



KINGS LANGLEY

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YOUR ONLY LOCAL VILLAGE NEWSPAPER



New year – new view!

PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

2020 sees one of the most radical changes in our High Street in recent years, with the opening of St Luras Care Home. Building works have continued behind hoardings throughout 2019 but now the transformation is complete and the new building, resplendent in its festive lighting, cheered up a damp December and the impressive vista proclaims a bright start for the New Year.

B&M Care's 26th home has been furnished and decorated to the highest standard. There are 61 rooms including some double rooms for couples and 23 dementia rooms. A family run business, B&M Care is a specialist in the dementia care sector and also offers long term residential care and short stay, respite, and holiday breaks.

A range of social activities are provided, including pet therapy, gardening club, knit and natter, gentlemen's pub club, quizzes, sing songs, music and movement, entertainers and piano recitals. It also boasts a spa for massage, reflexology, nails, chiropody, and a hair salon to enable residents to look and feel their best. There's also a gym and a

cinema for film nights with popcorn, and trips out are arranged to the local community, events, farmers market and even the seaside. They are fortunate to have a chapel where regular services are planned.

Residents' families are encouraged to visit with an open-door policy and are able to dine with their relatives.



AWARDS PHOTOS: BEVERLEY ROSS

Left: Dawn Bryant, Alina Verescu and Anna Iversen of St Luras being presented with their certificate by Mayor Terry Douris

Left: The latest addition to the High Street, St Luras is a welcome improvement to the local landscape

Best Christmas Lights Awards

The winners of the best large and small Christmas themed premises on the High Street were St Luras Care Home and Sweet as a Button.

Both winners received £50 to donate to their chosen charity. St Luras are donating their prize to DENS, and Miranda from Sweet as a Button is splitting her prize between DENS and Breakspear School. The Christmas Lights Award is sponsored by the Atkins family.

Below: Gerry Angiolini, Miranda Button, Mayor Terry Douris and Lynn Cranwell.



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Kings Langley Probus cheque presentation

At the November AGM, Chairman of Kings Langley Probus Club, David Spacey, presented a cheque for £250, which had been raised throughout the year from the monthly member raffles, to Melissa Yearly of the Hospice of St. Francis.



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Become a Friend of the Old Priory

Did you know that Kings Langley has a 14th Century Dominican Priory at the top of Langley Hill?

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Funds of £10k are needed to get started with a business plan, grant applications and legal and architectural fees. Also required are people with skills



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and enthusiasm, including accounting, marketing/media, and secretarial.

For full information and membership details contact Kathy Ridges: krdht@hotmail.co.uk or 07798 719223 or online at bit.ly/KLPriory

Freda Marshall 1932 – 2019

Freda was born in Berkhamsted and attended Victoria School, then trained in London to become a comptometrist and worked for John Dickinson in Apsley.



PHOTO: JACQUI HARRIS

In 1951 Freda met a Kings Langley man, Ernie Marshall. They married in 1953 and took up residence in Havelock Road. Soon, their eldest children Grahame then Jacqui were born, necessitating a move to Rucklers Lane. Then Karen and Kevin were born and Freda stopped full-time working to look after the family, although part time work included cleaning the doctor's surgery in Vicarage Lane and, later, bar tending at the Rose & Crown. As Ernie was away a lot as a long-distance lorry driver, Freda was the de-facto head of household – a role she never really relinquished!

Diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the early 80's, she faced this setback in her usual way by pushing on regardless. She also went on to beat breast cancer, and then set up a transportation company, NMCS, 'to keep myself busy and take my mind off of the chemo'.

NMCS quickly grew as Ernie, Grahame, Kevin and Jacqui came onboard until Freda and Ernie were able to take a back seat and enjoy semi-retirement and trips away in their caravan. She and Ernie regularly won or were placed in the Parish Council gardening competition. Freda left behind a great legacy, four children, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Village News contacts...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to: kingslangleynews@gmail.com or by post to: The Editor, Kings Langley Village News, c/o Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD4 9HR.

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A full programme of events at the Library...

Over the last year the library has hosted a number of evening talks, proving popular with local residents, raising funds and also bringing people into the library, many of whom have become members!

In October library volunteer Rob Stephens gave a very interesting and informative talk on the joys and perils of sailing small boats over long distances – a fascinating insight into the challenges of planning such trips. This was a very sociable evening, with a few audience members inspired enough to volunteer for future sailing crews!

