunteer NHW coordinator for Kings Langley, at localnhw@gmail.com

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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.



KINGS LANGLEY Village Diary

ONGOING LOCAL EVENTS

Look out for:

- The monthly themed book display throughout the library
- A monthly bookstall on the third Saturday of the month in the food market.

Future events at the library:

6 November *Sniff and Whiff, Sip and Taste* An interactive presentation from local resident John Bailey 7pm.

29 November The last session on *Getting Started with Ancestry 3* – 4pm.

5 December Children's author event. Catherine Carlile reads from her book *Rufus's Shoes* 4pm

December Christmas tree exhibited by the Kings Langley 'Yarnbombers'.

Follow us on our facebook page or just call in to the Community Library, The Nap, Kings Langley.



Music

'Jazz at the Club'
Kings Langley Services Club.
Free entry.
Every Tuesday at 8pm

Kings Langley Community Choir
Langley Hill Independent School
Every Tuesday (Term time)
7:30pm – 9:00pm.

Chipperfield Choral

If you enjoy singing, come along to a Chipperfield Choral Society rehearsal any Thursdays in Chipperfield Village Hall at 7.30pm - no auditions, anyone with a love of music and singing can join.

The choir performs traditional Christmas Concerts at St Paul's church in Chipperfield, a spring concert featuring a major work in a larger venue, and a concert of lighter music in the summer at St Paul's. Members come from Chipperfield and the surrounding areas.

For more information e-mail chair@chipperfieldchoral.co.uk or check the website www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk

Country Market

Kings Langley Community Centre, back hall.
Good selection of cakes, savouries, craft and cards.
Thursdays 10am – 11.30am

Friar's Mead

Rockcliffe Avenue, Kings Langley WD4 8DR

Sunday 24 November
Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4pm
Plenty of stalls & a raffle.
Friday 13 December
Fashion show 3pm
Clothes are being modelled by the staff.

Arts & Crafts

KLAC Needles and Things
The Red Lion, 56 London Road
HP3 9TD

Bring your own knitting, crochet, sewing or join in with our Yarnbombing. Mondays 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Wednesdays 10.00am to 12.00noon

For more information see our facebook page @[KLartsandcrafts](https://www.facebook.com/KLartsandcrafts)

Women's Institute

WI
Kings Langley Community Centre

All welcome.

Every second Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm

For further information please contact Joyce on 01923 263213 or Wendy on 01923 263348

Sport

Short Mat Bowls

Kings Langley Community Centre

Join our friendly group, no need to have your own bowls as we supply them.
Most Wednesdays 11am – 1.30pm.

£3.60 for Everyone Active Leisure Centre members, £4.60 non-members.

For further information contact ritaelliott1@hotmail.com

Computing

Using computers
Frogmore Paper Mill & Visitors' Centre, Fourdriner Way, Apsley Drop in to our ukonline Centre, suitable for beginners and those wanting more practice. No need to book. Fridays 10.30am – 1pm.
Free admission

Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

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

Bridge

Kings Bridge Club
Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap
Friendly duplicate Bridge for players of all levels.
Every Monday 1.30pm – 4.30pm

New care home

St Lauras Care Home on the High Street hopes to get its inspection from the Care Quality Commission in mid-November.

They are expecting to admit residents from the beginning of December and have open weekends on 9/10 and 16/17 November, 10am – 3pm.
No need to book.

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

Can you spare a few hours every two months?
We need a volunteer to coordinate the distribution of *Kings Langley Village News* every other month.

This involves receiving the copies from the printer at a time/date to suit you, allocating copies into bags for the street deliverers, and arranging for collection or delivery with the street deliverers. Only 5 – 6 hours every two months. If you can help please email us at kingslangleynews@gmail.com



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