In November, local resident John Bailey gave a talk sharing secrets behind the labels of consumer products including Fry's chocolate, Bombay Gin, Coca Cola, and Chanel no. 5. John's passion for scents stems from a career in the pharmaceutical, food and drink, fragrance and essential oil industries. The evening raffle in aid of The Hospice of St Francis, with a prize of a personally designed perfume, was won by Janice Smith, pictured above with John.

A full programme of events is planned for 2020 – topics include *Health and*



PHOTOS: CAROLINE BRANKIN

Fitness, Air traffic control, The Grand Union Canal, and Musical Composition! If you missed the first two talks by Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society in 2019, there are repeat talks planned – the first in early February. Tickets for events are available from the library.

The Community Library would like to thank Kings Langley residents for your amazing support – attendance at events and very generous book



donations have helped raise funds to plough back into more facilities for library visitors. And a big thanks to Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society for displaying their amazing knitted tree in the library over the Christmas period after it had been shown at the Christmas Tree Festival!

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Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan – have your say!

The Parish Plan team is now working on the development of A Neighbourhood Plan for Kings Langley and needs your help again!

A Neighbourhood Plan is a kind of 'grown up' Parish Plan to help define the kinds of restrictions and policies the local community places on future developments in the village. The first milestone of the journey has been achieved – to be granted 'area designation' from Dacorum Borough Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan has to work within the framework of the borough council's Local Plan but there's an opportunity to help protect much of what is held most dear by the village. In particular, local heritage – views, open spaces and buildings loved most – can be protected, so your input is vital for this.

You need to tell the Parish Plan team your favourites: the views that give you most pleasure, the open spaces you most enjoy and the buildings or objects in the village that you most value (up to three of each). Name each one or give a brief description including its location and why it matters to you. If it helps, please feel free to include a photograph.

They do not have to be listed or historic buildings or places – just the things that help make Kings Langley a special place for you. Your choices must be available to anyone in the village – so however much you love the view of your back garden, don't suggest that if no one else can see it!

Submit your choices online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XTL8VSW> or hand them in on paper (with any photos) to The Parish Council at Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, before the end of February. All the places, view and buildings you tell the team about will be included in the final Neighbourhood Plan.

News from the Parish Pump

Peter McDonnell is a popular and familiar resident around the High Street – when he and a number of other residents in Rectory Lane decided that their street could do with a few trees, they wasted no time contacting the Borough Council.

Dacorum were reluctant, pointing out the difficulty of planting trees in residential streets – underground services, potential long-term damage from root systems, interference with grass cutting machinery – and the cost. Undeterred, Peter approached the County and Parish Councils to support the 'greening' of Rectory Lane.

'I was happy to support it,' explained Parish Councillor Alan Johnson. 'It's an ideal location with long, wide grass verges for appropriate, semi-mature trees.' A site meeting was held with Hertfordshire County Council and subsequently confirmation was given that they were prepared to plant and maintain six trees. 'It's a great result,' said Peter. 'Hertfordshire insisted they would take responsibility for the trees but we might still keep an eye on them once they're planted!'

December saw the launch of the Parish Council's Community Award for 2020. Individuals or groups of individuals must meet the following criteria:

- To have made an exceptional and valuable contribution to the community

in the parish of Kings Langley in the last year or over many years

- Categories are: *Improving Lives of Residents, Action in the Community, Cleaner and Greener Action, Work with Young Persons, Business in the Community and the very special Lifetime Award.*

- Nominees should not have received an award in the previous three years.

If you'd like to make a nomination, further details are available from the parish council office or website, including the nomination form. You have until the end of February. 2019's Christmas Lights Festival was, by common consent, one of the best.

'But it is local businesses, particularly Wilden Services, who provide the financial and visible support which make the event possible,' said Gerry Angiolini, Chair of the Christmas Lights Organising Committee. 'The High Street shops create the most wonderful window displays, provide mince pies and mulled wine, dress up and really get behind the whole event. They deserve credit for the event's success.'

Parish Council hands over more than £5,000 to Waterways Experiences!

At the presentation evening for the village Best Gardens Competition a raffle and an auction were held which together with donations on the night raised £1,215.40. The Parish Council were delighted to present this to the Waterways Experience together with donations from Wilden Services (£1,500) and the National Federation of Demolition Contractors (£2,500). The total of over £5,200 will be put towards a new boat, solar panels on their building and to sponsor a residential trip for a young person.



Beverley Ross, Richard Tregoning of the Waterways Experience, Howard Button, chairman of the Parish Council and Chief Executive of the National Federation of Demolition Contractors, Gerry Angiolini and Paul Dunham, Clerk to the council.

Green belt does matter

– the Borough Councillor's view

Politicians of all parties tell us that the lack of affordable housing can only be solved by building a much larger number of houses. It's not feasible to build the number suggested (there aren't enough building materials!) and there are other ways of tackling the problem. But it leaves local planning authorities in an impossible position.

We're lucky to live in a beautiful place and are aware of the need to do all we can to protect it. But we have to produce a Local Plan with sufficient permitted housing locations up to 2036, which is approved by the Government's Planning Inspectorate. If we don't have a Local Plan or a three year supply of housing, or if the Local Plan doesn't have sufficient housing allocation in it, we are not entitled to refuse any developments (Green Belt or otherwise), and we risk having to include a larger housing allocation.

The Borough has been negotiating with the Government over the major extension of Hemel Hempstead to the north and east which, with more than three years' supply of housing, has enabled the delay of the Local Plan. This reduces the pressure on the rest of the Borough, with the hope that our overall allocation may be reduced.

Contrary to claims made in the latest *Green Belt Matters* newsletter, we aren't in a position to tell the Government we can't meet their allocation, nor have we been 'maximising' our allocation.

Residents are worried about the development of Rectory Farm, but the development of that whole site was included in the *Issues and Options* consultation in 2017 so it should not be a surprise. The Kings Langley village poll demonstrates opposition to Green Belt development in the whole

parish, not specifically at Rectory Farm, and actually this is a relatively small development compared to other threats in the parish. Unfortunately, in the prioritisation exercise of Green Belt in the borough, Rectory Farm was very low as it is enclosed and would not extend the village further than already exists at Coniston Road, and the numbers are such that even a lower housing allocation of 400–600–750 per year, never mind the daft 1,025 target, can't be met without Rectory Farm. The rest of the Borough is in the same position, and it wasn't possible to argue that Kings Langley alone should have no development.

I've spent twenty years fighting the development of Rectory Farm, but now I am forced to admit there isn't anything anybody could do about it. So my focus has switched to the achievable prevention of the larger sites at Shendish and Wayside Farm, and to controlling permitted development. I'm endeavouring to ensure that the Rectory Farm development sticks to the masterplan shown at the recent exhibition, as it is in keeping with the rest of the village, has an unprecedented amount of parking, and will prevent high rise flats.

You may be interested to know that the Rectory Farm developer has replaced the care home with 19 homes.
– Councillor Alan Anderson,
Kings Langley, Dacorum Borough Council.

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Carols for Christian Aid

Over several decades, the Christian Aid group in Kings Langley have raised substantial sums singing carols – usually the efforts have been well received and generously supported. This included an invitation into the staff canteen at Marks & Spencer in the Marlowes where generous supplies of wine and mince pies were provided as a prelude to the singing!

Administrative mistakes have been turned into golden opportunities, with one year a double booking with a silver band from Uxbridge and the Christian Aid group at Sainsbury's in Apsley resulting in a joint performance and a record level of donations.

A similar providential twist two years ago has now resulted in Nash Mills CoFe Primary School as well as Divine

Saviour Catholic Primary School both carol-singing at Sainsbury's in support of Christian Aid This double performance, pictured below, has become a regular feature of the Christmas celebrations, with thanks to Sainsbury's management.

The season of open-air carol singing ended in the village High Street on the Saturday morning before Christmas, followed by coffee and mince pies at Christ Church Baptist.

The total raised in the year 2019 from carol singing was £615!



PHOTO: CHRIS PATTIE



PHOTO: CAROLYN ANDREWS

Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December was very successful, with over £3,200 being raised which will go towards the mission activities of the church and several local charities including Dens, The Waterside Centre, Sunnyside Rural Trust and HomeStart Hertfordshire.

Over 500 visitors came to see the beautifully decorated trees filling the church. All Saints would like to thank everyone who sponsored, supported or visited and enjoyed the festival.

Friars Mead Christmas Fair

On 17 November Friars Mead care home held their annual Christmas fair, which was well attended by residents' families and people from the village. The raffle, tombola, craft and chocolate stalls raised almost £300. Thanks to all who helped or attended.

Good Neighbours Lunch afloat

Where were all the Good Neighbours Lunch Club diners on Tuesday, 3 December? The doors of their usual venue at Christ Church hall were firmly closed, because they were heading for a trip on a Waterways Experiences canal boat!

After days of cloud and drizzle they set off to Langley Wharf in bright sunshine. (Thanks to the drivers who provided transport there and back!). Five of the regular helpers were on duty as the 22 diners clambered aboard, and they stowed away the generous supply of fish & chips from the local 'chippie' for the on-board meal once the party was well afloat.

Many caught a glimpse of a kingfisher in flight and the excellent lunch was followed by mince pies and mulled



PHOTO: JOHN CARRIN

Scouts - 110

Kings Langley Scouts celebrated their 110th anniversary in 2019 with a range of varied and challenging activities. The club has 3 Sections, Beavers (6 – 8 years old), Cubs (9 – 10 years old) and Scouts (10 – 14 years old). There are also 2 packs of Scouts (right) designed by Benjamin Adams.

The cubs had the experience of Cubjam, an international celebration with the theme of *Around the World* inspiring Cubs to think about the world around them and the diversity of cultures they might meet on their travels.

The Scouts 'did their bit' at all the major village events including the Carnival, the Puffaten road race and the Christmas Lights Festival. At the carnival, the Scouting village hosted opportunities for youngsters of all ages to try their hand at bushcraft activities.



wine. As they went along at a leisurely pace they spotted the wildfowl in Tooveys Mill Close gardens and later on the Ovaltine complex. Thanks to the team for organising such a great trip!

Newcomers to the club are all welcome – just ring the dedicated number: **07527 907 128**



not out

110th anniversary in
engaging activities for all
Cubs (8 – 10.5 years old)
was also a special badge



'The Beavers also had a full programme of activities this year, including some light gardening at our allotment in Primrose Hill,' said Group Scout Leader Gavin Howard, adding 'The Beaver Section is an easy, fast track way for mums and dads to get their children into Scouting or for older brothers and sisters (aged 14 – 18) to become young leaders.'

At the Remembrance service at All Saints all three sections worked together – and posed for a group photo (above) in the Village Garden.

Review Variety's *Be Our Guest* positively sparkled!

The latest show by Review Variety Co at the Community Centre in November provided a mixture of song, sketches and dance that was one of the best that they have done.

A cast of 23 provided ample possibilities for the excellent material supported by a band of four. Numbers from some of the best West End musicals were featured, including *Chicago*, *Guys*

and *Dolls*, *My Fair Lady* and *Follies*. They were performed with delightful choreography and with frequent change of costumes that were up to West End standards. In particular, the final number featured the company in sparkling top-hat and tails reproducing the finalé of *A Chorus Line*.

Congratulations to Donna Waldron and Zoe Rollinson, pictured below, who produced and directed the show and to the cast and crew whose efforts have enabled the Company to donate £1,000 to local charity.
– Ian Senior



Community Choir's rousing Christmas

Winter Warmers, a concert at Christ Church, Chorleywood, provided a rousing finale to a season of festive performances by Kings Langley Community Choir.



PHOTO: PHILIP CHINA

In support of the charity Monday's Child, the Choir shared the evening with the Rickmansworth Players Choir, concluding an intense period of performances, including a concert at St James' Church, a concert in support of Age UK Dacorum at St John's Church, Boxmoor and onstage at the village Christmas Lights Festival.

Complementing the festive atmosphere for these performances the Choir's programme included the Finnish carol *Gaudete*, plus new material introduced by Katie Teage.

Already in 2020 the Choir has been invited to return to St James' Church, Bushey and will twice be appearing at St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley. A list of all engagements can be found on the Performances page of the Choir's website, www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk

The Choir welcomes new members. Membership is open to all; there is no audition, and previous singing or musical experience is not required.

Evergreen Christmas Party

On Thursday 12 December over 40 people enjoyed the Evergreen Club Christmas party at the Community Centre in The Nap with a Christmas Heads and Tails, a Beetle Drive and a quiz.

Christmas readings and jokes were presented by some of the volunteers. Gifts and Christmas cards were exchanged and this was followed by mince pies, Christmas cake and tea.

The club meets next on 6 February 2020. If you or someone you know would like join this happy social club which meets every other Thursday please contact Ann on 01923 267604.

Charity Recital at All Saints

All Saints are hosting a recital on 22 February featuring the baritone Thomas Isherwood, a 28-year-old from Kings Langley.

Thomas has been described as 'one of the most promising and exciting young baritones in the UK, possessing a young dramatic voice of great colour and presence'.

Following his studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the Royal College of Music, he now works as a freelance singer based in London.

Thomas has a wide repertoire and will be including songs, opera, and musical theatre in the recital which is in aid of the mission of All Saints and the Hospice of St Francis. [See back page for full information.](#)

Hello from Rev. Andrew Brazier...

I have been the minister for Kings Langley Methodist Church for a few months now, so some of you will have met me already.

We have two children, both at university, and two rabbits. I have three churches: here, Ley Hill and Hemel Hempstead. We have been made very welcome here. Ruth, my wife, and I came here from a 7-year stint in Birmingham. I am a huge fan of working together with all the different denominations and faiths.

I didn't start out as a minister but as an actor. I should have seen the signs; I kept ending up playing vicars in Agatha Christie plays. I also ended up working in a prison, a hospital and a college of further education. I didn't know it back then, but these were

the roots of a pastoral understanding. What all of this gave me was a very pragmatic view of the world. Faith is not, for me, an intellectual thing but something you do – something you feel and work on.

I have an odd sense of humour – with the performing background I do slightly worry that my sermons end up being more like stand-up comedy, but I try to maintain some gravitas when required. I look forward to meeting you in due course if I haven't already. If you see me, do feel free to chat! God bless.

– Rev Andrew Brazier



Peter plans a major refurbishment of all areas of the Saracens Head, closing on 6 January and re-opening with a bang on Saturday 8 February, with a refurbished cellar, state-of-the-art cooling and delivery systems, serving Cask Marque Accredited beers.

New pub landlord

From 1 January the Saracens Head pub will be in the hands of new landlord Peter Dillingham who, for the last 18 years, has been the Landlord of the Black Boy public house in Bricket Wood.

He promises happy hours, quiz nights, live sports on TV, and food, in a dog-friendly bar which welcomes children before 8pm. He's keen to bring the successful 'local pub' formula that he operates in Bricket Wood to our High Street. Kings Langley is watching and waiting with interest!

All Change for Puffaten 2020

The Kings Langley Puffaten road races incorporating a 1.5k, 3k and 10k will take place on Sunday 28 June this year, a bit later than usual.

'We are also planning to reverse the order of the three races, with the 10k starting first at 10am,' said race organiser Kate Chadwick. 'The idea being we will be able to bring the presentations forward as all three races should finish before 11am which means less hanging around for mums, dads and younger athletes.'

If you'd like to offer your support

as a marshal, email alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk or to participate, see www.puffaten.co.uk

The events is open to runners, joggers and walkers. This year the organisers are again anticipating a local group of Nordic walkers taking part – running the event isn't compulsory and entrants will be raising money for village charities.

Do you want to find out who you really are?

In Kings Langley this month, a new way to understand people is being introduced. The puzzling aspects of human nature will be revealed in a fun, interactive demo show, using the Energy Dynamic Model (EDM) Power Tower.

This resource can also be used to understand different states of being such as anger, panic, jealousy, abusive behaviour, withdrawn attitudes and a negative mind set and is based on over 20 years of research.

Jennifer Foster has been delivering workshops for the charity MIND in Llanelli to help people understand resilience and will be joined by local trainer and coach Lisa Davies in putting on a free workshop in Kings Langley. Therapists, teachers and parents are invited to this event.

For more details about this free workshop email Jennifer at info@energydynamic.co.uk

Cricket Club gets ready for 2020

If you would like to hear about the club's plans and to have your say, you are welcome at the club's AGM on Monday 27 January from 8pm.

We will be covering many subjects including election of Captains and Vice-Captains for the senior teams as well as committee members, nets refurbishment, the return of Sunday cricket in the shape of the 'Development' League, Winter Training, sponsorship opportunities, and planned social events. For more information contact Mike Cooke at amsjcooke1@btinternet.com or on **07876 540261**

Winter Nets – from Monday 3 February 7 – 8pm for several weeks at Choice Cricket School. We would welcome any existing members and new players of all standards to these practise sessions. To register your interest contact tom.templeton@yahoo.co.uk or call **07788 971464**.

Kings season gets 'bumpy' on the road

Kings Langley Football Club's season hit a bumpy patch on a five away game winless run, mostly played midweek in the Midlands.

They also suffered their worst run of injuries in years with the squad sometimes reduced to 14 – 15 players. However the club is still sitting mid-table with seven of the next nine league games at home through January and February, which will give them the opportunity to make some headway up the table.

On the player front the Kings have signed non-league star Jordan Parkes, pictured right, after his release from Billericay. Jordan, an ex-professional player started his career at Watford then Brentford. He became a supporters' favorite at Hemel Hempstead making over 200 appearances and scoring 81 goals for them.

Jordan hit the pitch running at KLFC scoring three goals in two matches at Gaywood Park. Fans' favorite midfielder Josh Coldicott-Stevens left the club in December to join Hitchin.

The club has enjoyed being involved with Christmas celebrations in the village, sponsoring a tree at All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival, and being collectors on the 'Santa Sleigh' street collection in the village.

Home matches coming up: Bromsgrove Sporting 18 January, Stratford Town 25 January, Barwell 1 February, Banbury 15 February and Coalville Town 29 February. Come down and cheer England's highest placed village team!



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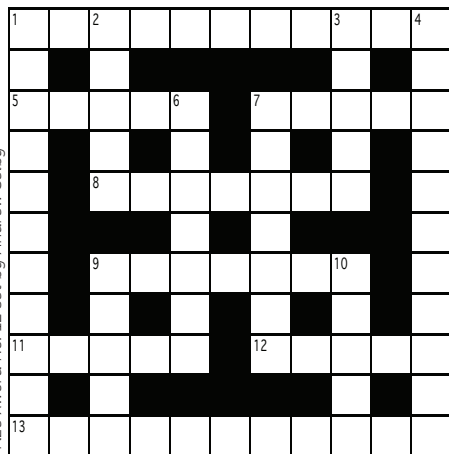
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Prize Xword

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Prize Xword No. 12 set by Andrew Selby



Across

- 1 Ten mice have reorganized to become an attainment! (11)
- 5 Evenly matched tennis score (5)
- 7 Film or TV programme shown again (5)
- 8 Swallows up, submerges (7)
- 9 All muddled, I snap it to find this musician! (7)
- 11 Medieval friar whose name is now associated with a shaving device, scientifically speaking (5)
- 12 Very bright star in the constellation of Cygnus, the Swan (5)
- 13 This short Village road could be alternatively described as a Sovereign's pasture! (5, 6)

Down

- 1 Where one writes (or now digitally saves) where to send a message to someone else (7, 4)
- 2 Residence (5)
- 3 Class of nobles who may well have visited the former royal in Kings Langley (5)
- 4 Painful joint condition in one's arm (6, 5)
- 6 Village lane that leads up to an aeolian place for this generation? (3, 4)
- 7 Come together for common action (7)
- 9 Nut (5)
- 10 Adjusted musical instrument's pitch (5)

Correct Answers to Xword No: 11

Across: 2 RES, 5 Trace, 6 Taper, 7 Clops, 10 Fete, 11 Tine, 12 Range, 13 Acre, 14 Each, 15 Spell, 18 Issue, 19 Daisy, 20 Lee, **Down:** 1 Archer Close, 2 Real, 3 Step, 4 Regent Close, 7 Ceres, 8 Ounce, 9 Steel, 16 Peel, 17 Lode.



Elaine Tuck, pictured above with Di Hewetson of Kings Langley Physiotherapy (KLP), won a 1:1 Pilates session with her correct entry to our Prize Xword no. 11. 'I've been doing Pilates off and on for some years now, so a personal review will ensure I'm still doing it correctly' she joked. Di, who is a practitioner at the clinic, added 'It's also an opportunity to use Pilates as a therapy rather than just an exercise class'. KLP hold 22 Pilates classes per week, daytime and evenings, at Blackwells in Chipperfield and offer 1:1 sessions at their High Street clinic.

Kings Langley WI

As the centenary of Kings Langley's WI comes to an end, they reflect on an exciting year. Gourmet suppers, lunches, safari supper, afternoon tea, rambles, a wine tasting at Dallings and an outing to Waddesdon Manor Christmas Market. These are just a few things they have done in 2019 to celebrate 100 years of the WI in our village.

The year finished with a traditional Christmas Party, a delicious meal cooked by members. Santa's Sack was out again this year for donations of food which went to the Trussell Trust. The evening finished with the Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club dancers, pictured below, with many members joining in the fun.

Would the ladies who set up the KLWI in 1919 have had such an exciting time as the ladies in 2019? Why not join them – they are a very active group!



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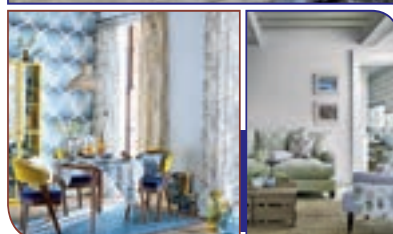


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Or a cosy Cappuccino, Macchiato, Americano or maybe a Double Espresso? A chilly January is just the time to give yourself a hot treat.

Coffee drinking has shown a real boom over the past few years (we drink about 95m cups per day, making the industry some £9bn a year according to the British Coffee Association). There are apparently over 25,000 coffee shops across the country of which only 8,000 are chains.

We are fortunate to have a wide variety of independent little coffee shops and cafes either in the village or within easy reach of Kings Langley. Your *Village News* has been exploring some of the local options...

Fred & Ginger Coffee

E S S H C W (D outside)
High Street, Kings Langley.
Campbell & Syme bespoke blend beans. Breakfasts, filled croissants, pastries and savouries. Ginger and energyboost shots.
Open 8am – 5pm Mon to Fri. 8.30am to 5pm Sat. 9am to 4pm Sun.

Dalling & Co

E S S H C W D
High Street, Kings Langley.
Smiths Fairtrade beans. Wide variety of cooked snacks, cakes, savouries and salads. Sunday brunch menu. Delicatessen. Tapas evenings, Wine tastings, events catering service.
Open 8am – 6pm Mon to Weds. 8am – 10pm Thurs & Fri. 9am – 6pm Sat. 9am – 5pm Sun.

Oscars Pizza Company

E S S H C (D outside)
High Street, Kings Langley.
Illy coffee beans. Italian restaurant serving pizza/pasta, specials and desserts. Wine, spirits & cocktails.
Open 12noon to 11.30pm all week.

Kings Coffee Shop

F S C
Christ Church Baptist, The Nap, Kings Langley.
Filter coffee (Smiths Fairtrade). Home made cakes, bookshop. Child-friendly with toybox.
Open 10am – 12noon Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sat.

Wayside Farm

E (S summer) (D outside)
Watford Road, Kings Langley.
Take-away only, Kirkland beans. Raw milk from their farm makes a really creamy cappuccino! Farm Shop selling fresh vegetables, jams, chutney, cakes and biscuits.
Open 10am – 5pm Weds to Sat. 10am – 4pm Sun.

Kings House Café

P S W (S summer)
Kings House, Station Road, Kings Langley.
Although essentially a business centre, did you know that the public are welcome to use the in-house café? Bean to cup machine, using Amokka Crema coffee beans. Soups, salads, snacks. Wraps, paninis and sandwiches can all be toasted with their self-serve grill.
Open 8am – 3pm Mon to Fri.



The Little Shop

I S H C
Station Road, Kings Langley.
Nescafé instant coffee. Up with the lark, this small, friendly café serves all-day breakfasts, rolls, baguettes, snacks and sandwiches. Also sells newspapers. A favourite with tradespeople and railway commuters.
Open 5.30am – 3pm Mon to Fri. 6.30am – 12.30pm Sat.

Barista's Coffee Shop

E S C D
Platform 4, Kings Langley Station.
Carrero Crema beans. Hot porridge, snacks, pastries. Also sells newspapers.
Open 6am – 11.45am Mon to Fri.

Bean Here

E F S S H C D
Hempstead Road (Hunton Bridge).
Artisan coffees, House Roast from own label beans. Additional Guest Roasts change monthly. Loyalty Card – 10th coffee free. A family-run café, owner Tony has worked within the coffee industry for over 32 years. Good selection of cakes and pastries.
Open 8.30am – 5pm weekdays (closed Tuesdays), 9am – 5pm Sat, Sun.

The Cake Shack

E S S H C W (D outside)
Chapel Croft, Chipperfield.
Smiths beans, custom blend. Savouries, tarts, salads. Homemade cakes and pastries. Gluten-free/vegan options. Various speciality meal events some Friday nights. Made to order birthday/wedding/special occasion cakes.
Open 9am – 5pm Mon to Sat. 9.30am – 4pm Sun.

The Larder

E S S H C W (D outside)
Tower Hill, Chipperfield.
Own blend beans, Fairtrade. All-day breakfast, homemade meals. Pastries/savouries. Speciality evening meals. Mobile wood fired stone baked pizza oven available for private parties.
Open 9am – 5pm Mon to Fri, 9am – 4.30pm Sat.

The Kitchen at Inspired

E S S H C W D
Hempstead Road., Kings Langley.
Fairtrade Organic beans. Freshly made breakfasts, lunches, dinners in 17th century building. Cakes, savouries, soups, salads. Catering service.
Open 8am – 5pm Mon to Fri. 8am – 4pm Sat, 10am – 4pm Sun.

Plus a couple of favourites from further afield:

Sunnyside Up Café

E S S H C W D
Two Waters Road, canalside.
Smiths organic beans. Loyalty Card – 8th drink free. Simple hot breakfasts, wraps, toasted sandwiches, soups. Kids' menu. Vegan/vegetarian and GF options. Staffed by trainees, giving them learning skills. Workshops and events held throughout the year.
Open 10am – 3pm Mon to Sat.

The Cha Café

E S S H C D
Cassiobury Park.
The original park café. Choice of beans: Smiths Smooth, Dark or Decaf. Large selection of cakes/savouries, including vegan/vegetarian options. Cooked breakfasts until 12noon, hot food available all day. Small childrens' playground nearby.
Open 9am – 4pm all week.

Most pubs serve coffee and, if you're really desperate for a quick caffeine fix, many of our local petrol stations have vending machines!

| Key | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| E Espresso machine | S Seating outdoors |
| P Push-button machine | H Hot food |
| F Filter coffee | C Cakes/pastries |
| I Instant coffee | W WiFi |
| S Seating indoors | D Dog-friendly |



Community Library

The Nap, Kings Langley
14 January Evening talk *Eat, Dance, Shine* by Michelle Kaye.
18 January Book sale at the Kings Langley Food market.
31 January Getting started with *Ancestry* 3pm – 4pm.
5 February Evening talk by the Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society *Snapshots through time*.
22 February Book sale at the Kings Langley Food market.
28 February *Getting started with Ancestry* 3pm – 4pm.

The Library Book Club meets in the library on the second Tuesday of each month 4.45pm – 5.45pm. New members are always welcome

A planned closure of the library for two/three weeks will start at the end of February for electrical maintenance and upgrade work. Notices will be displayed in the library in advance of any disruption.

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



Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company are presenting *Annie The Musical* at the Community Centre, The Nap from 31 March until 4 April. Two very talented local girls share the leading part of Annie and rehearsals are already well underway with both the adult cast and a total of 20 young girls who will play the orphans. **Contact 01442 268839 or klmtc.org.uk to order your tickets to see this family favourite show.**



Country Market

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

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

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 – 9.00pm, Wednesdays 10.00am – 12.00noon**
For more information see our facebook page @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

Bridge

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

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

All Saints



Friday 13 March Scottish Dancing evening in the Community Centre
Friday 15 May Wine Tasting evening in All Saints church hall
Friday 18 September Quiz night in the Community Centre
For more information and to book tickets call 01923 266667 or 01923 592005

Enquirers Group – would you like to learn more about Church? The Bible? Faith? Why not come along to the new Enquirers Group at All Saints Church. Saturday mornings from 18 January for 10 weeks including breakfast. **Contact Father James to find out more james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk**

Tiny Tots at All Saints Church for little ones 0 – 3 years and their carers. **Every Wednesday 9.30am – 11am** in term time. Play and craft, songs and stories and refreshments. **All welcome!**

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